

ALTO BIOBÍO

NATURE AND CULTURE IN THE ANDES
A HIDDEN TREASURE NEAR RALCO, BIO-BIO REGION



"PEHUENCHE SPIRIT IN THE HEART OF ALTO BIOBÍO"

Known since ancestral times by the Pehuenche people, the Ralco area has long been considered a sacred land of deep spiritual value. Surrounded by mountains, rivers, and native forests, this territory preserves the memory of ancient ceremonies and a living connection with nature. Today, its natural beauty and peaceful atmosphere make it the perfect place to disconnect from the modern world and reconnect with what truly matters.

LOCATION - PRICES - TIMETABLES

Located in the Andean foothills of Alto Biobío, near the town of Ralco, this area is known for its natural beauty and rich Pehuenche culture. Just 3 hours from Concepción, Ralco offers access to unique spots such as Ralco National Park, the Callaqui Volcano, and natural hot springs in the surrounding area. Activities are available every day from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Entry to the main attractions is approximately \$4,000 CLP for adults, \$2,000 CLP for children, and free for children under 5 years old, making Ralco an affordable and enriching destination for all types of visitors.

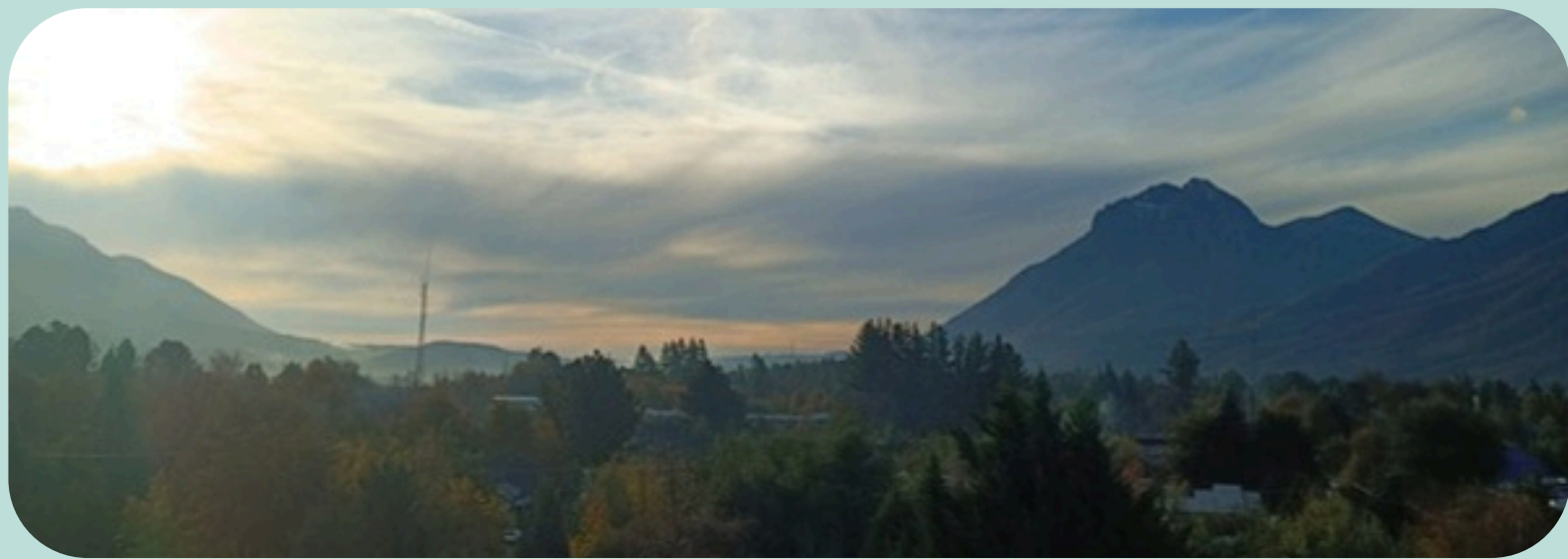


"EXPLORE AND CONNECT WITH ALTO BIOBÍO"

Enjoy unspoiled nature and fresh mountain air in the landscapes of Alto Biobío as you explore easy to moderate trekking trails surrounded by native forests and views of the Callaqui Volcano. Relax at riverside picnic areas along the Queuco River, take in the scenery from natural viewpoints, or embark on guided boat and kayak tours in highland lagoons. Ralco is also an excellent destination for birdwatching, with species like the Magellanic woodpecker, the Andean condor, and many others in their natural habitat.

"A FAMILY-FRIENDLY AND ACCESSIBLE DESTINATION IN ALTO BIOBÍO"

Ideal for families, children, seniors, and pets (on leash), Ralco provides inclusive access and easy trails within a safe and natural environment. There are designated areas for rest, gentle walks, and low-risk activities, making it a comfortable and accessible destination for people of all ages and abilities.

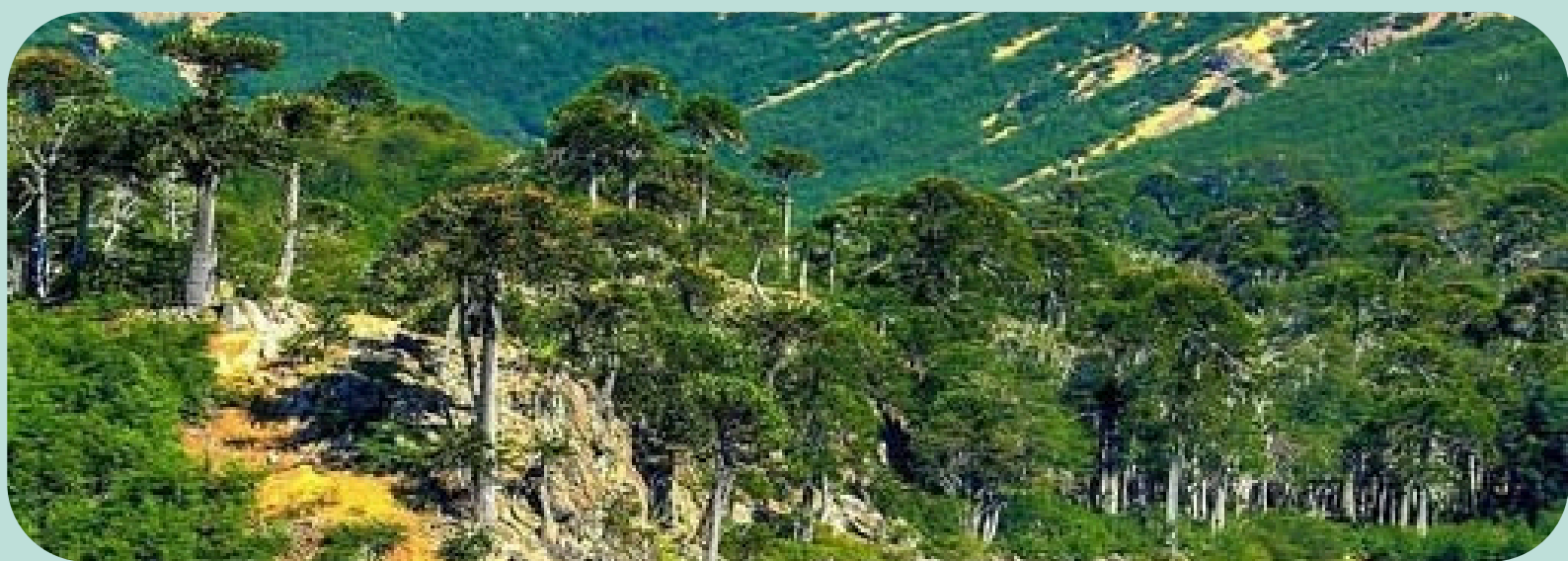


HOW TO GET TO RALCO: ROUTES AND TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

From Concepción, take Route 5 southbound towards Los Ángeles, then follow the turnoff to Ralco. From there, it's about a 2-hour drive on paved roads followed by 30 minutes on well-maintained gravel roads. Rural bus services are also available every few hours connecting the area.

"RALCO: WHERE NATURE MEETS CULTURE"

Ralco features a visitor center with maps and information about the local flora, fauna, and Pehuenche culture. The on-site café offers items such as Andean herbal teas, muday (a fermented drink), and homemade empanadas. The handicraft store showcases handmade pieces created by nearby communities. On weekends, guided tours are available along the main trails, where you can learn about the area's history, worldview, and ancestral traditions.



"STAY SAFE AND RESPECTFUL: RALCO VISITOR TIPS"

To make the most of your visit to Ralco, it is recommended to wear sunscreen, bring enough water, and use comfortable shoes for hiking. Swimming in protected rivers or lagoons is strictly prohibited, as they are part of fragile ecosystems. Please remember not to leave any trash, respect local flora and fauna, and help preserve the natural surroundings. If visit during the winter, check the road conditions in advance, as access may be limited due to snow or weather-related restrictions.