



Bees Abroad

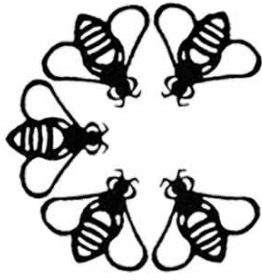
CHILE



24 November – 8 December 2010

**A Bees Abroad holiday to see
bees, beekeepers, spectacular scenery
and the 'Real Chile' off the beaten track**

*Santiago, Colliguay,
Commercial Beekeeping at Fundo Chacaipulli,
Local beekeepers at Lago Llanquihue
Sea lions, penguins, otters and birds
Valdivia, Isla de Chiloe, Valparaiso*



Bees Abroad

*Supporting beekeeping projects
in developing countries*

Bees Abroad offers training and technical support for income generation from beekeeping and develop organisational, marketing and business skills and provide the funding needed to carry this out.

Bees Abroad takes care to ensure its projects are sustainable and not dependent on constant external input. This is done by supporting community group initiatives, setting up village-based field extension services, running training courses for beekeeping trainers and financing local trainers' wages.

Bees Abroad projects are designed to become self-financing after a defined time period.

How does Bees Abroad work?

- ◆ Bees Abroad normally works with grass roots organisations that are strongly community based.
- ◆ Bees Abroad promote sustainable and affordable beekeeping techniques using appropriate technology and indigenous bees. Once people learn the skill of beekeeping, can make their equipment from affordable local materials and understand how they can improve their income and their environment they start up or improve their own bee farms very successfully.
- ◆ When people understand the importance of trees to their bees productivity they are encouraged to plant new trees and protect existing forests.

Developing community groups and business skills

- ◆ Bees Abroad projects are designed to help foster business and organisational skills in community groups.
- ◆ Beekeeping can be used as the hook to hang many other ideas. Nutrition, health, business development and environmental protection are all part of our beekeeping training.
- ◆ The community group structure developed by beekeeping projects can be encouraged to enhance people's 'voice', improve their rights and influence government policy.

Where does Bees Abroad Work?

Bees Abroad currently funds projects in Malawi, Kenya, Uganda and Nigeria. Successful projects have been completed in Cameroon and Nepal.

Come and join us

We have an active membership. For an annual contribution of £15 supporters get newsletters updating them on the work of the charity and the pleasure of helping to support those who are less fortunate.

We could do even more with your help.

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Bees Abroad – A Unique Adventure in Chile

Ian and Maggy Staples and Claire Waring of Bees Abroad have worked to put together a two-week holiday which is absolutely unique. You will visit places that few visitors to Chile have seen. You will be in touch with the real Chile. By working directly with us, with no intermediate agencies, Claire has been able to organize a trip more economically than if you organized the trip yourself.

Your Guides

Ian and Maggy Staples

They are an English couple who settled in Chile over 12 years ago. They sailed to Chile from Scotland on their yacht for an adventure. After two years charting and being the principle authors of the Royal Cruising Club Pilotage Guide to the waters of Chile (Chile – Arica Desert to Tierra del Fuego) they bought a farm in the Lakes Region of Chile. Here they set up their beekeeping operation “Rio San Pedro”

Diego Santa Cruz

Diego is a delightful and gentle Chilean, married to an American, Elizabeth. He is a director of RedApex, the national bee organization as well as being a beekeeper himself.

Marc and Françoise de Lesseps

Marc and Françoise will look after you in Chiloe. Marc is the great grandson of Count Ferdinand de Lesseps – the man who masterminded and built the Suez Canal. Marc and Françoise have lived in Chile for over 20 years.

You will also meet other interesting people like Roger and Marisol Franz who live and keep bees near Lago Llanquehue. Every one you meet has a real interest and knowledge in their own areas so there will be much to talk about.

The team who will be with you, especially Ian and Maggy, will be very interested in gaining from all your knowledge about bees. Most of you will have had many more years working with bees than they have had and they are very keen to learn as much from your experience as possible.

The Itinerary

Day 1: Wednesday 24 November

Flight leaves from London to Santiago, Chile.

Day 2: Thursday 25 November

Arrive in Santiago. We will be staying in Hotel del Almagro, a comfortable family-run establishment in a smart area of Santiago, called Providencia. Santiago is a modern city with an enormous amount of investment being made in its development.

After lunch we will take you on a tour of the city to show you some of the beautiful older parts of the city.

Day 3: Friday 26 November

After an easy morning and a light lunch, we will head for Fundo Lo Moscoso, east of Villa Alemana. This is where Ian and Maggy over-winter their bees. Marcel will give us a tour of the bee operation and we will visit the orange groves (maybe eat a few!) and then see a big blueberry plantation. This is a magical place which is lost in time.

An early evening barbeque prepared by Marcel’s wife, Natalia, will be a whole lamb roasted over coals, washed down with local wine.

From Fundo Lo Moscoso, we will head for Valparaiso where we will stay the night.



Southern Chile



Ian and Maggy Staples



Lo Moscoso



Fundo Chacaipulli



Some of Ian's hives



Some of Ian's hives



The honey plant at Rio San Pedro



*One of the comfortable lodges at
Fundo Chacaipulli*

Day 4: Saturday 27 November

Valparaiso is one of Chile's main ports and naval centres and is quite fascinating. We will visit the house of Pablo Nerudo as well as other unique areas of this busy port.

After a light lunch, we head for Colliguay by bus. The journey into these coastal mountains is an experience in its own right.

Our hosts in Colliguay will be Diego Santa Cruz and his wife Elizabeth.

Day 5: Sunday 28 November

We will spend the day in the Colliguay valley, visiting local beekeepers and then in the evening will enjoy an alfresco supper with Diego and Elizabeth.

Day 6: Monday 29 November

We leave Colliguay in the morning and travel to Casa Blanca where Kate, a very good friend of Ian and Maggy's, lives in a house and grounds located right in the centre of the vineyards. Kate will take us to one of these vineyards and will provide us with a light lunch in her garden.

We then go to the airport to catch our flight to Valdivia and then on to Ian and Maggy's farm, Funco Chacaipulli.

Day 7: Tuesday 30 November

Half the group will travel with Ian up into the mountains to see the bees working. He has simplified the bee operation a lot so as to not disturb the bees until the honey harvest in January. The next visit will be to the honey plant to see the wax recycling operation, the specialised queen production unit and the laboratory section where Ian analyses the botanic origin of the honey as well as checking for the presence of Nosema and Varroa.

The other half of the group will go riding with Maggy or walk the farm, meeting at the river for a rustic barbeque and picnic. There are over 50 different bird species on the farm so if you are a keen ornithologist then it will be interesting to see how many you can spot.

Day 8: Wednesday 1 December

We travel to Valdivia, a busy town located on the side of the River Valdivia. The first stop will be the fish market where you will see a vast range of fish. You can even feed the huge sea lions found near the fish market.

After a simple lunch, we go out to the Pacific coast and take a short boat trip across the Bay of Corral to a small island called Isla Mancera. The Bay contains to three forts that the Spanish built largely to defend Valdivia from the Lord Cochrane and the English. One of these is on Isla Mancera. The fort is interesting and the island is lovely to walk around.

Day 9: Thursday 2 December

The same activities as on Tuesday but with the groups reversed.

Over dinner we will have a quiz night with simple questions about what the group has seen so far, such as 'Who are the two most famous poets in Chile?'. The prize will be 12 bottles of a fine Chilean wine!

Day 10: Friday 3 December

This will be a unique day. We will drive down to Lago Llanquehue and then along the south side of the lake until we are nearly in Ensenada. We then turn off into the woods until we come to the hidden apiary of Roger Franz and his wife, Marisol. Roger and his father have had more than 60 years experience between them of working their bees and they have evolved a system that is as close to nature as you can get. Together with his well-thought-out harvesting plant and queen bee production, the group will meet a real beekeeping enthusiast.

Then we move to the love hotel, Hotel Ensenada. This is a delight with an interior a bit like going back in history.

Day 11: Saturday 4 December

We leave Ensenada and drive to the coast to take the ferry across the Golfo de

Chacao, a narrow straight that separates Isla Chiloe from the mainland. The water passes through this at tremendous speed (up to 14 knots) so that the Gulf is a rich feeding ground for a vast range of wildlife. You will be very unlucky not to see lots of seals and penguins playing and feeding in these waters. Isla Chiloe features heavily in Chile's history. It was the last place to be held by the Spaniards during the wars of Independence of Chile. Marc and Françoise de Lesseps will meet us at the ferry and take us to their lovely house above a spectacular bay on the north east corner of the island.

In the afternoon, Marc will take the group to visit some of the pretty fishing villages on the east coast of Chiloe and to some of the wooden Chilote churches.

Then it is back to their house where Françoise is one of the best French cooks Ian and Maggy have ever met.

Day 12: Sunday 5 December

Today is really special as we drive west to the Magellan and Humboldt penguin colonies. The adventure starts with the drive in 4 x 4 vehicles along a 12 km sandy beach to Puniuil, where we find the penguins. The views are majestic with the Pacific seas rolling in. Looking west the next stop is New Zealand.

Puniuil is at the end of a beach where there are three small islands. To get to the penguins we travel by boat. The islands are rocky and we are not allowed to land. Bring binoculars to see many different sea birds including steamer ducks and penguins, as well as otters. This is the only place in the world where the penguins from the northern (Humboldt Penguin) and southern (Magellanic Penguin) oceans can be seen together where they raise their young.

Lunch will be at a local seaside restaurant where the fish will be as fresh as you can get.

Day 13: Monday 6 December

There is time for a stroll along the beach before an alfresco lunch prepared by Françoise before we take the ferry back to the mainland and Pueru Montt airport. We fly back to Santiago and stay at an airport hotel.

Day 14: Tuesday 7 December

A sad day when we have to say farewell to Ian and Maggy and to Chile and begin our journey home.

Day 15: Wednesday 8 December

Arrive back home.



*Marc and Françoise de Lesseps,
our hosts on Chiloe*



Fishing for oysters



Fresh shellfish



Chiloe Island

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Thank you for your interest in our 15-day trip to Chile.

To reserve a place, please return the booking form, together with a non-refundable deposit of £200 per person (Cheques payable to BEES ABROAD)

The trip requires a minimum number of 6 and has a maximum of 10 persons. Applications will be taken in strict order of receipt. Book early to secure your place. In order to assist us in making arrangements for internal flights and local accommodation, it would be appreciated if you could book by 31 May 2010.

Price: £2200 (held at the 2008 level)

(Please note, the price excludes international flights. Single accommodation is available on payment of a supplement of £150)

The price includes:

- ◆ All accommodation (on a twin-share basis)
- ◆ All meals and good wine
- ◆ All road transport
- ◆ All internal flights
- ◆ A donation to Bees Abroad

The price does not include:

- ◆ Travel insurance
- ◆ Visas (if required)
- ◆ International and domestic airport taxes
- ◆ Personal items such as laundry and souvenirs
- ◆ Any additional trips or meals during free time

Please note

You are responsible for arranging your own insurance to cover the trip, including cancellation/curtailment, loss of baggage/money, personal accident, etc.

Cancellation by you

If you wish to cancel your travel arrangements for any reason, we must be notified in writing. The cancellation will take effect from the day we receive written confirmation from you. In the event of cancellation by you, we will retain your deposit and you will also be liable for any resulting cancellation charges levied on us by the hotel, car-hire company or other supplier involved. Charge for cancellation 30–59 days prior to departure will be 50%. Charge for cancellation less than 30 days prior to departure is 100%.

Further Information

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Claire Waring (01933 650297; claire@backlane.demon.co.uk) or Ian Staples (riosanpedromiel@gmail.com).



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Booking Form

Please complete and return this form, with the non-refundable deposit (£200 per person) to:

Veronica Brown, Bees Abroad Administrator, PO Box 2065, Bristol BS35 9AP (Tel: 0117 230 0231; e-mail: info@beesabroad.org.uk).

Please book the following person(s) on my behalf:

Surname: Initials: Title:

Address:

Telephone:

e-mail:

Details of each person in your party:

Surname	First name	Passport Number	Special dietary requirements	Single supplement

Details of your travel insurance (it is advisable to take a copy of your policy documents with you):

Insurance company:

Policy Number:..... Insurance Emergency Telephone No:

Emergency contact in the UK:

Name: Relationship:

Telephone (Private):

Telephone (Business):

Remittance:

I enclose a cheque, payable to Bees Abroad, for £.....as a non-refundable deposit for those listed above.

I understand that the balance is due by 1 October 2010.

Signed: Date:

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