



Hiking National Park El Rey

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The El Rey National Park is one of three Argentine national parks in the Salta province. Established in 1948, the park was created to preserve a representative sample of the Southern Andean Yungas ecoregion and transition environments. The park is enclosed by mountain ranges that descend gradually to a central valley, forming an amphitheater where the waters of the numerous streams from the mountains converge into a single river, the Popayán. The diverse flora varies with altitude (from 750 to 2,000 m). The fauna includes tapirs, anteaters and peccaries, as well as several species of fish in the rivers, streams, and lakes.

This area was originally inhabited by farming indigenous groups, the oldest inhabitants of the Yungas.

We spend the day hiking into two different areas of the park: one the transition forest named “Chaco Seco” and the other “Yungas” with much taller trees, crossing clear streams teeming with fish.



Itinerary:

We depart Salta city at 7:00 AM, in a 4x4 truck with an English-speaking driver/guide. The first 150km of the journey is paved and the final 47kms is on a gravel road to get to the central part of the national park where the administrative headquarters are and a supply camp for the rangers.

After registering with the local rangers, we drive over a path only for 4x4 vehicles to the area of the park featuring Chaco forest and transition forest. We hike for approximately two hours following the river, crossing it several times until we reach a spot where the Popayán river forms a pool near a huge rock, a perfect place to stop for our picnic lunch.

We hike back to the vehicle and drive to start of our next hike where the forest is higher and lush, the Yungas. Spend some time exploring the jungle habitat where wild pumas (rare to see), tapir, wild pigs, and several species of birds roam.

After the hike, we will visit a lagoon named “Laguna de los Patitos” where we can view many aquatic birds from a lookout specifically built for birdwatching

We return to Salta by approximately 6:00pm.



**Summary:**

- 5 hours driving in 4x4 truck (2,5 hs. Each way) 400 kms.of distance.
- 2 hikes of 2 hours each (10 km/6 miles Approx. in total). Easy Active difficulty - mostly flat
- Altitude above sea level average: 700 meters (2,300')
- Meals: lunch box included with healthy snacks, fruits and mineral water

Group size: 8 maximum (2 vehicles of 4 people each)

Included:

- Transportation in 4x4 truck with English spoken driver guide
- Lunch box and mineral water
- Driver/guide English spoken
- 1st aid kit
- Hikes in the National Park

Not Included:

- Personal insurance
- Personal gear

The temperature in October could be between 20°C to 30°C, mostly sunny

What to bring:

- Day Pack (15-20L)
- Wear clothes comfortable for hiking (lightweight and quick-drying)
- Light rain/windproof jacket
- Light fleece jacket
- Hiking shoes
- Water shoes/sandals (stream crossings)
- Water bottles or hydration bladder
- Sunscreen and lip balm with SPF
- Sun hat
- Sunglasses
- Insect repellent
- Binoculars, optional
- Camera
- Trekking poles, optional (useful for stream crossings)
- Personal items/medications
- Extra pair of clothes/shoes for after the hike in case yours get wet while hiking



Price per person for non-hosted delegates: USD 100 (us dollars)

Payment conditions:

- Visa credit Card
- PayPal
- Bank wire transfer

Each person must fill the form of health declaration

Cancellation Policy:

- 30% in advance for booking, not refundable for cancellation
- 70% 1 week before start the trip