



The lodge in Chile's Lake District will be the first andBeyond property outside of Africa

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## Chile is better with age

A lodge opening this month offers guests a taste of a 2,500-year-old culture

ACCORDING TO ARCHAEOLOGISTS, the Mapuche culture dates as far back as 500 B.C. The new andBeyond lodge Vira Vira debuting in Chile this month is hoping to keep ancient traditions alive by preparing indigenous dishes in its restaurant and offering expeditions to Mapuche communities. "The lodge is located in the center of the Araucanía, the heart of the Mapuche culture, the largest group of indigenous people

remaining in Chile," explains andBeyond South America managing director Pedro Barraza. Guests can try older-than-old-school recipes like *tortilla de rescoldo* (ash-baked bread) and *cordero arvejado* (lamb stew). It's not just show-and-tell. Barraza notes that locals will gladly put foodies to work by tasking them with "grinding wheat then cooking it in one of their wood stoves." —LAURA BEAUSIRE