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EXTENDED WINTER SEASON AT &BEYOND VIRA VIRA December 2018

To celebrate the opening of its first lodge in South America, &Beyond has extended the winter season at &Beyond Vira Vira, situated in Chile's Lake District. The lodge will now only be closed from 12 May to 30 June each year, as opposed to 15 May to 01 September, as it used to be previously. This means an additional two and a half months of specialised winter activities in this scenic destination, ideal for outdoor and adventure lovers. Snow falls at &Beyond Vira Vira in June and should last until mid-October, turning the area into a magical winter wonderland. The luxury travel company has created a range of experiences that celebrate this, suitable for guests with all levels of fitness.



Lovers of winter sports can now enjoy snowboarding and skiing activities down the active Villarrica Volcano. A variety of slopes wait, from beginners to more advanced ski runs. A spectacular environment of volcanic peaks and shimmering lakes, the flowing lava has created an incredible terrain of natural half pipes, cornices and wind lips for skiers to explore. Heli-skiing allows keen adventurers to reach the most remote snowy peaks and revel in off-piste exploits, while slightly less experienced skiers can opt for more flowing slopes.



Those looking for something equally active but somewhat slower can embark on a snowshoe trekking expedition through Villarrica National Park. This is a spectacular way to explore untouched landscapes, with absolute silence dominating the vast expanse.

Snowshoe trails provide an incredible trip to the top of the Villarrica Volcano, offering breath-taking sights of the entire region and Villarrica Lake. Those up for some additional adventure can climb the Villarrica Volcano with an ice-pick and crampons, only to gaze down at the lava in the crater and enjoy the breath-taking view before sliding down on the snow.



Those with a love for speed but less keen on active sports can delight in the thrill of exploring the active Villarrica Volcano on a snowmobile. Together with their driver, adventurers can circle the volcano, finding a virgin track on every run. This activity is designed for adventure lovers, as riders have to hang on and lean in according to their driver's instructions.

Younger guests can also delight in the thrill of the slopes on a safe yet exciting sledding adventure down some of the nearby mountainsides.



Another brand new adventure is the opportunity to indulge in a husky sledding adventure. An exclusive experience that takes place on private land, this is a raw and authentic Chilean winter adventure. Guests are driven up the mountain before being introduced to the husky teams. Sleds set off at a gentle pace, allowing riders to become accustomed to the motion of the dogs, and then take off over terrain too raw to be explored by any other vehicle. The trail circles the foot of the volcano through a lava slag covered in snow and surrounded by araucaria or monkey puzzle trees. A unique experience, this activity needs to be arranged well in advance and must be confirmed with the lodge three months prior to the travel date.

While most of these adventures are fully inclusive, the snowmobile, heli-skiing and husky sledding experiences are available at an additional cost.

To find out more, contact your preferred travel provider or visit www.andbeyond.com.

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Established in 1991, &Beyond strives to leave our world a better place than we found it through our care of the land, wildlife and people, and the delivery of extraordinary guest experiences. We have established an intimate relationship with some of the world's last remaining unspoiled natural places and the communities that surround them. In combination with our highly-skilled guides and rangers, this allows us to deliver extraordinary guest experiences that feel profoundly meaningful.

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