



How to get to Aluminé From Zapala, which is 120 km from Villa Pehuenia and 184 from Neuquén, you must take “Ruta Provincial 13” (Provincial Route 13) after crossing the Primeros Pinos Snow Park. From there to Aluminé you will have 60 km. on Route 23, which is a gravel road and runs along the Aluminé river. If you go through Zapala, another option is to take Route 46 to Route 24, on which you will get to Cuesta del Rahue, famous for its views from the heights to the mountain range. From San Martín de los Andes, you can take Route 40 to Junín de los Andes and then cross the bridge over the Chimehuin River. After 100 km. travel on a gravel road you arrive in Aluminé, and then Villa Pehuenia (60 km) Moquehue (78 km).

How to get to Villa Pehuenia-Moquehue. It is 307 km away from the capital city. From Neuquén city, you must take National Route Nº 22 up to Zapala, then Provincial Route Nº 13 arriving to Villa Pehuenia. Then, you can take Provincial route 23 to the south to arrive Aluminé (60 km).

Border crossings

Aluminé-Icalma crossing

By taking Route 23 and then Route 13 out of Aluminé, you will reach the Paso Internacional de Icalma, located in the area of influence of the Villa Pehuenia Development Commission. On the way you will find numerous specimens of Pehuén or “Araucaria araucana” that will undoubtedly call your attention for its height and the age of its barks, which reflect the long history of the local communities. Close to Aluminé you can stop at the Ceferino Namuncurá cave, to whose homage was used a natural space pierced in the stone of the mountain, conforming a grotto with its image and offerings. From Aluminé to the border you will have about 50 km. A few kilometers further on from Aluminé you will find the Grotto, and then you will arrive at Villa Pehuenia, traveling along the Aluminé Lake coast. In the past few years, the small summer resort of Villa Pehuenia has been in constant growth, and aims to become a place of relax and recreation. Next to Villa Pehuenia works the customs post and the Gendarmerie office that protects this crossing. It connects Villa Pehuenia with the towns of Melipueco, Cunco, Lonquimay, and the main shopping center of the area that is Temuco, approximately 135 km. from the border. While entering Chile through Carabineros facilities, you will get to vasts araucaria forests, only to be surprised by the wonderful Laguna de Icalma, surrounded by large valleys covered by the Valdivian Forest. The passing is 1,269 meters above sea level and it’s open all year long, except for rare occasions of very adverse weather conditions. Office hours: 08:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (summer season).

Pino Hachado Crossing

Starting from Alumine on Provincial Route 13 westbound, at km 15 you will continue on the Route 23 eastbound until km 19, at which point you will continue parallel to the Litrán River among groves of pehuenes and places to camp. You will pass through a very eroded zone until km 55 where you will have to slow down as the road is very deteriorated and many seasonal



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watercourses cross the route. At 1,864 meters above sea level, at km 60, you will find “El Paso Pino Hachado” (Pino Hachado crossing) which is open from December to May. The closest town, is the Chilean town of Lonquimay about 77 km. away. You will pass through a Centennial Tunnel built by the English to connect the bordering commercial area with the Atlantic coast, and works now as a vehicular road, building it self into a bioceanic corridor. The tunnel is 4.500 mts. long and while crossing to Chile, you will be able to see in the slopes many other minor tunnels now in disuse. The toll to access to the tunnel is about 2 u\$s, and the turn is given by a traffic light that directs the traffic.

Distances from Aluminé:

Bahia Blanca 615 km

Bariloche 235 km

Buenos Aires 1340 km

Caviahue- Copahue 150 km

Junin de los Andes 105 km

Neuquén 284 km

Paso Icalma 98 km

Paso Mamuil Malal 235 km

Paso Pino Hachado 95 km

Puerto Montt 531 km

Pucón 139 km

Temuco (through Icalma) 270 km

Temuco (through Pino Hachado) 210 km

Temuco (through Mamuil Malal) 423 km

San Martin de los Andes 243 km

Santa Rosa 753 km

Villarrica 153 km

Temuco (from Villa Pehuenia through Icalma) 153 km

Temuco (from Villa Pehuenia through Pino Hachado) 256 km