



Salta (Argentina), Feb 28, 2015 The following update is based on a chronicle that I sent to Portuguese-language media from Ushuaia, in Tierra del Fuego, two weeks ago.

"In Ushuaia, on the Argentinian part of the Isla Grande de Tierra de Fuego. Since leaving Santiago in Chile (the starting point of the second part of my *périple* through the Americas), I have done close to 3,500 miles (5,600 km) in 22 days. And to put it as briefly as possible, it has been 3 weeks of near bliss!

In general terms, my route south could be divided into three parts: a first one, from Santiago to Puerto Varas in Chile, on which I zigzagged between the coast and the "cordillera;" a second one, from there to El Calafate in Argentina, mostly on Chile's Carretera Austral and Argentina's Ruta 40 (two iconic roads to the Adv rider tribe); and a third one, from El Calafate to the "End of the World" in Ushuaia, both in Argentina but with a stretch through southern Chile in the middle.

As far as highlights, from the first part, I would include the crossing of the wine region of Santa Cruz; getting acquainted with "big time" volcanos near Lonquimay and Villarrica; and Maicolpué, on the Pacific coast, plus its Hosteria Miller! From the second part, I would said that all of it was a highlight! Carretera Austral and Ruta 40 are both really marking roads indeed. From the third part, a special mention to the Torres del Paine Nat'l Park in Chile; the crossing of the Magellan Strait (for a Portuguese like me, interested in its national history, it is absolutely phenomenal to be able to see in loco some of the stops on the itinerary of this great seaman); and the arrival to Ushuaia, off course!

Also worth mentioning, during most of the second part and a bit of the third, I rode in great company! I met Harald "Harry" Haninger on the first ferry of Carretera Austral in Chile and we ended up riding together to Punta Arenas, on the Magellan Strait. Harry, a rather famous rider from Austria, has travelled well over 75,000 miles (120,000 km) around the world on a bike like mine in the last 2 and 1/2 years."

...And don't miss the photos below!!! Until the next update. Cheers!