

## 44 ESCAPE

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### Thriller Chile

FOR travellers seeking a small degree of risk and high degree of thrill, H+I Adventures has a new cycling tour of active volcanoes in Chile and Patagonia. For 12 days, passionate pedallers can ride across petrified lava and up snow-covered volcanoes, crest high Andean passes and scale the granite in Torres del Paine.

The adventure goes beyond the bike, with opportunities to paddle between aquamarine icebergs and share a meal with indigenous Mapuche people.

There will be about seven days of cycling and four days of kayaking and walking on the journey, which debuts on November 7. Cyclists should be of "intermediate" skill, and the \$6666 price does not include bike rental, insurance or flights, but it does cover accommodation, most meals, a guide, kayaking equipment, a back-up vehicle and bike transfers.

Find out more at [mountainbikeworldwide.com](http://mountainbikeworldwide.com)



### Full exposure

IT TAKES courage and confidence to quit a stable, well-paid job after 20 years to pursue a creative career. Former IT professional Gavin John did just that and is holding his first travel photography exhibition in Melbourne this week.

Gavin first invested in a proper camera before a hike to Everest Base Camp in 2002, and his fascination with capturing the perfect picture grew from there. "In this age of multimedia overload, I find

image," he says. "I take pride in the fact that I frame every shot as desired out there in the field. I do not crop my images in post-production. I lean towards pushing the boundaries of composition, finalising the image at the point of shutter release."

More than 40 original works (pictured is a striking shot taken in Arbol de Piedra, Bolivia) will be shown at Gavin's exhibition *Terra Incognita* at MSmart Artz Gallery in Alfred Place from Tuesday to Friday. Shots



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