

ANNEX 35

CADSTRE OF TOURIST SERVICES AND ATTRACTIONS FROM THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JOSÉ DE MAIPO

1. INTRODUCTION

The present report includes a non-exhaustive cadastre of the tourist services and attractions in the municipality of San José de Maipo based on primary and secondary information available at the towns of El Canelo, El Manzano, Los Maitenes, Alfalfal, San Gabriel, Baños Morales, Lo Valdés, and San José de Maipo, which is outside the area of direct influence of the Project.

Raising the information relative to tourist services and attractions in the municipality of San José de Maipo the following was considered: first, collection of bibliographic background information, querying the PLADECO from San José de Maipo as well as the information provided from the different municipal agencies and institutions. Also, information was collected through the Internet, particularly from tourist companies operating in the municipality of San José de Maipo.

Secondly, the information included under Section 5.6.2.4 of the EIA was updated and expanded.

Background information relative to the tourist services and attractions in the municipality of San José de Maipo are presented in the following sections by areas associated to the towns of El Canelo, El Manzano, Los Maitenes, Alfalfal, San Gabriel, Baños Morales, Lo Valdés, and San José de Maipo.

2. TOWNS OF EL CANELO AND EL MANZANO

There are a number of attractions associated to the towns of El Canelo and El Manzano which are closely related with the natural environs in the area. Therefore it is possible to find prominent scenic resources that include geological shapes, waterfalls, and the associated variety of vegetation and fauna.

The towns of El Canelo and El Manzano fall in the category of distribution and excursion centers due to its geographic characteristics and the presence of a tourist offer mostly located on the edge of Route G-25 on the banks of Maipo River and the surroundings of El Manzano stream.

2.1 TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

The Inca culture was present in the town of El Manzano as it is possible to find masonry walls revealing the presence of such civilization. Its origin goes back to the Pre-Hispanic era and the activities developed include raising cattle and foraging on the valleys. On the other hand, the town of El Canelo develops tourist activities, picnic areas, recreation areas, restaurants and special lodging for family leisure in the area which include the following attractions:

Table 2.1.1
Tourist Attractions in the towns of El Canelo and El Manzano

Town / Section	Attraction	Attraction
El Manzano	Fundo Estero El Manzano	Natural site
	Capilla El Manzano	Museums and cultural and historical expressions
	Estación el Manzano	Museums and cultural and historical expressions
	Puente tren Río Manzano	Museums and cultural and historical expressions
	Palestra El Manzano	Hiking trails and sites
	Piedra Rommel	Hiking trails and sites
	Torrecillas I	Hiking trails and sites
	Torrecillas II	Hiking trails and sites
Torrecillas III	Hiking trails and sites	
El Canelo y El Manzano	Stone handcraft	Folklore
	Cerro Purgatorio	Natural site
	Río Colorado	Natural site

Source: In-house preparation

These attractions are easily accessible using Route G-25 communicating Santiago with San José de Maipo which is in operation and can be used all year. Annex 9 shows a Location plan of sites with tourist, archaeological, and landscaping interests.

Most tourist attractions does not have a seasonality as the lose their value wherein their importance is due to the construction or its natural value or due to the fact of not having other factors indicating such seasonality.

2.2 CURRENT TOURIST ACTIVITIES

As it was mentioned in letter A in Section 5.6.2.4 of the EIA, the main activities present in the tows of El Canelo and El Manzano include:

Table 2.1.1
Tourist Attractions in the towns of El Canelo and El Manzano

Activity	Section	Characteristics	Seasonality
Purchase of handcrafts	Around the road	Stone crafts	All year
Hiking and trails	El Manzano stream valley	Due to the geographic characteristics no major physical effort is needed and all these activities are suitable for all ages.	All year round with a greater presence of tourists in summer
Picnic	In the surrounding environs of the towns with the appropriate conditions	Is one of the preferred activities of tourists visiting the municipality	All year round with a greater presence of tourists in summer
Photography	In the surroundings of the town	Amateur and professional photographers	All year round with a greater presence of tourists in summer

Activity	Section	Characteristics	Seasonality
Horse riding	In the surroundings of the town	This activity is done with scarce organization and total absence of specialists (guides, trainers)	All year round, weather permitting
Flora and fauna observation	In the surroundings of the town	Tourists conduct activities related with photography and contemplation of the Andean range.	All year round, weather permitting
Thermal Waters	Area known as Pozas Azules	This is done privately	Summer (warm) time
Visits to historical monuments	Parishes, churches, and railroad stations in the town	These visits are not guided and there is not any informative brochure or material associated	All year
Day excursions	Mainly El Manzano stream valley	These activities are conducted by self-taught staff as there is not any guided excursions	All year round, weather permitting
Gastronomy/Cuisine	Restaurants and Teahouses	A wide range of food	All year
Excursions and tours, trekking, environmental education, sport events	Camping El Manzano. El Manzano stream valley	Easy accessible for visitors while other present certain level of difficulty, especially in winter time.	All year round, weather permitting

2.3 TOURIST OFFER

The towns of El Canelo and El Manzano have 4 types of tourist lodging facilities: camping sites, hostels, cabins, and second homes. In general it is possible to find from basic lodging to more sophisticated places.

The gastronomy offer is varied but not specialized as to provide greater variety and make profitable business. Therefore a restaurant can be an afternoon teahouse and a pub/bar in the evening.

In the day time it is possible to find spas, water places, pools, camping sites, and sport clubs. In the evening, discos, pubs, restaurants, and bars and diners.

Most of these activities take place and/or are more intense in summer time and warmer season. However given the favorable access conditions in Route G-25, an unidentified tourist demand is served all year round.

Table 2.3.1
Tourist Offer in the towns of El Canelo and El Manzano

Name	Address, Telephone/Fax	Town	Services	Activities	Hours/time of operation	Member of the Chamber of Tourism
El Castillo del Canelo	Camino El Bajo # 223. Telephone: 8711293	El Canelo	Chilean food restaurant and teahouse.	Facing the river	Weekends. Open all summer.	Yes
Centro turístico y restaurant "El Alto del Canelo"	Camino el volcán # 4846. Telephone: 8711237	El Canelo	Wine tasting, empanadas, seafood chorrillanas	Event center, pool, multi-courts, party and meeting area.	Permanent	
Pub Restaurant Rancho El Arriero.	Camino El Volcán # 4625. Telephone: 8712144	El Canelo	Chilean food		Permanent	NO
Pizzería Ecopizza	Kilómetro 33	El Canelo	Pizza place	Tourist information.		
Discoteca Equinoccio	Camino el Volcán (frente a el alto del canelo)	El Canelo		Old estate house transformed in a disco, night dancing.		
Pub-Discoteca Boxing	Kilómetro 32	El Canelo		Roman style disco		
Café Restaurant "Don Gato"	Camino el volcán # 5250	El Canelo	Kuchen, cafe, Chilean food.			
La Vertiente del Canelo	Camino El Volcán # 4764. Telephone: 8712088	El Canelo		Playground, games, pic-nic, football/soccer, and thermal ponds.	Permanent	Yes
Restaurant "El Tigre"	Camino El Volcán # 5168. Telephone: 8711301	El Canelo	Chilean food		Permanent	Yes
El Rancho del Che	Camino el Volcán # 5274. Telephone: 8711690	El Canelo	Argentinean good (barbeques).		Weekends	NO

Name	Address, Telephone/Fax	Town	Services	Activities	Hours/time of operation	Member of the Chamber of Tourism
Posada El Canelo	Camino El Volcán # 5472. Telephone: 8711106	El Canelo	Chilean food, programmed activities and events, hotel and restaurant.	Playground	On weekends all year round.	NO
Restaurant "Los Jardines del Canelo"	Camino El Volcán # 5328. Telephone: 5719025	El Canelo	Chilean and Spanish food, event center	Hikes and trails	Permanent	NO
Parque Turístico Los Peumos del Canelo (Tourist complex)	Camino El Volcán # 6870. Telephone: 8711102	El Canelo	Restaurant, event center, pool, and food.	Trails, hiking, picnic, football, thermal ponds, and observation of flora and fauna.	Monday closed (09:00 AM-06:30 PM)	NO
La Cabaña de Sam	Camino El Volcán	El Canelo	Recreational farm	Playground, games and activities for children and rental of ponies	Summer time	NO
Complejo Turístico Rancho El Añil	Camino El Volcán # 9716. Telephone: 8711122, Fax 8711125	El Manzano	Restaurant, Chilean food, cabins, event center, pool, and hostel.	Hiking, trails, tennis, football, horse riding, billiard, and Ping-Pong.	Permanent	Yes
Fundo Estero El Manzano	Camino El Volcán P.21. Telephone: 8711329, Fax: 2356208	El Manzano	Picnic areas, green areas for leisure and recreation, special pricing to schools and institutions, and special agreements and plans with trade unions and companies.	Thermal pools in natural ponds and streams, hiking, trails, excursions, hiking Piedra Rome and observation of vegetation and landscape/scenery, family excursions.	On weekends all year round. Open all year.	NO

Name	Address, Telephone/Fax	Town	Services	Activities	Hours/time of operation	Member of the Chamber of Tourism
Hostel Palestras		El Manzano	Lodging, food, and hiking	Trails, excursions, hiking to Piedra Rome, observation of vegetation and landscape/scenery.	Permanent	
Restaurant Donde Tío Pepe	Camino El Volcán #12305. Telephone: 8711129	El Manzano	Chilean food and scheduled events and activities.	Playground area	Permanent	Yes
Salón de té Manzanar		El Manzano	Teahouse		Weekends	NO
Cabañas turismo La Cabaña.	Camino el volcán N°12.371	El Manzano	Lodging. Only breakfast.	Three cabins with king size bed; one of the cabins with kitchen, billiard table.	Permanent	No
Dulcería la Capilla	Paradero 24 1/2	El Manzano	Confectionery from El ingenio.	Small house servicing customers		
Cabañas Villa Azul	Los laureles N° 11212. P.24	El Manzano	Picnic area.	Pool		
Zona de pic-nic El Quillayal		El Manzano	Picnic area	River side ponds, swimming. Hearths	Weekends and summer time	NO
Chocolatería - Restaurant Luna Llena.	Av. Doce # 087. Telephone:871-1341	El Manzano	Chilean and international food and scheduled events and activities.	Playground, tasting and observation of the chocolate making process, and observation of flora and fauna	Permanent	Yes
Restaurant Casa Don Rodrigo	Camino el Volcán con avenida 12. Paradero 21	El Manzano	Chilean food	Restaurant, bar-grill, teahouse.		
Restaurant - Salón de té Los Pinos	Paradero 24	El Manzano	Chilean food, seafood	Good infrastructure, picnic area, and pool.		

Name	Address, Telephone/Fax	Town	Services	Activities	Hours/time of operation	Member of the Chamber of Tourism
Pub Top-ten (night time). Restaurant Los Guindos (day time)	Paradero 24	El Manzano	Chilean food	Restaurant, pub, events.		
Restaurant Trattoria Italiana Calypso	Camino El Volcán # 9831. Telephone:9-8257262	El Manzano	Italian food (home prepared pasta) and scheduled events and activities.	Hikes and trails	Thursday to Sunday	NO

Source: PLADECO San José de Maipo, 2002-2006

3. LOS MAITENES AND ALFALFAL

The towns of Los Maitenes and El Alfalfal were founded with the creation of the hydroelectric power plants in the canyon of Colorado River. Access to these towns is achieved through a paved road surrounded by mountains where a warm wind blows, “El Raco.”

The area does not have a well-developed tourist industry as it lacks a basic tourist infrastructure to meet the needs of tourists arriving to the area. Regardless of this, there is tremendous potential due to the large number of mountain range surrounding the main water course (Colorado River). Also, the area has large valleys with slight slopes surrounded by scenic resources such as snow peaks, a variety of waterfalls, a variety of associated fauna and flora, natural thermal ponds, volcanoes, and glaciers. These geographic features favor the development of different activities such as trekking, excursions and archaeological activities in the area.

As stated under letter B, Section 5.6.2.4 of the EIA, in the area of indirect influence of the Project, Olivares river basin is developed. This basin will hold the first multi-purpose park in the Chilean Andes, specialized in active tourism, preservation, scientific education and research, with different activities for the 4 seasons during the year. This project intends to generate a tourist infrastructure for accommodation, food, facilities and different tourist services corresponding to mountain activities. The basic equipment will be placed in the lower part of the river where accommodations will be built.

With regard to the basic infrastructure the area is paved up to El Alfalfal, in good conditions. The high mountain can only be reached using a private road belonging to GENER S.A. Tourist signaling and road signaling is poor, deteriorated, and in some areas, simply non-existent. Public transportation to access the area is poor as well.

3.1 TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

Los Maitenes and El Alfalfal have tremendous potential due to the large number of mountain range surrounding the main water course (Colorado River). Table 3.1.1 lists the different tourist attractions in the towns of Los Maitenes and El Alfalfal.

**Table 3.1.1
Tourist Attractions in the towns of Los Maitenes and El Alfalfal**

Town / Section	Attraction	Attraction
Alfalfal	Alfalfal – río Colorado Valley	Hiking trails and sites
	Chagual Big Wall	Hiking trails and sites
Los Maitenes and Alfalfal	Mountain range around the Colorado river	Natural site

Annex 9 shows a Location plan of sites with tourist, archaeological, and landscaping interests.

3.2 CURRENT TOURIST ACTIVITIES

As it was mentioned under letter B in Section 5.6.2.4 of the EIA, the activities conducted in this area are aimed at eco-tourism and adventure tourism, soft and extreme (depending on the physical demands they entail). Also, there are other activities less demanding such as rest and contemplation of the scenery and leisure and relaxation. These activities are the following:

**Table 3.1.1
Tourist Activities in the towns of Los Maitenes and El Alfalfal**

Activity	Section	Characteristics	Seasonality
Hiking to high and medium altitude mountain (mountaineering)	Olivares river canyon	This activity is done preferably by people with basic knowledge of mountaineering	Summer (warm) time
Picnic, excursions	Along the route	Spontaneous outdoor activity as the area lacks tourist infrastructure	Summer (warm) time
Flora and fauna observation	In the surroundings of the town	Tourists conduct activities related with photography and contemplation of the Andean range.	All year round, weather permitting
Thermal ponds	At Termas de Tupungato		Summer time and warm season as access is difficult during winter time.

Generally the type of tourism done in the area is of special interest where the tourist has the opportunity to explore by him/herself and follow the existing trails. Seasons are highly identifiable in the area and an abundance of rain and snow storms hinder access to the area.

Lastly, the activities in the valley of Colorado River take place in the high section of the sub-basin.

3.3 TOURIST OFFER

At present the towns lack basic tourist facilities to meet the need of tourists arriving to the area, either accommodation or food and leisure. With the exception of the hostel "Casa Patronal Los Maitenes" on Camino El Colorado which is open all year round.

There are only two main tourist operators in the area. The first one is located in San Alfonso and offers products related with adventure tourism with activities such as trekking, hiking, horse riding, trails, kayaking, rafting, and observation of the flora and fauna, with a major educational and ecological content. Opened all year round it strongly relies on the weather conditions. The second operator is a group of local micro-entrepreneurs supported by FOSIS in the development of the activities.

4 TOWN OF SAN GABRIEL

The town of San Gabriel is the tourist center in the area. However its development is based on its potential rather than its current usage as there tourist infrastructure lacks the quantity, quality, and diversity to operate as such. The current tourist infrastructure is mainly located along the main road El Volcán (route G-25) and the bank of Maipo River and Estero San Gabriel.

Access is through Route G-25 where public transportation is not that frequent (twice during the day). There are also cars for public transportation and taxis.

4.1 TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

The town of San Gabriel's tourist attractions which have a surface area smaller than the total surface area of the place and include:

Table 4.1.1
Tourist Attractions in the town of San Gabriel

Attraction	Attraction
Estero San Gabriel	Natural site
Cementerio indígena Los Chiquillanes	Museums and cultural and historical expressions
Los Rodados de San Gabriel.	Natural site
Espolones de San Gabriel	Hiking trails and sites
Acantilado San Gabriel	Hiking trails and sites
Las Melosas	Hiking trails and sites

Annex 9 shows a Location plan of sites with tourist, archaeological, and landscaping interests.

4.2 CURRENT TOURIST ACTIVITIES

The activities conducted in this area are closely related to the natural resources, particularly mountains and hydrological resources, in the modality of eco-tourism and adventure tourism. Also, there are other activities less demanding such as rest and contemplation of the scenery and relaxation. These activities are the following:

Table 4.2.1
Tourist Activities in the town of San Gabriel

Activity	Section	Characteristics	Seasonality
Hiking and trails	In the surroundings of the town	The characteristics of the area favor a spontaneous development of these activities as the area is known by the visiting tourists who are able to explore the area by themselves or guided.	All year round, weather permitting

Activity	Section	Characteristics	Seasonality
Horse riding excursions	In the surroundings of the town	These are usually whole day activities, considered as slightly adventurous activities, even though there are areas with a greater level of difficulty and of longer duration.	All year round, weather permitting
Swimming in rivers and ponds	Estero San Gabriel	These activities are more commonly done in the municipality and are usually done independently by individuals and do not present a considerable amount of expenses in the towns where they take place.	Warm season
Picnic	In the environs of the town and stream of San Gabriel	Spontaneous activities due to the scarcity of places suitable thereof, even though the town has certain level of development favoring this activity.	All year round, weather permitting
Flora and fauna observation	In the environs of the town and stream of San Gabriel	Due to the landscape characteristics in this area, this is recurring activity in all this tourist area. Generally, tourists can be seen doing activities related with photography or simply contemplating the high mountain landscape.	All year round, weather permitting
Biking	In the surroundings of the town	Both conventional biking and bicycle-tourism such as mountain bike. The activity is done by both amateurs and professionals undergoing training.	All year round, weather permitting

4.3 TOURIST OFFER

Hostels and camping sites are present and identifiable as **tourist facilities**. Hostels have facilities and are medium side equipped. The main differentiation when compared with the rest of the tourist establishments is the offer of Chilean food based on using local products and traditional German food. Camping sites in the town are usually located by the river banks and natural ravines where tourists swim without leaving the camping site. The only service rendered is the camping site with barbeque places and benches; no other service, such as food and entertainment, is provided-.

The area has eateries such as restaurants, and sometimes they are part of hostels and cabins in the area that have diversified their offer. The food offered is mostly Chilean food.

The main **tourist operator** in the area is CASCADA EXPEDICIONES, with facilities to operate in the town of San Alfonso. This operator offers products related with adventure tourism with activities such as trekking, hiking, horse riding, river kayaking, rafting, and observation of flora and fauna, with strong emphasis in ecology and education. Opened all year round it strongly relies on the weather conditions.

Table 4.3.1
Tourist Offer in the town of San Gabriel

Name	Address, Telephone/Fax	Services	Activities	Capacity (Nº of beds)	Hours/time of operation	Member of the Chamber of Tourism
Santuario del Río	Camino el Volcán # 37689					
Hostería El Nido del Águila	Camino El Volcán # 43546	Restaurant and Cabins	Very homey environment.	18 beds	Only weekends	Yes
Pic-nic Los Rodados.	Camino El Volcán s/n	Picnic area	Picnic, observation of boulders, hiking, trails, horse riding, thermal ponds, and eco-tourism.		Not opened in winter time	NO
Restaurant Los Pinos	Camino El Volcán s/n	Food and lodging			Permanent	

Source: PLADECO San José de Maipo, 2002-2006

5 AREA OF EL VOLCÁN, BAÑOS MORALES AND LO VALDÉS

The towns of El Romeral, El Volcán, Baños Morales and Lo Valdés are distribution centers and areas for tourist stay. The town of El Volcán experienced a major development as it was mining site therefore it has buildings with historical and scenic importance. Currently it does not have a varied tourist offer. Baños Morales currently holds the largest number of tourist facilities in the area meeting the basic requirement for tourists stay. The development of this town is based on activities related with the natural attraction of El Morado and thermal ponds with water rich in sodium, chlorine, and potassium. On the other hand, the town of Lo Valdés has the Refugio del Alemán, specialized in high and medium mountain range tourism.

Access and communication that the town of Baños Morales has with the rest of the municipality is scarce and with difficulties as it lacks frequent public transportation which only reaches the town of El Volcán. The road is dirt road easily used by simple traction vehicles. However during the months in autumn and winter access is difficult due to rainfall and melted snow which provoke landslides and rock movement which usually end up isolating the population. However, under emergency the municipality is prepared to conduct rescue activities with the usual assistance from the mining company located in Lo Valdés, with heavy machinery to clear the roads.

5.1 TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

Considering the conditions and characteristics of the location of these towns, El Volcán, Baños Morales and Lo Valdés, the main attractions are located in medium and high range mountain areas. Most of these attractions are classified as Natural Sites and are connected through paths, trails, herd trails, and the road El Volcán.

The main tourist attractions in the area include:

Table 5.1.1
Tourist Attractions in the towns of El Volcán, Baños Morales, Lo Valdés, and Cajón del Arenas

Town / Section	Attraction	Attraction
Baños Morales	Town of Baños Morales	Museum and cultural and historical expressions
	Monumento Natural El Morado	Natural site
	Punta Zanzi	Hiking trails and sites
	Agujas del Valle del Mesoncito	Hiking trails and sites
	Hitchcock	Hiking trails and sites
	La mina	Hiking trails and sites
	San José Volcano waterfalls	Hiking trails and sites
	Marmolejo waterfalls	Hiking trails and sites
	Colgante del Morado	Hiking trails and sites
	Mesón Alto	Hiking trails and sites
	Cerro Arenas	Hiking trails and sites
	Loma Larga	Hiking trails and sites
	Punta Italia	Hiking trails and sites
Monumento Natural El Morado, Baños Morales	Mirador del Morado	Hiking trails and sites
	El Morado	Hiking trails and sites
	Cerro San Francisco	Hiking trails and sites

Town / Section	Attraction	Attraction
Baños Morales and Lo Valdés	Maipo river route	Natural site
Lo Valdés	Town of Lo Valdés	Museums and cultural and historical expressions
El Volcán	Town of El Volcán	Museums and cultural and historical expressions
Cajón del Arenas	Boulder del Arenas	Hiking trails and sites

Prominent nearby the town of Baños Morales, the area of Baños Colina, managed by a private concession.

Annex 9 shows a Location plan of sites with tourist, archaeological, and landscaping interests.

5.2 CURRENT TOURIST ACTIVITIES

As stated under letter D of Section 5.6.2.4 of the EIA, the area of Baños Morales has activities related with eco-tourism and adventure tourism (light and extreme.) Also, there are other activities less demanding such as rest and contemplation of the scenery and relaxation. These activities are the following:

Table 5.2.1
Tourist Activities in the towns of El Volcán, Baños Morales, Lo Valdés, and Cajón del Arenas

Activity	Section	Characteristics	Seasonality
Hiking and trails	In the environs of the towns of El Volcán, Baños Morales and Lo Valdés	The characteristics of the area favor a spontaneous development of such activities	All year round, weather permitting
Hiking to high and medium altitude mountain (mountaineering)	Area of Monumento Natural El Morado and nearby hills to the town of Lo Valdés		Summer time and warm season as access is difficult during winter time.
Hiking	In the environs of the towns of Lo Valdés and Cajón del Arenas.	Mainly done under the operation of experts belonging to the Club Alemán de Andinismo (German Club of Mountaineering).	All year round, weather permitting.
Horse riding excursions	In the surroundings of the town of Baños Morales		All year round, weather permitting
Picnic	In the environs of the towns of El Volcán, Baños Morales and Lo Valdés	Spontaneous activity due to the lack of suitable places	Preferably during summer time and warm season as access is difficult during winter time.

Activity	Section	Characteristics	Seasonality
Geological observation and archaeological investigation	In the environs of the town but much easier when done in the towns of El Romeral and El Volcán.	Based on the characteristics of land formations and the quality and number of findings identified by both tourists and professionals.	All year round, weather permitting
Flora and fauna observation	In the environs of the towns of El Volcán, Baños Morales and Lo Valdés	Activity related with photography and contemplation of the Andean landscape and scenery and the fauna from the place.	All year round, weather permitting
Thermal ponds	In the environs of the towns of Baños Morales and Lo Valdés	Tourists do this activity spontaneously due to lack of operators.	Summer time and warm season as access is difficult during winter time.
Biking	In the surroundings of the town of Baños Morales	Both conventional biking and bicycle-tourism such as mountain bike. The activity is done by both amateurs and professionals undergoing training.	All year round, weather permitting

5.3 TOURIST OFFER

There are four types of identifiable tourist lodging facilities: hostels, cabins, camping sites, and second homes. Hostels have a medium quality and size equipped facilities and render other services such as organization of scheduled activities, horse riding, and organized excursions. They also have certain level of development with pools and playground for children. Cabins are complex and condos exclusively located in the town of Lo Valdés and are basically equipped. On the other hand, the main site authorized as camping site is located within El Morado National Park which only provides a camping site with barbecue and benches and without food or recreations.

With regard to **food**, Restaurants also provide lodging. The food offered is mostly Chilean food combined with German tradition though recently the trend is to serve international food. Also, there are diners which are mostly used by the local community.

With regard to **leisure**, there is a park, El Morado National Park, which is the main attraction in the area and that has picnic and camping areas as well as trails for hiking. The park is managed by CONAF.

The main tourist operator in the area has facilities to operate in the town of San Alfonso. This operator offers products related with adventure tourism with activities such as trekking, hiking, horse riding, river kayaking, rafting, and observation of flora and fauna, with strong emphasis in ecology and education. Opened all year round it strongly relies on the weather conditions.

Table 5.3.1
Tourist Offer in the towns of Baños Morales and Lo Valdés

Name	Address, Telephone/Fax	Town	Services	Activities	Capacity (N° of beds)	Hours/time of operation	Member of the Chamber of Tourism
Baños Morales		Baños Morales	Thermal pond	Thermal ponds		Permanent	NO
Refugio El Tambo.		Baños Morales	Lodging and food	Horse riding, excursions	14 beds	From December to March (during the year on the weekends)	NO
Refugio Las Estrellas	Manzana E, sitio 23, calle San Francisco. Telephone: 2266480	Baños Morales	Lodging			Permanent	
El Morado National Park		Baños Morales	Picnic and camping area, managed by CONAF	Hiking, excursions, landscape and scenery, environmental education, photography, mountaineering, archaeological and geological investigation, eco-tourism.		Permanent	NO
Hostería Baños Morales. Balneario Villa del Valle.	2269826	Baños Morales			20 beds		NO
Residencial Pensión Diaz.	Río Maipo s/n.	Baños Morales			17 beds		NO
Refugio Los Chicos Malos.	Villa Los Morales s/n. Telephone: 2885380	Baños Morales			24 beds		NO
Cabañas La Cumbre.	No telephone	Lo Valdés	Food	Guided tours.	5 beds	Permanent (foreigners)	NO

Name	Address, Telephone/Fax	Town	Services	Activities	Capacity (N° of beds)	Hours/time of operation	Member of the Chamber of Tourism
Cabañas Corre Caminos.		Lo Valdés	Kitchen, cabins for 5 people.		24 beds	Permanent (foreigners, weekend)	
Refugio Alemán	90 Km from Santiago on the road El Volcán.	Lo Valdés	Cabins and restaurant	Hiking classes, mountain bike, adventure tourism, trekking. Skiing.	32 beds	Permanent (10 days stay approx.)	NO
Pensión Lobos	Lo Valdés s/n	Lo Valdés	Lodging and food			Permanent	NO

Source: PLADECO San José de Maipo, 2002-2006.

6 TOWN OF SAN JOSÉ DE MAIPO

The town of San José de Maipo is the capital of the municipality and the administrative center of all the towns of the municipality. It is serviced with all utilities (municipality, health, education, police, fire department, trade, transportation services, restaurants, drugstores, pool, park, among others.) Its main characteristics include its cultural, architectural and historical heritage such as the Parish Church with a colonial style and the Railroad station.

San José de Maipo is considered a tourist center as it has facilities for lodging, a diversity of eateries and other tourist services such as tourist information, renting of equipment, guides, etc.

6.1 TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

The area has landmark attractions such as the town of San José de Maipo, the Parish of San José de Maipo, the Railroad Station, the Leannec Hospital and Casa de Salud.

6.2 CURRENT TOURIST ACTIVITIES

In the area of San José de Maipo is possible to find the following activities: picnic, camping site, horse riding, and other activities less physically demanding related to relaxation and contemplation of the environs. These activities are the following:

Table 6.2.1
Tourist Activities in the town of San José de Maipo

Activity	Section	Characteristics	Seasonality
Hiking and trails	In the surroundings of the town of San José de Maipo	Due to the geographic characteristics and the large number of existing trails all these activities do not require intense physical effort and can be done by everybody.	All year round, weather permitting
Photography	In the surroundings of the town of San José de Maipo	Amateur and professional photographers	All year round with a greater presence of tourists in summer
Horse riding	In the surroundings of the town of San José de Maipo	It is possible to rent horses to go to a specific attraction or simply for horse riding for an hour and enjoy the place. Does not have the supervision of specialists	All year round, weather permitting

Activity	Section	Characteristics	Seasonality
Swimming in the river	In the surroundings of the town of San José de Maipo	This is done privately.	During warm season and in very hot days.
Visits to historical monuments	In the surroundings of the town of San José de Maipo	These visits are not guided and there is not much informative material.	All year round, weather permitting.
Religious festivities	These take place in the town of San José de Maipo	People gather around the parish to celebrate the Catholic festivities based on the traditional celebrations of the place.	All year round.
Day excursions	In the surroundings of the town of San José de Maipo	These are not supervised activities.	All year round, weather permitting.
Purchase of handcrafts	In the surroundings of the town of San José de Maipo	Handcrafters and people from the town show their traditions in these markets.	Preferably summer (warmer) time
Picnic	In the surroundings of the town of San José de Maipo	During daytime nearby the river where is possible to also swim.	Preferably during summer time and warm season as access is difficult during the months of winter.
Flora and fauna observation	In the surroundings of the town of San José de Maipo	Activity related with photography and contemplation of the Andean landscape and scenery and the fauna from the place.	All year round, weather permitting
Gastronomy/Cuisine	In the surroundings of the town of San José de Maipo	There is a wide variety of restaurants and teahouses that also serve food.	All year round.

6.3 TOURIST OFFER

The towns have tourist lodging, such as hostels and bed and breakfasts. There is not any current homogeneity in the services but a wide variety. Therefore it is possible to find from basic, not very specialized lodging to more sophisticated places with better service. This offer welcomes different type of customers and not only one type. There are two lodges in the town of San José de Maipo with basic infrastructure and poor quality in the service as the operators do not provide training to their staff.

With regard to **food**, there are restaurants, teahouses, etc. Food offered is varied and with little specialization as small business try to cover a greater offer to make profits. Therefore it is not uncommon to see that certain venues operate as restaurants or teahouses during the day and as bars and pubs during the evening.

In terms of **leisure**, it is possible to find swimming areas, pools, camping sites, and sport clubs. And during the night, discos, pubs, etc.

Table 6.3.1
Tourist Offer in the Town of San José de Maipo

Name	Address, Telephone/Fax	Services	Activities	Capacity	Hours/time of operation	Member of the Chamber of Tourism
Restaurant Casona del Gallito	Calle Comercio # 20152	Food and scheduled events and activities.	Playground.		Weekends.	Yes
Restaurant Isidora	Uno Sur # 170. Telephone: 8711271	Chilean food, scheduled events and activities and piano-bar.	Thermal Ponds.		Permanent	Yes
Residencia Inesita	Calle Comercio # 1932. Telephone: 8611012	Lodging, restaurant and Chilean food.		25 beds.	Permanent	NO
Restaurant Rinconcito Criollo.	Calle Comercio # 19595	Chilean food.			Permanent	NO
Parque Los Héroes.	Camino El Volcán s/n. Telephone: 8611110	Camping, cabins, Chilean and International food.	Hiking, playground, adventure tourism, rafting, football, river kayaking, horse riding, and observation of flora and fauna.	8 beds, 2 cabins, and 18 camping sites	Monday closed.	Yes
Café pub La Montaña.	Camino El Volcán # 18695. Telephone: 8611234	Pizza place, pub and center of tourist and ecological operations	Adventure and Eco-tourism.		Permanent	NO
Parrillada En lo de Jo.	Calle Comercio # 18357. Telephone: 8611134	Barbeque and restaurant.			Weekend	NO
Club Andino Chiquillán del Cajón del Maipo.	Concepción # 1243. Telephone: 8611018	Sport club, fax 861-2049, and environmental education and training.	Trails, hiking, archeological visits, picnic, rafting, skiing, thermal ponds, horse riding, etc.		Permanent	Yes
Agencia de turismo El Morado	Camino el Volcán # 19376. Telephone:	Tourist infrastructure, trips, guides, horse riding, rafting.				

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Name	Address, Telephone/Fax	Services	Activities	Capacity	Hours/time of operation	Member of the Chamber of Tourism
Parque y Camping del Río.	Calle del río s/n con 4 sur					
Restaurant El Campito.	Camino el volcán # 1841. Telephone: 8611074	Chilean and International food.			Permanent	No

Source: PLADECO San José de Maipo, 2002-2006.