



## Chile Long Program-12 Days 11 Nights

Day	Destination
2 Nights	Santiago
3 Nights	San Pedro de Atacama
3 Nights	Puerto Varas
3 Nights	Puerto Natales

### Day 1: Day 1: Santiago

Private transfer from the airport in Santiago to the hotel in Santiago.

Private half day city tour of Santiago

In Santiago de Chile, the best features of a vibrant, modern metropolis are paired with the old-world charm of a former colonial capital, and this private tour will introduce you to both sides of the city.

You will begin with a visit to the presidential palace, named La Moneda because the splendid building once housed the national mint. Many other sights in the historic centre are clustered around the always-bustling Plaza de Armas: the impressive cathedral; the beautiful old post office; the Palacio de la Real Audiencia, now home to the National History Museum; and the Casa Colorada,

once the Spanish governors residence.

Leaving the centre, you'll travel west toward the soaring Andes, past the Cerro San Cristóbal, an outpost of the mountains which towers over the city with a great white statue of the Virgin Mary crowning its summit. Your tour will conclude with a visit to the fashionable business districts of Providencia and Las Condes, with their broad boulevards lined with modern high-rises, and shady side-streets flanked by fine restaurants and trendy boutiques. This half-day excursion forms the perfect initiation to the charms of one of South Americas most exciting cities.

Overnight Stay at Hotel.

## **Day 2: Day 2: Santiago (B)**

Private full day excursion to Valparaíso including a visit to a vineyard in the Casablanca Valley

You will be met by your guide in the morning, who will accompany you during this full day excursion to Valparaíso and the Casablanca Valley.

The historic city of Valparaíso is Chiles oldest port. It is also home to the countrys Senate and Chamber of Deputies, which moved here from the capital in 1989, when Chilean democratic governance was re-established. The citys many hills are covered with a multi-coloured panorama of painted houses crowding every nook and cranny, ensuring a spectacular backdrop to your visit. During your tour, you will see the historic city centre, whose fine 19th-Century architecture provides good reason for its inclusion on the UNESCO World Heritage list. Then, you will travel to a view-point overlooking the city via one of Valparaíсос signature funicular elevators, two dozen of which were built at the turn of the 20th Century to connect the upper and lower sections of the city. You will also visit the parliamentary building and Plaza Sotomayors memorial to the heroes of the War of the Pacific.

Before your city tour in Valparaíso or afterwards you will visit a vineyard in the Casablanca Valley.

Casas del Bosque Winery

Viñas Casas del Bosque is a family-run vineyard in Casablanca Valley, about 70 km from Santiago.

On 245 hectares of land, grape varieties like Chardonnay, Riesling, Sauvignon Blanc, Merlot, Syrah and Pinot Noir are cultivated, with the Sauvignon Blanc in particular known for its high quality. About 80% of the production of Casas del Bosque is exported to locations all over the world. The modern buildings and friendly staff attract visitors for delicious wine tastings, supplemented by the mouth-watering cuisine of the Tanino restaurant.

[www.casasdelbosque.cl](http://www.casasdelbosque.cl)

Overnight Stay at Hotel.

### **Day 3: Day 3: Santiago/San Pedro Atacama (B)**

Private transfer from the hotel in Santiago to the airport in Santiago.

Private transfer from the airport in Calama to the hotel in San Pedro.

Private half day excursion to Moon Valley (Valle de la Luna)

One of the best-known destinations between Calama and San Pedro is the Valle de la Luna. This tour

into the rugged beauty of the Atacama Desert begins at dusk. With the Licancabur volcano providing the backdrop, strange salt and rock formations in the middle of the valleys barren sandy landscape really do look like a moonscape. After a tour past the bizarre natural rock and salt shapes, you will pass by the bizarre rock formation Tres Marías and end the excursion at Coyote's rock (Piedra del Coyote). From the top of this rock, you overlook the Kari-Canyon and wide parts of the desert, you can even catch a glimpse at the Salar de Atacama. The setting sun bathes the landscape in a light that changes with every minute, providing a mesmerising play of colours. The return drive to San Pedro is after sunset.

Overnight Stay at the Hotel.

### **Day 4: Day 4: San Pedro de Atacama (B)**

Half day excursion City tour San Pedro de Atacama

You will start the tour with a visit to the Iglesia San Pedro, the towns white parish church dating from

the year 1641. Of particular note is the roof made of cactus wood. The church is San Pedro de Atacamas emblem, and looks directly onto the attractive Plaza de Armas and its centuries-old pepper trees. Your guide will take you for a stroll across the plaza before showing you the adjacent craft market.

Private half day excursion to the Atacama Salt Flat (Salar de Atacama) and Toconao Village

You depart with your tour guide to the Salar de Atacama: A salt lake of huge proportions (3000 sq km/1,158 sq mi!), its surface is covered by a thick layer of light-coloured salt crystals, caused by the evaporation of the lakes water. The worlds largest lithium deposits are found here, but the salt pan is also home to several flamingo species, including the Andean, Chilean and James flamingo, who feed on the microorganisms found in the saline lagoons. These beautiful birds and other species can be observed in their natural habitat at the Salar de Atacamas Chaxa Lagoon, which is part of the Reserva Nacional de los Flamencos.

On the way to the salt flat, you will stop at the village of Tocoano to see its green square with large cacti. Afterwards, return drive to San Pedro.

Overnight Stay at the Hotel.

## **Day 5: Day 5: San Pedro de Atacama (B)**

Private full day excursion to the Geysers of El Tatio

Those who wish to experience the El Tatio Geysers have to get up early, to ensure a timely arrival at the geyser field at sunrise. The fountains, located over 4300m/14,108ft, shoot up to 10m/33ft high.

The suns first rays reflecting countless colours as they mingle with boiling jets coming from the geysers create a strong contrast with the rising steam and the surrounding summits. After the spectacular show there, you have the choice of recovering from the morning chill and warming up in natural pools created by hot springs.

The tour begins in the very early hours of the morning in San Pedro, to ensure a timely arrival at the geyser field at sunrise. The return drive to San Pedro takes place around midday.

Overnight Stay at the Hotel.

## **Day 6: Day 6: San Pedro de Atacama/Puerto Varas (B)**

Private transfer from the hotel in San Pedro to the airport in Calama.

Transfer from Puerto Montt airport to the hotel in Puerto Varas including a city tour Puerto Montt

You will be picked up at the airport and start your city tour through Puerto Montt.

Founded by German settlers in 1853, Puerto Montt is also known as the Gateway to Patagonia.

This is where the Carretera Austral begins and where ships set off for Tierra del Fuego, the Magellan Strait, and to Patagonias glaciers.

During your city tour, we will show you the main square right by the sea, with its cathedral built of wood, a memorial to the German settlers, the town hall, and other representative buildings.

Afterwards, we follow the coastal promenade to the port of Angelmó and its colourful small boats anchored in front of the island of Tenglo. The morning catch can be bought fresh off the boat at the fish market of Angelmó or savoured in one of the many small harbour kitchens. Right next door, you will find a craft market with local crafts made of wood and lapis lazuli, as well as thick woollen jumpers and hats from Chiloé. The tour is completed by a drive along the Ruta Chinquihue, past small yacht marinas, moorings, boat yards and fish factories, before you will be taken to your hotel in Puerto Varas.

Overnight stay at the hotel.

## **Day 7: Day 7: Puerto Varas**

Private full day excursion to the Petrohue waterfalls and the Osorno volcano

Departure for this full day tour into the wonderful region surrounding Puerto Varas is after breakfast, and wonderful views towards the Osorno and Calbuco volcanoes can already be enjoyed during the drive along Lake Llanquihue.

First stop of the day is by the wild Saltos de Petrohue, a collection of rapids and waterfalls that

dance over the impressive formations of lava rocks from the surrounding volcanoes. It is the waters of the Petrohue River itself that have eroded and shaped these rocks over a period of thousands of years.

The journey continues with a drive up the Osorno volcano (2,660m/8,727ft). The road ends at an elevation of 1,200m/3940ft, by a mountain cabin, where the unforgettable views range from the mighty towering heights of the Osorno volcano and the neighbouring volcanoes of Calbuco, Antillanca, Tronador, to the profoundly blue Llanquihue Lake. A hike across the volcanos immense lava fields is made, and the panoramic views improve with every foot of elevation gained. By good weather, you can also enjoy the landscape during a ride by chairlift (optional). The return journey to Puerto Varas is in the afternoon.

#### Pioneer Museum Museo Pioneros in Petrohué

Become a pioneer and immerse yourself in the world of adventurers and explorers who have devoted themselves to the development of wild Patagonia: the Pioneer Museum Museo Pioneros tells the story of the first settlers who came to Patagonia more than 14,500 years ago as well as the story of the Schirmer-Roth family, who came to the region as pioneers in 1866. The museum explains how the pioneers came into the region and the difficulties they had to face. Archaeological finds represent the way of life of the first settlers vividly; hunting techniques, medical care, distances the pioneers had to pass, are explained as well as their organization and accommodation. In addition, different legends and tales are portrayed in the context of pioneers.

#### Regular Short Boat trip on the Todos Los Santos Lake

This boat trip starts at the pier at the Todos Los Santos Lake. The boat will take you into the middle of the lake where, on a clear day, you will be able to see a unique panoramic view of the volcano Osorno. On the way back, you will pass beautiful small waterfalls and can see different bird species. Overnight stay at the hotel.

## **Day 8: Day 8: Puerto Varas**

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### Private full day excursion Ancud and surroundings

This day trip begins early in the morning, setting off south, towards Pargua, where the car ferry crosses to Chiloé an island full of myths, legends and very special people. The first stop on the island will be the village of Chacao, where you can visit a beautiful wooden church from 1710. Afterwards you will stop at the Bay of Caulín to observe black-necked swans and other bird species (in summer). Then you continue to Ancud, the northern-most town and former capital of the island, where you get an insight into the lifestyle of the islands inhabitants, known as Chilotes in Chile. You will also see the colourful shingle houses on stilts, typical for the island, as well as fishing boats, the harbour, and the market. Fortifications dating back to the era of the War of Independence are also visited in Ancud. After a lunch break (optional lunch) you will return to Puerto Varas.

### Museo Azul Islas Chiloé

The Museo Azul Islas Chiloé (Museo Regional de Ancud) offers an extensive collection of artefacts and archives which document the history of Chiloé, Chilote culture and traditions. One popular item is the full-size replica of the Ancud, which sailed the treacherous fjords of the Strait of Magellan to claim Chile's southernmost territories.

Overnight stay at the hotel.

## **Day 9: Day 9: Puerto Varas/Puerto Natales (B)**

Private transfer from the hotel in Puerto Varas to the airport in Puerto Montt.

Private transfer from the airport in Punta Arenas to the hotel in Puerto Natales.

Overnight stay at the hotel.

## **Day 10: Day 10: Puerto Natales (B,BL)**

Full day excursion to Torres del Paine National Park

This full day excursion through the Torres del Paine National Park will provide wonderful views onto the Torres Massif and its jagged peaks, as well as of Lake Grey and the Grey Glacier. Several short

hikes enable visitors to reach the most beautiful viewing points in the park, and to become acquainted with the wealth of flora and fauna found in the area. The return drive to your selected hotel is in the late afternoon.

Overnight stay at the Hotel.

## **Day 11: Day 11: Puerto Natales**

Private transfer from Puerto Natales to Puerto Bories.

Shared full day boat excursion to Balmaceda and Serrano Glaciers

This seaborne excursion, which starts and concludes in Puerto Natales, takes you to a pair of Patagonias icy giants: Balmaceda and Serrano Glaciers. You will leave Puerto Natales early in the morning and cruise north-west through the Seno Ultima Esperanza (Last Hope Sound), which offers unforgettable views of snowy peaks, sparkling waterfalls, and lush green forests, along with wildlife like sea lions, cormorants, and condors. Around noon the excursion will reach the two glaciers, which both flow down from Monte Balmaceda toward the sea. Near the base of Serrano Glacier, you will disembark for a short hike to a lookout offering a splendid view of the awesome river of ice, before continuing by boat to a delicious lunch at the remote Estancia Perales. The day concludes with another memorable cruise along the Seno Ultima Esperanza, arriving back in Puerto Natales in the late afternoon.

Private transfer from Puerto Bories to Puerto Natales.

## **Day 12: Day 12: Puerto Natales - Departure (B)**

Private transfer from the hotel in Puerto Natales to the airport in Punta Arenas.

## **Highlights**

This 11-day journey through Chile offers a captivating mix of vibrant cities, stunning landscapes, and unique cultural experiences. Highlights include a private city tour of Santiago, a visit to the colorful port city of Valparaíso and a vineyard in the Casablanca Valley, exploring the otherworldly Moon Valley in the Atacama Desert, experiencing the sunrise at El Tatio Geysers, and marveling at the



volcanic landscapes around Puerto Varas. The adventure continues with a trip to Chiloé Island, full of myths and local culture, followed by an unforgettable excursion to Torres del Paine National Park with breathtaking hikes and views. A boat trip to the Balmaceda and Serrano glaciers completes this diverse and scenic tour of Chile.

## **Included**

- Itinerary transfers, excursions, and guide assistance as indicated.
- English speaking guide.
- Meals mentioned according to program: B: Breakfast / L: Lunch / BX: Box Lunch / D: Dinner
- Some entrance fees (included based on current values, subject to change).

## **Tour Excludes**

- Airfare / Visa / Insurance.
- GST 5%
- TCS at 5% (Tax Collected at Source)
- Any increase in Airfare, Visa fees, Airport taxes, Govt. Taxes, Fuel Surcharges and any applicability of new taxes from Govt.
- Any up gradation in Airline class or hotel room category
- Cost of Air ticket deviation charges
- Any Increase in the rate of exchange leading to an increase in all land arrangements which may come in to effect prior to departure
- Cost of pre or post tour hotel accommodation
- Any extra expense such as route change, Airline change, Date change, Accommodation facilities, etc incurred due to the unforeseen, unavoidable forced majeure circumstances during the tour
- Cost of insurance for 61years and above
- Porterage, laundry, telephone charges, shopping, wines & alcoholic beverages, items of personal nature and food or drink which is not part of a set group menu
- Any extra cost incurred on behalf of an individual due to illness, accident, hospitalisation, or

any personal emergency

- Any services or activity charges other than those included in the group tour itinerary
- To and fro Air fare, Airport transfers, insurance, visa fees to join/leave the group for joining and leaving guests
- Anything specifically not mentioned in the tour price includes column
- Conversion Rate on the date of actual payment will be based on the Rate of Euro on XE.com + INR 1.50
- Airfare to be calculated at the time of booking as per actual.

### **IMPORTANT NOTES:**

- On public holidays it might become necessary to change the itinerary slightly.
- In Chile most museums are closed on Mondays.