

The Best of Chile: Wine, Cuisine & Nature

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Chile, the narrowest and longest country in the world, with the Andean mountain range to the east and the Pacific Ocean to the west, boasts one of the most diverse landscapes through its different regions. From its northern desert region of the Atacama, to it snowcapped mountains and glaciers of Patagonia, Chile offers world famous wines, culture, nature and a vibrant culinary scene.









Our program begins in Santiago, the country's capital. With its fabulous restaurants and amazing wineries, Santiago and the areas surrounding it are a feast for travelers. From there we will take a flight to Punta Arenas - the gateway to Patagonia and discover the

wonders of Torres del Paine National Park, one of the most unspoiled and spectacular nature preserves on Earth.

Trip Pricing: TBD

Trip Includes:

- ❖ Three nights at Doubletree by Hilton Santiago
- ❖ Four nights at Patagonia Camp in Torres del Paine
- ❖ Full time In-country Tour Manager/Guide
- ❖ Internal flights and luxury coaches, airport transfers, entrance fees
- **Taxes** and porterage.
- ❖ All ground arrangements with tour leaders and professional guides

Enhancements:

Flavors of Chile Tour

Traditional Chilean cooking class with wine

Patagonia Camp an eco-friendly environment Patagonian Estancia experience

Magellan style BBQs in Patagonia

Optional 5 Day/4 Night Post trip Extension Patagonia Cruise: . Patagonia Cruise with landings at Ainsworth Bay - Tuckers Islets, Pína Glacier - Glacier Alley, Wulaia Bay and Cape Horn

Optional 4 Day/3 Night Post trip Extension: Atacama Desert

Day 1: DEPART U.S. FOR SANTIAGO, CHILE

DAY 02: ARRIVE IN SANTIAGO

- Greet, assistance & transfer to hotel after your overnight flight
- Afternoon panoramic city tour
- Welcome dinner at Barrica 94 restaurant for a complete experience of the finest wines paired with the classic Chilean cuisines and desserts
 Double Tree by Hilton Santiago (D)

DAY 3: SANTIAGO / FLAVORS OF CHILE

- After breakfast, experience life as a true local of "Santiaguino" as we embark on a flavors of Chile culinary experience
- La Vega Central, a local food market where you will experience a display of color and movement as you taste first hand fruits and vegetables grown in Chile.
- Cooking class led by our chef who will teach you how to prepare traditional Chilean dishes. This will be followed up with lunch pared with fine wine
- Historic Mercado Central, Chile's largest Central Market to taste a traditional Chilean Empanada
- Overnight in Santiago
 Double Tree by Hilton Santiago (B/L)

DAY 4: VALPARAISO / VINA DEL MAR

- After breakfast we drive to San Antonio to visit Vina Matetic, a family owned vineyard for a tour followed by wine tasting
- Lunch will be at the vineyard
- Visit Valparaiso and walk through its streets to admire its architecture and go on the funicular
- Visit Vina del Mar and then transfer back to hotel in Santiago
- Overnight in Santiago
 Double Tree by Hilton Santiago (B/L)

DAY 5: SANTIAGO / PUNTA ARENAS

- After breakfast transfer to airport for our flight to Punta Arenas (Patagonia)
- Arrive in Punta Arenas and transfer to the beautiful Patagonia Camp, an eco-friendly, luxury wooden- tented (yurts) hotel located on the shores of Lake El Toro near Torres del Paine National Park with stunning views that bring you close to nature
- Dinner at the hotel prepared specially by our chef
- Overnight in Torres del Paine Patagonia Camp (B/L/D)

Optional Post trip Extension: 5 Day/4 night Patagonia Cruise

Our Patagonia cruise tours follow the fjords of the southern edge of Tierra del Fuego highlights the stunning, natural beauty of Patagonia and several of its most important historical sites. Sailing aboard M/V Stella Australis or M/V Ventus, this four-day journey includes visits to wildlife rich Ainsworth Bay, massive Pia Glacier and Glacier Alley, as well as mystical Wulaia Bay and the legendary Cape Horn.

DAY 6: BALMACEDA & SERRANO GLACIERS

- After breakfast, embark on a full day excursion to see Balmacedo and Serrano glaciers
- Return to hotel, followed by a traditional Magellan style BBQ at a boutique estancia
- Overnight in Torres del Paine PATAGONIA CAMP (B/L/D)

DAY 7: TORRES DEL PAINE / LAGUNA AZUL

- After breakfast, begin a full day excursion to Torres del Paine National Park to witness majestic landscapes like the Magellanic deciduous forest and Patagonian Steppe along with Patagonian wildlife
- At Laguna Azul, witness the purity of water and blue skies as we walk to the Salto Grande waterfall, Grey Lake, Grey Glacier
- Overnight in Torres del Paine
 PATAGONIA CAMP (B, Boxed Lunch, D)

DAY 8: LAST HOPE SOUND

- After breakfast we go on an expedition to learn what life is like in a Patagonian estancia – focused on animal welfare and sustainable production. Lunch and a demonstration of dogs and shearing will follow
- Choose one of 4 activities to do at the estancia: horseback riding, drive to the summit of Cerro Ballena, bird watching and relax at the ranch and interact with the local ranch activities
- Farewell dinner
- Overnight in Torres del Paine PATAGONIA CAMP (B/L/D)

DAY 9: PUNTA ARENAS / SANTIAGO

- After breakfast, we will transfer you to Punta Arenas airport for your flight to Santiago
- Transfer to your day room at Holiday Inn Airport to rest and prepare for your late night scheduled departure to US

Holiday Inn Santiago Airport (B)

Day 10: ARRIVE U.S.



OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS:

PATAGONIAN CRUISE - FJORDS OF TIERRA DEL FUEGO

DAY 9: PUNTA ARENAS

Cruise departs on set dates. The main itinerary will have to be planned around being in Punta Arenas for cruise departure. Cruise ships: MV Stella or MV Ventus (depending on departure dates)

- Transfer to Pier Punta Arenas for 6pm departure
- Overnight we cross the Magellan Strait as we enter Whitesand Canal and Tierra del Fueao (B / L/D)

DAY 10: AINSWORTH BAY / TUCKERS ISLETS

- By dawn the ship will be sailing on Admiralty Sound, an off-shoot of the Strait of Magellan, with snow-capped peaks of Karukinka Natural Park on the north of the sound and deep fjords and bays of the Alberto de Agostini National Park on the south shore.
- Two hiking excursions await us as we go ashore Ainsworth Bay.
- Lunch as we sail to Tuckers Islets. Board Zodiac boats to see Magellan Penguins (B /L/D)

DAY 11: PINA GLACIER & GLACIER ALLEY

- Enter Pia Fjords after sailing overnight through Magdalena and Cockburn Channel. Board Zodiac boats to go to Pia Glacier
- Back on the ship for lunch we sail along the Beagle Channel through Glacier Alley (B/L/D)

DAY 12: WULAIA BAY / CAPE HORN

- By early morning we will be navigating between the narrow Murray Channel and drop anchor at Wulaia Bay. This was the original site of the region's largest Yamana aboriginal settlements. It was described by Charles Darwin during his voyage in the 1830s.
- During lunch we will cruise to Nassau Bay into the remote archipelago that includes Cape Horn National Park. Weather-depending we will go ashore the legendary Cape Horn. (B/L/D)

DAY 13: USHUAIA

- We will set sail in the morning into Argentine waters and dock in Ushuaia, the world's southern-most city, with an approximate arrival time of 9AM
- Transfer to airport for your onwards journey to the US (B)

Day 14: ARRIVE U.S.

PRICING: cabins starting at \$2,298 subject to availability.

THE ATACAMA DESERT

DAY 9: PUNTA ARENAS / CALAMA/ SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA

- Transfer to Punta Arena airport for your flight to Calama
- Arrive in Calama and transfer to San Pedro de Atacama
- Afternoon excursion to Moon and Death Valley Casa Atacama Hotel (B)

DAY 10: ATACAMA

☐ After breakfast, we will go on excursions to:

Toconao Village, Altiplanico Lagoon, Chaxa & Salar Lagoons, Boxed lunch will be served during the excursions

Return to hotel and rest of evening is at your leisure Casa Atacama Hotel (B, Boxed

DAY 11: ATACAMA

- Leave early in the morning to go to Tatio Geyers the highest geysers in the world
- Have a boxed breakfast
- Visit the colonial town of Machuca
- Return to hotel and rest of evening is at your leisure Casa Atacama Hotel (B, Boxed Lunch)

DAY 12: CALAMA / SANTIAGO

• After breakfast, we have the morning to our leisure before transferring to Calama Airport for your flight to Santiago to connect to your international flight to US. (B)

Day 13: ARRIVE U.S.

PRICING: \$1,899, per person double occupancy

Domestic Airfare form Punta Arena – Calama - Santiago is an additional \$150.00