

THE HIGHLIGHTS OF CHILE

14 DAYS / 13 NIGHTS

Discover the highlights of Chile on this 14-day tour, exploring the country's diverse climates, landscapes and cultures. Begin your trip in Santiago with a panoramic city tour, visiting the main attractions of the capital. Then, fly to the mysterious Easter Island and ponder its moai statues. Explore Torres del Paine in all of its glory on full-day excursions past spectacular glaciers and impressive mountain peaks. Finish this tour with a visit to San Pedro de Atacama, the driest desert in the world. Hike along the dunes of Death Valley, visit the town of Toconao and enjoy the extraordinary scenic beauty. From the modern metropolitan city of Santiago to the bare climate of San Pedro de Atacama, enjoy the best of both worlds.

<p>FROM \$ 4650 per person</p>	<p>THIS TOUR INCLUDES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private Tours & Transfers • 13-Nights Accommodations • All Tours & Transfers with English-speaking guides • 24/7 Phone Support in each country 	<p>HIGHLIGHTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Santiago de Chile • Easter Island • Torres del Paine • San Pedro de Atacama
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Day 1 **ARRIVE IN SANTIAGO & PANORAMIC CITY TOUR**

This whirlwind tour through Chile starts in Santiago de Chile. Upon arrival at the airport, meet your guide and transfer to your hotel downtown. Settle into your room and get ready for an exciting city tour. Visit the main attractions to appreciate the contrast between the capital's rich history and its modern buildings. Admire the Government Palace, *Plaza de Armas*, Santa Lucia Hill, the Metropolitan Park and the exclusive residential areas of *Vitacura* and *Las Condes*. Afterward, return to the hotel and enjoy the rest of the day exploring the area on your own or simply relaxing.



Day 2

WINE TOURS & TASTINGS

Embark on a full-day excursion to some of the best wineries in Chile. Visit a few famous vineyards in the Maipo or Casablanca Valleys complete with a beautiful view of the Andes mountain range in the background. During the tour, learn about the wine-making process and taste a few of the region's specialties including Carmenere and other reds. In the early evening return to your hotel in Santiago.



Day 3

TRANSFER TO EASTER ISLAND & AHU AKIVI

Experience a whole new world and fly to the mysterious and magical Easter Island today. Upon arrival, a local guide will take you to your hotel where you can unwind before heading out on a half-day excursion. Unravel the history behind several ancient altars including Ahu Akivi and Ahu Tahai. Stare in wonder at the towering *moai*, symbols of tradition and status. Each gargantuan statue represents either an ancestor or a powerful chief or leader in the former Polynesian civilization. Next, visit other famous sites such as Puna Pau, a quarry located near Hanga Roa. If the weather permits, venture inside some of the popular lava caves dotted around the island.

Note: Excursions may vary depending on your lodging.



Day 4

BOATING TRIP & ANCESTRAL FISHING

Rise early and board a local fisherman's boat to gain a unique view of the island. Sail out to Hanga Piko Bay for a chance to spot some graceful turtles. Coast across the stunning blue water and look out to land to see nearby caves and looming cliffs. Watch out for flocks of soaring migratory seabirds that come to nest on the islets off the coast. Learn about the ancient annual birdman competition *Tangata Manu* in Rapa Nui, and explore Rano Kau, one of the three dormant volcanoes.

Later, learn how to fish like a local on a half-day excursion. With the aid of an experienced guide, use the same traditional methods and gear that islanders used hundreds of years ago to catch fish. Afterward, return to the hotel with your catch of the day and enjoy a delicious meal.

Note: Excursions may vary depending on your lodging.



Day 5

ORONGO TREKKING

Delve into the island's geological and cultural history on a full-day excursion in the company of expert local guides. Climb to the top of Rano Kau Volcano and walk the entire perimeter of the crater lip. Be rewarded with incredible views of the volcano, the deep-blue Pacific Ocean and the town of Hanga Roa. Later, visit Ahu Vinapu and the ceremonial village of Orongo and understand more about the rituals and rites of Rapa Nui culture. Return to your hotel and reflect on your visit to the intriguing Easter Island.

Note: Excursions may vary depending on your lodging.



Day 6

TRANSFER TO SANTIAGO

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel and then transfer to Hanga Roa Airport for your departure from Easter Island. Enjoy a free day in Santiago. Choose to explore the city, visit a nearby vineyard or simply relax in your hotel.



Day 7

FLIGHT TO PUNTA ARENAS & TRANSFER TO TORRES DEL PAINE

Fly from Santiago to Punta Arenas and travel by coach to the discover the natural beauty of Torres del Paine National Park. Immerse yourself in the untamed landscape of Patagonia along the way, spy snowcapped mountain peaks in the distance and scan the horizon for the llama-like *guanacos*. Upon arrival, settle into your hotel in Torres del Paine National Park.



Day 8

FULL PAINE HIKING EXCURSION

Select from a wonderful variety of excursions today. Choose from hiking, horseback riding, boat rides and several more. A popular option is the Full Paine hike, one of the best ways to discover Torres del Paine National Park. On this route, explore the park's most famous highlights. Investigate the unique flora and fauna under the gaze of the spectacular and imposing mountains, enjoy a picnic lunch before reaching Grey Lake and consider an optional walk around the shore or attempt to get closer to Grey Glacier to observe its ice-sculpted details.

Note: Excursions may vary depending on weather conditions.



Day 9

BLUE LAGOON & PATAGÓN

Enjoy a half-day excursion to see Torres del Paine without any walking. Pause to bask in some fantastic views of the peaks and broad landscapes that continue to attract explorers to the area. Visit the sparkling Laguna Amarga and continue to Patagón, home of the indigenous Aónikenk people who lived here more than 7,000 years ago. Hike from Lago Sarmiento to see a collection of ancient Aónikenk rock paintings and gain insights into their cultural meaning. Discover the diverse array of plants, animals and birds of the area such as guanacos, rheas and condors that populated the region during the Aónikenk epoch and still survive today.

Note: Excursions may vary depending on weather conditions.



Day 10

TRANSFER TO SANTIAGO

Enjoy your final moments in Torres del Paine and transfer to Punta Arenas to catch your return flight to Santiago. Upon arrival, a guide will transfer you to your hotel. Feel free to spend the rest of the day as you wish.



Day 11

SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA

Transfer from Santiago de Chile to San Pedro de Atacama, the most arid desert in the world. Upon arrival, encounter the vast open space of the desert and its wild beauty as you make your way to your hotel.



Day 12

CORNISA DUNE EXCURSION

Venture into the ominous-sounding Death Valley today. Ascend the dune and hike north along one of the cornices bordering the valley. This short hike offers sweeping views of the Salt Mountain Range and its natural erosion shows the passage of time. Take pleasure in the steep and thrilling descent down the dune, scan the valley to view the unique landscape one last time and make the return journey to your hotel in San Pedro de Atacama.



Day 13

TOCONAO & LAGUNA CHAXA

Awake at sunrise and visit the town of Toconao. Wander through the main square, visit the historic church and glance up at the magnificent bell tower - all of which have been declared national monuments. Depending on the season, explore the orchards on your way to the Chaxa Lagoon. Travel through the salt flats and be captivated by the breathtaking landscape until you reach Chaxa Lagoon. Once here, gaze in delight at the cloud of pink activity made by the flock of flamingoes that call the lagoon their home.



Day 14

DEPARTURE FROM SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA

Say your final farewell to San Pedro de Atacama and transfer back to Santiago for your flight home or to your next destination in South America.