

Chile From the Desert to Patagonia

10 Days / 9 Nights

From
\$3,599

Per person/Double occupancy/Land package
Seat in Bus, standard option 3*
For departure January 10 - April 30, 2024

Tour is available in SIB (seat in bus) or semi-private basis

Day 1 : Santiago

Arrival at Santiago's airport and transfer to the hotel.

Afternoon visit to the historic center. Visit the main streets of the civic neighborhood, Cerro Santa Lucía park, the seat of the government "Palacio de la Moneda" and the main square of the city, the Plaza de Armas. Surround the square are historical buildings; the Metropolitan Cathedral, the National Historical Museum, and the Central Post Office.

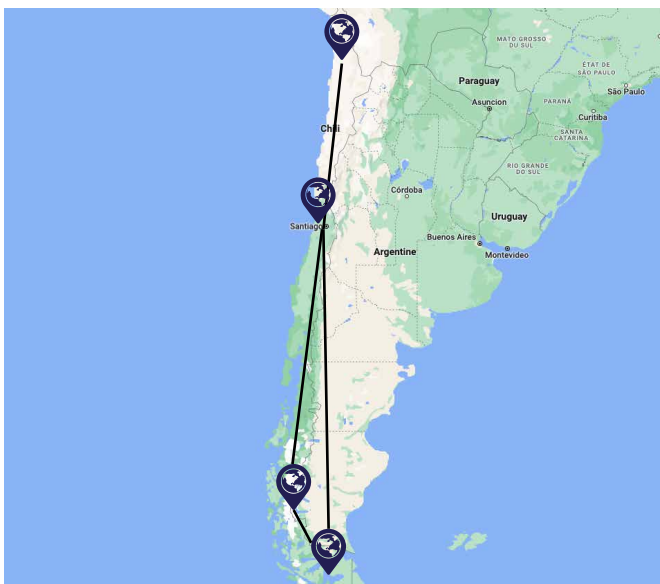


Continue through the Parque Forestal until reaching the Bellavista neighborhood, known for its bohemian scene in Santiago. Return to your hotel.

Overnight in Santiago

Day 2 : Santiago – Calama – San Pedro de Atacama

Transfer to the airport to board your flight to Calama. Flight not included: Reception at El Loa airport in Calama and transfer to San Pedro de Atacama through the Domeyko & Salt Mountain Range. Afternoon, excursion to Valley of the Moon: depart from the hotel and embark on a 43 km journey to visit the Cordillera de la Sal; a group of interesting rock sculptures that, millions of years



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Day 2 : Continued...

ago, were part of a large lake and lead to a surprising viewpoint of the valley. Continue towards the valley of Mars (aka the valley of Death) which stands out for its unique rock formations. At dusk, the tour ends at the great sand dune in the valley of the moon, so called because of its similarity to the lunar landscape.

Overnight in San Pedro de Atacama

Note: The private service option includes an appetizer (a glass of wine or juice and nuts)

Day 3 : San Pedro de Atacama

Full day excursion to the Altiplanic Lagoons of Meñiques and Miscanti, Salar & Toconao:

Start your 350 km journey to discover The Salar de Atacama, the largest salt deposit in Chile. Continue to the high plateau lagoons located 90 km from San Pedro, at 4,500 meters above sea level. Witness a unique fauna: Taguatagua, Chilean flamingo, Chorlo de la Puna, Juarjual crested duck, and juarjual duck and the guallata. This location is surrounded by imposing volcanoes which originated from the rise of the Andes, and water of an intense emerald green color enclosed by the Andes peaks. Lunch (simple menu) is included in a local restaurant. Return to the hotel in San Pedro with a visit to Toconao village (L)

Overnight in San Pedro de Atacama

Day 4 : San Pedro de Atacama

Early morning departure to the El Tatio Geysers field located about 4000 meters above sea level. The spouts can reach a maximum height of 6 meters. Enjoy a guided walk by the red-hot mud craters and small geysers. Box breakfast included en route. Stop in Machuca, a picturesque shepherd village. The sparse population live isolated from civilization and look forward to the arrival of visitors and travelers from all over the world. The fauna includes llamas, alpacas, ducks, Andean gulls, and flamingoes. After a brief tour of Machuca, return to the hotel arriving at midday.

At sunset, depart to enjoy an astronomical tour (SIB) as the driest desert in the world offers the best scenery to enjoy the wonders of the night. During this unforgettable experience, learn how to look at the sky and observe through powerful telescopes. Return to the hotel.

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Day 5 : San Pedro de Atacama – Calama – Santiago

Excursion to the Petroglyphs and the Rainbow Valley. Rio Grande Petroglyphs is a place of rock formations with numerous figures carved in the stone such as llamas, shamans, and other symbols whose meaning is still studied. Proceed to the Rainbow Valley, a rock formation, also rich in flora and fauna (guanacos and cacti among others) that, thanks to the different minerals that compose it, presents a variety of colours resembling the shades of a rainbows. Continue to Calama airport for your flight to Santiago. Accommodation at the airport hotel (walking distance, no transfer required)

Overnight in Santiago

Day 6 : Santiago – Punta Arenas – Puerto Natales

Time for your flight to Punta Arenas (flight not included). Arrival in Punta Arenas and guide assistance to board a regular bus to the city of Puerto Natales. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel.

Overnight in Puerto Natales

Day 7 : Puerto Natales

Full day excursion to Balmaceda & Serrano glaciers by boat (SIB): Early in the morning transfer to the pier to start a 3-hour navigation through the Ultima Esperanza Fjord to arrive to the thousand-year-old glacier of Mount Balmaceda, habitat of cormorants and sea lions. At the end of the fjord disembark and walk approximately 1 kilometer (3/4 mile) on a path

through the middle of a wonderful native forest to the foot of Glacier Serrano. From there, admire this huge natural wonder. On the way back, enjoy a whiskey with millenary ice and a barbecue lunch in a typical ranch. In the afternoon, arrival in Puerto Natales and transfer to your hotel (L)

Overnight in Puerto Natales

Day 8 : Puerto Natales – Torres del Paine – Puerto Natales

Full day excursion visiting Torres del Paine National Park. Departure from Puerto Natales, through steppes and Patagonia scrub, full of abundant wildlife and herds of sheep, up to Torres del Paine National Park declared world heritage by UNESCO. In the park, a large variety of native fauna can be observed. Visit the Salto Grande of the Pehoé River with the impressive mountain massif of Torres del Paine in the background. Then visit to Lake Pehoé, Lake Grey, from where you will see the Grey Glacier in the distance. On the way back, visit the Milodón Cave, natural monument where remains of the prehistoric herbivorous animal were found. Return to Puerto Natales in the evening.

Overnight in Puerto Natales



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Day 9 : Puerto Natales – Punta Arenas – Santiago

Transfer to the bus terminal to take the public bus towards Punta Arenas airport (the trip takes 3:15h). Arrival in Santiago and transfer to your hotel.

Overnight in Santiago

Day 10 : Santiago

Transfer to the airport to board your return flight.

The Package Includes - Seat in Bus (SIB)

- 9 nights accommodation in double occupancy including breakfast
- 2 lunches
- Santiago - transfers in private, and excursions by bus (SIB) with English-Spanish speaking guide
- San Pedro de Atacama - transfer and excursions are by bus (SIB). Transfers with Spanish speaking driver and excursions with English-Spanish speaking guide
- Patagonia - transfers are in private, and excursions by bus (SIB) with English-Spanish speaking guide, Transfers to/from hotel/pier operate only with Spanish speaking driver
- Public bus ticket Punta Arenas airport - Puerto Natales with guide assistance and bus transfers from/to hotel in Puerto Natales
- All entrance fees on tours specified in the program

The Package Includes – Private Basis

- 9 nights accommodation in double occupancy including breakfast
- 2 lunches
- Transfers and excursions in private with English-Spanish speaking guide, except the Astronomical tour and the navigations to Balmaceda-Serrano, Peulla and Puñihuil that operate by bus (SIB) with shared guide (not private) in English-Spanish
- Public bus ticket Punta Arenas airport - Puerto Natales with guide assistance and bus transfers from/to hotel in Puerto Natales
- Transfer hotel / pier / hotel in Puerto Natales with Spanish driver (no guide included)
- All entrance fees on tours, duly specified in the program

The packages do not include:

- Any flights
- Early Check-in and late Check-out fees
- Meals not mentioned, beverages
- Optional tours
- Gratuities
- Personal expenses



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Standard option:

Santiago, Providencia :	PROVIDENCIA Hotel (3* Sup.), Superior room
San Pedro de Atacama:	LA CASA DE DON TOMAS Hotel (3*), Standard room
Santiago, Airport:	HOLIDAY INN AIRPORT Hotel (4*), executive standard room
Puerto Natales :	VENDAVAL Hotel (3*), Standard room

Superior option:

Santiago, Las Condes: (5 min from downtown):	PULLMAN EL BOSQUE Hotel (4*), superior room San Pedro de Atacama, EL REFUGIO LA CASA DON TOMÁS Hotel (4*), Standard room
Santiago, Airport:	HOLIDAY INN AIRPORT Hotel (4*), executive standard room
Puerto Natales :	COSTA AUSTRALIS Hotel (4*), city view room

Land package 10 days / 9 nights, price per person in double occupancy

Departures 2023-2024 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Sunday	Private guide Standard hotels	Private guide Superior hotels	SIB Standard hotels	SIB Superior hotels
Oct. 1, 2023 – April 20, 2024 *	\$ 4,999	\$ 5,399	\$ 3,599	N/A
Single room supplement	On request			

* During Christmas and New Year land services have a 50% surcharge.

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