



Best of Chile

10 Nights

01 January 2017 – 30 November 2017



Summary

Soak up the cuisine, arts and beauty of dramatic Santiago before adopting a slower pace in the quieter Lakes District, where natural wonders are in abundance. With ample opportunity to indulge in epicurean delights and local wines, this trip delivers adventure, relaxation and culture in true South American style.

Wild Discovery Advantages

- A proven expertise in organizing successful holidays
- Experienced and knowledgeable staff
- High quality service & strong commitment to customer satisfaction
- Permanent assistance from Wild Discovery Head Office at any moment
- Attention to details that make the difference

Overview

Dates: 01 January 2017 – 30 November 2017

Interest: Group

Level of Comfort: 4/5

Minimum # of passengers: none

Maximum # of passengers: none

Information about the destination

- **Currency:** Chilean Peso
- **Language:** Spanish - English
- **Transportation:** Private car or bus
- **Dialing Code:** 56
- **Recommended vaccines:** None
- **Banks & currency exchange:** Money can be exchanged at hotels, exchange bureau (Casas de cambio) and banks

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Day 1 Monday: Arrival – Santiago de Chile

Upon arrival to the airport, meet greet and transfer to the hotel

Later on proceed to enjoy a city tour, visiting:

The church San Francisco, which was built between 1572 and 1618. You will pass through the Barrio Paris & London which is characterized by its European architectural style and its' narrow cobbled street.

Then you will pass by the sector of Club Hípico, one of the most beautiful horseracing tracks in South America, privileged by its architecture of the early centuries.

Continuing your tour to the Barrio Concha y Toro where you will immediately notice that the constructions of the buildings are very similar to those in the Barrio Paris y London. While walking through the main street you will recover vestiges of the aristocratic past of the capital. 1989 this district was declared as "Zona Tipica". You will be impressed by the gothic, neo-colonial and Bauhaus constructions.

After that you will visit the Plaza de Armas and the cathedral. Just around the corner, you will find the main post office, the National History museum, the Metropolitana and the town hall of Santiago. From here you head along the famous Alameda, Santiago's colorful main avenue, to the heart of the city, seeing the "Palacio de la Moneda" (seat of government), various monuments and public buildings.

Afterwards, you continue the tour by driving up to the San Cristóbal Hill. From one of the hill's view points, you will have the finest views of Santiago and the Andes Mountains. To round off the tour, you will pass through the modern residential areas of the city with their daring architecture and, finally, the bustling Providencia shopping zone.

Day 02 Tuesday: Santiago

Day free at leisure

Day 03 Wednesday: Santiago – Calama – San Pedro de Atacama

Transfer to the airport for the flight to Calama

Upon arrival, meet greet and transfer to San Pedro de Atacama.

You will walk through the picturesque village and will visit the beautiful white church of the town, with an inside construction of cactus.

Right in time for the beautiful sunset, you will drive to the Moon Valley in the late afternoon. It fascinates with silence, moonscape and the snow-capped volcanoes in the background. The last sun rays reaching the ground color the valley in shining orange, red and purple hues. Don't miss this unique experience!

Day 04 Thursday: San Pedro de Atacama

Today you will start your tour visiting the huge Atacama Salt Lake, an inland sea dating back millions of years. Enjoy a unique experience viewing this doubtlessly driest desert in the world.

The flatness, clearness and emptiness here are overwhelming. Following the road in direction to Argentina, you will get to know the Lagunas Miscanti & Meñiques, set at the base of two immense volcanoes. These alti-plane lakes are fringed with salt deposits and surrounded by brilliantly colored clumps of "paja brava", creating a singular visual experience. Afterwards you continue to the small Indian village of Toconao. The inhabitants of Toconao are producing beautiful small sculptures out of a white volcanic stone that can be found in a quarry near the village. Lunch is included. Return to the hotel.

Day 05 Friday: San Pedro de Atacama

Full day at leisure

Day 06 Saturday: San Pedro – Calama – Santiago de Chile

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Transfer to the airport for your flight to Santiago de Chile
 Upon arrival, meet greet and transfer to hotel
 Later on, proceed and visit a winery, Viña Undurraga
 Visit the old bodegas and the beautiful Casona. You will learn about the production growth in the grapes and the storage of fine wines. Finally you will have the possibility of some wine tasting

Day 07 Sunday: Santiago – Punta Arenas – Puerto Natales

Transfer to the airport Santiago for your flight to Punta Arenas
 Upon arrival, meet greet and transfer for a half day city tour of Punta Arenas.
 Then transfer to the local bus terminal where you will board the public bus to Puerto Natales, the starting point for tours to the spectacular National Park Torres del Paine, passing through the wideness of the Patagonian steppe with its huge sheep farms and beech woods contrasting with the mostly unadorned landscape.
 Upon arrival in Puerto Natales you will be transferred from the bus station to your hotel

Day 08 Monday: Puerto Natales – Torres del Paine

Today you are going to see one of the most spectacular scenic regions, nowhere found in the world, the Torres del Paine National Park! It covers an area of 113,000 hectares and has been named Biosphere Reserve by the UNESCO in 1978. Cascading waterfalls, roaring creeks, shimmering lakes and jagged spires of mountains are just a part of what Paine offers you. On route you will visit the legendary Milodon Cave. In this impressive natural cave a gigantic prehistoric fossil has been discovered. A replica is on view inside of it. The road you take borders majestic lakes. Have a glimpse at herds of guanacos, foxes, swans, and several small-sized birds. Enjoy a hike along the Grey Lake with spectacular views of the Grey Glacier

Day 09 Tuesday: Puerto Natales – Punta Arenas

Transfer from the hotel to the local bus terminal where you will board the public bus to Punta Arenas
 Upon arrival you will be transferred from the bus station to your hotel
 Afternoon at leisure

Day 10 Wednesday: Punta Arenas – Santiago de Chile

Transfer to Punta Arenas airport and board a flight to Santiago
 Upon arrival in Santiago, met greet and transfer to your hotel

Day 11 Thursday: Santiago de Chile

Transfer to the airport for your homebound flight

Selected hotels (or similar)

Nights	Regions	3* hotels	4* hotels
4	Santiago	Hotel Providencia	Atton Vitacura
3	San Pedro de Atacama	Hosteria San Pedro	Kimal
1	Puerto Arenas	Rey Don Felipe	Cabo de Hornos
2	Puerto Natales	Martin Gusinde	Costaustralis

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Prices Include

Round trip ticket to Santiago (economy class)
Internal flights: Santiago – Calama // Calama – Puerto Montt // Puerto Montt - Punta Arenas – Santiago
Round trip transfer: airport – hotel – airport
10-night accommodation at hotel
Meals: daily breakfast
English speaking local guides
Tours and excursions as per the program
Assistance of our representative in Chile

Prices Exclude

Airport taxes
Fuel surcharge
DIP surcharge \$5/ticket
Optional Tours
Visa fees
Travel insurance
All other expenses

Starting Price Per Person in US\$

Hotel	Period	Double	Single
3* hotels	01/01/17 – 30/11/17	4105	4990
4* hotels	01/01/17 – 31/03/17	4380	5390
	01/04/17 – 30/11/17	4460	5505

- Prices may change without prior notice and subject to availability at time of booking

Flight Schedule

From	To	Flight No	Departure	Arrival
Beirut	Paris	AF 565	16:10	19:45
Paris	Santiago	AF 406	23:30	09:00
Santiago	Paris	AF 401	16:30	11:15
Paris	Beirut	AF 562	16:30	21:45

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