



## Classic Chile

12 Nights

April – October 2018



### Summary

Be seduced by the arty charm of Valparaíso, the colourful chaotic jewel of the coast. Marvel at the lunar landscapes of the star laden Atacama desert. Blow all European cobwebs away amongst endless skies of bracing Patagonian air in Torres del Paine National Park. Savour crisp white wines in the gloriously green Casablanca Valley, home to Chile's much-famed vineyards.

### Overview

**Dates:** April – October 2018

**Interest:** Group - Family

**Level of Comfort:** 4/5

**Minimum # of passengers:** None

**Maximum # of passengers:** None

### 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

### 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:**           **Santiago**  
Upon arrival at Santiago, meet greet and transfer to hotel
- Day 2:**           **Santiago**  
Santiago is a dizzying mix of European cultures, Andean vibes and mesmerizing mountain views. This afternoon explore with your guide its trendy neighborhoods, which according to the New York Times are pushing the cities 'style revolution', beg to be explored on foot. Take a day to wander the wide boulevards, gaze up at the imposing architecture and get lost in some of the best museums and galleries which South America has to offer, all at your own lazy Latin pace.
- Day 3:**           **Valparaiso**  
A maze of quaint cobbled streets and pretty coloured houses clamour up the hills of this charming city. Here some of Latin America's best street art fights for space on colourful flowerpot laden alleys;and poets, philosophers and artists throng to soak up the vibe of this deeply romantic city. We are pretty sure you will be as smitten by it as Chile's art elite, especially after visiting the Nobel prize winning poet Pablo Neruda's house on the hill, with a jaw dropping view of the ocean.
- Day 4:**           **Santiago / Atacama**  
Get ready to embrace desert life as you fly away from buzzing civilisation to the tranquil moon like Atacama desert. Your hop off point is Calama the gateway to the geological and archaeological wonders of the central desert but we will whisk you off to pretty San Pedro de Atacama where you can channel your inner bohemian as you potter round it's charming adobe flanked streets. It has a laid back artistic vibe encouraged by the heat and colourful indigenous culture.
- Days 5,6:**       **Atacama**  
The surreal lunar landscape of the Atacama Desert although a seemingly never-ending wilderness holds a treasure trove of unexpected treats in the shape of punchy pink flamingos, steaming geysers, snow capped volcanoes and some truly extraordinary vegetation. It's far from the dry and arid desert you might expect. You have 2 days to explore this unspoilt playground—hit up the dunes on a 4WD adventure, float horses down sand dunes, take a morning dip in a bubbling geyser or hike up one of the many stunning volcanoes or rock formations. You can relax at night gazing at the sparkling skies above, the region said to have some of the world's best stargazing.
- Day 7:**           **Atacama / Wine Country**  
You swap one spectacular destination for another, and we take the pain out of leaving the Atacama by plonking you in the heart of the gloriously green Casablanca Valley in Chiles verdurous wine country. Here a Mediterranean climate conjures up the perfect terroir for the crisp white wine it produces, also perfect conditions to kick back in lazy-hazy relaxation and enjoy them. We won't hang around but leave you in your intimate wine lodge set in oh-so-pretty gardens from where you can explore the estate on foot, horseback or simply laze by the pool after a personal wine tasting session.
- Day 8:**           **Atacama**  
At your leisure to explore!

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**Day 9: Wine Country / Torres del Paine**

Today takes you to one of Chile's greatest treasures, In good conditions the flight South to Patagonia is a truly awe-inspiring one and you see the spectacular views of the Southern ice field, glaciers, crater lakes and volcanoes lofty peaks as you descend towards Torres del Paine National Park. You won't notice the landscape changing much on the long but dramatic drive from the airport but will be richly rewarded as you turn off the main highway towards those infamous spikey peaks of Torres del Paine National Park, where suddenly a whole new world of fiery gorse, sculpturesque trees and roaming guanacos awaits you.

**Day 10, 11: Torres del Paine**

Striking out over the next 3 days from your luxurious lodge you will be rewarded by the dramatic sights of the park as you gulp in lungfuls of fresh air, under a breathtakingly big sky. This majestic landscape is crying out to be explored on foot, horseback, mountain bike and boat. You will discover lakes, glaciers and granite peaks and big sky tracks topped by otherworldly cloud formations. After roaming this adventurer's playground slip into the spa or snug down by a roaring fire and indulge in lip smacking local cuisine. Then wake up and do it all again.

**Day 12: Torres del Paine / Santiago**

Nothing beats the feeling of days spent in the crisp unpolluted air Patagonia is so famous for, and you will return to Santiago today with a spring in your step ready to hit up the hip Bellavista quarter, the arts hub of the city where you can spend your last night in Chile at a classic jazz concert or out in the setting city sun enjoying a sumptuous dinner at one of Santiago's fine seafood restaurants.

**Day 13: Santiago**

After a day sauntering through the city's gloriously cosmopolitan streets, stocking up on souvenirs and having one last leisurely lunch in one of the superb cafes it's time to return home. You'll return on an overnight flight –or, why not extend your adventure by heading out to the remote and mysterious Easter Island?

**Selected hotels (or similar)**

Nights	Regions	5* Stars
4	Santiago	The Singular Santiago
2	Atacama	Alto Atacama Lodge and Spa
2	Atacama / Wine Country	Las Casona at Matetic
4	Torres del Paine	The Singular Patagonia

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#### Prices Include

Round trip ticket to Santiago (economy class)  
Round trip transfer: airport – hotel – airport  
12-night accommodation at hotel  
Meals: daily breakfast, 7 lunches & 6 dinners  
English speaking local guides  
Full day tour of Santiago  
Full day tour of Valparaiso  
Full day tour of Atacama  
2 full day tour of Atacama Desert by horses  
Full day tour of Atacama / wine country  
3 full day tour of Torres del Paine  
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

5\* hotels

##### Per person

12790

- *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	15:55	19:35
Paris	Buenos Aires	AF 406	23:40	10:10
Santiago	Paris	AF 401	14:15	08:15
Paris	Beirut	AF 5104	10:00	15:20

#### Payment facilities available with CFC

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