



Best of Chile

10 Nights



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.

Overview

Interest: Group

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:

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 Típica". 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:

Santiago

Day free at leisure

Day 03:

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:

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 altiplane 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:

San Pedro de Atacama

Full day at leisure

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- Day 06:** **San Pedro – Calama – Santiago de Chile**
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:** **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:** **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:** **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:** **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:** **Santiago de Chile**
Transfer to the airport for your homebound flight

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