

## Chile: Our Signature Journey



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## Days 1-3: Santiago:

- Day 1: Arrival transfer from the airport to your hotel.
- Day 2: Half day city tour with private, English speaking guide.
  - Optional visit to a local vineyard.
- Day 3: Departure transfer to the airport.

The Chilean capital is a busy modern metropolis with a backdrop of the Andes. The city has a number of attractive parks, some 30 museums and about 40 art galleries of which the Chilean Museum of Pre-Colombian Art, near the 16<sup>th</sup> century Plaza de Armas in the heart of the city, is particularly noteworthy, both for the quality of objects and their presentation. Just west of the centre is the Barrio Brasil, a lively area of restaurants, bars and cafes. East of the centre, near Plaza Italia in the Lastarria district, are Parque Forestal and Parque Balmaceda. The Concha y Toro vineyard is located in the Maipo valley just 25km south of the capital. Concha y Toro was founded in 1883 and is today the largest exporter of Chilean wine.

## Days 3-6: Torres del Paine:

- Day 3: Arrival transfer to your hotel; 3 nights' accommodation.
- Day 4: Excursions in Torres del Paine National Park
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- Day 6: Transfer to airport in time to check in for the flight to Santiago.

There is no shortage of excursions, treks and activities in Torres del Paine National Park. We recommend a full day tour to the Paine mastiff with a boat trip on Lago Grey for a close-up view of Grey glacier and half day excursions to Salto Grande and Laguna Azul.

## Days 6-7: Santiago:

- Day 6: Overnight at an airport hotel.
- Day 7: Return to the airport in time to fly to Calama.

## Days 7-10: Atacama Desert:

- Day 7: Arrival transfer from Calama airport to your hotel; 3 nights' accommodation.
- Day 8: Full Day Excursion to the Atacama Salt Lake
- Day 9: Other excursions in the Atacama Desert (e.g. Moon Valley)
- Day 10: Departure transfer to Calama airport in time for your flight to Santiago.

The Atacama desert has been described by some as like Mars although others suggest it is like the moon. The great salt lake of Salar de Atacama is home to thousands of flamingos, which you don't get on either.

## Optional Extensions:

We thoroughly recommend an extra night in Patagonia or in the Atacama Desert if time and costs allow. Other options would be to spend a few days exploring the Chilean Lake District or to stay at a vineyard near Santiago. The icing on the cake is to fly out to Easter Island (Rapa Nui) and to spend a few days on this remarkably fascinating island, famous for its stone statues ('moai').

Please contact us to discuss the various options and extensions.



## South America Revealed: Chile - Our Signature Journey

### Suggested Hotels and Indicative Costs (excluding transatlantic flights):

	<u>Premium</u>	<u>Upper</u>	<u>Upper-Mid-Range</u>	<u>Mid-Range</u>
<b>Santiago</b>	Ritz Carlton	The Singular	Lasterra Boutique	Hotel Orly
<b>Torres del Paine</b>	Awasi Patagonia	Tierra Patagonia	Explora en Patagonia	Las Torres
<b>Santiago Airport</b>	Hilton Gardens	Holiday Inn Airport Hotel	Holiday Inn	City Express
<b>Atacama Desert</b>	Awasi Atacama	Alto Atacama	Explora Atacama	Don Tomas
<b>Indicative Costs:</b>	<i>From £5,764 pp</i>	<i>From £4,884 pp</i>	<i>From £4,065 pp</i>	<i>From £2,696 pp</i>

#### Notes:

Indicative Costs are per person based on two people travelling together and sharing a double/twin room.

Transatlantic flights are not included: we will book your transatlantic flights in economy, premium economy, business or first class according to your preference.

Domestic flights within South America are included in economy class. Please contact us to discuss upgrades.

Additional supplements apply for special events such as Christmas & the New Year. Costs for 2021 are not yet confirmed.

**What's included in the price:** All accommodation and meals as detailed; Local taxes & service charges associated with included accommodation - All transfers & sightseeing as detailed; various activities; ATOL protection; Research, sourcing, design and preparation of your tailor-made holiday itinerary and quote; booking admin and processing; The services of our local ground agent who will coordinate your stay and ensure that everything runs smoothly including access to a local English language 24/7 telephone help line.

**What's not included in the price:** Transatlantic flights; any national park entry fees which have to be paid locally; drinks, gratuities and items of a personal nature; meals and optional excursions not listed as included; personal travel insurance; passport and visa costs (e.g. costs associated with obtaining an American ESTA visa waiver, if flying via USA); Airport departure tax on leaving Peru, payable locally in US\$ and currently US\$ per person.

Please contact us for costs for families and parties of 3 or more passengers and for travel in 2021.

**Extensions:** Please contact us to discuss additional nights in Patagonia or Atacama and extensions to Easter Island, the Lake District or to a Chilean vineyard. We also book extensions to Antarctica and to the Falklands Islands.

#### Seasons and Climate

South America is a year-round destination. The best time for travelling to southern Patagonia is between October and April.

#### Entry

British nationals travelling on a full, valid British passport do not require a visa for entry to Chile. You should ensure that your passport is valid for at least 6 months beyond the date of arrival.

#### Vaccinations

It is advisable to check your immunizations for Polio, Tetanus, Typhoid and Hepatitis A. If you have been to Africa within 3 months of arriving in South America you may need to provide proof of vaccination against Yellow Fever.

#### Exchange Rates

Costs in Latin America are subject to \$/£ exchange rates. At present we are working on current exchange rates of 1.2932 (as at 09 Jan 2020).

#### Group Tours:

Although we specialise in building tailor-made itineraries for independent travellers, some people prefer to travel as part of a small group accompanied by a Tour Leader.

We offer a range of group tours from 14 days to 3 weeks or more at comfort levels to suit most budgets and age ranges.

<https://latinamericarevealed.co.uk/escorted-tours/>

#### Honeymoons:

If you are booking your honeymoon with us, we will create a personalised wedding honeymoon gift list website for you.

Your friends and family will be able to contribute towards the cost of your trip with personal messages which can be public or confidential as they prefer.

#### Cruises:

Revealed Travel also book a range of cruise ships in Latin America. The journey from Peru to Argentina following the Pacific coastline through the fjords of Chile and around Cape Horn is recommended.

For an introduction to some of the cruises we offer, please click the following link:

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