

CHILE VISIONS



Day 1: Arrive Santiago

Upon arrival at Santiago airport transfer to your hotel and time to relax from your flight.

Day 2 : Santiago Tour

After breakfast discover Santiago, a mix between historic and modern. The tour offers a panoramic vision of the city, passing through places like the Constitution square and Government Palace. Driving through popular streets in downtown Santiago see the National Theatre and reach the Plaza de Armas, heart of the city since 1541. Around this central square there are many important buildings like the Santiago Cathedral, City Hall, the National Historic Museum and the Post Office. Continue towards The Central Market, Mapocho Train Station and Fine Arts Museum. Crossing the river reach the Bellavista neighbourhood, a bohemian area where you start to climb the San Cristobal hill, the highest pick inside the city. You also have the Peumayen Gastronomy Experience to explore the culinary roots of Chile

Day 3 : Santiago - Veramonte Vineyard - Valparaiso

Today make your way to the port city declared a World Heritage Site. Valparaíso is one of South America's most charming and picturesque ports. It is a blend of historical interest, natural beauty and unique architecture. On route stop at the Veramonte vineyard in Casablanca Valley, here you take a tour and taste the wines. Then continue to Valparaiso to visit the La Sebastiana museum, one of the houses of Pablo Neruda, Nobel Prize of Literature winner. Next see the Plaza Sotomayor, flanked by buildings which were declared Historical Heritage in front of the Prat Pier. From here take the funicular El Peral to get to Yugoslavian promenade where you have an excellent view of the bay. Later depart Valparaíso for Viñadel Mar also known as the garden city. Drive along the coastal road to reach Reñaca a famous beach. After lunch you may want to stroll along the boardwalk before returning to Santiago.

Day 4 : Santiago - Calma - San Pedro

After breakfast transfer to Santiago airport for your domestic flight to Calama, San Pedro de Atacama. Upon arrival transfer to San Pedro. On the way you see a wonderful landscape and a great view of the salt range. In the afternoon explore to the Death Valley and the

Moon Valley, both part of the National Reserve Los Flamencos. Here you can experience one of the most desolated and arid landscapes on the earth. The Moon Valley, a place with beautiful shapes and colours, is often compared with the surface of the moon. Visit the salt caverns and the three Marias before returning to your hotel.

Day 5 : San Pedro - Toconao - Atacama Salt Flat

In the morning depart from San Pedro, on route you see the impressive Licancabur volcano and some native trees such as the tamarugo and the chañar. Arrive at the interesting little Toconao village, well known for its construction in Liparita, a volcanic stone quarried nearby. Close to the quarry is the Jerez valley, a stunning, green contrast to the surrounding desert landscape. From here continue to head into the centre of the Salar de Atacama, the largest salt lake in Chile, located at the National reserve Los Flamencos. Arriving at the Chaxsa Lagoon you have the opportunity to observe the wide variety of beautiful birds that inhabit the lagoon, especially pink flamingos. Afterwards return to San Pedro

Day 6 : El Tatio Geysers & Puritama Hot Springs

Today calls for an early start from the hotel to reach the Geysers del Tatio. Arrive at the geysers in the morning hours to enjoy a picnic style breakfast and a guided stroll through the geothermal field. You can see the geysers and pools of boiling water and mud. On the way back make a detour to visit the small shelters village of Machuca, known for its home made empanadas, sopaipillas, skewers, coffee and coca tea. Later visit the Puritama Hot Springs where you have the opportunity to enjoy these warm waters that emanate from beneath the rocks before returning to the hotel.

Day 7 : San Pedro De Atacama - Santiago - Isla De Pascua

After breakfast transfer to the airport for your domestic flight to Santiago and onwards flight to Isla De Pascua. Here the moai, a symbol to the Rapa Nui, have become a universal icon. They were the dominating element on the island, but before having the first reconstructed image sculptures, the island lived through one of its worst periods. Immerse yourself on the route of the dawn of this megalithic stage of the Rapa Nui culture, visiting sites along the west coast where you are able to understand why this civilization was able to destroy itself and later rise up to continue with the peak of the Rapa Nui civilization.

Day 8 : Isla De Pascua Tour

Today discover the place where the Bird Man competition used to be celebrated, which took place every year in the spring time on the cliffs of the Rano Kau volcano and the ceremonial village of Orongo. This fresh water crater is one of the main volcanoes on the island and has a privileged view of the Pacific Ocean and of the interior of the volcano. Visit the Orongo ceremonial village which is of great importance on a cultural and spiritual level. The village has a total of 54 houses, most are restored. There is a path that allows a direct view to the restored houses along with its cave art and petroglyphs. Next head towards Vinapu, this ceremonial centres one of the most important on the island and one of the most mysterious, since its big slabs built out of basalt fit perfectly on the back of its ahu or platform.

Day 9 : Isla De Pascua Tour

After breakfast continue your tour of the Island. Today you visit the five archeological sites, Akahanga, Rano Raraku and Ahu Tongariki. These important places for the Rapa Nui culture, located in the south coast. Later you are invited for a typical lunch at the home of a Rapa Nui family. Afterwards make your way to Te Pito Kura. This archeological site known as the navel of the world, has a platform that until today has maintained intact with its moai. This Moai is the biggest sculpture ever to have been transported from the Rano Raraku quarry and lifted over its ahu. The last steps of today's tour are reserved for Anakena, one of the most important beaches in the history of the Easter Island. In this same place you find two ahus and the irrepresicible moais. This is a perfect place for contemplation, rest and to enjoy the white sands and crystal clear waters.

Day 10 : Isla de Pascua - Santiago Departure

After breakfast transfer to the Isla de Pascua airport for your domestic flight to Santiago from where you take your international return flight.