

Captivating CHILE: Land of Contrasts

Explore one of the most geographically diverse countries in South America. Discover Chile's capital city, Santiago, and its many contrasts. Witness one of Chile's UNESCO World Heritage sites: Seaport City of Valparaíso. Sense the breathtaking landscapes and shapes of the Atacama Desert, one of the driest places on earth. Learn about Andean cultures in Chile's archeological capital, San Pedro de Atacama. Embrace the natural beauty of North Patagonia landscapes. Discover the history and culture of early colonizers around the Lake District.

Program dates

Program begins:	Sunday, October 15, 2017
Program end and departure:	Monday, October 30, 2017

Chile - Day by Day Program Itinerary October 2017

Day 1 – Sunday 15

- Arrival in Chile, Santiago International Airport (SCL)
 - Meet and Greet by Experiment Chile staff
 - Transfer to hotel
 - Check in at 12:30 pm
 - Lunch
 - Time to rest
 - Program introduction and orientation
 - Introduction to Chile (lecture)
 - Dinner
- (Stay in Santiago City)**



Day 2- Monday 16

- Breakfast at hotel
 - Departure for Santiago City excursion, visit La Moneda Palace, downtown Santiago
 - Traditional Chilean lunch at a local restaurant in Santiago
 - Back to Santiago, exploration of San Cristobal Hill, Metropolitan Park, local craft market
 - Back to hotel
 - Dinner at hotel or restaurant
- (Stay in Santiago City)**



Day 3- Tuesday 17

- Breakfast at hotel
 - Visit National Museum of Natural History in Quinta Normal or alternative
 - Check out from hotel
 - Trip to Viña del Mar & Valparaíso crossing the Aconcagua Valley
 - Lunch out at a traditional Chilean restaurant in the countryside (Los Andes Town)
 - Stopover at traditional family run winery from colonial days
 - Visit to alpaca farm
 - Arrival in Viña del Mar or Valparaíso cities
 - Free time suggested activities
 - Dinner at hotel
- (Stay in Valparaíso or Viña del Mar)**



Day 4- Wednesday 18

- Breakfast at hotel
 - Full day excursion to Valparaíso city including boat ride around the harbor area, visit to Chile's National Congress, exploration of Valparaíso hills and funiculars
 - Lunch at fishing village
 - Free afternoon
 - Dinner out at traditional restaurant in Valparaíso
- (Stay in Valparaíso or Viña del Mar)**



Day 5- Thursday 19

- Breakfast at hotel
 - Hotel check out
 - Trip back to Santiago by the coast
 - Introduction to Pablo Neruda, Chile's 2nd Nobel Prize in Literature winner
 - Stopover at Neruda's home in Isla Negra
 - Lunch
 - Cross the Casablanca wine valley
 - Arrival in Santiago
 - Hotel check in
 - Dinner
- (Stay in Santiago City or close to airport)**



Day 6– Friday 20

- Breakfast at hotel
 - Morning transfer to airport
 - Fly from Santiago to Calama
 - Transfer from Calama to San Pedro de Atacama
 - Stop over at Yerba Buena Petroglyphs and Rainbow Valley
 - Trip to San Pedro
 - Picnic Lunch
 - Hotel check in
 - Time to rest
 - Orientation and walking around San Pedro de Atacama
 - Dinner
- (Stay in San Pedro de Atacama)**



Day 7- Saturday 21

- Breakfast at hotel
 - Lecture on Atacameño culture
 - Exploration of Kitor Pukara, XII century Atacameño fortress
 - Lunch
 - Exploration of Tulo Archaeological Village
 - Salt Mountain Range and Moon Valley Discovery
 - Sunset at Moon Valley
 - Dinner
- (Stay in San Pedro de Atacama)**



Day 8 – Sunday 22

- Breakfast at hotel
 - Free morning
 - Live Music from the Andes
 - Lunch
 - Chaxa Lagoon and Toconao town in the Atacama Salt Flat
 - Dinner
- (Stay in San Pedro de Atacama)**



Day 9 – Monday 23

- Breakfast at hotel
- Transfer to Calama airport
- Visit to Chuquicamata Copper Mine & town
- Lunch in Calama City
- Airport Check in
- Fly from Calama to Santiago City
- Transfer to hotel
- Check in at hotel
- Free afternoon
- Introduction to next site
- Dinner

(Stay in Santiago or hotel close to airport)



Day 10 – Tuesday 24

- Breakfast at hotel
- Transfer to airport
- Fly to Puerto Montt city
- Check in at hotel
- Lunch at hotel
- Puerto Montt city & Puerto Varas exploration
- Dinner

(Stay in Puerto Montt or Puerto Varas Hotel)



Day 11 – Wednesday 25

- Breakfast at hotel
- Coach transfer to Frutillar
- Lunch in Frutillar
- Exploration of German Colonial Museum in Frutillar town by Lake Llanquihue
- Back to hotel
- Dinner

(Stay in Puerto Varas or Puerto Montt)



Day 12 – Thursday 26

- Breakfast at hotel
 - Hotel check out
 - Half day exploration of Lake Llanquihue, Osorno volcano and Petrohue falls
 - Lunch
 - Transfer to Airport
 - Fly from Puerto Montt to Balmaceda airport
 - Transfer from Balmaceda airport to Puerto Chacabuco with stopovers on the way crossing Puerto Aysen and Coyahique cities
 - Check in at hotel
 - Welcome drink
 - Briefing of program and introduction to site
 - Welcome dinner
- (Stay in Chacabuco)**



Day 13– Friday 2

- Morning coffee and cookie service at hotel
 - Full day catamaran sailing excursion to Laguna San Rafael (glacier located in the north ice field in Patagonia) Sailing across the Patagonian fiords and sea canals of southern Chile
 - All-inclusive service onboard, including breakfast, lunch and open bar. Zodiac excursions (subject to weather conditions to approach San Rafael glacier)
 - Back to Hotel
 - Dinner at Hotel
- (Stay in Chacabuco)**



Day 14-Saturday 28

- Buffet breakfast at hotel
 - Full day excursion to Aiken Park, outdoor trekking (easy walk)
 - Traditional Patagonian lunch at Quincho
 - Return to hotel
 - Free time
 - Dinner at hotel
- (Stay in Chacabuco)**



Day 15–Sunday 29

- Buffet breakfast at hotel
- Hotel check out at noon
- Transfer to Balmaceda airport
- Lunch – light snack at airport
- Fly to Santiago
- Transfer to hotel
- Check in at hotel
- Dinner

(Stay in Santiago)

**Day 16 – Monday 30**

- Breakfast at hotel
- Free time to enjoy city (suggested activities)
- Hotel check out
- Lunch
- Group transfer to airport with stopover at local craft market
- Fly back home

Activity level

Participants must be able to handle their own luggage and be able to walk from one to two miles per day, climb a few flights and stand in a museum or spot for an hour or more. You should be able to walk on even and uneven surfaces when exploring historic places or a nature trail and able to stand under sunny and dry weather during the Atacama Desert experience.

Elevation Notes

Sites such as Valparaíso and South Chile are close to sea level except for Santiago city which is located at an average altitude of 1800 feet during the first and last segments of the trip. Different from Central and South Chile, the base town in the Atacama Desert, San Pedro de Atacama, is located at an altitude of 7,900 ft.

Program in review

Domestic Flights: Santiago-Calama-Santiago / Santiago-Puerto Montt / Puerto Montt- Balmaceda / Balmaceda -Santiago

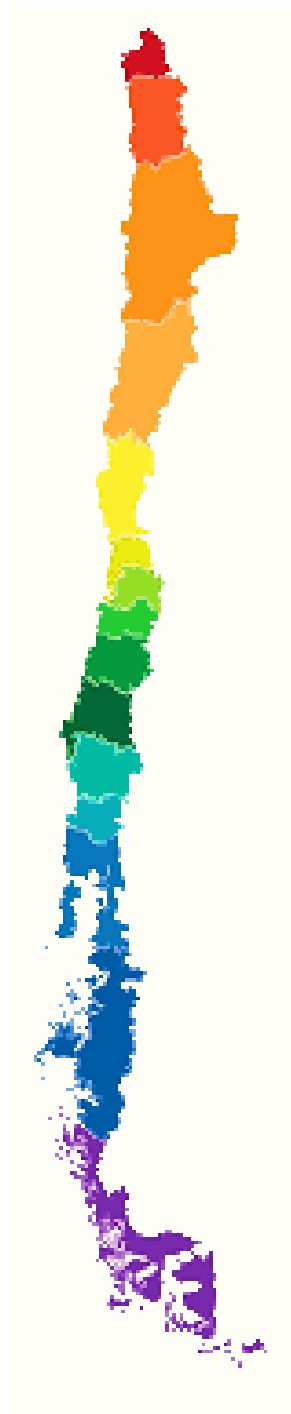
Ground Transportation: Private coach

Program Fee: \$4900 Double Occupancy
\$1100 Single Supplement

The program fee includes airport transfers, rooms, three meals a day, educational programs, entrance fees, in-country transportation, and tipping. The program fee DOES NOT include airfare to or from Chile, laundry, liquor, or souvenirs.

Important information about your itinerary

Please know that while we have done everything we can to finalize all aspects of your programs well in advance, there are logistics that occasionally must be altered. We will be updating and informing of any changes if any, and we are committed to providing you with final program details no later than eight weeks prior to the start of program.



BASE SITES

Santiago City: Chile's economic and political capital city. An energetic and fast growing city with an interesting mix of provincial and modern urban center and almost seven million inhabitants. Surrounded by mountains, close to the Andes and the Pacific, it is the starting point for your Chile experience.

Valparaíso/Viña del Mar: Syncopated, dilapidated, colorful, and poetic, Valparaíso is a wonderful mess. Pablo Neruda, Chile's second Nobel prize in literature, who drew much inspiration from this hard-working port town, said it best: 'Valparaíso, how absurd you are...you haven't combed your hair, you've never had time to get dressed, life has always surprised you.' Poets, painters and would-be philosophers have long been drawn to Chile's most unusual city, a UNESCO World Heritage site by the spectacular faded beauty of its chaotic *cerros* (hills), some of the best street art in Latin America, a maze of steep, sinuous streets, alleys and *escaleras* (stairways) piled high with crumbling mansions.

San Pedro de Atacama: Town lying at the entrance of the driest desert on earth, Atacama. Located in Chile's II region at the north edge of the Atacama Salt Flat, it is a lively place surrounded by natural wonders, volcanoes, salt flats, lagoons, impressive views, mountain ranges and a magnificent archeological legacy of more than 10,000 years as a result of the Atacameño people's adaptation to the surrounding area. One of the best places in the southern hemisphere to observe the sky during the night.

Puerto Montt/Puerto Varas: Both cities located in one of most attractive locations in the lake district, beginning north of Patagonia. Learn about the influence of German colonizers who inhabited the area in the mid 1800s and visit Chile's first national park next to Osorno volcano, Vicente Perez Rosales. Explore Frutillar town located on the shores of Llanquihue Lake and get familiar with the influence of German colonizers on the area.

Puerto Chacabuco: Experience the heart of deep Patagonia as you traverse the beautiful scenery of canyons, rivers, pampas, mountains, and lakes to reach the port town of Puerto Chacabuco. Sail the Patagonian sea channels to admire the pristine beauty of the surrounding area, fiords, islands and the amazing beauty of San Rafael Glacier and icebergs floating on the water.