



# CHILE ITINERARY

## 7 DAY ITINERARY

**Day 1 Santiago** – upon arrival, private transfer from airport to hotel located in the Lastarria area of Santiago near a lovely park and many dining options. Each morning breakfast will be included.



### Afternoon Santiago City tour with San Cristóbal Hill



Encounter Santiago, Chile's capital, nestled in the central valley, right below the imposing Andes. This city mixes the “Mapuche” legacy, the natives that inhabited this land during the Pre-Columbian era, our

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Spanish colonial past and the modernity of any thriving city of the world. Walk its streets, visit its museums, engage with its architecture and become a part of it. Historical and contemporary features combined in the heart of Chile.

From your hotel in Santiago, the city downtown awaits you. Proceed through the main avenue of the city, Alameda del Libertador General Bernardo O'Higgins, passing by the San Francisco Church, the oldest monument of the country erected in 1568 housing a convent, miraculously withstanding several earthquakes.

Start off by visiting the Santa Lucía Hill, where the Spanish conquistador Pedro de Valdivia founded the city on February 12th 1541. After a quick visit to its top, descend to visit the Lastarria Neighborhood, located right below the hill. This recently renovated neighborhood houses little cute cafés, exquisite restaurants and a couple of museums worth visiting (time permitting).

From here, you will be taken to the La Moneda Palace, nowadays the neoclassical style government palace, but originally constructed to house the Mint of the Spanish Crown during the 18th century. A few blocks away, walk along Paseo Ahumada until reaching Plaza de Armas (The Main Square). When Pedro de Valdivia founded Santiago in 1541, he laid out this square as the heart of the newly-formed city. This bustling spot houses the oldest buildings of the capital: the Cathedral Church of Santiago, rebuilt in 1748 on the very site where all four previous churches were destroyed by fires and earthquakes, the Central Post Office and the National Historical Museum, the former "Real Audiencia" or Spanish Royal Court.

A little further, cross the Mapocho River and head straight towards the Bellavista Neighbourhood, a lively place, core of the night and artistic life, where pubs, cultural centers and international gastronomy can be found.

Return to your hotel for dinner and evening on your own.



## Day 2 Santiago -Maipo Valley Winery tour

- Full day Tour Maipo Valley
- Wine tasting at Almaviva Windery and Santa Rita Winery
- Wine tasting and lunch at Santa Rita winery

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Depart from your hotel in Santiago to head to the district of Puente Alto, in the Maipo Valley, an hour away from Santiago's downtown.

Amidst the countryside find the Almaviva Winery; in 1997, Baroness Philippine de Rothschild, Chairman of the Advisory Board of Baron Philippe de Rothschild SA, and Eduardo Guisasa Tagle, Chairman of Viña Concha y Toro, sealed a partnership agreement with a view to create an exceptional Franco-Chilean wine called Almaviva.

While Chile offers its soil, climate and vineyards, France contributes with its winemaking savoir-faire and traditions. The result is exceptionally elegant and complex.

Visit the winery and wine cellar, enjoying its natural setting. Then, some wine tasting.

Next, we will visit the Santa Rita Winery, founded in 1880 by Domingo Fernandez Concha. At the time, they had brought the latest French technology for its construction. French and American oak were used in its wine cellar, where the wines take a complex body with a taste of wood and smooth, delicate smell. The Patronal House stands in a park of 40 hectares, where centenary trees captivate the attention of the visitors (does not include visit to private Park).

Tour the wine cellar and have lunch at "Doña Paula" restaurant, both declared a National Monument. The vineyards restaurant was named after Paula Jaraquemada, a woman who sheltered General O'Higgins and 120 of his men, during the independence time. One of the Winery's most renowned wines honours this episode in Chile's history. Finally, visit the Museo Andino with its wide collection of 1800's Pre-Columbian pieces of art.

After tour and wine tasting, return to your hotel for dinner and evening on your own.



## **Day 3 Santiago - Vinas Del Mar y Valparaiso Tour**

Begin your one hour and forty-five minute journey on Route 68 from your hotel in Santiago heading towards the coast to the beautiful city of Viña del Mar, also known as the Garden City, for a visit of its main streets and avenues, museums, and its large homes and palaces. Later head along the coast towards

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Reñaca, one of Chile's most famous beach towns to enjoy a bit of sunshine and nature!

Head around the bay to Valparaíso, and set off by discovering this busy port city with its charming hills. Pass by Chile's parliament building as well as other examples of the historical architecture that makes Valparaíso a World Heritage Site since 2003.

Once in Valparaíso, start off with a visit to La Sebastiana, one of Pablo Neruda's three homes in Chile, now a Museum. Your next stop is a must; the "Artillería" lift will take you to the 21 de Mayo lookout point. There is no place in Valparaíso with this view; watch the port activity, the rolling hills full of color and furthermore, see how the city has developed over recent years.

Continue around the "cerros" or hills of the city to the San Luis square. Come across Cerro Concepción, and discover it on foot with its Anglican and Lutheran churches, and the Paseo Atkinson alleyway with its famous Brighton Restaurant. Walk over to Paseo Gervasoni where the famous Café Turri and the house of the cartoonist Lukas are located. Cross over to Cerro Alegre where the Paseo Yugoslavo and Baburitz Palace, once home to a Croatian immigrant and now the recently renovated Fine Arts museum of Valparaíso, are situated. From here descend on the "El Peral" lift to encounter the Plaza Sotomayor. This is where the Monument to the Fallen Heroes of Iquique is emplaced.

## Day 4 Santiago – Puerto Montt & Puerto Varas



- **Transfer to airport for flight from Santiago to Puerto Montt and hotel in Puerto Varas.**

City tour Puerto Varas – H/D - Depart from your hotel in Puerto Varas; one of the most beautiful cities, also known as the "City of Roses". The city is located in an environment where German traditions coexist with Chilean culture, and some of its highlights are the wooden architecture, its local food and crafts, where you will be able to visit the Sacred Heart of Jesus Church and the Costanera Avenue.

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The visit continues in the city of Puerto Montt, the region's capital and the commercial and fishing center. As we tour the city, located on the shore of the Pacific Ocean, there are panoramic views of the bay and of Tenglo Bay. In Puerto Montt there are a variety of tourist attractions that enhance its beauty such as the center, its cathedral, the colorful seafood market where you can see fishermen going about their daily business, and the handicrafts market of Angelmó, with a variety of copper, wool, wood and lapis lazuli products.

Upon completing the tour, return to your hotel in Puerto Varas for dinner on your own.

## **Day 5 Full Day excursión to Peulla**



Puerto Varas and Bariloche, two cities full of magic and charm, are both starting points of this marvelous trip across the Andes. Two of the best kept secrets nestled in the heart of the mountain range, Peulla and Puerto Blest, are places that offer unique landscapes, bright emerald lakes, native rainforests, scents of untouched nature and the warmth of its people that accompany its guests throughout this unique adventure.

Cruce Andino, Harborage of magical places.

- Departure from Puerto Varas to Petrohue.
- Brief visit to Petrohue Riverfalls (Entrance not included).
- Andean Crossing Sailing to Peulla.
- Bus trip crossing Chile-Argentina to Puerto Frias.
- Puerto Alegre Lake Sailing.
- Bus trip to Puerto Blest.
- Nahuel Huapi Lake Sailing.
- Bus trip to the city of San Carlos de Bariloche.
  - After a day of intense exploring, return to your hotel



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## Day 6 Fruitillar tour and Orsono Volcano tour

Half day Morning City tour Fruitillar Depart from your hotel in Puerto Varas and head to Frutillar following the shores of the Llanquihue Lake passing by the village of Llanquihue. Continue your journey across the Settler's route until reaching Frutillar. This city was founded in 1856 as a shipping port for the settlers living next to the Llanquihue Lake. Here you will enjoy a superb view of the Osorno Volcano and the highly influenced German architecture of its houses.

Visit the tribute to the German Settlers and the Museo Colonial Alemán (German Colonization Museum) that provides an excellent insight into the life of the German Settlers.

Back to hotel for lunch.

## Half day afternoon excursion Osorno Volcano

After lunch, depart from your hotel in Puerto Varas along the south bank of the Llanquihue Lake, straight towards the Osorno Volcano through Ensenada, entering the Vicente Pérez Rosales National Park.

Reach Ensenada after about 50 minutes by car, the easternmost port on the lake. Face the imposing Osorno Volcano, a symbol of the local landscape. Walk through a forest of coigües and other native tree species, making a stop at 1,000 meters of altitude to observe La Burbuja Crater, admiring the view of the Petrohué River valley and the Calbuco Volcano in the magnificent Andes.



The expedition continues to the ski center and its cafeteria located at 1,200 meters above sea level; and where you can access the ski lifts (not included) that will allow you to better observe the landscape. On your way, see how the lava formations from earlier volcanic eruptions were formed. Stop and enjoy a panoramic view from the top of the Osorno Volcano.

Return to your hotel in Puerto Varas.

## Day 7 Puerto Varas back to Puerto Montt – to Santiago

- Breakfast at the Hotel.
- Flight from Puerto Montt to Santiago to connect to international flight home.

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