



## Chile Tours

- Magical Chile: Santiago and the Coast
  - The Atacama Desert
  - The Torres Del Paine W Trek
    - Patagonian Glaciers
  - Skorprios Patagonian Cruises
- Via Australis: Punta Arenas - Ushuaia
  - The Magic of Easter Island

# Magical Chile: Santiago and the Coast

**5 nights/6 days**

## **DAY 1 - SANTIAGO**

Upon arrival in Santiago, capital of Chile, a guide will greet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel.

## **DAY 2: SANTIAGO**

This afternoon you will embark on a historical city tour of Santiago. Highlights on today's guided tour include the Santa Lucia Hill for beautiful views of the city, the Plaza de Armas, the Moneda Palace and the Pre-Columbian Art Museum containing artifacts from all over South America.

## **DAY 3: SANTIAGO**

Spend the day at leisure exploring Santiago on your own.

## **DAY 4: SANTIAGO - VIÑA DEL MAR**

Today you will travel by land to Viña del Mar, Chile's upscale beach resort town and neighbor to Valparaiso, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the bohemian capital of Chile.

En route you will visit one of the many vineyards found in Chile's Casablanca Wine Valley. Explore the winery on today's guided tour, learn more about the wine making process, and, of course, sample some of Chile's best wines.

## **DAY 5: VIÑA DEL MAR**

Spend the day at leisure.

## DAY 6: VIÑA DEL MAR - SANTIAGO

You will transfer to the Santiago airport in time to catch your outbound flight.

### **INCLUDED:**

- All land transfers
- Three (3) nights in Santiago
- Two (2) nights in Viña del Mar or Valparaiso
- Excursions as described
- Daily breakfast

# The Atacama Desert

**3 nights / 4 days**

## **DAY 1: SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA**

Upon arrival at Calama a guide will greet you at the airport and transfer you to your lodge in San Pedro de Atacama, located in one of the driest deserts in the world.

In the afternoon you will visit the Gustavo Le Paige Archaeological Museum, the Church of San Pedro and the Moon Valley where you will wait for dusk to fall for an unforgettable sunset.

## **DAY 2: SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA**

This morning you will visit the archaeological site of Tulo. In the afternoon you will visit the Atacama Salt Flats and Toconao. Explore the area with your guide and take in the spectacular scenery before returning to your lodge.

## **DAY 3: SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA**

Early this morning you will visit the Tatio Geysers, geothermic hot spots and a geologic wonder.

## **DAY 4: SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA**

Transfer to the airport for your outbound flight.

*Please note: Extensions to Bolivia and Argentina are available from the Atacama desert.*

### **INCLUDED:**

- All land transfers

- Three (3) nights in San Pedro de Atacama
- Excursions as described
- Daily breakfast

# The Torres Del Paine W Trek

**6 nights / 7 days**

## **DAY 1 - Monday: PUNTA ARENAS/EL CALAFATE - TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK**

Beginning in either Punta Arenas, Chile or in El Calafate, Argentina, you will transfer to Torres Del Paine National Park and on to EcoCamp Patagonia, your home base for the W Trek.

Lunch and dinner are included today.

## **DAY 2 - Tuesday: LOS CUERNOS TRAILS**

Your adventure begins in earnest with today's walk through the sinuous Cuernos Trail to the beautiful Nordenskjold Lake. Many consider today to be a warm up for the treks that lie ahead with plenty of opportunities to admire the national park's exquisite flora and fauna combined with magnificent views of the Torres Del Paine's central lakes and the Paine's Horns (cuernos).

Dinner and accommodation are included at Refugio Los Cuernos.

## **DAY 3 - Wednesday: FRENCH VALLEY**

Today's challenging leg of the journey leads to the very heart of the Paine Massif through French Valley. Today's trek is the longest of your seven day adventure, covering approximately 26 kilometers over the course of 10 hours, more or less.

Your day ends at the Paine Grande Refuge where you will have time for a well-deserved rest with dinner and accommodation included at the refuge.

## **DAY 4 - Thursday: GREY LAKE & GREY GLACIER**

Morning brings a new adventure as guests prepare to return to EcoCamp Patagonia by way of Pehoe Lake, Grey Lake and Grey Glacier. Here, guests will enjoy scenic a boat ride across Grey Lake to the crystalline face of Grey Glacier.

Later, you will transfer back to EcoCamp Patagonia in time for dinner.

## **DAY 5 - Friday: TORRES DEL PAINE**

Today brings the big challenge - the Torres Del Paine trek, one of the most popular and challenging treks in the national park.

From EcoCamp, you begin with a comfortable walk to the Hosteria Las Torres before ascending to Ascencio Valley, the Tower's eastern face. This will lead trekkers to that iconic base-view of the Torres Del Paine - three gigantic monoliths, the remains of a great cirque sheared away by the forces of glacial ice.

## **DAY 6 - Saturday: THE EASTERN LAKES**

This morning marks the start of a less strenuous trek, surely a nice contrast to the exhausting efforts of the previous day.

Your day starts with a leisurely car ride to the Laguna Azul with occasional stops made to admire nice views of the Patagonian steppe and the Torres Del Paine towers, seen now from a different perspective.

Enjoy a comfortable hike at the Laguna Azul (Blue Lagoon) and the Lake Sarmiento fauna trail before returning to EcoCamp where a farewell dinner is included tonight.

## **DAY 7 - Sunday: TORRES DEL PAINE - PUNTA ARENAS/EL CALAFATE**

Having completed the Torres Del Paine W Trek, you will transfer to either Punta Arenas or El Calafate to continue your journey on to your next destination.

**INCLUDED:**

- All land transfers and transportation to/from EcoCamp Patagonia
- Four (4) nights in at EcoCamp Patagonia
- Two (2) nights at a Refugio/park lodge
- All meals beginning with lunch on day one and ending with breakfast on day 7
- Expert bilingual guide
- Grey Lake boat crossing
- National Park Fees
- Luggage transportation - trekkers only carry personal day-packs
- Option to begin/end in Punta Arenas or El Calafate

# Patagonian Glaciers

**3 nights / 4 days**

## **DAY 1: PTA. ARENAS - PTO. NATALES**

Upon arrival in Punta Arenas a guide will greet you and transfer you to your lodge or hotel in Puerto Natales

## **DAY 2: PUERTO NATALES**

Today you will visit the Serrano and Balmaceda Glaciers on a full day sailing excursion through the Last Hope Sound.

## **DAY 3: PUERTO NATALES**

After breakfast you will embark on a full day excursion to Torres del Paine National Park where you will enjoy spectacular views of the Andes Mountains and the surrounding landscape.

## **DAY 4: PUERTO NATALES**

This morning you will return to the airport in Punta Arenas to catch your outbound flight.

### **INCLUDED:**

- All land transfers
- Three (3) nights in Puerto Natales
- Excursions as described
- Daily breakfast

# Skorpios Patagonian Cruises

**3 nights / 4 days**

## **DAY 1: PTO. NATALES - SKORPIOS**

Departing from Puerto Natales your cruise will travel along a number of Patagonian Channels including the Kirke, Morla Vicuña, Union, Collingwood and Sarmiento.

## **DAY 2: SKORPIOS**

Today you will visit the Amalia Glacier, El Brujo Glacier and the Recala Fjord. You will also visit the Fernando, Captain Constantine and Alipio Glaciers before dropping anchor at the Mountain Fjords.

## **DAY 3: SKORPIOS**

In addition to the Mountain Fjords, you will visit the Bernal Glacier this morning. This afternoon you will continue to the Alsina and Paredes Glaciers before heading back towards the Kirke Straight. Tonight you will arrive in Puerto Natales where you will drop anchor for the night.

## **DAY 4: SKORPIOS - PTA. ARENAS**

This morning you will disembark after breakfast and later transfer to the airport in Punta Arenas to catch your outbound flight.

### **INCLUDED:**

- Three (3) cruising aboard the Skorpios ship
- Excursions as described
- All meals while on board the Skorpios cruise ship

# Via Australis: Punta Arenas – Ushuaia

**4 nights / 5 days**

## **DAY 1: PUNTA ARENAS - AUSTRALIS**

From Punta Arenas you will board your Australis Cruise traveling around Cape Horn to the Argentine city of Ushuaia.

Today you will cruise along the coast to the Strait of Magellan on the southern tip of South America.

## **DAY 2: AUSTRALIS**

Your cruise continues with a visit to Ainsworth Bay, the Marinelli Glacier and the Brookes Glacier before dropping anchor for the night.

## **DAY 3: AUSTRALIS**

You will visit the Pia Glacier and the Beagle Channel as your cruise continues.

## **DAY 4: AUSTRALIS**

Your cruise continues through the Beagle Channel to Cape Horn and Puerto Williams before dropping anchor for the night.

## **DAY 5: AUSTRALIS - USHUAIA**

Today you will finish your cruise in Ushuaia, Argentina.

### **INCLUDED:**

- Three (3) cruising aboard the Via Australis cruise ship
- Excursions as described
- All meals while on board the Via Australis cruise ship

# The Magic of Easter Island

**3 nights / 4 days**

## **DAY 1: EASTER ISLAND**

Upon arrival in Easter Island a guide will greet you and will transfer you by shuttle to your hotel for three nights' accommodation. At 3,700km from mainland Chile, Easter Island is sometimes referred to as Chile's Distant Coast. The island was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1995. Today Easter Island acts as massive open air museum with Moais, Ahus, petroglyphes and serves as evidence of a long-vanished mysterious culture.

## **DAY 2: EASTER ISLAND**

This morning you will join a guided excursion to Ahu Tahai and the Anthropological Museum of Easter Island. In the afternoon you will join a guided excursion to the Rano Kau Volcano and the Ceremonial City of Orongo. The Ceremonial City of Orongo is related to the religious practices of the bird man cult and the ancient god, Make Make. The site features 54 masonry elliptical structures on the summit of the Rano Kau Volcano.

## **DAY 3: EASTER ISLAND**

Today, you will join a full day guided excursion to the Rano Raraku Volcano, Ahu Tonariki and Anakena. Nestled deep in the crater of the Rano Raraku Volcano one will find the quarry from which the volcanic stone rocks used to create the world-famous Ahus and Moais were extracted. More than 390 statues have been found in the area each with a unique set of etchings and markings.

## **DAY 4: EASTER ISLAND**

A guide will transfer you to the airport in time to check in for and board your flight back to Chile's mainland.

*Note: Additional nights on Easter Island are available on request.*

**INCLUDED:**

- All land transfers
- Three (3) nights on Easter Island
- Excursions as described
- Daily breakfast