Santiago

Welcome to Santiago! Upon arrival to Santiago airport, you will be greeted by a local representative who will be waiting to privately transfer you to your hotel. Please look for a sign with your name on it.

Dynamic and cosmopolitan Santiago is a vital and versatile city. Home to many events showcasing the very best of Chilean culture, it also hosts superb international festivals of sound, flavor and color. The Chilean capital breathes new life into all its visitors! The city's diversity shines through in its many contrasting neighborhoods. Set out to explore the city streets and you'll discover beautiful and original art galleries, design shops and handicraft markets, as well as a great selection of restaurants, bars and cafes. Night owls can enjoy a taste of lively Latino nightlife in hip Bellavista.

Duration 1 Night

Accommodation

Best Western Premier Marina Las Condes

Day 2

Santiago to San Pedro de Atacama

After breakfast, you will be privately transferred back to Santiago's airport to catch your flight to Calama (flight not included). Upon arrival to Calama, staff will be waiting for you to take you to San Pedro de Atacama as part of a shared transfer. The transfer takes roughly 1 hour and 30 minutes. The power of the desert and its impressive colours will inspire and make for excellent photo opportunities! Approximately 100 km (60 miles) from Calama, the driest desert in the world jealously hides a small oasis called San Pedro de Atacama. A village of dirt streets and adobe housing that have stolen the heart of thousands tourists with the charms of the Atacama and Spanish culture evidenced in each one of its buildings.

Meal Plan Breakfast

Duration 3 Nights

Accommodation

Altiplanico San Pedro de Atacama

#### San Pedro de Atacama

Discover the magical shadows of the desert on a shared excursion where you will visit the town of Toconao, the great Salar de Atacama with its Chaxa Lagoon, the imposing Miscanti and Miñiques mountain lagoons located in the Los Flamencos National Reserve. The trip will begin with a visit to the Chaxa Lagoon, a scene of spectacular beauty that is divided into several bodies of water where large numbers of flamingos and other birds like large and small parinas live. Later you'll head towards the Altiplano to reach the Piedras Rojas viewpoint, where you can see a volcanic conglomerate formed by the oxidation of the iron present in that place. Next you will visit the Miscanti and Miñiques lagoons; at more than 4,200 meters above sea level, surrounded by imposing volcanoes, and host to a wide variety of birds, it is a truly amazing destination.

Meal Plan Breakfast and Lunch

## Day 4

#### San Pedro de Atacama

Your shared journey to the Altiplano starts in the early hours and is rewarded with the rising sun cresting in one of the most important geothermic fields in the world: the Tatio Geysers. There are over 70 geysers with pools of boiling water spurting vapor. It is best to see them first thing in the morning, so you can truly appreciate the beautiful contrast of colors between the intensely blue sky and the pristine vapor from the geysers. You will then enjoy a well-deserved breakfast in this amazing setting, in the shadows of the Andes. Later you will stop off in the village of Machuca, a truly Atacameño village of just 20 houses built from clay, straw and cactus wood. The inhabitants of Machuca all dedicate themselves to tourism and will offer hand-crafted Andean souvenirs and typical food from the region.

Later in the day, join the group and travel a couple of kilometers outside of San Pedro de Atacama, between the jagged rocks and unusual shapes of the Cordillera de la Sal (Salt Mountains), to find the Valle de la Luna (Moon Valley), a geological wonder of the Los Flamencos National Reserve. During the tour, you can take in the extraordinary shapes of the landscape, which will make you feel as if you were walking on the moon. During the afternoon, you can enjoy the unbeatable views of the Andes and its volcanoes. As dusk falls you will be overwhelmed by the red and golden colors of the desert sky.

Meal Plan Breakfast

San Pedro de Atacama to Puerto Varas

Based on your flight schedule, a shared transfer will be arranged to Calama's airport. Today you will be flying to Puerto Montt, via Santiago (flight is not included). Once at Puerto Montt airport, you will board a shared transfer which will take you to Puerto Varas. Located on the shores of Lake Llanquihue, Puerto Varas is one of the most beautiful cities in Chile. With a clear German influence, it has been a tourist city since its birth in the 19th century. It offers a beautiful landscape, good hotels, fine gastronomic options, a modern casino, a lake beach, and several outdoor activities during the summer.

Meal Plan Breakfast

Duration 3 Nights

Accommodation

**Cumbres Hotel Puerto Varas** 

### Day 6

### **Puerto Varas**

A lake originating from a glacier and an active volcano (famous for its perfectly shaped crater), are two of the attractions you will see on this shared excursion. The tour starts on the southern shores of the Llanquihue Lake, where you will learn about the German settlers and agriculture in the zone. Once in the Vicente Pérez Rosales National Park, you will be able to enjoy the imposing Petrohué Waterfalls, which stun visitors with their turquoise waters. From there, carry on to the origin of the Petrohué River, Todos los Santos Lake, where you will visit some of its sleepy beaches. By then, you will be at the foot of the Osorno Volcano to enjoy a lunch in the village of Ensenada, before continuing up to the ski resort on the volcano. En route, you will be stunned by the panoramic views of the Petrohué River valley and the beautiful Llanquihue Lake.

Meal Plan Breakfast and Lunch

## Day 7

### **Puerto Varas**

Discover this charming lakeside destination, with a landscape formed by the Llanquihue Lake and several stunning volcanoes. Here you will see the influence of German settlers, with spectacular old cottages, many converted into guest houses, delicious Bavarian gastronomy as well as the kuchens and apple

strudel sweets in plenty. Located on the eastern bank of Llanquihue Lake, Frutillar charms visitors with its beauty all year round. On this shared tour, you will take a rural road used by the local farmers, where you can see the agriculture and the cattle which are so common to the region. You will also discover another reason to fall in love with Frutillar - the Teatro del Lago.

Meal Plan Breakfast

Day 8

**Puerto Varas to Puerto Natales** 

Based on your flight schedule, you will join a shared transfer back to Puerto Montt's airport where you will board a flight with service to Punta Arenas (flight not included). Once at Punta Arenas Airport, please get close to the main exit of the airport. Here you will find the point where the public bus will pick you up to take you to Puerto Natales, which will take approximately 3 hours. After reaching Puerto Natales bus station, you will be privately transferred to your hotel.

Puerto Natales is the gateway to the Torres del Paine National Park and outdoor adventure in the Patagonia region. The small town is located on the Señoret Channel along a scenic fjord, set against the dramatic backdrop of the southernmost peaks of the Andes. As a tourist hub, you'll be able to find great food, supplies, and more to fuel up for your trek, along with local attractions to explore.

Meal Plan Breakfast

Duration 3 Nights

Accommodation

Weskar Patagonian Lodge

Day 9

**Puerto Natales** 

Depart from your hotel in the morning to start a full day shared excursion to the Torres del Paine National Park where you will visit Silla del Diablo, Milodon Cave, Laguna Sofia, Cordillera Prat, Lake Porteño, Lake and Sierra del Toro, Sierra Ballena, Cuernos del Paine, Lake Gray, Paine River, Salto Grande, Nordenskjold Lake Viewpoint, Sarmiento Lake, Amarga Lagoon, Paine Waterfall. Enjoy lunch during the day, and after a day of sweeping landscapes, you will be returned to your hotel in Puerto Natales.

Meal Plan Breakfast and Lunch

### **Puerto Natales**

Today you will discover the incredible world of the fjords on a shared excursion. Along the way you can observe native wildlife, visit the Balmaceda and Serrano glaciers and enjoy a delicious whiskey with millennial ice.

Meal Plan Breakfast and Lunch

## Day 11

## Puerto Natales to Santiago

You will be transferred from the hotel to the bus station, where you will board a public bus from Puerto Natales to Punta Arenas to arrive at the airport ahead of your flight to Santiago (flight not included). Upon arrival to Santiago airport, a local representative will be waiting to privately transfer you to your hotel; please look for the sign with your name on it.

Meal Plan Breakfast

Duration 2 Nights

Accommodation

Best Western Premier Marina Las Condes

# Day 12

## Santiago

Described by the international media as a surprising destination, Santiago stands out for being a cosmopolitan and modern city that perfectly combines its traditions with a modern outlook. This shared tour will take you to visit the heart of the city and its emblematic sites such as the Plaza de Armas, the Cathedral, Santiago's Central Postal Office and its Municipality. You will also visit the Moneda Palace, which is the government's headquarters as well as the traditional neighborhoods of the historic city center. The tour also includes a visit to the Santa Lucia hill, named Huelén by the natives. It is a real urban oasis in the center of the city. There you will learn more about Chile's history and enjoy some of the best views in the city. After knowing Santiago, set out to Barrio Lastarria, famous by it cultural and gastronomical offers. The second part of the tour will take you to the eastern side of the city, to the financial heart of Santiago, known for its modern buildings, impressive glass skyscrapers and its

impressive sculptures designed by prominent national architects. There, you will see exactly why this area is known as "Sanhattan" among the locals.

Meal Plan Breakfast

Day 13

**Depart Santiago** 

At the proper time you will be privately transferred to Santiago's airport to board your international flight.

Meal Plan Breakfast