



TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK

CHILE | Gardens, Culture, Wine, National Parks, & Glaciers

13 DAYS from \$5,980 | Choose your dates | Best season to travel: OCT-NOV, JAN-MAR

DISCOVER beautiful Chile and its native and endemic flora as you explore botanical gardens, national parks, and private reserves spanning a variety of climates and vegetation zones during this 13-day garden tour. From the culture and fine dining of Santiago, Chile's metropolitan capital, to the country's world-class wine region, and the stunning floral landscapes and awe-inspiring Torres del Paine National Park in remote, beautiful Patagonia, you'll be immersed in the natural beauty of this South American gem.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the National Botanical Garden in Viña del Mar and view one of the few documented collections of the toromiro of Easter Island (*Sophora toromiro*), now extinct in the wild.
- Sample a selection of Chile's renowned wines on a vineyard tour.
- Take a sunset cruise on Lake Llanquihue in Chile's lake district.
- Discover the glaciers, lakes, and multiple vegetation zones of Torres del Paine National Park.
- Meander through Lahuen Ñadi Park, famous for preserving Alerce (*Fitzroya cupressoides*), practically extinguished due to overexploitation.

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- Specialist guide
- Private transportation
- Accommodations
- Activities
- Meals
- Beverages with meals
- Bottled water on the bus
- Carbon offsetting



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TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK BY FRANK RICHMOND

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BLD = BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER

Day 1 | **Santiago**

Upon arrival this morning, after clearing customs and collecting your luggage, you will be met at the Santiago International Airport and transferred to Hotel Plaza El Bosque Park & Suites. You will have time to relax and perhaps take a stroll in this lovely neighborhood, with interesting shops, vibrant cafés, and cocktail bars. This evening you will meet your specialist botanic guide, who will give you an overview of what you can expect to see during your tour. You will then be treated to a delicious dinner at a special restaurant in Providencia. *Overnight at Hotel Plaza El Bosque Park & Suites (D)*

Day 2 | **Santiago**

Following a relaxing buffet breakfast on the top floor of your hotel, with wonderful views of the quiet neighborhood below, you will set out for a day in the city. Your first visit will be at Jardín Botánico Chagual, located in the Metropolitan Park of Santiago. You will then take the funicular to the top of the hill with amazing and commanding views of the sprawling city of Santiago. After you've had a chance to walk around the area, take the funicular back down and have lunch at one of the trendy cafes in the area at the base of the mountain. You will then meet up with your driver, who will take you to the Fine Arts Museum; a French Style building inaugurated in 1910 in the heart of Parque Forestal. After your time at the museum, you will be returned to your hotel and have the remainder

of the late afternoon and evening at leisure. There are many fine restaurants within walking distance of your hotel, as well, the hotel's restaurant is excellent. *Overnight at Hotel Plaza El Bosque Park & Suite (BL)*

Day 3 | **Concón**

Today you will travel to the coast and the lovely city of Viña del Mar. Enjoy the wonderful views of the city, as you have lunch at an open air seafood restaurant on the water's edge. This afternoon, after checking in to your hotel in Concón, just north of Viña del Mar, you'll have the remainder of the day and evening at leisure. *Overnight at Radisson Acqua Hotel & Spa Concón/Ocean View (BL)*



Sophora toromiro

Day 4 | **Santiago**

This morning visit the National Botanic Garden of Viña del Mar. The Garden has a total area of 395 hectares, of which 32 hectares is dedicated to a public park. It features more than 280 species of trees, including one of the few documented collections

of the extinct toromiro of Easter Island (*Sophora toromiro*). They have a collection of plants from the Juan Fernandez archipelago, with 420 individuals of 37 species which are endemic. In addition, there is a Cactarium with 670 cactus of 60 Chilean species, a collection of Chilean Myrtaceae, a collection of “Bosque Valdiviano” (referring to the native forest of Valdivia in Northern Patagonia), and medicinal plants and fuchsias. In total, El Jardín Botánico Nacional has cultivated 1168 plant species and on its 363 hectares of natural hills grow 269 native species. After your morning at the garden, you will have lunch and then head back to Santiago. This evening you will be taken to the cozy, gourmet restaurant of Raul Correa y Familia. *Overnight at Hotel Plaza El Bosque Park & Suites (BLD)*

Day 5 | **Santiago**

Today you will visit several of the finest Chilean wineries located outside of Santiago. You will be given guided tours and wine tastings. Enjoy lunch at Hotel Santa Cruz or Restaurant Pan Pan Vino Vino. This evening you will be treated to a wonderful dinner and cultural dancing at a special restaurant in Santiago. *Overnight at Hotel Plaza El Bosque Park & Suites (BLD)*

Day 6 | **Puerto Varas**

This morning you will be transferred to the Santiago airport for your flight to Puerto Montt. You will be met and travel the short distance to Puerto Varas and Radisson Hotel Puerto Varas. Enjoy lunch at the hotel, followed by a guided walking tour of the town. It was founded by German immigrants who settled the shores of Lake Llanquihue as part of a government colonization project during the presidency of Manuel Montt. This evening, dine at a local restaurant that serves the traditional food of the city. *Overnight at Radisson Hotel Puerto Varas (BLD)*

Day 7 | **Puerto Varas**

Today begins with a visit at the Philippi Botanical Garden in Puerto Varas. In Chile, the history of the Botanical Gardens started with Dr. Rodolfo Armando Philippi, a German botanic that was contracted for the Chilean government to head the National Museum and to protect a Botanical Garden. This afternoon a guided hike in Lahuen Ñadi Private Park has been arranged, including a nice picnic lunch. The

Lahuen Ñadi Park is an area of great importance since it preserves a small sample of the beautiful Alerce (*Fitzroya cupressoides*) Forests of the Central Valley, practically extinguished due to overexploitation. Another sample of flora that can be seen is the Coigües (*Nothofagus dombeyi*) and Cinnamon Trees (*Canelos*). During your walk you might also see birds such as the Chucaco (*Scelorchilus rubecula*), Huet-Huet (*Pteroptochos castaneus*), and Diucón (*Xolmis pyrope*). Late this afternoon, you will be given a sunset cruise on Lake Llanquihue. This evening is at leisure. *Overnight at Radisson Hotel Puerto Varas (BL)*

Day 8 | **Punta Arenas**

Enjoy a leisurely morning to explore on own until your late morning transfer to Puerto Montt, where you will be given a driving city tour and then lunch before being transferred to the airport for your late afternoon flight to Punta Arenas. Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred to your hotel for dinner (on own) and overnight. *Overnight at Cabo de Hornos/Ocean View (BL)*

Day 9 | **Torres del Paine**

This morning you will have time at leisure before meeting the representative from Patagonia Camp who will transfer you to their amazing property, located just a 15 minute drive from

Torres del Paine National Park. Upon arrival, you will be welcomed by the staff and directed to the main building that contains a sitting area, dining area, and bar. You will be given a welcome cocktail, and an explanation of how the activities are offered daily, the dining schedule, and the various cocktails, wine, and beer that are complimentary during your stay. You will then be given your “room” key and you can discover your wonderful accommodations – a Yurt! These are delightful, comfortable, circular, and completely independent tents immersed in a wonderful coigue tree forest and all with a spectacular view of Toro Lake and the Paine Massif. After you get settled, you will have the remainder of the late afternoon and evening at leisure to enjoy the views, a cocktail or two, and a delicious dinner prepared by some of the best chefs in the area. *Overnight at Patagonia Camp (BLD)*



COPIHUE (*Lapageria rosea*) BY VISIT CHILE

Day 10 & 11 | **Torres del Paine**

After breakfast you will meet with the guides, who will give you an overview of the day, and review the logistics of the activity that you have chosen the night before. Enjoy an excellent picnic lunch during your outing. When you return to the camp, you will have time to freshen up, and have time to reflect over an amazing day in Torres del Paine National Park. *Overnight at Patagonia Camp (BLD)*

Day 12 | **Santiago**

After a delicious breakfast, you will bid farewell to Patagonia Camp and travel to Punta Arenas for your flight to Santiago. (Patagonia Camp will supply you with a boxed lunch.) Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel. This evening, enjoy a special farewell dinner. *Overnight at Hotel Plaza El Bosque Park & Suites (BD)*

Day 13 | **Santiago / Depart**

Spend the day at leisure – perhaps take a stroll from your hotel, do some last minute shopping, and/or rest and relax to get ready for your international flights. Early this evening you will be transferred to the airport. *Day Room at Hotel Plaza El Bosque Park & Suites (B)*



VIEW FROM PATAGONIA CAMP BY SANDY SCHMIDT

LAND PRICING

\$5,980 per person, double occupancy, based on 18 participants (plus 1 complimentary from Los Angeles, single occupancy). *Single supplement: \$3500.*

Cost includes: Accommodations, meals as indicated, botanical guide (excluding time in Southern Chile), transportation, gratuities for guide & driver, activities per itinerary, carbon offset, bottled water on bus.

Cost does not include: International & internal airfare, items of personal nature, optional activities. *Price valid until Nov. 2018.*



THE FINE PRINT

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