

# **CHILE** Culture, Nature, Wine, & Fine Dining

**13 DAYS** | Choose your dates

Delve into the many facets of South America all in one exciting country—Chile! From the culture and fine dining of Santiago, Chile's metropolitan capital, to the country's renowned wine region, and the stunning floral landscapes and awe-inspiring Torres del Paine National Park in remote, beautiful Patagonia, this is an adventure not to be missed.

# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Santiago's parks, museums, gardens, and restaurants for a taste of Chilean culture.
- Visit Wulff Castle, the Palacio Rioja, and the National Botanic Garden in the charming coastal city of Viña del Mar.
- Take a sunset cruise on Lake Llanquihue in southern Chile's lake district.
- Discover Torres del Paine National Park, known for its picturesque granite massif, from the comfort of luxury camping accommodations.





# **ITINERARY**

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 the remainder of the day to relax and perhaps take a stroll in this lovely neighborhood with interesting shops, vibrant cafes, lively cocktail lounges, and excellent dining. *Overnight at Hotel Plaza El Bosque Park & Suites.* 

#### DAY 2 - SANTIAGO

Following a relaxing buffet breakfast on the top floor of your hotel, with wonderful views of the quiet neighborhood below, set out for a day in the city. Your first visit will be at Jardín Botánico Chagual, located in the Metropolitan Park of Santiago. 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. 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. This evening you will be taken to the cozy, gourmet restaurant Raúl Correa y Familia for dinner. Overnight at Hotel Plaza El Bosque Park & Suites. (BLD)

## DAY 3 - VIÑA DEL MAR

Today travel to the coast and the lovely city of Viña del Mar. Enjoy views of the city while having lunch at an open-air seafood restaurant on the water's edge. This afternoon, after checking into your hotel, you'll have the remainder of the day and evening to enjoy the beach, the town, and your hotel at your own pace. *Overnight at Hotel Oceanic/Ocean View. (BL)* 

# DAY 4 - SANTIAGO

This morning visit the National Botanic Garden of Viña del Mar. The garden has a total area of 976 acres, 79 of which are dedicated to a public park. On its remaining 897 acres, made up of natural hills, 269 native species grow. The garden features more than 280 tree species, including one of the few documented collections of the toromiro of Easter Island (*Sophora toromiro*), now extinct in the wild. They have a collection of plants from the Juan



Fernández archipelago, with 420 individuals of 37 endemic species, a cactarium with 670 cactus of 60 Chilean species, a collection of Chilean Myrtaceae, a collection of "bosque valdiviano" plants, medicinal plants, and fuchsias. In total, the garden has cultivated 1,168 plant species. After your time at the garden, visit the Wulff Castle and the Palacio Rioja, followed by lunch along the coast, then return to Santiago. Dinner this evening is on own. There are many fine restaurants within walking distance of your hotel, and the hotel's restaurant is excellent as well. *Overnight at Hotel Plaza El Bosque Park & Suites. (BL)* 

#### DAY 5 - SANTIAGO

Today you will be able to enjoy several of Chile's finest wineries, located just 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 transferred to Puerto Varas and Radisson Hotel Puerto Varas. Enjoy lunch at the hotel, followed by a guided walking tour of Puerto Varas. The city 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, have a special dinner at a local restaurant that serves the traditional food of the city. *Overnight at Radisson Hotel Puerto Varas/Jr. Suite. (BLD)* 

#### DAY 7 - PUERTO VARAS

This morning visit the Philippi Botanical Garden in Puerto Varas. In Chile, the history of the botanical gardens started with Dr. Rodulfo Armando Philippi, a German botanist who was contracted by 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 picnic lunch. The Lahuen Ñadi Park is an area of great importance, because

TORRES DEL PAINE MASSIE BY LIAM COUINN

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 Chucao Tapaculo (*Scelorchilus rubecula*), Chestnutthroated Huet-Huet (*Pteroptochos castaneus*), and Fire-eyed Diucon (*Xolmis pyrope*). Late this afternoon, take a sunset cruise on Lake Llanquihue. This evening is at leisure. *Overnight at Radisson Hotel Puerto Varas*/ *Jr. Suite.* (*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 NATIONAL PARK 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, which contains a sitting area, dining area, and bar. Enjoy a welcome cocktail and receive an explanation of how the activities are offered daily, the dining schedule, and the various cocktails, wines, and beers that are complimentary during your stay. You will then be given your "room" key and you can discover your accommodations - a yurt! These are delightful, comfortable, circular, and completely independent tents immersed in a coigüe 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. (BD)

## DAY 10-11 - TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK

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

## DAY 12 - SANTIAGO

After breakfast, 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. The evening is yours to select from the many wonderful restaurants in the area for your last dinner in Chile. *Overnight at Hotel Plaza El Bosque Park & Suites. (BL)* 

# DAY 13 - SANTIAGO/DEPARTURE

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 flight. Early this evening you will be transferred to the airport. *Day room at Hotel Plaza El Bosque Park & Suites. (B)* 

# PROGRAM PRICING

Apr-Oct: \$5,480 per person (based on double occupancy)

Nov-Mar: \$6,675 per person (based on double occupancy)

Price includes flights within Chile, accommodations, meals as mentioned, private transportation, and tours and entrance fees as mentioned.

Price does not include international aifare, airport taxes, gratuities, meals not indicated, alcoholic beverages, optional activities, and items of a personal nature.

Valid for travel in 2017.

# THE FINE PRINT

Rates are based on availability of the hotel; if room type is not available, your agent can make necessary itinerary and price changes. Rates for other hotels in the area are available. Holiday surcharges may apply. A \$200 per person deposit and enrollment form is due upon booking. This deposit is refundable until 95 days prior to departure excluding a \$100 cancellation fee. Final payments are due no later than 95 days prior to departure. Cancellations received less than 95 days prior to departure are not refundable. Travel/trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. For more information call Travel Insured at 800-243-3174 or visit www. travelinsured.com. Holbrook Travel's agency number is 15849.





