



CHILE

GARDENS, WINE, FORESTS & GLACIERS

Pacific Horticulture Society

Escorted by Bob Hyland

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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 12-day garden tour. From the culture and fine dining of Santiago, Chile's metropolitan capital, to the country's 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

- Explore Santiago's parks, museums, gardens, and restaurants for a taste of Chilean culture.
- Visit the coastal town of Viña del Mar, known as the "Garden City," and view one of the few documented collections of the toromiro of Easter Island (*Sophora toromiro*), now extinct in the wild.
- Take a sunset cruise on Lake Llanquihue in southern Chile's lake district.
- Discover the stunning glaciers, lush forests, turquoise lakes, and multiple vegetation zones of Patagonia's Torres del Paine National Park from the comfort of luxury camping accommodations.
- Meander through Lahuen Nadi Park, famous for preserving Alerce (*Fitzroya cupressoides*), practically extinguished due to overexploitation.

ITINERARY

NOVEMBER 1 - SANTIAGO

Upon arrival this morning, after clearing customs and collecting your luggage, you will be met at the Santiago International Airport by representatives of Cocha who will assist you with your luggage and transfer you to Hotel Plaza El Bosque Park & Suites. A room has been reserved for you, for the night before, so you can check in upon arrival for rest and relaxation. You may also wish to take a stroll in this lovely neighborhood, with interesting shops and vibrant cafes and restaurants. This evening you will meet your guide for a delicious dinner at a special restaurant in Providencia. *Overnight at Hotel Plaza El Bosque Park & Suites. (D)*

NOVEMBER 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. Then, take to 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 & Suites. (BL)*

NOVEMBER 3 - CONCON

Today you will travel to the coast and the lovely city of Vina 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 into your hotel, you'll have the remainder of the day and evening at leisure. *Overnight at Radisson Acqua Hotel & Spa Concon/Ocean View. (BL)*

NOVEMBER 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. As well, a Cactarium with 670 cactus of 60 Chilean species, a collection of Chilean Myrtaceae, collection of "bosue valdiviano" plants, medicinal plants and fuchsias. In total el Jardín Botánico Nacional has cultivated 1,168 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 for a delicious dinner. *Overnight at Hotel Plaza El Bosque Park & Suites. (BLD)*

NOVEMBER 5 - 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. 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, a special dinner at a local restaurant that serves the traditional food of the city. *Overnight at Radisson Hotel Puerto Varas/standard. (BD)*

NOVEMBER 6 - PUERTO VARAS

This morning you will visit 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 the Botanical Garden. This afternoon, a guided hike in Lahuen Nadi Private Park has been arranged, including a nice picnic lunch. The Lahuen Nadi 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 Chucao (*Scelorhynchus rubecula*), Huet Huet (*Pterotochos 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/standard. (BL)*

NOVEMBER 7 - PUNTA ARENAS

Enjoy a leisurely morning to explore on own until lunch. Afterwards, transfer to Puerto Montt, where you will be given a driving city tour before being transferred to the airport for your early evening 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. (BL)*

NOVEMBER 8 - TORRES DEL PAINE

This morning you will have time at leisure before meeting the representatives from Patagonia Camp who will transfer you to their amazing property, located just 15 minutes 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 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. (BLD)*

NOVEMBER 9 - TORRES DEL PAINE

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 an excellent picnic lunch during your outing. When you return to the camp, you will have time to freshen up and reflect over an amazing day in Torres del Paine National Park. *Overnight at Patagonia Camp. (BLD)*

NOVEMBER 10 - TORRES DEL PAINE

Just like the day before, 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 an excellent picnic

lunch during your outing. When you return to the camp, you will have time to freshen up and reflect over an amazing day in Torres del Paine National Park. *Overnight at Patagonia Camp. (BLD)*

NOVEMBER 11 - SANTIAGO

After a delicious breakfast, you will bid farewell to Patagonia Camp and travel to Puento Natalis and then on 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. (BLD)*

NOVEMBER 12 - 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 flights. Early this evening you will be transferred to the airport. (B)

LAND COST

\$5,995 (PHS members)

\$6,095 (Non-members)

Based on a group of 15

Includes all meals, accommodations, and activities as mentioned in itinerary, in-country transportation, full-time guide, tips/gratuities for guide & driver, internal flights, bottled water on the bus and carbon offset.

Does not include International Air, items of personal nature.

THE FINE PRINT

Cost is based on double occupancy. Single occupancy is available at \$1420 per person. A \$200 per person deposit and enrollment form are required to hold your space on the trip on the trip no later than July 3, 2018. This deposit is refundable, minus a \$100 cancellation fee, until July 29, 2018, at which time non-refundable final payment is due. 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.

ABOUT PACIFIC HORTICULTURE

Inspiring West Coast gardeners since 1968, Pacific Horticulture believes in beautiful gardens connected to the world at large. Find out more at www.pacifichorticulture.org.

Its escort for this tour is PHS board member Bob Hyland, an accomplished plantsman and designer with 25 years experience managing plant collections and educational programs at internationally recognized public gardens such as Longwood Gardens, the San Francisco Botanical Garden, and the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. He has a garden design business and own the “Contained Exuberance” garden shop in Portland, Oregon.



Tour Escort BOB HYLAND



Lambertia orchidi



Fitzroya cupressoides in Lahuel (Schmidt) Forest Park



Festuca candidula in Parque Quebrada



Copihue (Luzula rosea) National Flower of Chile

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