

# **BEST OF CHILE TOUR**

08 Days / 07 Nights Santiago (4N) - San Pedro de Atacama (3N)

















# **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- 1. Discover Santiago's vibrant culture and stunning mountain views.
- 2. Enjoy biking, horseback riding, and wine tasting in Chile's countryside.
- 3. Visit the coastal cities of Viña del Mar and Valparaíso with a Casablanca Valley wine tour.
- 4. Explore the surreal landscapes of Moon Valley and Death Valley in the Atacama Desert.
- 5. Experience Rainbow Valley, ancient petroglyphs, and local village life.
- 6. Witness sunrise at the Tatio Geysers and stargaze under Atacama's clear skies.

## ITINERARY IN BRIEF

Day 1	Arrive in Santiago
Day 2	Chilean Countryside Experience
Day 3	Full-Day Excursion to Viña del Mar and Valparaíso
Day 4	Transfer to San Pedro De Atacama
Day 5	San Pedro De Atacama Tour
Day 6	Explore Tatio Geysers And Machuca
Day 7	Return To Santiago
Day 8	Departure











## **DAY 01: ARRIVE IN SANTIAGO**

Upon arrival at the airport, transfer to your hotel in Santiago.

Santiago, the vibrant capital of Chile nestled in the Central Valley is cradled between the towering Andes Mountains. Upon arrival, a private transfer with an English-speaking guide will escort the guests from Santiago International Airport to their hotel. Known for its dynamic energy, modern skyline, and rich cultural fabric, Santiago offers a unique mix of colonial heritage and contemporary charm. The city is dotted with top-rated museums, lively street art, bustling markets, and gourmet restaurants. Guests may choose to stroll around local neighborhoods such as Bellavista, known for its bohemian flair, or Lastarria, which boasts a more artistic and upscale ambiance.



Later, enjoy their free time exploring the city at their own pace, perhaps visiting the central Plaza de Armas, Cerro San Cristóbal for panoramic views, or simply relaxing after the long journey.

Overnight stay at hotel in Santiago.

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Arrival in Santiago, a city framed by the Andes and brimming with cultural richness
- Leisure time to explore the local vibe, cuisine, and historical landmarks



## DAY 02: CHILEAN COUNTRYSIDE EXPERIENCE

After breakfast at the hotel, embark on a scenic journey to the beautiful Matetic Vineyard located in the heart of the Chilean countryside.

Dive deep into the serene and natural landscapes of Chile. Guests will have the opportunity to connect with nature through activities like biking, horseback riding, or hiking—each offering a unique way to experience the vast native forests, lush valleys, and charming encounters with local fauna such as sheep and alpacas. The landscape is a rich mosaic of colors and calm, offering an authentic and unforgettable rural experience.





Later, enjoy the exclusive Corralillo Tour, beginning at the state-of-the-art Wine Cellar. Here, a bilingual guide will walk guests through the intricate wine-making process, highlighting organic and biodynamic agriculture practices that make Matetic wines so special. The tour includes panoramic views of the vineyards and ends with a refined tasting session of Corralillo wines, held either in a stylish underground tasting room or on a terrace overlooking the lush countryside.

Proceed to indulge in a delicious lunch at Restaurant Equilibrio, choosing between the regionally inspired Rosario menu or a hearty country barbecue—both designed to complement the winery's celebrated flavors.

Overnight stay at hotel in Santiago.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Explore the breathtaking landscapes of the Chilean countryside through outdoor activities.
- Experience an immersive wine tour and tasting at the renowned Matetic Vineyard.











# DAY 03: FULL-DAY EXCURSION TO VIÑA DEL MAR AND VALPARAÍSO

After breakfast at the hotel, set out for a full-day excursion to the stunning coastal cities of Viña del Mar and Valparaíso, along with a visit to the Veramonte Vineyard.

Begin the day exploring Viña del Mar, famously known as the "Garden City" for its lush urban parks and meticulously maintained gardens. Situated along the Pacific Ocean, this elegant city is renowned for its sophisticated architecture, grand palaces, and the iconic Flower Clock, one of its most photographed landmarks. With the ocean breeze and scenic beauty all around, Viña del Mar provides a refreshing start to the day.



Later, proceed to Valparaíso, Chile's principal port city and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Nestled between rolling hills and the sea, Valparaíso charms visitors with its vibrant colors, steep funiculars, and artistic soul. A visit to Cerro Alegre unveils cobbled streets, open-air murals, and bohemian charm. Travellers can optionally explore La Sebastiana, the hilltop home of Nobel Laureate Pablo Neruda, now a museum filled with guirky and poetic decor. Lunch will be served at a local restaurant, known for its flavorful seafood and coastal dishes. You'll also stop at Sotomayor Square, where the Monument to the Heroes of Iquique stands as a symbol of national pride.

Proceed to Veramonte Vineyard, located in the Casablanca Valley. Surrounded by rolling hills and ideal wine-growing climate, this vineyard offers a perfect environment to learn about sustainable viticulture. Guests will have the opportunity to stroll through the vineyard, understand the winemaking process, and enjoy a tasting of Veramonte's signature wines.









SEGV RECOMMENDATION: Guests may choose to take a boat ride in the bay of Valparaíso, offering stunning views of the city's hills and colorful buildings from the water. Ticket is optional and not included.

Overnight stay at hotel in Santiago.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Discover the architectural charm and coastal elegance of Viña del Mar and Valparaíso.
- Enjoy a wine tasting experience at the picturesque Veramonte Vineyard in Casablanca Valley.

#### DAY 04: TRANSFER TO SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA

After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to Santiago Airport for your flight to the magical Atacama Desert region. A private vehicle with an English-speaking guide will escort you from your hotel to the airport. Upon arrival at Calama Airport, another private transfer will take you through the stark and beautiful desert landscape to your hotel in San Pedro de Atacama, a charming adobe town located in northern Chile. This high-altitude destination is globally renowned for its surreal landscapes, rich indigenous culture, and some of the clearest night skies in the world.















Later in the day, proceed to explore the otherworldly Moon Valley and Death Valley, nestled in the heart of the Cordillera de la Sal. This is one of the most iconic places in the Atacama Desert, part of the Los Flamencos National Reserve. The area is named after its resemblance to the surface of the moon, with rugged rock formations, salt-covered grounds, and sand dunes that create a truly lunar landscape. As the sun begins to set, the valley transforms into a stunning canvas of fiery reds, golds, and purples — a spectacular sight that leaves every traveler in awe.

SEGV RECOMMENDATION: To enhance your Atacama experience, travelers may opt for an evening stargazing tour to witness one of the clearest night skies on Earth, offering views of constellations, planets, and galaxies through high-powered telescopes. This activity is not included but highly recommended.

Overnight stay at hotel in San Pedro de Atacama.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Experience the breathtaking landscapes of Moon Valley and Death Valley in the heart of the Atacama Desert.
- Travel from cosmopolitan Santiago to the mystical beauty of San Pedro de Atacama.

## DAY 05: SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA TOUR

After breakfast at the hotel, visit the enchanting and the ancient petroglyphs of Yerbas Buenas.

Explore west of San Pedro de Atacama to the majestic Domeyko Hills, a rugged formation running parallel to the Andes. Your first stop will be Yerbas Buenas, home to one of the most significant collections of prehistoric rock art in the region. These ancient petroglyphs provide a fascinating glimpse into the lives and beliefs of the area's early inhabitants. Continue to Rainbow Valley, a stunning natural marvel named for its vividly colored hills in hues of red, green, yellow, brown, and white — all blending beautifully under the high desert sky. The surreal landscape, enhanced by salt flats and open blue skies, makes for an unforgettable visual experience.

Later, proceed to explore the expansive Atacama Salt Flats, one of the driest and most captivating regions on Earth, located within Los Flamencos National Reserve. Visit the shimmering Chaxa Lagoon, where you'll witness graceful Andean and James flamingos thriving in their natural habitat. Conclude your excursion in the quaint village of Toconao, constructed largely of volcanic stone. Its charming colonial architecture and the iconic San Lucas Church bell tower, a National Monument, reflect the cultural richness of the Atacama region. Toconao is also known for its local crafts and agriculture, making it an ideal place to engage with the local community.













Overnight stay at hotel in San Pedro de Atacama.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Discover ancient petroglyphs and vivid geological formations at Rainbow Valley.
- Explore the vast Atacama Salt Flats and visit the flamingo-inhabited Chaxa Lagoon and charming Toconao village.

## DAY 06: EXPLORE TATIO GEYSERS AND MACHUCA

After breakfast at hotel, begin your day early with an unforgettable excursion to the Tatio Geysers, one of the world's highest geothermal fields.

Depart early morning to reach the Altiplano at over 4,000 meters above sea level, just in time to witness the magical sunrise over the Tatio Geysers. This dramatic geothermal field boasts more than 70 geysers, bubbling hot springs, and steaming fumaroles — offering an awe-inspiring sight as the first rays of sunlight pierce through the billowing vapor clouds. A light breakfast will be served in this stunning landscape, providing a peaceful moment amidst nature's raw beauty.

As you make your way back to San Pedro de Atacama, enjoy scenic views of highland valleys, where you may encounter local wildlife such as vicuñas and vizcachas, adding to the charm of this high-altitude journey.











Later, stop at Machuca, a small Atacameño village with just 20 traditional adobe houses made of clay, straw, and cactus wood. Here, local artisans welcome you with Andean souvenirs and regional delicacies like llama meat skewers, empanadas, and sopaipillas (squash-based bread). Don't miss a visit to San Santiago Church, the spiritual heart of the village, and the nearby wetlands, where flamingos, ducks, and native birds add vibrant life to the tranquil scenery.



Overnight stay at hotel in San Pedro de Atacama.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Explore traditional life and local cuisine in the remote village of Machuca.
- Spot unique wildlife like flamingos, vicuñas, and highland birds in their natural habitat.

#### **DAY 07: RETURN TO SANTIAGO**

After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to Calama Airport for your flight back to Santiago. A private transfer will escort you from your hotel in San Pedro de Atacama to Calama Airport, marking the end of your high-altitude desert adventure. Board your flight to Santiago, the vibrant capital of Chile, nestled in a valley surrounded by the snow-capped Andes and the Chilean Coast Range.















Upon arrival in Santiago, another private transfer will be waiting to take you to your hotel. Tonight, you'll stay at the Hilton Garden Inn Santiago Airport, a modern property offering comfortable accommodations, complimentary Wi-Fi, and access to a refreshing swimming pool. Its close proximity to Santiago International Airport makes it an ideal stopover, while still being only a 20-minute drive from the bustling city centre.

Overnight stay at hotel in Santiago.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Scenic flight from Calama to Chile's capital, Santiago.
- Comfortable stay at Hilton Garden Inn with convenient airport access.

#### **DAY 08: DEPARTURE**

After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to Airport for a flight back to India

Arrive home with pleasant memories of your Chile tour organized by State Express Global Voyages, which we are sure you will treasure for a lifetime.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Board a flight back to India.



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