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A dream stay in Chile



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Day 1: Arrival in Santiago, then on to Valparaiso

Once you've arrived at Santiago airport, a transfer will be organized with an Englishspeaking guide to the charming seaside town of Valparaiso. You'll be taken to your hotel, Le Fauna, where you'll have time to explore the city.

We recommend a stroll through Valparaíso, whose colorful hillside houses will leave you breathless. Stroll through the narrow streets and take a ride in the elevators typical of this hilly city. You can discover city's best spots, where murals, the paintings and graffiti make up the "openair museum". To make the most of the city's bohemian ambience, we suggest you enjoy a refreshing drink on the terraces of the Hotel Fauna. while taking in the breathtaking views.

Dinner at leisure (not included).

Overnight at the Hotel Fauna, where you will stay for 2 nights.

Day 2: Valparaiso city tour Breakfast at hotel.

Half-day city tour of Valparaiso (on foot private service with English-speaking guide).

Along the central coast are two of Chile's most important seaside towns, including Valparaiso.

Marvel at the colorful port and university city of Valparaiso. Famous for its stacked hills, winding staircases and incredible street art, this UNESCO World Heritage city takes you back in time, while retaining a modern, forward-looking atmosphere.



Climb the stone staircases or one of the famous funicular railways for incredible views of the bay and surrounding German-style houses.

The city tour will take you to such landmarks as the Plaza de la Victoria, the famous Turri clock and the Naval Academy.

Overnight at your hotel.

Days 3 to 5: Temuco - Ruta Ancestral without guide (subject to availability depending on flight, only local Spanish guide)

Flight to Temuco and unguided transfer to the community of Kurawe.

Day 3

On the first day, you'll have the opportunity to take part in a conference on Mapuche culture, during which you'll have the chance to chat with the local guide. Afterwards, a farmer will share his insights into the life of the Mapuche peasant.

At noon you'll have lunch, and in the afternoon activities will focus on a duck farm and a honey and natural herbs soap workshop.

Finally, you'll go to your host family's house for dinner and a rest.

**Subject to change according to Santiago-Temuco flight schedule.

Day 4

Transfer with local guide to Villarrica National Park.

Here, you'll begin trekking through a majestic forest of araucarias and other species, and discover several Andean lagoons. Throughout the excursion, the guide will explain various topics, including the importance of environmental protection, as well as a brief history of the region. You'll have the opportunity to chat with the guide and ask any questions you may have.



Day 5

On the third day, you'll visit the workshop of a craftsman who works with native wood, which he collects from the forest, as he doesn't cut trees to make his products.

You'll also visit a native forest nursery and observe reforestation work being carried out in the region.

Transfer to Puerto Varas without driver guide only, overnight at Hotel Casa Kalfu.

Days 6 and 7: Chiloé

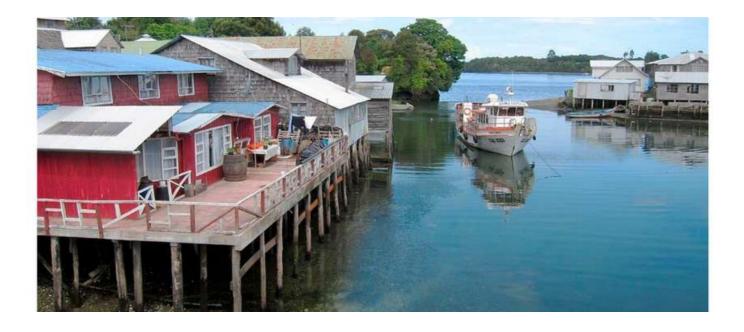
Day 6

Breakfast at Hotel Casa Kalfu.

CASTRO - DALCAHUE EXCURSION in private with English-speaking guide

You'll start your excursion in the village of Pargua, south of Puerto Varas, from where you'll board a ferry to cross the Chacao Channel, which separates the mainland from Isla Grande de Chiloé. During the trip, you'll be able to observe sea lions, pelicans and other marine birds typical of this region.

You'll dock in the village of Chacao, where you can see typical wooden buildings and the church of San Antonio de Chacao, before continuing our journey along the inland sea route.



The island's western route takes you to the town of Quemchi, where you can visit its magnificent waterfront. Next, you'll pass through the wonderful Aucar, the island of sailing souls, reached by a 430-meter-long wooden bridge.

Next, you'll head for Dalcahue (a town opposite Quinchao Island), whose waterfront boasts a gastronomic and craft market.

You'll visit the fair and walk to the church of Nuestra Señora De Los Dolores, a typical Chiloé construction and UNESCO World Heritage Site.

You'll then continue your journey to the town of Castro, capital of the Grande Isla de Chiloé, to take photos of the Palafitos (houses whose pillars are placed above the water).

You'll visit the San Francisco church in front of the town square and its arts and crafts market. Overnight at Hotel Sizigia Palafito with breakfast.

Day 7

ACHAO EXCURSION "EN LA RUTA DE LAS IGLESIAS Y LOS ARTESANOS" private with English-speaking guide.

With this itinerary, we want to introduce you to the maritime, agricultural and religious heritage of Chiloé, passing through Dalcahue and the island of Quinchao with its villages of Curaco de Vélez and Achao. You'll walk along Dalcahue's waterfront, watching the movement of boats arriving with a variety of products, which you can enjoy as stroll through its architecturally vou attractive streets, craft fair, kitchens and heritage church. You'll then cross over to the island of Quinchao to take a tour of the secondary roads and learn why the FAO has recognized Chiloé as an Ingenious World Agricultural Heritage Site (SIPAM).



This heritage is the fruit of the work of many generations of farmers who have developed ingenious practices for the use and conservation of natural resources.

You'll stop at one of the viewpoints along the way to appreciate some endemic and migratory birds, among which the straight-billed curlew and the blacknecked swan stand out.

After lunch, you'll visit its heritage churches, distinguished by their age, beauty and spaciousness, before returning to Castro.

Overnight at Hotel Sizigia Palafito with breakfast.

Day 8: Transfer to Puerto Montt then Puntas Arenas

Breakfast at hotel in Chiloé.

Transfer by private service without guide from Castro to Puerto Montt airport for your flight to Puntas Arenas. Arrival at Puntas Arena, welcome and transfer to hotel.

Rest of the day at leisure. Lunch at leisure (not included). Dinner at leisure (not included).

Overnight at Hotel Almasur in Puntas Arenas.





Day 9: Isla Magdalena Penguin Excursion

You'll sail all day through the Strait of Magellan to the Magdalena and Marta islands.

Magdalena Island is home to over 60,000 penguins every year, and Marta Island to over 1,500 sea lions.

After checking in at our office, you'll transfer to Bahia Laredo to board the "Laredo Bay" boat to Magdalena Island, where you'll disembark for 1 hour with your guide to discover the natural habitat of Magellanic penguins.

Continue to Isla Marta to see sea lions (weather permitting), cormorants and hundreds of southern gulls. Return to the pier and Punta Arenas. If you're lucky, you'll also have the chance to see Southern bottlenose dolphins, Commerson's dolphins and sei whales.

Transfer to the Punta Arenas bus terminal. From here, you'll take a bus to Puerto Natales, where you'll find your hotel, the Hotel Big Sur, which you'll reach from the Puerto Natales bus station by private transfer without a guide.

Overnight at the Hotel Big Sur in Puerto Natales.

Days 10 to 13: W Express (unguided)

Day 10: Arrival at Torres del Paine National Park - Trek to Torres base

After breakfast at the hotel, you'll order your lunch box and be transferred to the bus terminal, where a bus will take you to the entrance of Torres del Paine National Park.

You'll pass through magnificent scenery to the main entrance to Laguna Amarga, where you'll have to register with the CONAF (forest rangers).



There, you'll be transferred to "Transporte Las Torres", which will take you to the visitor center.

You'll register with the Cerro Paine reserve and, after about a 5-minute walk, you'll arrive at Torre Central, where you'll check in, either at the refuge or the campsite, before starting your hike.

Today's hike begins in the Ascencio valley, enjoying the vast forests. On the final ascent, you'll cross an immense field of giant boulders until you reach one of the world's most iconic viewpoints, the famous Base Torres viewpoint.

At an altitude of 900 m, marvel at the 3 granite towers (north, center and south) and the turquoise glacial lake glistening at their feet.

Take some great photos and enjoy your packed lunch before returning by the same route to Torre Central.

After a long day admiring the towers, enjoy dinner at the refuge.

Day 11: Catamaran - Hike to Grey

After breakfast at the Central Tower shelter and ordering your packed lunch, you'll take the transfer to Las Torres, which will take you back to Laguna Amarga, where you'll have to board the Bus Sur bus, which comes from Puerto Natales to take you to Pudeto.

At 10.30 a.m., you'll board the catamaran Hielos Patagónicos, which will sail for around 35 minutes on Lake Pehoé, arriving in Pudeto and the Paine Grande refuge. From here, the hike to Grey begins.

The journey begins in a narrow, winding valley leading to the Los Patos lagoon. As you go, you'll start to see southern ice fields, as well as the ice floes of Grey Lake.

After passing the sometimes very windy viewpoint, the trail descends through a mountainous forest to Grey Hut.



From here, if you continue walking for about 10 minutes, you'll reach the Grey Glacier viewpoint, where you'll come face to face with one of the arms of Grey Glacier, one of the arms of the southern icefield. Dinner will be served at the hut between 6:00 and 9:00 pm.

Day 12: Hike from Grey to Paine Grande

Have breakfast in the dining room at Grey Refuge and don't forget to order your packed lunch.

If you didn't make it to the suspension bridges the previous afternoon, you can use the morning to explore the spectacular suspension bridges and panoramic views of the Grey Gliders.

Today, you'll take the same trail back to Paine Grande.

Rest and dinner in the refuge dining room.

Day 13: Hiking in the French Valley -Catamaran - Return to Puerto Natales

Today's hike will be an out-and-back, starting and ending at Paine Grande.

Journey into the heart of the park, skirting the blue waters of Skottsberg Lake. After about 2.5 hours' walking, you'll arrive at the Italian camp (ranger), where you'll begin your journey to the French valley.

Climb over large rocks and continue through the forest until you reach the French viewpoint. Here, you'll be rewarded with incredible views of the Cuernos, turquoise glacial lagoons and amazing hanging glaciers tumbling down the east face of Paine Grande (3,050 m.a.s.l.).

If you're lucky, you'll be able to hear the sound of the glacier, as well as the sound of falling water.

Avalanches are also very common. Enjoy your packed lunch and a well-deserved rest.



Descend along the same path to the Italian camp and then to the Paine Grande refuge.

At 5:30 pm, you'll take the catamaran back to Pudeto.

At 6:00 pm, you'll catch the regular bus to Puerto Natales. Approximate arrival time in Puerto Natales is 9:15pm. From here, you'll take a private transfer to the hotel where you'll be staying: Hotel Big Sur.

Overnight at the Hotel Big Sur in Puerto Natales.

Day 14: Santiago de Chile

Breakfast at the hotel.

Transfer from hotel to Puerto Natales airport, then flight from Puerto Natales to Santiago. Arrival in Santiago, private transfer to your hotel.

Overnight at Hotel Almasur providencia.

Day 15: City Tour (subject to flight schedule)

Depending on your flight schedule from Santiago, we offer you the opportunity to discover the capital by car with an Englishspeaking guide.

This tour is ideal for newcomers to Santiago wishing to discover the main sights of this cosmopolitan city.

You'll start at the Plaza de Armas, the main square, where you'll learn more about the history of the city's foundation, before strolling to the famous Central Market to discover the diversity of its fresh produce and immerse yourself in local life.

As you stroll through the historic city center, you'll pass by the elegant Supreme Court, the Palacio de la Moneda (seat of government) and the old banking district with its historic buildings..



Next, you'll head for Santa Lucia Hill, where the Spanish conquistadors set up camp on their arrival in the region, before making your way to the charming district of Lastarria, your final stop.

Finally, a private transfer without guide will take you to the airport for your return flight.

And so ends your cultural trip to Chile!

END OF OUR SERVICES







HOTEL VALPARAÍSO Hotel fauna valparaíso: <u>https://faunahotel.cl/</u> Standard double room

HOTEL PUERTO VARAS HOTEL CASA KALFU PUERTO VARAS: <u>https://casakalfu.cl/</u> Standard double room

HOTEL CHILOE HOTEL SIZIGIA PALAFITO: <u>http://sizigia.cl/web/index.html</u> Standard Double Room

HOTEL PUNTAS ARENAS HOTEL ALMASUR PUNTAS ARENAS: <u>https://puntaarenas.almasurhoteles.cl/</u> Almaroom double room

> HOTEL SANTIAGO HOTEL ALMASUR PROVIDENCIA : <u>HTTP://PROVIDENCIA.ALMASURHOTELES.CL/</u> ALMAROOM DOUBLE ROOM

> > HOTEL PUERTO NATALES PUERTO NATALES: HOTEL BIG SUR STANDARD DOUBLE ROOM

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