



Patagonia & Easter Island

November 3, 2027

12 days | 16 days with Easter Island extension

You can't generalize a place like Chile—a country whose capital is cradled by the Andes Mountains, where martian valleys line the Atacama Desert, and where mighty glaciers stretch over swathes of Patagonia. On this tour, you'll zip from north to south, discovering some of the most lustrous gems hidden in this 2,700-mile-long nation. And to take your trip deeper into bucket list territory, opt into the extension to demystify Rapa Nui—the monument-laden destination better known as Easter Island.



Your MAIN tour package includes

- 9 nights in handpicked hotels
- 9 breakfasts
- 3 lunches
- 4 dinners with beer or wine
- 1 food tasting
- 9 sightseeing tours
- Expert Tour Director & local guides
- Private deluxe motor coach
- 3 on-tour flights

Included highlights

- Cerro Santa Lucía
- Punta Arenas
- Atacama's Moon Valley
- Salar de Atacama
- El Tatio geysers
- Putana & Machuca Wetlands
- Patagonian estancia visit
- Torres del Paine National Park hike
- Cueva del Milodón

Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for at least three hours daily across moderately uneven terrain, including rocky ground and unpaved trails.

Group size

14–22

Pricing and Reservations: <https://forms.gle/DTNYsWA4bgDtujwm6>

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Highlights of Chile: Santiago, the Atacama & Patagonia

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Overnight Flight → 1 night

Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Santiago today.

Santiago → 2 nights

Day 2: Arrival in Santiago & sightseeing tour

Included meals: welcome lunch, tasting

Welcome to Chile! Hop off your plane, meet your fellow travelers at a welcome lunch, change into some sturdy walking shoes, then get right to sightseeing. What better way to end your first day in Santiago than with a guided tour?

- Start with a drive through Barrio Bellavista, a bohemian neighborhood hugged by the Mapocho River on one side and Cerro San Cristóbal, a hill crowned by a 72-foot statue of the Virgin Mary, on the other.
- Roll through Lastarria—a small district crossed with tree-lined streets—and pass by the Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes, Chile's national fine arts museum.
- Leave your bus and make the hike up Cerro Santa Lucía, where Santiago was founded in 1541 by the Spanish conquistador Pedro de Valdivia. Relish the chance to stretch your legs—you'll be rewarded with sweeping views of the city.
- Sip on a sweet mote con huesillo—a refreshing local drink made with dried peaches (huesillos) and husked wheat berries (mote)—then continue your sightseeing tour. You'll wrap up at the Plaza de Armas, a statue-dotted square rimmed by the neoclassical Metropolitan Cathedral; the Museum of National History, housed in a former royal palace; and the Central Post Office Building, built on the same land where de Valdivia himself lived.

End the day in the comfort of your hotel and rest in anticipation of tomorrow's adventures.

Day 3: Free day in Santiago

Included meals: breakfast

To add some extra color to your day's itinerary, opt into the excursion to Valparaíso—a street-art-adorned coastal hub that anchors Chile's Aconcagua wine region. Alternatively, hang back

in Santiago and explore at your own pace. To fill your camera roll with more bird's-eye views, check out the observation deck at Entel Tower. (It's just a 15-minute walk from the Plaza de Armas.)

+ Valparaíso Street Art & Chilean Wine Country

San Pedro de Atacama → 3 nights

Day 4: Flight to Calama, transfer to San Pedro de Atacama & sightseeing tour of Moon Valley

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

This morning, fly from Santiago to the northern city Calama—your gateway to the arid expanse of the Atacama Desert. After touching down, you'll transfer to San Pedro de Atacama and meet up with a local guide, with whom you'll embark on a tour of Moon Valley.

Valle de la Luna, as it's known in Spanish, wouldn't look out of place on another planet: Its pockmarked terrain and mysterious rock formations verge on the extraterrestrial. (NASA's even used the region to test its Mars rovers!)

Spend the afternoon roaming this otherworldly place; after enjoying an included sunset cocktail, return to your hotel to freshen up.

Sit down for an included dinner, served with beer or wine, then choose how to spend the rest of your evening. If you're up for it, add an excursion back into the Atacama and prepare to be hypnotized by some of the world's best stargazing.

Please note: Travelers will be divided into groups of 12 or fewer for the Moon Valley sightseeing tour. You should be comfortable walking across loose gravel and uneven terrain. We also recommend wearing hiking boots or grippy sneakers. For your safety, no open-toed shoes are allowed.

+ Atacama Night Sky Astronomy Tour

Day 5: Sightseeing tour of San Pedro & the Salar de Atacama

Included meals: breakfast, lunch

Enjoy an easy start to your day, spending the hours before lunch how you please. After meeting up with your group for an included meal, head out into San Pedro de Atacama for a

short walk with your Tour Director. Take in this desert outpost, learning how ancestral cultures came together to forge a uniquely laidback lifestyle—and a tradition of impressive artisanship.

Finish your quick tour and strike out for the Salar de Atacama—the largest salt flat in Chile and one of the most incredible, yet inhospitable, environments on the planet. Weave your way past ponds and saline deposits, spotting llamas and other wildlife, as you forge a path to Laguna Chaxa. Three species of flamingoes and other birds have adapted to the harsh conditions of this hypersaline lagoon; watch them in their natural habitat before returning to your bus. You'll end your day with a visit to Toconao, a small village known for its colonial architecture. Drive back to San Pedro, lounge in your hotel, and let the magnitude of everything you've seen today sink in.

Please note: You should be prepared to walk across loose gravel and uneven terrain. Also, we recommend wearing hiking boots or grippy sneakers. For your safety, open-toed shoes aren't allowed while visiting the Salar de Atacama.

Day 6: El Tatio & the Putana and Machuca Wetlands

Included meals: breakfast

Rise with the geysers this morning, waking before sunrise for a visit to El Tatio—the largest geothermal field in the Southern Hemisphere. Here, over 80 active geysers spout steam into the dry desert air, crescendoing at 6am. (Trust us: It's worth the early wake-up call.)

From El Tatio, drive to the Putana and Machuca Wetlands, stopping en route for breakfast. Once there, your Tour Director will guide you through these thriving ecosystems, highlighted by the pink plumage of flamingos. Marvel at the sheer biodiversity of the wetlands, watched over by the soaring Putana Volcano, then head back to San Pedro de Atacama for a relaxing evening. *Please note: You should be ready for an early morning departure and to walk across loose gravel and uneven terrain. Also, we recommend wearing hiking boots or grippy sneakers. For your safety, open-toed shoes aren't allowed.*

Punta Arenas → 1 night

Day 7: Flight to Punta Arenas

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Today, you'll trade the sands of the Atacama for the glaciers of Patagonia. This morning, transfer back to Calama and spend the day flying south to Punta Arenas. Once you arrive, settle into your hotel room before reconvening for an included dinner, served with beer or wine.

Please note: Your flight to Punta Arenas will have a layover in Santiago.

Torres del Paine Region → 2 nights

Day 8: Torres del Paine region via Patagonian estancia

Included meals: breakfast, lunch

After yesterday's travels, choose how to spend your morning: Either ease into the day in the comfort of your hotel, or add an optional excursion to wild Isla Magdalena. Sea lions, marine birds, a colony of Magellanic penguins—this one's for the naturalists.

This afternoon, join back up with your group and make your way to a Patagonian estancia, or ranch. Learn about life on the estate as you watch a sheep-shearing demonstration, then savor a glass of wine as your hosts prepare a parilla—or traditional barbecue—for lunch. Dig into your included meal, bid the estancia farewell, and continue to the day's final destination: the Torres del Paine region.

Please note: The Isla Magdalena Penguin Colony excursion is only offered from mid-October to mid-April. When unavailable, it'll be replaced by our Strait of Magellan Walk excursion.

+ Isla Magdalena Penguin Colony

+ Strait of Magellan Walk

Day 9: Sightseeing tour of Torres del Paine National Park

Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Crowned by the jagged peaks of its namesake mountains, the 448,000-acre Torres del Paine National Park encompasses some of the most epic expanses of Chilean Patagonia. Glimpse a fraction of them on a round-trip guided hike along the Mirador Cuernos trail.

- Begin your 5.5-mile, out-and-back trek at the Salto Grande, a rushing waterfall fed by nearby Lago Nordenskjöld.
- Head to the Mirador Cuernos scenic overlook and stop for a view of the towering Cuernos del Paine, cutting the sky like a serrated knife.
- Make the return hike, board your bus, and drive to Lago Grey Restaurant for an included lunch, stopping for photos of the glittering

glacial waters of Lago Nordenskjöld. As you cruise down the road, try to spot some of the South American gray foxes and guanacos—native camelids that are close relatives of llamas—who call the park home.

Enjoy some free time to explore Lago Grey before driving back to your hotel by way of the Cueva del Milodón, a fossil-rich cave named after a famous discovery made within. Hear more about it, and the rest of its prehistoric history, during a quick walk-through, then continue on your way.

Tonight, sit down for an included dinner, served with your choice of beer or wine, and prepare for tomorrow's flight back to Santiago.

Please note: The weather conditions in Torres del Paine National Park may impact visibility and alter the route of your sightseeing tour.

Santiago → 1 night

Day 10: Flight to Santiago

Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner

Eat breakfast at your hotel, then transfer to the airport for a flight back to Santiago. Tonight, celebrate your trip with your group during a farewell dinner, served with beer or wine.

Please note: Depending on what day of the week it is, your flight may depart from either Puerto Natales or Punta Arenas.

Overnight Flight → 1 night

Day 11: Departure

Included meals: breakfast

Board a flight bound for home tonight or early tomorrow morning. You'll have access to a dayroom until takeoff, so kick back until then. If you're staying for your tour's extension, you'll instead fly out this morning. You won't need to set multiple alarms—knowing that, soon, you'll be on Easter Island is the perfect incentive to get out of bed.

Arrive Home

Day 12: Arrival at home

Arrive home today.

+ Easter Island extension

Guarded by monolithic moai, remote Easter

Island sits at the southeasternmost tip of the Polynesian Triangle, and the indigenous Rapa Nui people are proud stewards of that heritage. Over your few days on the island, you'll encounter this ancient culture and the land that sustains it, and leave having been where few travelers have gone.

Easter Island → 3 nights

Day 11: Flight to Easter Island

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Split from the departing members of your group this morning and make the 5.5-hour flight to Easter Island. Meet your new Tour Director at the airport and travel to the hotel, where you'll have time to freshen up and get your bearings before tonight's included dinner. Enjoy your meal, served with beer or wine, then retreat to your room for the evening.

Day 12: Sightseeing tour of Hanga Roa

Included meals: breakfast

Hanga Roa, Rapa Nui's largest town and administrative seat, is home to roughly 95% of the island's population. Today, venture out with your Tour Director and get a feel for its cultural cachet during a sightseeing tour.

- Walk through the main town square to the Mercado Artesanal, where local artisans sell hand-whittled moai, shell necklaces, and other traditional crafts.
- Continue past the Iglesia de la Santa Cruz, or Church of the Holy Cross, whose facade mixes typical Catholic motifs with indigenous design elements.
- Enter the Centro Cultural Tongariki to explore and educate yourself on the various art forms native to the island.
- Step inside the Father Sebastian Englert Anthropological Museum. Named after the German priest who spent 34 years on the island studying its culture, it's dedicated to preserving Rapa Nui's heritage and features a collection of some 15,000 archaeological items.

Day 13: Sightseeing tour of Ahu Vaiha, Rano Raraku & Anakena

Included meals: breakfast, lunch

Leave your hotel early this morning to tour the rest of Easter Island, beginning on its southern coast.

- First, stop at Ahu Vaihu to learn more about the moai—the imposing basalt statues that dot the island. Then, move on to Ahu Akahanga, the seaside tomb of Rapa Nui’s first king.
- Head to the lush slopes of Rano Raraku. Adorned with the unfinished profiles of about 150 moai, this volcanic crater doubled as a quarry, providing the stone from which the island’s statues were hewn.
- Visit the ahu—stone platforms dubbed “sacred places”—of some nearby moai. After, examine the holes punched in Rano Raraku’s rim to better understand how the statues were maneuvered into place.

Sit down for a picnic-style lunch, then roll on to Eastern Island’s north shore, stopping at Ahu Te Pito Kura. This historic site, near the white-sand shores of Anakena, marks the place where Hotu Matu’a, the legendary first settler of Rapa Nui, landed. Dive into the lore, then into the waters of the Pacific, and use some free time to unwind. To further immerse yourself in the island’s unique Polynesian culture, add this evening’s excursion to explore it via song, dance, and food. Or, hang back and relax—and maybe catch the sunset from a nearby lookout or beach.

+ Rapa Nui Cultural Dance & Dinner

Santiago → 1 night

Day 14: Flight to Santiago

Included meals: breakfast

Enjoy one last morning on Easter Island at your leisure before flying back to Santiago this afternoon.

Overnight Flight → 1 night

Day 15: Departure

Included meals: breakfast

How will you spend your final morning in Chile? To gain an important perspective on the nation’s recent history, add today’s optional excursion.

For something a little slower, spend time paddle-boating in Parque Quinta Normal and say goodbye to Santiago at this well-tended public park.

Later, relax in a dayroom before heading to the airport for your evening flight home.

+ Life Under Pinochet: Memory & Human Rights

Arrive Home

Day 16: Arrival at home

Arrive home today.

Customize your experience

Customize your tour by adding excursion options. Excursions offered on the same day will occur at different times, so there's no need to choose. Save \$10 when you book your excursion up to three days before your tour departs.* Excursions requiring advance reservation only list this discounted price.

Day 3: Valparaíso Street Art & Chilean Wine

Country

From \$139.00 . Visit the link above for pricing info. (9 hours, departs in the morning)

Your day begins with a visit to the coastal city of Valparaíso, locally known as the Jewel of the Pacific. Here, you'll embark on a guided tour, passing through the UNESCO-recognized port and historic quarter. Continue through Plaza Sotomayor and the Port and Central districts to the Queen Victoria funicular for a ride up to Cerro Alegre and Cerro Concepción, a pair of hilltop neighborhoods famous for their colorful houses and imaginative street art. Stroll through their whimsical streets before enjoying free time for lunch. Then, make your way outside the city to the nearby Casablanca Valley, where you'll stop at a local vineyard for a tour and tasting.

Day 4: Atacama Night Sky Astronomy Tour

From \$175.00 . Visit the link above for pricing info. (3 hours, departs in the evening)

With the perfect combination of a dry climate, high altitudes, and virtually no light pollution, the Atacama Desert is an astronomer's paradise—and tonight, you'll get to experience some of the world's best stargazing. Start your outing by driving to an observatory, where a staff member will help you get familiar with the Southern Hemisphere's sky. Then, gaze up into the night with your naked eye, or use the observatory's telescope to examine your finds in greater detail—all while enjoying snacks and warm beverages. Once you've finished marveling at the stars, board your bus and return to your hotel.

Day 8: Isla Magdalena Penguin Colony

From \$149.00 . Visit the link above for pricing info. (5 hours, departs in the afternoon)

Board a ferry for a ride across the Strait of Magellan to Magdalena Island, part of the Los Pingüinos Natural Monument. As you sail, circumnavigate Isla Marta while keeping an eye out for the colonies of sea lions and flocks of marine birds that take refuge there. Then, disembark on the nearby Isla Magdalena, a popular nesting ground for Magellanic penguins. Take some time to get up close to these charming birds before cruising back to the mainland. Please note: This excursion is seasonal and runs from mid-October through mid-April. The weather in the Strait of Magellan during this time of year can be cold and windy, so we recommend wearing warm clothes and a hat. We also recommend bringing sunglasses and a camera. Travelers prone to seasickness and/or motion sickness are recommended to take special precautions for the boat ride due to rough seas through the Strait of Magellan.

Day 8: Strait of Magellan Walk

From \$70.00 . Visit the link above for pricing info. (3.5 hours, departs in the morning)

At the tip of South America lies the Strait of Magellan—a narrow, treacherous passage that connects the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. Take in its rugged beauty from the safety of dry land today at the Park of the Strait of Magellan, where you'll meet up with a local guide. First, set out on a guided tour of Fort Bulnes, a national monument originally built in 1843, destroyed six years later, and reconstructed in 1943. From there, you'll walk along the coast, stopping at several scenic viewpoints as you go. Finally, end your outing at the park's visitor center, where you'll be greeted with a cocktail made with local, seasonal ingredients. Please note: This excursion runs from mid-April through early October. Travelers should feel comfortable walking 1.5 hours across easy terrain, with some short hills.

Extension excursion options

Day 13: Rapa Nui Cultural Dance & Dinner

From \$159.00 . Visit the link above for pricing info. (3, departs in the evening, includes dinner)

For hundreds of years, the people of Rapa Nui have used music and dance to tell their stories and keep their culture alive. Tonight, you'll sit down for a live performance that traces the island's history, from its earliest moments to the present. Afterward, the musicians will speak about the experience of Rapa Nui's first contemporary musicians before ceding the stage to dancers. Watch as they move and sway, morphing Polynesian rhythms in a mesmerizing showcase of Rapa Nui's typical dance style. Finally, head to the hotel for an included dinner.

Day 15: Life Under Pinochet: Memory & Human Rights

From \$99.00 . Visit the link above for pricing info. (4 hours, departs in the morning)

After leading a coup in 1973, General Augusto Pinochet reigned over Chile as a military dictator for 16 harrowing years. Today, you'll learn what life was like in those dark days. Begin at the Plaza de la Constitución, where a local guide will introduce you to the period and explain how the country still feels its effects. Then, pass by La Moneda, the presidential palace that was bombed—with democratically elected leader Salvador Allende still inside—during Pinochet's coup. View the monument to Allende's memory before continuing to the Museum of Memory and Human Rights, an exhibit honoring the 40,000 people who were tortured, murdered, or suffered other human rights abuses under the dictatorship. Please note: The Museum of Memory and Human Rights is closed on Mondays.

*Optional excursions may be purchased up to three days prior to departure or while on tour. Pre-purchased optional excursions cannot be canceled within three days prior to departure or while on tour. Select optional excursions require advance booking and cannot be purchased or canceled after the advanced reservation deadline. GAT accepts payment by cash, Visa or MasterCard for optional excursions purchased on tour. Additional fees may apply for optional excursions purchased on tour. Excursions require a minimum number of participants to operate. Details and prices are subject to change. Due to seasonal hours of operation and availability, some excursions may not operate. If this occurs, you will be refunded any payments made for that excursion post-tour. Learn more at goaheadtours.com/terms

Highlights of Chile: Santiago, the Atacama & Patagonia

Nov 03, 2027 - Nov 14, 2027

SAMPLE PRICING AS OF FEB 1, 2025

Quote for the Group Members

Tour	Highlights of Chile: Santiago, the Atacama & Patagonia Nov 03, 2027 - Nov 14, 2027	\$6,339.00
Flights	Departure: New York City, United States Nov 03, 2027 You can fly from any airport, pricing varies	\$541.00 *
	Return: Santiago Nov 14, 2027	\$592.00 *
Extension	Easter Island Nov 14, 2027 - Nov 18, 2027	\$3,889.00 *
Grand total	Price with required items	\$6,339.00
Grand total with recommended items	Price with recommended items * These items are included in the price, but are not required.	\$11,361.00

Prices are per person based on double occupancy. See additional costs below for other configurations.

[Discounts Available - Contact Marah Walsh.](#)

Optionals and Supplements

Excursions	Atacama Night Sky Astronomy Tour Experience some of the world's best stargazing at an astrological observatory in the Atacama Desert.	\$175.00
	Strait of Magellan Walk Travel to the tip of South America for a day by the famed Strait of Magellan—a narrow, treacherous passage that connects the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.	\$70.00
	Isla Magdalena Penguin Colony	\$149.00
	Valparaíso Street Art & Chilean Wine Country Embark on a guided tour of the Jewel of the Pacific before	\$139.00

visiting a local vineyard for a tasting.

Rooms	Single	\$590.00
Extension Rooms	Single	\$980.00