

CHILE - SANTIAGO & WINE VALLEYS



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INTRODUCTION

Discover some of the incredible wines of Chile as you explore the wineries and vineyards of Colchagua Valley and Casablanca Valley. Uncover the traditions and practices used in the winemaking processes at various wineries and sample some of the famous locally produced premium wines.

ITINERARY

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DAY 1: Santiago - Santa Cruz

On arrival you will be met at Santiago Airport and transferred to Colchagua Valley. On the way you will visit Casa Silva winery to sample their wines. Emile Bouchon arrived in Chile in 1892 from Bordeaux, with the dream of producing high quality wines in the Colchagua Valley. To this day it is still a family business that has accumulated many awards. At the winery, tradition and technical development go hand-in-hand. In their continued endeavours to produce the best quality wines, the Silva family has been involved in the first micro-terroir studies in Chile and as a result small sectors of their Los Linques Vineyard have been selected to produce the Carmenere grape. Casa Silva produces Chardonnay, Semillon Sauvignon Blanc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Carmenere, Merlot, Shiraz, Semillon, Viogner, Petit Verdot, Rosé and Sauvignon Gris. After the wine-tasting, you will continue on to Santa Cruz in Colchagua Valley where you overnight. Please Note: If your flight arrives in the morning, lunch will be served at Casa Silva. If you arrive on a later flight, dinner will be included the hotel instead.



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DAY 2: Colchagua Valley - Santiago

After breakfast at the hotel we begin our day of winery visits and wine-tasting. 10:30am: Our first visit is to Montes winery. The first activities at the vineyard began in 1987. Two partners, Aurelio Montes and Douglas Murray, both with long-standing experience in the wine industry, were certain that Chile could improve on the quality of wines it was producing at the time. It seemed as if the large and medium scale vineyards were satisfied with limiting their distribution to local supermarkets. They certainly knew how to produce premium wines, but were satisfied with the niche markets they had attained, which were broad but small. In 1988, another two partners joined, Alfredo Vidaurre and Pedro Grand, each providing their qualified, complimentary views, and as a result, Viña Montes was formally born. Initially under the name Discover Wine Ltda., they helped make Chile internationally known in 100+ countries worldwide while gaining extensive recognition and acclaim. Montes winery produces Cabernet Sauvignon, Carmenere, Chardonnay, Merlot, Pinot Noir, Syrah, Sauvignon Blanc and Malbec. 12:30pm: Our next visit is to Viu Manent winery, a Chilean winery owned by the Viu family. Founded in 1935 by the Catalanian immigrant Miguel Viu-García and his two sons Agustín and Miguel Viu-Manent, they bottled and sold wine on the local market under the “Vinos Viu” brand. In 1966, Miguel Viu-Manent fulfilled his lifelong dream of producing his own wines when he acquired Hacienda San Carlos de Cunaco in Colchagua. This traditional estate included 150 hectares of vineyards planted to noble, pre-phylloxera vines, as well as a winery and manor house. These vineyards had in fact supplied many of the grapes used in the production of Vinos Viu. Lunch is included in the Viu Manent winery, and after the visit you are transferred to your hotel in Santiago.



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DAY 3: Casablanca Valley

After breakfast at the hotel we drive out to Casablanca Valley to continue our discovery of Chile’s wines. 10:00am: We begin with a visit to the Emiliana Winery. The Emiliana winery firmly believes that using sustainable, organic and biodynamic agricultural practices results in better-balanced, healthier and more productive vineyards, which in turn results in better quality grapes and therefore better wines. Energy efficiency and climate change are priority issues at Emiliana, and they are addressed in a variety of ways. These include reducing carbon emissions, improving the vineyard and production management practices to minimise the impact on the ecosystems, and increasing the interaction of native species on their properties. Emiliana produces Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Viognier, Marsanne, Roussanne, Pinot Noir, Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, Carmenere and Merlot. 12:00pm: Next we visit Re winery. Bodegas Re is one of the most creative wineries of the region and winemaker Pablo Morandé is at the forefront of the Chilean wine scene. His underground winery uses winemaking techniques of the past mixed with modern innovations. 13:30pm: Our third winery visit of the day is to Casa Del Bosque winery where lunch is included followed by a tour through the winery. Viña Casa Del Bosque was founded in Casablanca Valley in 1993 by Juan Cuneo Solari. It is one of the few family wineries in the valley. Being a boutique winery and working on a small scale, they maintain the necessary practices to produce the best quality wines. The production reaches 75,000 cases per year and over 80% is exported to the most demanding markets abroad. Casa Del Bosque produces Chardonnay, Riesling, Sauvignon Blanc, Syrah, Pinot Noir, Merlot, Carmenere and Cabernet Sauvignon. Later in the afternoon you are transferred back to your hotel in Santiago.



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DAY 4: Depart Santiago

Today you are free at leisure until your private airport transfer in time for your onward flight.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Standard
Inclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accommodation as mentioned in the itinerary. • Daily breakfast in the restaurant of the hotel. • Lunch were is mentioned. • English Speaking guide for transfer and excursions. <p>Not included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air fares and airport taxes are not included • Other services not mentioned in the itinerary • Extras • Early check-in or Late check-out • Tips (Airport, Hotel, Restaurant, guides etc.)
Difficulty Rating	1 (easy)
Single Surcharge	FROM US\$345 - supplement for private room based on 2 passengers traveling together. Subject to season and availability, contact us for more details.
Notes	Contact us for more details
Price Dependent upon	Season and availability

SUSTAINABILITY

Chimu Adventures undertakes a number of sustainability measures within its operations including:

- 1) Only using local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprints. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you’re visiting.
- 2) Where possible, using locally owned and operated boutique hotels to maximise the return to the local community.
- 3) Chimu’s “Pass it on” programme has provided funding to hundreds of local community projects in Latin America. Our aim is to empower local communities, helping them to develop their own infrastructure for the future. Since 2006, we have been working with Kiva (a well-known Non-Governmental Organisation), providing hundreds of loans to local businesses all over South America.
- 4) In our pre tour information we provide a range of tips and advice on how to minimise your impact on both local environments and communities.

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5) Chimu Adventures' offices also take a number of sustainability measures including carbon offsets for company vehicles and most staff travel. Chimu Adventure's internal processes are also structures to create a paperless office and to reduce waste. There are also internal programmes to help staff minimise their carbon footprint such as our staff bike purchase assistance plan which encourages office staff to commute to work via bicycle. Currently almost half of our office based staff commute to work via bicycle.

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