

CHILE - LAKES AND PATAGONIA ESCAPE



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DURATION

9 Days

LOCATIONS

Chile



INTRODUCTION

Chile is one of the most scenic countries in the world, and on this 9 day trip you will get to savour the very best of what it has to offer. You will visit bustling cities and picturesque villages where you can savour local food and chat to locals; you will visit the iconic Osorno Volcano and climb up to its glaciers to the jaw dropping view at 1200 metres about sea level before you go to Torres del Paine, one of the most inspiring national parks in the world. You can swim in waterfalls and lakes; see tropical wildlife, trek up mountains and through caves and snap some everlasting memories on your camera.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrival transfer in Santiago

On arrival at Santiago Airport, please make your way through Customs and Immigration. There are now two exiting gates, one for taxis and one for pre-booked transfers. All travellers who have prebooked and prepaid for an arrival transfer, must exit through gate 4, which is for pre-booked transfers. Our representative will be holding a sign with your name on it and waiting for you outside this exit. Please only make contact with our representative. This service includes a driver and local English speaking guide who will provide you with any useful information needed for your stay.



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DAY 1: Santiago de Chile

Santiago, Chile’s capital and largest city, lies in a valley surrounded by the snow-capped mountains of the Andes and the Chilean Coastal Range. Founded in 1541, Santiago has been Chile’s capital since colonial times. It is a vibrant and cosmopolitan city and although it features many colonial buildings, it has grown into a modern metropolis and the cultural centre of the country. *Please note Australian passport holders are required to obtain a Chilean tourist visa or if transiting for longer than 8 hours before arrival.



DAY 2: Transfer to the airport for onward destination

You will be collected from your hotel at the appropriate time and transferred to the airport for your onward flight. This service includes a Spanish speaking driver only.



DAY 2: Arrival transfer in Puerto Varas

On arrival, please make your way through to the Arrivals Hall where our representative will be waiting for you to transfer you to your hotel. He/she will be holding a sign with your name on it. This service includes a driver and local English speaking guide who will provide you with any useful information needed for your stay.



DAY 2: Arrival in Puerto Varas

Puerto Varas and Puerto Montt lie at the southern end of the Lake District under the shadow of the snow-capped Osorno and Calbuco volcanoes. Puerto Varas sits on the shores of Lake Llanquihue and is known as “The City of Roses”. Puerto Montt is 20kms from Puerto Varas on the Seno de Reloncaví Bay, the capital of the Lake District, and the last significant outpost of the region.



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DAY 3: Puerto Montt & Puerto Varas City Tour

You will be collected from your hotel for a sightseeing tour of Puerto Montt and Puerto Varas. Begin the tour in the capital of the region, Puerto Montt, visiting the Main Square, the commercial and harbour zone of Angelmó, famous in Chile because it has many hand crafts and gifts shops, and of course the City Central Market, where we can see how it works one of the principal economic activities, fishing and seafood. Continue down the Pan-American Highway to the charming town of Puerto Varas, located on the shore of Llanquihue Lake. Here you will discover the picturesque streets and visit various sites of interest including the Main Square, the Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Municipal Casino. On completion of the tour you will be taken to your hotel. Please note this is a small group tour.



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DAY 4: Osorno Volcano & Petrohue Waterfalls

This morning you will be collected from your hotel to visit two of the region's most stunning natural sceneries, the Osorno Volcano and Petrohué Falls. Osorno Volcano stands on the south eastern shore of Lake Llanquihue towering over Todos los Santos Lake. Despite its low altitude, the upper slopes of the volcano are covered in glaciers and the views from the top are truly spectacular. From here we continue to the Petrohué Falls located deep in the Vicente Perez Rosales National Park. The chute-type, icy cold, blue green falls stem from the Todos los Santos Lake the next and final stop on today's trip. On completion of the tour you will be taken to your hotel. This is a small group tour. Please note the entrance fee to the waterfalls is not included in this service. Includes a snack.



DAY 5: Transfer to the airport for onward destination

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DAY 5: Depart from Punta Arenas to Puerto Natales

On arrival into Punta Arenas, you will be met for your private transfer from Punta Arenas to Puerto Natales.



DAY 5: Arrival in Puerto Natales

Puerto Natales sits on the shores of Seno Última Esperanza in Chilean Patagonia, with striking views across the mountains. Once a relatively small fishing port, Puerto Natales now relies more on tourism, being the gateway to Torres del Paine National Park and the southern terminus of the ferry trip through the Chilean fjords.



DAY 6: Puerto Natales Free Day

Enjoy today at leisure in Puerto Natales.



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DAY 7: Full day Torres Del Paine National Park

Torres del Paine is undoubtedly one of the most beautiful national parks, famous all around the world for its spectacular scenery, fauna and adventure activities. Declared a Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO in 1978, Torres del Paine is considered to be one of the most magnificent, untouched places on earth. Set off early from Puerto Natales, visiting the Milodon Cave and the village of Castillo, before reaching the park. Milodon Cave is a massive prehistoric cave where the remains of a giant ground sloth were discovered in the 1890's. Once inside the park, make your way to the Salto Grande, a relatively small but incredibly powerful waterfall fed by the glacial melt waters before stopping for lunch at a hosteria. From here it's on to Lake Grey and the Glacier Grey before heading back to Puerto Natales. Along the way, enjoy incredible views of Lakes Sarmiento, Nordenskjold, Pehoé, Amarga and the mountains of the Paine massif like Torres, Cuernos and Paine Grande. Includes lunch and entrance fee.



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DAY 8: Depart from Puerto Natales to Punta Arenas

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DAY 8: Arrival transfer in Santiago

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DAY 9: Transfer to the airport for onward destination

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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Hotels
Inclusions	All airport - hotel transfers and vice versa 2 nights Hotel Galerias Santiago 3 Nights Bellavista Hotel in Puerto Varas 2 Half day excursions and lunch - menu in Puerto Varas 3 Nights Natalino Hotel Puerto Natales 1 Full day excursion with lunch in Puerto Natales Domestic air tickets
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	FROM US\$1,225 - 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.

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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.

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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