

# CHILE - WONDERS OF CHILE



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## DURATION

9 Days

## LOCATIONS

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## INTRODUCTION

Choose this Tailor-Made itinerary or customise to create your own unique journey.  
Departs daily to suit your travel plans. Price based on Deluxe accommodation.

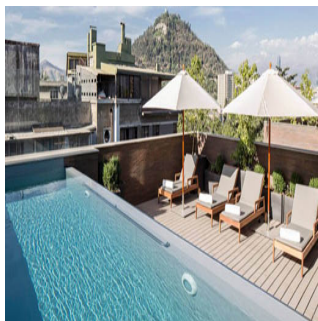
From the icy south to the desert north, from the rugged Pacific coastline to the highest peaks of the Andes, Chimu Adventures offers a myriad of opportunities to enjoy the country's unique geography and culture. Salt plains, geysers and volcanoes - a tour of the world's driest desert. This trip will give you a great overview of the Atacama Desert. In Patagonia you are at one with the wild. The immensity of the ice floes, the majesty of the mountains and the expanse of the lakes are a constant source of wonderment.

## ITINERARY

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### 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.



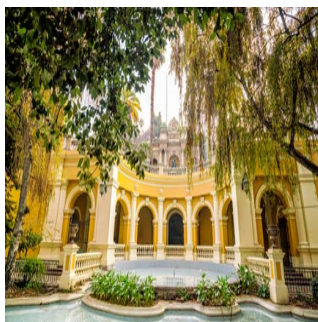
### DAY 1: Santiago de Chile

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: Santiago Panoramic City Tour

This morning, you will be collected from your hotel for your tour of Santiago. Visit both the old and new areas of the city. Highlights include the Plaza de Armas, the city's central square and the heart of the city's old colonial core. The Plaza de Armas is home to the beautiful 18th century Metropolitan Cathedral, the early 19th century Royal Court Palace that houses the Natural History Museum and the Central Post Office completed in 1882. We will continue along to Government Palace and there we will have the opportunity to walk through some of the most traditional streets and neighbourhoods. Visit Cerro Santa Lucia, the hill on which Santiago was founded in 1541, now a park with fountains and stairs leading to a fort and a panoramic viewpoint across the city. On completion of your tour, you will be taken to your hotel. Please note this is small group tour and only operates in the morning.



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## DAY 3: Arrival Hotel Alto Atacama

Welcome to the Atacama Desert. Upon arrival in Calama, you will be transferred to San Pedro de Atacama (1.5 hours, shared with other hotel guests). Dinner will be served at Alto Atacama hotel. During the evening, the guides will suggest optional activities available the following day. Alto Atacama is a village hotel at the base of the Cordillera de la Sal (Salt Mountains), near the ancient ruins of Pukara de Quitor and 3km from the famous oasis of San Pedro de Atacama. Combining raw nature with comfort and convenience, Alto Atacama offers the perfect refuge to rejuvenate the body and soul.



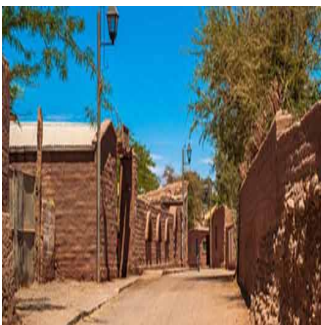
## DAY 3: Transfer to the airport for onward destination

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 3: Atacama

The small oasis town of San Pedro de Atacama lies on an arid high plateau in the Andes Mountains in the heart of some of northern Chile's most spectacular scenery. Overlooking the Licancabur Volcano, its dramatic surrounding landscape ranges from desert, salt flats, steaming geysers and hot springs to fascinating rock formations. The church, dating back to 1774 and featuring adobe, cactus wood and leather-bound beams and the Archaeological Museum are both worth a visit.



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### DAY 4: Explore the Atacama Desert

Alto Atacama has created a program so you can enjoy as much of the local area as you want, in any way you want. There is something for everyone, from visiting museums to volcano climbing. The excursions are designed for people who love nature and extraordinary landscapes, but the vast majority do not require any special physical training or abilities. All are classified by type (on foot, vehicle or bicycle), length (half or full day) and difficulty. Each night, meet with the guides in the bar to discuss options for the following day. There are eight choices per day out of 23 total outings.



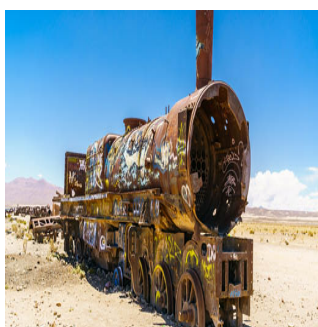
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### DAY 6: Departure Hotel Alto Atacama

After breakfast, you will be transfered to Calama Airport for your onward flight.



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### DAY 6: Fly to Punta Arenas via Santiago

This flight will operate via Santiago to Punta Arenas.



### DAY 6: Arrival in Puerto Natales

On arrival at Punta Arenas or Puerto Natales airport you will be met and transferred to the Singular Patagonia hotel at the edge of the Fjord of Last Hope. The afternoon is at leisure to relax at the hotel, maybe enjoy the spa facilities or explore the grounds surrounding the hotel. In the evening you will be briefed on the excursion options for the following day. The Singular Patagonia features 57 spacious guest rooms that look out over the fjord and the mountains, cosy lounge areas, an eco-spa with indoor and outdoor pools, sauna and steam room, a restaurant and a staff dedicated to personalized service. The restaurant serves dishes based on traditional Patagonian recipes, made using locally grown ingredients. A range of excursions and activities are offered including horseback riding, trekking, cycling, kayaking and fly fishing.



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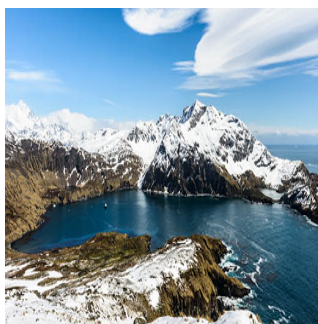
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### DAY 7: Patagonia Activities

Two days to explore the breathtaking landscapes of Patagonia - an untamed wilderness of stunning beauty with windswept pampas, snow-capped peaks, glaciers, blue-tinged icebergs, fjords and lakes. Friendly, experienced and knowledgeable guides lead the way, and give you an in-depth, insider look at Patagonia. There are over 20 different Patagonia excursions available ranging from leisurely day trips to activities that will excite the thrill-seeker. For a leisurely option, join us as we navigate our way through meandering, mountain-fringed fjords, wander through wetlands on a bird-watching trek or discover the historic pioneer town of Puerto Natales. Explore caverns where the prehistoric milodon once lived or head out by horseback or mountain bike along the banks of Laguna Sofia. For a more challenging option you may like to kayak through the Last Hope Sound or take a full-day trek in the stunningly beautiful Torres del Paine National Park with its iconic towers of granite. Basic Level Options • Trekking Sierra Baguales - Private Reserve • Discovering Torres Del Paine National Park • Sailing around the Patagonia Fjords: Serrano and Balmaceda Glaciers • Puerto Natales, Land of Pioneers • Trekking to the Milodon Caves • Horseback Riding to Puerto Consuelo • Cycling around Puerto Natales Medium Level Options • The Water Track • Cycling around Laguna Sofia • Trekking and watching Andean condors • Horse Riding around Laguna Sofia • Kayak Puerto Bories to Puerto Natales • Kayak Fjord Eberhard to Villa Luisa • Kayak harbour tour • Fly fishing Patagonia Difficult Level Options • Tenerife 360° - Horseback Riding or Trekking • Trekking to the Base of Torres Del Paine • Horseback Riding - Tres Paso



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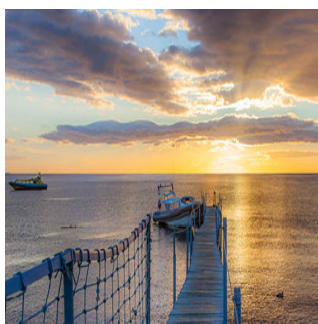
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### DAY 8: Patagonia Activities

### DAY 9: Departure Day

This morning after breakfast you will be transferred from the Singular Patagonia to Punta Arenas Airport in time to check in for your onward flight. Please note this journey will take approximately five hours.



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## INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Deluxe
Inclusions	Private airport transfers Accommodation with breakfast daily All Inclusive program in Atacama and Patagonia Sightseeing with local English-speaking guide Other meals where stated <b>Exclusions</b> International flights Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable) Travel insurance Beverages Personal expenses Gratuities for guides/drivers Any items not mentioned as included
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Subject to season and availability, contact us for more details.
Notes	All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice. This is a Tailor-Made itinerary which can be customised to create your own unique journey. Contact us to discuss your travel plans.
Price Dependent upon	Season and availability

## SUSTAINABILITY

Being environmentally accountable is a crucial part of our organisation. Chimu is currently striving towards using less paper, taking several initiatives to do so and tracking our progress along the way. Our goal: A paperless organisation. For this reason, all information given to you will be sent electronically. We encourage those who choose to travel with us to support our aspirations and actions and ask that you reconsider printing out documentation. To view these documents, you can download them to your iPad or portable computer before and during your trip.

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We use local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprint. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate

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knowledge, passion and culture of the country you're visiting. Our guides are all highly qualified (most with university degrees) or equip with many years of experience and are paid above the standard wage. Whether it be our knowledgeable local guides, locally produced meals or the transport on tour, we do not use imported goods when local products are available. We aim to minimise our impact on the environment and give as much back as possible to the communities we work in.

Your itinerary includes a stay in Alto Atacama. Aesthetically, the architectural design of the lodge is entirely made by local craftsmanship that utilises architectural design to reduce the need for air conditioning. Similarly, solar powers and water treatment facilities encourage less wastage and energy consumption. inputs and amenities are all provided by local materials and construction projects are carried out by local craftsmen, ensuring profits are redistributed to local communities. We further encourage you to buy appropriate souvenirs and discourage the buying of anything wrongfully made or taken from the environment i.e. shells and endangered species products. Information on how you can be environmentally conscious, and travel responsibly will be made available in our Travellers Guides and provided during your travels by guides and staff.

For more information on our sustainability policies, including how we are striving towards being a paperless organisation, click [HERE](#)

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