

CHILE - SPIRIT OF CHILE



INTRODUCTION

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

Tailor Made: Please note this itinerary can be tailored to start at either Tierra Atacama or Patagonia.

Discover two of Chile's most beautiful areas on this 9 day itinerary. Travel south to Patagonia where you will experience four nights of luxury, comfort and outdoor exploration at Tierra Patagonia, located in the Torres del Paine National Park. Spend a night back in the beautiful capital of Santiago and then continue your adventure north to the Atacama Desert. Two full days of optional outdoor activities such as visits to salt flats, geysers and flamingo lagoons, await from your base at Tierra Atacama.

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DAY 1: Arrival in Punta Arenas & Torres del Paine

On arrival into Punta Arenas airport, you will be met and transferred to Tierra Patagonia Hotel, located inside Torres del Paine National Park. The minibus journey is just under 5 hours and takes you from Punta Arenas to Llanuras de Diana, taking in the vast Patagonia landscape along 200 kilometres (124 miles) of dirt road. From there, the 190 kilometres (118 miles) to Torres del Paine National Park is mainly along gravel roads. On arrival, settle into the comfortable Tierra Patagonia Lodge on the beautiful shores of Lago Pehoe and take in the spectacular Paine Mountains. In the evening you will be briefed on the excursion options for next day. Torres del Paine is one of the most beautiful national parks in the world, famous 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.



DAY 2: Activities in Torres del Paine National Park

For the following days you may choose from a variety of full-day & half-day excursions to enjoy the incredible Patagonian scenery and fascinating wildlife of Torres del Paine National Park. The Tierra Patagonia excursions will take guests to see and experience the great beauty and fascinating life of Chilean Patagonia and to explore the untamed wilderness of Torres del Paine with its snow-capped peaks, glaciers, icebergs, fjords, lakes and windswept pampas. With the help of our expert and knowledgeable guides each guest will find the right outing depending on their interests and energy levels. There are walks, hikes, climbs, horse-rides, and tours by van or vehicle to choose from, with difficulty levels ranging from leisurely to very difficult. There are half-day and full-day options, and excursions are run with a maximum of 8 people per guide, with all the necessary equipment.



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DAY 5: Depart from Torres del Paine

Today you will take the morning departure transfer from Tierra Patagonia to Punta Arenas (5 hrs) to connect with your onward flight. Trip Extensions to El Calafate or Antarctica can be arranged. *Transfers from or to El Calafate can be arranged for an additional cost (US\$270), please contact us for more details.



DAY 5: Arrival transfer in Santiago

On arrival at Santiago Airport, please make your way through Customs and Immigration and only exit from the green doors marked 'Meeting Point'. 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 6: 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 local English speaking guide.



DAY 6: Welcome to Atacama Desert

On arrival in Calama you will be met and transferred to San Pedro de Atacama (1½ hours, shared with other hotel guests). A welcome dinner will be served at the hotel. During the evening, the guides will suggest optional activities available the following days.



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DAY 7: Days 2 & 3: Activities in San Pedro de Atacama

Tierra Atacama have a set of activities where you can choose from onsite, allowing you to create your own personalised experience deep in the Atacama. Below are suggested options you may like to choose from through-out your stay. Feel the exhilaration of pedalling through spellbinding landscapes towards the Quebrada del Diablo 'Devil's Canyon', witnessing scenic sights across the Atacama as you go. Having geared up and prepared your bicycles at the hotel, you will start your exploration of the local area, beginning with a ride along the banks of the San Pedro River, at 2,400m (7,900ft) above sea level. Bumble along the dusty pathways, with the beautiful mountains accompanying you along the way, before crossing the cool, gentle waters of the river to reach the other side. The Atacama Desert is known to be one of the best places on earth for stargazing. So, armed with the largest public telescope in the region as well as the help of our expert guides, we'll enjoy a fascinating evening of astronomy together, something not easily forgotten. Look up to the jet-black canopy above you, studded with glittering stars and their constellations, easily visible to the naked eye thanks to the Atacama's lack of artificial light and endless expanse of untouched desert. The night sky transforms throughout the year, so depending on the time of your visit, it may be Saturn's rings, craters on the moon, nebulas and even supernovas on show.



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DAY 8: Atacama Tatio Geysers

Today we visit the Tatio Geysers, located at an altitude of 4,300m (14,190 ft.). The geothermal field has close links to the volcanic activity in the zone and consists of huge steam columns that reach heights of 12m (almost 40 ft.). Breakfast is served as dawn breaks. On the way back to the village, there is the opportunity to spot families of vicuñas and if you are lucky, foxes, vizcachas and Andean ostriches. We stop in the hamlet of Machuca before returning to the hotel.



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DAY 9: Atacama: Departure day

After breakfast, you are transferred to Calama Airport for your flight to Santiago.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Deluxe
Inclusions	Private airport transfers Internal flights as part of itinerary Accommodation with breakfast daily Sightseeing with local English-speaking guide Other meals where stated Exclusions International flights Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable) Travel insurance Beverages Personal expenses Gratuities for tour guides/drivers Any items not mentioned as included
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Available upon request. 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,

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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.

Chimu is passionate and dedicated to sustainability measures and understands the crucial part sustainability plays within the tourism industry.

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 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.

While visiting the many national parks, heritage sites, museums and landmarks our travellers are encouraged to explore remain culturally aware and sensitive. 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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