

SOUTH AMERICA - SANTIAGO TO BARILOCHE OVERLAND



INTRODUCTION

Our journey begins in Santiago, the cosmopolitan capital of Chile, from there we head south to explore Chile's wine region, with its wonderful vineyards that produce some of the world's finest wines. We continue travelling south through the Chilean and Argentinean Lakes Districts taking time to discover the endless forests, alpine lakes and startling waterfalls that are abundant throughout the area, and spend time in two of Chile and Argentina's premier adventure destinations.

Please note this trip is also available in reverse from Bariloche to Santiago on 13/02/2020. Please contact us for more information.

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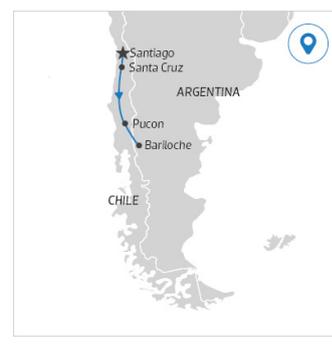
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DURATION

9 Days

LOCATIONS

Chile, Argentina



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DAY 1: Santiago

Your tour begins with a bang in Santiago, Chile's cosmopolitan capital city. Please join your tour leader for a tour meeting at 6:30pm, look out for joining details in the lobby. Enjoy a welcome dinner with the group this evening. 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. Meals: Dinner (D)



DAY 2: Santiago to Santa Cruz

An early departure from Santiago towards the south via the Panamerican Highway, we arrive into the wine region. Once we arrive you will visit the Colchagua Museum, known today as one of the most complete Museums in South America. The Colchagua Valley, famous for producing some of Chile's finest wines, in particular Carmenere, a grape that was thought to be extinct until rediscovered in Chile in 1994. Their Cabernet Sauvignon variety also thrives during the grape growing season due to the hot sunny climate in this part of Chile. During this day, you will visit the winery, with wine tasting and wine making included. Meals: Breakfast (B), Lunch (L), Dinner (D)



DAY 3: Santa Cruz to Pucon

Settle into our comfortable custom-built truck as we journey south along the highway. Passing orchards and plantations of fruits and vegetables, as well as a big timber industry. We'll pass picturesque lakes and mountains to arrive into Pucon, located in the heart of Chile's Lakes District. On the way we will stop for lunch at the impressive Salto del Lajas waterfalls. Meals: (B), (L), (D)



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DAY 4: Pucon

Today we combine a wonderful natural environment with a cultural experience unique to this area. In the morning, we will visit either the Villarrica National Park or one of the surrounding national reserve parks, all of which protect thousands of hectares of rivers, waterfalls, alpine lakes and forest. In the afternoon, we visit a traditional Mapuche family. We are invited to learn and experience the Ruka of the Mapuche people, the heart of their culture. You will learn about their daily life, gain a wonderful insight into their culture and enjoy a traditional Mapuche meal. Meals: (B), (L)



DAY 5: Pucon

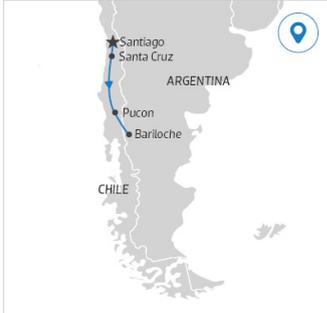
Enjoy a day at leisure here where it is possible to organise numerous outdoor activities such as a one day hike up the Villarica Volcano to reach the smoking crater or take the bus out to Huerquehue National Park and experience the amazing lakes trail. You could enjoy kayaking, mountain biking, horse riding, fishing, white water rafting and even sky diving, or simply relaxing by the lake admiring the beauty of your surroundings. Meals: (B)



DAY 6: Pucon to Bariloche

Crossing our first border we pass the gigantic Volcano Lanin (3737m) as we make our way through the Lanin National Park. Once we cross into Argentina you'll see the landscape change. After lunch sit back and marvel along the scenic seven lakes drive to Bariloche, Argentina a resort town nestled peacefully on the shores of the Nahuel Huapi Lake. San Carlos de Bariloche lies on the southern shores of Lake Nahuel Huapi in the foothills of the Andes surrounded by mountains and forests. Its location is stunning, surrounded by the Nahuel Huapi National Park, the oldest National Park in Argentina. With its Alpine-styled architecture, its picturesque lakeside setting overlooked by mountains and forests as well as numerous boutique chocolate shops and St. Bernard dogs, the city has a Swiss-like atmosphere. Meals: (B), (L), (D)



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DAY 7: Bariloche

A free morning allows you time to head up to Cerro Otto via a gondola where you can sit in the revolving café with a 360 degree view. You can also explore the forest at the top spotting condors and falcons as you go. In the afternoon, we take time to explore the scenic Circuito Chico in the Nahuel Huapi National Park following the road along the lake. We learn about how Bariloche got started, head up the chairlift to Cerro Campanario, stop at various lookout points and discover a hidden lake. We finish off this lovely afternoon at Argentina's most famous resort, Hotel Llao Llao, where we will enjoy High Tea over-looking the lake. Meals: (B), High Tea



DAY 8: Bariloche

A day at leisure here gives you time to pursue interests such as sailing on the massive Nahuel Huapi Lake, horse riding on a local estancia, taking a tour to see the monstrous Tronodor peak, playing golf or hiking one of the many trails available in the area. Meals: (B)



DAY 9: Departure in Bariloche

Your tour ends after breakfast this morning. Depart Bariloche with wonderful memories. Meals: (B)



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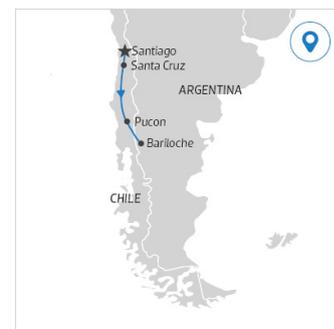
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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation

Standard

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Inclusions	Accommodation with breakfast daily Transport in custom all-terrain vehicles Other meals where stated Sightseeing with local English-speaking guide All national park entrance fees Private airport transfers Internal flights as indicated on itinerary Exclusions International flights Gratuities for guides/drivers Beverages Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable) Any items not mentioned as included
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Available upon request, contact us for more details.
Notes	<p>Activities Included: Colchagua Valley Vineyard Tour and Wine Making Experience Colchagua Museum Hiking Villarrica National Park or Local Reserve Traditional Mapuche Ruka Experience including meal Seven Lakes Scenic Drive between Pucon & Bariloche Circuito Chico Tour Cerro Campanario Chairlift & Viewpoint High Tea at Llao Llao Resort</p> <p>*Reverse itinerary also available please contact us for more details.</p>
Price Dependent upon	Season and availability

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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.

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

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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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