

Chile from North to South (10D/9N)

San Pedro de Atacama - Santiago - Patagonia







Validity: Consult validity. Begins: Santiago Airport (SCL) **Ends:** Punta Arenas Airport (SCL)

Day 01: Airport - Transfer in

Day 02: Santiago – HD Panoramic City Tour

Day 03: Transfer Out – Santiago – San Pedro de Atacama – HD Moon Valley

Day 04: San Pedro de Atacama – HD Archaeological Tour

Day 05: San Pedro de Atacama – FD Piedras Rojas, Altiplanic Lagoons and Salar de Atacama

Day 06: San Pedro de Atacama – FD Tatio Geysers – Transfer Out – Santiago

Day 07: Santiago – Punta Arenas – Puerto Natales

Day 08: Puerto Natales – FD Torres del Paine & Milodón Cave

Day 09: Puerto Natales - FD Balmaceda & Serrano Navegation

Day 10: Puerto Natales – Punta Arenas – Transfer Out

Includes:

- ✓ Transfer Santiago Airport / Hotel in Santiago
- ✓ HD Santiago City Tour
- ✓ Transfer Hotel in Santiago / Santiago Airport
- √ 03 nights accommodation in Santiago (breakfast included)
- √ 03 nights accommodation in San Pedro de Atacama (breakfast included)
- √ 03 nightss accomodation in Puerto Natales (breakfast included)
- ✓ Transfer Calama Airport / Hotel in San Pedro de Atacama
- ✓ HD Moon Valley (entrance fee included)
- ✓ HD Archaeological Tour
- ✓ FD Piedras Rojas, Altiplanic Lagoons and Salar de Atacama (entrance and lunch included)
- ✓ FD Tatio Geysers (entrance fee included)
- ✓ Transfer Hotel in San Pedro de Atacama / Calama Airport









- ✓ Transfer Punta Arenas Airport / Punta Arenas bus station
- ✓ Bus Ticket from Punta Arenas / Puerto Natales
- ✓ Transfer Puerto Natales bus station / Hotel in Puerto Natales
- ✓ FD Torres del Paine & Milodon Cave (entrance and lunch included)
- ✓ FD Balmaceda & Serrano Navigation (entrance and lunch included)
- ✓ Transfer Hotel in Puerto Natales / Puerto Natales bus station
- ✓ Bus Ticket Puerto Natales / Punta Arenas
- ✓ Transfer Punta Arenas Bus Station / Punta Arenas airport

Not included:

- × Domestic or International flights
- ✗ Meals or drinks no mentioned on program
- × Tips and gratituties

Day 01 / Airport - Santiago

Arrival in Santiago. Reception at the airport and transfer to selected hotel (accommodation included).

Day 02 / Santiago - HD Panoramic City Tour

In the morning we will begin our city tour around Santiago. The capital of Chile is a vibrant city full of character, with a thriving artistic culture, modern restaurants and lively nightlife. Surrounded by mountains - the mighty Andes to the east and the smaller coastal range to the west - on a clear day, Santiago boasts one of the most incredible urban scenes in the world. Old-world colonial mansions and eclectic neighborhoods seamlessly integrate the skyscrapers of "Sanhattan" into a captivating fusion of tradition and modernity. With world-class skiing, wine routes, biking and trekking right at your doorstep, Santiago is a city full of stimulating possibilities.

Our tour starts from the hotel where the transfer will pick us up. We will start through the main avenue of the city, knowing its history and its surroundings. We will go down to the cobblestone neighborhood of Lastarría, a characteristic sector for its green areas and beautiful houses of the XIX century, now restored and mostly used as cafes, restaurants, bookstores and museums.

Then, we will go to Cerro Santa Lucia here we will have time to walk and take pictures, while our guide tells us some of the most important episodes in the history of Santiago, such as the Mapuche / Spanish confrontation. From its terraces we will have a panoramic view of Santiago, as well as admire relics and constructions from the colonial era, such as Castillo Hidalgo.

We will go to our next stop, on the way we can see emblematic places of the city such as the Plaza de Armas, The Santiago Cathedral and its impressive architecture, in addition to the former national congress. We will arrive at the imposing government house called "La Moneda" and next to it the "Plaza de la Constitución"; We will visit its surroundings and we will know more about its important and interesting history.









Once in our vehicle, the tour will continue with a step through the Central Market, one of the most characteristic gastronomic points of Santiago, and then continue to the upper sector of the capital. On the way we will stop at a lapis lazuli store where we can admire and/or buy beautiful jewelry and unique crafts. Then we will finish the tour at the respectives hotel (accommodation included).

Day 03 / Santiago - Transfer Out - San Pedro de Atacama - HD Valle de La Luna

At schedule time transfer to Santiago Airport to board flight to Calama. Arrival at Calama. Reception at the airport and transfer to selected hotel in San Pedro de Atacama. In the afternoon we will visit the Moon Valley, in the middle of the deep arid Cordillera de la Sal we find a landscape of salt and clay modeled by water and wind of millions of years, in our journey we will enjoy the beauty delivered of the extravagant forms that the mountain range gives us encouraging the imagination and reflection for its tranquility. As the afternoon passes, we will enter the Death Valley and from there enjoy one of the best views of the Andes Mountains and its volcanoes, to finally finish watching the sunset that through its colors give us a wonderful final for our excursion. Return to selected hotel (accommodation included).

Day 4 / San Pedro de Atacama – HD Archaeological Tour

San Pedro de Atacama is the archaeological capital of Chile, not only its landscapes are part of its attraction, its history enriches it and also enriches you, your stay and experience. We will visit the most important archaeological sites in the sector and travel to the past to learn about the origin of the Atacameña or Licanantai culture, the Pukara de Quitor is not only important for local history, but it is important for the history of Chile through the Battle of Quitor (1540) one of the first clashes between Spaniards and Indians. At Granja Atacameña we will see how a family combines the ancestral traditions of agriculture and livestock with tourism, tasting some local products, then the Aldea de Tulor, corresponds to the oldest settlement in the Salar de Atacama basin and one of the first tests of sedentarism in the region. And finally we will move to the center of San Pedro de Atacama to travel in time to the time upto the colony era, where one of the most symbolic buildings is the Church of San Pedro, built and preserved to this day of adobe, cactus wood, chañar and algarrobo, a national monument since 1951. Return to selected hotel (lodging included).

Day 5 / San Pedro de Atacama – Piedras Rojas, Lagunas Altiplánicas y Salar

This time we will visit the great Salar de Atacama in the Los Flamencos National Reserve where we can enjoy its immensity surrounded by its fauna in the Chaxa Lagoon and surroundings among the flamingos that with their beauty prove to be the main attraction of the salar. Then we will take the road to the high plateau to visit the Miscanti and Miñiques lagoons at 4,200 masl at the base of the volcanoes of the Andes, through their paths we will delight ourselves with the nature of a landscape of contrasts. Then we will enjoy lunch in the town of Socaire, a town that stands out for its traditional cuisine. Finally before returning we will visit the town of Toconao, its bell tower and church of San Lucas, both national monuments since 1951. Return to selected hotel (accommodation included).

Day 6 / San Pedro de Atacama – FD Tatio Geysers – Out







Our trip to the altiplano begins at dawn to reach one of the most important geothermal fields in the world, the "Geysers del Tatio", surrounded by emanations of water and steam, we will enjoy the beauty of the Andes and with this natural scenario we will offer you a revival breakfast. Then we will visit the "Pozon Rustico" where you can enjoy the hot springs that the mountain range gives us. Taking the road back to San Pedro de Atacama you can enjoy the beauty of the landscape, native flora and fauna to finally stop at the village of Machuca, place of llama shepherds, today this town of adobe house, straw and Cactus wood is dedicated to tourism offering local products such as Andean crafts, llama meat, sopaipillas and empanadas. As a historical and architectural attraction we will visit the Church of San Santiago, patron of the town. Return to selected hotel. Transfer to Calama airport to board a connection to Santiago. Hotel accommodation at Santiago Airport (included).

Day 7 / Santiago - Punta Arenas - Puerto Natales

At the agreed time, transfer to Santiago Airport to board flight to Punta Arenas. Arrival in Punta Arenas. Reception at airport and transfer to bus station of Punta Arenas to take a regular bus to the city of Puerto Natales (3 hrs). Reception in bus station of Puerto Natales and transfer to selected hotel (lodging included).

Day 8 / Puerto Natales - FD Torres del Paine

The excursion begins with a visit to the Milodón Cave, a natural monument located on the hillside of Benítez Hill, 25 kilometers from Puerto Natales, where in 1895 remains of extinct animals were found, such as the saber-toothed tiger, American horse and a large mammal known as Milodón. It is necessary to take a walk for about half an hour, to enter the cave and appreciate the stalactites, the places where the remains were found and a replica of the Milodón. Subsequently, a technical stop is made in the town of Cerro Castillo, where you can make some purchases, enjoy the cafeteria service or just relax. Continuing with the trip to the Torres del Paine park, visitors will be able to appreciate the most diverse landscapes, from the deciduous Magellanic forest to the Patagonian steppe, dominated by the wind, the aridity and the immensity of the landscape. On the way, it is also possible to find two species of local fauna in abundance, the guanaco, the South American camelid llama family and the ñandú, family of the African ostrich. Once you reach the park, a biosphere reserve with an area of more than 242,000 acres, the landscape changes drastically to give way to dozens of lagoons populated by waterfowl, and in the background, granite giants that dominate the landscape. Turquoise lakes, waterfalls and ice-covered mountains are the dominant landscape within the park. A 15-minute walk inside the park is necessary to get close to Salto Grande, a waterfall that connects two large lakes within the park, the Nordenskjold and Pehoé Lake. After lunch, the visit continues with a walk on the shores of Gray Lake, where it is possible to see icebergs, and as a backdrop the immensity of Gray Glacier. Depending on the needs, the return can be made by the same way, or by the new road, which borders the lakes Toro, Buenos Aires and Sofia. Return to selected hotel (accommodation included).

Day 9 / Puerto Natales – FD Balmaceda & Serrano Navigation







The Balmaceda and Serrano glaciers are located within the Bernardo O'Higgins National Park, which is located 31 miles northwest of the city of Puerto Natales and is part of the Andes mountain range. To visit it means to admire a majestic place, almost untouched by man. Its access is only by sea, navigating through Ultima Esperanza Fjord, which owes its name to the "last hope" of finding the Strait of Magellan in 1557, for an expedition that was looking for it from the Pacific Ocean. The trip begins at the pier of Puerto Natales, and on the way it is possible to see the buildings belonging to the Bories refrigerator, which was one of the largest meat processing industries in Patagonia, you can also see a colony of Imperial Cormorants , a small colony of Sea Lions and a variety of plants that make up the flora, such as Coigüe, Canelo, Lenga, Ñire, Chilco and Calafate among others. The Balmaceda glacier can be seen from the ship, however, to visit the Serrano, it is necessary to make a 20 minute walk along a path that borders a small lake originated by the melting of said glacier. Return to selected hotel (accommodation included).

From April 1, 2018 to September 30, 2018 tour only operates on Sundays.

Day 10 / Puerto Natales – Punta Arenas – Out

At the agreed time, transfer to Puerto Natales bus station to take a regular bus to the city of Punta Arenas (3 hrs.). Reception at bus station and transfer to Punta Arenas Airport.

END OF SERVICES.



