

# Santiago & Easter Island (7D/6N)

Santiago - Easter Island





Validity: All year

**Begins:** Santiago Airport (SCL) **Ends:** Easter Island Airport (IPC)

**Day 1:** Santiago Airport – Transfer in

Day 2: HD Panoramic City Tour

Day 3: Santiago – FD Viña del Mar & Valparaíso

Day 4: Santiago – Transfer out – Easter Island – HD Ahu Akivi

Day 5: Easter Island - FD Anakena Beach

Day 6: Easter Island – HD Orongo
Day 7: Easter Island – Transfer out

#### Includes:

- ✓ Transfer Santiago Airport / Santiago Hotel
- ✓ HD Panoramic City Tour
- ✓ FD Viña del Mar & Valparaíso
- ✓ Transfer Santiago Hotel / Santiago Airport
- ✓ Transfer Easter Island Airport / Easter Island Hotel
- ✓ HD Ahu Akivi
- ✓ FD Anakena Beach (include box lunch)
- ✓ HD Orongo
- ✓ Transfer Easter Island Hotel / Easter Island Airport
- √ 03 nights accommodation in Santiago (breakfast included)
- √ 03 nights accommodations in Easter Island (breakfast included)







#### Does not include:

- × Air Tickets
- Ticket Rapa Nui National Park
- Meals and drink not specified in the program
- **x** Tips

#### Day 1 / Airport - Santiago

Arrival in Santiago. Reception at the Airport and transfer to the selected hotel.

#### Day 2 / Santiago – HD Panoramic City Tour

In the morning we will start with a City Tour by 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.









#### Day 3 / Santiago – FD Viña del Mar & Valparaíso

The stunning coastline of Chile offers spectacular views of breaking waves, colorful landscapes and soft sandy beaches. Anchored by the affluent tourist town of Viña del Mar and the historic port of Valparaíso, the central coast is a popular and summer weekend getaway for the Santiaguinos.

We will leave the hotel in Santiago, drive approximately 90 minutes west to the coast, passing through the exuberant agricultural valley of Curacaví and the Casablanca Valley, famous for its innovative wineries that are producing the best white wines of Chile and fresh climate red wines. Late in the morning, we will arrive in Valparaíso, one of the first Chilean cities founded by the Spaniards. Declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 2003 for its architectural and cultural importance, the city is also one of the most interesting in Chile.

We will start in the downtown sector, knowing the history of "Valpo" and its importance in trade and commerce in South America. Centennial elevators will transport you to the steep hills of the city, where a labyrinth of streets reveals brightly colored buildings, bohemian cafes, elegant restaurants, and spectacular views of the harbor.

The tour will take you on foot through two of the most famous and eclectic neighborhoods, Cerro Concepción and Cerro Alegre. In addition, we will make a panoramic visit to one of the three houses converted into Pablo Neruda's museums, La Sebastiana (entrance and lunch not included).

Then we will continue our tour to the city of Viña del Mar where we will visit its main attractions such as the "Reloj de Flores", Fonck Museum, Quinta Vergara, and Los Cañones Beach. We will finish the tour at your hotel.

#### Day 4 / Santiago – Easter Island Airport – HD Ahu Akivi

At the agreed time, transfer to Santiago Airport. Arrival to Easter Island. Reception at the Airport and transfer to the hotel. In the afternoon, we will make an excursion to Ahu Akivi. Easter Island is a destination that invites us to get to know its history through traditions and science. On this tour we will focus on seeing and understanding how the ancient islander connected with celestial and astronomical events.

This tour visits three archeological sites: the beginning of the tour starts with a 20-minute trek to Ana te Pahu. This large underground cave is one of the most visited, and it is located in the interior of the island, on the Roiho area. This cavern once served as a tribal residence, since it contained a source for fresh water and diversity of cultivated plants. Its name "Te Pahu" means drum in Rapanui, it was given due to its layer of petrified lava that resounds when jumped on, just like a drum would We will continue with Ahu Akivi, this location is one of the most majestic on the island, since it has a great platform decorated with 7 restored statues which represent the seven explorers that arrived on the island to open the way to Ariki Hotu Matu'a. This place was buil t around the XV century, with a special atronomical orientation, which was important not just for the daily functioning of the tribe, but also for the spiritual ceremonies of the ancient Rapa Nui. You may also find the crematorium remains, where there were human bones found as well as small statues.

Later, we will continue to the Puna Pau quarry, that is the crater of an old volcano located 15 kilometers northeast of Hanga Roa, next to Ahu Akivi.

This place characterizes for harboring the raw material to build the pukaos (hat like head dress) that will later be used to crown the moais.







At the end of our tour, we will realice that we were part of the origin, the tradition and the science of a culture that recreates with surprising vitality. A part of Chile that invites to be discovered. Return to the hotel (accommodation included).

### Day 5 / Isla de Pascua - FD Anakena Beach

We invite you to follow into the steps of the first King of the island, Ariki Hotu Matua. It is said the destiny was determined by a dream which took him to Easter Island to begin the colonization period. In our tour we will visit five archeological sites, during the morning we will have the honor of visiting Akahanga, Rano Raraku and Ahu Tongariki, important places for the Rapa Nui culture, located in the south coast, that since the beginning of time and until today invite us to be a part of history of a culture filled with archeological riches.

At the end of our first tour, we invite you for lunch at the home of a Rapa Nui Family, the company here will be the garden, with its typical trees that invite us to live the experience of sharing and knowing the kindness of our gastronomy.

Once we are ready to start the second tour, our guide will take us to Te Pito Kura, through the internal highway of the island, this archeological site known as the navel of the world, has a platform that until today has maintained intact with its moai. This Moai is the biggest sculpture ever to have been transported from the Rano Raraku quarry and lifted over its ahu.

Our last steps are reserved for Anakena, one of the most important beaches in the history of Easter Island, since according to tradition, it was here where the first kig of the island, the Ariki Hotu Matu ´a disembarked with his men and stablished the first settlement that gave origin to the Rapa Nui culture. In this same place we will find two ahus and their respective moais. A unique scenery that you cannot miss.

For whom wish to destine some time for contemplation, rest and to enjoy the white sands, its crystal clear waters, this is the ideal place to do it. Return to the hotel (accommodation included).

#### Day 6 / Isla de Pascua – HD Orongo

The invitation on this day is to discover the place where the Bird Man competition (Tangata – manu) used to be celebrated, which took place every year in the spring time on the cliffs of the Rano Kau volcano and the ceremonial village of Orongo.

We cannot forget that history will be present the entire time during our tour, one of the witnesses of that history is Rano Kau. This fresh water crater is one of the main volcanoes on our island and has a privileged view of the Pacific Ocean and of the interior of the volcano.

We will also visit the Orongo ceremonial village which is of great importance on a cultural and spiritual level given its relation with the Tangata Manu competition. The village has a total of 54 houses out of which most of them were restored in 1974. Nowadays, this village has a path that will allow us a direct view to the restored houses along with its cave art and petroglyphs. Next, we will head out towards Vinapu, this ceremonial center is one of the most important on the island and one of the most mysterious, since its big slabs built out of basalt (volcanic rock) fit perfectly on the back of its ahu or platform, which impacts with its similarity to the ancient constructions of the Incan Empire in Cuzco.







After we have visited and learnt with amazement the history of our people we will finish the tour, leaving you an open invitation to learn more about our roots. Return to the hotel (accommodation included).

## Day 7 / Isla de Pascua – Out

At the agreed time, transfer to the airport to board your flight.

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