



## Santiago, Lakes and Glaciers (8D/7N)

Santiago – Puerto Varas – Puerto Natales



**Validity:** September to May

**Beginning/End:** Santiago Airport (SCL)

**Day 1:** Santiago Airport – HD Panoramic City Tour

**Day 2:** Santiago– Transfer out – Puerto Varas – HD Puerto Varas & Puerto Montt City Tour

**Day 3:** Puerto Varas – HD Osorno Volcano & Saltos de Petrohué

**Day 4:** Puerto Varas – Transfer Out – Puerto Natales

**Day 5:** Puerto Natales – FD Torres Del Paine

**Day 6:** Puerto Natales – FD Balmaceda & Serrano Navigation

**Day 7:** Puerto Natales – Punta Arenas – Santiago – Transfer in

**Day 8:** Santiago – Transfer out

### Include:

- ✓ Transfer Santiago Airport / Santiago Hotel
- ✓ HD Panoramic City Tour
- ✓ Transfer Santiago Hotel / Santiago Airport
- ✓ Transfer Puerto Montt Airport / Puerto Varas Hotel
- ✓ HD Puerto Montt & Puerto Varas City Tour
- ✓ FD Osorno Volcano & Saltos de Petrohué (lunch included)
- ✓ Transfer Puerto Varas Hotel / Puerto Montt Airport
- ✓ Transfer Punta Arenas Airport / Punta Arenas Bus Terminal
- ✓ Punta Arenas Bus Ticket / Puerto Natales
- ✓ Transfer Puerto Natales Bus Station / Puerto Natales Hotel
- ✓ FD Torres del Paine (entrance and lunch include)
- ✓ FD Balmaceda & Serrano Navigation (entrance and lunch included)
- ✓ Transfer Puerto Natales Hotel / Puerto Natales Bus Station
- ✓ Puerto Natales Bus Ticket / Punta Arenas



- ✓ Transfer Punta Arenas Bus Terminal / Punta Arenas Airport
- ✓ Transfer Santiago Airport / Santiago Hotel
- ✓ 02 nights accommodation in Santiago (breakfast included)
- ✓ 02 nights accommodation in Puerto Varas (breakfast included)
- ✓ 03 nights accommodation in Puerto Natales (breakfast included)

**Exclude:**

- ✗ Air Tickets
- ✗ Meals and drink not specified in the program
- ✗ Voluntary tips

**Flight Recommendations:**

- Santiago (SCL) / Punta Montt (PMC) → Arriving in Puerto Montt before 12:00 hrs.
- Puerto Montt (PMC) / Punta Arenas (PUQ) → Arriving in Punta Arenas before 16:00 hrs.
- Punta Arenas (PUQ) / Santiago → Leaving Punta Arenas after 15:00 hrs.

**Day 1 / Santiago Airport – HD Panoramic City Tour**

Arrival in Santiago. Reception at the Airport and transfer to the selected hotel. In the afternoon, we will make a city tour through 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 respective hotel (accommodation included).

#### **Day 2 / Santiago – Puerto Montt – Puerto Varas – HD Puerto Montt & Puerto Varas City Tour**

At the agreed time, transfer to Santiago Airport to board the flight to Puerto Montt. Reception at the airport, transfer to the selected hotel. In the afternoon, we will make a City Tour in which we will visit both Puerto Montt and Puerto Varas. Throughout the day, we will pass by its main sights such as markets among which we will find the “Fish & Seafood Market” as well as “Angelmo’s Artisanal Market”, famous for its copper, wool, wood and lapis lazuli. Moreover, we will visit the natural viewpoints of Phillipi and Calvario mounts from which we will enjoy a panoramic view on the whole city as well as Llanquihue Lake and Chinguihue and Pelluco resorts. Return to the hotel selected in Puerto Varas (accommodation included).

#### **Day 3 / Puerto Varas – FD Osorno Volcano and Saltos de Petrohué**

We will start our excursion from Puerto Varas, the “Roses City”, to Osorno volcano, bordering Llanquihue Lake. We will enjoy a beautiful view on the snowy Osorno and Cabulco volcanoes until we arrive at Ensenada where we will start our ascent. We will reach the Osorno Volcano ski resort, located 1.240 m above the sea level. We will be up there for an hour and we will have the time to enjoy the landscape, take pictures and appreciate a unique view on volcanoes’ summits and its eternal snow glaciers, on Cabulco, Llanquihue Lake and the Pacific Ocean. Passengers will have the option to have a cup of coffee or hot chocolate, or taking the chairlift to reach from 1.450m high on the Primavera resort to 1.750m high in the Glacier resort. From there, we will enjoy a stunning and impressive view on Llanquihue Lake.

Before continuing our journey, we will have time for lunch in a restaurant of the area (included). Later, we will go to Petrohué, located in the shore of Todos los Santos Lake, inside Vicente Pérez Rosales National Park. We will take a quiet walk along its trails, surrounded by a green forest, the majestic Osorno volcano and the turquoise Petrohué river. Paying a ticket, we will appreciate one of the most beautiful places of the region, the Saltos de Petrohué, where the Petrohué River is jumping over crystallized lava huge rocks, immune during centuries from erosion and shaped by smaller stones joined by a vitreous material, highlighting the view: must-see place. Return to the selected hotel (accommodation included).

#### **Day 4 / Puerto Varas – Puerto Natales**

At the agreed time, transfer to Puerto Montt Airport to board the flight to Punta Arenas. Reception at the airport and transfer to Punta Arenas Bus Terminal to take a regular bus to Puerto Natales city (3 hours). Reception at the Puerto Natales Bus Terminal and transfer to the selected hotel (accommodation included).

#### **Day 5 / Puerto Natales – FD Torres del Plaine**

The departure from your hotel in Puerto Natales will be at 8:30 am to make the first stop at Milodon Cave which is located 24 kilometers north of Puerto Natales. This natural monument is composed by three caverns and a rocky conglomerate called "Silla del Diablo".



Before getting to the cave, we will pass by La Silla del Diablo (Devil's chair), its name comes from the popular imagination that the rock has a chair shape.

The oldest men of Patagonia said that in this place the devil appeared to those who came to look for him on the dark nights.

Later on, we will continue our excursion to Torres del Paine National Park. On the way, we can see this stunning massif as well as Sofia Lagoon, Prat Range, Porteño Lake, Mesa Hill, Del Toro Lake, Del Toro and Ballena Hill. Here we can see the beautiful landscape that surrounds us from Grey Lake view point.

A couple of kilometers later, we will go over Serrano bridge to continue to Grey lake sector. In this area, we can walk along the shore of Grey lake. If the conditions are good, we can keep walking until Grey view point.

When we go back to the parking lot, we will continue our excursion until a restaurant to rest and have lunch (Lunch is not included in our service).

Once we are ready, we will begin the second part of our visit in Torres del Paine National Park, heading to Salto Grande sector. We will visit Nordenskjold lake view point and we will continue enjoying the spectacular views of this sinuous route which will approach us to Amarga Lagoon area. Before that, we will visit Paine waterfall which is a beautiful place where we can see the turquoise waters that come from Paine river.

After enjoying this pleasant show, we will return to Puerto Natales, but before we will stop at Sarmiento lake view point to take the last picture of Torres del Paine National Park (accommodation included).

#### **Day 6 / Puerto Natales – FD Balmaceda & Serrano Navigation**

Balmaceda and Serrano glaciers are located inside Bernardo O'Higgins National Park, at 31 miles northwest of Puerto Natales and it is part of Andes Chain Mountains. Visit the park significates admire a majestic place almost untouched by the humans. The only way to access the park is by boat, sailing through Última Esperanza fjord that takes his name from the "last hope" to find Magallanes Strait in 1557, during an expedition that searched it from the Pacific Ocean. The trip will start in Puerto Natales and on our way it will be possible to see the buildings that belongs to "Frigorífico Bories" which was one of the biggest meat industry in Patagonia. You could also observe an imperial cormorant colony, a small sea-lions colony and a huge variety of plants that form the flora such as coigüe, cinnamon tree, lenga, ñirre and the calafate. Balmaceda Glacier can be seen from the boat while for Serrano Glacier, a 20 minutes walk is necessary, through a path that borders a small lake that appears with the melting glacier. Lunch (included) in Estancia Turistica Perales (meat soup and vegetables, Magallanes lamb roasted barbecued, regular potatoes, salads, dessert, wine or juice), with an alternative vegetarian option. Return to the selected hotel (accommodation included).

#### **Day 7 / Puerto Natales – Punta Arenas – Santiago**

At the agreed time, transfer to Puerto Natales Bus Terminal to take a bus to Punta Arenas City (3 hours). Reception at Punta Arenas Bus Terminal and transfer to Punta Arenas Airport to board the



flight to Santiago. Reception at Santiago Airport and transfer to the selected hotel (accommodation included).

**Day 8 / Santiago – Transfer Out**

At the agreed time, transfer Santiago Airport.

**END OF OUR SERVICES**