



Easter Island



Chile

The longest country in the world with a 3,000 mile coastline, Chile's width rarely exceeds 100 miles. This fantastic ribbon of land offers astonishing diversity, from the highest, most absolute desert on earth to volcanoes, vineyards, alpine tundra and glaciers. To travel in Chile is to experience the full range of the earth's infinite variety.

At a glance

- Many parts of the country can be explored all year round. Best time to visit the far south is between November and April (Patagonia)
- Internal flights are essential
- Atacama – explore the moonscape of the world's driest desert
- A labyrinth of fjords and channels
- Volcanoes and snow-capped mountains
- Torres del Paine National Park - mountains and lakes
- Easter island - marvel at the giant stone statues
- Great food and wine

Getting there

Direct flight from London Heathrow to Santiago with British Airways. There are additional flights to Santiago via Madrid with LATAM or Iberia; via Paris with Air France; via Amsterdam with KLM. KLM and Air France offer connections from regional airports in the UK.

Prices from **£5,750 per person** (2 sharing) for a 14 night trip

Combinations

Chile is normally combined with Argentina where there are numerous land, sea or lake crossings. It can also be combined with Peru, Bolivia and Antarctica.





Santiago

With the snow-capped Andes offering a spectacular backdrop, Santiago is a dynamic, thriving city with plenty to offer the visitor. It has a compact historic centre with grand churches and interesting museums. Watch the changing of the guard at the Presidential Palace; visit the Central Markets or enjoy spectacular views from San Cristobal Hill. Explore the Bellavista district and in the evening, dine at one of the city's great restaurants.



Valparaiso

Valparaiso, the bohemian near-neighbour of Santiago, has an eccentric and ramshackle charm, heightened by the faded grandeur of its colourful architecture, its street-art and its steep and narrow lanes. Known as La Perla del Pacifico, a trip on its funicular railways or trolleybuses is an interesting way to see the city, part of which is a UNESCO World Heritage site. Just along the coast is the tropical beach resort of Vina del Mar.



Chilean Vineyards

Whether you are a connoisseur or you simply appreciate great wine, a few days in the winelands will be time well spent. Winemaking in Chile dates back over 400 years and is now (thankfully!) enjoyed by us all. Due to a combination of the volcanic and fluvial soils and the long, dry growing season in the valleys of Maule, Maipo, Casablanca and Colchagua, conditions for wine-making are just about ideal. Eager to share their expertise, many of the hacienda-styled vineyards offer tours, wine-tasting and accommodation on their estates.



Hotel Cumbres Lastarria

Santiago **BB**

Located in the flourishing Lastarria district, the modern Cumbres Lastarria Hotel has 70 comfortable rooms. They are all air-conditioned and facilities include a safe deposit box, Wifi, coffee maker and flatscreen TV. The hotel's restaurant, located on the 8th floor offers good views of the city. The hotel has a stylish Tapas Bar on the ground floor and a small rooftop swimming pool (seasonal).



Casa Higuera

Valparaiso **BB**

Casa Higuera is an elegant property with 20 guest rooms (in 5 categories), some with individual terraces. Facilities include a restaurant, swimming pool, sauna, outdoor Jacuzzi and spa. The panoramic terrace is the ideal pre-dinner spot to watch sunset over Valparaiso, and enjoy the lights glowing across its hills. Charming property and highly recommended.



La Casona at Matetic Vineyards

San Antonio, Casablanca Valley **HB**

Located in an 11,000 hectare valley between Santiago and Valparaiso, La Casona is a delightful colonial house dating from the early 20th century. The 8 rooms are named after red and white grapes cultivated on the estate. The landscaped gardens are tranquil and there is a large outdoor swimming pool. A tour of Matetic's nearby state-of-the-art winery (with tasting, of course!) and dinner are included. You can also take an additional activity, for instance a horseback ride, mountain biking or a hike.



Hotel Terravina

Near Santa Cruz, Colchagua Valley **BB**

Hotel Terravina is located in one of Chile's most famous wine producing regions, the Colchagua Valley. Overlooking the vines of the Laura Hartwig vineyard as well as the Andes, the property has 19 simply furnished rooms spread over 2 floors. The hotel has a well-manicured lawn and an inviting swimming pool. Although only breakfast is served at the hotel, there is a restaurant 100 metres from the hotel. Free Wifi is available throughout the property.



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Mano del Desierto sculpture

The Atacama Desert - San Pedro de Atacama

The Atacama Desert is home to breathtaking scenery and landscapes. In some parts of the desert - no measurable rainfall has ever been recorded! Due to the high altitude, clear skies and lack of light pollution, the Atacama is also one of the best places for astronomical observation. Moonscapes, salt pans, and white-capped volcanoes reaching 20,000 feet are all part of this eerie and arid environment. The frontier-like, adobe town of San Pedro is an unlikely oasis set among geysers, volcanoes and salt flats. The town has bars and hotels that create a relaxed and trendy ambience. Hidden among the rocks and dunes are crumbling ghost towns and geoglyphs.



Tierra Atacama Hotel & Spa

San Pedro de Atacama **AI**

Tierra Atacama is a boutique property whose design reflects the locality by using handmade furniture and accessories from local materials. The 32 rooms enjoy views of the Licancabur Volcano. All have a terrace, outdoor shower and private bathroom. Daily excursions and activities, such as hiking, biking or climbing are offered, allowing guests to discover the natural delights of the region. To relax, there is a full spa including two pools (indoor and outdoor) jacuzzis, saunas and a range of massages and treatments. Meals at the hotel feature Chilean and Andean dishes. A long-standing Sunvil favourite.

OUR TOP TIPS

Rise before dawn to marvel the El Tatio Geysers. See spurting fumaroles and bubbling mud pools • Observe pink flamingos against a backdrop of vivid lagoons • Trek the top of the soaring dunes of the Valley of the Moon • Further north explore the scenic Lauca National Park



Kimal Hotel San Pedro de Atacama **BB**

The Kimal Hotel is a mid-range property located 4 blocks from San Pedro's main square and the archaeological museum. It is constructed from local materials such as volcanic stone, native woods and adobe. The hotel has 19 simply-furnished rooms (shower only), which open out to a quiet courtyard. The Paacha Restaurant is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Additional facilities include a swimming pool and hot tub. No smoking is allowed throughout the hotel.



Awasi Atacama San Pedro de Atacama **AI**

Awasi is an intimate hotel retreat which offers relaxation and luxury. The ten spacious cottages, built from wood, adobe and stone, provide privacy and comfort. All have private patios and indoor and outdoor showers. There is a fine dining restaurant and a lovely pool. Every cottage is allocated a private guide and 4WD vehicle (included) which allows guests complete flexibility to explore areas at their own pace.



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Southern Lake District & Chiloe

The Chilean Lake District is famous for its spectacular panorama of bright emerald and turquoise lakes, perfectly formed snow-capped volcanoes and lush forests. Off the coast, Chiloe Island – has distinctive architecture, notably in its capital of Castro and UNESCO listed mission churches. Lake Llanquihue, the second largest lake in Chile, is set against the backdrop of the cone-shaped volcano Osorno and has villages on its western shores built by German settlers in the 19th century. The town of Puerto Varas, offers a wide choice of activities. Day trips can be arranged to the Petrohue falls, Vicente Perez Rosales and Alerce Andino national parks and the lakeside resort of Frutillar.



Hotel Cumbres

Puerto Varas BB

Arguably the leading property in Puerto Varas, the Cumbres Hotel is an imposing structure which affords fine views of Lake Llanquihue and clouds permitting, the snow capped Osorno and Calbuco Volcanoes. The hotel has 90 modern and comfortable rooms, in 5 categories. Views of the lake vary between partial and panoramic. Facilities in all rooms are very similar with free Wifi, air-conditioning, safe deposit box, TV and coffee maker. The hotel has a restaurant, bar and a small indoor swimming pool.



Palafitos 1326

Castro, Chiloe Island BB

Castro on Chiloe Island is renowned for its number of buildings built on stilts which are known as Palafitos. Palafitos 1326 is one of these properties, located in the Gamboa District. The two-storey hotel has 12 comfortable rooms, some with views of Castro Bay. All rooms have private facilities and free Wifi. Only breakfast is served at the hotel although there are restaurants nearby. The hotel has an outdoor terrace and a rooftop bar. Castro's main square is situated 1 mile away.

OUR TOP TIPS

Cross the lake from Puella to Bariloche (Argentina)
 • Experience the cooking method of Curanto on Chiloe island. Seafood, meat, potatoes and vegetables are covered by leaves and cooked on hot stones in the ground



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Patagonian Cruises

Patagonia is a vast area of outstanding natural beauty, offering majestic glaciers, fjords, remote islands and snow-capped mountains. Highlights such as the San Rafael Glacier can only be accessed by boat. Farther south, the two modern boats in the Australis fleet (see below) sail from Punta Arenas in Chile to Ushuaia in Argentina and vice-versa. Highlights of the 4 night cruises include the great glaciers of the region as well as Cape Horn. Each cruise includes daily excursions by zodiac boat led by expert guides. The cruise season operates from late September until mid-April.



Stella Australis

Stella Australis and Ventus Australis AI

4 night sailings Punta Arenas to Ushuaia (Argentina) & v.v. (via Cape Horn)

Stella Australis and Ventus Australis are sister ships which can carry up to 210 passengers in 100 cabins. They have been custom built to navigate the icy waters of Patagonia. Stella Australis commenced sailing in 2010, and Ventus Australis in early 2018. Both boats have similar facilities including comfortable air-conditioned cabins, all with large windows allowing unobstructed views. All meals and selected drinks such as Chilean wines are included in the tariff. Whilst on board, you can enjoy the daily audio-visual lectures or take in the exceptional scenery from the lounges located on the top decks.

Cape Horn

The point where the Atlantic Ocean meets the Pacific Ocean. Weather conditions dictate whether a landing is possible and it should be noted that not every cruise is successful. Reaching the island is by zodiac and once on land you have to walk up a good number of narrow steps and walkways to the Cape Horn monument. It was erected in 1992 in memory of the seafarers who have lost their lives in the surrounding waters. There is also a manned lighthouse and a small chapel.



Patagonia - The Torres del Paine National Park

The Torres del Paine National Park combines ancient forests, lakes and fjords with glaciers, mountains and colossal blue granite towers. The iconic towers overlook carpets of wild flowers and shrubs. This area has unpredictable weather and frequent high winds. Wildlife abounds, including some 25 species of mammals and over 100 species of birds. You might see skunks, flamingos, foxes, raptors, geese, the nandu (the South American ostrich) and with great luck, a puma. The main airport is Punta Arenas, approximately 4 ½ hours by road to the park. In the high season, the airport at Puerto Natales (90 minutes from the park) receives flights from Santiago.



Tierra Patagonia Hotel & Spa

Near Torres del Paine National Park **AI**

Tierra Patagonia is a stylishly designed property blended in the landscape. All have beautiful views of Lake Sarmiento and the mountain peaks inside the Torres del Paine National Park. It is approximately one hour from the heart of the park. The 37 rooms and 3 suites have a hairdryer and safe deposit box. Public areas including the restaurant also take advantage of the external panorama. The hotel's Uma Spa has an indoor swimming pool, sauna and outdoor Jacuzzi. Tours from the hotel (included) are operated on a small group basis ranging from vehicle based tours to day hikes. A wonderful experience.



Ecocamp Patagonia

Torres del Paine National Park **FB**

This award-winning sustainable camp has grown to offer 33 accommodation domes and 4 communal domes. Just over half have private en suite facilities with thick insulated walls, skylights, wooden floors, proper beds and warm bedding. 3 communal domes host the dining rooms, living room, bar and the twice-daily yoga classes. Ecocamp operates packages from 4 or more nights which includes trekking the W circuit. It is ideal for those who are in reasonably good shape and want an active holiday but with comfortable facilities.



Patagonia Camp Near Torres del Paine National Park **AI**

Patagonia Camp is the first luxury camp in South America and overlooks Lake Toro. It is approximately one hour from the heart of the park. Accommodation consists of 20 luxury tents known as 'yurts'. They all have a private bathroom, heating, electricity, hot water and a private terrace with views of Lake Toro and the Paine Massif. The main building houses a bar/lounge and the restaurant which serves wine from the Matetic Vineyard. It is an all-inclusive package which includes a full programme of daily tours and activities (small group basis) as well as all meals.



Hotel Las Torres Torres del Paine National Park **AI**

Hosteria Las Torres offers a traditional estancia combined with a comfortable hotel. There are 90 rooms spread over 2 floors. The hotel has a restaurant, spa and stables. Located inside the National Park, the hotel is an ideal spot for those who wish to walk to the base of the famous towers. The hotel offers an All-Inclusive package which includes return transfers from the nearest airports (or Calafate in Argentina), daily group guided excursions and all meals. Like most properties in this region, the hotel is open between September and May.



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Easter Island

Easter Island is one of the most remote inhabited islands in the world. It is surrounded by the Pacific Ocean and has a Polynesian feel. Dominated by its mysterious and iconic stone statues ("Moais"), it has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage site. Originally made up of 3 coalesced volcanoes, the small island has rolling grassy hills, lava flows and extinct craters. Anakena Beach has a white sandy beach and coconut tree forest. There are 800 plus moais dotted around the island. The surrounding waters offer good conditions for snorkelling and diving.



Hotel Puku Vai

Easter Island **BB**

Hotel Puku Vai aims to offer guests a warm welcome. The single storey hotel has 13 spacious rooms, all with private facilities and air-conditioning. Rooms overlook the hotel's flower-filled gardens and swimming pool. Amidst the gardens, you might see a moai or two! Other facilities include a large dining area for breakfast (lunch and dinner is on request only) and a bar. Hotel Puku Vai is located close to the airport and approximately a 30 minute walk from the main street in Hanga Roa.

NOTES

There are flights 6 days per week from Santiago to Easter Island. Flight duration is around 4 ½ hours. We recommend a 3 or 4 night stay • There is no public transport on the island but there are taxis, or you can hire bicycles • In order to fully appreciate the archaeological sites, we recommend that you have a guided tour • It should be noted that due to Easter Island's remote location, accommodation on the island is generally simple and rustic

Suggested itineraries

Please find some suggested itineraries which can be tailored to suit individual requirements. They are simply examples of what is feasible within different timeframes. There are additional itineraries on our website or please speak to us for further guidance. They are aimed at individual travellers (NOT group escorted tours). Tours include an English speaking guide. Prices are a guideline only please contact us for an exact quote. Please note that we are able to quote for land only arrangements (no flights) but we require a minimum of 7 nights.

Guide prices include

- International economy return flights from the UK (see the itinerary for specific airline details)
- Accommodation - standard room unless stated otherwise
- Private transfers and tours (unless indicated otherwise)
- Internal flights (as featured in the itinerary)
- Meals (as outlined in the itinerary)

Board basis key

- BB** Bed and Breakfast
- HB** Half-Board
- FB** Full Board
- AI** All inclusive

Chile Highlights - 14 nights

Based on British Airways direct flight
Guide price per person (2 sharing) £5,750

- Santiago 3 nights (in total) **BB**
- San Pedro de Atacama 3 nights **BB**
- Puerto Varas 4 nights **BB**
- Puerto Natales 1 night **BB**
- Torres del Paine National Park 3 nights **FB**

Overnight flight from London Heathrow to Santiago.

Day 1 Upon arrival in Santiago, transfer to the Cumbres Lastarria Hotel for 2 nights. **BB**
Guided half day city tour.

Day 2 Full day private guided tour to Valparaiso, Vina del Mar and a vineyard.

Day 3 Transfer to Santiago airport. Fly to Calama, then group transfer by road to San Pedro de Atacama. Guided tour to the Valley of the Moon. Kimal Hotel for 3 nights. **BB**

Day 4 Guided tour to Altiplanic Lakes and the Atacama Salt Flats.

Day 5 Day at leisure.

Day 6 Transfer to Calama airport. Fly to Santiago, connect with flight to Puerto Montt. Transfer to Puerto Varas. Cabana del Lago hotel 4 nights. **BB**

Day 7 Guided half day tour to nearby Frutillar.

Day 8 Full day guided tour to Chiloé Island including the Penguin Colony at Punihuil.

Day 9 Full day guided tour to Petrohue and Puella including a scenic sailing on Lago Todos Los Santos.

Day 10 Transfer to Puerto Montt airport and fly to Punta Arenas. Continue by scheduled coach to Puerto Natales (with onward transfer to hotel). Hotel Costaustralis 1 night. **BB**

Day 11 Group transfer into Torres del Paine National Park. Stay at Hotel Las Torres for 3 nights. **FB**

Days 12-13 Guided group tours and activities included.

Day 14 Transfer to Punta Arenas airport and fly to Santiago. Transfer to Cumbres Lastarria Hotel 1 night. **BB**

Day 15 Afternoon transfer to Santiago airport for return flight to UK (Alternatively, extend your trip by flying to Easter Island).

Chile in Comfort - 16 nights

Based on British Airways direct flight
Guide price per person (2 sharing) £9,550

- Valparaiso 2 nights **BB**
- San Pedro de Atacama 4 nights **FB**
- Southern lake district 3 nights **FB**
- Puerto Natales 2 nights **BB**
- Torres del Paine National Park 3 nights **FB**
- Santiago 2 nights **BB**

Overnight flight from London Heathrow to Santiago.

Day 1 Upon arrival in Santiago, transfer to Valparaiso (approximately 90 minutes). Casa Higuera Hotel for 2 nights. **BB**

Day 2 Private guided sightseeing tour in Valparaiso and the garden city of Vina del Mar.

Day 3 Transfer to Santiago airport for a flight to Calama, followed by a group transfer to San Pedro de Atacama. Tierra Atacama Hotel & Spa for 4 nights. **FB**

Days 4-6 Guided group tours and activities included.

Day 7 Transfer to Calama airport and fly to Santiago, connect with onward flight to Puerto Montt. Transfer to the shores of lake Llanquihue. Awa Hotel 3 nights. **FB**

Days 8-9 Guided tours and activities included in the Chilean Lake District.

Day 10 Transfer to Puerto Montt airport for a flight to Punta Arenas. Coach scheduled transfer (approximately 3 hours) to Puerto Natales (with onward transfer to hotel). Singular Patagonia 2 nights. **BB**

Day 11 Day at leisure.

Day 12 Group transfer to Torres del Paine National Park. Tierra Patagonia Hotel & Spa for 3 nights. **FB**

Days 13-14 Guided tours and activities included.

Day 15 Group transfer to Punta Arenas airport and fly to Santiago. Transfer to The Singular Hotel for 2 nights. **BB**

Day 16 Guided half day sightseeing tour in Santiago, followed by lunch (included) and a tour of a nearby vineyard.

Day 17 Transfer to Santiago airport for return flight to UK (alternatively, extend your trip by flying to Easter Island).