

Chile

Oct - Nov 2012



28 Oct

Depart

Depart London Heathrow on an overnight flight with Lan Airlines in economy class.

*Depart Heathrow 18:50 Arrive Madrid 22:10
Depart Madrid 00:10 Arrive Santiago 08:35 (29th Oct)*

29 Oct

Santiago



On arrival, private transfer to the Hotel Orly for 3-nights. A small, intimate French-style hotel, the Orly is located in the lively Providencia neighbourhood, which offers a good selection of shops and restaurants. It is elegantly decorated throughout, with polished wood, brass fittings and rugs which help to give it a warm, comfortable atmosphere. There are 28 rooms, all equipped with cable TV, mini bar and air conditioning. The Orly is without doubt one of the best places to stay in the city.

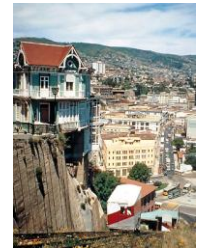
Hotel Orly / 1 x Queen Room / Breakfast

30 Oct

Santiago

Private tour to Vina del Mar and Valparaiso.

A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Valparaíso is a captivating city full of character, and is Chile's most popular coastal destination. The downtown area is surrounded by steep hills, which are crowded with a jumble of multi-coloured clapboard homes and weathered Victorian mansions. Valparaíso is known for its eccentric and antiquated bars which stay open late, and its restaurants, some of which have the most dramatic sea views found anywhere in Chile. You can explore the maze of narrow passageways and streets by foot or ride the many old funicular railways that connect the port and the historic old town.



Hotel Orly / 1 x Queen Room / Breakfast

31 Oct

Santiago

Day at leisure in Santiago.

Hotel Orly / 1 x Queen Room / Breakfast

01 Nov

San Pedro de Atacama

Private transfer to the airport to meet a flight to Calama.

Depart Santiago 05:55 or 18:15 Arrive Calama 08:00 or 20:20



On arrival private transfer to the Hotel Altiplanico for a 3-night stay. Located in spacious grounds on the edge of town, the Altiplánico is just a 15 minute walk from San Pedro de Atacama. All rooms have private facilities with purified water, a terrace facing the Andes and are simply tastefully decorated. Breakfast can be taken in the hotel and there is a large outdoor pool. An oasis town on an old trading road between Chile and Argentina, San Pedro has a fantastic setting in the heart of the Atacama Desert. One of the driest regions of the world, rainfall is rare; when the heavens do open the desert is transformed as thousands of brightly coloured plants burst into life. The colours and textures of the desert are incredible; the scenery has to be seen to be fully appreciated. Walk around San Pedro and you will feel a million miles away from the busy streets of Santiago. Low level houses are constructed from adobe; the small church comes complete with a cactus roof. At evening time the lack of natural light combined with incredibly clear skies makes for great star gazing. When it comes to day excursions you are spoilt for choice, take your pick from the world's highest geysers at El Tatio, 12th century Inca ruins or the Vallé de la Luna.

Hotel Altiplanico / 1 x Superior Room / Breakfast

02 Nov



Private half day Moon Valley tour.

One of the most spectacular places in the Atacama Desert, Vallé de la Lune is a fantastic moon landscape that is a part of the Cordillera de la Sal (Salt Mountain Range) belonging to the Los Flamencos National Reserve. It is a small depression 1,650 feet (500m) in diameter full of strange sculptural shapes that are the result of geological shifts in the earth's crust. The lack of humidity and life has turned it into one of the most inhospitable places on the planet.

Hotel Aliplanico / 1 x Superior Room / Breakfast

San Pedro de Atacama

03 Nov

Full day tour to the Altipanic Lagoon

Pick up at your hotel in San Pedro to visit one of the largest salt lakes in the driest desert of the world: the Salar de Atacama. The desert is a series of salt basins stretching beyond the horizon. It is dry, it is barren and it is empty but it is one of the most spectacular and dramatic landscapes on earth. It is home to various species of flamingoes as well as many other birds. The Laguna Chaxa, part of the Flamingo National Reserve, offers a terrific opportunity to get close to these birds in their natural habitat. After this visit we will drive south on lonesome unpaved roads to visit Toconao, the oasis of a mountain river. We will continue driving south and when we reach an altitude of 4.700 m / 15.420 ft we will be rewarded with a spectacular view: the incredibly scenic blue-black twin lagoons Meñiques and Miscanti, edged by a white crust of salt and surrounded by imposing volcanoes. Enjoy this majestic scenery and the silence. In the afternoon return to your hotel in San Pedro.

Hotel Aliplanico / 1 x Superior Room / Breakfast

San Pedro de Atacama



04 Nov

Transfer to Calama Airport to meet your onward flight to Santiago.

Depart Calama 20:55 Arrive Santiago 22:55

Walking transfer to the Hotel Holiday Inn Aeropuerto Santiago.

Hotel Holiday Inn Aeropuerto / 1 x executive standard / Breakfast

Santiago

05 Nov



Private transfer to Santiago Airport to meet a flight to Puerto Montt.

Depart Santiago 08:30 Arrive Puerto Montt 10:10

On arrival, private transfer to Puerto Varas and Hotel Cabanas del Lago for 3 nights in a superior room on bed and breakfast basis. The hotel, which has 130 guest rooms, is located in the city of Puerto Varas, just 5 blocks away from the casino, square and centre. It has a wonderful position which allows you to enjoy the best view of the city, Llanquihue's lake bay, and Osorno, Calbuco and Tronador volcanoes.

Hotel Cabanas del Lago / 1 x Volcano Suite / breakfast

Puerto Varas

06 Nov

Puerto Varas

Private full day Alerce Andino National Park Tour.

Pick up at your hotel in Puerto Varas driving south to the National Park Alerce Andino, situated south-east of Puerto Montt, near the beginning of the "Carretera Austral" (the Austral highway). The Alerce Andino National Park covers almost 40.000 ha / 100.000 acres and therefore is the largest surviving Valdivian Rainforest. Many of the trees are native Alerce, a giant coniferous tree distantly related to the Redwoods of California. The Alerce is one of the oldest trees in the world. We will explore the flora of this National Park doing some easy hikes to get closer to these tremendous trees. Some of them are around 3.000-4.000 years old. You will get an introduction to the history of the Park and the Alerce tree and what it means or meant for this region. You will learn a lot about the native flora of Chile and be able to enjoy the amazing beauty of this park. We return to Puerto Varas in the late afternoon.

Hotel Cabanas del Lago / 1 x Volcano Suite / breakfast

07 Nov

Puerto Varas

Private full day Osorno Volcano and Petrohue tour

Pick-up at your hotel in Puerto Varas to explore the Osorno volcano. On the way we will pass by typical wooden churches, Chilean farm houses and the town of Ensenada. We will drive through a thick forest of mostly native Coigües to reach Chile's oldest National Park, Vicente Pérez Rosales, founded in 1926. Our first stop within this park will be the waterfalls of Petrohué. We will hike a short trail through native forests: you will be amazed by the crystal green waterfalls. We will get back to the car and drive on heading to the slopes of the Osorno Volcano. At 1.300 m / 4.265 ft above sea level we will make a short hike over lava fields and enjoy the impressive view over the lake Llanquihue. On a clear day we can see the Pacific Ocean. On our way we will have time for a picnic lunch and be able to enjoy a great view over the lake "Lago Todos Los Santos" and several

Hotel Cabanas del Lago / 1 x Volcano Suite / breakfast

08 Nov

Puerto Natales

Private transfer to Puerto Montt Airport to meet your onward flight to Punta Arenas.

Depart Puerto Montt 08:50 Arrive Punta Arenas 11:00

Private transfer to Puerto Natales and the Hotel Indigo and Spa. Located on the waterfront in Puerto Natales, the rooms are distributed around a huge central space, itself divided by an impressive vertical curtain made of eucalyptus. The decor of the rooms is cozy and intimate, in contrast to the monumental feeling of the hotel's living areas, and the rugged natural setting of Patagonia which is visible from everywhere in the hotel.

Hotel Indigo and Spa / 1 x Esperanza Room / Breakfast

09 Nov

Puerto Natales



Full day navigation of the Serrano and Balmaceda glaciers. You will start your boat ride at 7.30am, sailing through the waters of Seno Ultima Esperanza to the northwest; during the navigation you will see large colonies of cormorants and sea lions, as well as the possibility of observing some condors and swans, among others; the typical landscape of the channels of the Patagonia, leafy woods, small waterfalls and the imposing mountains. Once you have reached the end of the fjord (11.30am), you will visit Serrano and Balmaceda Glaciers, which are now retreating. You will then do an easy short trek at the Glacier Serrano. You will

return to Puerto Natales at 6pm.

Hotel Indigo and Spa / 1 x Esperanza Room / Breakfast

10 Nov

Private transfer to Torres del Paine for 3 nights at the Hosteria Las Torres. Located at the base of the Almirante Nieto Mountain, near the Eastern entrance to Torres del Paine National Park, the Las Torres is at the start of some of the best trails in the park. The breathtaking pinnacles of rock that give the National Park its name are a 3 hour hike away. Built on the Cerro Paine ranch, the Las Torres combines the traditional charm of a Patagonian estancia with good food and excellent service. It has 27 double and triple rooms with en-suite bathrooms, central heating, living room, laundry service and an excellent restaurant. The Hosteria also has a highly skilled team of experienced bilingual guides who can help you explore the park.

Hosteria Las Torres / 1 x Superior Room / Breakfast

Torres del Paine



11 Nov – 12 Nov



Time at leisure to explore Torres del Paine National Park. Guided activities can be booked locally. Covering an area of over 180,000 hectares, Torres del Paine has been declared a world heritage site by UNESCO. The centre-piece of the park are the mighty Torres, huge granite pillars that rise upwards from the surrounding mountains. Visible throughout the park, the Torres can be visited as part of a day trek, or can be included as part of a longer circuit. There is an abundant variety of wildlife and several bird species that can be found nowhere else. If you are a keen walker, you should allow yourself at least a couple of days to explore. Alternatively, you can visit the park by horseback, jeep or by boat where you can visit brilliant blue lakes and sprawling glaciers.

Hosteria Las Torres / 1 x Superior Room / Breakfast

Torres del Paine

13 Nov

Transfer to Punta Arenas Airport to meet a flight to Santiago.

Depart Punta Arenas 17:35 Arr Santiago 22:00

On arrival, transfer to the Hotel Orly.

Hotel Orly / 1 x Queen Room / Breakfast

Santiago

14 Nov

Transfer to the airport to meet your return flight to Heathrow

Depart Santiago 20:30 Arrive Madrid 13:45 (15th November)

Depart Madrid 16:30 Arrive Heathrow 17:50

Depart

15 Nov

Arrive back into London Heathrow.

The per person cost for the above itinerary in a double room would be **£4395.00**

The per person supplement for business class international flights will be **£1795.00**

The above price includes:

- International flights with LAN Airlines in economy class.
- Internal flights as listed in economy class.
- Transfers as listed (on a shared basis unless specified as private).
- Hotel accommodation as listed.
- Meals as listed.
- Excursions as listed (on a shared basis unless specified as private).

The above price does not include:

- Local departure taxes.
- Tips and gratuities.
- Any future currency surcharges.
- Any future international airline fare, tax or fuel surcharges.*

**In the event of international airfare /tax increases you will have the option to pay for your airfare in advance to avoid these increases.*

Please note: This is a quotation valid for 7 days only from 14 June 2011. All flights, accommodation and services are subject to availability at the time of booking.

Booking Conditions

20% deposit is recommended to secure this booking. This will ensure that we can immediately issue all your internal flights to guarantee the best flight times and prices for you. The balance would be due 10 weeks prior to departure.

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