



Chile

When to go

The climate of Chile ranges from hot and arid in the north to very cold in the far south. The central areas - including Santiago - have an often idyllic Mediterranean climate with a colder, wetter season (May to August).

Flying time

Flights between London to Santiago will operate via Madrid approximately 17 hours, With Lan Chile or Iberia

Time difference

GMT -4 (GMT -3 from second Sunday in October to second Saturday in March).

Easter Island: GMT -6 (GMT -5 from second Sunday in October to second Saturday in March).

Passport & Visa

Visa Required?

British

USA

Other EU

Passports must be valid for a minimum of 6 months.

Health requirements

Diphtheria Sometimes Hepatitis A Malaria

Tetanus Typhoid Sometimes Yellow Fever

Recommendations do change from time to time and it is important to discuss your personal requirements with your doctor.

Begin in Santiago, one of the most loved cities of South America with its breathtaking location framed by the Andes Mountains; snow-capped peaks are visible from any spot. It is a modern, clean and rather bustling city but still offers a colonial atmosphere due to its architecture, cobbled streets and small squares.

Along the coast lie the charming towns and Viña del Mar with its precious gardens, and the historical port of Valparaíso, an intriguing seaside town famous for its funiculars that climb hills covered with brightly coloured houses and Victorian mansions. Spend time exploring the historic district, the best place to enjoy spectacular views over the city and the sea. It is here that Pablo Neruda, Nobel Prize winner and one of the greatest South American poets, lived most of his life in his house which today is a popular museum attracting many visitors.

Descending from the Altiplano you enter the Atacama Desert, the driest desert on earth. The oasis of San Pedro de Atacama is an absolute 'must visit'; it was the centre of a Palaeolithic culture that built impressive rock fortresses on the steep mountains encircling the green valley. It contrasts with the eerily silent landscape of the nearby Valley of the Moon with its tiny but beautiful salt ponds and the backdrop of snow-capped volcanoes. At the huge Atacama Salt Lake, a former inland sea formed millions of years ago, you will have a unique experience to view the vast plain of salt crusts with their octagonal-shaped crystals and to admire the lagoons reflecting the towering volcanoes beyond. The El Tatio Geysers are another highlight; they are a geothermal field of fumaroles, small

geysers, and multicoloured craters and nearby hot springs. Another rewarding destination is the Los Flamencos Natural Reserve with its pleasant highland lagoons, home to flocks of flamingos and rare birds.

Famous for its spectacular panorama of bright emerald and turquoise lakes whose surfaces mirror snow-capped volcanoes and sprawling forests, Chile's Lake District is picture perfect. Rolling hills scattered with hundred of lakes and lagoons give the district its name. It is one of the most popular travel destinations in Chile and numerous visitors are not only attracted by the beauty but also by the varied outdoor activities available, its well-structured tourism infrastructure and countless national parks and nature reserves. The Chiloe Archipelago consists of hundreds of islands, the largest one being Isla Grande; it was completely isolated from the rest of Chile for many years and this is how it has managed to retain much of its rich ethnic and folkloric traditions and mythology. Puerto Montt, in the south of the Lake District, is the starting point for some of the most amazing cruises imaginable through the fjords and hanging valets of the glacial Chilean coastline. The entire area is very rich in flora and fauna, birds and marine animals abound in particular.

Chile Pathways – 12 Days/11 Nights

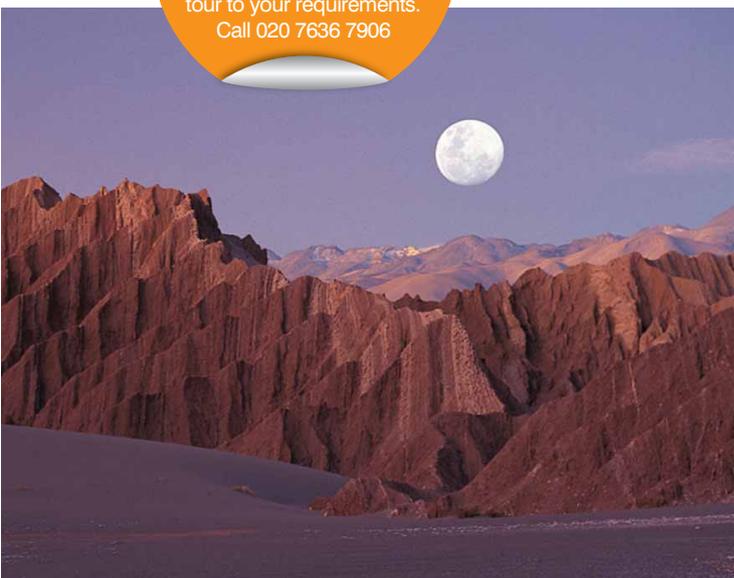
Santiago/Atacama/Puerto Montt/Puerto Varas

Tour Itinerary

- Day 01:** Departure from London
- Day 02:** Arrival in Santiago. Afternoon tour
- Day 03:** Valparaiso and Viña del Mar tour
- Day 04:** Fly to Calama and transfer to San Pedro de Atacama
Afternoon sightseeing tour
- Day 05:** Los Flamencos Natural Reserve and Moon Valley tour
- Day 06:** Tatio Geysers and Atacama Villages tour
- Day 07:** Fly to Puerto Montt and transfer to Puerto Varas
- Day 08:** Vicente Perez Rosales National Park and Osorno
Volcano tour
- Day 09:** Chiloe Archipelago boat tour
- Day 10:** Transfer and flight to Santiago
- Day 11:** Morning at leisure. Evening transfer and flight to London
- Day 12:** Arrival into London

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Easter Island Extension – 04 Days/03 Nights

Easter Island (Isla de Pascua) is one of the most fascinating islands in the world and certainly one of the most remote. Located in the middle of the South Pacific, the nearest major gateway is Santiago de Chile (flying time approximately 5 hours 30 minutes). It is undoubtedly the main archaeological destination in Chile. There are nearly 1000 Moais (statues) spread throughout the island. By number and size, they are the most important megalithic monuments in Polynesia. Only a small percentage have been restored and are now standing on their original platforms, many are just lying along the coast as they were left when destroyed by internal tribe wars.

Almost 499 statues are found in the area of the Rano Raraku volcano, many of them not finished. The tallest statue here measures 71ft in length. The statues remain an enigma for scientists and archaeologists alike and their origin is the subject of continuing investigation, as indeed is the origin of the Rapa Nui culture and the events surrounding its collapse. The sub-tropical climate of the island means it can be visited all year-round and allows many other activities to complement your visit.

Tour Itinerary

- Day 01:** Fly from Santiago to Easter Island
- Day 02:** Full day tour
- Day 03:** Full day tour
- Day 04:** Transfer and flight to Santiago

Patagonia Extension 04 Days/03 Nights

October to April only

The most renowned region of Chile, Chilean Patagonia, offers all the dramatic landscape one would expect from the world's ultimate land's end. Here the South American continent falls away in a dazzling explosion of islands, glaciers, icebergs and mountains. It is one of Mother Nature's grand finales. Visit the incomparable Torres del Paine National Park, isolated from the rest of Chile by fierce storms and impassable mountains. Torres del Paine National Park is the crown jewel of the Chilean national park system.

Tour Itinerary

- Day 01:** Fly from Santiago to Punta Arenas. Transfer to
Puerto Natales
- Day 02:** Last Hope sound and glaciers tour by boat
- Day 03:** Torres del Paine National Park tour
- Day 04:** Transfer and flight to Santiago