

Santiago de Chile & San Pedro de Atacama, 7 days

A memorable trip to the of land of indigenous peoples in the unique landmark of Altiplanic and the great Salar of Atacama

An unforgettable trip from the Chilean capital to San Pedro de Atacama, the land of indigenous peoples where you will discover the most stunning views on the planet amidst its endless beauty. Explore the region's plentiful attractions: active geysers, lagoons renowned for their intense colors, and breathtaking salt flats that will astound you.

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Santiago** city tour and wine tasting in **the vineyard concha y Toro**
- Full Day excursion to **Viña del Mar** and **Valparaiso** with lunch
- Full Day excursion to **Altiplanic lagoons** in **Atacama** with lunch
- Half day tour to geothermal area of **Tatio Geysers**
- Half day tour to Moon valley with cocktail and wine tasting.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: SANTIAGO

Arrival at the **Arturo Merino International Airport** in Santiago de Chile.

Transfer Santiago airport to the Hotel.

Check in. Overnight at Hotel to select in Santiago

DAY 2: HD AM CITY TOUR AND VISIT SAN CRISTOBAL HILL – HD PM TOUR TRADITIONAL WITH TASTING IN THE VINEYARD CONCHA Y TORO

Breakfast at the hotel and departure to start our visit to the beautiful city of Santiago. Santiago stands out for being a cosmopolitan and modern city that perfectly combines its traditions with a modern perspective. The tour will take you to visit the heart of the city and its emblematic sites such as the **Plaza de Armas, the Cathedral, the Central Post Office of Santiago** and its Municipality.

We will also visit the **Palacio de la Moneda**, which is the seat of government, as well as the traditional neighborhoods of the historic centre of the city. The tour also includes a visit to the **Santa Lucía hill**, called **Huelén** by the natives. It is a true urban oasis in the city centre. There we will learn more about the history of Chile and enjoy some of the best views of the city.

After getting to know Santiago, we will arrive at **the Lastarria** neighborhood, famous for its cultural, inherited and gastronomic offer. The second part of the tour will take you to the east side of the city, to the financial heart of Santiago, known for its modern buildings, impressive glass skyscrapers, and impressive sculptures designed by prominent national architects. There, you will see exactly why this area is known as "**Sanhattan**" among the locals.

After the city tour, return to the hotel.

Lunch not included

Vineyard Concha y Toro

At the agreed time pick up at the hotel, to start the tour to **Viña Concha y Toro**

Arrival at the vineyard and we will begin the bed through the gardens, park and the exterior of the summer residence of the Concha y Toro family towards the end of the 19th century.

We will continue the tour to arrive at the plantation where we will know the different strains of **Concha y Toro wines** where there are more than 26 varieties of grapes for winemaking.

Visit to the wineries including the centenary **Casillero del Diablo**, cradle of the Wine Legend, to finish with 3 wine tastings and a gift engraved glass.

Overnight at Hotel in Santiago

Meals included: Breakfast at hotel

DAY 3: FD VIÑA DEL MAR AND VALPARAÍSO

Breakfast at the hotel.

Departure from your Hotel. We start our tour passing through the **Curacaví and Casablanca Valleys**.

Arrival in **Valparaíso** with a complete tour of this city-port, knowing its narrow streets, **Plaza Sotomayor** and one of the oldest funiculars still in service and ascension to the hills that surround the Bay for a spectacular view.

We continue passing through the **National Congress Building** and reaching **Viña del Mar**, also called a city-garden for its beautiful parks, the most attractive being **Quinta Vergara** and continuing on to its main attractions and the coastal path that leads to the main beaches and Avenues . Return to Santiago.

Overnight at Hotel in Santiago

Meals included: Breakfast at hotel and lunch

DAY 4: SANTIAGO

Breakfast at hotel.

Check out and transfer out to the airport to Santiago, and subsequent flight connection to **San Pedro de Atacama**. Arrival at the airport of **Calama (CJC)** and transfer to the city of San Pedro de Atacama. Check in at hotel and overnight.

DAY 5: SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA – FD ALTIPLANIC LAGOONS

Breakfast at hotel and full day excursion to **Salar de Atacama and Altiplanic Lagoons Miscanti-Meñique**.

Trip by the largest plane of the zone, that lets us reach the great **Salar de Atacama**, a white and rugged surface where the lagoons keep a great number of flamingos that choose this water for nesting. Geological research studies suggest this great salar as the most important lithium reserve in the world, about in a 40%. Under weak and narrow streams little villages are settled. One of the most charming and colorful is **Toconao**, where an original architecture in **Liparita** stone can be appreciated, the old church building is outstanding in this area. This is a little village that invites you to meet both, the place itself and its people, who spend their time on handmade fine wool knitting.

The Altiplanic Lagoons Miscanti-Meñique are located at 4.500 m. above the sea level, They are of great beauty, In their landscapes varied shades of colors can be appreciated, also, their flora and fauna is singular, since they exist only in these protected areas.

The height allows being very near mountains and volcanoes, some of which are sacred, and they have inspired beautiful legends of **the Desert of Atacama**.

By the way we can visit the town of **Socaire**, where we'll have lunch. This is a place in which the ancestral traditions of their inhabitants have lasted through the time, shepherds or farmers that cultivate the "**pachamama**" using the old system of Andean terraces.

Overnight hotel in **San Pedro Atacama** Meals included: Breakfast and lunch.

DAY 6: HD AM TATIO GEYSERS – HD PM MOON VALLEY

Early departure from the hotel, as 04.00 am approximately, to visit **Tatio Geysers**. On this exciting tour, we will visit the impressive Tatio Geysers, at 4000 meters above sea level on the **Andean plateau**.

Exploration to the highest geothermal area, located at 4.300 mts. above the sea level in the Andean Range, Geysers of Tatio. The steam columns ascend seven 50 meters high, mixed with the fabulous beauty of **The Andes**, full of color and with many kinds of animals, where the most typical is the **Vicuña**, an American camel adapted to live in extreme geographical and climatic conditions. The geothermal fields have their

origins in the magma. The waters from **The Andes** thaws filtrate between crust cracks going down to deep hot zones, finally water reaches the magma raising as steam and boiling water, forming the steam columns and springs. At the return, nature gives us a spectacular landscape full of mountains and volcanoes over 5.500 mts. above the sea level, and an important bird fauna on the little rivers that flow to **the great Salar de Atacama**.

MOON VALLEY

14:00 approx. - Departure for half day pm excursion **Moon Valley**, a true geological show.

In the evening, one of the most expected moments is the sunset, and the best place to wait for it is the “**Cordillera de la Sal**” with its valleys, which are called **Valle de Marte (Mars Valley)** and **Valle de la Luna (Valley of the Moon)**, which are saline and clayed shapes, product of mineralogical folds that occurred hundreds of millions years ago, originating little mountains with strange and capricious shapes, that sunset turns them into a moon landscape scene.

To celebrate this natural spectacle, we offer a cocktail and a wine tasting.

Overnight hotel in **San Pedro Atacama**

meals included: Breakfast during excursion

DAY 7: SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA – CALAMA – SANTIAGO

Breakfast at hotel. Check out and transfer out to **the airport of Calama** with to take flight to Santiago, and subsequent flight connection back to the country of origin.

RATES

Prices p/p in Euros

Travel Period (Daily)	Dbl share p/p	Sgl suppl	Hotels	Type of travel
01/12/20 – 30/10/21	890	200	4* & 5*	Shared services

- **Rates not valid during: Christmas - New year - Carnival - Easter - Winter holidays in Chile, Congress period and all other events that might be organized.**

Notes

Travel Period: Range of time price are valid. Should your desired trip dates cover 2 different travel periods, rates should be recalculated and proposed to you by mail.

Type of Travel: vforvacation offers two types of travel

- a) **Shared services** which means "seat in coach" basis tours with multinational fellow travelers' groups
- b) **Private services** which means that all arrangements and land services are on individual basis

Single supplement: Cost of Single supplement is only valid on a basis of minimum 3 paying passengers travelling together

For Solo travelers on private service tours, rates should be recalculated and proposed to you by mail.

INCLUSIONS

- **Accommodation**
Accommodation at 4* and 5* hotels (Crown Plaza 5 * in Santiago, Hotel Casa Don Tomas 4* in Atacama) or similar
- **Meals**
Breakfast daily + 2 lunches
- **Transportation**
All transfers and excursions conducted in SIC shared services.
- **Guides**
Services of professional driver/guides included
- **Entrance Fees**
All entrance fees included

NOT INCLUDED

- International and domestic Air tickets
- City tax of 1.50 usd p/p p/night paid directly to the hotels.
- Any other meals than the above described
- Tips and porters
- Any services not clearly mentioned in the program or mentioned as optional

REMARKS

- In case of more travelers or groups pls request ad hoc and we'll send you our proposal by mail.
- For special groups and ad hoc programs pls request and we'll send you our proposal by mail.