



SANTIAGO, ATACAMA, AND EASTER ISLAND 10 Days/8 Nights from \$2,039



You will experience three of Chile's most popular destinations on this tour. Santiago is one of South America's most modern cities, with excellent restaurants and a vibrant nightlife. San Pedro de Atacama offers an excellent base to view Chile's archaeological sites and artifacts, and explore the moonscapes, lagoons and geysers of the region. And,

Easter Island is one of the most isolated places on Earth with mysterious Moai statues that stand up to 33 feet tall.

ACTIVITIES: Cultural/historical sightseeing and hiking.



DEPARTURE DATES: Daily departures throughout the year.

GROUP/PRIVATE: All airport transfers in Santiago are private, and the city tour and winery tour are group tours for single passengers and 3 Star accommodations, and private for 4 Star, 5 Star, and Deluxe accommodations. All services in Atacama are operated on a group basis, and all services in Easter Island are operated on a group basis for single passengers and 3 Star accommodations, and are private for 4 Star, 5 Star, and Deluxe accommodations. (Hotel Altiplanico provides its own shared transfers).

ELEVATIONS: Santiago is 1,700 feet above sea level, Atacama is 8,005 feet, and Tatio Geyser is 14,107 feet.

DETAILED ITINERARY

Note: The excursions in Atacama for 4 Star, 5 Star, and Deluxe accommodations are offered on an a la carte basis, meaning you can choose from a number of different alternatives. The itinerary below reflects our suggested itinerary for this portion of your tour.

DAY 1: Santiago.

Depart to Santiago via overnight flight.

DAY 2: Santiago/Folkloric Dinner Show.

After passing through immigration and customs, proceed to the reception area, where our inbound services representative will be holding a sign with your name on it. You will be greeted and then transferred to your hotel. In the evening, you will have a folkloric dinner show with typical Chilean dishes, dances, music, and costumes. Overnight in Santiago. (B,D)

Note: Check-in time is 2:00 PM. We can request early check-in but cannot guarantee it.

DAY 3: Santiago/City Tour/Winery Tour.

In the morning, you will have a panoramic city tour of Santiago, which will include Parque O'Higgins, Plaza de Armas (the city's historic center), Palacio de la Moneda, ex-National Congress, Mapocho Station Cultural Center, Santa Lucia Hill, the place of Santiago's founding in 1541, and the Bohemian district of Bellavista. In the afternoon, you can choose to visit one of the following vineyards around Santiago (included in price): Concha y Torro, Cousino Macul, and Undurraga. Overnight in Santiago. (B)

DAY 4: Santiago/Atacama/Moon Valley.

Morning transfer to the airport for your flight to Calama. Upon arrival, you will be transferred to your hotel in San Pedro de Atacama.

In the afternoon, you will have a half-day excursion to the 'Moon Valley', which will include visits to the Valle de Marte, overlook of the Salar de Atacama, Valle de la Muerte, and Tres Maria. The Highlight of this excursion is a view of the sun setting over the desert valley. Overnight in San Pedro de Atacama. (B)

DAY 5: Atacama/Quitor/Tulor/Atacama Salt Lake/Toconao.

The Atacama Desert is the driest place on Earth, and is considered to be the archaeological capital of Chile. The dryness of the climate has preserved relics of the various cultures inhabiting the region. You will visit the Gustavo Le Paige Archaeological Museum, which displays a large collection of artifacts unearthed by Father Gustavo Le Paige, a Belgian priest and archaeologist, and local villagers. After the museum, you will visit the Pucara de Quitor, an Atacama Fortress from the 12th century, and Tulor, one of the oldest human settlements of the region, known for the circular construction of its houses.

In the afternoon you will have a half-day excursion to the Atacama Salt Lake and the oasis town of Toconao. The Lake is an important nesting site for three species of

flamingos, and contains 40% of the world's lithium reserves. Toconao is known for its Liparita (volcanic) stone houses and the Church and bell tower of San Lucas, which dates to the mid-18th century. Overnight in San Pedro de Atacama. (B)

DAY 6: Atacama/Tatio Geysers/Puritama Hot Springs.

Early morning (4:00 AM) you will depart for an excursion to the Tatio Geysers, the world's highest geyser field at 14,107 ft. above sea level. The steaming fumaroles, which reach a height of 160 ft., are a sight to behold, especially at sunrise, against the backdrop of the altiplano.

In the afternoon you will visit the Puritama Hot Springs, which will be much appreciated after an early rise and day of exploration. The mineral rich waters are 95 degrees Fahrenheit. Overnight in San Pedro de Atacama. (B,L)

DAY 7: Atacama/Santiago/Easter Island.

Early morning transfer to Calama for the flight to Santiago and Easter Island. Upon arrival, you will be transferred to your hotel. Overnight in Easter Island. (B)

Note: The connecting flights from Calama to Easter Island are only available on Wednesdays and Sundays, and there are no flights from Santiago to Easter Island on Mondays and Thursdays.

DAY 8: Easter Island/Rano Raraku/Anakena Beach.

Full day excursion visiting the archaeological center of Akahanga and the quarry at Rano Raraku volcano, where all of the moai on the island were carved. You will see over 300 statues in various stages of completion, and one giant moai, 21 meters (69 ft.) tall. You will also visit Ahu Tongariki, the largest ahu (burial site), whose moai were re-erected after a tsunami flattened the statues, Ahu Te Pito Kura, site of the largest moai moved from the quarry, and the ahu Nau Nau at Anakena Beach. Picnic lunch at Anakena Beach. Overnight in Easter Island. (B,L)

DAY 9: Easter Island/Orongo/Ahu Akivi.

Half day tour to the Rano Kau crater, the Orongo ceremonial village, with its birdman petroglyphs, and Vinapu with its two ahu. Half day tour to Ahu Akivi with its seven moai facing the sea, the caves of Ana Te Pahu, and Puna Pau, the volcanic crater where the pukao (reddish stone hats/headaddresses) that some moai wear were carved. Overnight in Easter Island. (B)

DAY 10: Easter Island/Santiago.

Transfer to the airport for your return flight to Santiago and your final destination. (B)

B = Breakfast, **L** = Lunch, **D** = Dinner

PRICE PER PERSON (in U.S. Dollars)

	Single	Double	Triple
3 Star	\$3,039	\$2,039	\$1,829
4 Star	\$4,029	\$3,109	\$2,459
5 Star	\$4,479	\$3,159	\$2,769
Deluxe	\$5,489	\$3,889	\$2,909

NOTES:

1. The above prices are valid until December 31, 2011.
2. 4 Star, 5 Star, and Deluxe accommodations are all-inclusive in Atacama.

HOTELS

3 Star: Santiago, Rugendas; Atacama, Casa de Don Tomas; Easter Island, Hotel Tahatai.

4 Star: Santiago, Atton el Bosque; Atacama, Tierra Atacama; Easter Island, Hotel Iorana.

5 Star: Santiago, Santiago Marriott; Atacama, Alto Atacama (Quitor Room); Easter Island, Hotel Altiplanico.

Deluxe: Santiago, Ritz Carlton; Atacama, Hotel Awasi (Round/Rectangular Suite); Easter Island, Hotel Altiplanico.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- South American Vacations' expert pre-departure planning services and documentation.
- Airport/hotel transfers including baggage handling.
- Hotel accommodations including taxes and service charges.
- Excursions as indicated on the itinerary including all applicable entrance fees.
- Meals as indicated on the itinerary.
- Local, English-speaking tour guides.

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- International airfare.
- Domestic airfare.
- Chilean reciprocity tax (\$131).
- Meals not indicated on the itinerary.
- Gratuities to tour guides, drivers, and hotel staff.
- Gifts and personal items.
- Travel insurance.

We will be happy to quote the cost of international and domestic airfare and travel insurance, and to make these arrangements for you.

PASSPORT/VISA: U.S., Australian, Canadian, and EU (except Greece and Romania, which require a visa) citizens require a passport valid for at least six months from date of entry and return ticket for stays of up to 90 days. U.S.,

Australian, and Canadian citizens are required to pay a reciprocity fee (considered a multiple entry visa) of \$131, \$61 and \$132 respectively in cash upon arrival (subject to change without notice due to currency fluctuations or other reasons). Citizens of other countries are advised to contact the Chilean embassy in their country before traveling.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: In order to protect your travel investment from unforeseen circumstances that may arise before or during your trip, we strongly recommend that you purchase travel insurance. We offer **Access America's Classic Comprehensive** and other plans. The Benefits, Coverage Limits, and rates are summarized on our website at www.savacations.com/insurance.asp. Call your travel counselor if you have any questions or to purchase a plan.

TO BOOK THIS TRIP: We require a non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person plus the cost of the airfare (if we arrange it for you). 4 Star, 5 Star, and Deluxe accommodations require a more substantial non-refundable deposit. Ask your travel counselor for the details.

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