



# CHILE

## Chilean Frontiers: Patagonia and Easter Island

with Michigan Alumni Travel

DECEMBER 5 - 19, 2023



*Our world holds few images more iconic* than two of Chile's greatest treasures: the natural peaks of Torres del Paine in Patagonia and Easter Island's mysterious monolithic human figures known as moai. Our journey begins in Santiago—Chile's colorful, historic capital and cultural center—and the surrounding wine regions. From there, we set out to visit the vast lands of Patagonia, home to the rugged beauty of Torres del Paine National Park. With its glacial lakes, granite towers, and herds of guanaco, this UNESCO Biosphere Reserve is often cited as being among the most stunning national parks in the Western Hemisphere. We continue to the remote Pacific island of Rapa Nui, commonly known as Easter Island, to explore archaeological sites with statues dating back over 800 years. Learn about and discuss the mysteries behind the civilization's decline and the challenges facing the current inhabitants.

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience the sights and sounds of Santiago, Chile's vibrant capital.
- Take in Torres del Paine's dramatic lakes, glaciers, and waterfalls, as well as the distinctive peaks that give the park its name.
- Discover clues to the heritage behind the mysterious ruins of Easter Island.
- Study the techniques used to create the famed moai statues, including those at the Ahu Vai Ure, Ahu Tahai, and Ahu Ko te Riku ceremonial platforms.
- Visit the Tahai Ceremonial Complex, restored by the late archaeologist Dr. William Mulloy.
- Journey to the coastal cities of Viña del Mar and Valparaíso, and sample Chilean wine.



## ITINERARY

B,L,D = BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER



### DECEMBER 5 - DEPART

Depart the U.S. on an overnight flight to Santiago. *Overnight in Flight.*

### DECEMBER 6 - SANTIAGO

Upon arrival this morning at Santiago International Airport, we'll meet our guide who will travel with us during the mainland Chile portion of the program, and transfer to the hotel with an early check-in time to rest. At mid-day, have lunch with a welcome orientation and an introductory lecture on Chile, past and present. Explore the historical sites of Santiago on a walking tour this afternoon, ending our first day in Chile with a light dinner of tapas. *Overnight at Pullman Vittacura. (LD)*

### DECEMBER 7 - SANTIAGO

Today explore the Pacific coast cities of Viña del Mar and Valparaíso. Valparaíso is a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its cobblestone streets, historic buildings, and funiculars along sloping hills. Viña del Mar is a popular coastal resort town with stunning beaches. Visit Museo Fonck, a small but well-curated archaeological and natural history museum with comprehensive exhibits on the Rapa Nui and other pre-Columbian cultures. Along the way, stop at a vineyard to learn about and taste Chile's award-winning wine. Dinner is on your own to explore the tasty local fare. *Overnight at Pullman Vittacura. (BL)*

### DECEMBER 8 - PUERTO NATALES

Return to the Santiago airport this morning for the flight to Punta Arenas in Patagonia. We continue with a five-hour drive to Puerto Natales, with a stop midway for lunch at a Estancia. Along the way, admire Patagonia's breathtaking vistas, snow-capped mountains, and rolling plains dotted with guanacos. Check in at the hotel, then gather for a talk on Patagonian geography, flora, and fauna. Tonight we dine at a local restaurant in Puerto Natales. *Overnight at Hotel Costaustralis. (BLD)*

### DECEMBER 9 - TORRES DEL PAINE

This morning, journey to the majestic Balmaceda and Serrano Glaciers, part of the southern ice fields in the Magallanes Region. Our excursion starts on the dock of Puerto Natales, with a cruise through the dramatic landscapes of Seno de Última Esperanza ("Last Hope Sound"). Upon arrival, disembark on the dock in front of the Serrano Glacier and take a short walk to observe the impressive glacier walls. Our navigation proceeds to the massive Balmaceda Glacier before returning to Puerto Natales. Next, begin the road trip to Torres del Paine. En route, visit the massive prehistoric Milodón Cave, where the remains of a giant ground sloth were discovered in the 1890s. The site is located in a transition zone where forests and arid plains meet and is home to a large number of bird species. Continue to the hotel on the southern border of Torres del Paine National Park. Dinner at hotel. *Overnight at Cabañas del Paine. (BLD)*

### DECEMBER 10 - TORRES DEL PAINE

After breakfast, listen to a lecture on Torres del Paine's flora, fauna, and morphology to prepare us for the landscapes that lie ahead. Drive through Torres del Paine National Park, with views of Paine Grande and Los Cuernos, the famous mountain with black granite, horn-like spires. Walk along the shores of stunning Lake Pehoe and visit the furious Salto Grande Falls, which pour the waters of Lake Nordenskjöld into Pehoe. Continue over the gentle Nordenskjöld Trail until reaching its picture-perfect lookout point. Return to our vehicle and drive south to a beach along the shores of glacial Lake Grey for a picnic lunch. We'll have time to walk around Lake Grey for more views of the glacier before returning to the hotel. *Overnight at Cabañas del Paine. (BLD)*

### DECEMBER 11 - TORRES DEL PAINE

Today explore the scenery along the route to Laguna Azul on the northeastern side of the park. Admire the local flora and fauna and the picturesque landscapes, including the beautiful Paine Waterfall. Upon arrival at Laguna Azul, hike to a lookout point for a magnificent view of the lagoon and the granite towers that give the park its name. Continue along the eastern side of Lago Sarmiento to the calcium formations on the shores where guanacos are frequently seen. After a boxed lunch, stop at Rio Pipo and walk to Paso Las Corneas for views of Rio Paine, Lake Pehoe, and the Paine Massif. *Overnight at Cabañas del Paine. (BLD)*

### DECEMBER 12 - SANTIAGO

Say farewell to Torres del Paine and return to Punta Arenas, with a stop at Rio Rubens en route to pick up boxed lunches. Continue to the airport for this afternoon's flight to Santiago. The drive from Torres del Paine to Puerto Natales is about 2.5 hours. The flight to Santiago is approximately 3.5 hours. PLEASE NOTE: The departure location is determined by the available air schedules and flight times. If the flight from Puerto Natales is not operating we will drive to Punta Arenas and then take a flight to Santiago. Say goodbye to our mainland guide who will not be traveling to Easter Island. Transfer to our hotel, with this evening free to rest and have dinner on your own. *Overnight at Pullman Vittacura. (BL)*

### DECEMBER 13 - EASTER ISLAND

We depart early for the flight to Easter Island. Upon arrival, we encounter a very different landscape from the mainland, taking in the sights as we head to our hotel for lunch and check-in. The afternoon is at leisure to rest or explore the surroundings; the Hanga Roa town center is within walking distance. This evening, we'll get together for a lecture on Easter Island by a local expert and

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meet our local guide. Dinner is on your own with time to explore.  
*Overnight at Nayara Hangaroa. (BL)*

## DECEMBER 14 - EASTER ISLAND

In the morning, set out on an excursion to see the famous monoliths of Rapa Nui-the moai. The first stop is Tahai Ceremonial Complex, which includes three of the stone ceremonial platforms known as ahu: Ahu Vai Ure, which is topped by five moai, and Ahu Tahai and Ahu Ko te Riku, each with a single moai. The road along the coastal area is bumpy, but there are many ahu in this section of the island. Lunch is on your own today. This afternoon, we have an excursion by boat with snorkeling available. Sail among the three small islets (the largest of which is Motu Nui) that face Rano Kau Cliff, in an area with a high concentration of marine life. Return to the hotel for dinner. *Overnight at Nayara Hangaroa. (BD)*

## DECEMBER 15 - EASTER ISLAND

After breakfast, embark on a full-day field excursion to archaeological sites along the southern coast. Visit Ahu Vinapu, a site that has raised curiosity because of the resemblance in construction to the pre-Columbian structures found in Cusco, Peru. Continue to Ahu Akahanga, known as the "Platform of the King," with its 12 moai of various sizes and shapes and four ahu. Next, continue to Rano Raraku, the famous quarry of the moai. Ascend the steep terrain on foot to view the quarry where the massive moai were carved from hard basalt. The moai are in all phases of construction here, with many incomplete statues still fixed in stone, including a massive one at 70 feet tall. After a picnic lunch at Rano Raraku, depart for Tongariki, the largest ahu on the island, which was destroyed in 1960 by a tsunami. The day concludes at Anakena, a sheltered white sand beach surrounded by palm trees, for time to swim. Dinner is on your own. *Overnight at Nayara Hangaroa. (BL)*

## DECEMBER 16 - EASTER ISLAND

After breakfast, take a morning field excursion to Parque Nacional Rapa Nui to study the Orongo Ceremonial Village and Rano Kau. Orongo is on the edge of Rano Kao crater lake, containing a bog filled with totora reeds floating on fresh water. The park, located on the island's southwestern point, provides remarkable views of the entire island. Return to the hotel. Lunch is on own, and the remainder of the day is at leisure to explore Hanga Roa. This evening, enjoy a delicious traditional dinner. *Overnight at Nayara Hangaroa. (BD)*

## DECEMBER 17 - SANTIAGO

After breakfast, head to the airport and board the flight back to Santiago, with lunch during the flight. Upon arrival, transfer to the hotel for check-in, and then this evening dine at a local restaurant. *Overnight at Pullman Vittacura. (BLD)*

## DECEMBER 18 - DEPART

Set out for a day in the city. Begin with a visit to the Jardín Botánico Chagual in the Metropolitan Park of Santiago. Then take the funicular to the top of the hill, with amazing and commanding views of the sprawling city below. Have some time to walk around the area before a farewell lunch at a local restaurant, including a Chilean horse and gaucho demonstration. Return to the hotel, with time at leisure to get some rest, do some last-minute packing, and get ready for the flight back home. Enjoy a late afternoon refreshment before heading out to the airport to catch international flights to the U.S. *Overnight at Pullman Vittacura - Dayroom. (BL)*

## DECEMBER 19 - ARRIVE

Arrive home.

## SAMPLE ACCOMMODATIONS

This program stays at comfortable convenient hotels, selected for their proximity to our activities.



## LAND PRICING

**\$9,765** per person

Based on 10 participants. Single supplement is \$1,825.

### Price includes:

- 13 nights' accommodation
- 31 meals (12 breakfasts, 11 lunches, 8 dinners)
- Non-alcoholic beverages with meals
- Sightseeing and activities as described, including entrance fees
- Private vehicle transportation
- Full-time guide for duration of the program
- All tips and gratuities
- Luggage handling, one bag per person
- Departure tax
- Carbon offset

Price does not include: international airfare, airport transfers for individual flight schedules, trip cancellation insurance, gratuities for hotel housekeeping staff, drinks purchased on own, items of a personal nature.

Final payment due no later than: **September 1, 2023**

## ACTIVITY LEVEL

**MODERATE:** Participants should be able to walk at least 2-3 hours over some uneven and potential slippery surfaces without difficulty and should be able to ascend or descend 50 stairs consecutively. Physical activities typically last for at least 2-3 hours at a time.

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Your deposit is fully refundable up to 95 days before departure when you book by 9/1/23.

Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$500 per person) for \_\_\_\_\_ person/people on the tour noted above. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA or by personal check. Please make check payable to Holbrook Travel, Inc. and mail deposit check to: Holbrook Travel, 3540 NW 13th Street, Gainesville FL, 32609. For questions, please contact the Alumni Association at [alumnitravel@umich.edu](mailto:alumnitravel@umich.edu) or 855-764-0064 or contact Holbrook Travel at [travel@holbrooktravel.com](mailto:travel@holbrooktravel.com) or 800-451-7111.

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☐ I will share a room with \_\_\_\_\_. ☐ I request a single room at extra cost (limited availability).

Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for the above-referenced tour, and agrees that their signature(s) below represent(s) their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

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Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Holbrook Travel, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Holbrook Travel. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure (check or credit card).

## GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

*Please read this information carefully, as payment of a deposit represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.*

**Not Included in Your Tour Price** International airfare from your departure city; costs of passports; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; communications charges; and trip cancellation insurance. Additional baggage fees levied directly by the airline(s) may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

**International Air Transportation** Estimated airfare: **\$1,199 from Detroit to Santiago**. Arrival and departure transfers between the airport and hotel are included in your program cost when you travel on the program dates. Holbrook Travel offers air arrangements and ticketing. If Holbrook arranges your flights, you will receive your preliminary air schedule after your program has met minimum enrollment. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, booking the tour "Land Only" is available. We recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements or purchase nonrefundable tickets from Holbrook Travel, Alumni Association of University of Michigan and Holbrook Travel, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.

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