

Classic Chile



Departs: Please see our website or speak to your travel agent.

Trip Length: 11 days

Accommodation: Hotels and guesthouses

**Chimu
Difficulty
Rating**



Day 1: Arrival in Santiago, and transfer to hotel. In the afternoon we enjoy a tour of the city including the main plaza, Cerro San Cristobal, Casa Colorado, and Barrio Alto.

Day 2: Arriving in San Pedro de Atacama, we are transferred from the airport and visit the archaeological museum of Padre Le Paige. In the afternoon we visit Salar de Atacama (the world's largest salt lake), with a visit to Toconao and Laguna Chaxa.

Day 3: Today we visit the El Taito Geysers and the Valley of the Moon.

Day 4: An early transfer sees us fly via Santiago to Puerto Montt, the capital of the Lake District. We then drive to Puerto Varas where we spend the night on the shores of the picturesque Lago Llanquihue.

Day 5: Today we spend the morning cruising on the All Saint's Lake, and the afternoon hiking in the Vicente National Park to "Bride's waterfall" through a rare native growth forest.

Day 6: Leaving Puerto Varas we head to Puerto Montt for some free time before heading to Punto Arenas in Patagonia. We spend the night in Puerto Natales.

Day 7: An early rise for a full day in Torres del Paine National Park. We will see today the legendary Torres (Towers) of Paine, the Grey Lake and adjoining Grey Glacier. For many people this is the highlight of the trip and a day to remember forever. We return to overnight in Puerto Natales.

Day 8: Today we enjoy (depending on season) a trip to the famous Argentinean "Moreno Glacier" the 4km ice field is the largest glacier that crashes into a inland water mass. Occasionally we hear the sound of huge chunks of ice falling into the lake. In winter we visit the Serrano Glacier and visit the spectacular southern channels and isles.

Day 9: Travelling back to Punto Arenas (the southernmost city in Chile) we gain a spectacular view of the Patagonian landscape and Tierra del Fuego. We then fly on to Santiago.

Day 10: Today we visit the seaside towns of Vina del Mar and Valparaiso, famous for its Funicular railways and for many years the home of Nobel prize winner Pablo Neruda. While here we visit his home and studio. We then return to Santiago.

Day 11: Tour ends after breakfast.

