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## *Classic Chile*

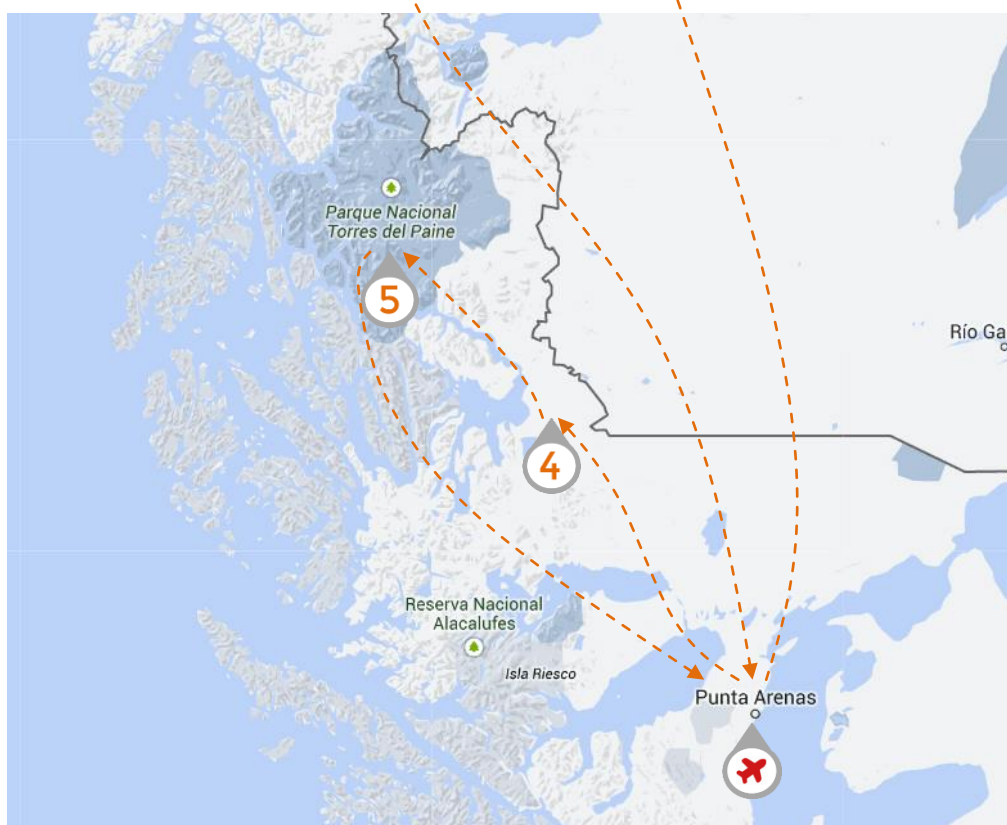
*16-days / 15-nights*

## Itinerary Summary

No.	Date	Location	Details	Meals	Hotel	Nts
	Day 01	<b>OVERNIGHT FLIGHT</b>	Depart Heathrow	-	Overnight flight	1
<b>1</b>	Day 02	<b>SANTIAGO</b>	Arrive in Santiago & afternoon city tour	-	Hotel Orly	2
	Day 03		Full day excursion to Viña del Mar and Valparaíso	B		
<b>2</b>	Day 04	<b>ATACAMA</b>	Air & road transfer to San Pedro de Atacama, afternoon excursion to the Moon Valley	B	Hotel Altiplanico	3
	Day 05		Full day tour to San Pedro, Toconao & Atacama Salt Lake	BL		
	Day 06		Full day excursion to El Tatio Geysers & Machuca	B		
<b>3</b>	Day 07	<b>PUERTO VARAS</b>	Air & road transfer to Puerto Varas	B	Hotel Solace	3
	Day 08		Full day excursion to Petrohué and Peulla	B		
	Day 09		Full day tour of Castro and Dalcahue	B		
<b>4</b>	Day 10	<b>PUERTO NATALES</b>	Air & road transfer to Puerto Natales	B	Weskar Patagonian	1
<b>5</b>	Day 11	<b>TORRES DEL PAINE</b>	Full day excursion & transfer to Torres del Paine National Park	B	Río Serrano	3
	Day 12		Day at leisure	B		
	Day 13		Day at leisure	B		
<b>1</b>	Day 14	<b>SANTIAGO</b>	Air & road transfer to Sanitago	B	Hotel Orly	
	Day 15	<b>DEPART</b>	Meet the return flights to the UK	B	-	
	Day 16	<b>HEATHROW</b>	Arrive back in the UK	-	-	



## Itinerary Maps



## Detailed Itinerary



### Day 01 DEPART

Depart Heathrow for Santiago flying with LAN.



LA8009 Economy Dep: Heathrow T5 18:50  
LA705 Economy Dep: Madrid T4S 23:55

Arr: Madrid T4S 22:25  
Arr: Santiago 07:30 (Day 2)



### Day 02 SANTIAGO

Private transfer on arrival to your hotel.

#### Hotel Only



#### 1 x Queen Room on a Bed & Breakfast basis for 2-nights\*

A small, intimate French-style hotel, the Orly is located in the lively Providencia neighbourhood, which offers a good selection of shops and restaurants. It is elegantly decorated throughout its 28 rooms, making the Orly without doubt one of the best places to stay in the city.

*\*early check-in and breakfast guaranteed on arrival.*



#### Shared afternoon tour of the city

Flanked by the Andes Mountains to the east and the Pacific Ocean to the west, Santiago is one of South America's best located capitals. The architecture is generally modern although some colonial buildings do remain. The climate is favourable and many vineyards can be found in the surrounding countryside. The tour starts with the city centre sights such as La Moneda, (the Government Palace), the pedestrian streets of Huérfanos and Ahumada and the famous Plaza de Armas, the main square of the city, which is surrounded by the Metropolitan Cathedral and other historical buildings. It then continues to Santa Lucia hill, where the Spanish founded Santiago in 1541, which gives great views of the Parque Forestal and the Mapocho River, before continuing on to the cultural district of Bellavista and finishing at the restaurants, elegant shops and modern high-rise buildings of Providencia.





**Day 03 SANTIAGO**



**Shared full day excursion to Viña del Mar and Valparaíso**

After leaving Santiago, drive through Casablanca Valley, Chile's most important grape-growing valley for the production of premium white wine. The journey then continues towards Viña del Mar, a resort city founded in 1874, famous for its beautiful gardens and flower clock. Travel onward to Valparaíso, the oldest and most important port of Chile. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Valparaíso is a captivating city full of character and is Chile's most popular coastal destination. The downtown area is surrounded by steep hills, which are a jumble of multi-coloured clapboard homes and weathered Victorian mansions. Valparaíso is known for its eccentric and antiquated bars which stay open late and its restaurants, some of which have dramatic sea views. You can explore the maze of narrow passageways and streets by foot or ride the many old funicular railways that connect the port and the historic old town.



**Day 04 SANTIAGO - CALAMA - SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA**

Private transfer to the airport to meet a flight to Calama with LAN.



LA158 Economy Dep: Santiago 09:25

Arr: Calama 11:35

Shared transfer on arrival to your hotel San Pedro de Atacama and your hotel.

**Hotel Altiplanico**



**1 x Standard Room on a Bed & Breakfast basis for 3-nights**

Located in spacious grounds on the edge of town, the Altiplanico is just a 15 minute walk from San Pedro de Atacama. All rooms have private facilities with purified water, a terrace facing the Andes and are simply tastefully decorated. Breakfast can be taken in the hotel and there is a large outdoor pool.



**Day 04 SANTIAGO – CALAMA – SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA ...**



**Shared afternoon excursion to Moon Valley**

One of the most spectacular places in the Atacama Desert, Vallé de la Lune (or Moon Valley) is a fantastic moon landscape that is a part of the Cordillera de la Sal (Salt Mountain Range) belonging to the Los Flamencos National Reserve. It is a small depression 1,650 feet (500m) in diameter full of strange sculptural shapes that are the result of geological shifts in the earth's crust. The lack of humidity and life has turned it into one of the most inhospitable places on the planet. Highlights of the tour include reaching the salt figures or 'Tres Marias' around sunset and the chance for an optional short hike to one of the giant sand dunes in the valley.



**Day 05 SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA**



**Shared full day tour to San Pedro, Toconao & Atacama Salt Lake including picnic lunch**

After breakfast, will visit San Pedro de Atacama; the centre of a Palaeolithic civilization that built impressive rock fortresses on the mountains encircling the green valley. The colonial church was constructed in 1577 and is the largest and most beautiful church in the region. The extraordinary archaeological museum of Padre Gustavo Le Paige has many archaeological pre-Hispanic artefacts. After this visit you will drive around 4km to reach the pre-Columbian village of Tulo (around 3000 years old). The archaeological remains here are the oldest evidence of human settlement in the valley. Then continue your morning tour to Pukara de Quitor. This fortress was conquered in 1540 by the Spanish conquistadores defeating the Incan troops who, in turn, had captured it from the pre-Incan cultures and extended the fortification. In the afternoon you will start your tour to Toconao, a village where locals dedicate themselves to the manufacture of white volcanic stone sculptures. You continue to the huge Atacama Salt Lake, an inland sea formed millions of years ago. Be overwhelmed by the vast emptiness with the white salt crusts stretched out in front of you as far as your eyes can see; it simply is one of the most spectacular and dramatic landscapes in Chile!





**Day 06 SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA**



**Shared full day excursion to El Tatio Geysers & Machuca including picnic breakfast**

You will be collected from your hotel early (around 04:00) and head north to the famous El Tatio Geysers, a geothermal field flanked by soaring peaks. El Tatio are situated at 4320m above sea level on the Altiplano, making them the highest geysers in the world. Here, powerful spurts of steam shoot out from various blowholes and there are about 40 geysers, thermal wells and fumaroles. The steam hurling up from the geysers in the early morning light and this spectacular scenery are an unforgettable experience. Enjoy a picnic breakfast next to the geysers and afterwards you have time to take a walk around the geothermal field close to this natural wonder. If possible (depending on the activity of the geyser) you can take a bath in the hot thermal pools. Later drive on to visit Machuca, a former ancestral people, with houses built in the traditional way. You will arrive back at your hotel around 13:00 and enjoy an afternoon at leisure.



**Day 07 SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA - CALAMA - PUERTO MONTT - PUERTO VARAS**

Shared transfer to Calama to meet a flight to Puerto Montt via Santiago with LAN.



LA349 Economy Dep: Calama 09:30  
LA283 Economy Dep: Santiago 12:40

Arr: Santiago 11:40  
Arr: Puerto Montt 14:30

Shared transfer on arrival to Puerto Varas and your hotel.

**Hotel Solace**



**1 x Standard Room on a Bed & Breakfast basis for 3-nights**

The modern hotel is well located at around 3 minutes walking distance from the centre of Puerto Varas and offers 62 suites and excellent service. Services include room service, internet access, cable TV, telephone, hairdryer and safety deposit box.



**Day 08 PUERTO VARAS**



**Shared full day excursion to Petrohué and Peulla**

Firstly you will pass by typical wooden churches, Chilean farm houses and the town of Ensenada. You will drive through a thick forest of mostly native Coigües to reach Chile's oldest National Park, Vicente Pérez Rosales, founded in 1926. Your first stop within this park will be the waterfalls of Petrohué. You will hike a short trail through native forests: you will be amazed by the crystal green waterfalls. You will then get back to the car and drive on heading to the slopes of the Osorno Volcano. At 1300m above sea level you will make a short hike over lava fields and enjoy the impressive view over the Lake Llanquihue. On a clear day you can see the Pacific Ocean.



**Day 09 PUERTO VARAS**



**Shared excursion full day tour of Castro and Dalcahue**

In the morning we pick up at your hotel in Puerto Varas for a drive to the island of Chiloé, which includes a 30 minute ferry crossing during which you can observe sea lions and maybe dolphins. Once on the island you will continue south to the fishing village of Dalcahue. You can take your time to explore the beauty and culture of this beautiful small fishing village. You will learn a lot about how traditional life in Chiloé is, and was in years gone by. You will continue your journey to Castro, the capital of Chiloé, to observe the traditional palafitos (houses built on stilts along the shore) and visit the majestic wooden church (an UNESCO World Heritage Site). You will stroll through town and stop at the crafts market featuring wood and woollen products from the region. In the late afternoon you will return to Puerto Varas driving along the eastern coastal road passing by several small fishing villages.





**Day 10 PUERTO VARAS – PUERTO MONTT – PUNTA ARENAS – PUERTO NATALES**

Shared transfer to Puerto Montt to meet a flight to Punta Arenas with LAN.



LA349 Economy Dep: Puerto Montt 09:30

Arr: Punta Arenas 11:40

On arrival you will be met and assisted in meeting a coach transfer to Puerto Natales. Private transfer on arrival to your hotel.

**Weskar Patagonian Lodge**



**1 x Standard Room on a Bed & Breakfast basis for 1-night**

This lodge is located 800m north of the centre of Puerto Natales, situated on a hill overlooking the beautiful Last Hope Sound. All rooms and the restaurant offer a great view over the bay and the Andes beyond. The lodge was built with local materials and offers 19 rooms. General hotel facilities include a restaurant, internet, luggage store, laundry service, a small shops and the possibility to rent bicycles.



**Day 11 PUERTO NATALES – TORRES DEL PAINE**



**Shared full day excursion to Torres del Paine National Park\***

*\*including lunch with drop off at your lodge*

Depart around 07:30 and en-route to Torres del Paine visit the Milodon Cave. This cave was discovered by a German Captain in 1895 who found a piece of 10,000 thousand years old skin from a prehistoric animal called 'Milodon'. Afterwards continue to the village of Cerro Castillo for a short break. Continue driving along big glacier valleys and get your first glimpses of the Paine Massif including the famous Torres del Paine and the spectacular 'Cuernos del Paine'. There are several viewpoints where you will be able to enjoy this amazing mountain formation. You'll reach the park entrance and have time to observe the wildlife of the park such as guanacos, ñandues and condors. Inside the park you'll visit the central area of the park including Nördenskjöld Lake, Pehoe Lake and the waterfall 'Salto Grande'. After lunch at a restaurant, head to the west side of the park around Lago Grey and walk around an hour to the lake shore where many icebergs have calved from the Grey Glacier.



**Day 11 PUERTO NATALES – TORRES DEL PAINE ...**

After your tour you will be transferred to your hotel.

**Hotel Río Serrano**



**1 x Standard Monte Balmaceda Room on a Bed & Breakfast basis for 3-nights**

This beautiful hotel is located on the eastern bank of the Serrano River and boasts a panoramic view of the Paine Mountain Range and the chance to enjoy unforgettable tours, such as kayaking, horseback rides, trekking and fly-fishing close to the hotel. The hotel has 20 large, double standard and 30 superior rooms, all with private bathroom, central heating and telephone, all very cosy and pleasantly decorated. It also has a pleasant dining room, where you will be able to taste the region's most typical dishes, all with excellent service. It also has a large lounge with comfortable armchairs, television and heating, where you will be able to enjoy a relaxing end to the day or simply admire the scenery.



**Days 12-13 TORRES DEL PAINE**



Time at leisure. Numerous optional tours and activities can be arranged locally.



**Day 14 TORRES DEL PAINE – PUNTA ARENAS – SANTIAGO**

Private transfer to Punta Arenas to meet a flight to Santiago with LAN.



LA288 Economy Dep: Punta Arenas 14:15

Arr: Santiago 17:40

Private transfer on arrival to your hotel.



**Hotel Only**

**1 x Queen Room on a Bed & Breakfast basis for 1-night**





**Day 15 SANTIAGO - MADRID**

Private transfer to the airport to meet your return flights back to the UK with LAN in economy class.



LA705 Economy Dep: Santiago 20:45

Arr: Madrid T4S 13:25 (Day 16)



**Day 16 MADRID - UK**



LA8000 Economy Dep: Madrid T4S 14:55

Arr: Heathrow T5 16:20

Arrive back in the UK.

# Holiday Cost

**from £3,995.00 per person**

20% deposit is required to secure this booking

## Suggested Itinerary

- This is just a suggested itinerary which we can amend to fit your exact requirements.

## Includes

- International flights as listed.
- All pre-payable airport departure taxes.
- Hotel accommodation as listed.
- Transfers as listed (on a shared basis unless specified as private).
- Meals as listed.
- Excursions as listed (on a shared basis unless specified as private).

## Excludes

- Local departure taxes where applicable.
- Tips and gratuities.
- Any future currency surcharges.
- Any future airline fare, tax or fuel surcharges.\*

*\*In the event of airfare /tax increases you will have the option to pay for your airfare in advance to avoid these increases.*

## Please Note

- The cost of this itinerary is based on 2 passengers sharing one room.
- All flights, accommodation and services are subject to availability at the time of booking.
- Air fares, taxes, schedules and routings are subject to change until ticket issue.

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