



CHILE: A FAMILY ADVENTURE

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Latin America, Chile



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Journey Overview

This exciting outdoor adventure is perfectly tailored for the active family and provides options to suit all interests, ages and fitness levels. Chile is one of Latin America's most sophisticated, and welcoming, countries with breathtaking scenery around every corner, a rich handicraft tradition and some of the world's finest wines. And it's safe and easy to navigate. Soak up rare wilderness from every vantage point, savour delicious local produce and bed down in the finest, most atmospheric, accommodations in Santiago, the Chilean Lakes and Atacama Desert. You'll be utterly amazed.

Journey Highlights

- Share authentic Chilean cuisine in a Santiago family home
- Hike through ancient forests and past mist shrouded lakes with volcano views in the Chilean Lake District
- Soar over an active volcanic crater by helicopter
- Take in the rugged terrain of the world's driest desert
- Become an astronomer for the night under the starry skies of San Pedro de Atacama



Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Santiago

Welcome to Santiago, Chile's cosmopolitan capital set against the breathtaking backdrop of the snow-capped Andean peaks, where rich traditions of art, food and wine make this city one of the continent's most sophisticated and exciting. Receive a warm A&K reception and transfer privately to your luxury accommodation with the afternoon at leisure.

The Singular Santiago

Day 2: Santiago

This morning, step out on a walking tour, starting with a visit to the colonial centre including the towering Government Palace. Soak up the mood of the city at your own pace as you pass the old Congress and stroll through the Plaza de Armas with its impressive historic buildings. Later, jump aboard the funicular railway for a ride up to the top of San Cristobal Hill where the panoramic city and mountain views are dazzling.

This afternoon choose how you wish to explore. Discover a different side of the city on a guided graffiti tour, admiring vibrant street art in a selection of barrios and hear what inspires it. Or, set off on a guided bike tour, pedalling through the streets of Santiago's most exclusive neighbourhoods, along the Mapocho River, through parks and gardens and past the city's most impressive architectural highlights.

Tonight you'll be invited into a local home for a hearty family meal with delicious regional wines and stimulating conversation.

The Singular Santiago / Meals: BD

Day 3: Santiago - Pucón

Fly south to Temuco, gateway to the Chilean Lake District, and be driven to Pucón, renowned for its soothing hot springs and breathtaking views of Villarrica Volcano. Arrive at Vira Vira, your beautiful lodge located idyllically on an organic farm on the Liucura River. The five-bedroom hacienda is yours to enjoy exclusively. Full of local artwork, textiles and unique furniture there is a private hot tub, a pretty garden terrace and a veranda framing magnificent views.

Hacienda Vira Vira/ Meals: BLD

Days 4-6: Pucón

The next three days are spent soaking up the natural beauty of this pristine region with an incredible range of activities on offer. Tailor your stay by land, air and water to whatever your family's interests may be.

Hike through local national parks discovering glaciers, mountains, volcanoes, forests and lakes on a range of trails. Cycle your way along riverside trails or get the adrenalin pumping on a thrilling mountain bike adventure. Unleash your inner huaso (cowboy) on an exhilarating horse ride. Take to the skies for a bird's-eye view of snow-capped, forested mountains, soaring over the active crater of Villarrica on a scenic helicopter flight. Make waves on the local lakes and rivers with boating, stand-up paddle-boarding and white-water rafting. Slow down and cast your line into the crystal-clear waters hoping to hook a trout or salmon. For something more cultural, visit a local Mapuche community, discover traditional weaving techniques, explore a tradition ruka (house) and learn about their traditions which are deeply connected to the environment. Also make time for a tour of the in-house cheese factory to learn how the different varieties are made, and of course sample the produce.

No matter your daily activity, each night you return to the home comforts of your exclusive hacienda and some exceptional farm-to-table cuisine.

Hacienda Vira Vira / Meals: BLD

Day 07: Pucón - San Pedro de Atacama

Leave the lush Lake District behind and fly north to the arid and dramatic Atacama Desert, the driest in the world. Take in the changing landscapes as you drive to your base in the atmospheric oasis town of San Pedro de Atacama, with its laidback charm, adobe buildings and bohemian vibe.

Explora Atacama Lodge / Meals: BD

Days 8-10: San Pedro de Atacama

The Atacama Desert is perfect for those who love nature, adventure and extraordinary landscapes, and has something for all tastes and abilities. The rugged landscapes of salt flats, sandy deserts, rocky peaks and active volcanoes are jaw-dropping and you'll have three days here exploring with expert guides by your side.

Your exact programme will be tailored specifically to the interests of you and your family. Choose to take it easy or challenge yourself with something more demanding. Discover steaming geysers, indigenous villages, historic ruins, high altitude lakes and sharply eroded mountains on a variety of outdoor adventures from 4WD tours, walks and trekking, horse and bike riding. Spend time at the otherworldly Moon Valley; spot flamingos at the Salar de Atacama salt flats; or be mesmerised by the geysers at El Tatio. Nightfall brings another opportunity for adventure and the ultimate stargazing experience. The Atacama has one of the clearest night skies on Earth and it's easy to see why several top-level observatories have set up home here.

Explora Atacama Lodge / Meals: BLD

Day 11: Depart San Pedro de Atacama

Head south once more as you leave the Atacama and fly to Santiago to connect with your onward international flight.

Meals: B

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Accommodation

The Singular Santiago



The Singular Santiago is an intriguing new addition to Santiago's vibrant Barrio Lastarria. The overall atmosphere is understated and classic, combining the style of early 20th century buildings with neoclassical French architectural influences. Exuding the charm of a bygone era, each of the 62 oversized rooms display rich woods and dark leather illuminated by vintage chandeliers, and lavish white marble bathrooms. The Singular Suite has a separate living area, double vanity bathroom and views overlooking the Parque Forestal. Room service is available on a moment's notice 24/7.

Hotel features include an indulgent Spa, sophisticated restaurant, rooftop bar and pool. In the restaurant area you'll have the feeling of at once being in a gentleman's club and also a Hong Kong speakeasy. Step outside the hotel and you'll find yourself in the bohemian neighbourhood of Lastarria, brimming with lively cafés and a cosmopolitan air. The location is great base from which to explore the older sights of the city while still having access to more modern areas of the city thanks to the excellent transport links of the nearby Metro Universidad Católica.

Why we like it

- The Singular Santiago is an exclusive hideaway set amidst Santiago's bustling

metropolis

- The hotel's innovative design embraces the artistic heritage of its surroundings, while adding a cutting-edge modernity
- Enjoy spectacular views towards Saint Lucia Hill at the rooftop cocktail bar and swimming pool
- The spa has an exclusive hydro-massage area, a mixed sauna, steam bath and rest area
- Bohemian neighbourhood Lastarria is renowned for its galleries, restaurants and nightlife

andBeyond Vira Vira, Chile's Lake District



Vira Vira offers you the chance to discover the unique beauty of the Pucón Valley in superior comfort and style. Dramatic landscapes of breathtaking glacial lakes mirror the snowy tips of nearby volcanoes, while within the rainforests gracing the surrounding national parks, evergreen *Araucaria araucana* (monkey puzzle) trees, some over 1,000 years old, stand tall. This region is both the gateway to Patagonia, and a thrilling adventure haven.

Created as a traditional hacienda, the rooms and suites are traditionally decorated with wood cladding, Chilean rugs and furnishings creating a warm and cosy atmosphere, and the perfect accompaniment to the stunning natural surroundings on the banks of the Liucura River. Accommodation options, overlooking either the estate surrounds or the Liucura River, includes six cosy suites, 12 split-level villas with a separate living room, and a five-bedroom, sole-use Hacienda for up to 10 guests.

Activities at Vira Vira are endless in either summer or winter; adventurers will relish the white water rafting and kayaking down the rapids, while the more laid back can enjoy peaceful fly fishing or drifting gently down the river in a little boat. In the winter months the area boasts skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing and winter horse riding among its activities, all set out in front of a backdrop of Chile's snow-capped volcanoes for an utterly magical scene.

Why we like it

- Surrounded by natural parks and awe-inspiring volcanoes
- A working farm, try your hand at making your favourite cheese or yogurt

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- Individually decorated rooms and suites with personality
 - Learn to ride a horse Chilean style
 - Indulge in true farmhouse cuisine, with the majority of the produce coming fresh from the Vira Vira Farm

Explora Atacama



Located in the oasis of San Pedro de Atacama, this hotel is the epitome of both simplicity and luxury.

Set against the striking backdrop of the Andean desert and highlands in 17 hectares, this hotel's 50 rooms and suites are designed to take full advantage of the space and seclusion of the surrounding landscape. Their design willing you to disconnect from the everyday. In line with this ethos, the rooms are not equipped with televisions or wifi, which is only available in the hotel's common areas.

Relax in the spa's interconnected ambient-temperature pools following a day of exploration. Enjoy the sauna, steam-bath facilities and open-air Jacuzzis, or unwind with a massage at the Turi Puri (meaning 'House of Water').

The restaurant menu features nutritious dishes created with quality, locally sourced ingredients, together with a comprehensive wine list. On special occasions, the Quincho barbecue area hosts guest gatherings with traditional spit-roasted meats and regional dishes, with a side of Andean music and dance.

Enjoy a guided hike on foot or horseback, setting out from the on-site stables. Indulge your inner astronomer in the private observatory. Whatever way you choose to while away the hours in this Chilean idyll, Explora Atacama will capture your imagination.

Why we like it

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- An ideal base from which to explore the surrounding sand dunes and salt plains
 - With more than 40 explorations, enjoy guided hikes, high mountain ascents and biking
 - Unwind with a massage at the Turi Puri, an original 90-year-old adobe building
 - Enjoy a spot of stargazing at one of the best private Chilean observatories
 - Savour delicious local dishes in the Quincho barbecue area

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