

## SANTIAGO DE CHILE 3 NTS / 4 DAYS SUGGESTED ITINERARY

### DAY 01: SANTIAGO DE CHILE

Arrival at Santiago Airport, meet by your local guide. Private Transfer to your Hotel.

SANTIAGO DE CHILE, resting on an inland plain with the Andes Range glimmering in the distance, is the capital and biggest city of Chile with over 5,000,000 people. It is situated on the Mapocho River, in the central part of the country and today it is one of the most modern cities on the continent. Santiago is also the central point of a region filled with attractive sites and activities. Only 60 km away are the main South American ski centers, and the beautiful beaches of the Pacific are only an hour's drive to the northwest. Just south of Santiago lie the rich and beautiful vineyards of the Maipo Valley, one of the world's most esteemed wine producing regions. The city is bisected by the Rio Mapocho, which gently weaves through from East to West, before descending to the flood plain below.

After some personal time your guide will take you to discover the **city on a 3 hours tour.**

Departure to the downtown area, starting at Bernardo O'Higgins avenue, the main one in the city and visiting La Moneda presidential palace followed by a walk through the pedestrian Ahumada and Huerfanos streets and "Plaza de Armas" surrounded by the cathedral and other historical buildings.

Continue to the old residential areas climbing up San Cristobal hill to have a panoramic view of the city before continuing to other areas of interest such as Bellavista, centre of cultural and artistic activity and Las Condes and Providencia, modern residential areas of Santiago.

Overnight at hotel or your choice.

### DAY 02: SANTIAGO DE CHILE / ISLA NEGRA / VIÑA DEL MAR / VALPARAISO

After buffet breakfast at the Hotel you will depart Santiago in the morning for a **full day Isla Negra, Valparaiso and Viña del Mar. OPTIONAL**

Enjoy the first stop in Pomaire, a small village where the inhabitants work the local clay to make a variety of dishes, pots and interesting sculptures amongst other handicrafts.



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Continue to Isla Negra, a small beachside community with a pretty beach backed by fragrant pine trees. This is the place Chilean Nobel Prize for Literature winner Pablo Neruda chose to build one of his houses, and where he spent great part of his life. Of his many homes he always considered Isla Negra to be his favourite. This visit will take you into his house and we will be able to see his impressive collection of miniatures, boats, bottles, seashells and many more interesting objects that he collected on his travels around the world. Of Pablo Neruda's three houses, this has to be the most fascinating since he always had in mind to make this house a museum after he had passed away.

We will keep on tour to the North coast and continue to the picturesque port of Valparaiso built in the 16th century on a total of 43 hills which are reached by narrow windy streets, staircases and a series of lifts (funiculars) which is now declared by UNESCO as patrimony of Humanity because of its eclectic architecture and urban development.

You may wish to visit here the Museum house of Pablo Neruda, La Sebastiana. The house is situated on one of the hills overlooking the bay and contains some of the poets collections, specifically related to the sea. Continue your visit to the town of Viña del Mar, known as the Garden City for its pretty parks and flower lined streets. Visit the Gaming Casino, the coastal road and the beach area of Reñaca.

Overnight at hotel of your choice.

## **DAY 03: SANTIAGO DE CHILE**

Breakfast at Hotel

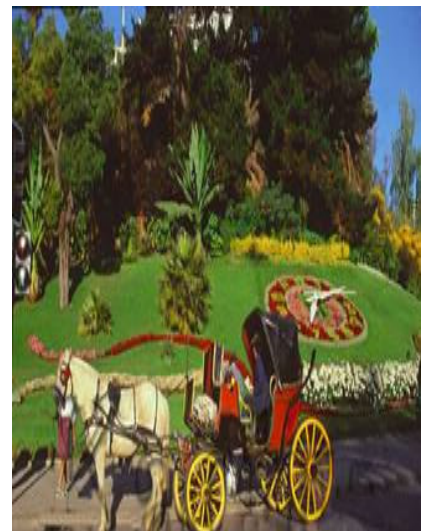
### **OPTIONAL: Colchagua Wine Train Tour**

The Tren del Vino will be our time machine and it will lead us to a time when steam engines were the main means of transport. We will experience emotions which will conjure us up to the beginning of the 20th century.

The tour starts with a transfer, at 8:15am from Santiago to San Fernando (140Km. - 87 miles to the south). Once there, we will board the Tren del Vino (1:30am) on a 20 minute ride to the Paniahue Station in Santa Cruz along the main vineyards of the Colchagua valley.

During the ride, we will enjoy an exquisite wine\* tasting of red and white wines accompanied by a selection of assorted cheeses while listening to a typical Chilean folk musician. There will also be a bilingual Spanish/English narration of the trip.

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From Santa Cruz station – where guests are welcomed by a young folk music group – we will go directly on a visit to a vineyard in the valley (according to program) where we will go deeper in the fascinating world of wine, learning about its making and some tasting techniques at the very source.

A typical Chilean lunch will then be served at the same place. After lunch we will visit the Colchagua Museum which is one of the largest private collections of a wide variety of exhibits in Latin America.

The return to Santiago is programmed at 5:30 by bus and we will arrive at 8:00 pm. in the city.

Overnight at hotel or your choice.

## DAY 04: SANTIAGO DE CHILE

Breakfast at Hotel  
Transfer to International Airport.

## END OF SERVICES



### Net Rates per person in USD

#### 3 nts Hotel + Transfer Airport Hotel Airport + City Tour

	2 pax	4 pax	6/8 pax	10 pax	Sgl. Supp.
4* NH Ciudad Hotel	317	285	285	259	169
3* Leonardo Da Vinci Hotel	254	222	222	196	124

#### OPTIONAL Excursions

	2 pax	4 pax	6/8 pax	10 pax
FD Viña Valparaiso & Isla Negra	104	78	78	62
Colchagua Wine Train SIC	153	153	153	153

**Validity September 30 2009.**

**Not Valid for Congress Dates, Holidays in Santiago, Groups, Corporate Travelers.**

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**Additional Nights:**

4\* NH Ciudad Hotel SGL USD 127/DBL USD141  
3\* Leonardo da Vinci Hotel SGL USD 91/DBL USD99  
Net cost per room per night includes tax and breakfast.

**Our prices include:**

- Accommodation at mentioned hotels including breakfast and taxes.
- Private transfers and as mentioned in the itinerary.
- Local English speaking guide in all transfers and tours.
- Lunch with beverages on **OPTIONAL** day 3.

**Our prices DO NOT include:**

- Air tickets.
- Any Airport Taxes Domestic
- Personal Expenses or any extra.
- Tips
- Porterage

Prices have been quoted considering current exchange rate USD in each country. Should this exchange rate vary considerably (over 10% increase or decrease), all prices will be adjusted accordingly.

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