

Chile Uncovered

Trip style: Worldwide holidays

Destination: 📍 Chile

Trip code: CHI12-WHW10

Grades: 1, 3

Carbon Footprint: 🌳 4712kg CO2



HOLIDAY OVERVIEW

From the cosmopolitan sights of Santiago to the arid landscapes of the Atacama Desert, the strip of a country between the Andes and the Pacific caters for every type of adventurer and walker. Enjoy a variety of walks across Chile's stunning landscapes and marvel at nature at its boldest and striking. Further highlights include geysers, volcanoes, flamingo-filled lakes, star-filled skies, penguin colonies, and a wealth of cultural and architectural thrills in the vibrantly-painted harbour city of Valparaíso.

WHAT YOU'LL LOVE

- Visiting the Atacama Desert, the world's driest non-polar desert
- Exploring the colourful port town and UNESCO World Heritage Site of Valparaiso
- Sampling wines in Chile's Casablanca Valley
- Admiring the El Tatio Geysers at sunrise
- Discovering the Puñihuil penguin colony
- Hiking around the snow-capped Osorno Volcano

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Full programme of guided walks and sightseeing led by experienced local leaders
- Comfortable accommodation
- 12 breakfasts, 10 lunches and 10 dinners
- All sightseeing and entrance fees (as per itinerary)
- Air-conditioned transport
- Internal flights
- Return flights from the UK including hold baggage and airport transfers

TRIP SUITABILITY

This trip is graded Activity Level 3.

Part-day and full-day walks of up to 9 miles (15km) with up to 1,950 feet (600m) of ascent.

ITINERARY

Hotel La Casa de Don Tomas, San Pedro de Atacama - Chile

Located in the magic splendor of the archeologically capital, San Pedro de Atacama desert area in the northern Chile, Hotel La Casa de Don Tomas offers its guests the best in comfort and ambiance

Holiday Inn, Santiago Airport - Chile

A sleek, contemporary design and a convenient location

Hotel Pullman San Martin, Viña del Mar - Chile

Located by the sea, just a few steps from Acapulco Beach. Enjoy the beautiful sunset on the terrace, plus the infinity edge pool while sipping a delicious drink after your day walking.

Panamerican Hotel Providencia, Santiago - Chile

In the heart of the lively Providencia quarter, the hotel is within easy reach of many shopping and gastronomic options. Welcoming rooms and a pleasing garden with a pool and terrace offers an intimate and relaxed atmosphere. The hotel restaurant offers delicious fare with a strong focus on typically Chilean dishes.

Cabaña del Lago Hotel in Puerto Varas - Chile

Set on the shores of Lake Llanquihue and offering panoramic views of Puerto Varas and the volcanoes in the surroundings.

Safety information - SHARED WITH ALL WW

Please inform us of any medical situation which may affect your enjoyment of the holiday. This is important because our leaders must consider both group and individual safety at all times. Whilst out with the group, we respectfully request that you: Please listen to any safety instructions and other directions from the leader Keep group members in view, especially if weather or visibility is poor Please stay where you are if you become separated from the group. The leader will retrace their steps to find you. Each leader carries a first aid kit but is not allowed to supply any medication including aspirin, paracetamol, antihistamines and antiseptic cream. You may wish to bring these items with you in your own kit (see Suggested Kit List). In the unlikely event that your leader is incapacitated, please use any emergency kit in their rucksack and call emergency services.. Please then call our emergency number (sent in your final dispatch) and let us know there is a problem.

Dietary requirements - SHARED WITH ALL WW

Please contact us as far in advance as possible if you have any specific dietary requirements and we will do our best to meet your needs. If you require a specific meal on the flight, please let us know as soon as possible, and no later than 96 hours before travel.

Vaccinations & health information for Chile and Easter Island

This information is subject to change. In all cases, we highly recommend you consult your GP for up to date details and for more information on what is appropriate to your situation at least 10 weeks before travel. As a rule, travellers should be up to date with their routine vaccinations and boosters as recommended in the UK - including, for example, the MMR and diphtheria, tetanus and polio vaccines. Requirements can change, and we recommend you check in good time ahead of your holiday. Some travellers may also require or wish to consider vaccines for: Diphtheria Hepatitis A and B Rabies Tetanus There have been some confirmed cases of Dengue fever in Easter Island. You should take steps to avoid being bitten by mosquitos; there is no vaccine. Please note: the use or possession of some common prescription or over-the-counter medicines is banned in some countries. If you will be carrying medication, please check with the country's embassy/consulate prior to travel. As an extra precaution, it is recommended to: Keep medication in its original packet Take a copy of your prescription If possible, ask your chemist to write the name of your medication in the language of the country you're visiting For further information on country specific advice, visit www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk or www.traveldoctor.co.uk.

Passport & Visa information for Chile

Passports must be valid for the duration of the stay; we also generally recommend that passports have at least 6 months validity from the date of your departure from Chile, but this is not an official requirement. Visas are not required for British passport holders visiting for less than 90 days. On arrival in Chile, you will need to complete the appropriate arrival/immigration form. The immigration authorities will issue you with a Tarjeta de Turismo: this is a white, A5 sized form and must be retained to present to immigration when you leave Chile. As of 9th May 2020, Australian citizens will need a visa to enter Chile. The maximum length of stay is 90 days. The visa must be applied for at the Chilean consulate closest to your place of residence. The cost is approximately 145 USD. Other passport holders and nationalities should consult the embassy for advice. Requirements may change and it is your responsibility to ensure you meet the entry requirements. For more information regarding entry requirements for Chile, see the FCO website.

Packing list - Overseas Guided Walking

It's best to be prepared for all weather conditions. To make it easier, here is a list of items you should consider packing. Essentials Walking boots Waterproof jacket Waterproof trousers Insulated jacket/top Walking clothing Walking socks (plus spares) Sunhat Gloves/mitts and warm hat Water bottle (minimum 2 litre capacity) Headtorch High-factor sunscreen (minimum SPF 30) Sunglasses with a dark lens Rucksack (15-30 litres) Mobile phone Personal first aid kit (containing your medication, blister plasters, etc.) Passport Visa (if applicable) Copy of your travel insurance policy UK Global Health Insurance Card (formerly known as EHIC) Recommended Collapsible walking poles Swimwear and travel towel Snacks Dry bags Rubbish bags Insect repellent Optional extras Camera Sit mat Flask for hot drinks Durable lunch box Gaiters GPS device (excluding Bhutan, Georgia and India)
