

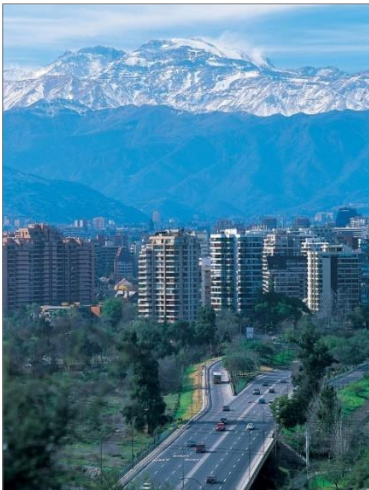
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## Santiago de Chile and the Atacama Desert *in 5 Days.*

**Highlights** • Santiago de Chile • Viña del Mar • Valparaíso • Calama • San Pedro de Atacama • Rainbow Valley • Cejar Lagoon • Moon Valley • Death Valley • Atacama Desert • Optional Star Night Observation • Tatio Geysers



Valparaíso, Chile



### **Day 1 • Santiago de Chile Arrival • Panoramic City Tour (L)**

Meet and greet at Santiago de Chile airport by your licensed tour guide. Private transportation to selected restaurant for a one-hour stop over. Optional seafood lunch from USD \$29 pp (not included). Private guided panoramic city tour of Santiago. Chile's capital is a dynamic, modern city where colonial mansions sit among soaring skyscrapers, folk art becomes fashion and Latin and European cultures intertwine. We visit some of Santiago's most famous landmarks such as the Mapocho Train Station, the ex-National Congress, the Palacio La Moneda and the impressive Metropolitan Cathedral. Enjoy it all while gazing up at the peaks of the snow-dusted Andean range. Finally we will visit the orient sector, the most modern area of the city with its impressive high rises, parks and classy boulevards. Private transfer to your selected hotel. 2-Nights hotel accommodation in Santiago de Chile.

### **Day 2 • Viña del Mar and Valparaíso Excursion (B)**

Your day begins with a pickup from your Santiago hotel at around 08:00 AM. Regular guided group excursion SIC. Greet your tour guide, settle in to the van, and hit the road to discover the central coast of Chile. Drive 90-minutes to the historic port city of Valparaíso. Upon arrival, take a scenic drive through the city to get your bearings. Now it's time to explore closer, so get out the van to start your walking tour through the main highlights of the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Historic Quarter and more. Beginning in the flat part of the city, explore Muelle Prat (the port), Plaza Sotomayor (Sotomayor Square), and the business district. Move on to the hills of Valparaíso. Travel up to the charming hills of Concepción and Alegre by traditional ascensores funiculares dating from the late 19th Century. Explore Victorian architecture, boutique stores, spectacular viewpoints to the bay and colorful houses on the hills, winding Program can be customized. For further assistance or reservation, please contact your travel agent.

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Rainbow Valley, Atacama Desert



### **Day 2 • Valparaiso (continuation)**

Alleyway and diverse street art. At lunch time, visit a local restaurant enjoy delicious Chilean cuisine (own expense). After lunch, head for Viña del Mar. The city is nicknamed 'Garden City' for its many parks and flower-filled gardens. Stop to see the 'flower clock,' a genuine moai statue from Easter Island, and for a walk on the beach. Before leaving Viña del Mar you can visit a special place on the coast where sea lions. Relax on the journey back to your Santiago hotel, arriving at around 18:00 hours. For dinner and show, we suggest visiting [www.balihal.cl](http://www.balihal.cl)

### **Day 3 • Santiago • San Pedro de Atacama (B)**

Early private transfer to the Santiago airport. Departure to Calama. Assistance, meet and greet by our tour guide upon arrival. Regular shuttle transportation SIC to your selected hotel in San Pedro de Atacama (90-minutes). Hotel registration. 15:00 pickup from hotel. Journey to the Moon Valley and the spectacular Death Valley. First, we explore the sand dunes, canyons and narrow caves in the remarkable Moon Valley. The Moon Valley is located only two-kilometers west of San Pedro. Observe enormous sand dunes and mineral sculptures formed by the wind and rain. We proceed to the Death Valley to observe one of the most spectacular sunsets. Enjoy panoramic vistas of the Atacama desert with its majestic volcanoes guarding the horizon. Transfer back to the hotel. 2-Nights hotel accommodation in San Pedro de Atacama.

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Tatio Geyser, Atacama Desert

### Day 4 • Rainbow Valley Excursion • Altiplanic Lagoons (B)

Regular guided half-day group excursion SIC. 08:30 Your tour starts with hotel pickup by van for the one-hour drive from San Pedro de Atacama to the Domeyko Mountains (Cordillera Domeyko), part of the Andes. Home of the Rainbow Valley, named for the multicolored rocks that get their various hues, from white to red to black, from the mountains' mineral makeup. Hop out of the van and spend about an hour here with your guide, wandering around the valley and admiring the 'rainbow' of colors, a great photo opportunity! Then return to the van and head to Hierbas Buenas, the site of pre-Columbian ruins famous for its petroglyphs. Take a 25-minute walk with your guide to see and learn about these messages and drawings, including animals like llamas and flamingos, carved into the volcanic rock by the ancient native inhabitants. Continue your tour to your last stop, the village of Rio Grande, named for the river that borders it. Home to less than 100 residents, the village is known for its agriculture and handicrafts. Learn a bit about its history from your guide, and then walk around to see its distinctive architecture, characterized by stone and mud walls, thatch roofs and beams made of cactus and carob tree wood. After the return drive to San Pedro de Atacama, your tour ends with hotel drop-off. Siesta time!

15:30 pickup from hotel for a regular guided group tour SIC to Cejas Lagoon. The color of its water is a deep emerald green, and on its banks you can see deposits of white salt crystals. Swimming is allowed in this lagoon where the gravitational effect from the condensation of salt allows the body to float easily and relax. We proceed on the same road to the Tebenquiche Lagoon which has similar characteristics to the Chaxa Lagoon. Rainfall and snow melting waters have filled this lagoon. Here we can find flamingos, foxes and a variety of birds roaming the area. Across we can find the Tebenquiche water-eye holding less salt. We return to San Pedro De Atacama. In the evening, we suggest visiting [www.spaceobs.com](http://www.spaceobs.com)

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Machuca Village, Atacama Desert

### **Day 5 • Tatio Geysers • Machuca Village • San Pedro • Calama • Santiago (B)**

05:00 pickup from hotel for a regular guided group excursion SIC to visit Tatio Geysers and Machuca Village. Your tour starts with hotel pickup by van before dawn for the drive north of San Pedro de Atacama to El Tatio, an approximate 2-hour trip. That way, your arrival at the geyser field coincides with the rising sun, which gives the geysers their most spectacular appearance. In the cold, early morning air of sunrise, each geyser is topped with a white column of steam that disappears when the temperature warms up. You have about two hours to walk around the field, marveling at the geothermal wonders and taking pictures. Then enjoy a light breakfast that typically includes a ham and cheese sandwich, biscuit, fruit, juice, tea and coffee. After about three hours total at El Tatio, head back toward San Pedro de Atacama, stopping in the village of Machuca. You have about an hour here to explore the very tiny village (about 10 residents) at your leisure, checking out its wooden church, handful of adobe houses with thatch roofs, and artisan shop. If you wish, try a llama empanada, the local specialty (own expense). Finally, make the drive back to San Pedro de Atacama, where your tour ends with hotel drop-off around midday.

13:00 Pickup from hotel and shuttle transportation to the Calama Airport (90-minutes).

Drop-off at the airport terminal entrance.

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### **Santiago de Chile and The Atacama Desert in 5Days. Our Program Includes:**

4-Nights hotel accommodation • Assistance, meet and greet as per program • Private transportation and private guided sightseeing tours as per program • Regular guided transfers and excursions SIC as per program • Daily breakfast • When staying at Hotel Cumbres in San Pedro, our prices include daily dinner • Local English-speaking tour guides • Admissions and national park fees • Taxes and service fees • Personalized local assistance by Amigo Vacations Chile.

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### **Prices 2018-2019**

Valid from August 1.2018 to March 31.2019:

#### **Option ST. Category Superior Tourist Class.**

2-Nights Santiago de Chile • **Best Western Los Españoles Plus** [www.losespanolesplus.cl](http://www.losespanolesplus.cl)

2-Nights San Pedro de Atacama • **Hotel Poblado Kimal** [www.kimal.cl](http://www.kimal.cl)

#### **Option SF. Category Superior First Class.**

2-Nights Santiago de Chile • **Park Plaza Bonaparte Hotel** [www.hotelbonaparte.cl](http://www.hotelbonaparte.cl)

2-Nights San Pedro de Atacama • **Cumbres San Pedro Hotel** [ww.cumbressanpedro.com](http://ww.cumbressanpedro.com)

#### **Option ST. Category Superior Tourist Class:**

##### **Based on 2-participants:**

Land price per person in Double... USD \$898

##### **Based on 3-participants:**

Land price per person in Double... USD \$878

Land price per person in Triple... USD \$868

##### **Based on 4-participants:**

Land price per person in Double... USD \$868

Land price per person in Triple... USD \$858

Single supplement add on double prices... USD \$333

#### **Option SF. Category Superior First Class:**

##### **Based on 2-participants:**

Land price per person in Double... USD \$1,188

##### **Based on 3-participants:**

Land price per person in Double... USD \$1,168

Land price per person in Triple... USD \$1,158

##### **Based on 4-participants:**

Land price per person in Double... USD \$1,148

Land price per person in Triple... USD \$1,138

Single supplement add on double prices... USD \$528

Prices are subject to change. Terms and conditions apply.

Program can be customized. Group quotations upon request.

Many other hotels in all categories are available upon request.

#### **Not Included:**

International and domestic flights.

Optional meals and optional services.

Travel and medical insurance.

Tips for tour guides US \$5.00 pp/day and for drivers US \$2.50 pp/day.

#### **Optional Domestic Flights (not included):**

Santiago-Calama • Sky Airline-Daily Flight • 08:45-10:50

Calama-Santiago • Sky Airline-Daily Flight • 16:40-18:45

Airfare taxes included *from* USD \$159

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