Santiago to Patagonia 14 days

Discover Chile in all its glorious natural beauty from the glittering lakes of Puerto Varas, the scenic archipelago of Chiloé, the panoramic views from Punta Arenas and the jagged granite peaks of the Paine massif. Along the way visit traditional fishing villages, observe comical penguins and explore Torres del Paine national park in your way.

TOUR DETAILS:

- Starts in: Santiago / Ends in: Santiago
- No local payment required
- Breakfast:13, Lunch: 3, Dinner: 4
- Hotel Rating: Standard (superior and deluxe available on request)
- Tour Guide: Yes - for included sightseeing

ONLINE RESOURCES:

- For a detailed GO GUIDE - click here
- To book this trip - click here
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TOUR MAP:

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Day 1: Santiago

Bienviendos a Chile! Upon arrival into the airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel in Santiago. The rest of the day is free for you to get out and explore. Overnight - Santiago

Day 2:

Encircled by snow-capped Andean peaks, the city of Santiago enjoys a particularly spectacular setting. This morning join a group city tour to discover Santiago's appealing blend of the old and new. Walking to the Plaza de Armas gaze at the handsome colonial architecture including the grandiose Catedral Metropolitana, the Post Office and the Santiago City Hall. Continue to the Government Palace and the older neighbourhood of Plaza Concha y Toro marked by cobblestone streets and elegant 20th century mansions. Heading east through neighbourhoods with a thoroughly modern appearance stop at a local handicrafts store where you can try a Pisco Sour. Overnight - Santiago

Day 3: Puerto Varas

Santiago – Puerto Varas. This morning you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Puerto Montt in the southern region of Chile's Lake District. On arrival you will be collected and transferred to your hotel in Puerto Varas, a smart little town with excellent tourist facilities. Remainder of the day at leisure. Overnight - Puerto Varas

Day 4:

Located on the shore of the Pacific Ocean, Puerto Montt is the region's prime fishing centre. Joining a group tour this morning you will visit the Cathedral in Puerto Montt, as well as the lively seafood market and colourful handicraft market of Angelmó. You'll also visit the Sagrado Corazón de Jesús church and enjoy the panoramic views of Tenglo Island from the bay. Heading back to Puerto Varas the afternoon will be free for you to soak up the vistas of Lake Llanquihue or make the most of the city's good food and beautiful gardens. Overnight - Puerto Varas

Day 5:

Bordering Argentina, the Parque Nacional Vicente Pérez Rosales is a stunning collection of pristine lakes and forests with the Lagos Todos Los Santos its centrepiece. This morning visit the Petrohué waterfalls and enjoy a sailing trip on the Todos Los Santos Lake taking in the sights of the Osorno, Puntiagudo and Tronador volcanoes. At the far end of the lake is Peulla, a small ecological village of 150 inhabitants where you can opt to partake in the adventure activities available. Overnight - Puerto Varas

Days 6 - 7: Chiloe

Departing Puerto Varas begin the journey to the haven of rural tranquillity that is the Chiloé archipelago. From the small fishing village of Pargua board a ferry that crosses the Chacao Chanel with the chance to see sea lions and playful dolphins along the way. On arrival at Chiloé our first stop is the town of Chacao where innumerable black-necked swans gather along the shoreline. Caulin Bay is our next stop where a walk along the beach might bring meetings with the local residents harvesting seaweed and transporting their yield by oxes. Continue to the charming town of Castro for lunch at a local restaurant and an afternoon tour. Visit the municipal market, the main plaza and the majestic Iglesia San Francisco.

Day 7 is a free day for you to explore Castro further. Head to the waterfront to see the traditional palafitos, Chile's last remaining fishermen's houses on stilts, or sample Chiloé's national dish curanto at a restaurant in town. Overnight - Castro (2)

Days 8 - 9: Punta Arenas

This morning transfer to the airport for your flight to Punta Arenas in southern Patagonia. On arrival you will be transferred to your hotel. On the morning of day 9 enjoy a city tour of Punta Arenas. First stop is the Cerro de la Cruz view point for magnificent panoramic views of the city's colourful rooftops, the Strait of Magellan and in the distance, the large island of Tierra del Fuego. Back in Punta Arenas visit the main square with its many beautiful buildings and the Salesian Museum, displaying a complete collection on Patagonian Indians, flora, fauna, history and economy. In the afternoon take an excursion to the colony of Magellanic penguins at Seno Otway. Beachfront hides allow

visitors to observe the birds amble out of the water for feeding time. The route here along the Strait of Magellan is particularly scenic as it passes into Patagonian steppe. Overnight - Punta Arenas

Days 10 - 13: Torres del Paine

On the morning of day 10 you will be transferred to your hotel in the Torres del Paine National Park. Home to the incredible Paine Massif, a small range of mountains with unusual, twisted peaks, the national park is a striking expanse of flat brown pampa and glacial lakes. Over the next four days you will have ample opportunity to partake in the many activities offered by your hotel. You might spend one day trekking the Ascencio Valley getting up close to the astounding Towers of Paine mountain range or horse ride to Cerro Paine for spectacular views of the Nothafagus forest. You could take a ferry across Pehoe Lake to Grey Glacier View Point for striking vistas of the centenary icebergs or you could trek to Sarmiento Lake to examine the calcium carbonate formations. The activities and excursions on offer will ensure you see the very best of this incredible national park. Overnight - Torres del Paine

Day 14: Punta Arenas

Today marks the end of your incredible adventure. After breakfast and hotel check out you will be transferred to the airport in Punta Arenas for your onward departure journey.

WHAT YOU SEE AND WHAT YOU GET:

Below is a list of key highlights and what is included on this tour. Further, where appropriate, we have listed the items that are not included in the tour price.

Trip Highlights

- Santiago – half day city tour of colonial architecture and traditional neighbourhoods
- Puerto Varas – attractive city on the shores of Lake Llanquihue
- Puerto Montt – scenic views across the bay and the lively fishermen's market
- Lago Todos los Santos – the Petrohué waterfalls and ecological village of Peulla
- Chiloé – archipelago of islands with quaint fishing villages and stilt houses
- Punta Arenas – Chile's southernmost city and the Magellanic penguin colony at Seno Otway
- Torres del Paine – the giant vertical towers of the Paine massif

What's Included

- 13 nights standard accommodation (superior and deluxe hotels available on request)
- 13 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 4 dinners
- Airport arrival and departure transfer on day 1 and day 14
- Services of local English-speaking specialist guides
- Entrance fees to all sites included in the itinerary
- Touring and excursions as per itinerary on a private basis unless otherwise stated
- All relevant transfers and transportation on a private basis unless otherwise stated

What's Not Included

- International flights and visas
- Laundry, drinks and items of a personal nature
- Tipping – an entirely personal gesture
- Domestic flights – South American airpasses are available with LAN, TAM and other airline carriers when booked in conjunction with international flights, offering significant savings on domestic flights. Please ask a member of the team for more information.

PRICES AND DATES: from USD $4,599

Prices shown are 'per person' based on a travelling party of at least 2 adults in twin/double occupancy. The single supplement price needs to be added to the twin/double price if single rooms are required. Prices are indicative and will vary depending on your chosen standard of accommodation, room availability, as well as time of travel - the beauty of private journeys is that they can depart on any day of the year, subject to seasonal variants. Reductions will apply if you are happy to replace private touring with shared touring for some of the destinations visited on your itinerary. Please bear this in mind if comparing prices as we always aim to deliver exceptional value. Please note that discounts will apply if there are more 4 or more people in your travelling party, since fixed costs like transportation and guiding are shared across the group.

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.