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WONDERS OF CHILE
PROGRAM 10 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS
Santiago & San Pedro de Atacama



Day	City	Activity	O/N	Meals
Day 1	Dublin	Flight	Santiago	-
Day 2	Santiago	Arrival in Santiago. City tour.	Santiago	-
Day 3	Santiago	Full Day tour Valparaiso and Villa del Mar	Santiago	B
Day 4	Santiago	Half Day Tour Winery (Concha y Toro)	Santiago	B
Day 5	Santiago	F/D tour Trekking Yerba Loca Nature Sanctuary	Santiago	B
Day 6	Santiago/ San Pedro de Atacama	Departure from Santiago. Arrival to San Pedro de Atacama – Moon Valley	San Pedro de Atacama	B
Day 7	San Pedro de Atacama	San Pedro de Atacama, Tocaño & Atacama Saltflat	San Pedro de Atacama	B
Day 8	San Pedro de Atacama	San Pedro de Atacama – Daybreak up in the El Tatio Geysers	San Pedro de Atacama	B
Day 9	San Pedro de Atacama	International Departure	San Pedro de Atacama	B
Day 10	Dublin	Arrive Home	Dublin	-

Detailed Itinerary:

Day 1

Depart from Dublin for overnight flight to Santiago

Day 2

Arrival in Santiago: Panoramic tour with Cerro San Cristobal (-)

Upon arrival, you will be welcomed and transferred to your hotel. A documentation kit, detailed program explanation plus luggage and hotel registration assistance is offered. Views of a moving city - From the history of the colonial neighborhoods to the modernity of the new financial centre also known as "Sanhattan", be part of this trip through the different neighborhoods that characterize this South American Metropolis. We will begin by the city's old residential area, passing by beautiful residences that today are part of the Barrio Universitario (university area). Our trip continues to the historical and financial City Centre where the La Moneda government palace, the Main Square and its buildings are the main highlights. Then we will continue to the green Parque Forestal, where we can admire the stunning building that house the Fine Arts museum. Visit of Cerro San Cristóbal where we have a unique view of the city. We will end the tour visiting the bohemian Bellavista neighborhood. Return to the hotel. Overnight in Santiago.

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Day 3

Full Day tour Valparaiso and Viña del Mar (B)

Breakfast Buffet

We will depart to the coast by Route 68, which connects Santiago with the port of Valparaíso only 1 and a half hours drive. First, we cross the Curacavi valley, with its fruit trees plantations, vineyards, little fruit markets and restaurants. Then, the Casablanca valley, a wine making area, growing in fame, shows a green landscape that captivates visitors. We reach the magical port of Valparaiso dubbed a World Heritage site by UNESCO. We admire Valparaíso from the hills. Through walkways and terraces we will be witnesses, of the wonderful natural amphitheater that frames the bay, to the history of this port-city. Stroll through narrow alleys that meander through the hills, revealing in every corner, images worthy of a picture. We also have the opportunity to experience the old funiculars that made this picturesque city famous. After visiting typical Valparaiso we head to Viña del Mar city and visit its beaches and main attractions. Overnight in Santiago.

Day 4

Half Day Tour Winery (Concha y Toro) (B)

Breakfast Buffet

9:00 or 14:00 Transfer to Concha y Toro winery, in the Pirque area. To begin with, you will walk through the winery's ancient park, whose extraordinary beauty and harmony are an invaluable legacy of Chile's landscaping history. Next, one can admire the Casona's exterior, previously the summer residence of the Concha y Toro family. Enjoy a glass of "Terrunyo" Sauvignon Blanc at the El Marqués park. The terrace will afford both a privileged view of our "Antiguas Terrazas de Pirque" vineyard and the opportunity to taste a "Casillero del Diablo" Carmenère. Among the Winery's main attractions are its ancient cellars, and particularly "Casillero del Diablo" (Devil's Cellar), where you will learn about the famous legend that has made Chilean wine known worldwide. Once inside the winery, you will discover the character of traditional Chilean grape varieties of "Marqués de Casa Concha" Merlot. Departure to Santiago and return to your hotel. Overnight in Santiago.

Day 5

Full day tour Trekking Yerba Loca Nature Sanctuary (B)

Breakfast Buffet

In summer the mountain shines with a thousand colours, generating countless possibilities for adventure and exploration.

Abundant bird life is found at all elevations, but those who venture along the higher trails may be rewarded with glimpses of eagles and condors. The surprising flora and fauna that graces our mountain in summer is waiting to amaze you and promises unforgettable moments only one hour from Santiago. Box-lunch included Overnight in Santiago.

Day 6

Arrival to San Pedro de Atacama – Moon Valley (B)

Breakfast Buffet

At the scheduled time, we will transfer you to the airport in Santiago to take your departure flight to Calama. Arrival at Calama airport and transfer to hotel in San Pedro de Atacama.

Visit a place with beautiful shapes and colors located 8km from San Pedro de Atacama, where we can walk and enjoy a great geological spectacle that has been repeatedly compared with the surface of the moon, with its angular geology and rocks sculpted by millenniums of erosion. Visit the salt caverns before climbing the mayor sand dune where we can marvel at the kaleidoscope of colors that appear over the Andes at sunset. Return to your hotel. Overnight in San Pedro de Atacama.

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Day 7

San Pedro de Atacama, Tocalao & Atacama Salt flat (B)

Breakfast Buffet

16:00 We will visit the Tocalao town located at 2,475 m.a.s.l. It is an oasis, in which people cultivate all types of fruit. In front of its square are the Church and Bell tower of San Lucas, declared a National Monument. It occupies an extension of 100 kilometers in length by 80 of wide. The salt is product of the underground water outcrop that, saturated of salts, evaporates leaving scabs rich in salt and minerals. The rivers fed by Andean snows traverse the area allowing the creation of multiple oases. This is the place where the "Atacameño" culture was developed. The air is extraordinarily dry here, which gives it a perfect transparency. The salt scab has been opened to leave space to small lagoons that are favorite habitat of aquatic birds, particularly Flamingoes, Taguas and Gullatás. The most important is the Chaxa lagoon. The Atacama saltlake is located in the centre of the most barren desert of the world. Salt fields and salt lakes are abundant in this place. It is well-known for its strong winds due to its proximity with the Pacific Ocean and the Andes mountains. We will continue our tour by the great Atacama saltflat, which has a surface of 12,000 km² and of immense beauty. We will have the opportunity to admire the great variety of flamingoes and migratory birds that have found in the enormous salt their natural habitat; these birds provide a very peculiar atmosphere to the sector. Here we will be able to find a great amount of salt similar to ocean salt; this phenomenon has allowed diverse animals like reptiles, insects and birds live here. At the end of this trip we will admire a spectacular sunset, enjoying the silence and the peace of the salt before returning to the hotel. Overnight in San Pedro de Atacama.

Day 8

San Pedro de Atacama – Daybreak up in the El Tatio Geysers (B)

5:00 Early morning departure for an excursion to El Tatio Geysers, a geothermal field flanked by soaring Andean peaks. At just under 14,000', this is one of the higher geyser fields in the world. At dawn, powerful spurts of steam erupt out of the ground through various blowholes, and the vision of the steaming geysers against the deep blue desert sky may be one of your most enduring memories of your visit here. Short hikes through the geothermal field. Full-day tour. Return to your hotel at 12:00. Overnight in San Pedro de Atacama.

Day 9

San Pedro de Atacama – International Departure (B)

Breakfast Buffet

At the scheduled time, we will transfer you to the airport in Calama for your connecting flight to Santiago and onwards.

Day 10

Arrive Home

End of scheduled tour

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Price per person

Wonders of Chile 10days /9nights Santiago & San Pedro de Atacama		
Based on / Accommodation	Double	Single Supp.
Minimum 2 passengers	From: €1877+Tax €370	€ 254

Selected Hotels			
City	Category	Hotel	Web Page
Santiago	Tourist	Torremayor	www.hoteltorremayor.cl
San Pedro de Atacama	First	Iorana Tolache	www.hotelioranatulache.com

Departures Dates
Daily departures from January through December 2011

Included

- Domestic and international flight tickets
- Driver-Guide local Bilingual English speaking
- All transfers and excursions include local guides in each city
- Accommodation on standard room
- Meals mentioned in the tour description Entrance tickets

Not Included

- Airport taxes
- Personal expenses
- Beverages during meals
- Tips