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Inspiring Moments

A World of Discovery

Your next adventure begins in beguiling Chile, where each region of this slender country reveals fascinating contrasts. From the central area's dynamic capital to the South's serene lakes and Patagonia's fabled fjords and glaciers near the end of the world, bask in Chile's irresistible natural beauty and alluring culture!

What sets this travel adventure apart from others is AHI's unwavering commitment to connecting you to the world's people, places and cultures. By weaving together discovery, education and authentic local experiences, we deliver new insights and fresh perspectives to enrich your life.

The incomparable value of our journeys is rooted in the personalized care you receive from AHI's Travel Directors. These outstanding professionals create a welcoming atmosphere and handle every last detail so you can focus on the wonder of the world before you. We also partner with the most knowledgeable guides and lecturers, whose regional expertise shines.

We invite you to turn the page on a remarkable new chapter with this AHI Journey for the curious traveler!

- ▶ Be awestruck by the jaw-dropping grandeur of **Torres del Paine National Park**, one of the world's most beautiful natural wonderlands.
- ▶ Watch the country's cowboys, *huasos*, show off their expert rodeo skills at a **traditional Chilean ranch**.
- ▶ Revel in the vitality of **cosmopolitan Santiago**, framed by snowcapped Andean peaks.
- ▶ Marvel at majestic, blue-hued glaciers in the pristine wilderness of **Chilean Patagonia**.
- ▶ Dig into delicious, sizzling specialties hot off the grill at a **Chilean asado**.
- ▶ Savor the tranquility and splendor of **Chile's Lake District**.

Above: Salto Grande Waterfall, Torres del Paine National Park |

Cover photo: Torres del Paine National Park

Dear UCLA Alumni and Friends,

Embark on an unforgettable nine-night, small-group adventure in Chile! This South American jewel, more than 2,500 miles long but only roughly 110 miles wide, abounds with distinctive regions. Your first destination lies in central Chile, tucked in a valley between the Andes and the Pacific coastline. In Santiago, relish the capital's lively streets, engaging museums, tantalizing cuisine and marvelous fusion of colonial and contemporary architecture. Then, journey further south to the beautiful Lake District, where you'll explore atmospheric Chiloé Island, witness cowboy traditions at a local ranch and delight in lakeside views from your hotel room in Puerto Varas.

Your next jaunt southward brings you to the spectacular landscapes of Chilean Patagonia near the continent's tip. Get a close-up look at massive glaciers during a fjord cruise, be dazzled by the wild grandeur of Torres del Paine National Park and tour a historic port situated on the Strait of Magellan. Finally, cap off your adventure with one more day to enjoy Santiago.

With a seasoned Travel Director on hand to manage the details, you're free to focus on each day's exciting, new experiences. And along the way, informative lecturers and guides offer rich details and context to enhance your understanding. Plus, this comprehensive trip includes first-class accommodations and all flights within Chile.

A journey as remarkable as this will fill up very fast! Guarantee your spot by reserving today.

Regards from Westwood,



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*Ultima
Esperanza Fjord*



Lake Llanquihue, Chile's Lake District



Plaza de Armas, Santiago

Day 1 | In Transit

Depart your gateway city for Santiago, Chile. 🌐

Day 2 | Santiago, Chile

Upon arrival, transfer 🚗 to the Hotel Cumbres Lastarria. Welcome to Santiago's cultural center! This inviting, artsy section of the city is anchored by famed institutions such as the Museum of Fine Arts overlooking leafy Parque Forestal and the GAM, a performing arts center named for Chile's Nobel laureate poet Gabriela Mistral. Join your Travel Director this afternoon for a short walk that will familiarize you with the area around your hotel.

Enrichment: Chilean History. Dive into the timeline of the country's development, from its indigenous groups and the conquest by Spain to the struggle for freedom and the modern era. Meet and socialize with your fellow travelers at a Welcome Reception and Dinner this evening.

Day 3 | Santiago

Discovery: Santiago. Explore this stimulating city noted for its eye-catching blend of colonial and modern architecture. At the Museo de la Memoria y los Derechos Humanos, grasp the

human cost of the nation's turbulent past through poignant exhibits that chronicle the human rights violations of Chile's military dictatorship from 1973–1990. Afterward, on a scenic tour, admire the presidential seat, the neoclassical Palacio de la Moneda. Pass by the palm-lined Plaza de Armas, a central hub since 1541. Linger for awhile in hip Bellavista, buzzing with cafés, art galleries and restaurants. Pablo Neruda, the celebrated Nobel laureate poet, once resided in this bohemian *barrio*, or neighborhood.

Discovery: Tastes of Santiago. Sample enticing Chilean cooking and learn about local customs on a visit to the lively Mercado Central.

Free Time: Explore more this afternoon.

Enrichment: Contemporary Chile. Examine the economic and political issues that dominate national conversation.

Day 4 | Puerto Montt | Puerto Varas

After breakfast, depart for Santiago's airport and fly to Puerto Montt. Transfer to Puerto Varas and check in to the Enjoy Puerto Varas Hotel overlooking the shores of Lake Llanquihue in southern Chile's enchanting Lake District.

🚶 Active Travel for Cultural Explorers

This **active program** is designed for people who are in good health and can comfortably participate in a demanding daily schedule of physical activities. The itinerary may feature full days of ongoing activities. Depending on the excursion, more leisurely alternatives may be available.

Excursions on this program require:

- ▶ walking distances of up to 3-5 miles
- ▶ walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths and/or uneven surfaces
- ▶ getting on/off motor coaches and boats



Left: Magellanic penguins, Chiloé Island

Below: Traditional Chilean dancers performing the cueca



Day 5 | Chiloé Island

Discovery: Chiloé Island. Ferry across the Chacao Channel to this picturesque island on the archipelago of Chiloé that boasts lush countryside and sweeping coastlines. Stop in Chacao to stroll through its town square and see its local church. In Ancud, visit the Museo de Las Iglesias de Chiloé to learn how the island's unique wooden churches, built by Spanish Jesuit missionaries in the 17th century, were constructed with native materials. Next, observe Humboldt and Magellanic penguins and other wildlife from a boat that takes you close to their natural habitats. It's one of the few places in the world where you can witness both species of penguins nesting side-by-side.

Day 6 | Puerto Varas

AHI Connects: Chilean Ranch Visit. Meet *huasos*, the country's cowboys, who will demonstrate the horsemanship required in rodeo, the national sport. Feast on tasty local dishes fresh from the grill at an *asado*, a Chilean barbecue, then celebrate with folk music and a spirited *cueca*, the national dance.

Free Time: The rest of your day is at leisure. Appreciate your stunning surroundings on a leisurely walk along the lakeshore in Puerto Varas, and check out the town's charming, distinctive architecture, influenced by 19th-century settlers from Germany and Austria.

Enrichment: The History of the Patagonia.

Trace the intriguing history of this immense, wild region in the southernmost part of South America, which is shared by Chile and Argentina.

Day 7 | Puerto Montt | Punta Arenas | Puerto Natales

After breakfast, depart for Puerto Montt's airport and fly to Punta Arenas.

Huaso on a Chilean ranch





Balmaceda Glacier

Discovery: Punta Arenas. Take a panoramic tour of this historic port city set on the Strait of Magellan between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. Before the Panama Canal opened in 1914, it prospered as a coal refueling station for steamships and as the center of the Chilean wool industry. See the highlights, including mansions built by wool barons in its heyday, and enjoy lunch on your own afterward. Rejoin the group and continue to Puerto Natales. Check in to the Hotel Costaustralis.

Day 8 | Puerto Natales

Discovery: Balmaceda and Serrano Glaciers. Take in vistas of emerald hillsides,

rugged mountains and tall waterfalls as you cruise on the Ultima Esperanza Fjord to view the impressive hanging glacier, Balmaceda. Then, on an invigorating walk, follow your guide into the unspoiled beauty of Bernardo O'Higgins National Park to see the spiky Serrano glacier nestled above a peaceful lake where tiny icebergs float. Chat about what you've seen over a hearty lunch at a nearby Patagonian ranch, and then cruise back to Puerto Natales.

Day 9 | Torres del Paine National Park

Discovery: Torres del Paine National Park. Spectacular, wild scenery awaits you on a scenic drive in this acclaimed national park, a UNESCO

Milodon Cave





Torres del Paine National Park

This sublimely beautiful National Park stretches across 935 square miles in Chile's southern tip. Founded in 1959, its astonishing landscape encompasses turquoise lakes, glaciers, rolling valleys, snowcapped summits and sculptural icebergs. Its crowning jewels are the Cuernos del Paine (pronounced *pine-ay*) mountains and the craggy trio of steel-gray granite peaks, the Torres del Paine, or Towers of Paine, that jut up into the clouds. An abundance of wildlife adds to the park's allure. Approximately 25 species of mammals live within the park, including the tawny guanaco, a close relative of the llama; gray and red foxes; the endangered Patagonian huemul deer; and the puma, the largest and most elusive. Andean condors swirl in the skies above, and flightless, ostrich-like birds called Lesser Rheas sprint across the grasslands propelled by their large wings.

Biosphere Reserve. Gaze in wonder at mirrorlike, aquamarine lakes, rivers of ice, golden fields and the dramatic silhouette of the snow-covered Cuernos del Paine, or Horns of Paine, mountain range. At the Salto Grande waterfall, hear the thunderous crash as water cascades from Lake Nordenskjöld into Lake Pehoé. From this vantage point, soak up the magnificent landscape at different angles. Along the way, enter a huge cave where the prehistoric remains of a Milodon, a giant ground sloth, were discovered in 1895.

Day 10 | Punta Arenas | Santiago

After breakfast, depart for the airport in Punta Arenas. Fly to Santiago and check in to the Hotel Cumbres Lastarria.

Tonight, gather with your fellow travelers at a restaurant in the area for a Farewell Dinner in honor of your memorable Chilean adventure!

Day 11 | Santiago



Free Time: Create your own agenda in the city, or join today's Elective Activity.

Elective | Viña del Mar and Valparaíso.

Travel to pretty Viña del Mar, a favorite vacation getaway of Chileans, known for its wide beaches and manicured gardens. Then, relish the quirky charms of oceanside Valparaíso, a UNESCO World Heritage site, founded in the 16th century. See the historic Victoria and Sotomayor squares





and delight in its *cerros*, or hills, packed with a jumble of colorful houses, snaking pathways, quaint funiculars and vivid, bold street art. Ride up Cerro Bellavista with free time for lunch and exploring.


Transfer  to the airport for your international flight  home. Depending upon flight schedules, some travelers may arrive home today.

Day 12 | In Transit

Arrive home in your gateway city.

Note: *Itinerary may change due to local conditions.*

 **Flights** and  **transfers** included for AHI FlexAir participants.

 **Elective experiences** available at an additional cost.

ACCOMMODATIONS

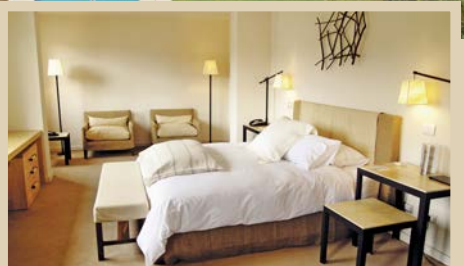
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Hotel Cumbres Lastarria | Santiago



Enjoy Puerto Varas Hotel | Puerto Varas



Hotel Costaustralis | Puerto Natales



Chilean Wonders ~ Lake District & Patagonia

Trip #:7-27020W

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Once UCLA Alumni Travel receives this request, AHI will contact you regarding your deposit payment. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed.

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☐ I prefer single accommodations at an additional \$895 (limited availability).

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Flights

☐ Yes, I/we are requesting the round-trip AHI FlexAir to Santiago, Chile, to depart from:

Departure City

I/we are interested in upgrading my/our international flight to the following:

☐ First Class ☐ Business Class ☐ Premium Economy

☐ No thanks! I/we will book my/our own air travel and transfers.

Reservations are subject to availability and processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations to be paid in full by **September 14, 2022** (75 days prior to departure). Reservations received after this date must be accompanied by payment in full. Final payment may be made by personal check, MasterCard, Visa, Discover or Amex. Make checks payable to AHI Travel.

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PROGRAM DATES

Air Program dates: November 28 – December 9, 2022
Land Program dates: November 29 – December 8, 2022

LAND PROGRAM

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- ✓ Increased booking flexibility and relaxed cancellation penalties.
- ✓ **Home support staff and ground team** communicating 24/7 to ensure a seamless and safe journey.
- ✓ Travel Directors specially trained to the highest standard in accordance with AHI’s health and safety protocols.
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- ✓ **Enhanced sanitization practices** for river ships, hotels, trains and motor coaches.
- ✓ Tour operations modified for smaller groups and greater physical distancing.
- ✓ Hand sanitizer available for guest use.



Long-tailed Meadowlark, Torres del Paine National Park

UNESCO

Biosphere Reserve | Torres del Paine National Park



Lake Pehoe, Torres del Paine National Park

INCLUDED FEATURES

Accommodations {with baggage handling}

- **3 nights** in Santiago, Chile, at the first-class Hotel Cumbres Lastarria.
- **3 nights** in Puerto Varas at the first-class Enjoy Puerto Varas Hotel.
- **3 nights** in Puerto Natales at the first-class Hotel Costaustralis.

Transfers {with baggage handling}

- All transfers in the Land Program: flights and deluxe motor coaches.

Extensive Meal Program

- 9 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 4 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Opportunities to sample authentic cuisine and local flavors.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **AHI Travel Assurance** plan that covers Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, Trip Delay and Emergency Evacuation for U.S. residents.
- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history:
 - Delve into sophisticated Santiago and visit the Museo de la Memoria y los Derechos Humanos.
 - Taste the flavors of Chilean cuisine and learn about traditional cooking on a guided visit to the bustling Mercado Central.
 - Experience the quiet charm of island life on Chiloé and learn about its wooden churches.
 - Watch cowboys display their rodeo skills and relish an *asado* at a traditional ranch.
 - Revel in amazing views of Balmaceda and Serrano Glaciers in Chilean Patagonia.
 - Marvel at the resplendent beauty of the famed Torres del Paine National Park.
 - See the landmarks of Punta Arenas.
- **AHI Sustainability Promise:** Striving for a positive, purposeful impact on the destinations we visit: preserving the environment, supporting local communities and giving back to the places we travel.
- **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
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- Complimentary travel mementos.



Mercado Central, Santiago

AHI Travel Expertise

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Before you go:

- **Travel Consultants** | These experts stand ready to answer your questions about activities, meals, accommodations and more as they guide you through the reservation process.
- **Passenger Service Representative** | After reserving your spot, enjoy personalized assistance from this specialist, your one point of contact who helps with everything from arranging flights to booking elective activities to fulfilling special requests.
- **Travel Information** | Before your journey, our team closely monitors travel conditions, shares pre-departure details and provides information and enrichment about your destination.

Once you arrive:

- Our top-notch, dedicated team takes your adventure to the next level! Share a laugh, learn where to find the best café and enjoy their unique perspectives on the local scene.
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 - **Expert Guides** | Who better to show you around than the people who live there? We've specially selected informed, enthusiastic local guides who understand the needs of our educated and curious travelers. Warm and genuine, they're ready to share their passion for their country with you.
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Huasco, Chilean cowboy

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Guanaco, Torres del Paine

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