

HAPPY IN CHILE & EASTER ISLAND 8 DAYS



Chile is blessed with a myriad of idyllic natural recluses. From Patagonia and its glaciers, through to the cosmopolitan city of Santiago, the mystical island of Pascua, and the Atacama Desert; every corner offers a unique landscape. Its climates vary considerably from north to south and there are flora and fauna to be discovered at every turn. The culinary variety, the cultural richness, and its contrasts make Chile a destination that will without a doubt exceed your expectations.

Day 1: Santiago de Chile - Welcome to Chile!

Upon arrival at the international airport, you will be transferred to your hotel.
Accommodation: Ladera Boutique Hotel (Standard)

Day 2: Santiago de Chile - City Tour

We will pick you up from your hotel. The main attractions of the city will be visited, where you will be able to appreciate the contrast between its rich history and its modern and imposing constructions. The Palacio de la Moneda, the Plaza de Armas, the Santa Lucia hill, and the exclusive residential neighborhoods of Vitacura and Las Condes, are part of this unforgettable tour. Santiago is routinely positioned as a leading city in Latin America in a number of social, economic and environmental factors.

Accommodation: Ladera Boutique Hotel (Standard)
Meals Included: Breakfast

Day 3: Santiago de Chile: Concha y Toro Winery and Rafting Cajón del Maipo

First, we will visit Chile's biggest vineyard and discover the ancient history of wine production in the area. Travel to the outskirts of Santiago for a tour of the Concha y Toro estate with guided wine tastings.

Chile's white water rafting is sure to give you the thrills and chills you're looking for!

Get out of the city and embark on an epic rafting adventure, hurtling down the churning rapids of the Maipo River while surrounded by the towering peaks of the Andes.

Accommodation: Ladera Boutique Hotel (Standard)

Meals Included: Breakfast

Day 4: Santiago de Chile - Isla de Pascua: Arrival to Easter Island - Dinner & Cultural Show

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Cultural Show with Dinner - Ethnic Restaurant TE RA'AI

This show is a trip from the beginnings of the Rapa Nui culture, from ancient times when there were no musical instruments, depicting with Hoko (aka Haka in NZ) different moments in history. To continue this journey through history, it is time to talk about experiences that remind us of the first contemporary instruments. Their first experience were the accordion and harmonic, then guitars, drums and many more.

The final stage of the show presents sensuality of polynesian rhythms, what is also part of the Rapa Nui culture without taking their essence aside, meaning their dances are as wonderful as their music.

Includes:

- Transport from and to accommodation
- Drink and a bite of ceviche
- Facial painting (Takona)
- Ancient Rapa Nui curanto ceremony and ritual
- Dance class
- Buffet dinner (meat and different kind of fish, salads, hot dishes and dessert)
- Haha Varua dance show (ancient songs and dances)
- Traditional garment available for pictures

Accommodation: Hotel Puku Vai (Superior)

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 5: Isla de Pascua - The arrival of Hotu Matua

We invite you to follow into the steps of the first King of the island, Ariki Hotu Matua. It is said the destiny was determined by a dream which took him to Easter Island to begin the colonization period.

In our tour we will visit five archeological sites, during the morning we will have the honor of visiting Akahanga, Rano Raraku and Ahu Tongariki, important places for the Rapa Nui culture, located in the south coast, that since the beginning of time and until today invite us to be a part of history of a culture filled with archeological riches.

At the end of our first tour, we invite you for lunch at the home of a Rapa Nui Family, the company here will be the garden, with its typical trees that invite us to live the experience of sharing and knowing the kindness of our gastronomy.

Once we are ready to start the second tour, our guide will take us to Te Pito Kura, through the internal highway of the island, this archeological site known as the navel of the world, has a platform that until today has maintained intact with its moai. This Moai is the biggest sculpture ever to have been transported from the Rano Raraku quarry and lifted over its ahu.

Our last steps are reserved for Anakena, one of the most important beaches in the history of Easter Island, since according to tradition, it was here where the first king of the island, the Ariki Hotu Matu'a disembarked with his men and established the first settlement that gave origin to the Rapa Nui culture. In this same place we will find two ahus and their respective moais. A unique scenery that you cannot miss. For whom wish to destine some time for contemplation, rest and to enjoy the white sands, its crystal clear waters, this is the ideal place to do it.

Accommodation: Hotel Puku Vai (Superior)

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 6: Isla de Pascua - The legend of the bird man - Looking at the stars

The legend of the bird man

The invitation on this day is to discover the place where the Bird Man competition (Tangata –manu) used to be celebrated, which took place every year in the spring time on the cliffs of the Rano Kau volcano and the ceremonial village of Orongo.

We cannot forget that history will be present the entire time during our tour, one of the witnesses of that history is Rano Kau. This fresh water crater is one of the main volcanoes on our island and has a privileged view of the Pacific Ocean and of the interior of the volcano.

We will also visit the Orongo ceremonial village which is of great importance on a cultural and spiritual level given its relation with the Tangata Manu competition. The village has a total of 54 houses out of which most of them were restored in 1974. Nowadays, this village has a path that will allow us a direct view to the restored houses along with its cave art and petroglyphs.

Next, we will head out towards Vinapu, this ceremonial center is one of the most important on the island and one of the most mysterious, since its big slabs built out of basalt (volcanic rock) fit perfectly on the back of its ahu or platform, which impacts with its similarity to the ancient constructions of the Incan Empire in Cuzco. After we have visited and learnt with amazement the history of our people we will finish the tour, leaving you an open invitation to learn more about our roots.

Looking at the stars

Easter Island is a destination that invites us to get to know its history through traditions and science. On this tour we will focus on seeing and understanding how the ancient islander connected with celestial and astronomical events.

This tour visits three archeological sites: the beginning of the tour starts with a 20-minute trek to Ana te Pahu. This large underground cave is one of the most visited, and it is located in the interior of the island, on the Roiho area. This cavern once served as a tribal residence, since it contained a source for fresh water and diversity of cultivated plants. Its name "Te Pahu" means drum in Rapanui, it was given due to its layer of petrified lava that resounds when jumped on, just like a drum would.

We will continue with Ahu Akivi, this location is one of the most majestic on the island, since it has a great platform decorated with 7 restored statues which represent the seven explorers that arrived on the island to open the way to Ariki Hotu Matu'á. This place was built around the XV century, with a special astronomical orientation, which was important not just for the daily functioning of the tribe, but also for the spiritual ceremonies of the ancient Rapa Nui. You may also find the crematorium remains, where there were human bones found as well as small statues.

Later, we will continue to the Puna Pau quarry, that is the crater of an old volcano located 15 kilometers northeast of Hanga Roa, next to Ahu Akivi. This place characterizes for harboring the raw material to build the pukaos (hat like head dress) that will later be used to crown the moais.

At the end of our tour, we will realize that we were part of the origin, the tradition and the science of a culture that recreates with surprising vitality. A part of Chile that invites to be discovered.

Accommodation: Hotel Puku Vai (Superior)

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 7: Isla de Pascua to Santiago de Chile - Back to Santiago

At the appropriate time, you will be transferred to the airport.
Upon arrival at the international airport, you will be transferred to your hotel.

Accommodation: Ladera Boutique Hotel (Standard)
Meals Included: Breakfast

Day 8: Santiago de Chile - Goodbye!

At the appropriate time, you will be transferred to the airport to depart home.

Accommodation: Ladera Boutique Hotel (Standard)
Meals Included: Breakfast

Includes:

- Transfers from and to the airport
- 4-night accommodations in Santiago de Chile and 3 in Easter Island
- Internal Flights
- Bilingual guides (Spanish-English)
- National Park Entrance Fees

Not included:

- Travel Insurance
- International Flights
- Gratuities
- Anything not listed in the itinerary.

Hotels:

- Santiago: Ladera Boutique Hotel – [click here for pictures and reviews](#)
- Rapa Nui (Easter Island): Hotel Puku Vai – [click here for pictures and reviews](#)