

SMALL GROUP
Maximum of 24 Travelers

December 9-20, 2024

Chilean Wonders

Lake District & Patagonia

Inspiring Moments

- ▶ Be awed by the jaw-dropping grandeur of **Torres del Paine National Park**, one of the world's most beautiful natural wonderlands.
- ▶ 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**.
- ▶ Savor the tranquility and splendor of the **Chilean Lake District**.
- ▶ Dig into delicious, sizzling specialties hot off the grill at a **traditional barbecue**.
- ▶ Experience a **UNESCO Biosphere Reserve**.



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 local cuisine.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **AHI Travel Assurance** plan covers Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, Trip Delay and Emergency Evacuation for U.S. residents.
- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history.
- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- **Electives** and **free time** to pursue your individual interests.
- Welcome Reception.
- **AHI Sustainability Promise:** We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.



Itinerary

- Day 1** Depart gateway city
- Day 2** Arrive in Santiago and transfer to hotel
- Day 3** Santiago
- Day 4** Santiago | Fly to Puerto Montt | Transfer to Puerto Varas
- Day 5** Chiloé Island
- Day 6** Petrohué River Falls | Puerto Varas
- Day 7** Fly to Punta Arenas | Transfer to Puerto Natales
- Day 8** Bernardo O'Higgins National Park
- Day 9** Torres del Paine National Park
- Day 10** Fly to Santiago
- Day 11** Santiago | Transfer to Santiago airport and depart for gateway city
- Day 12** Arrive in gateway city

Flights and transfers provided for AHI FlexAir participants.

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions.



Above left: Torres del Paine National Park | Above: Cerro Santa Lucia, Santiago





Discovery

Santiago. Explore this sophisticated city, noted for its unique neighborhoods and eye-catching blend of colonial and modern architecture. Grasp the human cost of the nation's turbulent past at the Museo de la Memoria y los Derechos Humanos, which poignantly chronicles the human rights violations of Chile's military dictatorship from 1973–1990. On a scenic tour, see the presidential seat, Palacio de la Moneda; the Plaza de Armas; the National Museum of Fine Arts and more. Linger in hip Bellavista, where famed poet Pablo Neruda once lived.

Chiloé Island. Ferry across the Chacao Channel to this picturesque island. Begin in Chacao and admire its pretty town square and local church. In Ancud, visit the Museo de Las Iglesias de Chiloé to learn how the island's unique wooden churches, built by Spanish Jesuits 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.

Petrohué River Falls. Admire the rushing, turquoise waters of the Petrohué River Falls and then navigate by boat through stunning Lake Todos los Santos with snowcapped volcanoes in the distance. Savor a Patagonian barbecue later at a nearby restaurant.

Balmaceda and Serrano Glaciers. Relish 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, take an invigorating walk through 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 your outing over a hearty lunch at a Patagonian ranch.

Torres del Paine National Park. Spectacular, wild scenery awaits you on a scenic drive in this acclaimed national park, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Gaze in wonder at mirror-like, aquamarine lakes, rivers of ice, golden fields and the jagged, granite peaks of the Torres, or Towers, of Paine. At the Salto Grande waterfall, hear the thunderous crash as water cascades from Lake Nordenskjöld into Lake Pehoé.

Punta Arenas. On a panoramic tour, see the highlights of this historic port city on the Strait of Magellan.

ACTIVE TRAVEL

Excursions on this program require:

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

Enrichment

- ▶ **Chilean History**
- ▶ **Contemporary Chile**
- ▶ **The History of Patagonia**

UNESCO

Biosphere Reserve,
Torres del Paine National Park

Electives | Go further afield

Viña del Mar and Valparaíso. Travel to pretty Viña del Mar, a favorite vacation getaway of Chileans, known for its broad beaches. Then, relish the quirky charms of oceanside Valparaíso, a UNESCO World Heritage site. See historic squares and its *cerros*, or hills, packed with a jumble of colorful houses, pathways, quaint funiculars and vivid street art. Ride up Cerro Bellavista with free time for lunch and exploring.

{At an additional cost.}



Viña del Mar

Accommodations

Hotel Cumbres Lastarria | Santiago



Enjoy Puerto Varas Hotel | Puerto Varas



Hotel Costaustralis | Puerto Natales



Activity Level: We have rated all of our excursions with activity levels to help you assess this program's physical expectations. Please call or visit our website for full details.



National Trust for Historic Preservation
National Trust Tours



Wildlife, Torres del Paine National Park

AHI Travel Expertise

Passenger Service Representative |

Helps with everything from arranging flights to fulfilling special requests.

Travel Director | Manages all details to ensure a safe and memorable trip.

Travel information | Prepares you fully for your journey.

Expert local guides and lecturers | Provide friendly, knowledgeable service and share their passion for their country.

Travel with Confidence

For six decades, our dedicated team has helped travelers explore the world safely and securely. We provide:

- **Included AHI Travel Assurance Plan.**
- Increased booking **flexibility** and relaxed cancellation penalties.
- **Home support staff and ground team.**
- **A global network of trusted partners.**

Let us arrange your flights!



AHI FlexAir | Our personalized air program features transfers, assistance and flexibility.



Traditional Chilean cuisine