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# Chilean Odyssey

AN EXQUISITE CULTURAL ADVENTURE WITH COX & KINGS  
Santiago ◇ San Pedro de Atacama ◇ Puerto Montt and the Lake District ◇ Torres del Paine National Park

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## TOUR DETAILS

14 Days / 13 Nights

## START/FINISH

Santiago, Chile

## 2010 PRICES:

(USD per person double occupancy)

### High Season: (Jan – Dec 2010)

	Superior *	Deluxe**
Double:	\$ 5275.00	\$8075.00
Single Supp:	\$1335.00	\$2835.00

\* Superior: Altiplanico/Melia Patagonia/Indigo&Rio Serrano  
\*\* Deluxe: Awasi/Quincho Country Home/Remota

## Internal Airfare:

\$1720 per person

(Based on full economy fare, subject to change)

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

All hotel accommodation with private facilities

Meals as indicated – Full Board Only at Deluxe properties where noted

All internal flights (noted separately)

All transfers

Services of Cox & Kings Tour Guides ; tours at Remota Lodge are on a small group basis (max 10)

All entrance fees

Cox & Kings Signature Events

## WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

International Airfare

Travel Insurance

Excess Baggage Fees

Airport Departure Taxes

Personal items and alcoholic beverages

Gratuities to your Tour Guides and drivers

The thin ribbon of land called Chile has some of the world's most varied and dramatic landscapes. From the northern Atacama Desert to the central Lake District and Patagonia in the south, the country is full of extremes. You'll find scenic snow-capped volcanoes, dramatic glaciers and fjords, steaming hot springs, shimmering lakes and rivers, and dense forests and lush valleys. Its European heritage is evident from fashionable Santiago to small towns and villages throughout Chile.

## Day 1 Arrive Santiago

Arrive in Santiago. You will be met and transferred from the airport to your hotel. In the afternoon enjoy a city tour including the important sights both historic and modern in Santiago including a trip up neighboring San Cristobal for a good look at the surrounding area. See the Presidential Palace, once the National Mint and thus called "La Moneda," visit the historic main square or "Plaza de Armas," surrounded by the Cathedral and, the "Palacio de la Real Audiencia," today housing the National History Museum. Perhaps the best view of Santiago is from the summit of the Cerro San Cristobal, where a statue of the Virgin stands. San Cristobal belongs to a remarkable park called Parque Metropolitano. From here we continue uptown to visit "Providencia" – one of the best neighborhoods with prestige and tranquility within great Santiago with elegant shops, first class restaurants and some futuristic high-rise buildings – before taking you back to your hotel. **The Ritz-Carlton (Deluxe Room)**

## Day Two Valparaíso and Viña del Mar

Truly a picturesque city in every respect of the word, Valparaíso was declared in the year 2000 "Unesco World Heritage." It retains tremendous historical significance as well as being home to the Chilean House of Assembly. During your city tour visit the new government houses, the Plaza Sotomayor, the Plaza Victoria, the cathedral, the harbor area and "La Sebastiana," the former house of the Chilean writer and Nobel Prize Winner Pablo Neruda. High above the city there is a fantastic agglomeration of brightly painted homes. The upper and lower parts of the city are connected with 16 funicular railways constructed around the turn of the century when the city experienced tremendous growth. Enjoy lunch at the lovely Portofino Restaurant.

From Valparaíso, continue along the coast to the beautiful beaches of Viña del Mar, the Garden city, named for its many parks and green spaces. Viña del Mar is a lively city with attractive beaches, modern hotels, high-end restaurants and fashionable bars. The casino, built in 1932 and set amidst beautiful gardens, is a well kept Chilean tradition of elegance. After, return to Santiago. **The Ritz-Carlton (Deluxe Room) (B, L)**

## Day Three Santiago to Calama

Transfer from your hotel to the airport. Fly from Santiago to Calama.

At Calama airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel in the heart of the Atacama desert, in San Pedro de Atacama (approx. 1 hr). **Awasi\*/Hotel Altiplanico (B, D\*)**

## Day Four - Six San Pedro de Atacama

Every day experience different excursions. Travel to the Valley of the Moon to see the sunset in this bizarre, almost lunar landscape formed by the erosion of salt mountains. Strange sculpted rock formations in the middle of the desert, with the Lincancabur

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Volcano in the background make for a particularly rare experience. Also visit the world's largest salt lake: the Salar de Atacama. Rich in minerals, including borax and lithium, it is home to various species of flamingoes as well as many other birds. The Laguna Chaxa, part of the Reserva Nacional de los Flamingoes, offers a terrific opportunity to get closer to these birds in their natural habitat.

In the evening return to the hotel in San Pedro. See the Geysers of El Tatio, situated at 4,500 m above sea level on the Altiplano. The geysers are spectacular in the early morning. There are about 40 geysers, thermal wells and fumaroles. The early morning light striking the water and steam hurling up from the geysers, makes for an unforgettable experience. If time permits during your time in Atacama, visit the 800 years old pre-Inca fortress Pucará de Quito. **Awasi\*/Hotel Altiplanico (B, L\*, D\*)**

#### **Day Seven Calama to Ensenada/Puerto Varas**

Transfer back to Calama airport. Fly from Calama via Santiago to Puerto Montt. Transfer from the airport to the your hotel, on the shore of the Lake Llanquihue. **Quíncho Country Home \*/Hotel Melia Patagonia (B, D\*)**

#### **Day Eight Peulla**

In the morning set out for a full day in the foothills of the Andes. Drive along the shore of Lago Llanquihue and enjoy breathtaking views of the volcanoes Osorno and Calbuco. Your first real stop however will be at the Saltos de Petrohue. This series of rapids and waterfalls were formed long ago by the cooling lava from the Volcano still towering behind them. They form an impressive sculpture of extruded volcanic rock shaped by thousands of years of thundering water flow. Upon arriving at the landing at Petrohue board the catamaran and prepare for your crossing of Lago Todos los Santos. Lago Todos los Santos (All Saints Lake) is surrounded by high mountains whose lower slopes are thickly forested. As you pull away from the landing and the source of the river Petrohue, the view is quickly stolen away by the tremendous size and proximity of the snowcapped Osorno Volcano behind you.

The rest of the morning will be spent on the water. To the south, high above the forested shore see the peculiar shape of Volcano Puntiagudo and a series of waterfalls. Arrive in Peulla, at the eastern end of the lake around lunchtime. This is the heart of National Park Vicente Pérez Rosales. Here enjoy a lovely hike to the Cascada de la Novia or the Bride's Waterfall amidst native growth "Valdivian Rainforest." In the late afternoon return by boat to Petrohue and back to Puerto Varas. **Quíncho Country Home\*/Hotel Melia Patagonia (B, L\*, D\*)**

#### **Day Nine Peulla to Puerto Natales**

Transfer to Puerto Montt airport. Fly to Punta Arenas. At Punta Arenas airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel in Puerto Natales **Remota\*/Indigo (B, D\*)**

#### **Day Ten - Twelve Torres del Paine**

Explore Torres del Paine National Park from your hotel today including unforgettable views of the Towers and the Torres Massif, Lago Grey and Grey Glacier and diverse wildlife. Enjoy the short hikes to reach the most beautiful points of view in this national park. **Remota\*/Rio Serrano (B, L\*, D\*)**

#### **Day Thirteen Punta Arenas to Santiago**

Transfer back to Punta Arenas airport. Fly to Santiago. Transfer from the airport to your hotel. **The Ritz-Carlton (B)**

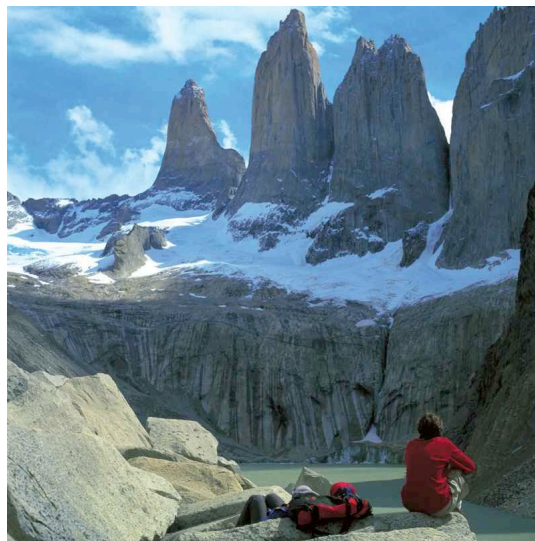
#### **Day Fourteen Depart Santiago**

Transfer from your hotel to the airport for your departure flight. **(B)**

#### **Important notes:**

Cox & Kings will endeavor to obtain the best available accommodation, transport and facilities, but would ask for your understanding for any practical aspects that do not come up to expectations and for delays or changes in the itinerary.

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