THE WONDERS OF CHILE AND ARGENTINA

11 Days
Santiago • Chilean Lake District • Bariloche • Buenos Aires
Pre-Trip Extension to Easter Island
Post-Trip Extension to Iguazú Falls

Experience an enriching journey through the geographical diversity of Chile and Argentina. Beyond their cosmopolitan capitals, Santiago and Buenos Aires, visit spectacular Andean peaks, azure lakes, and snow-capped volcanoes of the Chilean and Argentinean Lake District. The centerpiece of the program is a Lake Crossing to Bariloche Argentina. Begin in Santiago at the foot of the Andes and conclude in Buenos Aires, the “Paris of South America.”

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Highlights

- Visit two great Latin American cities: Santiago and Buenos Aires.
- Enjoy the picturesque Lake District
- Embark on a spectacular Lake Crossing from Chile to Bariloche in Argentina.

Itinerary

Day 01: U.S. / Santiago
Overnight flight from the U.S to Santiago, Chile

Day 02: Santiago
Arrive in Santiago, the capital city of Chile. Afternoon city tour. Welcome dinner and briefing. Pullman Vitacura Hotel (2 nights)

Day 03: Santiago
Explore Santiago including the impressive Metropolitan Cathedral, Palacio de La Moneda, the seat of the President of the Republic, and the Museum of Pre-Columbian Art. Next, depart for the local wine district to visit an acclaimed winery for a private sampling, and to learn about Chilean cuisine.

Day 04: Santiago / Puerto Montt / Puerto Varas
Fly to Puerto Montt, starting point for the Chilean Lakes District. Journey to nearby to Lahuén Ñadi

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Natural Monument to enjoy a picnic and walk through a forest of ancient alerce trees. Then, drive to the town of Puerto Varas on the shores of Lake Llanquihue with views to the beautiful snow-capped Osorno volcano. Cumbres Puerto Varas Hotel (2 nights)

Day 05: Puerto Varas / Island Villages
Explore the Lake region of Chile as you visit the villages of Frutillar and Puerto Octay on the west coast of Lake Llanquihue that exemplifies the German influence and European colonization of this area. Walk through the...
beautiful gardens and have lunch at a local restaurant/farm where they grow their own food.

**06: Puerto Varas / Lake Crossing to Bariloche**
Begin your full-day journey through the Lake District to Bariloche, Argentina rewarded by panoramic views of deep blue mountain lakes, snow-capped volcanoes, and ancient forests. First visit Petrohué Falls and view its aquamarine rapids plunging over black volcanic rocks. Then, sail through its captivating scenery to picturesque Bariloche. **Llao Llao Hotel & Resort (2 Nights)**

**Day 07: Bariloche**
Tour this postcard-perfect Alpine region many call “Little Switzerland.” Hike the surrounding scenic woodlands of beech trees, and then visit a local brewery. We will enjoy magnificent views and have an informal dinner during sunset.

**Day 08: Bariloche / Buenos Aires**
The morning is free to enjoy the amenities of the Llao Llao Hotel with its magnificent views of Lake Nahuel Huapi and mountains, or hike around its expansive surroundings. In the afternoon transfer to the airport and fly to Buenos Aires, Argentina’s remarkable capital, and check in to your hotel. **Alvear Art (2 nights)**

**Day 09: Buenos Aires / Tango Show**
This morning, explore cosmopolitan Buenos Aires on a city tour that includes Palermo, the old quarters of San Telmo, the colorful La Boca district, the stadium, the fascinating Recoleta Cemetery, the grave site of Eva Perón, Argentina’s beloved and controversial former First Lady. Later enjoy a tango show and dinner at one of the best places in the city.

**Day 10: Buenos Aires / U.S.**
This morning continue the exploration of Buenos Aires with a private visit to the renowned Colón Opera House, one of the world’s grand opera houses, known for its acoustics. Remainder of the day is free in Buenos Aires. Late check-out from your hotel is included until 6 pm. Evening transfer to the international airport for flights to the U.S.

**Day 11: Arrive U.S. and home.**
Arrive the U.S. this morning and connect with flights home.

**OPTIONAL PRE-TRIP EXTENSION TO EASTER ISLAND**
After overnighting in Santiago, depart the next morning for Easter Island (Rapa Nui). Located 2,600 miles west of Santiago in the South Pacific Ocean, this mysterious island has a visual impact few places in the world can equal. The island’s history is as intriguing as its natural beauty, for here is a remarkable, barely understood outdoor museum that has gripped the world’s imagination for centuries. Hundreds of moai, tuff-lipped basalt statues unique in the whole of Oceania, are scattered throughout the island. (3 Nights)

**OPTIONAL POST-TRIP EXTENSION TO IGUAZÚ FALLS**
Roaring out of the jungle and hurtling over cliffs between Brazil and Argentina, the Iguazú Falls are one of the natural wonders of the world. This extraordinary place offers ample time to relax and see the cataracts surrounded by luxuriant rain forest, exotic birds, bromeliads, and butterflies. Walk along the upper and lower trails for close-up views of the many different falls. Exploration from the Brazilian side is thrilling. Take a zodiac boat to see the falls from the lower river, approaching the base of the falls. The extension includes an additional night in Buenos Aires and 2 nights in Iguazú. (3 Nights)