

Chilean Lake District & Chiloe Island - 2019



Extension Option - Chile



Pre-tour extension to Easter Island group walking holiday

One of the most visually beautiful regions in all Chile, the Lake District abounds with snow-capped volcanoes, azure blue lakes and endless miles of ancient forest. Dotted throughout this beguiling landscape are attractive towns and villages with distinctive shingled houses and picturesque wooden churches. Add a diversity of flora and fauna to these scenic and cultural delights and you have a region just made for on-foot exploration. Designed to fit with our Easter Island walking holiday, this six night extension showcases the very best of the region, with a variety of walks and sightseeing and good quality hotel accommodation.

Day 1 - Fly to Santiago.

You will depart London on an overnight flight to Santiago.

(Overnight/Meals: In flight)

Day 2 - Arrive Santiago. Transfer to hotel. Time at leisure.

On arrival in Santiago you will be met and transferred to your hotel in the Providencia area of the city. The rest of the day is free for you to relax or explore. Your hotel has a rooftop pool and is only a short walk from the nearest Metro station.

Overnight: Hotel Torre Mayor, Santiago



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Day 3 - Fly to Puerto Montt. Drive to Vicente Perez Rosales NP. Trek the 'El Solitario' trail.
It's an early morning departure today to catch your flight Puerto Montt. On arrival you transfer to Puerto Varas, your base for the next two nights. It is a very picturesque town dominated by views of the Osorno and Calbuco Volcanoes. A two hour drive will then take you to renowned Vicente Perez Rosales National Park where you walk the 'El Solitario' trail following an easy track with great views of the surrounding lakes and volcanoes. The walk will take 2½ hours after which you will return to your hotel in Puerto Varas located in a quiet, residential area close to downtown.

Overnight: Hotel Puelche, Puerto Varas

Meals: (B L)

Day 4 - Day walk in Alerce Andino NP.

Your walk today will be in Alerce Andino National Park (Andean Larch National Park). To reach the park you drive along the Route of the Settlers, through Alerce to the shoreline of Puerto Montt and then for a further 40km. It's a journey of around 1¼ hours. The park covers a vast area and has abundant flora and fauna including Chilean deer, pudu and even puma. There are several trails in the park and your guide will decide on your route in accordance with the conditions. You will enjoy a picnic lunch on the trail. After your walk you make the return drive to Puerto Varas.

Overnight: Hotel Puelche, Puerto Varas

(Meals: B L)

Day 5 - Drive/ferry to Chiloe Grande Island. Boat ride to see penguin colony or visit Ahui Fort.

Today's journey to Chiloe Grande Island takes about 3 hours and includes a 40 minute ferry ride on the Chacao channel. From the ferry you drive to Ancud where you will stop for a short city tour and have a traditional 'curanto' lunch. After lunch you continue to see the penguin colony at Puniuil which comprises both Humberstone and Magellanic penguins. A boat ride will take you close to the colony. If the boat ride is cancelled due to bad weather you will instead visit historic Ahui fort dating back to the Spanish colonial era.

Overnight: Hotel Parque Quilquico, Chiloe

(Meals: B L D)

Day 6 - Chiloe NP, walks and exploration.

This morning you drive to Chiloe National Park following the shores of Huilincó and Cucao lakes until you reach the park entrance at Cucao. You begin with a gentle two hour walk along the 'El Tepual' trail which has an important diversity of flora. You'll then visit the indigenous community at Quilque explore their village and enjoy a local lunch. Returning to your accommodation you stop at Chonci to visit its World Heritage wooden church, one of the largest on the island.

Overnight: Hotel Parque Quilquico, Chiloe

(Meals: B L D)

Day 7 - Transfer to Qunchao Island. Sightseeing. Transfer to airport and fly to Santiago.

You will have a full day of sightseeing before you transfer to Puerto Montt airport to catch an evening flight back to Santiago. From Chiloe you travel by car to Dalcahue and take a ferry to Quinchao Island where you tour the historic village of Curaco de Velez and the 18th century church at Achao. Returning to Dalcahue there will be time to enjoy its colourful artisan market before transferring to the airport. On arrival back in Santiago you will be met and transferred to your hotel ready to begin your Easter Island holiday.

Overnight: Hotel Torre Mayor, Santiago

(Meals: B, L)

Prices

Price: £2,150 per person based on a minimum of 2 persons travelling on a twin share basis.
Single room supplement: £300 per person. (Prices valid until 31 December 2019)

Price includes: Services of an English-speaking guide; internal flights and airport transfers; sightseeing as per the itinerary; meals at stated; good standard hotel accommodation; ferry crossings; all road transfers by private vehicle.

Price does not include: International flights, tips; drinks; airport departure taxes if applicable.