

# Valparaiso & Wineries 2019



## Chile - Extensions



### Pre-tour extension for Easter Island group walking holiday

'Valpo', as it's fondly known by locals, was declared a world heritage site by UNESCO and it's not difficult to see why. Picturesque architecture and multi-coloured urban housing spread out over more than 40 hills that encircle a wide ocean bay to create one of world's most striking and unique cities. A labyrinth of narrow, winding streets line the hills, connected by hidden staircases and ancient funiculars that are still in use today. With its port area, stunning viewpoints and many historic buildings it's a wonderful city to explore.

Inland from Valparaiso and set in beautiful locations, are some of the oldest vineyards in Chile several of which offer the opportunity for tours and tastings of their excellent wines. On this extension we include visits to two wineries as well as time in Valparaiso and a guided tour of Santiago. Accommodation throughout is in hotels of a high standard.

### Itinerary

#### Day 1 - Fly to Santiago.

You will depart London on an overnight flight to Santiago.  
Overnight: In flight

#### Day 2 - Arrive Santiago. Transfer to hotel. Afternoon city tour.

On arrival in Santiago you will be met and transferred to your hotel in the Providencia area of the city. In the afternoon you will have a guided tour of Santiago's key sights including the central market, the Plaza de Armas, the Presidential Palace and the bohemian Lastarria neighbourhood. You will also walk up to the viewpoint of Cerro Santa Lucia for panoramic city vistas.  
Overnight: Hotel Torre Mayor, Santiago



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## Day 3 - Valparaiso and Vina del Mar tour.

Today's tour starts by driving west to the coast, passing through the central wine producing valley of Casablanca with its fertile farmlands famous for their orchards, citrus groves, grape plantations and wonderful mountain backdrop. The ocean comes into view as you arrive in Valparaiso.

Your tour begins with a climb up Cerro Florida through winding streets lined with multi-coloured houses. From the top you can enjoy far-reaching views of the city, port and surrounding hills. It's a great place to get your bearings. Next you will visit La Sebastiana, once owned by the revered poet Pablo Neruda and now open to the public. Designed by Neruda the house has a unique design and houses an eclectic collection of artefacts, paintings and maps. Perched on the top of the hill it also offers fine views of the bay. You continue to the hilltop residential quarter of Cerro Alegre and Concepcion - where you can wander through the rambling maze of steep streets and small alleys lined with elegant brightly, painted houses. Descending on one of the city's antique funiculars you will explore the buildings around Plaza Sotomayer, the main square, and the neighbouring port area.

Finally you head to the fashionable neighboring coastal city of Viña del Mar, stopping en route for lunch at a seaside restaurant. In 'Viña ' you admire the famous city 'flower clock' and visit the main square. Afterwards, you return to Valparaiso and your 4\* hotel located in Cerro Alegre with fabulous ocean views from its sun terrace.

Overnight: Zero Hotel, Valparaiso (Meals: B L)

## Day 4 - Visit wineries. Return to Santiago.

Today is a great opportunity to taste some of the superb wines for which Chile is renowned. You will visit two wineries located in the Casablanca regio, where the soil and climate is especially suited to the production of high quality wines. Casas del Bosque and Indomita wineries are both award winning producers of a range of red, white and sparkling wines and you will have the opportunity to tour the vineyard, winery and cellar at both and to sample a small selection of their fine wines. At Indomita winery you will also enjoy a delicious three course lunch. Feeling fully replete, you return to Santiago - a journey of around 70km.

Tomorrow you will meet up with the other members of your group holiday and transfer to the airport in the morning for your flight to Easter Island.

Overnight: Hotel Torre Mayor, Santiago (Meals: B L)



## Prices

Price: £895 per person based on a minimum of 2 persons travelling on a twin share basis. Single room supplement: £160.00 per person. (Prices valid until 31 December 2019)

**Price includes:** Services of an English-speaking guide; airport transfers; sightseeing as per the itinerary; wine tasting; meals at stated; good standard hotel accommodation; all road transfers by private vehicle.

**Price does not include:** International flights, tips, drinks or meals not shown in the itinerary.