

CHILE & ARGENTINA 2010

Santiago • Glaciers Cruise • Patagonia/Atacama Desert • Wine Country 14 days/13 nights

DAY

One: Transfer Santiago airport to hotel. Overnight: 4 star historic hotel

Two: Half day Private City Tour. Overnight: as above **B**

Three: Transfer Santiago hotel to airport. Flight to Punta Arenas. Transfer Punta Arenas airport to

ship. Evening departure for the Straits of Magellan & the Beagle Channel. Welcome

cocktails. Overnight: Cruceros Australis ship B D

Four: Ainsworth Bay and Tuckers Islets. Zodiac excursion:

ice walk, elephant seals and Magellan Penguins. Evening: scientific lecture on glaciology. Overnight:

aboard B L D

Five: Pia Glacier. Zodiac excur

sion into Glacier Alley. Evening lecture on ethnography. Overnight: **B** L **D**

Six: Cape Horn & Wulaia Bay.

Zodiac excursion: Cape Horn, where the Pacific and Atlantic meet, the World Biosphere Reserve.

Overnight: aboard **B** L **D**

Seven: Arrive Ushaia, Tierra del Fuego Island. Disembark. Transfer to Punta Arenas/Puerto Natales

Overnight: B see below

OPTION A:

Seven: Meet your transfer in Puerto Natales to continue to your hacienda in Patagonia. Overnight:

Estancia Cerro Guido/historic ranch B D

Eight: Options: full day ride, half day ride and trek, full day trek. Overnight: as above **B** L **D**

Nine: Full day excursion to Torres del Paine Park, including afternoon sail. Overnight: as above **B L D**

Ten: Full day in the Park, with various trekking and riding

options. Overnight: as above B L D

Eleven: Transfer to the airport at Punta Arenas. Flight to

Santiago. Transfer on arrival from Santiago airport to

hotel. Overnight: 4 star historic hotel B

Twelve: Full day private wine tour to Santa Cruz and

Colchagua Valley. Overnight: as above B L

Thirteen: Free day Santiago. Overnight: as above **B**

Fourteen: Transfer from hotel to airport. **B**

OPTION B:

Seven: Transfer Ushaia to Punta Arenas Airport. Flight to Calama. Transfer Calama Airport to San

Pedro de Atacama. Overnight: Alto Atacama/design award hotel D

Eight: Full menu of excursions, see below. Overnight: **B L D**

Nine: Full menu as above. Overnight: as above **B** L

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Ten: Full menu as above. Overnight: as above **B** L

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Eleven: Transfer out to Calama Airport. Flight to

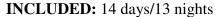
Santiago. Transfer from Santiago Airport to hotel. Overnight: 4 star historic hotel **B**

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• Hotels/cabin/ranch/lodge including buffet breakfast

• OPTIONS A & B: 7 L & 8 D

- English speaking guides/drivers
- Host lecturer aboard Cruceros Australis/naturalist guides at ranch/desert
- Tours & entrances per itinerary
- Transfers

NOT INCLUDED:

Flights

PRICE: on request, depending on dates etc

Option A: Option B:

*Cruceros Australis is an all inclusive program: all meals, open bar and daily excursions in zodiacs. High Season Rate (Nov-1st Mar.) Cabin Grade B (upgrade to AA approx. \$900pp)

**Estancia Cerro Guido is an all inclusive program: Torres del Paine Park entrance fee, guided horseback rides, fishing, sailing, trekking, and full board based in superior room

***Alto Atacama is an all inclusive program: full board with open bar, excursions, spa facilities.

Standard room. Excursions include: pre-colonial sites, salt lakes, indigenous desert villages, Bronze Age sites, petraglyphs, Valley of the Moon and more.

****Santa Cruz Wine tour includes 3 hosted visits and *catas*/tastings, full lunch with wine and local touring in Colchagua Valley

Call or email for a detailed itinerary



ADDITIONAL OPTIONS:

CHILE

COLCHAGUA VALLEY ESCAPE. Linger in wine country on a 16th century hacienda, which has remained in the same family for 15 generations. Hacienda Los Lingues offers a glimpse of Chile's rich colonial heritage, and the ideal base for extended wine touring, riding, or just relaxing by an idyllic pool under the shadow of the Andes before a leisurely patio dinner.



VALPARAÍSO & PABLO NERUDA COUNTRY. Either as a day trip from Santiago, or based in the fascinating port

city of Valparaíso, tour the city of 14 hills with its Open Air Art Gallery and rich cultural history. Stop in nearby Viñas del Mar, a chic and popular summer beach resort. Continue to Isla Negra to tour the famed poet & diplomat Pablo Neruda's quirky home and retreat by the sea. Valparaíso was a rich source for the Nobel Laureate's poetry.

ATACAMA DESERT. Experience the driest desert on earth. San Pedro de Atacama is built around 14 oases, each with distinct ayllus/or indigenous communities. The area comprises one of Latin America's richest repositories of Bronze Age relics and petroglyphs. The charming desert village of San Pedro has

grown in recent years to support tourism to this archaeological treasure trove, and offers award winning desert retreat hotels with all services. The traveler can opt for a la carte accommodation or a full touring program to take advantage of the extraordinary wealth of sites nearby in the desert. This is truly an unforgettable place. It is reached from Santiago by a 2 hour flight and 1 hour drive.



ARGENTINA

MENDOZA • WINE COUNTRY •ANDES. Fly or private car transfer from Santiago to Mendoza which lies a 5 hours drive across the Andes. Mendoza is Argentina's largest wine region. We can arrange private hosted tours to select wineries. Choose to stay in the heart of a charming colonial town amidst the vineyards, or in the lively city of Mendoza. Options for excursions into the nearby mountains include hot springs, soft adventure walking, rafting, or a several days trek to Aconcagua base camp, the highest peak in the Americas.

BUENOS AIRES & TANGO. Fly from Ushaia or Santiago to the porteño capital and explore the *Paris of Latin America*, including its rich night life and tango clubs.