

Wine & Wonder Tour Itinerary

Monday, March 3, 2025 - Depart the USA for Chile

Tuesday, March 4, 2025 - Santiago City Tour



Welcome to Chile! Upon arrival at the airport, transfer to your hotel where you will store your luggage at the hotel until check-in time. Then, meet your guide for a historical tour of Santiago. Begin with a drive to Santa Lucia Hill, a hilltop park with stunning panoramic views, and continue to the historic downtown to visit more top attractions. Stroll the city's charming streets lined with 19th-century buildings and arrive at San Francisco Church, the first Catholic church built in Chile.

Next, head towards the civic neighborhood, where the ministerial buildings and the presidential palace of "La Moneda" are located. After the civic neighborhood, appreciate an imposing panoramic view of Santiago from San Cristobal Hill which we will reach by a funicular or cable car, and enjoy the stunning mountain scenery that surrounds the capital.

Then have an opportunity to visit Pueblito Los Dominicos, a delightful artisan village. It's a must-visit for anyone seeking authentic Chilean crafts and a taste of the country's rich cultural heritage. You can shop for a variety of handmade items, including ceramics, textiles, jewelry, wood carvings, and more. Pueblito Los Dominicos offers a perfect blend of shopping, culture, and gastronomy, making it a fascinating place to visit. After our city tour, you'll be transferred back to your hotel for check-in and an evening at leisure.

Hotel: Novotel Santiago Vitacura

Meals: Lunch

Wednesday, March 5, 2025 - Casablanca Valley Winery Tour



After breakfast, depart from your hotel towards the Casablanca Valley. Nestled between the Cordillera de la Costa and the Pacific Ocean, the Casablanca Valley has managed to enter the world market for white wines with its high-quality versions of Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc, due to outstanding climatic characteristics perfect for its cultivation.

Enjoy a guided tour with wine tastings at 3 popular vineyards in the region - Veramonte, Villard and the renowned Casas del Bosque where you will learn about the wine making process of each wine estate and taste their delicious wines, all surrounded by beautiful nature! We will enjoy a delicious included lunch at the Casas del Bosque estate. Then, return to your hotel in Santiago.

Hotel: Novotel Santiago Vitacura

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Thursday, March 6, 2025 - Valparaiso & Viña del Mar Tour

After breakfast we travel to the charming seaport city of Valparaíso which served as the most important merchant hub during the 19th and 20th centuries. Today the city's historic quarter is well known for its



colorful architecture. Enjoy views of the city and its surrounding hills from the famous lookout of Mirador 21 de Mayo. Next, we go to Prat Dock where the city's sea trade heritage still flourishes. You'll have a chance to ride the funicular there for more magnificent views.

Then, drive to the lovely coastal town of Viña del Mar to enjoy an included lunch and a relaxing stroll down the streets and picturesque beaches before transferring to your hotel where the remainder of the

day is at leisure.

Hotel: Novotel Santiago Vitacura

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Friday, March 7, 2025 - Arrival in Easter Island



After breakfast, discover the area's outdoor beauty with a visit to Bicentennial Park, then transfer from your Santiago hotel to the airport for your flight to Easter Island. Upon arrival, meet your driver for the transfer to your hotel. Spend the rest of the day exploring the wonders of your surroundings at your leisure.

Hotel: Vai Moana Hotel

Meals: Breakfast

Saturday, March 8, 2025 - Sunrise Tour to Tongariki & Terevaka Hike

You will depart very early from your hotel, heading towards the southeast coast of the island. Here, you will see the sunrise at Ahu Tongariki, the most majestic ceremonial platform in all of Rapa Nui, with its 15 moais. It is a very unique, magical and unforgettable experience!

Then, hike up the slopes of the Maunga Terevaka volcano until you reach its summit, the highest point on the island, at about 1676 feet. You'll witness a surprising natural spectacle, with a 360° panoramic view of the island and its volcanoes. This possibility of being able to see the entire island of Rapa Nui, surrounded only by sea, is amazing! This adventure will thrill you with beautiful landscapes, fresh air and living nature!

Hotel: Vai Moana Hotel

Meals: Breakfast

Sunday, March 9, 2025 - Free Day in Easter Island & Sunset Tour at Tahai



Spend the morning and afternoon at your leisure on the Island, where you can stay relax or perhaps arrange a visit on your own to one of the sites of the island not visited such as the beautiful Anakena beach.

In the evening, leave the hotel 1 ½ hours before sunset and drive to the ceremonial complex of Ahu Tahai. This place is renowned for being an important archaeological site of the island and was restored in 1974. It is comprised of three ahu: Ko Te Riku (with repaired eyes), Tahai (with an eroded moai), and Vai Uri (with 5 moais). Here you will enjoy a breathtaking sunset with these beautiful

sculptures as a backdrop. This is the perfect setting to take stunning photographs! Following the sunset, you will be returned to your hotel.

Hotel: Vai Moana Hotel

Meals: Breakfast

Monday, March 10, 2025 – Return to Santiago



Spend the morning at your leisure. Then, transfer to the airport for your flight back to Santiago. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel for a good night's rest or take in some of the exciting Santiago nightlife.

Hotel: Novotel Santiago Vitacura

Meals: Breakfast

Tuesday, March 11, 2025 - Free Day & Departure from Santiago



After breakfast at your hotel, spend the entire day and early evening exploring the capital city at your leisure or take the optional winery tour to the world-famous *Concha Y Toro Wine Estate and Casillero del Diablo* cellar. After dinner on your own, transfer to the airport for your international flight.

Meals: Breakfast

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

Arrive back in the USA, bringing home with you special memories of your *Wine & Wonder Tour*.

The legend behind Casillero del Diablo:

It all began years ago in Bordeaux, France. A ship set sail from Europe to South America, bringing along seeds of sacred vines. The ship landed in Chile and the small seeds were planted, growing vines of fresh, juicy grapes. The grapes were turned into delicious wine that was produced in a small cellar on the Concha y Toro property.

The cellar was always locked, yet somehow the wine frequently went missing. Don Melchor de Concha y Toro, Chilean businessman and vineyard owner, grew tired of his favorite wines disappearing. Legend says he spread a rumor that the devil himself was living deep within the Concha y Toro cellar. People from all over town heard the story. Many claimed it was true and said that they had witnessed the devil in the Concha y Toro cellar. Today, the legend lives on. Nobody knows if the story was true or if it was just a silly fib used to scare off the robbers. It's one tale that will forever remain a mystery...

For years, the legend of Casillero del Diablo has been told to visitors who come to the Concha y Toro winery, home to one of Chile's most popular and delicious wines, which to no surprise is named "Casillero del Diablo." This vineyard remains one of the most intriguing spots in Chile to enjoy a glass of wine and is visited daily by people from all over the world.

Hotels:

Santiago de Chile: Novotel Santiago Vitacura - 4 nights

Located in the upscale Vitacura neighborhood, this hotel is surrounded by world-class shopping, dining, and cultural attractions. Explore the area's stylish boutiques and renowned restaurants, or immerse yourself in art and history at Casa Piedra. Parque Arauco, Santiago's premier shopping center, is just steps away. Modern rooms are designed with the traveler's comfort in mind. Enjoy air-conditioned spaces, free Wi-Fi, and thoughtful amenities. Discover the city's outdoor beauty with a visit to the beautiful Bicentennial Park or explore nearby malls if you prefer.

Easter Island: Vai Moana Hotel - 3 nights

The Vai Moana is a beautiful hotel located in Easter Island's main town, Hanga Roa. The hotel is deeply committed to the celebration of the island's distinct culture. Their goal is to present the native culture to tourists, and to do so in a way that does not harm the natural equilibrium of the Island. An example of the strategies deployed to achieve this goal is the idea of a circular economy. This involves using local products and labor, minimizing waste and reusing when possible, and building strong connections with other operations on the island with similar goals.

Inclusions:

- 7 nights of deluxe hotel accommodations
- Breakfast each morning at all hotels (except for day of arrival)
- Lunch on the Santiago City Tour
- Lunch on the Casablanca Valley Winery Tour
- Lunch in the Valparaiso & Viña del Mar Tour
- Tips on the lunches mentioned above
- Private Professionally Guided Tours with English-speaking guides
- Private transportation throughout
- All airport transfers with group air booking
- All entrance fees per itinerary

Not Included:

- Meals not included on itinerary
- Travel Insurance
- Pre-paid gratuities for drivers and guides - \$7 for guide & \$3 for driver per day = \$90 for entire trip)
- Personal spending