

ULTIMATE CHILE

5 - 19 APRIL 2027

FROM
£9,840
PER PERSON

Tour Leader: Bridget Wheeler


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Chile is diverse and dramatic, 2,500 miles long but barely as wide as England. It encompasses some truly astonishing landscapes, from the Atacama Desert in the north, through the central wine valleys and Chilean Lake District, to Torres del Paine in the south. Join Bridget Wheeler to discover this remarkable country with delicious food, exceptional wines and good company.

We begin in Santiago, backed by snowy Andean Mountains. Chile's modern capital offers an eclectic mix of historic buildings, sparkling skyscrapers and scenic viewpoints. From here we venture into the surrounding winelands, a scenic region of lush, fertile valleys and wine estates where we will taste some of the country's most renowned wines. Our next stop is Torres del Paine, arguably the jewel in the Patagonian crown and home to glacial lakes, startling blue rivers and verdant forests and with its towering granite massifs that overlook this spectacular national park.

We travel on to Puerto Varas, one of Chile's most charming towns, on the shores of Lake Llanquihue, set against the backdrop of the Osorno Volcano, where one can still feel the strong influences of the former German settlements of the mid-19th century. It is known as the gateway to the Lake District with its mesmerising natural scenery of impossibly blue mountain lakes and snowy volcanic peaks which we experience on a day trip to the world-renowned Vicente Perez Rosales National Park. Our final stop is the Atacama Desert, a land of superlatives, being the driest desert on the planet, home to some of the world's highest geysers and Chile's largest salt flat. This stark yet beautiful region is totally unique with fantastic carved rock structures, geothermal fields, volcanic geysers and sparkling lagoons.



Santiago skyline



Chilean cuisine



Torres del Paine National Park

15-DAY ITINERARY, DEPARTING 5 APRIL 2027

5 April London / Santiago

Suggested flight (not included in the cost of the tour) British Airways BA 251 departing London Heathrow at 22.55 hrs.

6 April Santiago

Arrive Santiago at 07.30 hrs. Group transfer to the Ritz-Carlton Hotel where two nights are spent. The hotel is located in the affluent Las Condes district of Santiago, facing the opera house and within easy walking distance of key sights and prestigious restaurants.

Lunch under own arrangements. City tour of Santiago starting at the main avenue, Alameda Bernardo O'Higgins, to see La Moneda, the Government Palace. Walk through the pedestrian streets of Huérfanos and Ahumada to the famous main square, Plaza de Armas, which is surrounded by historical buildings including the Metropolitan Cathedral. Continue to Santa Lucia Hill, the mount upon which the Spanish founded Santiago in 1541, a lone steep rock, with many plants and an antique building rising steeply from the city below. Cross the Mapocho River to visit Bellavista, the cultural and artistic neighbourhood of Santiago. Dinner at the hotel.

7 April Santiago

Full-day excursion to the winelands, driving through the vast fertile lands of central Chile and important grape-growing valleys such as Curacaví, known for its fruits and typical Chilean food. Enjoy a tour and tasting at two of the many boutique wineries that are part of this flourishing wine route: Bodega RE and Matetic.

Lunch at Matetic's Restaurant Equilibrio. Return to Santiago and dinner under own arrangements.

8 April Santiago / Torres Del Paine

Transfer to Santiago Airport for a domestic flight to Puerto Natales.

Packed lunch. Drive (approximately 2 hrs) through the awesome Patagonia landscape towards the Torres del Paine National Park. Turquoise lakes, glaciers and stunning peaks characterise the area, which is also home to a unique variety of wildlife and you will often see guanacos, nandus (rhea – the South America ostrich) and, if you are really lucky, flamingos. Arrive at the Estancia Cerro Guido where four nights are spent. Situated amidst 100,000-hectares on the eastern border of the beautiful Torres del Paine National Park, the working estancia has spectacular views across the towers of the Paine Massif. The charming and comfortable rooms are designed with a distinctive English-style and El Ruedo restaurant serves traditional cuisine with fresh ingredients from the garden. Dinner at the hotel.

9 – 11 April Torres Del Paine

Three days exploring in and around the Torres del Paine National Park, just under 600,000 acres in size. The park has been declared a World Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO and is home to a number of well-marked trails. The most famous sight within the park is the Cordillera Paine, a small mountain range in the heart of the Torres del Paine, whose highest summit stands at 2,884m. Activities include tours of the estancia, hiking, biking and horseback riding.

The Estancia Cerro Guido is also renowned for its conservation work and a conservation tour offers the chance to see pumas in the wild. (Full Day Conservation Safari Excursion and Fly-Fishing Excursion at an additional cost.)

Lunches and dinners at the hotel.

12 April Torres Del Paine / Puerto Varas

Transfer to Puerto Natales Airport (approximately 2 hrs) for a domestic flight to Puerto Montt.

Packed lunch. Here visit the famous fish and craft market, Angelmo, the town square of Plaza de Armas with its beautiful church built in 1856 and a monument honouring German settlers. Continue to a lookout point for panoramic views of the city, Reloncaví Bay and the Andes mountain range. Drive on to the rose city of Puerto Varas, situated on Lake Llanquihue and filled with charm and culture, including a predominant German influence. Visit a handful of wood-shingled patrimonial houses, the historic Sagrado Corazón de Jesús Church and the rose-encircled town square surrounded by shops and restaurants. Check in at the Hotel Awa, just outside Puerto Varas, where two nights are spent. The hotel is perched along the sparkling shoreline of Lake Llanquihue, flanked by a private beach and marina. It is a magnificent family-created retreat that is set on a flourishing 20-hectare estate with spacious rooms that boast floor-to-ceiling windows that showcase views of the lake and nearby volcanoes. Dinner under own arrangements.



Osorno Volcano

13 March Puerto Varas

Full-day excursion with a packed lunch to the Vicente Perez Rosales National Park and its surrounds. Drive along the shores of Llanquihue Lake to the old industrial town of Llanquihue followed by the town of Frutillar with its well-preserved German museum and Teatro Del Lago (Lake Theatre). Continue to Puerto Octay known for its rich and varied architecture. Enter the famous Vicente Perez Rosales National Park home to the majestic Osorno Volcano for short trek to visit the nearby lakes and craters. Drive to stunning Petrohué River and the Petrohué Waterfalls followed by Todos Los Santos Lake for a 30-minute boat ride across the emerald water.

Dinner under own arrangements.

14 March Puerto Varas / San Pedro de Atacama

Transfer to Puerto Montt Airport for a domestic flight to Calama, via Santiago.

Lunch under own arrangements. Drive through the Domeyko mountain range to the oasis town of San Pedro de Atacama, gateway to Chile's vast Atacama Desert. Check in at the Hotel Nayara Alto Atacama where four nights are spent. The hotel stands in the shadow of the wondrous historic Pukará de Quitar ruins, tucked away in a tranquil valley, beside the winding San Pedro River. All rooms have private terraces offering glorious natural views of the hotel's gardens, valley or the lagoon and are designed using natural tones and stone. Regional

specialities and international cuisine are served in a variety of indoor and outdoor dining settings, there are several swimming pools and the spa offers a wide range of treatments. Dinner at the hotel.

15 – 17 April San Pedro de Atacama

Three days of exploration of the Atacama Desert with its vast shimmering salt pans, explosive geysers and desolate valleys – a landscape that is alien and, at the same time, strikingly beautiful. Among the best-known sites are the Salar de Atacama salt pan, El Tatio Geysers, the Valle de la Luna and Valle de la Muerte. The hotel offers a comprehensive menu of activities, carefully created according to weather, difficulty and duration. Walking, horse riding and mountain biking can be arranged. There will also be the chance to visit San Pedro with its dusty streets and adobe buildings where sights include the archaeological museum (which holds a number of pre-hispanic Atacameño artefacts) and the arts and crafts market just off the main square.

Lunches and dinners at the hotel.

18 March San Pedro de Atacama / Santiago

Morning transfer to Calama Airport for a LATAM flight to Santiago. Suggested flight (not included in the cost of the tour) British Airways BA 250 departing Santiago at 15.05 hrs.

19 March London

Arrive London Heathrow at 10.10 hrs.

TOUR PRICES PER PERSON

Tour Price	£9,840
Single Supplement	£2,680

Please note we have not included the cost of the flights in the tour price. Please contact us for prices should you wish to book them through us.

PRICE INCLUDES

- Accommodation throughout as shown in the itinerary
- Breakfast daily; 10 lunches; 9 dinners
- All drinks at Estancia Cerro Guido and Hotel Nayara Alto Atacama
- Group airport transfers and transportation as per the itinerary
- All entrance fees, visits, excursions
- Gratuities in restaurants for included meals; gratuities to guides/s; gratuities to driver/s; portage
- Local English-speaking guide/s
- The services of your tour leader throughout

PRICE EXCLUDES

- International flights
- Meals indicated 'under own arrangements'
- Travel insurance
- Items of personal expenditure (e.g. telephone calls / laundry etc.)
- Government levies or taxes introduced after costing and publication of this programme on 27/03/2026







Your Tour Leader

Bridget Wheeler

Bridget has worked in the travel industry for 35 years. After obtaining a degree from London University she started her career at Montpelier Travel before setting up Riverside Travel in the late 1990s, which then amalgamated with The Ultimate Travel Company in the early 2000s. She now divides her time between her office in Hampshire and The Ultimate Travel Company in Fulham. She has travelled extensively and has led numerous groups to various diverse destinations including Ethiopia, Cuba, Jordan, the Baltic States and Georgia.

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