



EXPLORING EASTER ISLAND 2011

INVITATION TO TRAVEL

This trip invites us to discover this magical island and its impressive "moai" (huge stone statues) of great beauty and mystery. We will explore on foot the most important sites of Rapa Nui (ceremonial site of Orongo, Rano Raraku volcano, Ahu Akivi, Anakena...) and get acquainted with the local people, learning about their legends, folklore and beliefs. Ideal for those who want to discover the island in a different way.

Duration: 6 days/5 nights

Type of trip: trekking

Lodging: hotel

Difficulty Level: mild. Trekking average: 4 hours per day.

Recommended period: all year round. April and May are the more raining months, but the rains are sporadic and shorts.

Code of the program: SN / TRK 05



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1st DAY: **EASTER ISLAND (IN)**

Reception at Easter Island airport and transfer to hotel. In the afternoon transfer to the base of the volcano "Rano Kau" and trek of approximately 4 hours. Its crater has a diameter of 1.6 km and it is more than 200 meters deep. From the top we can have a lovely view of the sea and town of Hanga Roa. Following a small path we will visit the ceremonial site and village of "Orongo" with 53 houses of unique design. We can also find on this site a high concentration of petroglyphs. Descend to the base of the volcano and transfer back to the hotel. Overnight at HOTEL GOMERO (3*) or similar category according to availability.

Meals not included.

2nd DAY: **EASTER ISLAND**

Meeting with the guide at the hotel and full day excursion to the volcano "Rano Raraku" and surroundings. Transfer to the south coast of the island up to the site of "Vinapu", consisting of 2 main ahu (ceremonial platform) in ruins. We continue to the un-restored archaeological site of "Vaihu". Afterwards we visit the archaeological platform of "Akahanga" where the famous king Hotu Matua is supposedly buried. From here we start our trek on the "ara o te moai", internal road used in the past for the transportation of the moai, up to the volcano

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"Rano Raraku". Almost all the moai were carved in the quarries of this volcano. After having a delicious box lunch we can access the crater and observe on the way many moai still lying unfinished. We continue our walk to "Ahu Tongariki" where 15 moai stand aligned. Then transfer by car to the "ahu Te Pito Kura" where we can admire the highest moai ever lifted on an ahu. Return to the hotel. Overnight at hotel GOMERO (3*) or of similar category according to availability.

Included meals: Breakfast / Box-lunch

3rd DAY: EASTER ISLAND

Meeting with the guide at the hotel and excursion to the site of "Tahai", cave "Ana Te Pahu" and "ahu Akivi". Our trek starts at the ceremonial site of "Tahai" where we find remains of the Rapa Nui culture at its height. We continue our trek along the coast until we reach the "ahu Te Peu", and then to the interior of the island up to the cave "Ana Te Pahu", surrounded by green plants of banana. It is one of the largest caverns on the island. We continue walking toward the "ahu Akivi", a platform with 7 restored moai that look directly at the setting sun at the equinoxes. From here transfer by car to the quarry "Puna Pau" where the Pukao (topknots of the moai) were carved. Transfer back to the hotel. Overnight at hotel GOMERO (3*) or of similar category according to availability.

Included meals: Breakfast / Box-lunch

4th DAY: EASTER ISLAND

Meeting with the guide at the hotel and transfer by car to the "ahu Te Peu", starting point of our trek of approximately 5 hours along the north-eastern coast of the island up to Anakena beach. On the way we can find many archaeological sites and caves. Arrival at the beautiful beach and free time to take a relaxing swim in its crystal waters. We can also find here 2 restored ahu. Transfer back to the hotel. Overnight at hotel GOMERO (3*) or of similar category according to availability.

Included meals: Breakfast / Box-lunch

5th DAY: EASTER ISLAND

Free day on the island without guide. Overnight at the hotel GOMERO (3*) or of similar category according to availability.

Included meals: Breakfast

6th DAY: EASTER ISLAND (OUT)

Transfer to the airport to take the return flight. **END OF OUR SERVICES.**

Included meals: Breakfast

ENJOY THE TRIP!

Note: The order of the excursions can be modified according to the flight schedule.

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EQUIPMENT LIST

CLOTHING:

- Sun hat
- Waterproof jacket with a hood. Suggested: Gore-Tex
- Pile lining. Jacket or sweatshirt
- T-Shirts
- Trekking trousers
- Swimsuit + towel
- Shorts
- Socks
- Trekking shoes
- Tennis shoes, sandals.

FOR THE JOURNEY:

- Day pack
- Sun glasses
- Sun screen: Sun cream and lip screen.
- Water bottle
- Personal First Aid Kit.
- Personal Toiletries
- Photographic equipment



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RATES

02-03 PERSONS:	US\$ 1170 p/person
04-08 PERSONS:	US\$ 1020 p/person
09-12 PERSONS:	US\$ 970 p/person

Single room supplement: US\$ 330

Included in the rate

- Accommodation in the mentioned hotel or of similar category (DOUBLE STANDARD room basis). <i>Local standard</i> .
- Meals as mentioned in the program
- Drinks with the box-lunches
- Transportation by private vehicle during the trip.
- Local bilingual guide (Spanish / English / French speaking) in Easter Island (except on day 5). Guide in other languages subject to availability.
- National Park fee.

NOT included in the rate

- Flights and taxes
- Single room supplement
- Services on DAY 5
- Personal equipment
- Travel insurance
- Tips
- Services NOT mentioned in the program

The rates are valid from the 01/01/2011 until the 31/12/2011 except in case of a big variation in the USD exchange conditions in Chile. Thanks for reading our general sales conditions.