



LEGENDS OF CHILE AND EASTER ISLAND 2011/2012

INVITATION TO TRAVEL

Discover the mystic past of Easter Island and the deep roots of the Chilean people, in a tour that will let you experience two of the most traditional feasts of this land, dancing to the rhythm of ethnic music and savoring the specialties of the native cuisine. The beauties of Rapa Nui wait for you in the cheerful atmosphere of Tapati Festival, while Southern Chile will reveal to you its secrets, kept for ages by the native tribes of Mapuche.

Duration: 14 days/13 nights

Type of trip: culture & folklore

Lodging: hotel /cabañas (cabins) / hostería (hostelry) / ruka / hostel

Difficulty level: For the general public

Recommended period: from October to April. **Upcoming departure:** from the 07/02/2012 to the 20/02/2012. **Private departures** are available from October to April, but the Tapati Festival and Chiloe's Custom Festival only take place on the mentioned date.

Code of the trip: SN / CLT 03



ITINERARIO

1st DAY: EASTER ISLAND (IN)

07/02/12 Reception at the airport of Easter Island and transfer to the hotel. **At night we can enjoy the activities of Tapati Festival.** Overnight at HOTEL GOMERO STANDARD (3*) or of similar category according to availability.
Meals not included.

2nd DAY: EASTER ISLAND

08/02/12 Full day excursion in private service. We drive to the South coast and visit representative examples of un-restored platforms: Ahus Vaihu in Hanga Te'e bay, and Akahanga, where the famous king Hotu Matua is supposedly buried. We continue to Rano Raraku, an important site where almost 900 stone statues were sculpted. 397 of them still lay or stand on the slopes of the extinct volcano, which has an impressive crater lake. Afterwards, we visit Ahu Tongariki (most recent and biggest restored site on the Island, with 15 Moais). We drive to the East coast and visit Ahu Te Pito Kura and the "Navel of the World". Last but not least, visit of the restored Ahus Nau Nau and Ature Huke on Anakena beach. Possibility to enjoy the

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warm Pacific Ocean. Back to hotel. **At night we can enjoy the activities of Tapati Festival.** Overnight at HOTEL GOMERO STANDARD (3*) or of similar category according to availability.

Included meals: Breakfast / Box-lunch

3rd DAY: EASTER ISLAND

09/02/12

Half day excursion in private service. Drive to the restored site of Ahu Akivi, with 7 Moais built in the middle of the island. The legend says that these statues represent the 7 explorers who were sent to Rapa Nui by the king Hotu Matua. We continue to the Ana Te Pahu Cave, one of the biggest lava tubes of the island and former family cave. Then we visit the topknot-quarry Puna Pau with its red scoria stone, where all the Pukaos were made. We will also visit the ceremonial site of Tahai with 3 Ahus and restored statues, remains of boathouses, a boat ramp and other attractions, such as the unique statue with eyes. Return to the hotel. Half day excursion in private service in the afternoon. We drive up to the extinct volcano Rano Kau. On the way we enjoy an amazing view of the whole island and see its distinct geological features. Afterwards, we drive to the ceremonial village of Orongo, where the "birdman" competition took place. We can admire some spectacular petroglyphs, and see the 3 islets Motu Nui, Motu Iti and Motu Kao Kao in front of the coast. We drive down to the un-restored site of Ahu Vinapu that reveals some influence of pre-inca architects on the local culture. Last stop is at Ana Kai Tangata and its awesome cave paintings. Return to the hotel. **At night we can enjoy the activities of Tapati Festival.** Overnight at HOTEL GOMERO STANDARD (3*) or of similar category according to availability.

Included meals: Breakfast

4th DAY: EASTER ISLAND – SANTIAGO

10/02/12

Transfer to the airport to take the flight to Santiago. Reception and transfer to the hotel. Overnight at HOTEL DIEGO DE VELAZQUEZ (4*) or of similar category according to availability.

Included meals: Breakfast

5th DAY: SANTIAGO - TEMUCO

11/02/12

Transfer to the airport to take the flight to Temuco. Reception at the airport and transfer to the hotel. We can visit the famous handcrafts market, to see numerous objects of the Mapuche culture. Overnight at HOTEL BAYERN (3*) or similar according to the availability.

Included meals: Breakfast

6th DAY: TEMUCO - LAKE BUDI - TEMUCO

12/02/12

Full day excursion to Lake Budi, sector managed by Mapuche communities, who aspire to transmit their culture and beliefs, showing their ancient costumes to the visitors. We can experience the daily routine of the Mapuche people through some recreational, artistic and cultural activities. Return to Temuco in the afternoon. Overnight at HOTEL BAYERN (3*) or of similar category according to availability.

Included meals: Breakfast / Lunch or Box-lunch

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7th DAY: TEMUCO – CONGUILLIO NATIONAL PARK

13/02/12

We head to the village of Curacautin and continue to the imposing Las Raices Tunnel. We pass by the lagoons Icalma and Galletue, before we reach the Conguillio National Park. Created in 1950, its main attraction is a forest of Araucarias (endemic conifers). Possibility to do some short walks in the park. Overnight at CABINS LA BAITA or of similar category according to availability.

Included meals: Breakfast / Lunch or Box-lunch / Dinner

8th DAY: CONGUILLIO NATIONAL PARK – RUKA MELILEF

14/02/12

In the morning we explore the Park, before we continue to the Ruka Melilef, close to the village of Melipeuco. A "ruka" is the typical house of the Mapuche tribe, totally built in wood. We spend the night with Carlos and Marta, 2 authentic Mapuches, that will tell us the history and legends of their people. Overnight at RUKA MELILEF or similar.

Included meals: Breakfast / Lunch or Box-lunch / Dinner

9th DAY: RUKA MELILEF – CUNCO – CURARREHUE - PUCON

15/02/12

We say goodbye to Carlos y Marta and head to the anthropologic museum in Cunco, with object and jewelry of the Mapuche people. We continue southwards, bordering the Lake Villarica, and reach the small village of Curarrehue. Visit of Trawupeyüm museum where we can see different aspects of the Mapuche culture. We will admire the interesting photographic exposition and native handicrafts. We can even taste typical dishes. Transfer to Pucón. Overnight at HOSTAL GERONIMO or of similar category according to availability.

Included meals: Breakfast / Lunch or Box-lunch

10th DAY: PUCON – PUERTO OCTAY – FRUTILLAR – PUERTO VARAS

16/02/12

Long transfer to Puerto Varas. We will drive along Lake Llanquihue, visiting on the way the charming village of Puerto Octay, and the elegant town of Frutillar, well-known for its German-style architecture. Arrival in Puerto Varas in the afternoon. Overnight at HOTEL CASA KALFU (3*) or of similar category according to availability.

Included meals: Breakfast / Lunch or Box-lunch

11th DAY: PUERTO VARAS – PARGUA – PUÑIHUIL - ANCUD

17/02/12

We drive to Pargua where we board the ferry to Chiloe Island. Short stop at the Ecological and Mythological Park, where we have a first approach to Chiloe's customs and mythology. We continue to the fishermen village of Puñihuil and sail to 3 little islands to watch the Magellanic and Humboldt penguins. This is the unique place in Chile where both species nest (from the 2nd fortnight of September until the end of March). We continue to peninsula Lacuy and visit Ahui Fortress, a colonial fortification built in XVIII century. Arrival in Ancud in the afternoon. Overnight at HOTEL GALEON AZUL (3*) or of similar category according to availability.

Included meals: Breakfast / Lunch



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12th DAY: ANCUD – CHONCHI - CASTRO

18/02/12 In the morning we visit the regional museum in Ancud, where the history and culture of Chile are exhibited. Our tour continues southwards, to the village of Chonchi. On the way we visit some of the 16 churches that were declared World Heritage by UNESCO. Arrival in Castro in the afternoon and visit of the town, known for its stilt houses. *At night we can enjoy Chile's Custom Festival*, a celebration not to be missed that rescues the culture and traditions of the Island. Overnight at HOSTERIA DE CASTRO (3*) or of similar category according to availability.

Included meals: Breakfast / Lunch

13th DAY: CASTRO – DALCAHUE – ACHAO – QUINCHAO – PUERTO VARAS

19/02/12 In the morning departure to the village of Dalcahue to see its picturesque market, where craftsmen of the whole island gather to sell their wool fabrics. Afterwards, we board the ferry to Quinchao Island. We visit Quinchao and Achao, wool handicraft centres, and later drive northwards visiting the small village of Quicavi. The local mythology says that the "cave" where the members of the Grand Lodge of Wizards of Chile meet, is right here. Arrival to Puerto Varas in the evening. Overnight at HOTEL CASA KALFU (3*) or of similar category according to availability.

Included meals: Breakfast / Lunch

14th DAY: PUERTO VARAS – PETROHUE WATERFALLS – PUERTO MONTT (OUT)

20/02/12 Full day excursion to Petrohue Waterfalls and Lake Todos los Santos, in Vicente Pérez Rosales National Park. Transfer to Puerto Montt airport in the afternoon **END OF OUR SERVICES.**

Included meals: Breakfast / Lunch



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EQUIPMENT LIST:

CLOTHING:

- Sun hat
- Wool hat
- Pile lining. Jacket or sweatshirt
- T-shirts
- Gloves
- Trekking comfortable trousers
- Shorts
- Socks
- Underwear
- Tennis shoes, sandals.

ADDITIONAL ACCESSORIES:

- Day pack (30 lt)
- Sung glasses
- Sun screen: Sun cream and lip screen.
- Personal First Aid Kit.
- Personal Toiletries: wet towels, soap, etc.
- Photographic equipment

ENJOY THE TRIP!

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RATES valid for the group departure of 07/02/12 only (with English/Spanish speaking guide):

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| 05-10 PERSONS | US\$ 2995/person |
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Single room supplement: US\$ 750/person

SUPPLEMENT FOR GROUP OF 3 AND 4 PERSONS: US\$ 340 /person
SUPPLEMENT FOR GROUP OF 2 PERSONS: US\$ 1125 / person

RATES valid for private departures with bilingual guide
(English/Spanish/French/Italian speaking according to the availability)

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| 02 PERSONS: | US\$ 4290/PERSON |
| 03-04 PERSONS: | US\$ 3490/ PERSON |
| 05 PERSONS: | US\$ 3125/ PERSON |
| 06 PERSONS: | US\$ 2890/ PERSON |
| 07 PERSONS: | US\$ 2740/ PERSON |
| 08 PERSONS: | US\$ 2680/ PERSON |
| 09 PERSONS: | US\$ 2575/ PERSON |
| 10 PERSONS: | US\$ 2495/ PERSON |

Single room supplement: US\$ 750/person



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The rates include:

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| • Accommodation in the mentioned or similar hotels/cabins/(hostelries)/ruka/hostel (DOUBLE/TRIPLE room basis). Local standard. |
| • Meals as mentioned in the program, |
| • Private transportation during the whole program |
| • Private transfers in Santiago with bilingual guide(s) - Languages according to the rates - |
| • Local bilingual guide(s) during the rest of the program - Languages according to the rates |
| • Museum and Park fees as mentioned in the program |

The rates DO NOT include:

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| • Flights and taxes |
| • Alcoholic and soft drinks during the meals at restaurant/hotel |
| • Single room supplement |
| • Personal equipment |
| • Personal Insurance |
| • Tips |
| • Services NOT mentioned in the program |

The rates are valid from the 01/03/2011 until the 30/04/2012 except in case of a big variation in the USD exchange conditions in Chile. Thanks for reading our general sales conditions.

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