



## **Tailor-Made Itinerary – Esperança**





## Introduction

Chile stretches over 4,200 km from the world's driest desert to the windswept glaciers of Patagonia—a land of extremes where you can watch the sunrise in the Atacama and sip wine at sunset in the Central Valley. For a couple traveling in November 2026, with a preference for boutique hotels and guesthouses, and accompanied by a driver-guide, this journey promises both comfort and discovery. Your indicative budget is €2,000 per person for three weeks—an ambitious plan that will require careful selection of regions and experiences. This program is curated to inspire and inform your next steps, with realistic pacing and enhanced details for a seamless experience.



## Why Chile?

Chile is a natural fit for couples seeking a blend of adventure, culture, and breathtaking landscapes. November marks late spring, offering long days, mild weather, and blooming valleys—ideal for exploring both the north and south. With a driver-guide, you can access remote gems like the Atacama Desert, the Lake District, and Patagonia without the stress of self-driving or long bus rides. Boutique hotels and guesthouses are plentiful, especially in regions like Valparaíso, the wine country, and Puerto Varas, ensuring intimate and authentic stays. Chile's diverse geography means you can

tailor your trip to balance relaxation, outdoor activities, and cultural immersion.

## Custom Program

### Day 1: Arrival in Santiago

- **Morning:** Arrival at Santiago International Airport. Meet your driver-guide and private transfer (~30 min) to your hotel in the city center.
- **Afternoon:** Leisurely stroll through Lastarria, visit Museo de Bellas Artes, and enjoy coffee in Parque Forestal.
- **Evening:** Dinner at a local bistro; try Chilean specialties like pastel de choclo.
- **Highlight:** Rooftop sunset views over the Andes.
- **Hotel options:**
  - **Hotel Magnolia** (Luxury, Downtown): Chic design, rooftop terrace, from €180/night.
  - **Casa Bueras Boutique Hotel** (Boutique, Lastarria): Elegant mansion with garden pool, from €150/night.
  - **Hostal Rio Amazonas** (Guesthouse, Providencia): Warm, family-run, from €80/night.
- **Activity:** *Lastarria Art Walk* – Explore galleries and murals in Santiago's creative hub.

**TIP:** Early check-in is recommended for morning arrivals; request in advance.

## **Day 2: Santiago & Wine Country**

- **Morning:** Private transfer (~1h) to Casablanca Valley for a guided vineyard tour and tasting.
- **Afternoon:** Lunch at a winery, then return to Santiago for a guided visit of the historic center.
- **Evening:** Explore Barrio Italia's vibrant dining scene.
- **Highlight:** Tasting award-winning Chilean wines at source.
- **Hotel options:** Same hotel options as Day 1.
- **Activity:** *Casablanca Valley Wine Tour* – Visit organic vineyards and sample Sauvignon Blancs.

**TIP:** Book vineyard tours in advance, especially for weekends.

## **Day 3: Valparaíso & Pacific Coast**

- **Morning:** Scenic drive (~1.5h, private transfer) to Valparaíso.
- **Afternoon:** Guided walking tour of the UNESCO-listed hills, street art, and funiculars. Optional detour to Viña del Mar's beaches.
- **Evening:** Seafood dinner overlooking the bay.
- **Highlight:** Discovering Valparaíso's vibrant murals and bohemian vibe.
- **Hotel options:**

- **Palacio Astoreca** (Luxury, Cerro Alegre): Historic palace, spa, bay views, from €170/night.
- **Casa Higuera** (Boutique, Cerro Alegre): Elegant hillside retreat, pool, from €150/night.
- **Hostal Casa Verde Limón** (Guesthouse, Historic Quarter): Artsy, friendly, from €70/night.
- **Activity:** *Street Art Tour* – Explore Valparaíso’s legendary murals and creative spaces.

**TIP:** Wear comfortable shoes for steep streets and cobblestone alleys.

## **Days 4–6: Atacama Desert**

- **Day 4 Morning:** Flight Santiago–Calama (~2h), private transfer (~1.5h) to San Pedro de Atacama.
- **Afternoon:** Settle into your guesthouse. Explore San Pedro’s artisan markets and plaza.
- **Evening:** Stargazing tour—Atacama is one of the world’s best spots for astronomy.
- **Highlight:** Night skies ablaze with stars and the Milky Way.
- **Hotel options:**
  - **Awasi Atacama** (Luxury, San Pedro): Private excursions, refined suites, from €300/night.
  - **Hotel Desertica** (Boutique, Town Center): Adobe casitas, pool, from €200/night.

- **Hostal Rural** (Guesthouse, Central): Cozy, communal, from €100/night.
- **Activity:** *Stargazing Experience* – Guided astronomy session under pristine desert skies.

**ALTITUDE:** San Pedro de Atacama sits at ~2,400 m; excursions may reach 4,000 m. Hydrate well, ascend gradually, and rest on arrival.

**TIP:** Book stargazing in advance; tours are weather-dependent.

- **Day 5:** Excursion to Valle de la Luna and salt flats (4×4: ~3h with stops). Afternoon at leisure or optional visit to Puritama hot springs.
- **Day 6:** Early morning geyser tour (El Tatio, altitude ~4,300 m; 4×4: ~2h each way). Afternoon rest or guided bike ride to Pukará de Quitor ruins.

**ALTITUDE:** El Tatio Geysers are at high altitude. Dress warmly, avoid strenuous activity, and eat light meals.

**TIP:** Carry cash; card payments are unreliable in remote areas.

## **Days 7–9: Lake District (Puerto Varas & Environs)**

- **Day 7 Morning:** Flight Calama–Puerto Montt via Santiago (~4h total with layover). Private transfer (~30 min) to Puerto Varas.
- **Afternoon:** Walk along the lakeshore, admire views of Osorno Volcano.
- **Evening:** Sample German-Chilean cuisine in a cozy guesthouse.
- **Highlight:** Snow-capped volcanoes reflected in clear lakes.

- **Hotel options:**

- **Hotel AWA** (Luxury, Lakefront): Designer architecture, spa, from €200/night.
- **Casa Molino** (Boutique, Lakeside): Intimate, garden setting, from €140/night.
- **Hospedaje Casa Kalfu** (Guesthouse, Town): Welcoming, colorful, from €80/night.

- **Activity:** *Lakeshore Walk* – Stroll Puerto Varas promenade for panoramic volcano views.

**TIP:** Weather is changeable; pack layers and rain gear.

- **Day 8:** Day trip to Chiloé Island: ferry crossing (~1h), visit wooden churches, palafitos, and wildlife reserves. Private transfer and local guide.
- **Day 9:** Excursion to Petrohué Falls and Vicente Pérez Rosales National Park (short hikes, boat rides).

**TIP:** Chiloé ferries may be delayed in rough weather; allow buffer time.

## **Days 10–15: Northern Patagonia (Aysén or Torres del Paine)**

- **Day 10 Morning:** Flight Puerto Montt–Balmaceda (Aysén) or Punta Arenas (~2h). Private transfer (Aysén: ~1.5h; Torres: ~4h) to lodge.
- **Afternoon:** Settle into a boutique lodge or guesthouse. Orientation walk or short hike.
- **Evening:** Fireside dinner with local specialties (lamb, king crab).

- **Highlight:** Immersive days in wild Patagonian landscapes—glaciers, turquoise lakes, and condors overhead.
- **Hotel options:**
  - **Explora Patagonia** (Luxury, Torres del Paine): All-inclusive, guided excursions, from €350/night.
  - **Patagonia Camp** (Boutique, Lake Toro): Yurts with lake views, from €250/night.
  - **Hostal El Puesterero** (Guesthouse, Puerto Natales): Rustic, friendly, from €120/night.
- **Activity:** *Guided Hike* – Trek to viewpoints for Torres peaks or Aysén valleys.

**TIP:** Patagonia weather is unpredictable; excursions may be rescheduled for safety.

- **Days 11–15:** Guided hikes, scenic drives, boat trips to glaciers, and time for relaxation. Each day tailored to your interests and weather.

**TIP:** Some remote lodges require minimum stays; confirm before booking.

## **Days 16–18: Return to Central Chile – Wine & Culture**

- **Day 16 Morning:** Return flight to Santiago (~2–3h). Private transfer (~1–2h) to Colchagua or Casablanca Valley.
- **Afternoon:** Vineyard visits, wine tastings, and time to unwind by the pool or gardens.
- **Evening:** Dinner with local wines and seasonal produce.

- **Highlight:** Savoring the best of Chilean terroir in tranquil surroundings.
- **Hotel options:**
  - **VIK Chile** (Luxury, Millahue Valley): Art-filled wine retreat, infinity pool, from €250/night.
  - **Clos Apalta Residence** (Boutique, Colchagua): Vineyard suites, panoramic views, from €180/night.
  - **Casa Colchagua** (Guesthouse, Santa Cruz): Cozy, garden, from €90/night.
- **Activity:** *Private Wine Tasting* – Sample premium blends with a sommelier.

**TIP:** Many wineries close on Mondays; plan accordingly.

- **Day 17:** Explore local villages, artisan workshops, or take a horseback ride through the vines.
- **Day 18:** Return to Santiago for a final night; optional visit to contemporary art galleries or a farewell dinner.

**Hotel options:** Same hotel options as Day 1.

**TIP:** Reserve a late check-out or day-use room if departing late.

## **Days 19–21: Santiago & Departure**

- **Morning:** Free time for last-minute shopping or a food tour in Santiago.
- **Afternoon:** Relax in Parque Bicentenario or visit the Pre-Columbian

Art Museum.

- **Evening:** Private transfer (~30 min) to the airport for your international flight.
- **Highlight:** Reflecting on three weeks of diverse landscapes and warm Chilean hospitality.
- **Hotel options:** Same hotel options as Day 1.

**TIP:** For late flights, consider booking a day-use room for comfort before departure.

## Customizable Options

- Private guided trekking in Torres del Paine or Aysén region.
- Cooking class with a local chef in Valparaíso or Santiago.
- Wellness day: thermal baths in the Lake District or Atacama.
- Wildlife excursions: penguin colonies, condor watching, or dolphin spotting in Chiloé.
- Exclusive wine tastings and vineyard picnics.
- Artisan market tours and hands-on craft workshops.

## Practical Info & Budget

- **Comfort:** Boutique hotels and guesthouses throughout, with private driver-guide for most transfers and excursions.
- **Indicative budget:** With €2,000 per person for 3 weeks, this covers

basic guesthouse accommodation and some local transport, but may be tight for boutique hotels, internal flights, driver-guide, and activities. Realistic range for this comfort and duration is €3,500–€5,000 per person (excluding international flights).

- **Included:** Lodging, most breakfasts, private transfers with driver-guide, select guided tours.
- **Excluded:** International flights, lunches/dinners, personal expenses, optional activities.
- **Seasonal notes:** November is late spring—ideal for most regions. Patagonia weather is variable; some remote areas may have limited services.
- **Luggage tips:** Pack layers for temperature swings, sturdy walking shoes, and sun protection for the desert.
- **Budget gap:** Consider shortening the trip, focusing on fewer regions, or opting for guesthouses to fit the stated budget.
- **[TBD]:** Exact dates, preferred pace, and any special interests (nature, culture, gastronomy) to refine the program.



## Next Steps

- Confirm your exact travel dates and any must-see regions or activities.
- Let us know if you prefer a slower or more intensive pace, and if

you'd like to prioritize certain comfort levels or experiences.

- Would you like to adjust the itinerary to fit your current budget, or explore higher comfort options with a revised budget?
- Share any dietary needs, mobility considerations, or special occasions to personalize your journey.
- Once we have your feedback, we'll connect you with a local expert to fine-tune every detail.

| Item                                                                                                         | Estimated Cost (per person) |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Accommodation (mix<br>boutique/guesthouse, 20 nights)                                                        | €1,600                      |
| Internal flights (Santiago–Calama,<br>Calama–Puerto Montt, Puerto<br>Montt–Patagonia,<br>Patagonia–Santiago) | €500                        |
| Private transfers & driver-guide (all<br>regions)                                                            | €700                        |
| Guided tours & activities (wine<br>tastings, excursions, entrance fees)                                      | €500                        |
| Meals (breakfasts included,<br>lunches/dinners extra)                                                        | €400                        |

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| Miscellaneous (tips, incidentals,<br>optional experiences) | €300   |
| Total Estimated Cost                                       | €4,000 |

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