



Tailor-Made Itinerary – STEPHANE



TRIP OVERVIEW

Weather

15-25°C - Mild and sunny with occasional rain

Budget

€2,850–6,100 / person

Safety

Low Risk - Stay aware of your surroundings and avoid isolated areas at night.



✦ Santiago & Central Chile

📍 Day 1: Arrival in Santiago



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Arrival at Santiago International Airport. Private transfer to your hotel (approx. 30–40 min).

- Settle in and explore the Vitacura or Lastarria neighborhoods for a relaxed introduction to the city.

Accommodation Options:

- **Hotel Bidasoa** (Boutique, Sustainable) – Vitacura. Latin America's most

sustainable hotel: aerothermal energy, solar panels, on-site water treatment, waste-to-gas incineration, and local sourcing. Quiet, upscale area. From €130–170/night.

- **CasaSur Charming Hotel** (Boutique) – Providencia. Restored house, local art, eco-friendly practices, close to cafes and parks. From €110–140/night.
- **Hotel Magnolia** (Boutique) – Downtown. Historic mansion, contemporary design, strong sustainability ethos. From €140–180/night.

TIP: Santiago's metro and buses are efficient for city exploration. For wine valleys, consider pre-arranged drivers or small-group tours for sustainability.

Day 2: Santiago & Wine Valleys



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Morning: Guided walking tour of Santiago's historic center and Lastarria district (approx. 3 hours, €40–60 per person).

- Afternoon: Excursion to Maipo or Casablanca wine valleys for organic/biodynamic wine tasting (half-day, €70–120 per person, including tastings and transfers).

Accommodation Options:

- Same hotel options as Day 1

TIP: Book wine tours with local, small-scale producers for a more authentic and sustainable experience.

Day 3: Mapuche Community Experience



Full-day immersion with a Mapuche community near Santiago: shared meals, traditional medicine, weaving or craft workshop, storytelling around mate tea (full day, €80–150 per person, includes meals and transfers).

Accommodation Options:

- Same hotel options as Day 1

TIP: Experiences with indigenous communities directly support local livelihoods and cultural preservation.

✦ Valparaíso

📍 Day 4: Santiago to Valparaíso



- Private transfer or intercity bus from Santiago to Valparaíso (1.5–2 hours).
- Check in to your boutique hotel in Cerro Alegre or Cerro Concepción.
- Evening: Explore local gastronomy and live music venues.

Accommodation Options:

- **Zero Hotel** (Boutique) – Cerro Alegre. Converted townhouse, bay views,

quiet terrace, strong sense of place. From €110–150/night.

- **Hotel Fauna** (Eco, Boutique) – Cerro Alegre. Industrial-chic design, eco-friendly, on-site restaurant with views. From €90–120/night.
- **Casa Galos Hotel & Lofts** (Boutique) – Cerro Alegre. Locally-owned, panoramic rooftop, sustainability focus. From €100–130/night.

TIP: Wear good footwear for Valparaíso's steep streets and stairways. Stay in established hill areas for safety and atmosphere.

Day 5: Valparaíso Local Life



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Full-day locally-led walking tour: explore colorful hills, murals, historic sites, and neighborhoods with a local guide (full day, €40–80 per person).

- Evening: Optional cultural event (live music, poetry, or micro-theatre) at an independent venue (entry €10–20).

Accommodation Options:

- Same hotel options as Day 4

TIP: Support local guides and small businesses for a more meaningful and responsible visit.

✦ Atacama Desert – San Pedro de Atacama

📍 Day 6: Santiago to Atacama



- Morning flight Santiago → Calama (2 hours).
- Private transfer Calama → San Pedro de Atacama (1.5 hours).
- Check in and acclimatize to altitude and dryness.

Accommodation Options:

- **Tierra Atacama** (Eco-lodge, High-end) – Near San Pedro. Fully solar-powered, own water supply, immersive desert design. From

€350–600/night (includes meals and excursions).

- **Nayara Alto Atacama** (Eco-lodge, High-end) – Catarpe Valley. Blends with landscape, local architecture, strong sustainability. From €300–500/night (all-inclusive).
- **Hostal Pueblo de Tierra** (Boutique, locally-owned) – San Pedro. Solar water heating, community partnerships. From €70–110/night.

TIP: Hydrate well and plan a gentle first day due to altitude. Book popular lodges and flights 3–4 months in advance for high season.

Day 7: Atacama Indigenous Experiences



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Morning: Indigenous-led excursion to salt flats and high-altitude lagoons (half-day, €60–120 per person).

- Afternoon: Community-based workshop with Lickan Antay hosts (weaving, agriculture, or traditional cooking; 2–3 hours, €60–100 per person).
- Evening: Stargazing tour with local guides (2–3 hours, €50–80 per person).

Accommodation Options:

- Same hotel options as Day 6

TIP: Choose Indigenous-run tours for deeper cultural understanding and direct

community support.

Day 8: Nature & Community in Atacama



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Full-day guided exploration: geysers, desert hikes, or multi-community visits (full day, €80–150 per person, includes meals and transport).

Accommodation Options:

- Same hotel options as Day 6

TIP: Plan for early morning starts for geyser visits; bring layers for temperature swings.

✦ Southern Chile – Lakes District

📍 Day 9: Atacama to Lakes District



- Transfer San Pedro → Calama (1.5 hours), flight Calama → Santiago (2 hours), connect to flight Santiago → Temuco or Puerto Montt (1.5–2 hours).
- Private transfer to Pucón or Puerto Varas (1.5–2 hours).
- Check in to your eco-lodge or community-based guesthouse.

Accommodation Options:

- **Mapuche Community Homestay** – Panguipulli area. Community-run, includes meals, cultural immersion. From €40–80/night.
- **Hotel AWA** (Boutique, Eco) – Puerto Varas. Lakeside, renewable energy, local sourcing. From €180–250/night.
- **Hostería de la Colina** (Boutique) – Pucón. Locally-owned, eco-practices, mountain views. From €90–120/night.

TIP: Rural areas may have limited public transport; pre-arranged transfers with community-based operators are more sustainable and support local hosts.

Day 10: Mapuche Immersion & Nature



- Full-day Mapuche-led immersion: stay with families, share meals, learn about cosmology, participate in rural tasks, guided walks to forests and rivers (full day, €70–150 per person, includes lodging and meals).
- Optional: Handicraft workshop or visit to natural hot springs (add €20–60 per person).

Accommodation Options:

- Same hotel options as Day 9

TIP: Spring (Sep–Nov) and early autumn (Mar–Apr) offer the best weather for lakes and volcanoes, with fewer crowds.

✦ Patagonia & Torres del Paine

📍 Day 11: Lakes District to Patagonia



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Transfer to Puerto Montt airport (30–40 min), flight Puerto Montt → Punta Arenas (3–3.5 hours).

- Bus or private transfer Punta Arenas → Puerto Natales (3 hours).
- Check in to your eco-lodge or camp in/near Torres del Paine National Park.

Accommodation Options:

- **EcoCamp Patagonia** (Eco-camp, High-end) – Torres del Paine. Geodesic domes, micro-hydro and solar power, immersive nature. From €300–600/night (includes meals and excursions).
- **Hotel Lago Grey** (Boutique, Eco) – Torres del Paine. Lakeside, local materials, conservation focus. From €200–350/night.
- **Hostal Amerindia** (Boutique) – Puerto Natales. Locally-owned, eco-friendly, warm atmosphere. From €80–120/night.

TIP: For Dec–Feb, book Patagonia lodges and camps 6–9 months ahead; walk-ins are almost impossible in high season.



Day 12: Torres del Paine – Nature & Culture



- Full-day guided trek or wildlife excursion in Torres del Paine (W Circuit or day hike, €80–150 per person, includes guide and lunch).
- Optional: Community-linked cultural tourism with Kawésqar hosts – learn about traditional navigation, food, and art (half-day, €60–120 per person, supports local communities).

Accommodation Options:

- Same hotel options as Day 11

TIP: Late November–early December is a “sweet spot” for combining Patagonia and Atacama: good weather, fewer crowds, and lower prices than peak summer.



Budget Overview

Item	Estimated Cost (per person)
Accommodations (12 nights, mix of boutique and eco-lodges)	€1,500–3,600
Experiences & Excursions	€700–1,400
Domestic Flights & Transfers	€400–700
Meals (where not included)	€250–400
Total Estimated Cost	€2,850–6,100



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