



## Santiago, Torres del Paine and Australis Cruises



The Stella

The Stella and the Via are the new expedition cruise ships of Patagonia Cruises that travel the waters surrounding Patagonia and Tierra del Fuego. The deluxe passenger ships offer safety and comfort. Each of the outside cabins boast spectacular views of the magnificent glaciers, forests, and snow-capped mountains as we cross from Chile to Argentina. Prior to the cruise we will visit Torres del Paine National Park, declared a World Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO in 1978. Yampu travelers will also spend two days in Santiago at the beginning of this excursion.

Preferred departure date for this trip is Sunday, but may be modified by rearranging the itinerary. This trip can be customized to fit your individual travel dates and any specific requests you may have. Your travel consultant will prepare a customized itinerary for you. We offer a choice of 3, 4, 5-star and deluxe hotels. The Deluxe option is with the newly built Ritz Carlton Hotel in Santiago.

This tour includes airfare allowance from London (UK), on non-holiday dates. You do not need to fly via London; Yampu will fly you the most direct way to your city of destination. Depending on your travel dates and proximity of travel, we will quote you the most economical surcharge from your city or country of origin.

## Pricing

Occupancy Type	3-star	4-star	5-star	Deluxe
Double	£ 3874	£ 4442	£ 4737	£ 4838
Single	£ 5630	£ 5998	£ 6241	£ 6426



Glacier in Torres



Santiago

## Itinerary

### Day 1

Overnight flight to Santiago.

## Day 2

Reception at Santiago airport and transfer to your selected hotel in the heart of the city.

Afternoon city tour of Santiago. We will pick you up from your hotel to explore the historic and modern sights of Santiago de Chile. We will start our tour at the Alameda Bernardo O'Higgins, Santiago's main avenue, visiting La Moneda, the Government Palace, where we will explain to you the historical and actual meaning of this place. We will enjoy a walk through the pedestrian streets of Huerfanos and Ahumada, where the main commercial activity of the city is concentrated. We will then visit the famous Plaza de Armas, the main square of the city, which is surrounded by the Metropolitan Cathedral and other historical buildings such as the City Hall and the Post Office, both dating from colonial times. Next we head to Santa Lucia Hill, the hill upon which the Spanish founded Santiago in 1541. It is a lone steep rock, with many plants and an antique building rising steeply from the city below. From here you can see the Parque Forestal (park) on one side and the Mapocho River on the other. We will cross the river to visit Bellavista, the cultural and artistic neighborhood of Santiago. Return to your hotel.

Note: check-in is normally after 2 pm. Early check-in may be granted subject to availability (not confirmed).

## Day 3

Full day of touring around Santiago. On this day, you may choose from one of the following excursions:

Vina del Mar and Valparaiso

Valle Nevado

Isla Negra - Pablo Neruda Museum

Cousiño Macul and Concha y Toro wineries

## Day 4

Santiago - Punta Arenas - Puerto Natales

Transfer to the airport to take the flight to Punta Arenas. Reception at the airport and transfer to the bus station to take the bus to Puerto Natales. Upon arrival transfer to your hotel. Evening at leisure to rest before your excursion to the Torres del Paine Park.

## Day 5

Torres del Paine National Park

Full day excursion to Torres del Paine National Park. Enroute we will visit the Milodón Cave, where the remains of a prehistoric animal were found in the last century. The Torres del Paine National Park was declared a biosphere reserve by UNESCO in 1978. The park covers an area of 160,000 hectares. The most important attraction is the central mountain range where the Horns of Paine are found, and also the needles which were formed by the action of the many glaciers surrounding the rock. There are also many impressive lakes, glaciers, waterfalls and a quite varied flora and fauna—which makes this one of the most famous places in Chile to visit. Lunch (included) is in a restaurant in the park itself.

Transfer to a hosteria in the park in the late afternoon.

## Day 6

Torres del Paine

Day of leisure in Torres del Paine. Optional excursions available at the hosteria. Overnight in Torres del Paine.

## Day 7

Torres del Paine - Punta Arenas

Morning at leisure. Afternoon transfer to Punta Arenas. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel.

## Day 8

Transfer to the port to embark on the expedition cruise ship the Stella. Begin boarding the Stella at 6pm when the captain and crew will give a welcome cocktail reception on board. Immediately afterward, the ship will set sail for the uttermost part of the earth. Through the mythical Strait of Magellan, we will travel to Southern Patagonia, including Tierra de Fuego. This is the beginning of a great adventure!

## Day 9

Ainsworth Bay - Brookes Glacier

During the dawn's early light, our ship will continue navigating through Almirantazgo Inlet, until arriving near Marinelli Glacier in Ainsworth Bay. Here, we will enjoy a walk to discover a beaver dam in the midst of a marvelous Magellanic forest. On the beach, we will observe a colony of elephant seals. Continuing the voyage, we will reach Brookes Glacier Bay, where we will be surrounded by several glaciers, providing an awe-inspiring spectacle.

## Day 10

Pia Glacier - Glacier Alley

We will navigate the main part of the Beagle Channel to enter Pia Bay and disembark near the glacier of the same name. We will take an

excursion to a lookout point that is ideal for viewing the mountain range where the glacier originates, and its flow all the way to the sea. After this unforgettable experience, we will sail again along the northwest arm of the Beagle Channel through majestic Glacier Alley: Spain, Romanche, Germany, Italy, France and Holland glaciers

## Day 11

Cape Horn and Puerto Williams

We will sail through the Beagle and Murray channels to disembark in Cape Horn National Park. Cape Horn, a sheer, almost 425-meter-high promontory, where the Atlantic and Pacific oceans merge, was discovered in 1616 by the Dutch commercial expedition organized by Isaac Le Maire. The Cape owes its name to the Port of Hoorn, the expedition's departure point. In the afternoon, we will disembark in Port Williams, where you can take optional excursions, such as to the Martin Gusinde Museum or a flight over Cape Horn.

## Day 12

Ushuaia

Arrival in Ushuaia, the most important Argentine city in Tierra de Fuego, and the southernmost city in the world. We will disembark at 8 am. Transfer to the airport to take the flight to Buenos Aires and connect with the flight back home, or book extensions in Argentina (Buenos Aires, Patagonia, Iguazu).

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## Price includes:

Prices include air transportation from Miami to Santiago and Buenos Aires to Miami in economy class, domestic air from Santiago to Punta Arenas and Ushuaia to Buenos Aires, hotel accommodation including daily continental breakfast, cabin accommodation aboard the Stella or Via including all meals and activities, guided tours in English including all entrance fees, all transfers between airports and hotels with assistance and baggage handling, and meals where specified. Local airport taxes that are payable in the country of destination are not included. Taxes and security fees that can be paid at time of ticketing are already included in the quote (if airfare has been included in the quote).

No visa is required for travel to Chile as a U.S., Canadian or Australian citizen. A reciprocity fee must be paid upon entering Chile; the current amount that must be paid by U.S. and Canadian citizens is \$140 per person.

Excursions around Santiago

Full day excursion to Vina del Mar and Valparaiso

Depart for the Central Coast traveling through the valleys of Curacaví and Casablanca. The latter is known for its recent success as a wine producing area and there is a stop to visit one of the vineyards and taste some wine. Continue to the coast and visit the beach area of Reñaca and the town of Vina del Mar, known as the Garden City for its pretty parks and flower lined streets. Visit the Gaming Casino and the coastal road. In the afternoon continue to the picturesque port of Valparaiso built in the XVI century on a total of 43 hills which are reached by narrow windy streets, staircases and a series of lifts (funiculars) which is now declared by UNESCO as World Heritage Site because of its eclectic architecture and urban development. Visit the Museum house of Pablo Neruda, La Sebastiana. The house is situated on one of the hills overlooking the bay and contains some of the poets collections, specifically related to the sea. Return to Santiago.

Full Day excursion Valle Nevado

Valle Nevado ski resort is in the mountains near to Santiago at a height of 3.025 meters/ 9,982 feet above sea level and very close to Santiago. Following the river Mapocho up the valley pass through some small mountain villages before starting to climb the mountain proper up a series of hairpin bends. The views are incredible and there is a good chance of seeing condors all year round. The quality and variety of the runs as well as the usually clement weather make this one of the best ski areas in the southern hemisphere. Skiing is available from June – August (lift pass, ski rental etc not included) and the rest of the year it is possible to enjoy the mountain air and wonderful views.

Full Day excursion to Isla Negra – Pablo Neruda Museum

Depart Santiago in the morning for a full day heading towards the coast. Enjoy the first stop in Pomaire, a small village where the inhabitants work the local clay to make a variety of dishes, pots and interesting sculptures amongst other handicrafts. Continue to Isla Negra, a small beachside community with a pretty beach backed by fragrant pine trees. This is the place where Chilean Nobel Prize for Literature winner Pablo Neruda chose to build one of his houses. The eccentric architecture houses some of his collections, including bottles, figureheads from ships, shells and various other eclectic articles.

There is time for lunch locally after the visit (not included) before returning to Santiago.

Full day excursion to Cousiño Macul winery and Concha y Toro winery

We will visit two of the oldest and most historic wineries in Chile:

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Viña Cousiño Macul, founded in 1856, is still owned and run by the direct descendents of Matías Cousiño, the founder of the vineyard and the owner of Lota coal mines in the south of Chile. The cellars were built in the French style using “cal y canto” a mixture of egg white and lime as “cement”. Time for lunch (not included) before continuing to Viña Concha y Toro. Founded in 1883 by Don Melchor Concha y Toro, it is today the largest producer of export wines in Chile. It has more than 11 thousand barrels of French and American oak oriented to the production of fine wines with a capacity to store over 8 million 200 thousand liters of wine in steel holding tanks. The tour takes us to the landscaped gardens of the colonial house and the vineyards. We will also learn about the wine making process, and will visit the modern processing plant and the old cellars. Afternoon return to Santiago and transfer to your hotel.