



## Santiago and Wineries with Wine Train to Santa Cruz



Wine Train

This trip can be customized to fit your individual travel dates and any specific requests you may have. Note however that the Wine Train operates only on Saturdays. 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, and a Jr Suite at the Santa Cruz Plaza Hotel.

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	£ 2792	£ 2892	£ 3094	£ 3579
Single	£ 4157	£ 4379	£ 4753	£ 5613

Prices shown above are per person, in Sterling (£).



Valparaiso



Wine Museum

### 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 excursion to Vina del Mar and Valparaiso

Depart for the central coast, traveling through the valleys of Curacaví and Casablanca and visit the beach area of Reñaca. We will also visit 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 16th century on 43 hills which are reached by narrow, winding streets, staircases and a series of lifts (funiculars). It has been declared by UNESCO as World Heritage Site because of its eclectic architecture and urban development. Return to Santiago.

## Day 4

Full-day excursion to Cousiño Macul and Concha y Toro wineries

We will visit two of the oldest and most historic wineries in Chile: Viña Cousiño Macul, founded in 1856, is still owned and run by the direct descendents of Matías Cousiño, the founder of the vineyard and owner of the 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 11,000 barrels of French and American oak oriented to the production of fine wines with a capacity to store more than 8 million 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.

## Day 5

Saturday only. Heading south on the route, we will arrive at the San Fernando Train Station at approximately 10 am to begin our two-hour trip by train to Santa Cruz. On board, we will enjoy a Colchaguino appetizer and wine-tasting, with folklore music. Once we get to Santa Cruz, we will visit a local winery (tasting included). We will then enjoy lunch at the Santa Cruz Plaza Hotel or in a vineyard. In the afternoon, we will visit the Colchagua Museum and then transfer back to the Santa Cruz Plaza Hotel for overnight.

## Day 6

Morning of leisure. This afternoon we will transfer to the airport to take the flight back home.

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## Price includes:

Prices include air transportation from Miami to Santiago round-trip in economy class, hotel accommodation including daily continental breakfast, city 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

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#### 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.

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