

Gastroenterology Journey to Argentina

OPTIONAL SANTIAGO DE CHILE PRE-PROGRAM EXTENSION

7 days | Explore Santiago

This optional pre-program extension will highlight the best of Santiago, Chile and allow you to explore the cosmopolitan city as well as the nearby wine country on a day trip to Valparaiso and Viña del Mar. Enjoy exploring both regions because we understand that travel is about the details you sense, the people you meet, the memories you take back home.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1: MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2018

Depart today from Miami and make your way to Santiago, Chile

DAY 2: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2018

📍 Santiago, Chile

Arrive this morning in Santiago. Transfer to your group hotel and enjoy lunch.

Nestled in the historic Lastarria district, encircled by fashionable restaurants, museums, galleries, upscale stores, antique shops and theaters, Cumbres Lastarria boutique hotel offers an intimate accommodation with just 70 rooms and suites. Unwind in the fashionable lobby bar or savor creative cuisine and marvelous city views from the eighth-floor restaurant, Punto Ocho. The hotel also features a fully-equipped gym and a seasonal outdoor pool.

Enjoy an afternoon walking tour through the Lastarria neighborhood and surroundings areas.



No matter which way you turn, walking the streets and neighborhoods of Santiago leaves you awed by its architecture and inspired by the art and culture. This four hour leisurely walking tour starts at the nearest metro station with a first stop in front of the presidential palace, **La Moneda**. From La Moneda pause in front of the historical yet still relevant **Court of Justice, National Congress** and former Customs (now the Pre-Colombian Art Museum) to reach the **Plaza de Armas**. As the heart of the city, dating back to the Spanish conquerors, this is where you'll find the Cathedral, City Hall, Central Post Office and **National Historical Museum**. In the plaza you'll see artists at work, various chess games and possibly a dance performance. Your tour will continue to the colorful and typical market of **Santiago "Mercado Central"**. Take a walk inside to appreciate the beautiful French architecture of the market. Return to Lastarria neighborhood to explore further.

Dinner will be provided at a nearby restaurant.



DAY 3: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2018

📍 Santiago, Chile

Today you will have a half day **Santiago City tour** including the **Los Dominicos handicraft market**. Today experience one of the most developed cities in South America. Santiago combines the urban and the classic, in both its architecture

and atmosphere. This heritage comes to life through iconic city sights such as the Moneda Presidential Palace, designed by the Italian designer, Joaquin Toesca. From 1845 to 1930 the building actually served as a presidential residence. What were once grand living quarters are now the offices of Cabinet ministers. The Plaza de Armas is the city's most famous square, surrounded by important and beautiful buildings such as the Cathedral and Central Post Office. One of the most important parts of the city is San Cristobal Hill. The hill is recognized as one of the largest urban parks, topped by a stunning 22 meter (72 foot) tall statue of the Virgin Mary. At the end of your tour, visit the Pueblo de los Dominicos handicraft market, which resembles a colonial village. Discover all sorts of items here, from hand-knit sweaters to lapis lazuli, art and even pet animals - an excellent end to your comprehensive sightseeing tour of Santiago!

Lunch will be included at Bocanariz Restaurant (and wine bar) located a few steps from the hotel before having the rest of the afternoon at leisure.



Dinner will be provided at the *Como Agua para* Chocolate Restaurant. They are a mainstay of the Santiago restaurant scene, having delighted locals and tourists alike for well over ten years. It takes its inspiration from Mexican tales where the emotions of the cook are transferred to the food that they prepare and recipes are inspired by the same country. A cozy but elegant dining atmosphere makes this an excellent choice for those looking to experience the bustling Bellavista neighborhood.

DAY 4: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2018

📍 Valparaiso & Viña del Mar, Chile

Today enjoy a full day tour to **Viña del Mar** and **Valparaiso** including a stop at Casas del Bosque wine estate and lunch at the famous Tanino's Restaurant.

Located along the central coast are two of Chile's most important beachside cities: Valparaiso and Viña del Mar. Be amazed by the colorful port city of Valparaiso, now a mix of port university city. Famous for its stacked hills

and winding stairs with incredible street art, this UNESCO World Heritage city takes you back in time yet has a modern, forward-looking feel. As you climb the winding stone stairs or head up in one of the famous funiculars, you'll enjoy incredible views of the bay and surrounding German-style homes. The city tour will show you the important places such as Plaza de la Victoria, the famous Turri Clock and the Naval Academy. A highlight of this tour is visiting the home of Chile's Nobel Prize-winning poet, Pablo Neruda (1904-1973). Find a restaurant along the cobble streets; lunch isn't included so your guide will provide recommendations. Take the funicular down and then we'll head just up the coast to Viña del Mar.



In route stop at the prestigious **Casas del Bosque wine estate** for a wine tasting tour followed by a gourmet lunch at Tanino's Restaurant. Casas del Bosque is located between Santiago and the port city of Valparaiso. Established in 1993 as a boutique winery, the family-run estate has the sole purpose of producing high-quality wines. The vines are located in the Casablanca Valley, a privileged area in terms of premium wine production, with highly-favorable growing conditions. Hear about the wines, their production and the history of the winery as well as having the chance to indulge your palate with a tasting of Casas del Bosque's excellent vintages.

Return to the hotel for dinner on your own.

DAY 5: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2018

📍 Santiago, Chile

Explore the cultural highlights of Chile's capital city through Santiago's wide variety of museums, galleries and historic properties housing permanent collections (mainly Latin American) as well as some visiting exhibitions. With over 700 exhibits, the **Chilean Museum of Pre-Colombian Art** houses Chile's most important collection of pre-Hispanic artwork. The museum goes a step further than presenting its exhibits within a straightforward chronological framework, and each section shows the diversity of cultures in one geographical area.



Another highlight is the **National Museum of Fine Arts**, which opened in 1910 and originally served as a School of Fine Arts. Its architectural style is best described as “neo-classical

French”, very similar to the Petit Palais in Paris. The main hall of the building was designed so that a maximum amount of light could enter and this part of the museum is where you see its extensive permanent collection of national and foreign 19th and 20th century sculpture.

The best way to round off your art tour is with a visit to ‘**La Chascona**’, the former Santiago residence of Nobel Prize-winning poet, Pablo Neruda. Your half-day tour is tailored to include the venues that appeal to you the most.



Lunch will be included at “Castillo Forestal” Brasserie, a perfect place to enjoy the lovely views of the Parque Forestal.

This evening the group will have dinner and a folklore performance at Los Adobes de Argomedo.

DAY 6: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2018

📍 Santiago, Chile

Breakfast will be provided today before your guide meets you in the lobby of the hotel and escorts you to your waiting vehicle for your direct transfer to Santiago’s Arturo Merino Benitez Airport. Upon arrival at the airport, your guide is on-hand to assist with check-in formalities. Fly from Santiago to Salta today via Buenos Aires. Lunch will be on your own arrangements today. Upon arrival in Salta you will be met and transferred to the group hotel.

DAY 7: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2018

📍 Salta, Argentina

Breakfast will be provided today with some free time before the group arrives from the U.S. this afternoon.

PROGRAM INFO

Date & Length: 7 days October 29–November 4, 2018

Extension cost: \$2,799 per person. *Single supplement:* \$899.

Inclusions: Flights from Santiago to Salta (coach class), group airport transfers; baggage handling, gratuities; tours; meals as mentioned; local guide for tours and transfers; and accommodations based on double occupancy.

Not Included: Hotel incidentals and meals not mentioned.

To participate in the optional extension, complete and return the extension registration form. Return no later than 90 days prior to departure or within five days of receiving the information.

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