

# Singles in Paradise

## SOUTH AMERICA ITINERARY

May 12th – 21st

### May 12th, 1:30 p.m.

Our flight departs from LAX arriving non-stop into Santiago, Chile at 5:30 a.m. the next morning. After some rest, we'll start our first tour in the afternoon. Other gateways are available.

## DAY ONE SANTIAGO CITY TOUR



### May 13th

Our City Tour begins in the heart of Santiago, the Plaza de Armas where we will spend approximately 20 minutes walking and talking about the historic significance of the location and the importance of the surrounding buildings. We then continue our tour, passing the ex-National Congress to arrive at the Plaza de la Constitucion and the infamous Palacio La Moneda. Chile's presidential palace and the site of the coup d'etat of 1973. We will walk through La Moneda.

We then continue through the cobble-stoned streets of Barrio Paris-Londres and arrive at Iglesia San Francisco, the oldest church in Santiago, dating back to the early 1600s. We will wander through the interior of the church and learn about its history. Driving down the Alameda we will observe many additional historic sights in Santiago on our way to the artistic and colorful barrio of Bellavista. Here we will ride the funicular to the top of Cerro San Cristobal for a scenic vista of Santiago. Leaving the top, we will drive down through Parque Metropolitana, Santiago's largest and most interesting park. **This tour is included in your trip cost.**

## **Bali Hai Folk Show Dinner**

Experience Santiago by night at Bali Folk Show and discover their different foods, wines, live music, and different types of folkloric dances of the Chilean regions. Discover a totally different Santiago by night. Touring around the streets full of lights and the magic of the night, it is possible to appreciate the architectural appeal of the capital.

Arrival to the Bali Hai Restaurant decorated in Polynesian style with replicas of moai statues on the exterior. Here it is possible to find the charm of the wines and the taste of the foods while observing a show with colorful suits, live music and different types of folkloric dances of the Chilean regions.

**Cost: \$66.99**

<http://www.city-discovery.com/santiago/tour.php?id=5799>

## **DAY TWO – WINE TASTING OR TREKKING**

**May 14th**

### **Coastal Tour to Zapallar and Cachagua**

This tour combines some of the best natural scenery of the central region. First, we will visit the La Campana National Park and walk through a native Chilean Palm Forest near the quaint, rural town of Ocoa. Continuing to the coast, the beach and local seafood market in Maitencillo are our



first stop before continuing to the neighboring town of Cachagua for a visit to a national penguin reserve.

Finally, the breathtaking, rocky coast and crystal clear waters of the Pacific Ocean make for a great invitation to the coastal town of Zapallar. After a stroll on the walkway nestled between the crashing waves and the seaside landscape, we will have a delicious Chilean seafood lunch at a local restaurant on a picturesque bay. After lunch we will have some time to relax on the beach or stroll the lushly landscaped streets of Zapallar.

**COST: \$50** (as long as we can get 20 people for this – reg - \$113.

<http://www.santiagoadventures.com/tours/zapallar.htm>

## **DAY THREE – BIKE OR BUS TOUR**

**May 15th**

### **Casablanca Valley Bike & Wine Tour**



Famed for its Chardonnay and reknowned for its Sauvignon Blanc, the Casablanca Valley is a little taste of paradise right outside of Santiago. Located on the route to Valparaíso, a cool coastal breeze makes the climate ideal for white varietals—and for comfortable cycling! Pedal at your own pace down country backroads, past farms and rolling hills and even take a spin right through rows of vineyards laden with grapes. Wineries that we visit include Emiliana and Kingston both known for producing top wines. For lunch, you have front row seats at our gourmet picnic lunch overlooking acres of lush vineyards. If you would like to add on another tasting, just let us know, we can arrange that ahead of time.

9:00 We meet you at your hotel

10:00 Arrival in Casablanca for bike fitting and trip overview at Emiliana before our first tasting and presentation on the valley's terroir by a local expert

11:30 Snacks in the Plaza de Armas of pueblo Casablanca

12:00pm Tour and tasting at Kingston winery

1:30 Gourmet picnic lunch in the Kingston vineyards

3:00 Our final hours riding the backroads of the valley

6:00 Head back to Santiago

- Round trip transportation from your hotel in Santiago
- English-speaking guide
- Bicycle and helmet
- Snacks and drinks along the way
- Lunch
- Visits to two wineries and wine tastings

A terrific day cycling through the Chilean countryside.

**COST: \$160** (I'm working on a better price but it will depend on how many people we have).

[http://www.santiagoadventures.com/chile\\_wine\\_tours/chile\\_bike\\_wine\\_tours/chile\\_bike\\_wine\\_tour\\_casablanca.htm](http://www.santiagoadventures.com/chile_wine_tours/chile_bike_wine_tours/chile_bike_wine_tour_casablanca.htm)

## OR BUS:

### Tour of Casablanca Vineyards and Valparaíso - Wineries and the Jewel of the Pacific



The Valley of Casablanca is home to more than 25 distinct vineyards and wineries and is particularly famous for its exquisite white wine varieties. Check out the map here. **All of the pushpins are wineries!** Here we'll witness the process of colonial wine making along with a fine demonstration of Chilean folkloric traditions. The city of Valparaíso, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is one of Chile's most important harbors and an increasingly vital cultural center in Latin America. It holds a vibrant, almost incoherent, architectural background overlooking the Pacific Ocean with an entertaining history you'd be interested to know about.

Our first stop is the Valley of Casablanca, where we'll visit a premium winery and hop on a horse carriage and wander through its extensive vineyards and its gorgeous winery facilities, we'll go back in time when we enter the wine museum where you'll appreciate the artisan wine making process and antique machinery before a tasting of their delicate and various blends of wine and cheese. Here we'll also meet the Chilean Huaso and witness an entertaining folkloric show at the semicircular corral known as the Medialuna, which means half moon, because of its shape. Skilled countrymen will amuse us with their agile maneuvering on horseback in true Chilean rodeo fashion while a folkloric dance group dressed in colorful garments exhibits a fine demonstration of the Cueca, Chile's national dance.



Valparaíso, the Jewel of the Pacific, is our next destination. We'll drive for about half

an hour until we reach the top of the coastal range, where you'll get a bird's eye view of the Valparaíso Bay together with Viña del Mar, its sister city, known also as the Garden City. We'll descend its steep hills and drive around the coast line of the bay to the main port. We'll stroll around Plaza Sotomayor, Valparaíso's civic center and the Prat Pier, where we'll get an overview at sea level of the rugged urban layout above the port clinging to the steep hills.

Then we're ready to head on to the steep residential hills and discover the enriching history and wild architecture of Valparaíso. We'll take easy strolls around labyrinth cobblestone streets which hold surprises in every corner. The unique architectural imprint of European immigrants is strongly present, as you will see when we pass through old mansions, colorful residential homes and distinctive churches built in the early 20th century. You'll be able to shoot beautiful photographs of the bay from the various terrace-promenades and lookouts that crown the cliffs. We'll meet local artisans and hear their anecdotes as they give life to their handmade craftsmanship. We'll wander through the Outdoor Museum, a colorful display of homes and facades adorned with painted murals. We'll visit the peculiar La Sebastiana and discover the legacy of Pablo Neruda, a Nobel Prize awardee in literature and considered one of the most influential poets of the 20th century.

By early evening, we'll be back at your hotel having witnessed the beautiful and fertile Casablanca Valley and experienced a delightful encounter and understanding of Valparaíso's authentic treasures. This will be a private tour.

**COST: \$50** (as long as we can get 20 people for this – reg. \$142).

You can read more about these areas here:

<http://www.santiagoadventures.com/tours/valparaiso.htm>

## DAY FOUR - TREKKING

### El Morado Trekking Tour & Baños Colinas Hot Springs (from 7:30am to 7pm)

We will depart from the hotel at 7:30 a.m. for the dramatic peaks of **El Morado National Park** which are less than 2 hours from Santiago at the end of the **Cajón del Maipo**(one of best places to hike, explore and get close up to the glaciers of the Andes). We begin our hike at Baños Morales, heading toward Laguna El Morado, a small lake at 7,874 feet (2,400 meters). After a picnic lunch here, we then continue up the trail until we arrive at the San Francisco Glacier, one of Chile's 29 glaciers that have a considerable impact on its landscape and water supply.



Following the same trail, we then head back to Baños Colina where we will enjoy a bath in the hot springs. This tour involves 6 hours of moderate hiking + hot springs. **COST: \$79** - **Meals:** Delicious Picnic Lunch  
<http://www.santiagoadventures.com/tours/ElMorado1.htm>

## **DAY FIVE – FLIGHT TO BUENOS AIRES**

**May 17th**

We depart Santiago at 11 a.m. today, arriving in Buenos Aires at 6:00 p.m.



### **TANGO SHOW & DINNER**

A night out in Buenos Aires means one thing - the tango! Take this evening tour to watch a superbly polished performance by dancers, singers and musicians in a beautiful Buenos Aires venue.

Buenos Aires' nightlife is famous worldwide, but nothing is as magical as a tango show. Experience the emotion, grace and glamour

of this famous musical genre from the Rio de la Plata first-hand on an unforgettable night out in Buenos Aires.

enjoy delicious local cuisine that only Argentina could offer! A great meal with an already fantastic performance will get you culturally involved in the unique Buenos Aires nightlife. **COST: \$58**

<http://www.travelline.com.ar/ing/tours.asp?tour=81>



### **DAY SIX - TOUR OF BUENOS AIRES**

**May 18th**

Discover the magic of Buenos Aires on a comprehensive introductory tour of Argentina's capital city. Perfect for first-time visitors, this morning or afternoon three-hour city tour is a well-rounded introduction to Buenos Aires' famous sights while also leaving you with time in the day free to

explore the city on your own.

The three-hour bus tour includes the beautiful parks and gardens of the Recoleta and Palermo neighborhoods, the Colon Theater (one of the world's five most important opera theaters), Mayo Square, the cathedral, traditional Mayo Avenue, Congress Square and many other buildings and palaces of architectural, historical and cultural interest.

Your Buenos Aires city sightseeing tour continues with a visit to San Telmo, residence of the aristocracy until the end of the 19th century. Then, you will have the opportunity to explore Caminito Street in La Boca, a colorful neighborhood of Italian immigrants. You'll visit the recently revitalized area of Puerto Madero.

**This tour is included in your trip cost.**

[http://www.welcomeargentina.com/ciudadbuenosaires/index\\_i.html](http://www.welcomeargentina.com/ciudadbuenosaires/index_i.html)

## **DAY SEVEN - TIGRE & DELTA WITH COAST TRAIN**

**May 19th**



Very near Buenos Aires an entirely different landscape awaits. Enjoy a boat ride through the Delta and its islands, learn about the culture of the native isleños, admire the unique architecture of elegant homes.

Seeing the Delta means appreciating the generosity of nature in this extraordinary place that is impossible to ignore. Leaving Buenos Aires we will head for this natural paradise. Sail along the Delta and its islands. The life of the "isleños" (people who live on the islands of the Delta) is very special. Learn about their customs, culture and way of life. See the elegant residences located in the residential neighborhoods of

the northern suburbs. Visit San Isidro neighborhood where you will get to know its history and people. On the way back to Buenos Aires city, we will pass by the Presidential Residence of Quinta de Olivos.

**COST: \$30**

<http://www.travelline.com.ar/ing/tours.asp?tour=2>

[http://www.allaboutar.com/st\\_tigre.htm](http://www.allaboutar.com/st_tigre.htm)

[http://www.welcomeargentina.com/tigre/index\\_i.html](http://www.welcomeargentina.com/tigre/index_i.html)

## **DAY EIGHT – BICYCLE TOUR OR FREE DAY OF SHOPPING AND STROLLING**

**May 20th**



For those wanting to see Buenos Aires from a different perspective, look no further. Choose between a south Buenos Aires or a north Buenos Aires bike tour. Either tour will give you a wonderful experience as your expert guide leads the way, allowing

you to discover the sights, sounds and smells of this marvelous city.

Get off the beaten track on a bike tour of Buenos Aires to a side of the city unseen by most visitors. Your local guide will introduce you to the sounds, smells and rhythms of Buenos Aires, frequented only by local Argentines.

You will be provided with all necessary equipment including bikes, helmets and bottled water. During the bike tour, stops will be made for photographs and to hear interesting commentary about the city, its history and the people who call it home. You have the choice of two routes either through the north or the south of the city. **COST: \$40**

<http://www.travelline.com.ar/ing/tours.asp?tour=40>

## **DAY NINE - HOLY LAND TOUR**

### **May 21st**



Visit the extraordinary thematic and religious Park named Tierra Santa. We invite you to enjoy the first thematic and religious Park of the world named Tierra Santa. You will feel moved while you visit a town full of faith. You will be transported to the beginning of the Christian Age, just like

2000 years ago. You will be the witness of Jesus' life. You will be in front of the biggest crib of the world. You will be part of the Last Supper and Jesus will invite you to share the table with him. You will be surprised with the 18 meters-long statue of Jesus and also with the panoramic view of the town. You will become part of the history while you walk across the streets of this town. **COST: \$40**

<http://www.travelline.com.ar/ing/tours.asp?tour=13>

## **DEPARTURE**

We will depart from our hotel at 5 p.m. for the airport for our flight at 8:00 p.m.



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