

ECLIPSE TRIP TO CHILE - DECEMBER 2020 *

ECLIPSE TRIP – (MAIN TRIP) 8 days/7 nights

December 09, 2020 – Santiago (Arrive)

December 10, 2020 – Santiago

December 11, 2020 – Santiago / Valparaiso

December 12, 2020 – Araucania Region (Villarrica)

December 13, 2020 – Araucania Region (Villarrica)

December 14, 2020 – (Villarrica) – ECLIPSE DAY

December 15, 2020 – Araucania Region (Araucania)

December 16, 2020 – (Villarrica)/Santiago

Detailed Itinerary: [\(BOOK ONLINE\)](#)

December 9th, 2020 – Santiago (Arrival in Santiago)

Arrive in Santiago and transfer from SCL airport to our hotel

Evening reception at [Hotel Plaza San Francisco](#)

Hotel Plaza San Francisco (Standard rooms with breakfast included)

December 10th, 2020 – Santiago

In the morning enjoy a **Half Day City tour of Santiago**

Chile's capital Santiago is one of the most modern and safest large cities in Latin America. It is known worldwide for its continuous development and its economic, political, and social stability. We will visit Santiago's civic center, where we will encounter Chile's historical, architectural, and cultural heritage. We will see distinguished museums, buildings, ancient churches, squares, and parks. Among them, we will visit the metropolitan cathedral, the Pre-Columbian Art Museum, the Plaza de Armas (main-square), the Palacio de la Moneda (the Mint Palace), the Stock Exchange, the Court House, the Forest Park, the ENTEL Tower, the Casa Colorada Museum, and the Club Hipico (Riding Club).

Another important cultural area is the Bellas Artes neighborhood, where cafés and restaurants are mixed with theaters, museums, and bookstores. We will observe large historical houses and impressive buildings of important architectural value. Here we will see the Palacio de Bellas Artes which houses the Museo Nacional de la Especialidad. We will also visit the Bohemian Bellavista neighborhood. This vast area combines the most varied costumes and handicraft trade with

restaurants, art galleries, theaters, and jewelry stores. The Cerro San Cristóbal Metropolitan Park offers one of the best panoramic views of the city. The poet Pablo Neruda built one of his homes here, and today it's a museum. Finally, we will visit the exquisite neighborhoods of Las Condes, Vitacura, and Santa María de Manquehue.

In the evening, visit to OAN ([National Astronomy Observatory](#))

We will setup a visit to the Observatory during the evening. (Great view of the city of Santiago along with some antique telescopes) You can plan on hearing from Fred this evening about our upcoming eclipse. (Wont' want to miss this)!

[Hotel Plaza San Francisco](#) (Standard rooms with breakfast included)

December 11th, 2020 – Santiago

During the day, visit Viña del Mar & Valparaíso.

Experience the color and culture of two Chilean coastal towns on a full-day private tour from Santiago. On the way, sample delicious wines in the verdant valleys of Chile's prime winemaking region, then discover the gorgeous greenery of Vina del Mar, a seaside gem declared the 'Garden City.' Immerse yourself in the bohemian beauty of Valparaíso as you stroll the serpentine streets with a knowledgeable guide, visiting the historical highlights of the UNESCO World Heritage-listed city. Convenient round-trip hotel transportation is included in this tour.

In the morning begin the journey to the verdant vineyards of the Curacavi and Casablanca valleys. Stop at one of the region's most successful wine producing wineries and pleasure you palate with the smooth taste of a signature wine. Continue along the curving coastal road until you arrive at the beautiful beach area of Renaca. Sink your toes into the sands then set out to explore the flower filled streets and gorgeous gardens of Vina del Mar; admire the impressive architecture of the Gaming Casino and peruse enthralling exhibitions in the town's museum. Next, venture to the visionary town of Valparaíso; laden with architectural eccentricities that tumble over a total of 43 hills, the town is considered a UNESCO World heritage site because of its distinct and dazzling beauty. Explore serpentine streets for vibrant street art and ascend to elevated hilltops on traditional funiculars for outstanding ocean views. Visit the Museum of Pablo Neruda to gain insight to the iconic Chilean poets' life and work, relax during the scenic journey back to Santiago.

[Hotel Plaza San Francisco](#) (Standard rooms with breakfast included)

December 12th, 2020 – Santiago /Villarrica

Transfer from our hotel in Santiago to the SCL airport.
Fly to Temuco and transfer from Temuco airport to the hotel.

Short city tour Pucon

Pucón ([Mapudungun](#): "entrance to the [cordillera](#)") is a [Chilean city](#) and commune administered by the municipality of Pucón. It is located in the [Province of Cautín](#), [Araucanía Region](#), 100 km to the southeast of [Temuco](#) and 780 km to the south of [Santiago](#). It is on the eastern shore of [Lake Villarrica](#), and [Villarrica volcano](#) is located roughly 17 km to the south.

Pucon is considered the capital of tourism in the region of Araucania, so it is necessary to know its beauty. We started with a visit to the Quelhue walkway where observe the Trancura river and Villarrica, Lanin volcanoes Quetrupillan. Continuing with the tour will head to downtown to visit the main streets, shops and tourist attractions, Mirador Monastery, large beach, the pool area, pass through a craft gallery where you can carry a memory; We know the square, the new Casino, Gran Hotel Pucon, Hotel Gudenswager and finally visit the wooden flowers.

[Hotel Terraza Suite](#) (Standard rooms with breakfast included). and [Hotel Amun](#) (Standard rooms with breakfast included).

December 13th, 2020 – Villarrica

During the day, experience the Mapuche Culture at Lago Budi.

Budi Lake ([Spanish](#): *Lago Budi*, Spanish: ['buði]) from the [Mapudungun](#) word *Füzi* which means salt, is a tidal brackish water lake located near the coast of [La Araucanía Region](#), [southern Chile](#). The lake is part of the boundaries between [Saavedra](#) and [Teodoro Schmidt](#) commune.

Budi Lake is among the few lakes of the west coast of the Americas that have seasonal inflows of sea water. Another difference to many Chilean lakes is that Budi Lake is not of glacial origin and does not lie in the [Andes](#) mountain range. Budi Lake is above a coastal plain just south of [Nahuelbuta Range](#) and north of the [Valdivian Coastal Range](#) where the [Chilean Coast Range](#) is very low.

The lake was formed by tectonic movements and sea level changes.

According to the census of 2002, the zone around the lake is one the poorest parts of La Araucanía Region, Chile's poorest region in turn. The 13,275 persons who live around the lake form 3,087 families with 30 years as average age. 40% of the population is under 18 years old and 73.2% declare to be [Mapuches](#)

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December 14th, 2020 – Villarrica

We will have an exclusive site just for our group!

ECLIPSE DAY:

Eclipse Event	Local	Sun	Sun
	Time	Alt	Azimuth
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Partial Begins	11:41:27.5 am	59.7	67.1
Total Begins	01:03:19.0 pm	71.9	30.5
Mid-Eclipse	01:04:22.9 pm	72.0	29.8
Total Ends	01:05:26.9 pm	72.1	29.1
Partial Ends	02:31:33.9 pm	70.9	323.6

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December 15th, 2020 – Araucania Region - Huerquehue National Park.

Huerquehue National Park (Spanish pronunciation: [wer'kewe]) is located in the foothills of the Andes, in the Valdivian temperate rainforest of the La Araucanía region in southern Chile. It lies 145 km southeast of Temuco and 33 km east of Pucón, between the Villarrica National Reserve to the west and the Hualafquén National Reserve to the east. The park encompasses 125 square kilometres (12,500 Ha) of mountainous terrain east of Caburgua Lake, and has an elevation range of 720 to 2,000 meters.

The national park was created on June 9, 1967 in order to protect the area. However, its origins date back to 1912 and the creation of "**Benjamín Vicuña Mackenna** Park", also known as "Colico", which encompassed 265,000 Ha. Today, that land is divided into various different parks and reserves.

Huerquehue is a **Mapudungun** word (the language of the **Mapuche people**) that means "the messenger's place". One of the most noteworthy features of Huerquehue National Park are its ancient **Araucaria** (*Araucaria araucana*) forests, the tree commonly known as "monkey puzzle". These are the backdrop for the clear lakes and lagoons that dot the park, including **Tinquilco Lake**, which lies in the lower portion of this protected area.

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December 16th, 2020 – Villarrica / Santiago

Transfer from Hotel at Pucón, to Temuco airport for flight back to Santiago and home.

Program includes:

- **Domestic Airfare included – estimated**
- Local English speaking guide
- Arrival and departure transfers in a private coach with local guide
- Private coach and guide for touring days
- Meals as mentioned (ABB = American breakfast buffet)
- Entrances fees to museums and national reserves
- Mineral water during excursions
- Excursions and transfers as mentioned
- Accommodations as mentioned
- Observatorio Astronómico Galileo Galilei

Program does NOT include:

- International airfare
- Passport or visa fees
- Travel insurance (HIGHLY RECOMMENDED) Ask for quote
- Airport transfers if not arriving or departing with the group
- Beverages unless otherwise noted
- Room outside of normal check-in/check-out times
- Optional excursions or pre and post trips

- Tips and gratuities
- Personal expenses and anything not listed in the included list