

# WINE COUNTRY TOUR - SELF DRIVE

5 Days/4 Nights FROM \$1,089 DAILY ARRIVALS



View from the Santa Cruz vineyard in Santa Cruz valley

(1) Santiago • (1) Valparaiso • (2) Santa Cruz



*The oldest wine-producing country in the Americas, Chile has been producing fine wines since the 16th century, when the Conquistadors first brought grapevines with them. Tucked between the Andes Mountains and the Pacific Ocean, Chile boasts several distinctive terroirs which, combined with increasingly organic and sustainable farming practices, are yielding world-class Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Carménère, as well as distinctive Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay.*

**PROGRAMMED DISTANCE:** 498 miles approximately

Explore fertile valleys, see Chilean traditions unfold and talk wine with welcoming hosts in wineries and mansions while savoring delicious wines and delving deep into Chile's unique culture. Start your journey in Santiago. Awaiting you are the luscious fruity bouquets of Casablanca Valley's Sauvignon Blanc, the velvety Merlots of the Cachapoal Valley and Carménère, the Chilean varietal par excellence, in the Colchagua Valley.

**DAY 1 | SANTIAGO** Transfer from the airport in Santiago. Check-in at your hotel. In the afternoon explore the city and surroundings. We recommend visiting the historic downtown and San Cristobal hill for a spectacular view of Santiago from on high.

**DAY 2 | SANTIAGO | CASABLANCA VALLEY | VALPARAÍSO** Depart Santiago towards the Casablanca Valley (78 miles on paved road). Blessed with a marine climate, the region is celebrated for its white wines such as sauvignon blanc and cool-climate reds including syrah and pinot noir. Suggested wineries include Indómita, Viña Mar, Veramonte, and Casas del Bosque, among others. In the afternoon, visit the picturesque port of Valparaíso (70 km. - paved road), a World Heritage Site, rising on

43 hills connected by narrow streets, staircases and funiculars, with colorful houses perched in the hills, pretty parks and several historic monuments, as well as atmospheric bars and restaurants. We strongly recommend visiting La Sebastiana Museum, former house of the Nobel Laureate poet Pablo Neruda. (B)

**DAY 3 | VALPARAÍSO | CACHAPOAL VALLEY | COLCHAGUA VALLEY | SANTA CRUZ** In the morning, visit the Cachapoal valley (122 miles on paved road) where the climate is dry and sunny and where Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Carménère predominate. Here you can tour several facilities and cellars and learn more about wine making. Some wineries you may visit include Lagar De Bezana, Chateau Los Boldos, Porta, Anakena, Altair, Gracia and Casas Del Toqui. In the afternoon, drive to Colchagua valley (56 miles on paved road), renowned as one of the most fertile wine valleys and producing world-class red wines. Some of the many wineries found in this valley are Viu Manent, Santa Laura, Bisquert, Mont Gras, and Montes. (B)

**DAY 4 | SANTA CRUZ | COLCHAGUA VALLEY | SANTA CRUZ** In the morning, visit "Los Espíritus de Colchagua" just steps from the hotel. The House of Spirits of Colchagua is a magical place that preserves the age-old tradition of mixing fruits and herbs with alcohol, giving life to these tasty "mistelas" (spirits). Then, visit the Colchagua Museum, one of the most comprehensive private museums in Chile, with an interesting collection of insects trapped in amber and pre-Hispanic artifacts. After lunch visit the Santa Cruz Winery (15 miles on paved road). The winery has a cable car to the top of a hill where reproductions of houses of the Mapuche, Rapa Nui and Aymara people give insight into the lives of these indigenous societies. The winery also features a marvelous Automobile Museum that displays models from 1890 to 1980, such as the Ferrari 512, and the Porche 928. Last but not least is a small observatory with the most powerful privately owned telescope in Chile. On Friday and Saturday night, don't miss the stargazing Tour of the Cosmos offered by the winery. (B)

**DAY 5 | SANTA CRUZ | SANTIAGO TO USA (OR EXTEND YOUR STAY)** In the morning, depart from Colchagua Valley and return to Santiago airport to return the car (125 Km. paved road). (B)

(B) Breakfast - (L) Lunch - (D) Dinner

## INCLUDED FEATURES

- Hotel accommodation for 4 nights
- Daily buffet breakfast
- Car rental for 5 days with unlimited mileage and collision damage waiver. Type of car: Air conditioned Sedan Models: Nissan Tiida S 1.6 MT SLJ, or Toyota Yaris Sedan XLI 1.5 Mechanical Transmission. Capacity 4 passengers. Steering Power
- Document holder and luggage tags
- Hotel taxes and service charges

## HOTELS/STARTING FROM PRICES VALID THRU APRIL 2019

Travel in Luxury	Double	Single
	\$1,089	\$1,599
City	Nights	Hotels or Similar (Type of room)
Santiago	1	Torremayor (Standard)
Valparaiso	1	Casa Higueras (Traditional)
Santa Cruz	2	Santa Cruz Plaza (Standard)

All rates are per person, based on double occupancy. Extra nights and triple occupancy available upon request. Rates are not applicable during New Year's, national holidays and event/congress periods. Please call for special international airfares and domestic flights in Economy or Business Class. Air portion, entrance fees, fuel, beverages and meal, personal expenses and other items not mentioned above are not included.

Important! In order to rent a car in Chile, you must be 25 years old, and be in possession of an International driver's license.

# ALTO ATACAMA

3 Days/2 Nights FROM \$1,459

## DAILY ARRIVALS



**PROGRAMS:** Alto Atacama Desert Lodge & Spa is the only lodge in the San Pedro region that is totally enveloped by natural surroundings. Located in the lush Catarpe Valley of the Salt Mountain Range, just over a mile from the plaza of San Pedro, Alto Atacama's design was influenced by local village architecture and conceived to blend seamlessly into its environment and appear as a part of the terracotta-colored ridge that rises behind it. The setting, the sweeping views, the tranquility and silence, and the hotel's wonderful outdoor lounge spaces make Alto Atacama a destination unto itself, and unlike any other hotel property in the region. Environmental sustainability and a strong connection with the local culture have put Alto Atacama in a category of its own.

**GUEST ROOMS:** Doors that open onto a private terrace with a view. The lodge features 42 rooms including 5 standard Quito, 27 superior Catarpe, and 10 suites Tilo. Rooms are designed in the Atacaman style of dark adobe walls to keep rooms naturally cool (without air conditioning), and have floor to ceiling windows, Telephone, Wi-Fi internet access, safe, central heating, hairdryer, bathrobes and slippers, complimentary minibar (soft drinks and water), twins or king-size bed. One Quito room is handicapped (wheelchair) accessible.

**ACTIVITIES:** Among the more than 35 excursions include visits to the Tatio Geysers, swimming in the aquamarine salt waters of Laguna Cejar; photo safaris to high Andean terrain; watching the sun set from Valley of the Moon; and viewing petroglyphs etched on rocks in the Rainbow Valley. The Atacama Desert is an adventure traveler's dream destination, with trekking through lunar-like landscapes; mountain biking through the salt-encrusted ridges of Death Valley or walking across sand dunes; and, for those with the physical strength and ability, climbing up one of four volcanoes. The region is a living archeological museum, with Inca and Atacameño ruins just outside the door of the property.

**PACKAGE FEATURES:** 2 nights of Lodging; American breakfast, lunch and dinner; open bar (includes mineral water, sodas, juices, house wine); 2 half days or 1 full day excursion per day in small groups with other guests; regular transfers in/out without guide and set schedules

## PRICES - VALID THRU APRIL 2019

Starting From	Double	Single
Quito room	\$1,459	\$1,889

All rates are per person, based on double occupancy. Rates are not applicable during New Year's, national holidays and event/congress periods. From December 20 to January 2 a minimum of 4 nights is mandatory.

Not included: Domestic and International flights, premium wine and liquors, personal expenses, tips. Early check in, late check-out, any Items not listed as included.