

# PIONEER EXPEDITIONS

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## PROGRAM FOR PIONEER EXPEDITIONS

### Itinerary

Travel date: October 2026

**Welcome to Chile!**



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### DETAILED ITINERARY

#### Day 1 – Arrival day

**Private | Transfer from airport to hotel - Bilingual guide included.**

Arrival at Santiago airport. Reception and transfer to your hotel.

Overnight at **Magnolia Hotel**(1 Night): Superior Room. Breakfast Included.

Check in: 15:00/ Check out: 12:00



**Private | Half Day walking Santiago like a native tour.**

*Duration: 4 hours | Difficulty level: Low*

Fall in love with Santiago's charms discovering it as a local: walking.

We will start the tour by boarding the subway and seeing some of the most picturesque stations. For example, the "Universidad de Chile" station is adorned by a mural created by a local artist, and it was chosen as one of the most beautiful in the world.

We will visit a local market to appreciate Chile's coastal bounty, reflected in its fish and shellfish, and its diversity of fruits and vegetables. We will continue walking through Santiago's downtown to the Main Square (Plaza de Armas), a sample of the fantastic architecture that shines in every corner. Chilean flavors will not be absent, and we will make a stop to try local snacks such as empanadas and drinks made with local fruits.

Finally, if energy and time allow it, we will arrive at the Bellavista neighborhood, one of the most representative full of charming streets. From there, you can explore the city on your own (we recommend ascending Cerro San Cristobal) or return to the hotel after a day of unforgettable experiences.

#### Day 2 - B

**Private | Transfer from hotel to airport - Bilingual guide included.**

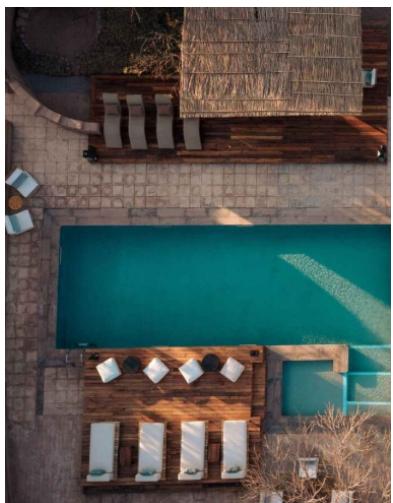
Transfer from hotel to airport.

### **Flight to Calama (not included)**

### **Private | Transfer Calama airport to San Pedro de Atacama - Guide included**

At the scheduled time you will be transferred from the Calama airport to San Pedro de Atacama.

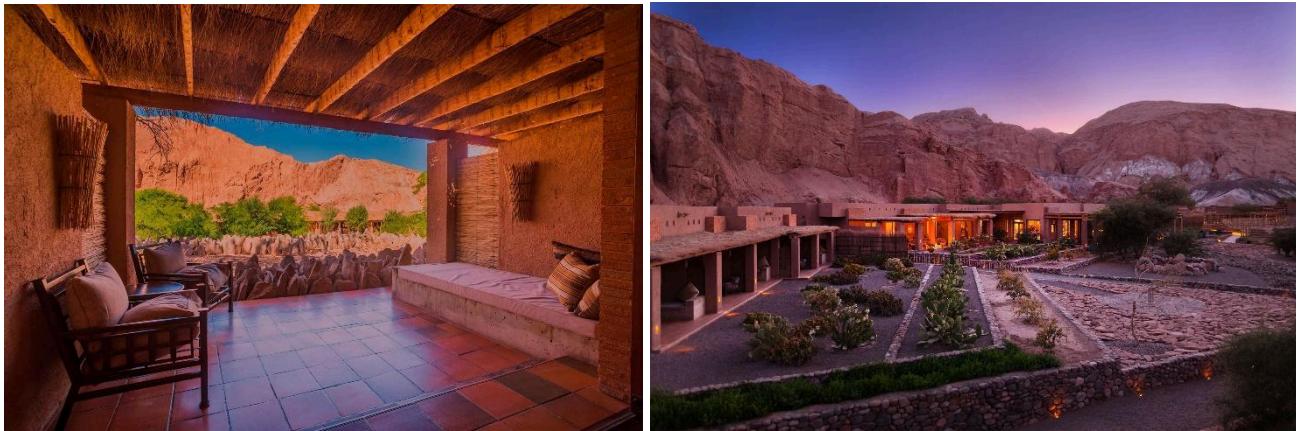
Overnight at **Our Habitats Hotel** (3 Nights): Pioneer Estudios Room. Buffet Breakfast and Activities Included.



### **UPGRADE OPTION:**

Overnight at **Nayara Alto Atacama** (3 nights) All Inclusive Shared.

- ✓ *Breakfast, lunch, and dinner à la carte.*
- ✓ *Open bar (except wines, champagnes, and premium spirits).*
- ✓ *Transfers in/out between Calama Airport (CJC) or the Bolivian border (Paso Hito Cajón) and the hotel. No guide.*
- ✓ *One full day or two half-day excursions per night of stay, accompanied by local guides or locally trained guides.*
- ✓ *Guide: includes English or Spanish speaking guide.*
- ✓ *Entrance fees to National Reserves.*
- ✓ *Minibar in the room with daily replenishment.*
- ✓ *Bicycles to visit the town of San Pedro de Atacama.*
- ✓ *Transfers to the town at predetermined times.*
- ✓ *Andean astronomy at the hotel observatory.*
- ✓ *Access to swimming pools, spa facilities, and Wi-Fi.*



## Day 3 – B, L

### Private | Half Day Desert Vineyards.

*Duration: 4 hours | Difficulty level: Low*

Let yourself be captivated by a one-of-a-kind sensory journey through the heart of the world's driest desert. We'll explore the magical Lickanantay Wine Route, a project that revives the ancestral tradition of growing vines over 2,500 meters above sea level—where extreme landscapes give birth to extraordinary wines.

Departing from San Pedro de Atacama, we'll head toward the charming village of Toconao, surrounded by breathtaking scenery and rich in local culture. Along the way, we'll admire the desert's vibrant colors and otherworldly geological formations.

Once there, we'll visit Ayllu Wines, where we'll tour the facilities and uncover the secrets behind high-altitude winemaking. A local expert will guide us through the special techniques used to grow grapes in this extreme environment, giving the wines their unique character.

We'll then enjoy a guided tasting of three Ayllu wines, appreciating their aromas, flavors, and textures under the golden Atacama sun. Each glass will offer an authentic expression of this land's soul.

**Included:** Box Lunch



### Private | Half Day Moon Valley and Mars Valley.

*Duration: 4 hours | Difficulty level: Low*

We will explore Moon Valley, surrounded by sand dunes, evaporites, sinkholes, and mountain ridges — a breathtaking landscape that will amaze us from the very first moment. The contrast between the area's distinct brown hues and the deep blue Atacama sky will offer us a stunning visual experience.

We will step back in time as we learn that until 1994, the valley was used for salt extraction, connecting us with the heritage of the Atacameño or Lickanantai people.

As we continue, we will immerse ourselves in the story of Victoria Mine, gaining insight into the legacy of local communities. We'll experience firsthand the effort involved in salt extraction and understand its cultural significance.

We'll pause at iconic landmarks such as the Three Marys — natural formations that seem to reach up to the sky.

We will end our journey in Mars Valley, where we will witness a spectacular sunset. With a special toast, we will celebrate the majesty of this landscape. The changing colors of the sky will create a magical atmosphere and invite us to connect deeply with nature. This moment of celebration will be the perfect conclusion to an unforgettable day in this extraordinary setting.

**Included: Cocktail & snacks**

#### Day 4 - B,L



#### Private | Full Day Altiplanic Lagoons and Toconao.

*Duration: 8 hours | Difficulty level: Low*

We will embark on an unforgettable journey to the awe-inspiring Atacama Salt Flat, specifically the Soncor sector within Los Flamencos National Reserve. Our first stop will be Chaxa Lagoon, where we'll enjoy a rich diversity of highland birdlife, especially the graceful flamingos that add vivid color to this unique landscape. Following a specially designed trail, we'll explore this natural wonder and admire the scale of one of the world's largest and most significant salt flats.

On our way to the highland lagoons, we will visit the charming village of Socaire. There, we'll discover its ancestral agricultural traditions, reflected in terraced fields and irrigation channels. We'll learn about their local crops such as quinoa, corn, broad beans, carrots, and potatoes — essential elements that have allowed the community to thrive in this remote Andean setting. We will then ascend to the Andean highlands and arrive at the magnificent Miscanti and Miñiques Lagoons, located at an altitude of 4,200 meters above sea level. Surrounded by the towering volcanoes of the same name, these lagoons will immerse us in a landscape of extraordinary contrasts. As we follow the paths around them, we'll be surrounded by deep blue skies, resilient high-altitude vegetation, and the ochre tones of the mountains — a visual spectacle that will stay with us long after.

Before returning to San Pedro, we will stop at the lovely village of Toconao. There, we'll visit the bell tower and the Church of San Lucas, both declared national monuments in 1951. As we explore the area, we'll connect with local history and craftsmanship, discovering handmade pieces created from pumice stone, cactus wood, and alpaca and llama wool. This artistry will give us a glimpse into the cultural soul of Toconao's people, marking the perfect end to a day filled with nature, heritage, and vibrant tradition.

**Included: Lunch**

#### Day 5 - B

#### Private | Full Day Geyser del Tatio and Machuca- Guide Included

*Duration: 7 hours | Difficulty level: Low*

At over 4,300 meters above sea level, the Tatio Geysers invite you to witness one of the most spectacular geothermal displays on Earth. Steam bursts from the ground in powerful columns, filling the crisp morning air with energy and awe. The surreal landscape and icy dawn air create an unforgettable atmosphere.

Afterward, we'll visit the charming village of Machuca, a cultural oasis where ancient traditions remain alive. Walk its quiet paths, meet local residents, and enjoy regional flavors in a place where simplicity and authenticity thrive. Throughout the journey, you'll be surrounded by the stunning immensity of the Altiplano. The textures, colors, and raw beauty of the Atacama Desert will stay with you long after the experience ends.



**Included: Breakfast**

### **Private | Transfer San Pedro de Atacama to Airport Calama - Guide included**

At the scheduled time you will be transferred from San Pedro de Atacama to the Calama airport.

#### ***Flight to Santiago (not included)***

Overnight at **Holiday Inn Santiago Aeropuerto Hotel**(1 Night): Executive Room. Buffet Breakfast Included.

Check in: 15:00 hrs/ Check out: 10:00 hrs

### **Day 6 - B**

#### ***Flight to Puerto Montt (not included)***

### **Private | Transfer airport P.Montt to P.Varas - Guide included.**

At the scheduled time you will be transferred from the airport in Puerto Montt to Puerto Varas.

Overnight at **Cabañas del Lago Hotel** (2 Nights): Standard Room. Breakfast Included.

Check in: 15:30 hrs/ Check out: 11:30 hrs



#### **UPGRADE OPTION:**

Overnight at **AWA Hotel** (2 Nights): Superior Room. All Inclusive

#### **Included:**

- ✓ Shared transfers in/out from Puerto Montt airport.
- ✓ All meals and beverages during the stay (premium wines & liquors carry an additional cost).
- ✓ Shared excursions: one full day or two half-day activities



## Day 7 – B,L

### Private | Full Day Cosmovision tour - Mapuche & Huilliche.

Duration: 7 hours | Difficulty level: Low

Just a short drive from Puerto Varas, this experience immerses you in the living traditions of the Huilliche people. Welcomed by the Caipillan family, you'll discover their ancestral worldview, play their traditional sport palin (a form of native hockey), and learn how they honor and live in harmony with nature. Inside the sacred Ruka, the heart of the Mapuche home, you'll enjoy a traditional lunch prepared with native ingredients using ancestral cooking methods. You'll also taste sopaipillas with cochayuyo pebre and their ceremonial drink Muday as you sit by the fire and share stories and reflections from the day. This is more than a cultural visit — it's an invitation to experience the soul of southern Chile, guided by the voices and hands of its people.

## Day 8 – B, D

### Private | Transfer Puerto Varas to airport Puerto Montt - Guide included.

At the scheduled time you will be transferred from Puerto Varas to the airport in Puerto Montt.

### Flight to Puerto Natales (not included)

### Shared | Transfer from airport to Estancia Cerro Guido – (provided by hotel)

Overnight at **Estancia Cerro Guido**(1 Packag): 4 days/3 nights Shared Program | Classic Room. Full Board and Daily Tour Included.

Check in: 15:00/ Check out: 11:00

#### **Included:**

- ✓ Accommodation in classic room.
- ✓ Full board (buffet breakfast / lunch or box lunch / menu dinner).
- ✓ Open bar (house wines & standard liquors included).
- ✓ Shared transfer on fixed schedule from/to Punta Arenas, Puerto Natales, Cancha Carrera or Cerro Castillo. Transfer schedules are subject to changes without prior notice.
- ✓ Daily shared excursions from our catalog of included activities (excursions are subject to availability and weather conditions) \*.
- ✓ Bilingual guides (Spanish / English).
- ✓ Entrance fee to Torres del Paine National Park.



**Suggested (included): Afternoon activity: Horseback Riding:**

*Duration: 2,5 hours | Difficulty level: Low- No experience required*

This ride is a must for beginner riders or those who simply want to enjoy the natural beauty that surrounds our Estancia. We leave from our stable to the high part of la Estancia, the ride takes us through a gentle plain with the majestic Torres del Paine always in sight. On the way up we border a forest of Lengas and Ñirres, native Patagonian trees. On the way back we drive through meadows and open fields where it is common to see native fauna such as guanacos, rheas and foxes, as well as horses and sheep.

**Day 09 – B, L, D**

**Suggested: Full Day Torres del Paine**

*Duration: 10 hours | Difficulty level: Low*

This Overland combines landscapes of Estancia Cerro Guido with the northeastern sector of Torres del Paine National Park, our proximity to this protected area allows us to visit less explored areas, as well as some of the classic viewpoints of Torres del Paine. The excursion is a mixture of vehicle and easy hikes that will allow us to see part of the Las Chinas Valley, famous for its paleontological findings, from where we will have views of the Sierra Baguales and we will approach the Torres del Paine National Park through the Laguna Azul sector, where we will have lunch. During the afternoon we will tour the northeast of the park, an area known for the presence of wildlife and its views of the three granite towers of Paine, passing through Cañadón Macho and Cascada Paine, a mandatory photographic stop, to begin our return to the hotel from the Laguna Amarga sector.

**Day 10 - B, L, D**

**Suggested (included): Conservation Safari & Puma Spotting**

*Duration: 10 hours | Difficulty level: Low*

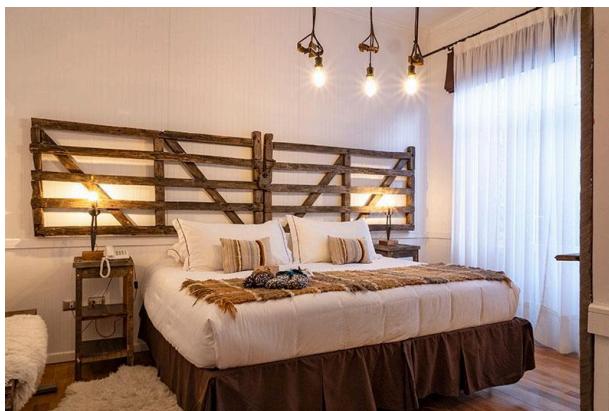
With this activity we invite you to participate for a day in the conservation project of the Cerro Guido Foundation. You will discover the characteristic fauna of Patagonia and also the strategies that the Cerro Guido is achieving to develop a respectful livestock farming that coexists with native species. We leave by vehicle from Hotel Estancia Cerro Guido at dawn to accompany a member of our team of field trackers in their daily routine. We start with the puma research work at the Estancia, participating in activities such as observation with binoculars and camera traps. The tour includes short walks, without much difficulty. Towards the end of the morning, we will discover the work of the livestock guardian dogs and how they help the coexistence between conservation and human activity. After lunch and a break, we will continue in the afternoon to the "Casa puma", the operations center for the Cerro Guido Conservation Foundation. There we will watch an exciting video presentation, and then we will have a final field trip at sunset, where we will see the research work being carried out in the Sierra del Toro.

## Day 11 – B

### Shared | Transfer from Estancia Cerro Guido to Punta Arenas hotel- (provided by hotel)

Overnight at **La Yegua Loca Hotel**(2 Nights): City Room. Breakfast Included.

Check in: 15:00 hrs/ Check out: 11:00 hrs



## Day 12 - B, L

### Private| Full Day Tierra Del Fuego King Penguin Colony – Guide included

*Duration: 11 hours | Difficulty level: Low*

Full-day excursion that allows you to explore the northern part of Tierra del Fuego's main island, visiting the small town of Porvenir and the King Penguin colony at Bahía Inútil. The morning begins as we head to the Puentes terminal to board a two-hour ferry that will take us to Porvenir on Tierra del Fuego Island.

From Puentes, we will cross the Strait of Magellan, a historic channel 583 km / 362 mi long that connects the waters of the Pacific Ocean with the Atlantic.



After lunch, we will continue along Bahía Inútil, crossing an island that amazes with its endless pampas and a horizon that stretches to infinity.

On the way, we will be able to observe various birds, sheep ranches, and herds of guanacos—a South American camelid related to the llama and the alpaca. After traveling about 114 km / 71 mi, we will arrive at the King Penguin Park, home to a permanent colony of this species, the largest in size after the emperor penguin.

These large penguins are the best divers, plunging to great depths to reach areas where squid shoals are common. During the summer season, it is also possible to see some chicks.

We will leave the park heading toward Primera Angostura, the narrowest point of the strait, only 5 km wide. There, we will cross back to the continent on a ferry that takes 20 minutes. After the crossing, we will take a route of about 200 km / 124 mi until we reach Punta Arenas.

**Included: Ferry & lunch**

**Day 13 – B – Departure day**

**Private | Transfer from hotel to Punta Arenas airport - Guide Included**

At the scheduled time, the driver will pick us up from the hotel to take us to Punta Arenas airport.

**Thank you for travelling with us!**

**Hotels**

**Magnolia Hotel**

Magnolias 180 - San Mateo.\_Santiago de Chile  
Chile

**Our Habitats Hotel**

Domingo Atienza 282.\_San Pedro de Atacama  
Chile

**Holiday Inn Santiago Aeropuerto Hotel**

Armando Cortinez Norte 2150.\_Santiago de Chile  
Chile

**Cabañas del Lago Hotel**

Klenner 195.\_Puerto Varas  
Chile

**Estancia Cerro Guido**

Parcela 36 M Lote A s/n, Cerro Guido.\_Torres del Paine  
Chile

**La Yegua Loca Hotel**

Fagnano 310.\_Punta Arenas  
Chile



## **Rates**

The following prices are per person based in 2 passengers subject to the availability of the cited hotels:

## **Validity of the offer**

This offer is valid for 5 days after the date listed on the quote.

## **Included**

- Services, transfers, guides, lodging, food, and beverages mentioned and according to the trip description.
- Our prices include entrance fees and tourist ticket costs to determined historical, natural, or religious landmarks that are managed by the local authorities in many cases. Costs may increase without prior warning. Tropic will notify you of these immediately and adjust the prices accordingly.

## **Not including**

- Early check-in, late check-out, services and food not listed in the itinerary, beverages during the meals, hotel extras, and personal expenses. Please make sure to request special services during the consultation process and we can always add extra services 30 days before departure ideally.
- Domestic and international airfare.
- Tips for guides, drivers, and waitresses, if not specified in the description.

## **At Tropic we are ready to tend to your special needs and requirements!**

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