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Welcome to Chile!

PROGRAM FOR PIONEER EXPEDITIONS
Travel Dates: October 2026

DETAILED ITINERARY

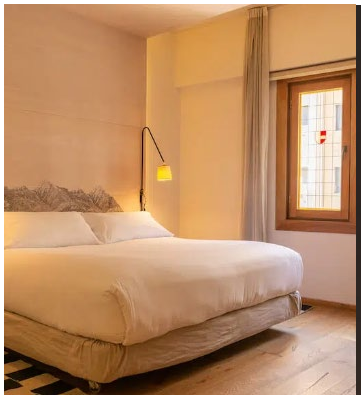
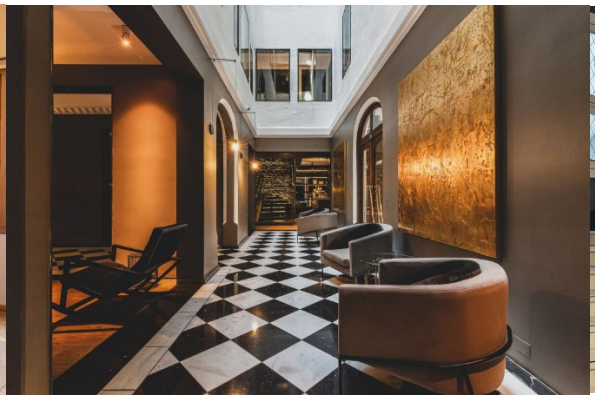
Day 1

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

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

Overnight at **Magnolia Hotel** (2 Nights): 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 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.

Included: Snacks

Day 2 – B,L

Private | Full Day Valparaiso & Street Art Tour.
Duration: 9 hours | Difficulty level: Low

We will dive into the vibrant atmosphere of Valparaíso, walking through colorful murals, hidden graffiti, and historic corners. The tour blends street art with local gastronomy, including tastings of typical dishes and drinks. Our guide will share stories about the artists, flavors, and cultural mix that shape the city. We will enjoy lunch at a restaurant with an incredible panoramic view of Valparaíso, ending with a visit to La Sebastiana Museum, Pablo Neruda's house. (On Mondays, the museum is closed, and the tour continues exploring Valparaíso's hills instead.)

Included: Lunch

Day 3

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 Habitas Hotel**(4 Nights): Pioneer Estudios Room. Buffet Breakfast and Activities Included.

UPGRADE OPTION:

Overnight at **Nayara Alto Atacama** (4 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 4 – 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 5 - 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 6 - 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.

** Wear sunscreen, a hat, and comfortable clothing: The Atacama Desert is known for its arid and sunny climate, so it's important to protect yourself from the sun and dress appropriately.*

Included: Breakfast

Private | Half Day Astronomical Tour- Guide included
Duration: 3 hours | Difficulty level: Low

We will embark on a magical night beneath one of the clearest and brightest skies on Earth — the Atacama Desert. If we've ever dreamed of exploring the mysteries of the universe, this will be our chance to make that dream come true.
With powerful 16-inch telescopes, we'll journey into deep space to observe planets, star clusters, galaxies, and brilliant stars that will take our breath away. It will be an unforgettable celestial show.
But this experience will be about more than just observing the sky — we'll also dive into the history of the cosmos and discover how ancient cultures in this region understood and related to the universe. Our expert guides will share captivating stories that will connect us with a deeper understanding of the stars and our place among them.
We'll also learn how to read the night sky with the naked eye, decoding its secrets and discovering the magnificent design of the universe through scientific and cultural insights. Every constellation and every star will take on new meaning, leaving a lasting impression.
We'll open ourselves to awe, wonder, and a deep connection with the universe — all from one of the most privileged locations on the planet. This night in the desert will live on in our memories as one of the most extraordinary experiences we'll ever have.

Included: Snacks

Day 7 - B

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 8

Flight to Puerto Montt (not included)

Private | Transfer airport Puerto Montt to Castro Hotel - Guided included

At the scheduled time you will be transferred from Puerto Montt airport to Castro hotel.

Overnight at **Palafito 1326 Hotel** (3 Nights): Bay View Room. Breakfast Included.

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

Day 9 - B,L

Private | Full Day Soul Pier: Mythology and Nature.
Duration: 8hours | Difficulty level: Low

The "Muelle del Alma" Kuy Kuy Tempilkawe is a work of art in homage to the oral tradition of the Chilote people, based on the legend that states when the physical body dies, the soul goes to rest on this pier to ask for a boat ride. Tempilkawe (the ferryman) is asked for his beautiful Llankas (stones of beautiful colors) in exchange for taking the soul in his boat of white foam beyond.

We will depart early to head to this place located on the cliffs of Punta Pirulil. We will arrive at this place after skirting the Huillinco and Cucao Lakes, and along the Pacific Ocean heading south towards the town of Rahue to take a walk of approximately an hour and a half to reach the cliffs and pier. After a good rest, we will head to the Chiloe National Park to explore the El Tepual trail with its interesting biodiversity

Included: Lunch & entrance fees

Day 10 - B, L

Private | Half Day Rilan Peninsula - Chilote Rural Tourism.
Duration: 5 hours | Difficulty level: Low

Live an authentic experience on the Rilán Peninsula, where Chilote rural life and traditions remain as vibrant as ever. On this journey, a local family welcomes us into their home, offering a close-up look at the daily life of a traditional Chiloé farmer and the customs passed down through generations.
We'll visit their artisan workshop, where a former boat carpenter shares stories about building vessels using ancestral techniques. The experience also includes a visit to the beautifully restored Rilán Church, recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site for its cultural and architectural value.
As we walk through the countryside, we'll talk about Chilote mythology, water mills, fishing corrals, and other customs that shape the soul of this island. An intimate and enriching experience that connects travelers with the true heart of Chiloé.

Included: Snacks

Private| Half Day City Tour Castro: Iglesias & Astilleros.
Duration: 4 hours | Difficulty level: Low

You will visit the city of Castro and get to know its most interesting places, such as the Yumbel Campesina Fair, the Gamboa Viewpoint, where you can appreciate the stilt houses (houses built over water), and the San Francisco de Castro Church, known for its interesting architecture and for being part of the World Heritage Churches of Chiloé.
After the tour in Castro, you will take the road that leads to the Tey Church, which was moved from its original location to where it is located today, in what is called the "Minga de Tiradura de Iglesia", a work that is carried out voluntarily with the entire local community.
You will continue to the town of Dalcahue (place of dalcas) which is characterized by its artisanal riverbank shipyards where boats are built, its World Heritage Church, the great variety of designs of shingles that you can appreciate while touring the town with its unique houses, and the Craft Market, known for being a meeting point for multiple artisans who come together to sell their products.

Included: Lunch & entrance fees

Day 11 - B

Private | Transfer hotel Castro to Puerto Varas - Guide included

At the scheduled time you will be transferred from your hotel in Castro 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 12 - 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.

Included: Lunch

Day 13 - B, L, D

Private | Transfer Puerto Varas to airport Puero 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 14 - 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 15 - 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 16 - B

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

Overnight at **La Yegua Loca Hotel** (3 Nights): City Room. Breakfast Included.

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

Day 17 - 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 18 - B, L

Private| Half Day Estancia Olga Teresa Condor Waching– Guide included
Duration: 7 hours | Difficulty level: Low

Estancia Olga Teresa is located in the heart of a vast rural commune called Río Verde, 78 km / 48 mi northwest of the city of Punta Arenas, in the Magallanes and Chilean Antarctic Region.
This property is a typical Patagonian estancia, where visitors can enjoy the traditional livestock culture of Magallanes, characteristic of the area, and experience nature in a unique and welcoming environment. The land was acquired in 1922 by Don Fermín Roca Berjoan, a pioneer of French origin, who named it after his two daughters, Oiga and Teresa. Today, the estancia belongs to his grandson Rodolfo Concha Roca, together with his wife Yvonne Paeile Jordán and their four children: Rodolfo Luis, Lorena, Cristián, and Rodrigo.

Over time, Estancia Oiga Teresa has become a place of great charm, known for the natural beauty of its surroundings, the quality of its animals and products, and the warm hospitality always offered by its owners. Since the year 2000, the family has incorporated agrotourism as a complement to livestock farming. The entire family and their permanent collaborators participate in this activity, offering demonstrations of sheepdog work and sheep shearing, ending with a traditional Patagonian lamb barbecue cooked over an open fire.

These activities can be complemented with a visit to a condor colony on a hill located within the property, which is easily accessible by land.

Included: Box Lunch

Day 19 - B

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.

Flight to Santiago (not included)

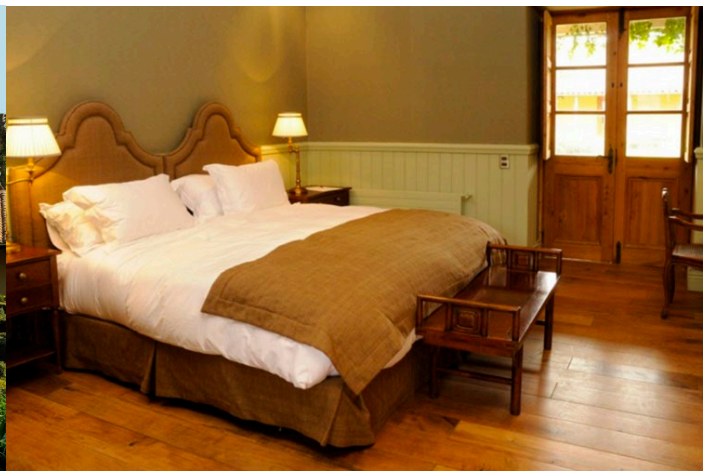
Private | Transfer from airport to Casablanca - Bilingual guide included.

Overnight at **La Casona Matetic Hotel**(2 Nights): Standard Room. Full Board.

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

Included:

- ✓ *Welcome Drink*
- ✓ *Accomodation*
- ✓ *Breakfast, tea time, dinner or Lunch*
- ✓ *Biodynamic tour*
- ✓ *Activities*



Day 20 - B, D

Suggested included activities:

Half Day Maipo River Wetlands
Duration: 3 hours | Difficulty level: Low

Río Maipo Wetland Nature Park boasts the highest diversity of bird species recorded in central Chile (over 190 species according to eBird Chile 2025). Furthermore, it features one of the best facilities and infrastructure for birdwatching in Chile. We will stroll through the park's various habitats

Half Day Biodynamic Tour
Duration: 2.5 hours | Difficulty level: Low

This experience connects you with the world of organic and biodynamic agriculture in an interactive and entertaining way, exploring the most important spots in the Rosario Valley, where you can learn about biopreparations and viticulture methodologies. This tour explores the trail of senses, biodynamic garden, and the Wine Cellar, before concluding with a tasting of our Corralillo and EQ wines

Day 21 - B

Private | Transfer from Casablanca to airport - Bilingual guide included.

Transfer from Casablanca to Santiago airport.

Thank you for travelling with us!

Hotels

Magnolia Hotel

Magnolias 180 - San Mateo._Santiago de Chile
Chile

Our Habitas Hotel

Domingo Atienza 282._San Pedro de Atacama
Chile

Holiday Inn Santiago Aeropuerto Hotel

Armando Cortinez Norte 2150._Santiago de Chile
Chile

Palafito 1326 Hotel

Ernesto Riquelme 1326._Castro
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

La Casona Matetic Hotel

Fundo el Rosario - Cartagena._Valle de Casablanca
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