



LATIN AMERICA

Concert Tours



Chile

Santiago Viña del Mar Valparaíso

Suggested Itinerary
10 Days / 7 Nights



PLEASE NOTE: Actual sequence and timing of activities will revolve around your concert schedule. All times are approximate and may vary according to flight schedules and other logistical factors.

ALL MUSICAL ACTIVITIES ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN RED.

Day 1 Depart USA

Evening Board your overnight flight to Santiago de Chile, Chile’s political, economic, and cultural capital, arriving at Santiago’s Arturo Benitez’ International Airport the next morning. Likely connection en route. Dinner and Breakfast served aloft.

Day 2 Santiago

Morning Arrive at Santiago’s Arturo Benitez’ International Airport.

Greeting by your highly-qualified **Tour Manager**. The Tour Managers we use are selected for their high-energy and commitment to customer satisfaction. For the next week, your Tour Manager will be coordinating and managing all of your scheduled activities and will be available to you on a 24-hour basis should you need special assistance.

Santiago, the capital of Chile, is a large, modern city with some 5 million inhabitants. Founded in 1541, at the southern end of the Spanish colonial empire on the Pacific Ocean, the city grew in importance after what is modern-day Chile declared independence from Spain in 1810. Chileans are an industrious, hard-working, relatively serious people and the nation has prospered as a result, with Latin America’s highest living standard and fastest growing economy during the last decade.

Santiago is located near three very different topographical regions; the Andes Mountains to the east, the lush, central wine-growing valley, and the Pacific Ocean coast with its beaches. The city and the nearby oceanside communities of Valparaíso and Viña del Mar make for an interesting and enjoyable Latin American experience.

Check into your Three-Star Hotel.

Afternoon

City Sightseeing Tour



Your tour giving you an overview of Santiago starts at the **Club Hípico** racing track in the traditional **West Side** residential part of town, featuring the French Art Nouveau / Beaux Arts style of architecture popular in the early 20th century. Proceed to the **Cousino Palace**, an older mansion that has been refurbished for use as a government VIP residence.

Reaching **Alameda Avenue** in the heart of Santiago, pass by **La Moneda** Presidential Palace and numerous statues of independence heroes, into the business and government center of the city. Stop at the **Pre-Columbian Art Museum**, one of the most complete collections of ceramics, ancient textiles, and other relics of the local indigenous culture.

Arrive at the **Plaza de Armas** main square where the **Metropolitan Cathedral** and **National Museum** are located before proceeding to the **San Francisco Church** and the **National Library**, eventually arriving at the **Santa Lucia Hill** where Santiago was founded in 1541.

Crossing the **Mapocho River**, ascend the **San Cristóbal Hill** on the north side of the city for a beautiful panoramic view of the capital below with the Andes in the background. Descending the hill, drive back along the Mapocho River, nearing the foothills of the Andes, and enter the modern, prosperous neighborhoods of **Vitacura**, **Las Condes**, and **Santa María de Manquehue**, with nice homes, manicured gardens, and modern shopping malls. The shopping district of **Providencia**, with many boutiques, restaurants and cafés, is the final area we visit prior to arriving at your hotel.

Evening

Welcome Dinner at your Hotel or nearby restaurant (included in tour program)

Day 3 Santiago

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning Free time to explore Santiago on your own.

Suggestion. For those who enjoy visiting museums should consider visiting three of the city's most important museums:

Pre-Columbian Art Museum - Housed in the colonial-era customs house, this museum has a very rich collection of pre-Columbian artifacts from Central American and the Andean region.

National Museum of Natural History - This institution, which opened in 1830, houses exhibits on zoology, botany, anthropology, and archaeology.

Colonial Art Museum of the San Francisco Church - This church is the oldest structure standing in Santiago, dating back to 1572, and holds the remains of the

"Conquistadors". The convent next door has an interesting collection of colonial-era religious art.

Evening

CONCERT PERFORMANCE – EVENT # 1



Evening

Dinner on your own at a nearby restaurant.

Day 4

Viña del Mar & Valparaíso

Morning

Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning &
Afternoon

Viña del Mar & Valparaíso – Full-Day Tour



Board your private motorcoach for a day trip to visit these two charming Chilean coastal communities, located about 75 miles from Santiago. Crossing the coastal range of mountains through various tunnels and traversing the **Curacavi Farming Valley**, you travel down a hill where you get a wonderful view of both Viña del Mar and Valparaíso, simultaneously.

Entering **Viña del Mar**, Chile's main beach resort with 300,000 inhabitants, pass the **Quinta Vergara** museum, the **Plaza Vergara** (main square), and cross the **Marga Marga Canal**, where you will make a short stop at the **Fonck Museum**, featuring artefacts from Easter Island.

Continue to the fishing village of **Con-Con** with its beautiful sandy beaches and rocky coast. Return to Viña del Mar for lunch. (included in tour program)

After lunch, proceed to **Valparaíso**, a major port where many cruise ships call. The city is divided into two main sections, the coastal settlement and the hillside neighborhoods further from the sea with charming brightly-colored homes perched on the hills. These are accessed by funiculars (hillside elevators) that have a quaint appearance.

Passing the **National Congress**, we go up the **Bellavista Hill** to see "**La Sebastiana**", home to the late Pablo Neruda, Nobel Prize-winning (1971) poet. Continue on through to **Plaza Sotomayor**, the **National Navy Building**, and the **Monument to the Heroes of the Iquique Pacific War**.

Ascend the **Concepción Hill** and stroll along the **Atkinson and Gervosani Walks** for a beautiful view of the city and the port. Pass by the **Baburizza Palace**, eventually making your way down to the "**El Amendral**" Quarter, where you bid farewell to Valparaíso before returning to Santiago.

Evening Dinner on your own at a nearby restaurant.

Day 5 Santiago

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Suggestion (**Optional Tour**):

Take a full day tour to "**Isla Negra**" (**Pablo Neruda's Home**), now turned into a museum, in the Pacific coast, about two hours from Santiago. Pablo Neruda is Chile's most famous poet and writer, winner of the Nobel Prize in 1971.

Evening **CONCERT PERFORMANCE – EVENT # 2**



Evening Dinner at your Hotel or nearby restaurant. (included in tour program)

Day 6 Santiago

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning & Afternoon

Adventure Day



Depart your hotel for a full day of adventure activities taking advantage of the Santiago region's rugged topography at the foothills of the Andes Mountains. Rafting is one of the most popular activities, with some stages of the river even appreciated by some of the more ardent enthusiasts of the sport. Fishing, hiking, mountain biking and even horseback riding rank among the favorite adventure options available in the countryside surrounding Santiago.

Day 7

Santiago

Morning

Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning &
Afternoon

Free Day to explore the different attractions Santiago has to offer on your own.

Suggestions:

Visit one of the city's most visited attractions, the **Museum of Memory & Human Rights**, to learn about Chile's recent history and have an insight on the suffering of the Pinochet years, the military dictator from the 70's and 80's.

Another popular option would be a **Winery Tour** on one of the best regions for this activity, the **Casablanca Valley**, just one hour from Santiago.



Evening

CONCERT PERFORMANCE – EVENT # 3



Evening

Dinner on your own at a nearby restaurant.

Day 8

Santiago

Morning

Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning

Free time to explore Santiago at your own pace and according to your own interests.

Suggestion: If you enjoy shopping and dining, consider these areas:

Barrio Brasil: Gentrified neighborhood inhabited by young professionals full of pubs and restaurants.

Bellavista: Numerous restaurants, pubs, and art galleries are found here.

Lastarria: Intellectual and bohemian type of neighborhood with movie houses, art galleries, and restaurants.

Avenida Providencia: This is the most important commercial area of Santiago featuring shops, bars, restaurants, and shopping centers.

Las Condes: Los Dominicos artisans' market where 150 workshops produce authentic handmade items made of natural materials.

Evening **Farewell Dinner** at your Hotel or nearby restaurant. (included in tour program).

Day 9 Santiago – Flights

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Check out of Hotel. Free time for last-minute sightseeing, shopping and lunch on your own.

Afternoon Transfer to Santiago's International Airport for your flight to the USA.

Evening Relax and sleep during your overnight flight. Dinner and breakfast served aloft.

Day 10 Arrive USA

Morning Arrival back in the USA.

Your Chilean Cultural & Musical Adventure comes to a close with great memories to cherish for a lifetime !

Concert Tour Land Program Includes:

- Economy-class Air Transportation USA – Santiago round trip.
- Seven nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Santiago, including daily breakfast.
- Airport / Hotel / Airport transfers by private motorcoach.
- Welcome Dinner at restaurants serving traditional local dishes.
- Two additional Dinners at your hotel or nearby restaurants.
- City Sightseeing Tour with Bilingual Guide in Santiago.
- Viña del Mar and Valparaíso – Full-Day Tour
- Adventure Day near Santiago including lunch.

Other:

- **Tour Manager** in Chile for all of your scheduled activities. Also available 24/7 in case of emergency or special needs.
- 24/7 Emergency Support from **LACT's** Operations office

Summary of Included Meals:

- 7 Breakfasts
- 2 Dinners

Performance Component:

- **Organization of 3 Concerts.**
- **Pre-Concert Sound Check and/or Rehearsal.**
- **Water provided at Concerts.**
- **Hotel – Concert Venue round-trip transfers by private motorcoach.**
- **Concert Publicity utilizing our "Larger Audiences" Promotion Program.**

FREE Ensemble Director Tour Included:

- One **FREE Ensemble Director's** trip is included based on 20 paying travelers (21st is free).
- Tour leader would share twin room with a paying traveler and pay only taxes/fees.

Not Included:

- Drinks at Dinners
- Tips for Tour Manager, Tour Guides, and Bus Drivers
- Passports and visas for non-US passport holders (if necessary).
- Personal expenses, such as phone calls and personal laundry.
- Increases in air taxes / fees / fuel surcharge beyond those stated below.
- Anything not noted in the above list of inclusions