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Best of Chile (7 days - 6 nights)

Day 1: Santiago

Welcome to Santiago, Chile. Your adventure begins with a short meeting at 2 pm, followed by an orientation walk around the city. The orientation walk will take 1-2 hours and you'll see some main sights like La Moneda, Plaza de Armas and Mercado Central. For those unable to attend at this time, there will be another more comprehensive welcome meeting at 6 pm with the entire group. After your important meeting, why not get acquainted with your fellow travellers and get yourself some dinner – your group leader will know of some great places to go.

Day 2: San Pedro de Atacama

This morning, join your group on an included flight to Calama and once arrived, travel by private vehicle to San Pedro (approximately 1.5 hours). When you get to San Pedro, your group leader will orientate you to the town on a short walk. In the afternoon, head out on an included excursion to the Moon Valley in the renowned Atacama Desert with a local guide. Located around 10 km away from San Pedro de Atacama, it has been declared a natural sanctuary as part of the Los Flamencos National Reserve within the Salt Mountain range. On this tour, you'll get to see the myriad colours and rocky formations which create a geological spectacle quite similar to the moon's surface. Visit the Tres Marias statues the salt cave and go up to the Gran Duna (Great Dune) where you'll get to admire a beautiful panorama as the sun sets and the sky deepens in colour.

Day 3: San Pedro de Atacama

Today is as clear as the blue Chilean skies in the Atacama Desert. You've got the day to choose one of many optional activities on offer. Get your hiking shoes on and choose one of the local trails to embark on with a local leader. Otherwise, book yourself in on a day trip to the stunning Atacama salt flats (Salar de Atacama), or Chile's Rainbow Valley (Valle del Arcoiris), both offer striking views of

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natural landscapes rarely seen on earth. The best thing is, today is all yours to choose your own adventure.

Day 4: San Pedro de Atacama

This morning begins nice and early at around 4.30 am. Head out on an included excursion to the El Tatio geyser (located 4300 metres above sea level) in the Atacama Desert with an English speaking local guide. This is highest-elevation geyser fields in the world. Watch in awe as more than 100 geysers pulsate around you, shooting streams of water and gas into the air. The El Tatio Geyser Field stands just over 4267 metres (14,000 feet) above sea level in the Andes Mountains of northern Chile and getting here is half the fun. Travel up winding mountain roads surrounded by the snow-covered peaks of both active and dormant volcanoes. Magma trapped beneath the surface of the earth heats the water underground, resulting in an explosive release of pressure. Run-off from the geysers drains away into emerald-green geothermal ponds, while small streams trickle down towards lower altitudes. As you walk through the fields, steam rising all around you, keep an eye out for the geyser field's fascinating local wildlife, which shows that nature's beauty can thrive even in harsh conditions. This activity will finish around lunchtime and the remainder of the day is free. There are plenty of optional activities available including a visit to the hot springs or to one of the lagunas. Speak to your group leader for their recommendations and other options.

Day 5: Santiago / Valparaiso

This morning, head west towards the coast. Arrive in the colourful city of Valparaiso, notable for its brightly hued houses spread across a series of hills overlooking the ocean. As a creative hub, the city has no shortage of options for a drink, so perhaps find yourself a place to sip a traditional Pisco Sour alongside locals for the evening.

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Day 6: Valparaiso

Embark on a leader-led walking tour of Valparaiso. It's a colourful and chaotically laid out town that's full of surprises, and much romanticised by poets such as Pablo Neruda. Your tour includes visits to Plaza Anibal Pinto, Paseo Gervasoni, Reloj Turri, Paseo Yugoslavo and Calle Serrano, with many more boulevards and areas of interest. Later on, the walk takes in the Lukas Museum, which houses the collection of works by the cartoonist and illustrator Renzo Pecchenino (Lukas). Continue to Muelle Prat (Prat Dock) – an ideal spot to watch sailors arrive in their lanchas (small ships) and to soak up the general buzz and bustle of harbourside life.

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En route back to Santiago, stop for a wine tasting in the Casablanca Valley, located about 45 minutes outside of Santiago. Sitting on a coastal plain between the capital and Valparaiso, the valley is Chile's fastest growing wine region, with its rich soil and perfect climate making it a wine lover's paradise. This visit (approximately one hour) is focused more on the sustainability and organic goals of the vineyard and the characters of biodiversity rather than tasting wine. Nice to know however that this area is known for crisp Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc, but also for stunning reds like Pinot Noir, Merlot and Syrah.

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With no activities planned for today, you are free to leave at any time after breakfast. This doesn't mean that your adventure has to come to an end! If you would like to spend more time in Santiago, we'll be happy to book additional accommodation for you (subject to availability).

Accommodations:

- Hotel (7 nights)

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Inclusion :

- All Transfers, Sightseeing and intercity travel using A/c Vehicle as per the itinerary.*
- All expenses related to driver and the vehicle i.e. Fuel, DA, Tolls, Parking charges, Vehicle permits and Taxes, etc.
- All must-see sightseeing as per the itinerary specified

Exclusion :

- Any Train/ Air/ Bus fares, Travel Insurance, Visa (if required), etc.
- All monument entry fees, guide charges, tips, camera fees, Joy rides, etc.
- Tips and Porterage
- Any services not mentioned in the inclusion list

Our Scope of Services:

We are holiday organizers only. We inspect and select the services to be provided to you. However, we do not own, operate or control any airline, shipping company, coach or coach company, hotel, transport, restaurant, kitchen caravan or any other facility or provider etc. that is engaged to provide you services during the course of your tour. Therefore, please carefully note that:

- you will need to adhere to the conditions, rules and regulations of each service provider. For instance, you will need to check the baggage rules of the airline, you will need to check the hotel rules to check what the mealtimes are, at which you should make yourself available. The company is not responsible / liable for the consequences if you breach such rules and regulations.
- If you cause any injury or damage affecting the service provider, then you may be liable to the service provider and if the service provider recovers any monies from us for such injury or damages, we shall separately charge you for the same.
- We cannot be held responsible / liable for any delay, deficiency, injury, death, loss or damage etc. occasioned due to act or default of such service providers, their employees or agents.

Payment Policy:

- Reservation amount has to be paid upfront for us to start confirming your package.

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- Full flight amount (if flights included) and any non-refundable hotel amount has to be paid within 3 days of booking.
- Balance payment (if any) needs to be completed 21 days prior to travel.
- For travel in less than 21 days from booking, complete payment must be received within 24 hours of booking.
- You can pay using credit cards, debit cards, net banking, PayPal, NEFT, IMPS, RTGS, SWIFT or deposit cash Rs 1,99,000/- in adherence to Income Tax ACT.
- We charge non-refundable **financing fees for overdue amounts**:
 - Financing charges: 1% per day of pending amount, compounding per day
 - Processing charges for financing: 5% per week of pending amount or INR 10,000 per week, whichever is lower; from 2nd week.
- We reserve the right to cancel your trip without notice after due date. Any cancellation costs will be borne by you.
- If the above-mentioned payment terms are not followed Ayush Tours & Travels will not be held responsible for any change made in the package itinerary due to non-availability of flights, Hotels, Ferry etc.
- There might be an increase in total package cost offered at the time of bookings in case the payments are not received by Ayush Tours & Travels as per the terms mentioned and the extra cost need to be borne by the guest.

Airline Cancellation Policy:

- Cancellation will be as per the airlines cancellation policy
- Refund will be done within 30 Working days post deduction of cancellation charges by airlines (as per airline cancellation policy) and service charge of 25% on total value by Ayush Tours & Travels.

Hotel Cancellation Policy:

- Date of booking to 31 days before travel the cancellation charges will be 25% of the tour cost
- 30 to 16 days before travel - cancellation charges will be 50% of the tour cost
- 15 to 8 days before travel - cancellation charges will be 75% of the tour cost
- 0 to 7 days before travel - cancellation charges will be 100% of the tour cost. No refund shall be given
- **Please Note:** Cancellation policy is subject to change. It depends on the hotel policy.
- In peak season (example: long weekends, festival season, summer vacation etc.) most of the hotels charge 100% cancellation.
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Useful Tips before Booking:

- If your flights involve a combination of different airlines, you may have to collect your luggage on arrival at the connecting hub and register it again while checking in for the return journey to your origin.
- For queries regarding cancellations and refunds, please refer to our Cancellation Policy.
- Disputes, if any, shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts in Jaipur.

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- We reserve the right to issue a full refund in case we believe that we are unable to fulfil the services for any technical reasons.

Terms And Conditions:

- All rates are valid on departure dates mentioned. Ayush Tours & Travels reserves the right to change departure dates given the airline seat availability changes.
- The rates are valid for minimum 02 adults travelling together at all times. A Single room booking can be processed if accompanied with another Single room booking and/or a Twin room booking.
- The Foreign Exchange rate is volatile / dynamic and the same may fluctuate at the time of final payment
- As per RBI guidelines, the Foreign exchange component of your tour towards your land portion can only be processed 120 days prior to your travel.
- The rates are not valid on block out dates.
- Surcharges as and when applicable will be advised and passengers would be requested to pay the same
- Surcharges could be over and above the total package price quoted to the passengers at the time of booking.
- Some flights depart from India on a previous date and arrive at the destination the next day of departure and likewise for the return flight to India.
- Guests are requested to check with sales staff before booking their onwards/ connecting flights.
- The rates are subject to availability of hotel accommodation and sightseeing tours at the time of booking. We reserve the right to use an alternate hotel accommodation of an equal or higher standard. If we source a more expensive alternative, we reserve the right to re-quote based on the higher rates.
- Prices are not valid during Trade Fair periods.
- Rates are valid for Indian Passport holders only.
- International Check in time is 1400 hours / Check out time is 1100 hours, early check in and checkout is subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed.
- Transfers wherever included are without night surcharges.
- No refunds either in part or in full will be made for any unutilized service.
- All the sightseeing tours and excursions are organized by local companies. The timings and days of operation are subject to alteration. Changes if any will be intimated at the time of booking.
- Sightseeing's tours are strictly based on whether conditions and also local service providers have rights to cancel the sightseeing tours without prior notice.
- While Ayush Tours & Tarvels takes extreme care to ensure all your sightseeing and excursions are not on holidays / closed dates but due to the itinerary / sudden changes it sometimes becomes unavoidable. Ayush Tours & Travels will make every possible attempt to arrange for alternate sightseeing and excursions on such days. However, no refund will be provided as such events are beyond our control
- Rates subject to change without prior notice and also for clients travelling during weekends.
- Offer if any can be withdrawn at any point without prior notice.
- Bookings once confirmed are subject to cancellation charges which shall be advised at that time. • Services of Tour Manager are not included in this package.
- Ayush Tours & Travels is not responsible for any change in the price due to factors not in the control of the organization.
- As a practice all international hotels charge a security deposit via credit card or cash, at the time of checkin for each room. The amount will vary according to the hotel and is refunded back to the clients upon check-out. Debit cards should not be offered as it will be charged immediately and refunded only after 2-3 weeks. If any additional services or

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mini bar or any other service is utilized at the hotel, the hotel reserves the right to charge the same on this security deposit provided by the client. Ayush Tours & Travels would not be responsible for these transactions and these are solely between the hotels and the clients.