



CHILE - THE PERFECT DESTINATION FOR ADVENTURE TOURISM

The Atacama Desert in the north, the Pacific Ocean stretching along the entire coastline of over 4,000 kilometres in the west, the imposing Andes in the east and Patagonia with the Antarctic region in the far south, give the country a distinctive character that has established Chile as the absolute destination for unlimited adventure.

At the World Travel Awards (WTA) 2022, Chile was the unchallenged winner in the category "**Best Adventure Destination in South America**" for the eighth time in a row, and has already received the award as the world's best destination for adventure tourism six times since 2016.

Skiing on mountains and volcanoes, sandboarding over desert dunes, water sports such as rafting, diving, surfing and kayaking, or fly fishing in the rivers of Patagonia are just some of the ways to enjoy adventure and sports during your trip. Each activity is accompanied by the sight of unique landscape panoramas.

NORTH AND ATACAMA DESERT

The coast in the north of the country, with its warmer temperatures, is a **paradise for surfers**. The city of Iquique is also one of the top 10 places in the world for **paragliding**.

A few kilometres further south is San Pedro de Atacama, a city in the middle of the **driest desert in the world**, which is an ideal starting point for excursions into the unique surroundings such as the Salar de Atacama, the Moon Valley, the spouting geysers of El Tatio or lagoons at an altitude of over 4000 metres. **Climbing the volcanoes** in this area is undoubtedly an exciting, adventurous experience and rewards you with fantastic views of the desert landscape.

Glide along the dunes on a **sandboard** or cycle through the Atacama Desert. Horse riding enthusiasts can explore this exciting area on horseback.

A good place to go **diving** in Chile's Small North is the Pingüinos de Humboldt Nature Reserve near Caleta Chañaral de Aceituno or Punta de Choros. Here you can see penguins, sea lions, otters and even whales.

CENTRAL CHILE

The **hiking trails** of La Campana National Park, near Valparaíso, are not to be missed in the central region. Declared a World Biosphere Reserve, the park invites you to hike for 8 hours along beautiful trails lined with centuries-old Chilean palm trees.

The rivers in central and southern Chile, with rapids of varying intensity, offer the ultimate **rafting** experience and are guaranteed to give you an adrenaline rush. Beginners can try their skills in a slower rapid such as the Maipo River, just a few kilometres from Santiago.

Kayaking is concentrated from the central region to Patagonia and is always accompanied by beautiful landscapes and fauna rich in species. As also in the north of the country, ideal conditions are found here for another water sport, surfing. About 200 kilometres south of Santiago is the so-called **surfing capital of the world**. Punta de Lobos in Pichilemu welcomes surfers with waves over 4 metres high.

You might not expect to find any **glaciers** near Santiago, but some are just a few kilometres from the capital, such as the El Morado glacier in the Cajón de Maipo or the impressive Universidad glacier about 150 kilometres south of Chile, close to the country's best wine regions. Here you will feel like you are in Patagonia and can visit the onsite ice cave on an excursion or even hike on the glacier.

In Chilean winter, the country has even more to offer. The snow that falls in the central part of the Andes provides the best ski slopes in the Southern Cone, inviting you to a **winter sports** adventure.

SOUTHERN CHILE AND PATAGONIA

In the south of the country, with its vast lakes, evergreen forests and surrounding volcanoes, there are **numerous opportunities for outdoor activities** and adventure tourism. Hiking, climbing, rafting, horseback riding, sailing, kayaking or fishing between Araucania and Chiloé offer a fantastic landscape panorama and a species-rich flora and fauna.

Experienced **rafting** lovers will find perfect conditions in the Lake District near Pucón on the Trancura and Liucura rivers, or in the north of Patagonia on the rapids of the Futaleufú River with exciting descents. Another must is the Baker River in the heart of Patagonia: its turbulence and turquoise waters make this an unforgettable adventure.

The over 1200-kilometre Carretera Austral is ideal for an **adventure trip on a bicycle**, surrounded by partly untouched nature with forests, rivers, waterfalls, lakes and mountains. Equally exciting, of course, is a self-drive tour by rental car, where you can explore the area at your own pace and take numerous excursions.

Patagonia is without a doubt a paradise for hiking and **trekking tours**. In the national parks you will find different routes with varying degrees of difficulty. The best known is probably the Torres del Paine National Park. It has some of the best hiking trails in the world. One of its most famous circuits, the W, was named one of the 10 best multi-day hiking trails in the world by Lonely Planet. Chilean Patagonia is also home to one of the largest ice sheets in the world, an ideal place for **ice trekking**.

RAFTING IN SOUTHERN CHILE



Outdoor fans will find what they are looking for in this region of Chile. Besides many other possibilities, such as climbing one of the imposing volcanoes, you can also speed down a river in a rafting boat.

Between green forests, fjords and bays, the rivers in the south of the country offer an adventurous experience. Their impressive descents, fast currents and steep mouths into the Pacific Ocean make them a true rafting adventure.

Trancura is not only one of the most important rivers in Chile. Its clear water, its rapids up to grade III and its location surrounded by impressive natural landscapes made it one of the most popular rivers for this water sport. The river, more than 30 metres wide, flows through a wild landscape surrounded by gorges and valleys.

Rafting runs have been taking place here since the 1980s, divided into sections depending on the difficulty of the rapids. Whether beginner or advanced, there is a way for everyone to enjoy the rafting fun here.

The starting point is about **15 km away from the city of Pucón**. Take part in this adventure with travelArt. You do not need any previous experience and will be accompanied by an experienced rafting expert. The equipment is also provided.

For more information about rafting on the Trancura River or in other locations in Chile, please contact your travelArt representative or email info@travelart.com

“INTENSIVE CHILE – INSPIRE YOUR INNER ADVENTURER”

15-DAY ADVENTURE TRAVEL PACKAGE



Ready for an adventurous trip through Chile full of contrasts?

This programme combines **the country's most beautiful destinations with sports activities**, ideal for trekking lovers. Starting in Santiago, where you will discover the capital by bike, you will continue to the driest desert in the world in the north of the country. **Hiking through the hot desert sand** during the day and gazing up at the starry sky at night sounds like a true adventure.

Now get ready for the water element, because further south in the Lake District you will explore the beautiful landscapes from a kayak and go **rafting** down rapids.

Finally, head to the other extreme of Chile, the imposing glaciers in the far south of the country. The Torres del Paine National Park is the perfect place for numerous trekking tours and discover the famous Strait of Magallanes by **kayaking at the “end of the world”**.

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