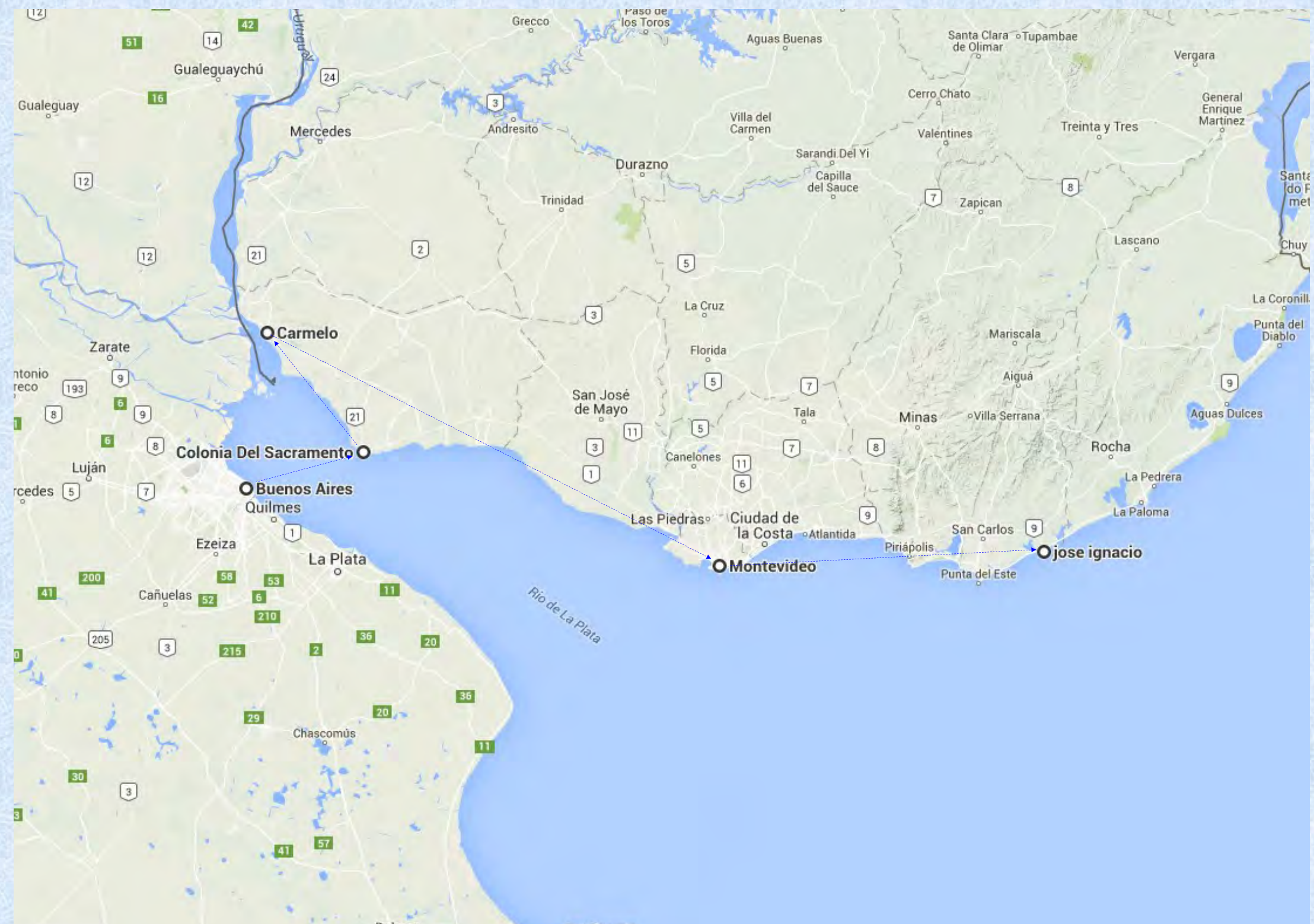


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 Day 35, - Drop car at Montevideo Airport. Fly to Madrid and onwards to UK.  
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## Flights...

| Date   | Airline & Flight Number | From         | Departs | To               | Arrives | Class |
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| DAY 1  | TBC                     | LHR          | TBC     | MADRID           | TBC     | TBC   |
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| DAY 8  | TBC                     | CALAMA       | TBC     | SANTIAGO         | TBC     | TBC   |
| DAY 9  | TBC                     | SANTIAGO     | TBC     | TEMUCO           | TBC     | TBC   |
| DAY 13 | TBC                     | PUERTO MONTT | TBC     | PUNTA ARENAS     | TBC     | TBC   |
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## Your Recommended Itinerary...

### Day 1, - Fly from the UK to Santiago, via Madrid.

Make your way to the airport early this morning for a flight to Santiago, via Madrid.

Upon arrival you will be welcomed by a laterallife representative and transferred to your hotel for an overnight stay.

**Accommodation:** The Singular Hotel.

**Meals:** In-flight meals.

### Day 2, - Transfer to the Wine Region.

At the agreed time, meet your driver in the hotel lobby and transfer to Clos Apalta's Lapostolle vineyard for a 3 night stay. The drive time is around 2 -2.5 hours.

Alexandra Marnier Lapostolle, great-granddaughter of the creator of Grand Marnier, is the force behind Viña Lapostolle, with a winery and hotel nestled in the hills overlooking Chile's spectacular Apalta Vineyards in the Colchagua Valley.

**Accommodation:** Lapostolle.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner. Includes beverages during meals.

### Days 3 & 4, - At leisure.

Spend two days at your leisure at Lapostolle to unwind and acclimatise.

Your stay includes:

- Overnight, aperitif, dinner, breakfast and lunch
- Private Tour & Tasting at Clos Apalta Winery, includes visit to family's private cellar
- Visits to other wineries in the Apalta Valley (regular basis, one per day).
- Mountain bike rides through the vineyards
- Hiking in Native Forests

**Accommodation:** Lapostolle.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner. Includes beverages during meals.

### Day 5, - Journey to the Atacama Desert.

This morning you will be transferred to Santiago for a direct flight to Calama. On arrival in Calama you will be welcomed and transferred (private transfer) to Awasi Atacama for a 3 night stay.

This outstanding area at 4,000m above sea level and one of the most remote and barren corners of the earth will bring you to true places of mystery. Stretching from the Pacific Ocean to the Andes Mountains, the Atacama's moon-like environment is made up of salt basins, sand and lava flows. Diverse, majestic and untouched, the Atacama is one of the most spectacular and dramatic landscapes on our planet.

The picturesque community of San Pedro de Atacama stands as an oasis in the midst of the world's driest desert, where geological evidence suggests that cer-







tain areas have never experienced rainfall. A rich pre-Colombian cultural history dating back thousands of years lives on today in traditional artisan crafts and a renowned archaeological museum, while the looming presence of the Licancabur Volcano in the distance, expansive salt flats dotted with pink flamingos, majestic purple and orange sunsets over the jagged horizon, and second-to-none stargazing bring new meaning to the phrase 'natural wonders'. Visit the awe-inspiring sights of San Pedro de Atacama and the surrounding desert landscapes.

**Accommodation:** Awasi Atacama.

**Meals:** Breakfast & Dinner. Includes soft drinks and alcohol.

#### **Days 6 & 7, - Explore the Atacama Desert.**

At Awasi, excursions are private, exclusive, and are programmed according to your preferences and pace - all are included. Your private guide will help you to plan your trips and will accompany you during your stay. You can choose full or half-day trips, easy strolls or intense treks for the more adventurous, horse-back riding, bicycle rides, visits to archaeological sites, visits to the salt flats, Altiplano lagoons or villages hidden among the deep valleys. You can get up at dawn to go and see the geysers and relax in the thermal pools. Bird watching or an evening astronomic tour with local guides are some of the experiences you can organize during your stay at Awasi.

Explore the Tara-Aguas Calientes Salt Flats, east of San Pedro, in the middle of the Andean Mountain Chain, 4,860 meters (15,940 ft) above sea level. Here there are volcanic structures and rolling plains with eroded slopes creating one of the earth's most unique natural sceneries. See the dazzling flight of hundreds of pink Flamingos at the National reserve Los Flamencos, as their radiant plumage temporarily obscures the ominous Andes in the horizon. Feel the heavy mist of mountain steam at the third largest geyser field in the world; the legendary Los Géiseres del Tatio in north Chile, standing 4,200 meters above sea level, it is also one of the world's highest altitude geyser fields.

**Accommodation:** Awasi Atacama.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner. Includes soft drinks and alcohol.

#### **Day 8, - Fly to Santiago. Afternoon Walking Tour.**

This morning you will be transferred around one hour to the airport in Calama in time for your flight to Santiago where you are met and transferred to the Singular Hotel.

The towering Andes provide an awesome backdrop for the sprawling metropolis of Santiago. The population of more than five million spreads from the compact city. The city is a curious mix of skyscrapers and 19th-century European architecture, with some Spanish adobe bungalows thrown in for good measure. There are numerous green areas, busy markets, and quaint old squares. Street life is vibrant, and there are numerous chic sidewalk cafes. The city exudes an aura of health and wealth in the inner city and fashionable suburbs, despite the shabby shantytowns stretching out from behind the skyscraper facade. The city is also one of the 10 most severely polluted cities in the world, thanks to its position in a bowl of mountains.

This afternoon, enjoy a half day privately guided walking tour of Santiago's his-







toric centre. Santiago is a charming, sophisticated city of contrasts set in the foothills of the Andes. To learn about its rich history, you'll visit the capital's most important sites including the historic downtown area surrounding the Plaza de Armas.

For a unique tasting menu dining experience, we highly recommend a dinner at Borago - [www.borago.cl](http://www.borago.cl) (pre-booking is advisable).

For some of the city's best seafood, we recommend dining at Aqui Esta Coco - <http://aquiestacoco.cl/?lang=en> (pre-booking is advisable).

**Accommodation:** The Singular Hotel.

**Meals:** Breakfast.

### **Day 9, - Journey to the Chilean Lake District.**

This morning you will be transferred to Santiago airport in time for a flight to Temuco, the gateway to the Chilean Lake District.

On arrival in Temuco pick up your rental car (Nissan X-Trail 4WD or similar) and drive to Pucon for a 3 night stay. The drive time to Pucon is around 1.5 hours (102km). There will be some time this afternoon for a walk around part of the lake near your hotel.

Car Rental:

Collection point: EuropCar counter in Pucon Airport.

Confirmation Number: TBC

Cat: Jeep 4x4 or similar. Includes drop at Puerto Montt Airport. GPS can be arranged/paid for locally (not included).

**Accommodation:** Antumalal Hotel.

**Meals:** Breakfast.

### **Days 10 & 11, - Explore Lake District and surroundings.**

Spend two days exploring the Lakes and volcanoes of the region at your leisure. Other optional activities include nearby river rafting, horseback riding, biking, bird-watching, kayaking, fishing and fly-fishing, hiking in the national parks of Huerquehue, a visit to local hot-springs, visiting volcanic caves, learning about Indigenous and Mapuche art and craftsmanship and a climb to the crater of Villarica Volcano. Pucon is the unofficial adventure capital of Chile!

The concierge at your hotel will be able to assist with any additional sightseeing or you may book in advance.

**Accommodation:** Antumalal Hotel.

**Meals:** Breakfast.

### **Day 12, - Drive to Puerto Varas.**

Today you drive to Puerto Varas and check in at Casa Molino for a one night stay. We suggest a route taking in the B roads along the edge of little-visited lakes and German influenced villages. Today's drive should be unrushed and an opportunity to explore at your leisure. Should you prefer to take the highway route, the drive time direct to Puerto Varas is around 4.5 hours.

We recommend starting early today and a suggested route is as follows: Take the 199 to Villarica then head south on the S-95-T to Licanray. Take the scenic western route 'Camino A Panguipulli' around Lago Calafquen in the direction of Panguipulli (roads: S-879, T-253-S, T-785-S, T-225 to Huellahue) and then the major 203 road to Panguipulli which is known as the city of roses and a convenient place for a pit-stop. Take the T-39 to Los Lagos then pick up some speed on the '5' Panamericana







Sur Highway from Los Lagos to Osorno (there will be a toll to pay enroute). From Osorno take the U-55-V to Puerto Octay where you could stop for lunch (options are limited and lunch will be strictly between 12-2pm). Continue on U-55-V or on the V-155 on the scenic route around Lago Llanquihue via Frutillar which is influenced by German architecture and cafes where you can stop for a break and apple strudel. For the final part of the drive take the route '5' on the Panamericana Sur to Puerto Varas and onwards to your hotel.

For dinner this evening drive (20 minutes approx) into Puerto Varas where we recommend Restaurante Casa Valdes.

**Accommodation:** Casa Molino.

**Meals:** Breakfast.

### **Day 13, - Fly to Punta Arenas.**

This morning, drive 40 minutes to Puerto Montt airport and drop off your rental car. Fly to Punta Arenas. On arrival you will be welcomed and transferred around 3 hours to Puerto Natales for your overnight stay at The Singular Hotel.

Flying to Patagonia over the southern Andes to Punta Arenas can be a magical experience on a clear day - snow-capped volcanic cones, turquoise lakes, glaciers, fjords. The drive north passes alongside the Straits of Magellan, then via Last Hope Sound and Puerto Natales.

Dining at the Singular is one of the finest culinary experiences in all of Chile!

**Accommodation:** The Singular Hotel.

**Meals:** Breakfast.

### **Day 14, - Glacier Trip & transfer towards Torres del Paine.**

Today you are collected from your hotel and transferred to the nearby dock for your full day trip to Serrano and Balmaceda glaciers.

Cruise from Puerto Natales through the Ultima Esperanza Fiord whose name derives from being the "Last hope" of finding the Strait of Magellan from an expedition that came from the Pacific Ocean in 1557. Enroute observe a little colony of cormorants and sea lions. The flora is dominated by different species of beech trees, Calafate, Chilco and Canelo. The Balmaceda glacier can be seen from the boat. Head to the Serrano glacier by walking around 20 minutes on a path bordering a calving lake formed by the melting of the glacier. Enjoy lunch in a local Hosteria and later take the zodiacs to start the trip up river. This part of the excursion takes about three hours and will pass little-visited areas around the Torres del Paine National Park such as Geike and Tyndall glaciers. Arrive in the Serrano area at around 4:00pm and then transfer overland to Explora Patagonia for a 4 night stay (note transfer is on a small group basis).

**Accommodation:** Explora Patagonia.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner. Includes soft drinks and alcohol.

### **Days 15 - 17, - Torres del Paine.**

Explore Torres del Paine National Park. The Cuernos del Paine is a granite massif,



which has been sliced apart and polished smooth by glaciers. Beyond are the staggering vertical triple towers of the Torres del Paine, the crowning glory of this massif which dominates one of South America's greatest national parks.

The times, duration and routes of each excursion are defined in line with the special interests and wishes of each guest. All tours are included on a small group basis.

**Accommodation:** Explora Patagonia.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner. Includes soft drinks and alcohol.

**Day 18, - Journey to El Calafate.**

Today you are transferred to the Chilean border at Cerro Castillo where you cross into Argentina at Cancha Carrera and change vehicle. From here continue by road to El Calafate for a 3 night stay. The total drive time is around 5 hours. Note – today's transfer is with a driver only who will likely speak just a few words in English and shared with other guests from Explora.

Eolo Includes:

All meals - buffet breakfast, lunch or box lunch, tea & dinner.

Soft drinks only during meals.

Transfer out to Calafate Airport.

Use of the pool, sauna, TV room, library.

Private guide for outdoor activities inside the Estancia Eolo (trekking, birdwatching, mountain-bike).

**Accommodation:** Eolo Hotel.

**Meals:** Breakfast & Dinner.

**Day 19, - Perito Moreno Glacier Mini-trekking.**

You will be picked up from your hotel by a private transfer and guide, who will take you along the shores of Lago Argentino up to the Brazo Rico (the narrowest point between the lake shore and the advancing glacier). From here, witness a spectacular view of the glacier and a chance to walk around to view the Canal de los Tempanos with all the floating icebergs. You will then be transferred to the jetty for a 20 minute (approx) boat ride on the lake which will give you the chance to get closer to the calving face of the glacier. The boat will take you to the shore next to the glacier where you disembark for a mini trekking expedition. This is a unique opportunity to don your crampons and walk on the glacier under the supervision of experienced guides. Late return to your hotel by private transfer.

Note 1: max age for glacier mini-trekking is 65 years old.

Note 2: today's Mini-trekking is done with a small group however transfers are provided on a private basis.

**Accommodation:** Eolo Hotel.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

**Day 20, 4 - At leisure.**

Day at leisure at Eolo to enjoy the included activities near to the hotel.

**Accommodation:** Eolo Hotel.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

**Day 21, - Fly to Buenos Aires.**







Transfer today to the airport in El Calafate for a direct flight to Buenos Aires. On arrival, you will be transferred to Hub Porteno for a 4 night stay.

**Accommodation:** Hub Porteno.

**Meals:** Breakfast.

**Day 22, - San Telmo Market. Afternoon at leisure.**

Your guide will meet you in the hotel lobby for today's Sunday Market visit to San Telmo, one of the oldest neighbourhoods in Buenos Aires, which was also a centre of immigrant settlements and which maintains an architectural style of colonial houses and cobbled streets.

This afternoon is at your leisure.

**Accommodation:** Hub Porteno.

**Meals:** Breakfast.

**Day 23, - Hidden Buenos Aires Tour. Afternoon at leisure.**

This morning, your private English speaking guide will accompany you on a 3 hour tour of some of the lesser known sights as you explore the Hidden Buenos Aires. Beyond the standard glimpses of Buenos Aires, another city remains undiscovered. Visit some of the forgotten neighbourhoods that are away from the tourist circuit and that preserve amazing stories and gorgeous buildings. Barracas, Nueva Pompeya, Parque Patricios and Boedo are the urban grounds of old factories, street murals, secret societies, working class housing-projects, remarkable churches, parks, bridges, traditional bars and significant people. This journey takes in both the past and present of the living city, early immigrants, tramways, railroads, tango and soccer.

This afternoon is at your leisure.

- You may also like to experience a private tango lesson or to visit a Milonga in the evening which is a traditional dance hall where locals come to practise the tango. This is the authentic tango experience. We also recommend the flamboyant tango show at Rojo Tango - [www.rojotango.com](http://www.rojotango.com) (not included).

**Accommodation:** Hub Porteno.

**Meals:** Breakfast.

**Day 24, - Morning at leisure. Afternoon - Argentine Art.**

Spend this morning at your leisure. We recommend stretching your legs with a walk around the historic Plaza de Mayo, home to Buenos Aires' finest architecture, including Casa Rosada (a bubblegum-pink Government House) and the Catedral de Buenos Aires.

This afternoon, accompany an art specialist on a visit to Argentine art collections at MNBA, Xul Solar Museum and Quinquela Martín Museum. You will have the opportunity to admire the murals painted by the great Raúl Soldi at a traditional Santa Fe Gallery.

First visit the National Museum of Fine Arts (MNBA), which houses a vast collection of 11,000 pieces, between canvases, sculptures, tapestry, engravings, drawings and objects and possesses a small but precious European art collection, with works by Corot, Manet, Boudin, Cézanne, Renoir, Toulouse-Lautrec and Rodin, as



well as pieces by important Argentine and Latin American artists. The focus will be on the Argentine art section, which houses pieces by Morel, Pueyrredón, López, Sívori, De la Cárcova, Fader and Quiroz.

Once in Retiro neighbourhood, visit the traditional Santa Fe Gallery, where you'll see the murals painted by Raúl Soldi, one of Argentina's most important 20th century artists. In 1953, when the construction of the gallery started, a mural by Soldi was already in existence as he had painted it in homage to his girlfriend. For years, the mural known as 'The Lovers' remained for everyone to see. As time went by, advertisements started to slowly cover it, until in 1988 Soldi's mural saw the light again and was completely restored.

Later, travel to the neighbourhood of Barrio Norte, to visit the Xul Solar Museum, a small museum located in the former residence of Alejandro Xul Solar (born Alejandro Schulz Solari), a multifaceted painter, poet, mythographer and metaphysician who played an influential role in early 20th century art, and influenced the Argentine avant-garde.

Ending the tour, head for La Boca, where you find the Benito Quinquela Martín Museum, named after the neighbourhood's benefactor and prodigal son. The museum was donated by the artist himself in 1933 and houses a great part of his work, which depicts the life of the neighbourhood and its inhabitants.

**Accommodation:** Hub Porteno.

**Meals:** Breakfast.

#### **Day 25, - Ferry to Colonia del Sacramento, Uruguay. PM Walking.**

Today you will be transferred to the Buquebus ferry terminal where you'll board a ferry to Colonia del Sacramento in Uruguay (First Class tickets included and current schedule is leaving at 8.15am, arriving at 9.30am). On arrival in Colonia you will be transferred to your hotel in the historic centre of the city.

This afternoon your guide will introduce you to Uruguay with a brief walking tour of Colonia. Colonia del Sacramento is now a UNESCO World Heritage site and Uruguay's oldest city, settled by the Portuguese in 1680 who then fought the Spanish for dominion for nearly a century. Stroll Portuguese and Spanish colonial streets in the Barrio Historico; remarkably preserved Portuguese homes - painted pink and yellow with white lace curtains - sit beside Spanish colonial structures.

Though it is the second smallest country in South America, Uruguay makes a big impression. The population is mostly of European decent and they have a very high standard of living. In fact Uruguay hosts the best medical care system in South America and has become a model for other developing countries in the region. This is a land of dusty colonial towns and sparkling beach resorts, of rough-and-ready gauchos and subtle artists and festive plazas. Uruguay is a place where soccer (fútbol) is worshipped without reserve, where the sun shines brightly and the air stays warm, where few question the dignity of their homeland. And despite the economic troubles of recent years, Uruguay remains a proud and peaceful nation.

**Accommodation:** El Charco Hotel.

**Meals:** Breakfast.

#### **Day 26, - Biking Anchorena Park.**







After breakfast, meet your guide and prepare yourself for an easy bike ride towards Estancia Anchorena National Park (or you may choose to go by private car). The cycling is around 90 minutes to reach the park of the Uruguayan presidential summer residence at Anchorena, located on the banks of the River Plate in between Colonia del Sacramento and Carmelo. The Estancia Anchorena was founded and shaped by Aaron de Anchorena, an Argentinean who fell in love with the area during a hot air balloon flight across the River Plate in 1907. Subsequently he bought the grounds and constructed a beautiful house and designed the park, filling it with plants and animals from all over Uruguay and other parts of the world. Nowadays, you can find over 200 species of trees and bushes and more than 60 species of eucalyptus. Observe a variety of animals, among them more than 75 species of birds and also the most famous inhabitant of the park: the axis deer, which Anchorena brought from India to Uruguay in 1920. Wander around the park with several stops to admire the variety of fauna, flora and the beautiful views across the River Plate. To end your visit, enjoy a picnic lunch in the grounds before returning by car (or bike) to Colonia.

Note: The main mansion of the establishment is the presidential holiday residence and is used as a place for meetings of the Uruguayan president. In case the government uses the Anchorena Residence the public will not be admitted and this tour will have to be changed.

**Accommodation:** El Charco Hotel.

**Meals:** Breakfast & Picnic Lunch.

### **Day 27, - Transfer to Finca Narbona & Calera de las Huerfanas**

Today you are transferred by road to Finca Narbona in Carmelo for a 2 night stay. The drive time is around 1 hour.

Enroute, visit Calera de las Huerfanas. In the XVIII century the Jesuits established themselves in the north of Colonia Province where they continued their mission and built the national monument "La Calera de las Huerfanas". This chapel was located inside the extensive land of an estancia where they planted fruit trees, bred cattle and produced lime. Indians, slaves and priests would gather here but after the Jesuits were expelled by the Spanish crown, Don Juan de San Martín took the administration of the estancia and found 1500 stocks of grapevine thus founding Uruguay's new wine industry.

Finca Narbona is located on the edge of Carmelo, a mellow little town with a lush central square where the streets slope down to its carefully restored waterfront. From here, boats leave for the two-hour ride through the delta to the Buenos Aires suburb of Tigre.

**Accommodation:** Finca Narbona.

**Meals:** Breakfast & Picnic Lunch.

### **Day 28, - Wines of Uruguay.**

Spend the morning at leisure. Relax by the pool and lunch at Finca Narbona.

This afternoon, enjoy a privately guided visit to the Cordano and Legado Wineries and sample the local Tannat wines. Carmelo's microclimate is created by the two great masses of fresh water that come from the Uruguay and Parana Rivers that together form the great estuary of the River Plate and this is particularly beneficial to the growth of the local grape.

**Accommodation:** Finca Narbona.



**Meals:** Breakfast.

**Day 29, Mar 13 - Transfer to Montevideo.**

Today you are collected from your hotel and transferred (with Spanish speaking driver) to Montevideo, the cultural heartland of Uruguay, a vibrant city where you can discover the bold accomplishments of Uruguay music, art, and literature. Outside the capital, pastureland and rolling hills draw your attention to a softer, quieter life.

Your private guide will accompany you on a walking tour of old Montevideo which used to be surrounded by huge walls. Optional sights include visits to the torres Garcia art museum, carnival museum, constitution square with the cabildo and cathedral and solis theatre. Lunch is recommended in the old Mercado del Puerto.

**Accommodation:** Alma Historica.

**Meals:** Breakfast.

**Day 30, - Art & History in Montevideo**

Today is at your leisure to explore further in Montevideo. We recommend the following museums (entrances are complimentary):

**Museo Ralli** - The Ralli Museum is located in the exclusive neighbourhood Beverly Hills. It is an opportunity to enjoy Latin American contemporary paintings and sculptures such as Salvador Dalí. Special exhibitions are held here, including artists from La Boca, Argentina, Benito Quinquela Martin Etchings and \*Carbonillas\*. In Room 4 and in the annexe European art from the XVI to XVIII centuries is exhibited. Address: Curupay y Los Arrayanes - Beverly Hills.

**Museo Atchugarry** - is a non-profit institution by sculptor Paul Atchugarry which opened in 2007. It was created in the spirit of promoting the arts, literature, music and other creative expressions. The Paul Atchugarry Foundation seeks to be a place of union between nature and art. The building structure is composed of the sculptor, a building with three exhibition rooms, an auditorium, an outdoor stage for performing shows, restaurant, an educational room, where classes in sculpture, painting, drawing and ceramics are organised and a final space that houses the permanent collection and the work of the founder. A sculpture park of 30 hectares surrounds the facility. Address: Ruta 104 Km 4,500, El Chorro - Manantiales

**Accommodation:** Alma Historica.

**Meals:** Breakfast.

**Day 31, - Transfer to Jose Ignacio.**

Today you are transferred to Jose Ignacio for a 4 night stay. Today's transfer is with driver only (Spanish speaking).

The secret is out and Jose Ignacio is now the place to stay for an exclusive retreat from the more built-up areas of Punta del Este. The vibe here is low-rise and low-key and visitors will be charmed by the village-like feel of the town combined with empty golden beaches and intimate restaurants. Head to Playa Mansa to the west of the peninsula for marvelling at evening sunsets, whereas to the east Playa Brava has stronger surf and is popular with water-sport enthusiasts.

**Accommodation:** Playa Vik.

**Meals:** Breakfast.

**Days 32 - 34, - Beach days at leisure.**







Pick up your car rental today to explore the area independently.

A car rental vehicle is included until March 19 when you drive to Montevideo to drop-off the vehicle at the airport.

Spend the next days at your leisure.

**Car Rental:** P - AUTO- Chevrolet Captiva or Similar

Pick up: 16 Mar 16 / Hotel Playa Vik; Drop Off: 19 Mar 16 / Airport Montevideo  
Rate includes unlimited mileage, extra driver, 24 hour assistance and 22% VAT  
Rate includes CDW (Third party coverage) and THW (Theft Waiver) insurances  
Car rental office hours: Mon-Fri 9:00am to 7:00pm. Saturdays 9:00am to 5:00pm  
One day car rental = 24hrs; the company gives an hour of tolerance, after that one day of car rental will be charged directly.  
Cars are usually delivered with very little fuel so you can also return the car empty.

In case you did not choose the option of full insurance (no deductible), a deductible of U\$S 3000 will apply.

**11am** tickets included to Bodegas Garzon for the Garzon Experience: Visit the olive plantations and vineyards of Agroland, a Uruguayan company owning more than 4,100 hectares devoted to the production of high-quality fine foods and forestry. We recommend to continue to the picturesque town of Garzon for a traditional lunch at the delightful Restaurant Garzon - [www.restaurantegarzon.com](http://www.restaurantegarzon.com).

Optional activities (not included):

Horseback riding at Cabo Polonio - Head east and begin a hike from Valizas to Cabo Polonio. Cabo Polonio is a charming fishing village that can only be reached by horse, foot or 4x4. The huge area of shifting sand dunes is reminiscent of the Sahara. A horseback riding trek from the entrance of Cabo Polonio is a wonderful way to reach the beach. Arriving at the ocean, observe sea lions populating the small islands who make up one of the largest colonies in the world; you might even spot a migrating Franca Whale. Return by SUV to Cabo Polonio for lunch at Restaurant La Perla then transfer by land to Estancia Guardia del Monte. Here you have a second opportunity to ride around the Estancia and enjoy an afternoon tea.

Golf is recommended at nearby La Barra (around 50km from Jose Ignacio) and we suggest booking in advance should you wish to play. Current season green fee rates are \$100 USD approx. per person (subject to change).  
[www.labarragolf.com](http://www.labarragolf.com)

**Accommodation:** Playa Vik.

**Meals:** Breakfast.

**Day 35, - Journey Home.**

This morning drive to the airport in Montevideo and drop-off your car rental. Board a flight to Sao Paulo and connect with an onward overnight flight to the UK.

Note the drive time from Jose Ignacio to Montevideo Airport is around 2.5 hours.

**Accommodation:** Overnight flight.



**Meals:** Breakfast.

**Day 36, - Welcome Home!**

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## Laterally sleeping...

### Lapostolle Hotel

Lapostolle was founded by Alexandra Marnier Lapostolle and her husband Cyril de Bournet in 1994. The Marnier Lapostolle family, founders and owners of Grand Marnier, are famous for producing spirits and liqueurs, but the family has also been involved in winemaking for generations. In creating Lapostolle, the family has pursued the same uncompromising approach to quality that made Grand Marnier a global success. Today, Lapostolle owns 370 hectares in three different vineyards and produces a total of 200.000 cases spread over Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Carbernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Camerenère and Syrah. A stay at Lapostolle provides a close glimpse into the world of the Marnier family, in a luxurious setting overlooking the Colchagua Valley. [www.lapostolle.com](http://www.lapostolle.com)

### Awasi Atacama

Quechua for 'home,' Awasi Atacama offers an authentic and singularly personal welcome. Eight cabanas (5 circular and 3 rectangular) with pointed thatched roofs mimic the neighbouring historic village, Aldea de Tolor. Meals served on the patio introduce surprising local flavours. Your private guide is ready to take you off-road to places tourists haven't discovered. While the local wildlife, magical sunsets and nightly riot of stars will make you feel small, at Awasi you're anything but insignificant. Drop your dusty hiking boots in the basket by your door to be cleaned. Savour a glass of Chilean Carménère by a poolside fireplace. Drift to sleep in a kingsize bed. This is the smallest and most intimate luxury lodge in San Pedro. [www.awasiatacama.com](http://www.awasiatacama.com)

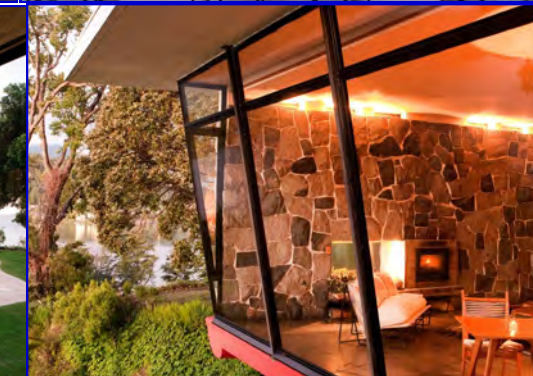
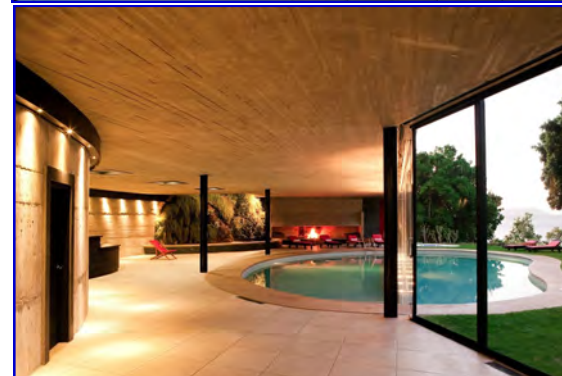
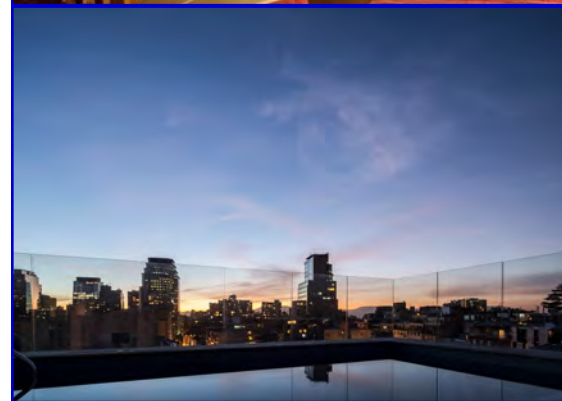
### The Singular Santiago

Built to blend seamlessly into the Neighbourhood of Lastarria, The Singular Santiago combines the style of early 20th century buildings with neoclassical French architectural influences. At The Singular Santiago guests will find a restaurant and a fitness centre. [www.thesingular.com/santiago/lastarria/default-en.html](http://www.thesingular.com/santiago/lastarria/default-en.html)

### Antumalal Hotel, Pucon

Nestled in 12 acres of private gardens and woods above the shores of Lake Villarrica close to Pucón, and overlooked by the volcano of the same name, Hotel Antumalal is an experience in itself, a true modern classic. Built in the late 1940s, Bauhaus style, Antumalal's vibrant, modern architecture fits harmoniously with the setting. Walls of glass overlook the lake while light floods in, and wood-panelled walls, soft white carpets, fireplaces and unique 50s style furniture create an elegant, clean ambiance.

[www.antumalal.com](http://www.antumalal.com)





## ...sleeping Laterally

### Casa Molino, Puerto Varas

Casa Molino is a boutique hotel by Lake Llanquihue. Nestled amid 15 acres of beautiful gardens, this 4-star hotel stands 150 metres from the shores of the lake, offering guests sweeping views of nearby volcanoes. The bedrooms are tastefully decorated and as with the rest of the property, have a good standard of elegant furnishings and are designed to make guests feel at home. Enjoy usage of the terrace and the large garden with panoramic views of the volcanic area of Llanquihue.

[www.casamolino.cl](http://www.casamolino.cl)

### The Singular Patagonia

The Singular Patagonia is an innovative new luxury hotel on the shores of Last Hope Sound, 100 kilometers from Torres del Paine National Park. Much of it is housed in a post-Victorian cold storage plant, built in 1915 and declared a National Monument in 1996. Reception is adjacent to the boiler-room-turned-museum, and the former tannery is now a cavernous bar and restaurant. Only the rooms are in a brand new extension, and every one offers breathtaking views of the mountains and fjords. To round things off there's an intimate spa, two privately owned boats for outings on the fjords and a choice of more than 20 excursions.

[www.thesingular.com](http://www.thesingular.com)

### Explora Patagonia

The Explora Hotel Salto Chico in Patagonia has a magical location on Lake Pehoé surrounded by granite massifs. Designed by one of Chile's foremost architects, Jose Cruz, the Explora Lodge is a remarkable place in this remote part of the world. With perfect views of mountains and glaciers, every detail has been designed with comfortable exploration in mind. The lodge is a luxurious base from which to enjoy the scenery; mountains, glaciers, waterfalls and emerald lakes. You can explore the park on foot, bike, boat or horseback, or simply relax and enjoy the vistas from the hotel. After a day's activities, guests may unwind with a sauna, swim or outdoor Jacuzzi.

[www.explora.com/hotels-and-travesias/patagonia-chile](http://www.explora.com/hotels-and-travesias/patagonia-chile)





## Laterally sleeping...

### Eolo Hotel

Eolo is a unique place, that embodies the spirit of Patagonia: its indigenous roots, the personal experiences of the first Europeans and Criollo settlers and those of the adventurers of all over the world that still today reach this legendary land. Eolo was designed to share and experience unique sensations and the pleasure felt through the beauty of simple things. It has an indoor swimming pool, spa facilities and impressive views of the scenery from every room. Eolo's chic rooms have scenic floor to ceiling windows and private bathrooms with bath tubs and bathrobes.

[www.eolo.com.ar](http://www.eolo.com.ar)

### Hub Porteno Hotel, Recoleta

Hub Porteno is an 11 room converted townhouse in Recoleta, an upmarket neighbourhood with some of the city's best restaurants and boutique shops. The Hub stands out for its above-and-beyond concierge team, who facilitate introductions to artists, designers, polo players, or literary figures.

[www.hubporteno.com](http://www.hubporteno.com)

### El Charco Hotel, Colonia del Sacramento

Charco Hotel is a charming boutique hotel which has been lovingly restored from its origins as a 17th century Portuguese town house. The hotel is located just half a mile from the famous Rambla Colonia and Colonia del Sacramento Lighthouse, the Portuguese Museum and Plaza Mayor square. The 8 rooms at Charco Hotel are equipped with satellite TV, an iPod dock, air conditioning and a private bathroom. Some rooms have river views and some have city views. At Charco Hotel guests will find a lovely garden.

<http://charcohotel.com/>





## ...sleeping Laterally



### Finca Narbona, Carmelo

Cellar, farm, restaurant and lodge all in one – it is one of a kind and utterly charming. Historically it is one of the most famous wineries in Uruguay, founded in 1909. And also because it is renowned for its top-quality products including traditionally cured cheese. The surroundings – the restaurant, which serves delicious peasant cuisine, occupies a former grocer's shop where the old wooden shelving and counter tops have been preserved. The lodge boasts sleekly decorated, spacious guestrooms full of sunlight. The pool surrounded by gardens, the patio overlooking the vines and the paths leading off into the vineyards – all entice guests to enjoy the beauty of the surrounding countryside.

[www.narbona.com.uy](http://www.narbona.com.uy)



### Alma Historica, Montevideo

Alma Historica Boutique Hotel is the brainchild of a group of people who are passionate about culture, hospitality and good service. Located in the heart of Montevideo's Ciudad Vieja, this fifteen-room hotel provides something of an introduction to Uruguay's history and culture. Each of the rooms is individually decorated, inspired by the story of a famous Uruguayan, from musicians, poets, and painters to theatre actresses and athletes. The look is old-world with a modern twist.

[www.almahistoricahotel.com/en/](http://www.almahistoricahotel.com/en/)



### Playa Vik, Jose Ignacio

A sister property to the ranch-like Estancia Vik, Playa Vik opened in 2010 in the oceanfront resort town of José Ignacio, Uruguay, a calmer alternative to the nearby city of Punta del Este, which is about 15 minutes away by car. Spend the day relaxing on the beach or pampering yourself at Playa Vik Jose Ignacio's full-service spa. All 9 individually decorated rooms feature free WiFi and Select Comfort beds. Guests can enjoy deep soaking tubs, and other standard amenities include furnished patios, living rooms, and private yards. [www.playavik.com/indexENG.php](http://www.playavik.com/indexENG.php)





## Laterally thinking...

### Bon Appétit

Taste cutting-edge fusion cuisine in an upscale suburb of Santiago or lunch on fresh fish and shellfish in the Pacific-side marisquerías of Valparaíso. Centolla (king crab) is best in Patagonia and curanto seafood broth is popular on the island of Chiloé. The best Chilean wine awaits sampling in the Central Valley, as does pisco -- the national drink known best by its mixed cocktail, the pisco sour -- at the distilleries of the Elqui Valley in the north.

### Fun Facts

Famed Nobel prize winning Chilean poet Pablo Neruda housed his mistress and eventual third wife, Matilde Urrutia, in La Chascona. The quirky abode contains knick-knacks, paintings and Bauhaus furniture that Neruda collected throughout his travels. His 1971 Nobel Prize medal is also on display. Neruda's life in exile is wonderfully depicted in the oscar winning *Il Postino* (The Postman).

### Stargazing

Northern Chile's dry skies are some of the clearest in the world, which is why so many international research teams have flocked to this region to set up multimillion-dollar observatories. There are plenty of stargazing opportunities for the amateur, too. The area around San Pedro de Atacama & La Serena has several observatories geared to casual visitors.

### Wildlife Encounter

A relative of the now-domesticated llama, the guanaco -- Patagonia's largest land vertebrate -- roams the plains of Patagonia. Guanacos live in groups, usually a single dominant male accompanied by up to 10 females and their young. Though elegantly formed creatures, guanacos exhibit a number of seemingly incongruous habits. When they greet, for example, the animals exchange a turkey-like gobble and then, on occasion, vomit a wad of semi-masticated grasses.

