

Easter Island

Chile Extension



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Exploring Rapa Nui

Easter Island, or "Rapa Nui" in the native Polynesian language, is a UNESCO heritage site famous for its 887 surviving monumental statues called "Moai". These impressive monoliths were created by the early Polynesian people who settled on Easter Island in the first millennium AD and created a thriving culture, as evidenced by the Moai and other artifacts. However, human activity, the introduction of the Polynesian rat and overpopulation led to gradual deforestation and extinction of natural resources, which caused the demise of the Rapa Nui civilization. Over the next few days, we'll learn up close about one of the most remote inhabited islands in the world, and it's fascinating civilization and breathtaking landscapes.

DAY 1

SANTIAGO

Continued from the last day of the main Chile tour As we wrap our time together on the Chile & Patagonia tour, we'll return you to Santiago, for an afternoon and evening at your leisure. Relax and replay your images of the last week; you have a memorable few days ahead!

Overnight: Santiago

DAY 2

FLIGHT TO EASTER ISLAND

• Seamless transfer to Easter Island • Enjoy an iconic Tahai sunset

This morning, a transfer will bring you to Santiago Airport for your flight to Easter Island. You will be met upon your arrival and brought to your hotel for check-in. After lunch, the choice is yours. At the luxurious Hanga Roa Eco Village and Spa, you will have the option of joining on one of the many excursions the hotel has to offer or enjoy the spa for an afternoon of relaxation. This evening, you can join our group for the first of many adventures. As you begin your visit, you will have the chance to experience the island in a unique way, overlooking the ocean as the sun sets on your first night on Easter Island.

Overnight: Easter Island

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 3

POIKE VOLCANO / BEACHES

• Trek to the Poike Volcano OR • Relax along the beaches of Rapa Nui

After breakfast, you can choose your next excursion on Easter Island. We suggest making your way along the rugged coast passing many Ahu ceremonial site ruins. The group will drive through Rano Raraku quarry and Ahu Tongariki before arriving at Rapa Nui's most ancient volcano, Poike. This magnificent volcano erupted three million years ago, and was therefore the first eruption that formed the island. As you explore the area, you will see a large face carved into a rock, which was used in rituals alluding to water. As you continue walking along the north east of the peninsula, you will come upon Ana o Keke, a cave where virgin women were said to be kept in order to purify their souls and conserve their light skin. Located on the cliff of Poike volcano, the cave has become an emblem of Rapa Nui. Popularly known as the "Cave of the Virgins," you can get up close for a look at its petroglyphs of the confinement ceremony of the Uka Neru women. From here you also can take in the amazing views of the landscape and deep blue ocean, a sight you will never forget. Rather spend your morning relaxing on the beach? The naturalist guides will lead you to the beautiful shores of Easter Island. Spend a few hours dipping your toes in the white sand beaches of Ovahe and Anekena. When you're ready, join the group on an afternoon excursion of your choice. Upon returning to your hotel, you have the balance of the afternoon and evening at leisure.

Overnight: Easter Island

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 4

THE ARRIVAL OF HOTU MATU'A

• Explore the island's coastline by car • Learn the history behind the monolithic statues of Rapa Nui

After breakfast, you will take a drive along the south-east coast and make a stop at the ruins of a sacred ceremonial site. Here we'll learn about Easter Island's famous gigantic statues, the only remnants of a once flourishing culture. You start a walk from the quarry to learn along the way how the giant statues, or "Moai," were carved and transported from the volcano to the ceremonial site. You will also see the kneeling Moai and the largest Moai ever carved, but never moved, measuring at 90 feet tall. After a visit of the Moai, you make a stop at the inactive crater, now a beautiful lake, of Rano Raraku volcano. Having learned how and from where the statues were carved, it's time for a visit to the spectacular Ahu Tongariki, the 15 Moais that stand majestically like soldiers protecting their land and people. Continue your explorations with a drive to reach the north coast and arrive at Ahu Te Pito Kura, the biggest Moai ever transported, measuring 32.8 feet tall. We'll also see the so-called "Navel of the World," a perfect round rock which is said to emit spiritual power and was brought by the first Polynesian settlers. You end your day back at our wonderful resort. Enjoy the amenities provided in your visit or hang by the pool for a relaxing evening.

Overnight: Easter Island

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 5

THE BIRDMAN LEGEND / SANTIAGO

- Travel by foot to the largest crater on the island OR • Enjoy a relaxing morning at the spa

In the morning, choose to join our group on one last excursion as you drive to O'Rongo, a ceremonial village located on the edge of the cliff of Rano Kau volcano. Here you focus on the final period of the Rapa Nui culture, when the Birdman cult emerged. You start your walk from the unexplored area of the 2.5-million-year-old Rano Kau volcano and make our way south to the amazing Rano Kau Caldera, the largest crater on the island. At the end of the trail, you arrive at beautiful dramatic cliffs along the ocean. Prefer to relax on your final morning? Enjoy a massage at the Hangaroa Spa complimentary with your stay. The state of the art relaxation spa allows you to renew your mind and body, while reminiscing on your visit. A transfer will take you to Easter Island Airport for your return to mainland Chile. On your late arrival into Santiago, we will transfer you to our hotel before your independent departure from Chile the following morning.

Overnight: Santiago

Meals: B



Tour Hotels



Singular Santiago

In an elegant city neighborhood, but bounded by a lush forested park, this recently opened hotel has rooms decorated with a sophisticated blend of classic and contemporary style. Check out the spa and rooftop pool.

OVERNIGHT: Santiago | **NIGHTS:** 1



Hanga Roa Eco Village & Spa

Hanga Roa Eco Lodge and Spa is inspired by the most ethnic and natural elements of Easter Island. Your room will help you feel the magical energy of the island. They invite you to reading and resting, delivering wellness at its best.

OVERNIGHT: Hanga Roa | **NIGHTS:** 3

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| TRIP LENGTH | 5 Days, 5 Nights |
| START | Lobby of Singular Hotel, Santiago, Chile |
| END | Santiago Airport (SCL), Santiago, Chile |
| TERRAIN | Easy going to moderate |

What's Included

- Award-winning boutique hotels that provide you unlimited access to the people and places, culture and history you came to experience
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- Guided Activities
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