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## GEEO ITINERARY

Chile and Argentina 7/7/2026

### **Day 1: Santiago Arrive in Santiago at any time. Meet your group for a welcome meeting around 6:00 or 7:00 p.m.**

**Arrive at any time.** There are no planned activities until the Welcome Meeting in the evening. The tour starts in Santiago, and the nearest airport is **Arturo Merino Benitez Airport (SCL)**.

Consider arriving 1-2 days early to explore the city, adjust to the time zone, and buffer against flight delays. We can request extra hotel nights for you before the program begins.

#### **Hotel Check-in and Welcome Meeting**

Hotel check-in is normally between 2-3 p.m. Check with reception for the exact time and location of the group welcome meeting, typically between 6-7 p.m. Please make every effort to attend this meeting. If you're running late, send a message in the group WhatsApp or call the emergency number on your trip voucher so that your tour leader can let you know where and when to meet the group.

After the meeting, you might choose to get dinner at a nearby restaurant with your traveling companions and your tour leader to further get to know one another.

Santiago is Chile's largest city and capital, with internationally recognized vineyards and Andean ski resorts nearby. See our optional activities section further below for some ideas on what to do with your free time.

#### **Joining Instructions**

**Taxi:** Book at the official taxi counter inside the airport for \$38-65 USD (25,000-45,000 CLP). Bring a printed copy of your hotel address to show the driver.

**Pre-booked Transfer:** If you've arranged an airport transfer, look for your G Adventures representative in the arrivals hall in front of La Pica restaurant. If you can't locate your ride, call the emergency number on your voucher or take a taxi to the hotel (save your receipt).

\*\*If you have booked the "My Own Room" option for this tour, you will receive your own single accommodation for all night stops, with the exceptions of night 3 on the overnight bus, and nights 4-5 in Pucón.

### **Day 2: Santiago/Valparaíso Explore some of Santiago's neighborhoods on a city tour, visit the Museum of Memory, and try some local specialties. After, transfer to the seaside town of Valparaíso where brightly colored houses are perched on the hills.**

We spend the day visiting different neighborhoods of Santiago, stop at the Museo de la Memoria to learn about the history of Chile, and visit the Central Market to enjoy a traditional Chilean snack before heading to a local bar to try Terremoto (Earthquake), a local drink made with pineapple ice cream, white wine, and pisco.

We then depart for the colorful seaside town of Valparaíso. The Historic Quarter is on UNESCO's World Heritage List.

**Approximate travel time:** 1.5-2 hrs by private vehicle

**Meals included:** Breakfast

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**Day 3: Valparaíso/Santiago Spend the morning in Valparaíso, and then travel to the Casablanca Valley, stopping at a winery along the way. Head back to Santiago and board an overnight bus to Pucón.**

Enjoy a free morning in Valparaíso and take in the 19th-century Latin architecture and the brightly-colored buildings built into the hillside.

Later, head to the Casablanca Valley, where we will visit nearby wineries to learn about the wine-making process, tour the vineyards, and try a sample or two.

Afterward, head back to Santiago with free time before boarding an overnight bus to Pucón. Our participants will be in seats that recline fully (180 degrees).

**Approximate travel time:** 1.5-2 hrs by private vehicle (Valparaíso to Santiago); 8 hrs by overnight bus (Santiago to Pucón)

**Meals included:** Breakfast

**Day 4: Pucón Enjoy free time in Pucón to hike Villarrica, try whitewater rafting, or explore the area by foot.**

Today, you have a free day to explore Pucón and its surrounding region. There's plenty to see and do in Pucón, and we wanted to make sure that you had some time to take it all in. Feel free to relax or try optional activities like hiking Villarrica Volcano, whitewater rafting, or relaxing in thermal baths. Skiing may be possible too. See our optional activities section further below for some ideas on what to do with your free time.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

**Day 5: Pucón Enjoy more free time in Pucón. Opt to soak in the nearby natural thermal pools.**

Today is another day in which to enjoy more free time for the many activities on offer in Pucón.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

**Day 6: Pucón/San Carlos de Bariloche Cross the Andes to Argentina. Travel by local bus to San Martin and transfer to a private vehicle for the rest of the journey to Bariloche, stopping in the Seven Lake District. Enjoy a free evening in Bariloche.**

This morning, we cross the Andes and enter Argentina by local bus. In San Martin, we transfer to a private vehicle for the rest of the trip to Bariloche, stopping for photos in the Seven Lake district. In the evening, you can enjoy a free evening in this beautiful waterfront town of Bariloche.

**Approximate travel time:** 6 hrs by local bus (Pucón to San Martin); 4 hrs by private vehicle (San Martin to Bariloche)

**Meals included:** Breakfast

**Day 7: San Carlos de Bariloche Transfer to a Gaucho Ranch just outside of Bariloche. Enjoy a barbecue lunch. Take a horseback ride with a Gaucho by your side.**

This morning, we transfer to a Gaucho Ranch just outside of Bariloche, where you will have the opportunity to be an Argentinian Gaucho for the day. Immerse yourself in the culture of these traditional Patagonia cowboys. We will take an easy horseback ride through the beautiful scenery of Bariloche and

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learn about the area's history from a real live Gaucho. Stop along the way to try Mate, the national beverage of Argentina, and some alfajores, a delicious dulce de leche cookie sandwich. Finish it all off with a traditional Patagonian barbecue.

**Meals included:** Breakfast | Lunch

**Day 8: San Carlos de Bariloche Enjoy the beautiful area of the Seven Lakes District. Take a hike in the countryside or wander the town, known for its shops and artisan chocolate.**

Today, we enjoy a free day in the beautiful area of the Seven Lakes District. Take the opportunity to hike around the countryside or wander through the town, which is known for its shops and, in particular, its artisan chocolate. Skiing may be possible too. See our optional activities section further below for some ideas on what to do with your free time.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

**Day 9: San Carlos de Bariloche/Buenos Aires Fly to Buenos Aires. Opt to enjoy a tango dinner show, take a city tour, or enjoy free time to explore the many neighborhoods and museums.**

Today, we fly to Buenos Aires, where you will have the day free to explore the city after we arrive. Perhaps you might want to take an optional city tour and visit the districts of La Boca, Recoleta, and San Telmo. Alternatively, catch a tango show at one of the many famous tanguerías and/or wander the pedestrian walkways and see some dancing in the streets. Whatever you do, Buenos Aires is sure to leave lasting memories. When you are done exploring, settle your weary feet and enjoy a drink in one of the many sidewalk cafés and restaurants, and you will begin to understand the contemplative Argentine way of life. Since Buenos Aires will be your last chance to try the succulent beef, chicken, and chorizo parrilladas, dig in and enjoy! See our optional activities section further below for some ideas on what to do with your free time.

**Approximate travel time:** 1.5 hrs by plane

**Meals included:** Breakfast

**Day 10: Buenos Aires Depart Buenos Aires at any time.**

There are no planned activities today, so you may depart at any time. The tour ends in Buenos Aires, and the nearest airport is **Ministro Pistarini International Airport (EZE)**.

If you wish to extend your stay in Buenos Aires, consider booking post-tour accommodation with us.

Please note that check-out time from the hotel is usually mid-morning, but luggage storage services are available at the reception desk.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

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## Accommodations List

The hotels listed below reflect the properties *expected to be used* for this program. Final accommodations are subject to change based on group size, availability, or seasonality. **The confirmed start and end hotels are listed on your trip voucher:**

Day 1 Santiago (Jul 7): Hotel Nippon Santiago

Day 2 Valparaíso (Jul 8): Hotel Reina Victoria

Day 3 Pucón (Jul 9): Overnight Bus

Day 4 Pucón (Jul 10): Hostal Mahuida

Day 5 Pucón (Jul 11): Hostal Mahuida

Day 6 San Carlos de Bariloche (Jul 12): Kenton Palace Hotel Bariloche

Day 7 San Carlos de Bariloche (Jul 13): Kenton Palace Hotel Bariloche

Day 8 San Carlos de Bariloche (Jul 14): Kenton Palace Hotel Bariloche

Day 9 Buenos Aires (Jul 15): Carsson Hotel

***\*Itinerary Disclaimer:*** While it is our intention to adhere to the routes described on our website, there is a certain amount of flexibility built into the itinerary and on occasion it may be necessary, or desirable, to make alterations. The itinerary is brief, as we never know exactly where our journey will take us. Due to our style of travel and the regions we visit, travel can be unpredictable. The information on our website is a general guide to the tour and region, and any mention of specific destinations or wildlife is by no means a guarantee that they will be visited or encountered. Additionally, any travel times listed are approximations only and subject to vary due to local circumstances.