



# Vines, Wines & Andes

South America Wine Cruise • Pre-Tour

Three Nights in Santiago • February 23-26, 2023

Experience the stunning sights and savor the wines of Chile on this pre-cruise tour exploring the city of Santiago, Chile, and the wineries of the surrounding regions.

## February 23, 2023

Welcome to Santiago, Chile, and the Hotel Plaza San Francisco. Join us for a Welcome Reception at the Hotel San Francisco in the early evening on your arrival day. Our wine host Paul Wagner will introduce us to the wines of Chile by tasting some remarkable wines. During this welcome tasting experience, we will explore some of the lesser-known grape varieties from the lesser-known wine regions of Chile. Chile's history of winemaking goes back four centuries, and over that time it has developed some unique stories. What better way to start our South America adventure!

## February 24, 2023

Enjoy the included breakfast at the hotel. We will meet our guide and motor coach at Hotel Plaza San Francisco at 9:00am to head off for a full day tour in Santiago, which will include lunch. Santiago is nestled at the base of the Andes Mountains and has a wealth of fascinating history. We will enjoy an afternoon wine tasting of Chilean wines, returning to the Hotel Plaza San Francisco around 5:00 PM. This evening we will experience the cuisine and wines of Chile, where Paul Wagner can regale us with the fascinating stories from the region. (B, L, D)



## February 25, 2023

After the included breakfast, we will meet our guide and motor coach at Hotel Plaza San Francisco for our 9:00am departure to the famed wine region of the Maipo Valley where we will visit some of the most noted wineries in Chile. Concha Y Toro is probably the most recognized name in Chilean wine, and we experience a tour and tasting here.

Our journey continues to the Haras De Pirque Vineyard. This winery is owned by the Antinori Family from Italy, an amazing modern and beautiful property.

From the modern to one of the oldest wineries, our experience wraps up at Santa Rita Winery with a winery tour, tasting and a special three course food-wine pairing menu for lunch. Viña Santa Rita was founded in 1880 by Don Domingo Fernández Concha, a leading businessman and public figure of the time. Don Domingo brought the finest French grape varieties to the soils of the Maipo Valley, together with specialized equipment and a team of top winemakers from France. This brought techniques that were hitherto unknown in Chile, changing the way in which wines were made in the country and bringing spectacular results. (B, L)

## February 26, 2023

We will depart Hotel Plaza San Francisco this morning to the airport for our flight to Buenos Aires. Our flight leaves at 9:00am and is a direct flight. Upon arrival at Buenos Aires, we will have a transfer to the Sofitel Hotel (accommodations not included). Included this evening will be a food-wine pairing dinner featuring wines from Argentina. (B, D)

## Welcome Aboard!



Tour price \$1,999 per person double occupancy

Tour price \$2598 solo occupancy

Includes: Touring and transportation as outlined in the itinerary. 3 nights hotel accommodations at the Hotel Plaza San Francisco, Santiago, with breakfast each morning. Meals included are indicated in the itinerary and at the end of each day with (B = breakfast, L= lunch, D=dinner). Wine tastings and experiences are included as described. Flight from Santiago to Buenos Aires (economy class). Transfer from Hotel to airport Feb 26 in Santiago and Airport to hotel in Buenos Aires. Exclusive wine dinner in Buenos Aires. The following items are not included: Transfer from airport to hotel in Santiago Feb. 23. One-night accommodations in Buenos Aires (we recommend staying at the Sofitel). Transfer from Sofitel Buenos Aires to ship Feb 27. Gratuities to guide/driver are at guest's discretion.

Rates are per person. A deposit of \$599 per person is required at time of booking of which \$500 is non-refundable. As we are securing flights straight away, names as they appear on your passports must be provided. Final payment is due August 30, 2022, at which time the tour is non-refundable. Minimum number of guests to operate 16, maximum number of guests 24. All routes, order of sights, wineries, restaurants, and details described are subject to change in the unlikely event it becomes necessary to do so. Expedia Cruises, Wine Club Cruises acts only as the organizer and is not responsible for the actions, inactions or loss associated with any of the vendors or suppliers for this pre-cruise tour. CST 210127040 Seller of travel FL ST42527

## MAIPO

33-37-60°S 70-33-0°W

The area has a warm temperate climate. It has a dry summer, from December to March, with an average maximum temperature of 25°C. This area is partially influenced by Pacific anticyclone, which determines a concentration of rainfall between April and September with an annual average of 330 mm.

VARIETIES Cabernet Sauvignon

