Chile

TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE

DECEMBER 8-16, 2020
**ITINERARY**

**Tuesday, December 8  U.S. / Santiago**
Depart on overnight flights to Santiago, Chile, arriving at the beginning of the southern summer.

**Wednesday, December 9  Santiago**
Arrive at Santiago’s International airport and check in to our centrally located boutique hotel. Rest or explore the pedestrian areas during the day and in the late afternoon we will meet for a walking tour of the city to learn more about Santiago and our colorful host country for the week. In the evening, head to the Observatorio Astronomico Andino for a welcome reception at one of the world’s largest private observatories.
*Cumbres Vitacura (D)*

**Thursday, December 10  Santiago**
Start the day with a morning lecture before heading to the Planetarium. Enjoy a private welcome and orient yourself with the southern sky with a special presentation. Spend the rest of the day exploring the best of Santiago: the pre-Columbian art museum, the bustling city market, and the home of famous Chilean poet and politician, Pablo Neruda. After a discussion with the curator, finish the day with a group dinner featuring traditional Chilean food, music, and exceptional local wines.
*Cumbres Vitacura (B,L,D)*

**Friday, December 11  Valparaiso**
Take a 90-minute ride to Valparaiso, one of the most colorful and historic port cities on the planet. Wander the narrow streets and ride the funiculars as you explore the unique city. After lunch and meeting with local artists, travel back through the wine region of the Casablanca Valley, Chile’s most important grape-growing region, for a private tour and tasting at one of the finest wineries.
*Cumbres Vitacura (B,L)*

**Saturday, December 12  Villarrica**
After our morning flight to Temuco, arrive for lunch and a warm welcome at our magnificent eclipse campsite. Enjoy a sunset soak at the nearby Huife Hot Springs followed by a campfire and cookout at our camp under the stars. Explore the southern heavens through a guided talk with an expert astronomer.
*Lago Villarrica Campsite (B,L,D)*

**Sunday, December 13  Villarrica**
Take a drive through breathtaking surroundings, and witness the stunning panoramic lake views from the summit of Villarrica Volcano. After a picnic lunch, embark on a catamaran to explore one of the stunning lakes that makes this region famous. Upon returning to our campsite, prepare for the total solar eclipse with a series of interactive presentations followed by celestial wonder; tonight, the Geminids meteor shower will be happening in the skies above!
*Lago Villarrica Campsite (B,L,D)*

**Monday, December 14  Villarrica**
Total eclipse day! Avoid any surrounding traffic and spend the day with eclipse experts, guest speakers, and members of the native communities from around the region. In the late afternoon, behold the mind blowing experience of over two minutes of totality, followed by a delicious Chilean farewell feast and fiesta at the campsite.
*Lago Villarrica Campsite (B,L,D)*

**Tuesday, December 15  Villarrica**
After breakfast, depart the glorious lake region to catch your flight back to Santiago and connect to your final flights home, arriving in the United States the following day.
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OPTIONAL PATAGONIA EXTENSION

Tuesday, December 15
Torres del Paine
After breakfast, fly south to Torres del Paine, landing at the "end of the world". The stunning drive to the luxury resort makes clear why this region is so famous. Upon arrival, enjoy a welcome reception and overview of your home for the next few days, followed by a sunset dinner.
Rio Serrano (B,L,D)

Wednesday, December 16
Torres del Paine
After a walk through Magellanic Lenga forest, board an expedition vessel for a three-hour journey through Lago Toro. In the evening, appreciate a beautiful view of the southern constellations from one of the largest dark sky reserves in the world.
Rio Serrano (B,L,D)

Thursday, December 17
Torres del Paine
Experience the iconic Patagonian landscape by hitting the famous Torres del Paine trails (all hiking levels available) and savor a picnic lunch. After a rest, feast upon a farewell dinner featuring a lecture from a local geologist and pisco sours made from 12,000-year-old ice!
Rio Serrano (B,L,D)

Friday, December 18
Torres del Paine
Today take in the final views of the idyllic Lake Nordenskjold and the Hornes of Paine before catching a flight to Santiago to connect to final flights back home, arriving in the U.S. the following morning.
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*Extension subject to availability

DETAILS

DATES: December 8-16, 2020
Extension: December 15-19, 2020
GROUP SIZE: Minimum 10, maximum 38 guests (not including staff)

COST:
$6,999 per person, double occupancy
$1,525 single-room supplement

Optional Patagonia Extension:
$4,350 per person, double occupancy
$849 single-room supplement

INCLUDED:
All activities as specified; Airport transfers on designated group dates and times; Internal flights; Transportation throughout; Accommodations as specified (or similar); Meals (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner) per itinerary; Bottled water on buses and during tours; Astronomer and other special guest speakers; Local guides; gratuities to local guide, driver, and for included group activities; Pre-departure materials; Commonwealth Club representative with 20 travelers; Tour director throughout.

NOT INCLUDED:
International air; Meals not specified as included; Optional outings and gratuities for those outings; Alcoholic beverages beyond welcome and farewell dinners; Travel insurance (recommended, information will be sent upon registration); Items of a purely personal nature.

WHAT TO EXPECT
To enjoy this program, travelers must be in overall good health, able to walk several miles a day (on average), and able to stand for several hours during touring. Participants should be comfortable walking on uneven surfaces such as dirt paths and cobblestone streets, and getting on and off tour buses without assistance.

Tents at our eclipse campsite have beds on platforms above ground and their own electricity. There are no sink or bathroom facilities in the individual sleeping tents. Private bathrooms and showers for the campsite are located a short walk from each tent. There will also be common areas for lectures, workshops, games and meals.

*Please note that the itinerary is subject to change.
RESERVATION FORM

Name 1
Address
Home Phone
E-mail Address

SINGLE TRAVELERS ONLY: If this is a reservation for one person, please indicate:
___ I plan to share accommodations with ________________________________
OR ___ I wish to have single accommodations.
OR ___ I'd like to know about possible roommates. I am a ___ smoker ___ nonsmoker.

PAYMENT:
Here is my deposit of $ __________ ($1,000 per person) for ___ place(s).
Enclosed is my check (make payable to Insider Expeditions). OR
___ Charge my deposit to my ___ Visa ___ MasterCard ___ American Express

Card Number ___________________________ Expires _______ Security Code ______
Authorized Cardholder Signature ___________________________ Date ________

Mail completed form to: Commonwealth Club Travel, 110 The Embarcadero, San Francisco, CA 94105, or fax to (415) 597-6729. For questions or to reserve by phone call (415) 597-6720.

___ I / We have read the Terms and Conditions for this program and agree to them.

Signature

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The Commonwealth Club (CWC) has contracted with Insider Expeditions (IE) to organize this tour. Below is a summary of our terms and conditions. Please review the full terms and conditions on the CWC website.

Reservations: A $1,000 per person deposit, along with a completed and signed Reservation Form, will reserve a place for participants on this program. The balance of the trip is due 150 days (5 months) prior to departure.

Eligibility: We require membership to the Commonwealth Club to travel with us. People who live outside of the San Francisco Bay Area may purchase a Worldwide membership. To learn about membership types and to purchase a membership, visit commonwealthclub.org/membership or call (415) 597-6720.

Cancellation and Refund Policy: Notification of cancellation must be received in writing. At the time we receive your written cancellation, the following penalties will apply:
- $1000 deposit non-refundable
- 150-90 days prior to departure 50% of tour price
- 90 days or less prior to departure 100% tour price

Your pricing is based on the number of participants. Your tour can also be cancelled due to low enrollment. Neither CWC nor IE accepts liability for cancellation penalties related to domestic or international airline ticket purchases in conjunction with the tour.

Trip Cancellation and Interruption Insurance: We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation and baggage insurance through a company of your choice. Information about travel insurance will be sent to you upon registration.

Medical Information: Participation in this program requires that you be in good health and able to walk several miles each day. The "What to Expect" outlines what is required if you have any concerns about your health, including: 
- Your medical problems and related dietary restrictions make you well before departure.

Itinerary Changes & Trip Delay: While we endeavor to operate all trips as described, we reserve the right to change the trip itinerary. We may cancel a trip at any time prior to departure if, due to terrorism, natural disasters, political instability or other external events, it is not feasible for us to operate the planned itinerary. In circumstances where the cancellation is due to external events outside our reasonable control, refunds will be less any unrecoverable costs. We are not responsible for any incidental expenses that you may have incurred as a result of your booking including but not limited to visas, vaccinations, travel insurance excess or non-refundable flights.

Claims & Complaints: Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating in any way to these Terms and Conditions, to the Responsibility clause, to the brochure, website, or any other information relating in anyway to the trip, or to the trip itself, shall be settled solely and exclusively by binding arbitration in Washington, DC in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association then current. By submitting the deposit, the participant certifies that he/she does not have any mental, physical, or other condition of disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other participants and accepts the terms and conditions of this contract.

Limitations of Liability: CWC and IE, its Owners, Agents, and Employees act only as the agent for any transportation carrier, hotel, ground operator, or other suppliers of services connected with this program ("Other Providers"). The other suppliers are solely responsible and liable for providing their respective services. CWC and IE shall not be held liable for (A) any damage to, or loss of property or injury to, or death of persons occasioned directly or indirectly by an act or omission of any other provider, including but not limited to, acts or omissions caused by the laws, regulations, acts or failures to act, demands, orders, or interpositions of any government or any subdivision or agent thereof, or by acts of God, strikes, fire, flood, war, rebellion, terrorism, insurrection, sickness, quarantine, epidemics, theft, or any other cause(s) beyond their control.

The participant waives any claim against CWC/IE for any such loss, damage, injury, or death. By registering for the trip, the participant certifies that he/she does not have any mental, physical, or other condition of disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other participants.

Eclipse Visibility: The CWC and IE cannot guarantee that the total solar eclipse will be visible, given weather conditions or other unforeseen natural events.