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Ports & Excursions



Santiago (Valparaiso), Chile

A bay bordered by steep hills, stately old Victorian homes, cable cars - no, it's not San Francisco, California. Welcome to Valparaiso. Populated in 1536, and named after the birthplace of conquistador Diego de Almagro, Valparaiso is Chile's oldest city. It is also the gateway to Chile's central valley and the capital of Santiago. With a population of over 5 million people, Santiago sprawls at the feet of the snow-capped Andes. The Maipo Valley, Chile's internationally renowned wine district is a short drive to the south.

Points of Interest

1 Maritime Museum

Located on top of a hill, this neoclassical mansion and former naval academy offers stunning views of the city and ocean. Walk the museum grounds and explore the history of this city's port.

2 Cerros/Funicular

Valparaiso's hilly topography and steep grades make good use of funiculars or "ascensores" to climb its 45 hills or "cerros," with each ride promising a more glorious view of the ocean.

3 La Sebastiana

Built by architect Sebastian Collao, who died before the house was finished, it became the residence of the poet, Pablo Neruda a decade later. Today, it is a colorful museum and center for the arts.

4 Viña del Mar

One of Chile's most popular cities for tourism, Viña has something for everyone. It is home to Chile's oldest casino, world-class restaurants, palm-lined boulevards, parks and miles of beaches.

5 Fonck Museum

A 500-year-old stone head from Easter Island greets you at the entrance to the museum named for Francisco Fonck, archaeologist and Viña del Mar native, just hinting at the treasures that lay inside.

6 Plaza de Armas

Santiago's main square was its civic center when first founded by the Spaniards in the 16th century. Today it's a great place to enjoy a walk in the gardens and listen to music in the square.

7 National History Museum

Located in the building of the former Palacio de la Real Audiencia, this museum has a wide collection of historical objects from colonial until the modern times.

8 Constitution Square

Located on this plaza is Palacio de la Moneda where General Pinochet sparked his 17-year reign on September 11, 1973. See the changing of the guard take place surrounded by 12 Chilean flags.

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Children age 12 and younger, savings up to 50%. For actual pricing information, click on tour title or Reserve button.

Sightseeing & City Tours



Most Popular

Santiago & Viña del Mar
VAP-110 | Santiago (Valparaiso), Chile | Group Size: 35

You will visit: 4

10.5 hours | from **$149.95**

Travel to Chile's shining capital, Santiago, on a narrated tour of this cosmopolitan metropolis at the foot of the Andes Mountains, and then visit Chile's oldest city, Valparaiso, for a guided exploration of its history, culture and scenic coastal beauty. Lunch is included on this approximately 11-hour excursion.



Premium

Pablo Neruda, Isla Negra & Valparaiso
VAP-150 | Santiago (Valparaiso), Chile | Group Size: 35

You will visit: 2 3

8 hours | from **$299.95**

No tour of Valparaiso would be complete without a visit to the impressive homes of Nobel Laureate Pablo Neruda, one of Latin America's most beloved poets. This comprehensive tour includes Isla Negra and La Sebastiana, two eclectic residences that houses the poet's fascinating collection of mementoes, art and artifacts.



World Heritage Site

Valparaiso, Viña del Mar & Fonck Museum
VAP-200 | Santiago (Valparaiso), Chile | Group Size: 35

You will visit: 5 **You will see:** 4

3 hours | from **$44.95**

Experience the sights and sounds of Valparaiso, home of Nobel Prize-winning poet Pablo Neruda, and the nearby resort town of Viña del Mar, on a narrated drive of each town's highlights during this half-day excursion.



Disembarking Passengers - Winery, Horse Show & Santiago City Drive
VAP-965 | Santiago (Valparaiso), Chile | Group Size: 35

You will see: 6

9 hours | from **$199.95**

Venture intro Chile's famed Casablanca Valley and experience the area's time-honored culture and traditions. Take a wine tour and tasting at one of the valley's leading wineries before watching an authentic Chilean rodeo. After a savory lunch, continue on to Santiago for a sightseeing tour with plenty of photo stops.

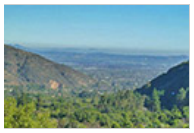


Disembarking Passengers - Santiago & Aconcagua Valley Winery
VAP-970 | Santiago (Valparaiso), Chile | Group Size: 35

You will see: 6

9 hours | from **$199.95**

Travel to the foot of the Andes on a narrated drive that takes in the sights of Santiago, Chile's capital, from the historic Plaza de Armas to San Cristobal Hill, into the Aconcagua Valley for a tour and lunch at Errazuriz Winery during this full-day excursion.



World Heritage Site

Disembarking Passengers - Valparaiso, Viña del Mar & Lunch at Olmue
VAP-975 | Santiago (Valparaiso), Chile | Group Size: 35

You will see: 4 6

10 hours | from **$149.95**

Top off your cruise with a narrated tour of Chile's best sights. Start in Valparaiso, the World Heritage Site, and the nearby resort town of Viña del Mar, then travel on to Olmue, and finally, Santiago, Chile's capital. Lunch is included on this 10-hour excursion.

Special Interests



Casablanca Valley Wine Tasting & Lunch
VAP-300 | Santiago (Valparaiso), Chile

6.5 hours | from **$199.95**

For wine and food lovers, this fabulous full-day tour will satisfy every appetite. Enjoy wine tasting and a guided tour at William Cole Vineyards. Visit the entertaining Estancia El Cuadro for lunch and a folkloric performance before returning to Valparaiso for a panoramic tour of the city.