



**Chile Revealed with Spanish Professors  
Freddy Vilches & Megan McDonald**

**Dates: January 4-14, 2024**

**Included:** 10 nights' accommodation at the following hotels or similar: Cumbres Hotel (Santiago), Futangue Hotel & Spa (Araucanía), Hotel Costaustralis (Puerto Natales), Hotel del Paine (Torres del Paine) 1 local guide/tour leader for 11 days  
11 days of private bus transportation  
All Internal Chile flights (Santiago-Temuco; Temuco-Punta Arenas; Puerto Natales-Santiago)  
Arrival and departure airport transfers  
Meals listed in the itinerary: 10 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 6 dinners  
Drinks at welcome/farewell dinners  
Entrances, sites, and honorariums for speakers  
Customary tips for drivers, guides, and hotel staff  
Refillable bottle upon arrival + mineral water throughout the tour  
US-based customer service representatives

**Not included:** International airfare (U.S.-Santiago; Punta Arenas-U.S.)  
Travel insurance- **Highly Recommended**  
Single Supplement - \$1095  
Meals not mentioned in the itinerary, nor drinks at included meals  
Individual airport transfers outside of the group transfer  
Anything not explicitly mentioned in the included section

**Pricing:** **\$7,769** Per Person - 12-20 Paying Participants





## Itinerary:

### Day 1: Thursday, January 4, 2024 - Arrive in Santiago

Arrive in Santiago and transfer to the hotel. Relax at the hotel before a group **welcome dinner** this evening.



*Accommodation: Cumbres Hotel, Santiago  
(Dinner included)*

### Day 2: Friday, January 5, 2024 - Santiago

Morning visit to **Barrio Franklin** (activities/meetings to be arranged by faculty). This afternoon, explore the human rights legacy in Chile through a visit to the **Human Rights Museum** (often called the “Museum of Memory”), which features extensive exhibits of what occurred in Chile under the Military Dictatorship, during Pinochet’s rule (1974 - 1990).

*Accommodation: Cumbres Hotel, Santiago  
(Breakfast included)*



## Day 3: Saturday, January 6, 2024 - Santiago

Day at leisure in Santiago with guide and transportation (activities/meetings to be arranged by faculty).

*Accommodation: Cumbres Hotel, Santiago  
(Breakfast included)*

## Day 4: Sunday, January 7, 2024 - Valparaiso

**Spend the day exploring the eclectic city of Valparaiso** (~1.5 hour drive), best known for its stunning views and eclectic Bohemian vibe, passed down through years of varietal European influence. **Stroll through the Plaza Sotomayor**, surrounded by colorful architecture, and **visit La Sebastiana, the former residence of Chilean poet Pablo Neruda**, now converted to an art museum that displays some of the city's best views. **Sit down for lunch with a local artist.** Enjoy an **afternoon at leisure** and dinner on your own before returning to Santiago this evening.

*Accommodation: Cumbres Hotel, Santiago  
(Breakfast and Lunch included)*







#### **Day 5: Monday, January 8, 2024 - Araucania**

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Temuco (~1 hour, nonstop). Continue on to the **Llaguepulli Mapuche-Lafkenche ("Sea People") Community** (~1.75 hours drive), and settle into your home for the next few nights, a cultural ecotourism initiative with spectacular lake views. **Learn about the indigenous Llaguepulli Mapuche community's stories of resilience**, struggling to retain their lands and cultures from colonization by Spain, Argentina, and Chile. Discover the incredible history of 80 families in the Lake Budi region working collectively for "Mapuche" self-sufficiency, through entrepreneurship, self-management, and education. **Get a glimpse into the traditional "campesino" way of life** on a visit to the Chilean cowboys, locally known as "Huasos. **Sit down to dinner this evening with a community leader**, and learn about the region's history, and the history of the Mapuche culture, a background peppered with courage, struggles, and political hardship.

*Accommodation: Futangue Hotel & Spa, Araucania  
(Breakfast and Dinner included)*

#### **Day 6: Tuesday, January 9, 2024 - Araucania**

**Visit "Pichi Newen,"** a project that exists to enhance the identity of the children of the Mapuche people through traditional music, art, dance, and theater. **Meet a local leader and his mother, who work to preserve the ancient cultural traditions of the Mapuche people** by transferring skills to the younger generation. After lunch, **meet with the Intercultural Chile Foundation** whose purpose is to build a more inclusive and participatory society, where all cultures can live together in harmony and respect. **Discuss the present-day issues of the Mapuche people and their relationship with the modern Chilean government with a local social entrepreneur and cultural educator** who specializes in conflict resolution.

*Accommodation: Futangue Hotel & Spa, Araucania  
(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)*





**Day 7: Wednesday, January 10, 2024 - Patagonia: Punta Arenas - Puerto Natales** Transfer to Temuco airport and fly to Punta Arenas (~2.5 hours, nonstop). Set off on a **Isla Magdalena penguin tour\*** in search of penguins, sea lions, and other coastal wildlife. Transfer to **Puerto Natales** (~2.75 hours drive), a port city in southern Patagonia and the gateway to Torres del Paine National Park. This evening, **enjoy dinner with the Pueblo Kawésqar project**. Learn about this community tourism and empowerment project, where community members are receiving capacity-building workshops in tourism, language, entrepreneurship, and storytelling with the end goal of developing tourism products that can be shared with visitors to the region.

*\*Note: Isla Magdalena Penguin tours are typically scheduled for very early in the morning due to likelihood of cancellation due to high winds. In event of cancellation, we would do a Punta Arenas tour visit to a Condor nesting area instead.*

*Accommodation: Hotel Costaustralis, Puerto Natales  
(Breakfast and Dinner included)*

**Day 8: Thursday, January 11, 2024 - Patagonia: Estancia la Peninsula**

Take a **boat ride through Last Hope Fjord to reach Estancia la Peninsula**. Spend the day at an **authentic Patagonian ranch** and choose from a variety of activities, including hiking, horseback riding, or driving. Refuel with a delectable Patagonian barbecue lunch paired with Chilean wine. After lunch, **take part in traditional ranch activities, such as herding and shearing sheep**. Return to Puerto Natales this evening for dinner on your own.



*Accommodation: Hotel Costaustralis, Puerto Natales  
(Breakfast and Lunch included)*





**Day 9: Friday, January 12, 2024 - Patagonia: Torres del Paine National Park**

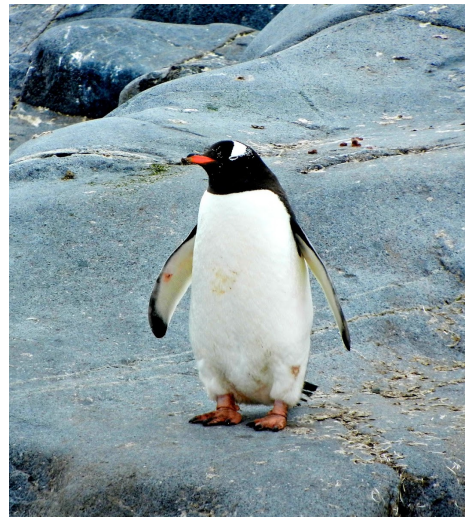
Transfer to Torres del Paine National Park (~1 hour drive). Spend two days exploring the wonders of **Torres del Paine National Park**. Trek through some of the park's most iconic scenery - glaciers and golden pampas (grasslands) that shelter rare wildlife such as Chilean guanacos - all against a stunning backdrop of the horn-shaped Cuernos del Paine. **Explore sites that can't be seen from the original "W trail" including Condor Lookout and Salto Grande Waterfall. Learn how to find bush tucker, medicinal plants used by the Kawesqar elders, and learn about their importance in the Kawesqar community. Learn about the reforestation of Torres del Paine and meet with experts contributing to reforestation efforts throughout the park.**

*Accommodation: Hotel del Paine, Torres del Paine National Park  
(Breakfast, Lunch (boxed) and Dinner included)*

**Day 10: Saturday, January 13, 2024 - Patagonia: Torres del Paine National Park**

Spend a second day exploring Torres del Paine National Park.

*Accommodation: Hotel del Paine, Torres del Paine National Park  
(Breakfast, Lunch (boxed) and Dinner included)*





**Day 11: Sunday, January 14, 2024 - Puerto Natales - Departure**

Transfer back to Puerto Natales (~1 hour drive), stopping en route to explore **Milodon Cave National Monument**, where the remains of a giant prehistoric ground sloth, known as the milodon were discovered in 1896. Continue to the airport in Puerto Natales and fly to Santiago to connect with your flight home.

*(Breakfast included before check-out)*