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SOUTH AMERICAN JOURNEY

SANTIAGO, VALPARAISO & THE PATAGONIAN FRONTIER

with Easter Island Extension Tour

Meet TFAS students from around the globe during the January 2018 Institute for Leadership in the Americas (ILA) program in beautiful Santiago, Chile at the foot of the Andes Mountains. Explore Valparaiso and its famous vineyards. Then, fly to Patagonia to experience one of the world's great natural beauties. Say farewell to your travel mates or continue on the optional extension tour of Easter Island.



The Plaza De Las Armas square in Chile's capital city, Santiago

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DAY 1: SUNDAY, JAN 14, 2018 – SANTIAGO

Welcome to Santiago! Upon arrival at Santiago International Airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Join the group for a welcome dinner at a special location with local chef, Sebastian Aracena, who specializes in reinventing typical Chilean cuisine.

DAY 2: MONDAY, JAN. 15, 2018 – SANTIAGO

After breakfast, tour the beautiful campus of the University of the Andes. Sit in on a class with TFAS students attending the Institute for Leadership in the Americas (ILA). Enjoy a typical Chilean lunch with the students who hail from countries throughout Central and South America. During the afternoon, we will tour Santiago's sites including the Plaza de Armas (with the cathedral and other monuments), Santa Lucia Hill and the presidential palace of La Moneda. Afterward, we will drive up Cerro San Cristobal for a panoramic view of the city and mountains. Dinner will be at Chile's first wine bar, Bocanariz.

Santiago, Valparaiso & The Patagonian Frontier

Jan. 14-22, 2018 – \$5,790 per person

Easter Island Extension Tour

Jan. 22-25, 2018 – \$2,950 per person

Includes

- Private transportation
- English-speaking tour guide
- All meals
- 4 to 5-star hotels
- Internal flights
- Entrance fees to all sites visited
- 24-hour assistance

Does Not Include

- Travel to and from the US
- Travel insurance
- Additional alcohol at meals
- Any item not listed

DAY 3: TUESDAY, JAN. 16, 2018 – WINERY TOURS

Enjoy a private tour of Santa Rita winery, one of the oldest wineries in Chile, with time to enjoy the garden and visit their interesting museum with great collections of Pre-Columbian artifacts and old maps. Afterward, we will travel to a smaller, more modern boutique winery in the Maipo Valley to see the diversity of Chilean wine producers. Dinner will be at Quintral, a gourmet Chilean restaurant in the lively Lastarria district of Santiago.

DAY 4: WEDNESDAY, JAN. 17, 2018 – VALPARAISO

Enjoy the scenic landscape as we travel from Santiago to Valparaiso, a 16th century port city declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Upon arrival, join TFAS students once again on a tour of the Chilean Congress and a private briefing by congressional members. Lunch will be with the students. After lunch, we will travel through several wonderful viewpoints located in the lovely hills of Valparaiso. There will be time for shopping in the little shops at Cerro Concepcion and Cerro Alegre. We will have an early dinner before traveling back to Santiago.

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DAY 5: THURSDAY, JAN. 18, 2018 – PUERTO NATALES

After breakfast, we will transfer to the airport and fly to Puerto Natales. After a light lunch at the hotel, we will visit a typical estancia (ranch) and meet with local gauchos. We will enjoy a traditional dinner at the estancia featuring the famous cordero al palo (Patagonian lamb).

DAY 6: FRIDAY, JAN. 19, 2018 – TORRES DEL PAINE

Welcome to the land of beautiful and diverse landscapes! Prepare for a full day of touring Torres del Paine National Park. Walk through the Milodon Cave, where in 1895 remains of extinct animals were found, such as the saber-toothed tiger, the American horse and a large mammal known as Milodon. We will break for lunch before seeing the Salto Grande waterfall and walking to the breathtaking viewpoint of Lake Nordenskjold (depending on weather conditions). Dinner will be at the hotel.

DAY 7: SATURDAY, JAN. 20, 2018 – TORRES DEL PAINE

Be prepared for another day of adventure as we navigate Lake Grey by boat to get a closer view of the glaciers and the icebergs. Lunch will be at Hosteria Grey and dinner will include a folkloric show at Ancestros Patagonia.

DAY 8: SUNDAY, JAN. 21, 2018 – RETURN TO SANTIAGO

Say goodbye to Puerto Natales and travel back to Santiago. The afternoon will be at your leisure, but we will gather for a farewell dinner with a local sommelier.

DAY 9: MONDAY, JAN. 22, 2018 – ALPACA RANCH

For those who are not continuing the adventure to Easter Island, you will have your morning free, provided that your flight home leaves in the early evening. Before being dropped off at the airport, tour an alpaca ranch where you will see the animals, the workshop and its final products.



The mysterious Moai statues on Easter Island, a volcanic speck in the South Pacific



Breathtaking views await you at the end of the world at Chilean Patagonia

EXTENSION TOUR

Day 9: MONDAY, JAN. 22, 2018 – EASTER ISLAND

Your adventure begins with a transfer to the airport for your flight to Easter Island. After checking into the hotel, we will visit the town of Hanga Roa and the site of Ahu Tahai to see the statues at sunset. Dinner will be at a local restaurant.

Day 10: TUESDAY, JAN. 23, 2018 – ORONGO VILLAGE

A full day of touring will include the statues of Ahu Vinapu and Ahu Akivi; the quarry of Puna Pau, the crater of Rano Kau and its beautiful lake. We will also have the opportunity to visit the ceremonial village of Orongo as well as the Ana Kai Tangata cave with its petroglyphs. Dinner will include a show with Polynesian music and dance.

Day 11: WEDNESDAY, JAN. 24, 2018 – ANAKENA BEACH

Today we will visit the main sites of the island including, Anakena beach, the only beach with a statue; the famous magnetic stone of Te Pito Kura; the place where the statues were sculpted, Rano Raraku; and the most iconic site on the island, Ahu Tongariki, where we will see 15 of the famous statues.

Day 12: THURSDAY, JAN. 25, 2018 – AHU TONGARIKI

For the early risers, we will have the opportunity of viewing the sunrise over Ahu Tongariki. We will take an afternoon flight back to Santiago followed by a farewell dinner.

Day 13: FRIDAY, JAN. 26, 2018 – SANTIAGO FAREWELL

You will have your morning free, provided your flight home leaves in the early evening. Before being dropped off at the airport, tour a high-quality alpaca ranch where you will see the animals, the workshop and its final products.