

## Chile Human Animal Interaction in Patagonia, Lake District, Central Valley and the Coast May 12-20, 2025

May 11 (Sunday) - Depart the U.S. for an overnight flight to Santiago, Chile.

**Day 1 - (Monday,** *May 12***)** Arrival in Puerto Montt and transfer to Puerto Varas with amazing views of Osorno volcano. Orientation, explore the town and later in the day have a welcome dinner! *(Overnight Puerto Varas)* 

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**Day 2 - (Tuesday, May 13)** Full day trip to Chiloe to see penguins, visit cathedrals and picturesque towns!

(Overnight Puerto Varas) (B,L)

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**Day 3 - (Wednesday, May 14)** Next, check out of your hotel and head off into the countryside visiting some livestock producers. You will visit a sheep farm and dairy which is one of the major industries for Chilean agriculture (TBD visit a farm with Chilean Clavel, a local dual-purpose breed which is both milked and fattened for market).

Overnight Villarica/Pucon (B,L)



**Day 4 - (Thursday,** *May 15***)** Begin with a visit to a small farm which breeds llamas and alpacas, South American native animals. You will also enjoy lunch at the farm and possibly meet with a veterinarian. Next, visit with a member from SOFO, the regional farmers association who will focus the discussion on animal agriculture production in Chile. You will also visit a cattle farm.

Overnight Villarica/Pucon (B,L)

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**Day 5 - (Friday, May 16)** Enjoy the morning hiking in Villarica National Park. The centerpiece of the park is a group of three volcanoes. Around noon, travel to Pucon, a popular boutique resort, lakeside town to enjoy lunch on your own at one of the local eateries and explore the town. Later in the evening fly to Santiago and check into your hotel.

Overnight Santiago (**B**)



**Day 6 - (Saturday, May 17)** Enjoy a full day visiting an animal care rescue center and participate in a community project at a wildlife refuge. Dinner on your own in the Providencia area in this amazing capital city.

Overnight Santiago (**B**,**L**)

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**Day 7 - (Sunday, May 18)** Travel south out of the city to the Buin Zoo for an interactive tour with staff. This zoo is the largest and most modern zoo in Chile. *Overnight Santiago* 

(B,L)



**Day 8 - (Monday, May 19)** Today, venture out to the Central Valley to look at ag in a Mediterranean climate. First, visit Valparaiso, famous for its colorful homes and was once a major port city before the Panama Canal was built. Take a ride on one of the steep funiculars for spectacular views of the city and the Pacific Ocean. Next, relax by the beach and some free time for lunch before traveling to the Central Valley, the key wine region in Chile. Enjoy a tour of one of the wineries with a focus on animal enhancement integrated into the farm. In the evening, enjoy dinner and a cultural Chilean folk music and dancing program. *Overnight Santiago* 

(B,L,D)

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**Day 9 - (Tuesday, May 20)** Check out of your hotel from Santiago and take a tour of the city. Santiago is the capital and largest city in Chile with a backdrop of the Andes Mountains. Founded in 1541, it is also the financial, political and cultural center of Chile. On your tour, you will see such places as the Plaza de Armas (the historical city center), the Palacio de La Moneda (the Presidential Palace), and Quinta Normal (the city's museum district). In the afternoon visit the Cristobal Urban Zoo for a tour. Later in the day, travel to the airport to freshen up at the hotel and have dinner prior to checking in for your flight back to the US.

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