

Sacred Earth Travel

Sustainable Nature and Adventure Travel

This 5-day itinerary of the famous Wine Valley of Cochagua and the UNESCO World Heritage City of Valparaiso is the ideal way to finish your Chilean adventure before returning to Santiago for your flight home.



DAY1:

SANTIAGO - SANTA CRUZ (182 KM / 113 MI)

Upon arrival in Santiago, pick up your rental car at the airport along with your travel information – and, you're off!

Santiago's International Arturo Merino Benitez Airport is located to the west of the city. Take Highway 70 south to the intersection with

Highway 5. Follow Highway 5 to San Fernando and turn off on Highway 90 to Santa Cruz, the 'capital' of the Colchagua wine valley.

As you make your way south, the bustling city of Santiago gives way to peaceful rolling hills and vineyards as far as the eye can see. Santa Cruz is a pleasant little town situated between the Andes Mountains and the Pacific Ocean, with some well-preserved colonial architecture and easy access to the best wineries of the region.

DAY 2: Santa Cruz

Explore the famous Colchagua Wine Valley. Nowadays, there are a lot of different ways to explore the vineyards – there are horseback riding tours, as well as cycling and walking tours of the vineyards. There are lots of options to explore, but no matter which one you choose, a tour of the local vineyards with a wine tasting is a must. (B)

DAY 3: SANTA CRUZ - VALPARAÍSO (225 KM / 140 MI)

After breakfast, continue on your way to the historic port city of Valparaiso (a UNESCO World Heritage Site) where you will fall in love with this city's gritty charm. Take a ride on one of the town's iconic funicular cable cars or visit some of the city's most important landmarks like its boardwalk, plaza or lookout points. Valparaiso is also famous as the former home town of one of Chile's most celebrated poets, Pablo Neruda. His former residence has been turned into a museum and is open to visitors. (B)





DAY 4: VALPARAÍSO - JAHUELS' HOT SPRINGS (143 KM/ 89 MI)

It is time to turn back towards
Santiago. But not without spending
the night at the wonderful Termas de
Jahuel Spa Hotel. After leaving the
noisy and bustling city of Valparaiso
behind, turn in-land, and head
towards the Andes Mountains. If you

want to explore a bit along the way, plan a visit to La Campana National Park, and follow in Darwin's footsteps, who climbed to the top of Mount La Campana in 1834.

Then, head to San Felipe on Highway 60. A little further north at an altitude of 1,180 m / 3,871 ft. above sea level, you will find the luxurious Jahuel Spa Hotel where you can relax for the night. (B, D)

DAY 5: JAHUELS' HOT SPRINGS - SANTIAGO (95 KM / 59 MI)

After breakfast, head for Santiago, where you will drop off your car and catch your flight home. (B)



Hotels we use in this program:

Santa Cruz: Terraviña (Standard Room),

Valparaiso: Hotel Somerscales (Standard Room), San Felipe: Hotel & Termas de Jahuel (Classic Room)

Included:

- 4 nights accommodation with breakfast
- Meals according itinerary (B=Breakfast, D=Dinner)
- 5 days car rental including unlimited free mileage, local tax, full CDW coverage with deductible (for details see rental contract).
- Roadmap and descriptions.

Not included:

Chile car rental companies charge an additional airport service fee when vehicle will be picked up from airport. This service charge is not included in the published rates. This extra fee has to be paid upon returning the car.