



# Sacred Earth Travel

Sustainable Nature and Adventure Travel

## Itinerary:

### Self-Drive: Between the Mountains and the Sea

This short 5-day self-drive itinerary explores the Colchagua Valley, one of the most famous wine regions near Santiago, combined with a visit to the coastal resort town of Pichilemu, known for its water sports activities.

#### DAY 1: SANTIAGO - COLCHAGUA VALLEY (162 KM / 101 MI)

Pick up your rental car at Santiago airport, or get it delivered to your hotel and start your journey, heading south to discover the Colchagua Valley. Follow highway 5 to San Fernando, about 140 km south of Santiago and then follow the signs to Colchagua. The road leads through rolling hills covered with vineyards and dotted with enchanting colonial-era estates. Overnight in or close to Santa Cruz.



## DAY 2: FULL DAY IN COLCHAGUA VALLEY

There are lots of great wineries in this region. A great way to discover them is to follow the famous Colchagua Valley Wine Route, with more than ten wineries and several hectares of vineyards ready to explore. Alternatively, you can go hiking, cycling or horseback riding through the vineyards.

There are also a couple of interesting museums in the region. The Colchagua Museum in Santa Cruz offers the most comprehensive glimpse into the region's past with interesting exhibits on palaeontology, archaeology and prehistoric cultures. Andean textiles, prehispanic metallurgy, and Darwin's explorations of Chile are just some of the special themes it covers. Overnight in or close to Santa Cruz. (B)

## DAY 3: COLCHAGUA VALLEY – MATANZAS (121 KM / 75 MI)

It is time to continue your journey and head for the coast to the historic town of Matanzas. During the colonial era, this little place was a famous harbour from where the Spanish Army set out to occupy and conquer Chile's central zone. Along the way, take your time to do a little sightseeing and perhaps shop for some souvenirs. After arriving at Matanzas, enjoy the evening exploring the town. Overnight in Matanzas. (B)



#### DAY 4: MATANZAS

You have all day to discover this picturesque town and fine grey sand beaches. Matanzas is known for its windy shore that offers ideal conditions for all kinds of aquatic sports such as surfing, SUP, windsurfing or kitesurfing.

The surrounding area is also fascinating. At Pupuya Beach, you will find fine grey sand beaches with impressive dunes and rock formations. There is also the beautiful nature sanctuary of La Polcura Park. The area is rich in wildlife, especially sea birds. Last but not least, make sure to try some of the great seafood. Overnight in Matanzas. (B)

#### DAY 5: MATANZAS – SANTIAGO (165 KM / 103 MI)

After breakfast, it is time to return to Santiago and return your rental car before heading for your next destination. (B)

**Notes:** Rates are per person, based on double occupancy. Single supplement applies.

#### **Hotels we use in this program:**

Hotel Terraviña (Standard Room),  
Alba Boutique Hotel (Standard Room with hill view)

#### **Included:**

- 4 nights including breakfast
- 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.

