TOUR LAB | EXPERIENCE CHILE

SAMPLE PROGRAM
7 DAYS



TOUR LAB ACADEMIC · SAMPLE FACULTY-LED PROGRAM

DISCOVER CHILE

Andes · Culture · Pacific Coast · Adventure

CENTRAL CHILE | 7 DAYS | HOME BASE · PROVIDENCIA, SANTIAGO

DESIGNED WITH TOUR LAB



THE EXPERIENCE

A WEEK WHERE CHILE TEACHES

For seven days, Chile becomes the classroom.

A good program is about more than sightseeing. In this sample week, students follow one connected story: from Santiago into the high Andes, down to the port of Valparaíso, through the Maipo Valley and out to the Pacific coast, before closing the week where it began. We adapt the days, the length and the focus to your course.

Each day brings a different landscape and a different way to learn: on horseback, on the water, on foot, around a shared table and in Spanish. Tour Lab runs the logistics on the ground so students and faculty can focus on the experience itself.

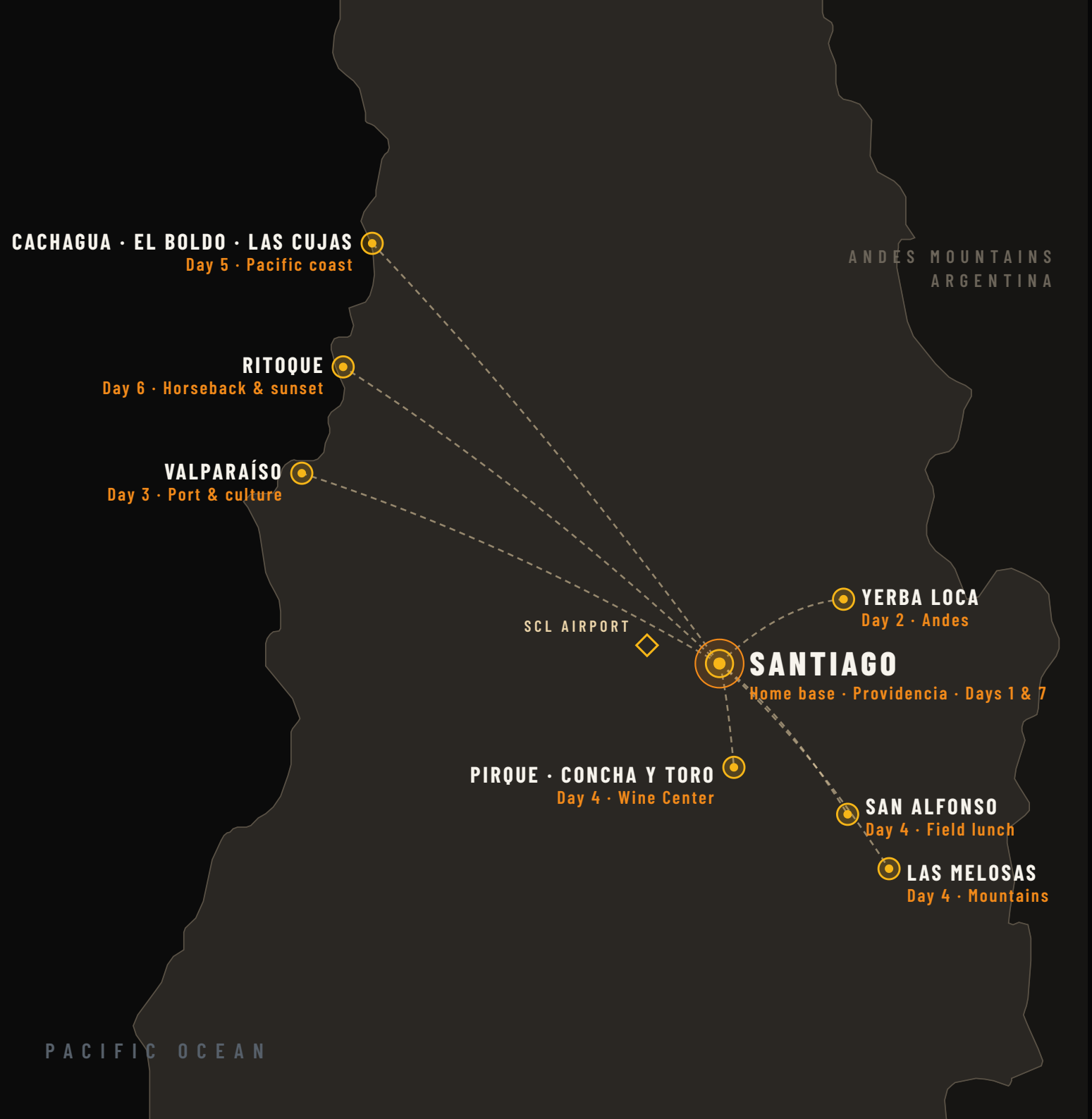
ADVENTURE	CULTURE	SPANISH	HISTORY
GEOGRAPHY	NATURE	BIODIVERSITY	FOOD
INDEPENDENCE	TEAMWORK	ENVIRONMENT	CONNECTION

7
DAYS

1
HOME BASE

2
HORSEBACK RIDES

800+
TRAVELERS HOSTED BY TOUR LAB



THE JOURNEY

ONE HOME BASE. SEVEN DAYS OF CHILE.

The group stays in Providencia, a central Santiago neighborhood with easy access to the rest of the city. Each morning, private transportation heads out to the Andes, the Maipo Valley or the Pacific coast, and each evening it brings the group home.

- **CITY**
  Santiago · MUT · Providencia
- **ANDES**
  Yerba Loca by day and by night
- **CULTURE**
  Valparaíso's port and hills
- **MAIPO VALLEY**
  Las Melosas · San Alfonso · Pirque
- **PACIFIC WILDLIFE**
  Isla Cachagua from the boat
- **COASTAL ECOSYSTEMS**
  El Boldo forest · Las Cujas
- **HORSEBACK ADVENTURE**
  Ritoque at sunset
- **SANTIAGO FAREWELL**
  San Cristóbal · back to MUT



DAY TRIP BY PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION

SANTIAGO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

7 DAYS AT A GLANCE

CITY, ANDES, VALLEY, PACIFIC

One story in seven chapters, each in a different corner of central Chile.



SANTIAGO

FIRST LOOK AT CHILE

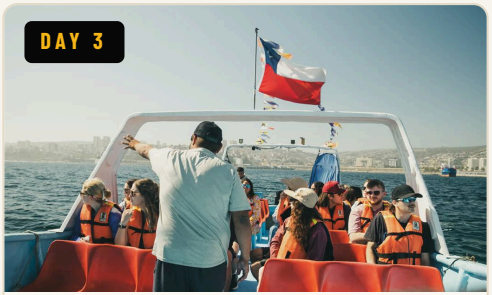
Lunch at MUT and a relaxed orientation around Providencia.



YERBA LOCA · ANDES

INTO THE ANDES

Horseback riding, a riverside Chilean BBQ and a night under the stars.



VALPARAÍSO

PORT CITY ON THE PACIFIC

Bay boat ride, historic hills, lunch by the sea and an artisan market.



CAJÓN DEL MAIPO · PIRQUE

MAIPO VALLEY EXPERIENCE

Las Melosas, a countryside lunch in San Alfonso and Concha y Toro's Wine Center.



CACHAGUA · ZAPALLAR

PACIFIC COAST EXPEDITION

Penguins from the boat, the El Boldo forest and snorkeling at Las Cujas.



RITOQUE

RIDING INTO THE SUNSET

Forest, wetland, dunes and beach on horseback, then an arriero-style BBQ.



SANTIAGO

SANTIAGO FAREWELL

San Cristóbal Hill, mote con huesillo, back to MUT and the airport.

EVERY DAY

- DAILY FIELD BRIEF
- SPANISH IN CONTEXT
- TOUR LAB GUIDES
- PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION

Daily schedules are indicative and will be finalized once flights and operational details are confirmed.



01 Day

SANTIAGO · ARRIVAL

FIRST LOOK AT CHILE

MUT and a relaxed neighborhood orientation

Day one is intentionally light. After landing and checking in, students get an easy, low-pressure introduction to the city: no packed schedule, just time to settle in and start noticing Chile.

MERCADO URBANO TOBALABA · MUT

Lunch at MUT, a contemporary market where Chilean food, local design, homegrown brands and everyday Santiago life share the same space. Think of it as an introduction to Chile today.

WELCOME TO PROVIDENCIA

A relaxed walk around the group's home base: key landmarks, meeting points, how the neighborhood connects to the rest of Santiago, and the simple group protocols that make the week run smoothly.

SPANISH IN CONTEXT

INTRODUCTIONS · ORDERING FOOD *Me llamo… · ¿Qué me recomienda? · Para mí, por favor.*

INDICATIVE SCHEDULE

Arrival Airport pickup · check-in **Midday** Lunch at MUT
Afternoon Area orientation **Evening** Back at the hotel

02 Day

YERBA LOCA NATURE SANCTUARY · ANDES

INTO THE ANDES

Horseback riding and a riverside Chilean BBQ

A short drive from the city, Santiago gives way to the mountains. Yerba Loca is a protected Andean valley where students can see, up close, how snow and mountain streams feed the rivers that reach the city, and why conservation matters so close to a capital of millions.

- Andean geography
- Mountain ecosystems
- Water systems
- Native flora & fauna
- Arriero culture
- Conservation

HORSEBACK RIDING

An introduction to Chilean mountain culture, open to first-time riders. Before setting off: a safety briefing, helmets, an introduction to the horses, basic riding instruction and how to behave around the animals. Students ride with experienced local arrieros and Tour Lab staff.

RIVERSIDE CHILEAN BBQ

After the ride, lunch beside the river, cooked on portable equipment in line with park regulations. No campfires: just good food, shared outdoors.

SPANISH IN CONTEXT

HORSES · MOUNTAINS · DIRECTIONS *caballo · cordillera · a la derecha, a la izquierda*



INDICATIVE

Late morning Depart **Arrival** Safety briefing **Afternoon** Ride · BBQ
Golden hour Stay for the night sky →

DAY 02 · AFTER SUNSET

THE ANDES AFTER DARK

When the valley goes quiet, the sky takes over.

Instead of heading straight back to the city, the group stays in the mountains as night falls. Away from Santiago's lights, students learn to read the night sky and to photograph it.

STARGAZING

Finding the brightest stars and the constellations visible from the Southern Hemisphere that night.

SKY STORIES

Basic astronomy, and how geography, altitude and darkness shape what we can see.

ASTROPHOTOGRAPHY

Long exposures, tripods and camera settings: the basics of photographing the stars.

WHAT WE'LL SEE DEPENDS ON NATURE

Visibility changes with weather, clouds, moonlight and atmospheric conditions, so we never promise specific stars or phenomena. We plan for the best possible sky.

SPANISH IN CONTEXT

THE NIGHT SKY *estrellas · cielo · luna · ¿Qué constelación es esa?*

INDICATIVE

Dusk Golden hour in the valley

Night Stargazing & astrophotography

Late Return to Santiago





03 Day

VALPARAÍSO

PORT CITY ON THE PACIFIC

Port · History · Pacific · Local culture

Before the Panama Canal opened in 1914, ships rounding South America stopped in Valparaíso. Trade, immigrants and new ideas arrived with them and climbed into the hills, shaping the layered, colorful city that is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

BOAT RIDE

The working harbor, the geography of the bay and the hills, seen from the Pacific. Life jackets on board.

HISTORIC WALK

Hillside neighborhoods, architecture, stairways, viewpoints and street art, with the stories behind them.

LUNCH BY THE OCEAN

A long lunch overlooking the Pacific.

ARTISAN MARKET

Chilean craftsmanship and real conversations with makers. Purchases are personal and optional.







SPANISH IN CONTEXT

MARKETS · PRICES · QUESTIONS *¿Cuánto cuesta? · ¿Usted lo hizo? · ¿De dónde viene?*

INDICATIVE

≈08:00 Depart **Morning** Bay boat ride **Midday** Historic walk · lunch
Afternoon Market **Evening** Return

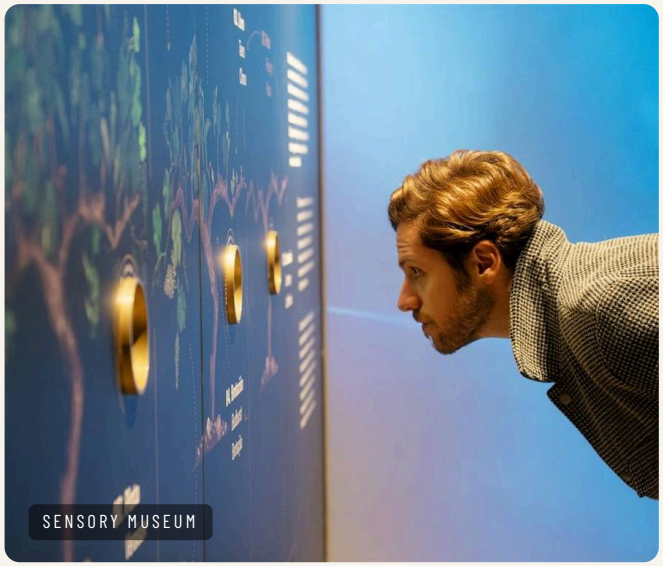
CAJÓN DEL MAIPO · PIRQUE

04 Day MAIPO VALLEY EXPERIENCE

Mountains, countryside and heritage: three chapters of the same day.


LAS MELOSAS


COUNTRYSIDE LUNCH


SENSORY MUSEUM

CHAPTER 1 · MORNING

LAS MELOSAS

Geography you can see

A morning deep in the Cajón del Maipo. Steep valley walls, the river and the high peaks turn geography into something visible: how these mountains were shaped, how the Maipo watershed works, and why its water matters to all of central Chile. Plenty of time for photography.

CHAPTER 2 · MIDDAY

SAN ALFONSO

A countryside lunch in the heart of Cajón del Maipo

A shared table outdoors, local food and the unhurried rhythm of rural Chile. It's lunch the way a Chilean family in the countryside would host it, not a restaurant stop.

CHAPTER 3 · AFTERNOON

CONCHA Y TORO WINE CENTER

Heritage, agriculture and the senses

In Pirque, the Wine Center tells the story of one of Chile's best-known agricultural industries as an immersive sensory museum: the geology of Chile's valleys, farming and production, a historic 19th-century house and park, and technology-driven storytelling. **An educational visit, with no wine tasting.**

INDICATIVE

≈08:00 Depart **Morning** Las Melosas **Midday** Countryside lunch, San Alfonso
Afternoon Concha y Toro Wine Center **Evening** Return to Providencia

SPANISH IN CONTEXT

LANDSCAPE · FOOD · FARMING *río · campo · cosecha · ¿Qué se cultiva aquí?*

CACHAGUA · ZAPALLAR

05 Day PACIFIC COAST EXPEDITION

First we watch the Pacific. Then we walk its forest. Finally, we go in.



CHAPTER 1 · EARLY MORNING

ISLA CACHAGUA

Wildlife from the boat

A boat ride around Isla Cachagua, a protected natural monument that shelters a colony of Humboldt penguins. We talk about the cold Humboldt Current, marine ecosystems, coastal birds and conservation. There is no landing on the island: wildlife is observed from the boat, and sightings always depend on nature.



CHAPTER 2 · LATE MORNING

PARQUE EL BOLDO

The coastal forest

Just above the bay, a relict coastal forest kept alive in part by fog rolling in from the Pacific. A guided walk through Chile's Mediterranean coastal ecosystem, focused on native vegetation, landscape, observation and conservation.



CHAPTER 3 · AFTERNOON

LAS CUJAS

Into the water

Snorkeling at Playa Las Cujas: a safety briefing, wetsuits and equipment, an introduction to the coastal marine environment and supervised time in the water. What we see depends on the ocean, and the activity may be adjusted for swell, visibility, weather or safety.

INDICATIVE

Early Depart **Morning** Cachagua boat ride **Late morning** El Boldo **Midday** Lunch **Afternoon** Snorkeling **Evening** Return

SPANISH IN CONTEXT

OCEAN · WILDLIFE · CONSERVATION *pingüino · ola · especie protegida*

06 Day

RITOQUE

RIDING INTO THE PACIFIC SUNSET

Tour Lab's signature ride

Ritoque is the ride people remember. The route moves through coastal forest, wetland and sand dunes before opening onto a long Pacific beach, timed so the final stretch along the shore happens as the sun goes down.

YERBA LOCA
Mountains · Andes · arriero culture · river

RITOQUE
Forest · wetland · dunes · Pacific · sunset

CHILEAN BBQ, ARRIERO STYLE

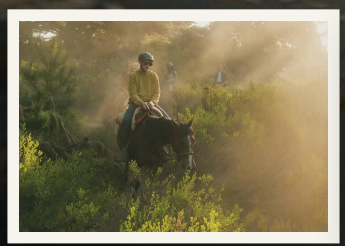
The last big evening of the week: a Chilean BBQ inspired by traditional arriero hospitality, with food, conversation, music and a celebration of everything the group has shared.

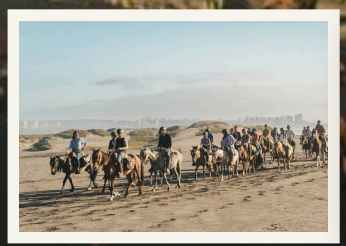
SPANISH IN CONTEXT

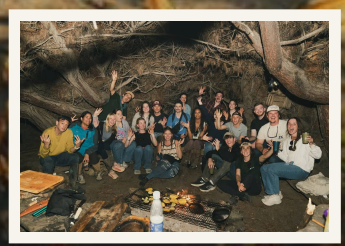
HORSES · NATURE · CONVERSATION *duna · humedal · atardecer · ¿Qué fue lo mejor de hoy?*

INDICATIVE

Midday Depart **Afternoon** Forest · wetland · dunes
Sunset Beach ride **Evening** BBQ · return







07 Day

SANTIAGO · DEPARTURE

SANTIAGO FAREWELL

San Cristóbal · mote con huesillo · MUT · airport

CERRO SAN CRISTÓBAL

One last look at Santiago from one of its best viewpoints: the Santiago Basin, the wall of the Andes, how the city grew and where its major neighborhoods sit. We visit the upper area and the Virgin viewpoint.

MOTE CON HUESILLO

Chile's favorite summer refreshment: cooked wheat (mote) and dried peaches (huesillos) in sweet peach juice. Easier to enjoy than to explain.

BACK TO MUT

Back where the Santiago journey began, this time with a week of Chile behind us.

HOTEL & AIRPORT

Time to shower, change and finish packing, then a private transfer to Santiago International Airport. The afternoon is planned backward from the confirmed flight.

SPANISH IN CONTEXT

REFLECTION *Lo que más me gustó fue... · ¡Hasta pronto, Chile!*



INDICATIVE

Morning San Cristóbal · mote **Midday** Lunch at MUT **Afternoon** Hotel · packing
Departure Transfer to SCL

LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

MORE THAN SIGHTSEEING

Every day is built around themes students can see, touch and talk about, and then carry back to the classroom at home.

HISTORY
Valparaíso's port, trade and immigration; Santiago's growth.

CULTURE
Arriero traditions, markets, food and everyday Chilean life.

SPANISH
Short, real conversations every single day.

GEOGRAPHY
From a mountain basin to the high Andes and the coast.

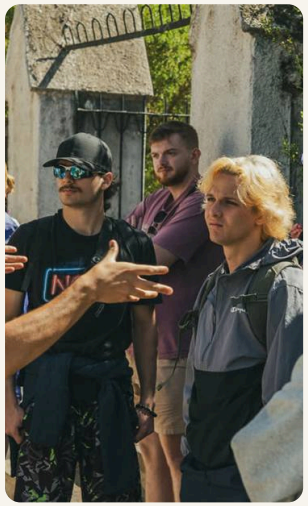
NATURE
Mountain, forest, wetland, dune and marine ecosystems.

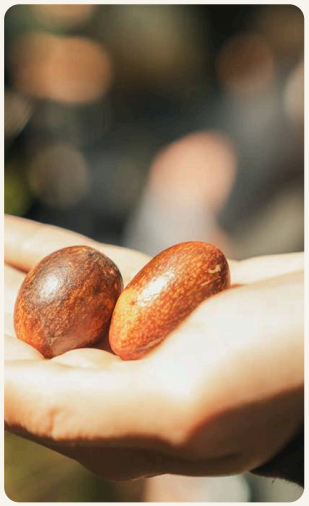
ENVIRONMENT
How protected areas work, and why they matter.

FOOD
Chilean BBQ, countryside cooking, mote con huesillo.

INDEPENDENCE
Finding your way, with confidence, in a new city.

TEAMWORK
Shared challenges on horseback, on the water and on the trail.









DAILY FIELD BRIEF

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Each morning, students receive a concise brief on the day ahead, short enough to read on the road and useful enough to spark questions. It can be used before or during each experience.

HISTORY · CULTURE · GEOGRAPHY · NATURE · VOCABULARY

FINAL REFLECTION

CONNECTING THE WEEK

On the last day, a light, interactive review brings everything together: key places, cultural observations, geography, nature, Spanish vocabulary and favorite moments. Less exam, more conversation.

SPANISH IN CONTEXT

REAL REASONS TO SPEAK SPANISH

Every day, not just in class.

Spanish isn't a separate lesson. It is built into the week, with a small, practical focus each day tied to what students are actually doing: ordering lunch, talking with an arriero, asking an artisan about a handmade piece. Tour Lab's bilingual guides support each student at their own level.

	WHERE & WHAT	USEFUL SPANISH
01	**SANTIAGO · MUT** Introductions, ordering food	*Me llamo… · ¿Qué me recomienda?*
02	**YERBA LOCA** Horses, mountains, directions	*caballo · cordillera · a la derecha*
03	**VALPARAÍSO** Markets, prices, questions	*¿Cuánto cuesta? · ¿Usted lo hizo?*
04	**MAIPO VALLEY** Landscape, food, agriculture	*río · campo · ¿Qué se cultiva aquí?*
05	**PACIFIC COAST** Ocean, wildlife, conservation	*pingüino · ola · especie protegida*
06	**RITOQUE** Horses, nature, conversation	*duna · humedal · atardecer*
07	**FAREWELL** Reflection, favorite moments	*Lo que más me gustó fue…*



FROM THE ANDES TO THE PACIFIC

SEVEN ENVIRONMENTS IN SEVEN DAYS

Few places pack this much geography into a week. Students move from a capital in a mountain basin to snowmelt rivers, a historic port, fog-fed forest, open ocean and coastal dunes, and see how each landscape shapes the life around it.

SANTIAGO
A capital in a mountain basin

ANDES
Rivers, peaks and arriero culture in Yerba Loca

PORT
Valparaíso's hills and working harbor

MAIPO VALLEY
Canyon, river and countryside

COASTAL FOREST
A relict forest fed by Pacific fog at El Boldo

THE PACIFIC

PACIFIC OCEAN
Humboldt penguins and life below the surface

DUNES
Wetland, sand and sunset at Ritoque

THE TOUR LAB METHOD

~~BUS → GET OUT → TAKE A PHOTO → BACK ON THE BUS~~

That's not how this week works. Students don't just pass through places; they take part in them.

DISCOVER
Arrive curious. Every stop starts with context: where we are, and why it matters.

PARTICIPATE
Ride, paddle, walk, cook, ask. Learning happens by doing, not watching.

UNDERSTAND
Connect what we saw to people, landscapes and ideas, and talk about it together.

DURING THE WEEK, STUDENTS WILL

RIDE · WALK · NAVIGATE · SPEAK SPANISH · EAT · OBSERVE · ASK QUESTIONS · INTERACT · EXPLORE









SAFETY & OPERATIONS

PLANNED IN ADVANCE. MANAGED ON THE GROUND.

Peace of mind for your institution, for families and for students is part of the design. Every activity is coordinated ahead of time and accompanied in the field by Tour Lab staff and local specialists. Academic programs are alcohol-free by default.

ADVANCE COORDINATION
With every operator, park and supplier.

TOUR LAB STAFF
With the group throughout the program.

LOCAL SPECIALISTS
Arrieros, boat crews and snorkeling instructors.

SAFETY BRIEFINGS
Before every ride, boat trip and water activity.

HELMETS
For all horseback riding.

LIFE JACKETS
On all boat activities.

SNORKELING EQUIPMENT
Wetsuits, masks and supervision.

WEATHER MONITORING
Checked before each day's departure.

OCEAN CONDITIONS
Reviewed before any time on the water.

PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION
Professional drivers, every day.

LOGISTICS PLANNING
Timing, transfers and backups defined early.

FLEXIBILITY
Plans adapt when conditions change.

Nature-based activities may be modified due to weather, ocean conditions, park regulations, safety considerations or instructions from local authorities.

RESPONSIBLE TRAVEL

- ✓ Respect wildlife
- ✓ Respect local communities
- ✓ Leave no trace
- ✓ Observe marine life responsibly
- ✓ Stay on authorized routes
- ✓ Never disturb animals
- ✓ Follow protected-area rules
- ✓ Buy local, thoughtfully



YOUR INSTITUTION + TOUR LAB

BUILT TOGETHER

Every program starts from your course goals. This sample is built on what has worked in the programs Tour Lab has designed and run for international student groups in Chile — and every day, the length and the focus can change to fit your group.

MEET YOUR TEAM

THE PEOPLE BEHIND THE WEEK

A small team of guides, operators and local experts, born and based in Chile.



MACARENA ARAYA

FOUNDER & OPERATOR

Macarena built Tour Lab from the ground up with one principle: every group deserves a journey that feels made for them. She handles the relationships, the details and everything in between.



ROSARIO SOTO

PRODUCTION DIRECTOR

Rosario coordinates logistics end to end, from the first itinerary draft to the final transfer. If it's on the program, it's because Rosario made sure it works.



NIKLAS KUMMER

TOUR LEADER

Niklas leads in the field: in the Andes, along the coast, through the markets. He speaks four languages and has an instinct for what a group needs before they ask.



FLORENCIA MUJICA

GUIDE

Florencia brings warmth and depth to every experience she leads. Her knowledge of Chilean culture, food and history turns each stop into a story worth staying for.

800+	10+	EN · ES
TRAVELERS HOSTED	YEARS OF EXPERIENCE	BILINGUAL TEAM

SEE YOU IN CHILE

THIS IS NOT A WEEK OF TOURS. IT'S YOUR STUDENTS DISCOVERING CHILE.

On horseback in the Andes and along the Pacific. On the water with the penguins. In the hills of Valparaíso, around a countryside table, under a southern sky, and in Spanish. Seven days that students will carry home long after they land.



Photography: Tour Lab programs in Chile, including previous student groups.

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