June 26th - July 4th, 2019

On July 2, 2019, witness a total solar eclipse at a unique location—the north of Chile, home to world-class astronomical observatories. The Coquimbo region in Chile will be along the main path of the Total Solar Eclipse. The clear skies of northern Chile make this region an excellent location to view the total solar eclipse. The location is known for its world-class telescopes and boutique observatories. The 7 night/ 8 day itinerary will start with a tour of Santiago, Chile’s culturally vibrant capital, the port city of Valparaiso declared as a world heritage site by UNESCO and the Colchagua Valley, known for its famous wine for wine tasting. You will then drive north to Coquimbo and La Serena to get ready for the eclipse observation with some pre and post eclipse excursions. The optional extension to San Pedro de Atacama is available for those who want to continue exploring the beauty of the northern Chilean desert, known as the driest place on earth. The Atacama Desert also has some of the most extraordinary landscapes of our planet—volcanoes, evaporated salt lakes, lagoons and hot springs as well as a host of animal life.

The cost of this itinerary, per person, double occupancy, is:

Land only (no airfare included): $6,199

No single rooms available*

*Due to the high demand for lodging during the Eclipse

The following services are included:

Hotels: 3 nights’ accommodations in the Santiago Hilton
3 night's accommodations in Bahiasol Apartments near La Serena. All hotel taxes and service charges included

Coaching: All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary

Meals: Full breakfast daily, 1 afternoon tea and 2 dinners

Guides: Fully qualified tour guide throughout

Expenses: Porterage of one large suitcase per person

Entrances: Entrance fees to all sites as detailed in the itinerary

Optional Extension to the Atacama Desert
$3,499 (double occupancy)
$820 single room supplement
**Wednesday June 26th**  
DEPART THE US  
**Overnight: Plane**

**Thursday June 27**  
Morning arrival in Santiago. You will be met and greeted at the airport and transferred to your hotel. Take the morning to unpack and refresh yourself. Afternoon private Santiago City Tour.

**Friday June 28**  
**VALPARAISO – VINA DEL MAR**  
**Overnight: Santiago**

Breakfast at Hotel  
Full day excursion to Valparaiso & Vina del Mar with Funicular ride

**Saturday June 29**  
**COLCHAGUA VALLEY**  
**Overnight: Santiago**

❖ Breakfast at hotel  
❖ Full day excursion to Colchagua Valley wine region  
❖ Tour city of Santa Cruz and Colchagua Museum  
❖ Lunch at a traditional Chilean restaurant  
❖ Wine tasting at two wineries

**Saturday June 30**  
**SANTIAGO - COQUIMBO**  
**Overnight: Bahia Sol - Coquimbo**

❖ Breakfast at hotel  
❖ Board luxury coach for a 5-hour drive to La Serena  
❖ Arrive at Bahai Sol apartments for check in  
❖ Gather for an evening talk with a local astronomer  
❖ Enjoy a welcome dinner

**Sunday July 1**  
**COQUIMBO**  
**Overnight: Bahia Sol - Coquimbo**

❖ Breakfast  
❖ Full day excursion to Limari Valley - visit winery and tour Valle del Encanto, a historical national monument  
❖ Late PM visit to Cruz del Sur Observatory followed by a cocktail and hors d’oeuvres

**Monday July 2**  
**La Serna - Eclipse Location (TBD)**  
**Overnight: Bahia Sol - Coquimbo**

❖ Early breakfast followed by cultural city tour of Coquimbo and La Serena.  
❖ 3-hour drive to Mamalluca hills observation site  
❖ Boxed lunch upon arrival and prepare equipment for eclipse  
❖ View eclipse (total eclipse begins approximately (4:39pm) followed by cocktails and hors d’oeuvres

**Tuesday July 3**  
**LA SERENA – COQUIMBO - SANTIAGO**

❖ Breakfast  
❖ Late morning drive back to Santiago  
❖ Transfer to Airport for your evening return flight to US - arrive on July 4,  
   Or continue on the Optionla Extension to the Atacma Desert

**Optional Extension to San Pedro de Atacama: July 3 to July 8, 2019**

Arrive in Santiago July 3 late afternoon and transfer to Holiday Inn Santiago Airport for overnight. July 4 morning transfer to Airport for flight to Calama. Your stay over the next few days will be filled with half or full day excursions that include (your choice):

* Trekking Guatin stream to Puritama hot springs  
* Moon Valley  
* Death Valley  
* Altiplanic, Salar & Chaxa Lagoons  
* Jerez Valley  
* Tatio Geyser  
* Machuca Village

Spend evening dinners at your leisure either at the hotel or a quick walk to the historic city center of San Pedro

On July 7th transfer to Calama airport to fly to Santiago for your onward journey to the US.  
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