The Natural and Cultural Wonders of Chile

NOVEMBER 1–11, 2017

WITH Tom D. Dillehay
Professor of Anthropology and Latin American Studies

FEATURING
Three nights at the Remota Lodge, in Puerto Natales, Chile
Dear Vanderbilt Alumni, Family and Friends,

We’re delighted to offer an exciting and enriching journey through one of the continent’s most geographically diverse countries, Chile. The mountain ranges, rugged sea coast, enormous glaciers, cascading waterfalls, and jewel-like lakes of this thin string bean-like country reveal an incredibly beautiful and varied part of the world. Beyond, Chile’s cosmopolitan capital, Santiago, we’ll enjoy a visit to a family vineyard, the bustling port city of Valparaíso, the Lake District, and the incomparable beauty of the Andean peaks of Patagonia.

Throughout this 11-day adventure, we will be accompanied by Tom D. Dillehay, a renowned Vanderbilt anthropologist, who has carried out numerous archaeological and anthropological projects in Chile, Argentina, Peru and other Latin American countries. Professor Dillehay has conducted extensive research on the chronology, place, and character of the initial human colonization of the Americas including early civilizations in northern Patagonia.

Our itinerary begins in Santiago situated in the shadow of the imposing Andes Mountains. After exploring Santiago, we’ll visit the historic port city of Valparaíso before flying to Puerto Montt, gateway to Patagonia and the superb Chilean Lake District. Here we will sail the turquoise waters of Todos Los Santos Lake aboard a catamaran. The natural setting is superb: serrated coastlines, volcanic peaks, waterfalls, pine-scented islands and twisting channels beneath a backdrop of snow-capped Andes Mountains.

We continue to Chile’s southernmost city, Punta Arenas overlooking the legendary Strait of Magellan. From here we’ll journey through the Patagonian pampas to Puerto Natales, the gateway to the crown jewel of southern Patagonia, Torres del Paine National Park, a UNESCO biosphere reserve. The park is named after the spectacular rocky spires of Gothic splendor that soar over a landscape of lakes, grasslands, and glaciers. Roaming freely in the park are unusual rheas, Andean deer, puma, foxes, condors, eagles, flamingos and guanacos, a llama-like descendant of the camel. Returning to Santiago, we conclude our adventure with lunch and tasting of select vintages at the historic Santa Rita winery.

Don’t miss this opportunity to travel with the Vanderbilt Alumni Association on an exploration of Patagonia during the Southern Hemisphere’s majestic spring.

Sincerely,

Cary D Allyn
Director, Vanderbilt Travel

The Vanderbilt Travel Program strives to engage Vanderbilt alumni, parents and friends of all ages, keeping them connected with each other and Vanderbilt. Each carefully designed trip offers unparalleled educational opportunities, many with Vanderbilt professors, for an exclusive “beyond the classroom” experience.
VANDERBILT STUDY LEADER

TOM DILLEHAY is the Rebecca Webb Wilson University Distinguished Professor of Anthropology, Religion, and Culture and Professor of Anthropology and Latin American Studies in the Department of Anthropology at Vanderbilt. Professor Dillehay has carried out numerous archaeological and anthropological projects in Peru, Chile, Argentina and other South American countries and in the United States. His main interests are migration, the long-term transformative processes leading to political and economic change, and the interdisciplinary and historical methodologies designed to study those processes. He has been a Visiting Professor at several universities around the world, including the Universidad de Chile. Professor Dillehay has published nineteen books and more than two hundred refereed journal articles and books. He currently directs several interdisciplinary projects focused on long-term human and environmental interaction on the north coast of Peru and on the political and cultural identity of the Mapuche people in Chile. Professor Dillehay has received numerous international and national awards for his research, books, and teaching. Professor Dillehay is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. The Chilean government in conjunction with UNESCO is planning to soon build the Museo Monte Verde which will focus on Professor Dillehay’s long-term archaeological research at the Monte Verde site near Puerto Montt, where the museum will be housed. Monte Verde is presently one of the earliest human sites in all of the Americas and played an important role in changing our thinking about early indigenous history in the New World. The museum also will focus on Dillehay’s archaeological and ethnographic work with the Mapuche people of Chile and Argentina.
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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

USA ➔ Santiago
Depart the U.S. on an overnight flight to Santiago, Chile. OVERNIGHT FLIGHT (MEALS ALOFT)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Arrival in Santiago
Arrive this morning in Santiago at the foot of the Andes and enjoy an afternoon city tour of the highlights of South America’s most modern city. See the remarkable collection at the newly re-opened Chilean Museum of Pre-Colombian Art, and the city’s historical center, including La Moneda, the Neoclassical building that houses the executive branch of Chile’s government. Lunch is at the Santiago’s Central Market, a wrought-iron structure designed in 1860s in France, forged in England, and then assembled in Chile. Explore the market’s stalls selling Chile’s many varieties of fish and other seafood. This evening gather for a special welcome dinner. PLAZA EL BosqUE OR SIMILAR (L,D)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Casa Blanca Valley and Valparaíso
Depart this morning for the Pacific coast and drive through the Casa Blanca Valley, a stretch of open coastal land recently “discovered” by several U.S. wine publications for its unparalleled white wines and Pinot Noirs. Visit the seaside home of Pablo Neruda, Chile’s poet and Nobel Prize laureate, before being welcomed at the Kingston Family Vineyard for a private visit. Learn how this vineyard has evolved into one of Chile’s hottest, award-winning boutique wineries. Later, continue to the coast to visit the historic port city of Valparaíso. One of the first South American cities founded by the Spanish, it is now a UNESCO World Heritage site. Stroll through the Concepción and Alegre neighborhoods and ride the century-old hillside ascensors (elevators). PLAZA EL BosqUE OR SIMILAR (B, L)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Lake District
Board a modern, enclosed catamaran for sailing through the turquoise waters of Todos Los Santos Lake. This lake is universally acclaimed as one of the most beautiful in the world. Disembark at the remote hamlet of Peulla, at the border with Argentina, enjoying time for walks and for enjoying views of the snow-capped Andes and emerald-colored lakes. Then, visit Petrohué Falls, a succession of rapids with its capricious forms of volcanic rocks bathed by emerald color waterfalls set against a backdrop of Andean mountains and Chile’s magnificent Osorno Volcano. HOTEL CABAÑAS DEL LAGO (B,L,D)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Puerto Montt ➔ Punta Arenas ➔ Puerto Natales
Fly to Punta Arenas, Chile’s southernmost city, on the Strait of Magellan opposite Tierra del Fuego. Founded in 1848, in its golden age it served as a port-of-call for all ships circumnavigating the world. City tour of Punta Arenas before lunch at the Sara Braun house, a mansion turned museum. Relive an elegant by-gone era, as we dine among exquisite antiques and paintings. Afternoon transfer north through expansive Patagonian pampas to Puerto Natales, gateway to the most spectacular sights in southern Patagonia. HOTEL REMOTA (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7—WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Torres del Paine National Park
By far, the most impressive sight in the southern Chile is Torres del Paine National Park, known as the crown jewel of Patagonia. It was declared a Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO in 1978. The dramatic mountain formations of towering rock, windswept pampas, ice fields, and glaciers, make it an impressive and unforgettable sight. Look out for herds of guanacos and rheas, flamingos, condors, foxes, geese, and black-necked swans. Lakes and lagoons in hues of blues, greens, gray
ochres abound. The park is surrounded by impressive mountains including the famous Cuernos del Paine (Horns of Granite), twisted, snow-dusted pillars of grey granite that rise from the flat Patagonian plain. The spectacular Torres del Paine (Towers), giant granite peaks are even more spectacular. See Grey Glacier and lake with its blue iceberg, Salto Grande, a glacial waterfall set against majestic peaks, and many lakes. Hike or ride horses with an expert guide or simply relax in the park and its surrounding wilderness. HOTEL REMOTA (2B, 2L, 2D)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Puerto Natales + Punta Arenas + Santiago

Depart this morning for Punta Arenas for the return flight to Santiago. Travel through Chile's expansive Patagonian pampas and along the shoreline of the Strait of Magellan home to rheas, condors, and eagles. The flight to Santiago will offer, weather permitting, magnificent views of the Andes Mountains, its snow-capped peaks, glaciers, and ice fields as they stream downward, feeding the lakes below. Upon arrival transfer to your hotel. Evening is free. HOTEL PLAZA EL BOSQUE (B)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Santiago + U.S.

This morning visit Cerro San Cristobal for a panoramic view of Santiago, before visiting the Museum of the Memory and Human Rights dedicated to commemorate the victims of human rights violations during the civic-military regime led by Augusto Pinochet between 1973 and 1990. It was inaugurated in 2010 as part of the bicentennial celebrations of Chile. Next, travel to the nearby Maipo Valley, the fertile home of many of Chile’s finest wineries. Mark the journey’s end with a celebratory farewell lunch at the historical Viña Santa Rita with its classical colonial mansion surrounded by ornamental gardens and centuries-old trees. The remainder of the afternoon is unscheduled before an overnight return flight home. Your room is available with a late check-out until the time of the transfer to the airport. OVERNIGHT FLIGHT (B.L, MEALS ALOFT)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Arrive Home in U.S.

Arrive this morning in the U.S. and connect to your home airport.

Easter Island Pre-Tour Optional Extension

OCTOBER 27-NOVEMBER 2, 2017

After overnighting in Santiago, depart the next morning for Easter Island (Rapa Nui). Located 2,600 miles west of Santiago in the South Pacific Ocean, this mysterious island has a visual impact few places in the world can equal. Hundreds of moais, tight-lipped basalt statues unique in the whole of Oceania, are scattered throughout the island. The extension includes two nights in Santiago at the Hotel Plaza El Bosque Park and Suites Ebro and three nights at Hotel Hangaroa Eco Village and Spa on Easter Island, breakfasts at the Plaza El Bosque Park and all meals at the Hangaroa including wine or beer, daily sunset cocktail, daily excursions on Easter Island, except for the day of departure and all transfers. Airfare to Easter Island is not included. Approximate roundtrip airfare from Santiago to Easter Island $550, coach class and subject to change. Cost: $2,875 per person, double occupancy, $3,440 per person, single occupancy. Rates are based on a minimum of 10 guests.
WHAT TO EXPECT

This exclusive expedition is designed for those who are interested in learning about the history, culture, the superb natural areas of Patagonia and the history and panoramas of Santiago, and Valparaíso. This is a moderately active program. Some walks in the Torres del Paine area are approximately one-mile-long (sometimes over uneven terrain); walks can be longer at the participant’s discretion. Typically, the weather is warm in Santiago (mid 70’s at noon), and cooler in Puerto Montt and Puerto Varas where temperatures average in the mid 60’s during the day and can drop to the low 40’s at night. Sites in southern Patagonia (Torres del Paine, Punta Arenas, and Puerto Natales) are usually quite cold in the early morning and late evening, but can be sunny with variable temperatures during the day. Winds, which can be strong, are frequent in the southern Patagonia area, and weather as a general rule, is unpredictable. Since some travel will be in remote areas, everyone must be flexible concerning time schedules, food, weather and dust. In order to enjoy this trip, a spirit of adventure and anticipation, and the desire to explore spectacular natural areas are musts. There are a couple of relatively long drives, which are necessary for the chance to explore the superb scenery of Patagonia. Travel is by regular scheduled jet aircraft, enclosed catamarans and motor coach. Altitude does not pose a problem for this itinerary.

THE REMOTA LODGE in Puerto Natales, Chile

In the Chilean Patagonia, you’ll stay at the all-inclusive Remota Lodge in Puerto Natales, the gateway to Torres del Paine National Park. The lodge serves as a place of contemplative refuge and restful return after each journey into the awe-inspiring beauty of Patagonia. Experience exquisite vistas, ultramodern rooms, fine dining, an open bar serving cocktails, wine with meals, expert guides, open-air Jacuzzis, heated indoor infinity pool, and all the service, comforts and amenities of a five-star hotel. The architecture of the Remota is designed to bring its guests into intimate contact with the magnificent natural world of the remote Patagonian peninsula. A choice of small personalized daily excursions is offered to each passenger while at the lodge. Excursions include hiking, horseback riding, bicycle tours, estancia or ranch tours and bird watching, with specialist English-speaking guides.

PROGRAM COSTS

LAND PROGRAM COST .................$7,395
(Per person based on double occupancy)
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT .................$1,295
SAMPLE COACH AIRFARE TO SANTIAGO FROM NASHVILLE .................$1,490
(Not included, quoted separately, subject to change)
EASTER ISLAND PRE-TRIP EXTENSION $2,875
EXTENSION SINGLE OCCUPANCY .....$3,440

Rates for the extension are based on a minimum of 10 guests. Roundtrip flights from Santiago to Easter Island are NOT included in the extension price. Roundtrip flights from Santiago to Easter Island are approximately $550 per person, coach class on LAN Airlines and is subject to change.
RESERVATIONS, DEPOSITS, AND FINAL PAYMENT: To reserve a space on this tour, please mail authorization of a credit card payment or a check made payable to “Royal Adventures” for $1,000 per person and a $200 per person deposit is required for the Easter Island pre-trip extension, if applicable, with a completed reservation form to: Vanderbilt Travel Program, Office of Alumni Relations, PMB 407735, 2301 Vanderbilt Plaza, Nashville, TN 37240-7735. Reservations are acknowledged in order of receipt. Final payment is due August 1, 2017 and must be paid by check. Royal Adventures CST #2009579-40

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QUESTIONS: Please contact Cary Allyn, Vanderbilt Travel Program, (615) 322-3673 or alumni.travel@vanderbilt.edu or Katie Howe, Royal Adventures (925) 820-6260 or 1-800-453-4754.

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RESERVATION FORM
Please complete the form below.

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ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP

HOME PHONE BUSINESS PHONE

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PAYMENT OPTIONS
Deposit $1,000 per person, plus $200 per person for the Easter Island Pre-Tour Extension, if applicable. Final payment is due August 1, 2017 by check only payable to “ROYAL ADVENTURES”

☐ Enclosed is my deposit check made payable to “Royal Adventures” for $________ per person OR

☐ Please charge my deposit of $________ per person to: ☐ MasterCard ☐ VISA ☐ American Express

CARD #

EXP. DATE SEC. CODE

SIGNATURE AS IT APPEARS ON THE CARD

ACCOMMODATIONS
☐ I will require single accommodations. (limited availability please call).

☐ I will share accommodations with:_______

FLIGHTS AND EXTENSIONS
☐ I/We wish to join the Easter Island optional pre-tour extension at an additional cost of $2,875 per person, double occupancy or $3,440 single occupancy.

☐ I/We will take care of my/our own international flight arrangements.

☐ I/We want you to book my/our flights from:

☐ Economy ☐ Business

I/We have carefully read the General Terms and Condition sections of this brochure and agree to the terms on behalf of myself and the members of my party named above.

SIGNATURE(S) DATE

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COSTS AND CONDITIONS
PROGRAM COST INCLUDES: Study leader’s lectures and discussions • Accommodations and meals as specified in the itinerary • Wine with included dinners and farewell lunch • Open bar at the Remota Hotel • Three in-tour flights • (Santiago to Puerto Montt: Puerto Montt to Punta Arenas and Punta Arenas to Santiago) Professional English speaking guides at all locations • Transportation by private motor coach • Airport transfers for group flights • Tips to local guides • Porters • Restaurants • Service charges and taxes • Entrance fees • Baggage handling • Leadership • Coordination and administration.

PROGRAM COST DOES NOT INCLUDE: U.S. domestic and international airfare (quoted separately) • Flights for the optional pre-tour to Easter Island • Excess baggage charges • Meals not specified in the itinerary • Personal items such as laundry, email, fax or telephone calls • Alcoholic beverages except those mentioned above • Dishes or beverages not included with meals • Room service • Passport or visa fees • Private transfers • Medical expenses • Travel insurance • Optional extensions or deviations from the scheduled tour • Tip to tour director is at the passenger’s discretion • Any increases in the in-tour airfare (included as part of the main program cost), security, or fuel surcharges imposed after the initial pricing of this program are not included.
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HIGHLIGHTS

Enhance your experience with lectures and discussion from TOM D. DILLEHAY, Professor of Anthropology and Latin American Studies at Vanderbilt.

Visit the capital city of SANTIAGO and historic port city of VALPARAÍSO.

Journey to the heart of Chile’s WINE DISTRICT.

Explore TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK, hidden at the southernmost end of the Andes and walk near monolithic granite spires, glacial lakes, and waterfalls.

Observe Patagonia’s UNIQUE WILDLIFE, including guanaco, rhea, flamingo and magnificent Andean condors.

Sail through turquoise waters in CHILE’S LAKE DISTRICT.