



INSIDER'S CHILE & ARGENTINA

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Make the most of your adventure! For those who would like to extend their travels in Chile and Argentina before or after their Mountain Travel Sobek trip, we have put together the following extensions based on our many years of experience working in the region.

EASTER ISLAND

Duration 3, 4 & 5 nights

Mysterious Easter Island, 2200 miles west of the Chilean coast, was first discovered by Dutch explorer Jacob Roggeveen on Easter Sunday, 1722 (hence its name). To the small population of Polynesian-descent natives who now inhabit it, the island is known as *Te Pito o Te Henua*, "The Navel of the World." One has only to climb to the island's highest summit and scan the ocean horizon in every direction to understand why the natives perceive this as an island at the center of the world!

This extremely isolated island is famed for its 600 *moai*, ancient carved stone figures up to 30 feet high, remnants of an ancient civilization that remains a mystery to archaeologists. Much speculation has been made as to the origin of this civilization and the nature of its disappearance.

Our program is designed for you to visit the major archaeological sites on the islands, and still enjoy some free time to pursue individual interests. There is plenty of time to meet the island's Polynesian inhabitants, and enjoy the island's most beautiful palm-fringed beach at Anakena. Accommodations throughout our adventure will be in your choice of a comfortable hotel.

Day 1—Transfer on your own from your Santiago hotel to the airport and fly to Easter Island (5½-hour flight). You will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel.

Hotel

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Day 2—Full day excursion to Vaihui, Akahanga, Rano Raraku, Tongariki, Te Pito Kura, and Ahu Ngau Ngau. Picnic lunch at Anakena Beach, Easter Island's largest white sand beach.

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Day 3—Half-day morning excursion to visit Ana Kai Tangata Cave (the name means “cave where men are eaten”), where paintings of a sheep and a three-masted European ship are depicted on the interior walls (they are thought to date back to an encounter with Admiral La Perouse in 1786). At Orongo, a partially restored ancient ceremonial village built on the rim of Rano Kau Volcano, we will explore the remnants of its distinctive houses, carved out of the side of the slope and walled with overlapping flat stone slabs. It is believed that Orongo was once the center of a bird cult—numerous petroglyphs that resemble a man-bird hybrid are carved in the lava outcrops of the crater rim. We also visit Vinapu, an old village lying in a valley at the base of the volcano. Parts of the stonework at Vinapu are quite reminiscent of the finest Inca stonework found near Cuzco, Peru. *(Those staying longer will have the afternoon free to relax and do some exploration on your own.)*

Afternoon tour of Ahu Akivi (seven *moais*), the first site to be scientifically excavated and restored, and the Ana Tepahu, Cantera, and Puna Pau caves, where many of the red stone topknots decorating the *moai* were produced (some of them weighing several tons!). Lunch and dinner on your own.

(If you are staying 5 or 6 days, the activities scheduled this afternoon will be offered the morning of Day 4.)

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Day 4 (3 night program)—After breakfast transfer to the airport and depart for Santiago.

Day 5 (4 night program)—After breakfast transfer to the airport and depart to Santiago.

Day 6—Transfer to the airport and depart for Santiago.

Land Cost

Rates quoted are per person, based on sharing double accommodations.

Easter Island:	3 nights/4 days			4 nights/5 days			5 nights/6 days		
Hotel:	SGL	DBL	TPL	SGL	DBL	TPL	SGL	DBL	TPL
<i>Hanga Roa</i>	\$1,195	\$695	n/a	\$1,395	\$795	n/a	\$1,895	\$1,095	n/a
<i>Ioarana “Superior”</i>	\$1,195	\$795	n/a	\$1,495	\$995	n/a	\$1,795	\$1,195	n/a
<i>Iorana “Standard” or Otai Superior</i>	\$795	\$625	\$525	\$995	\$725	\$625	\$1,175	\$845	\$725
<i>Taba Tai, Hotu Matua, Manutara & Otai Standard</i>	\$725	\$525	\$425	\$875	\$625	\$525	\$1,050	\$725	\$625
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Land Cost includes accommodations; sightseeing (shared tours) and meals as indicated; local guides; entrance fees; airport transfers in Easter Island.

Not included are international airfare; transfers in Santiago; flights between Santiago and Easter Island (see approximate fare below); meals where not indicated; insurance of any kind; optional tipping to guides and local

staff; excess baggage charges; airport taxes; cost of medical immunizations; items of a personal nature (sodas, alcoholic beverages, laundry, etc.).

Air Schedules to/from Easter Island on Lan Chile Airlines

We suggest you contact Lan Chile Airlines for special promotions if you are flying internationally with Lan Chile. The cost for flights from Santiago to Easter Island is \$1,150.

Note—Prices and airline schedules are subject to change. Note—flight frequency will increase after January 2008.

<i>Carrier</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>	<i>Departs</i>	<i>Arrives</i>	<i>Days of the Week</i>
Lan Chile 841	Santiago	Easter Island	9:10 a.m.	12:50 p.m.	Tue, Sat
Lan Chile 841			8:50 a.m.	12:10 p.m.	Wed
Lan Chile 833			6:05 p.m.	9:25 p.m.	Sun, Wed
Lan Chile 842	Easter Island	Santiago	1:50 p.m.	8:30 p.m.	Tue, Sat
Lan Chile 842			1:10 p.m.	7:55 p.m.	Wed
Lan Chile 834			12:15 p.m.	6:55 p.m.	Mon, Thu

EASTER ISLAND AT EXPLORA RAPA NUI

Relax in elegance and style! This extension features accommodations at the new Explora Lodge opening late December 2007. (Explora is the hotelier that offers fantastic programs at their upscale lodges in Patagonia and other parts of Chile). If you plan to go earlier, Casas Rapa Nui has been adapted to Explora standards for maximum comfort. The two houses are within 150 meters from each other, and boast open-air Jacuzzis, an outdoor barbecue area, as well as a dining area and bar, three living rooms, laundry, and Internet.

The new hotel will be located on a hill in the Te Miro Oone sector, on nearly 24 acres of land facing the sea. The hotel is situated in the southwestern zone of the island, 3½ miles from Hanga Roa—the only town on the island—and it will act as a base for exploring this attractive and mysterious island, home to a culture whose origins and evolution remain unexplained.

Volcanic rock, native to the island and traditionally used by the island's inhabitants in construction, and wood from the mainland are the principal materials. The hotel has 30 guestrooms that spread out from central areas that house reception, living areas, a bar, kitchen, and services. Next to the common areas is the Casa de Baños Hare Vai, with a pool, massage salon, and open-air Jacuzzis.

Explora has designed 10 excursions on foot and on bicycle, which allow you to visit sites of major interest on the island, such as archaeological and religious sites, spectacular volcanoes, coastlines, and cliffs.

Duration: 3, 4, 5 & 7 nights, depending on the time of year.

Casas Rapa Nui*(valid until December 2007)*

Program:	3 nights		4 nights		5 nights		7 nights	
Room:	SGL	DBL	SGL	DBL	SGL	DBL	SGL	DBL
<i>Rani</i>	\$1,785	\$1,230	\$2,380	\$1,640	\$2,975	\$2,050	\$4,165	\$2,870
<i>Motu</i>	\$1,850	\$1,275	\$2,465	\$1,700	\$3,085	\$2,125	\$4,315	\$2,975

Posada de Mike Rapu / Explora en Rapa Nui*(valid from December 15, 2007)*

Program	3 nights		4 nights		5 nights		7 nights	
Room	SGL	DBL	SGL	DBL	SGL	DBL	SGL	DBL
Varúa	\$2,634	\$1,794	\$3,510	\$2,390	\$4,270	\$2,920	\$5,570	\$3,890
Raa	\$3,702	\$2,334	\$4,935	\$3,110	\$6,050	\$3,780	\$7,895	\$4,955

Land Cost includes roundtrip transfer between Easter Island airport and Explora or Casas Rapa Nui; lodging; all meals, with daily set menus, open bar; daily explorations with bilingual guides, including equipment. Rates in US dollars are tax exempt according to decree D.L.825 art. 12 for guests who are foreigners, not residents of Chile, and pay in dollars.

Not included are international airfare; transfers in Santiago; flights between Santiago and Easter Island; insurance of any kind; optional tipping to guides and local staff; excess baggage charges; airport taxes; cost of medical immunizations; items of a personal nature (laundry, etc.).

IGUAZU FALLS*3 days, 2 nights*

Day 1—From Buenos Aires, fly to Puerto Iguazu, Argentina. The flight usually leaves the Buenos Aires domestic airport at 10:25 a.m. and arrives at 12:10 p.m. You will be met at the airport and transferred to the International Hotel, located in the heart of the jungle and facing imposing Devil's Throat. Early afternoon visit to the falls, exploring the upper and lower paths that run along the cliffs lining the falls on the Argentine side. Iguazu Falls is not just one cascade, but rather a series of many beautiful cataracts stretching for several miles along the river. Trails provide access to the forest and the falls, a wonderful place to view tropical birds, flowers, and butterflies.
Sheraton International

Day 2—Iguazu. With an English speaking guide this will be a full day, with walks, a boat trip through the rapids for breathtaking views of the Devil's Throat balcony, the most impressive cataract (proximity to the falls is based on weather and safety conditions), and boating on the Iguazu river to appreciate the local flora and animals. We hike on the "La Gran Aventura" Trail, with its profusion of interesting flora. There is also the possibility of viewing a wide variety of the wildlife that is harbored under the jungle cover. Birdlife includes parrots and parakeets, woodpeckers, hummingbirds, and four species of toucan. Monkeys, deer, sloth, anteaters, raccoons, jaguar, tapir, caiman, and armadillo are all present, but are mostly nocturnal as are most large animals of the rainforest. There are also fantastic butterflies and lizards.

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Day 3—Iguazu-Buenos Aires. The morning is at leisure. Transfer to the airport and board the afternoon flight to Buenos Aires.

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See also our “Iguazu & Iberá Wetlands Private Adventure” (www.mtsobek.com/mts/6jf).

Land Cost

Rates quoted are per person with private guide and transfers in Iguazu.

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Falls View \$1,295 solo traveler \$790 double

Jungle View \$1,050 solo traveler \$550 double

Single Supplement \$475

Additional visit to the Brazilian side (Brazilian visa required):

\$90 per person (includes private transfer and guide)

Internal Air Cost

Internal roundtrip airfare from Buenos Aires varies from \$450 (including taxes), subject to availability and change without notice.

Land Cost includes accommodations, private transfers in Iguazu, private excursion in Argentine side of the falls with English speaking guide, adventure excursion Zodiac with group, park fees.

Not included are internal airfare, meals not noted in itinerary, optional tips to guides or local staff, airport transfers in Buenos Aires, and items of a personal nature (alcoholic beverages, etc.).

Additional Nights & Transfers

Additional nights:

Santiago de Chile

Hotel Plaza San Francisco	\$150 single or double (standard room)	Includes buffet breakfast
	\$185 single or double (deluxe room)	Includes buffet breakfast

Punta Arenas

Hotel Cabo de Hornos	\$195 single	Includes buffet breakfast
	\$225 double	Includes buffet breakfast

Buenos Aires

Hotel Loi Suites	\$220 single or double (junior suite)	Incl. American Breakfast
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Transfers per person outside of regular tour dates (airport–hotel or hotel–airport)

In Santiago	\$75 single traveler
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	\$40	(2 people traveling together)
In Buenos Aires:	\$30p/p	Hotel /Ezeiza Airport for international flight (2 people traveling together)
	\$60	Hotel/Ezeiza Airport for international flight (single traveler)
	\$20p/p	Hotel/Aeroparque Airport for domestic flights (2 people traveling together)
	\$35	Hotel/Aeroparque Airport for domestic flights (single traveler)
With private guide:	\$75p/p	Ezeiza Airport to Hotel (2 people traveling together)
	\$140	Ezeiza Airport to Hotel (single traveler)
	\$55	Aeroparque Airport/Hotel (2 people traveling together)
	\$100	Aeroparque Airport/Hotel (single traveler)

ATACAMA DESERT

Chile's Atacama Desert boasts a landscape of soaring volcanoes, stark moonscapes, salt pans, and geysers. You'll explore it all, based at the Hotel de Larache near San Pedro de Atacama. The hotel is located on about 42 acres formed by 20 small farming lots, which are respected and maintained as a historical site by Explora. Accompanied by bilingual guides, you'll enjoy daily explorations of Atacama's natural environment, and visit sites of pre-Columbian, colonial, and contemporary cultures. Accommodations include all you need for relaxation and the best means for exploring the Atacama lands.

Hotel de Larache / Explora en Atacama
(Valid from September 1, 2007, to August 31, 2009)

Program: Atacama Tultur

3 nights	\$2,355	single
	\$1,642	double
4 nights	\$3,140	single
	\$2,190	double

Note on checking out—Your last day is intended to be an exploration day. We recommend you make your air reservations leaving Calama after 6:00 p.m. When leaving in the morning for a full exploration day, or when leaving the hotel for an afternoon exploration, Explora will take care of the luggage. Checking out must be before noon, but guests can have lunch at the hotel (included in the program).

Land Cost includes transfer between Calama Airport and Hotel de Larache; accommodations; full board (3 meals a day and bar; equipment, horses, vehicles. Rates in U.S. dollars are tax exempt according to decree D.L. 825 art. 12 for guests who are foreigners, not residents of Chile, and pay in U.S. dollars.

Not included are international airfare; transfers in Santiago; flights between Santiago and Calama; insurance of any kind; optional tipping to guides and local staff; excess baggage charges; airport taxes; cost of medical immunizations; items of a personal nature (laundry, etc.).

Deposit, Transfer & Cancellation Policy

The following policy applies to single- or multi-day extensions to the standard Mountain Travel Sobek program you have signed up for. A nonrefundable \$100 deposit is required to reserve these extra services (your deposit is fully refundable if we cannot secure your request). Full payment is due immediately upon confirmation of your request.

If written notice of cancellation or transfer is received:	Cancellation Fee will be:
60 or more days prior to departure	\$100
30 to 59 days prior to departure	50% of Extension Cost
Less than 30 days prior to departure	100% of Extension Cost

We recommend you purchase Trip Cancellation Insurance to protect yourself.

Note on Itinerary

Although we will do our best to adhere to the itinerary schedule as listed, it is subject to change. Please read the Limitation of Liability and Booking Conditions in the four-page Participant Information Form. You can find all this information on our website at www.mtsobek.com/faq and the form itself at www.mtsobek.com/pdf/participant_info.pdf.

Terms & Conditions

Once you have made a deposit for a trip, you agree to be bound by all our terms and conditions including the Limitation of Liability Clause. The full Terms and Conditions can be found at www.mtsobek.com/faq/#liability or call 1-888-MTSOBEK (687-6235) for a copy. These are partial conditions. Your participation is contingent on your signature on the full list of terms specified in the four-page Participant Information Form (www.mtsobek.com/pdf/participant_info.pdf). Any dispute concerning, relating or referring to the Terms and Conditions, to any literature concerning this trip, or the trip itself, shall be resolved exclusively by binding arbitration in San Francisco, California, according to the then existing commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association. Such proceedings will be governed by substantive California law (but not procedural law) without regard to the California Arbitration Act.

Commissions

Extensions are sold at a net price and are non-commissionable.

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