

CENTRAL

CHILE

WINE COUNTRY

PARQUE NATURAL
TRICAHUE

LAGUNA DEL MAULE

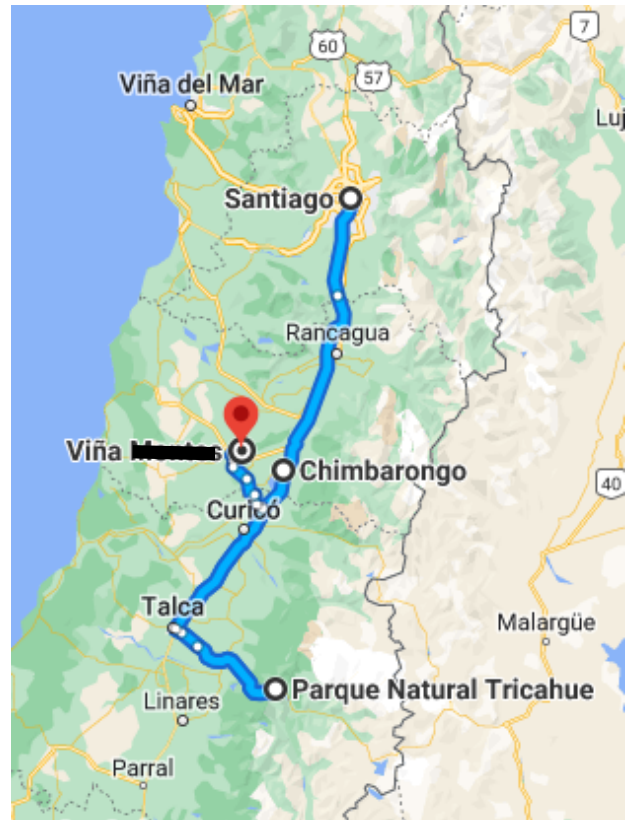
PROGRAM

Along the next 5 days and 4 nights, we will cover the Central-South area of Chile, from the central valley in O'higgins region to the Andes of the Maule region (300 kms south from Santiago)

Being at 35 degrees south latitude, "half of the country" and exploring from 300 to 2500 m.a.s.l, it's a naturally balanced representation of what the extremes of Chile have to offer as well.

Fertile lands with the best vineyards from South America, rich in biodiversity of forest types and home of breathtaking geological processes.

A mix of different ambients and landscapes worthy to visit.



PROGRAM

Day 01 HEADING SOUTH

Let's start the journey stopping by one of the most known artisans towns in Chile

Day 02 PARQUE NATURAL TRICAHUE

First green hot-spot of forest species from north to south. A hidden gem in central Chile

Day 03 LAGUNA DEL MAULE

Explore one of the most interesting and breathtaking geological sites in the Chilean Andes.

Day 04 WINE COUNTRY

Enjoy and relax at the heart of the most iconic valley of the Chilean wine country

Day 05 BACK TO SANTIAGO

Half-day activity in the morning to be planned depending on your schedule and drive back to Santiago



DAY 01

HEADING SOUTH

This morning, your guide will pick you up at your hotel in Santiago to head south by Route 5 in your private car.

After a 2 hours drive, we will stop by Chimbarongo, a small town well known for its wicker basketry industry tradition. Wicker is famous for its flexibility, but still remains a quite rigid material, usually handled by men who work with wet stems to make it more flexible.

After a snack, we will continue the day heading to pre-Andean hillsides or "pre-cordillera". 2 hours drive before arriving to a 2000 has. natural reserve "Parque Natural Tricahue", our home for the next 2 days.

A late lunch, an excursions briefing and a short hike, it's the plan for the afternoon.



DAY 02

PARQUE NATURAL TRICAHUE

This natural reserve it's managed by your two hosts and guides, Josefina and Tomás. As a private project, it protects 2000 has. of land, conformed by it's own river valley, three strong types of native forest and high peaks (mainly).

A healthy ecosystem in the pre-Andean hillside of the Andes with different ambients, home of a large variety of plants, insect and birds, such as the Borrowing parrot (*Cyanoliseus patagonus*). In spanish known as Loro Tricahue and where the name of the park comes from.

Having its own trail options, from easy walk to a challenging hike and different attractions, we suggest to plan this day the night before once in the briefing room of the park.

There is full flexibility on choosing a full-day, or two half-day activities, or what seems better weather-and-mood-depending, by the hand of your locals experts.



DAY 03

VALLE DE LOS CONDORES & LAGUNA DEL MAULE

Heading to the border with Argentina, following the Maule river we will witness a drastic change of natural ambient, from the forests in the Andean hillside at 500 m.a.s.l to the rock terraces and cliffs of the stunning high Andes at 2000 m.a.s.l.

Valle de los Condores, a huge scale basalt valley carved by ancient eruptions and flowing water. Followed by a volcanic-shaped lake that keeps a silent but active magmatic chamber underneath, Laguna del Maule.

Extremes conditions have made this unique landscape, home of the Andean Condor (*Vultur gryphus*) and very much difficult to compare with somewhere else in the world.

By October, after the winter, we should have good access to the area by 4x4. Mixing the scenic drive with short hikes, birdwatching and landscape photography.



DAY 04

WINE COUNTRY

We will leave the park early in the morning after a good breakfast, gently heading back to the north.

After 2 hours, we will arrive to Colchagua province, heart of the Chilean wine country. Colchagua is one of Chile's best known wine regions and has earned much applause for its full-bodied Cabernet, Carménère, Syrah, and Malbec, and its wines regularly appear high on the world's lists of leading wines. Most of the wineries are concentrated in the center of the valley, although new plantations climb hillsides and explore the frontier toward the sea.

We're getting to know the most iconic and interesting places in Santa Cruz town just to continue to a wonderful lunch and lovely tour by one of the most impressive vineyards of the area.

We will stay in place for dinner at [REDACTED] and then head back to our accommodations in Santa Cruz town.



DAY 05

BACK TO SANTIAGO

Open morning to be planned as you feel like. Departure time to your hotel in Santiago or to Arturo Merino Benitez airport must be earlier than 12.00 hrs.



LODGING AND MEALS



From day 01 to 04, lodging will be in one of the cabins at Parque Natural Tricahue, our base camp for this program. Cozy cabins with all the basic needs and hosted by the owners.

Meals for day 04 will be in [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Accomodations
that night will be in Santa Cruz town.

Meals and beverages are all included and will be chosen and prepared according to your preferences.



COSTS AND FEES

This program includes private transportation, all the meals and beverages, accommodations, local guides, entrance fees and any costs associated on the itinerary mentioned before.

The total cost of the program is

CLP \$ xxx

USD \$ xxx

