



Atacama to Patagonia: Chile's Natural World

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Tour Leaders **Stephen Ryan**

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Explore the natural wonders of this vast and diverse country, with the great forests, unique flora and fauna, dramatic coasts and majestic mountains.

Overview

"This elongated country is like an island, separated on the north from the rest of the continent by the Atacama Desert – the driest in the world... To the east rises the cordillera of the Andes, a formidable mass of rock and eternal snows, and to the west the abrupt coastline of the Pacific Ocean. Below, to the south, lie the solitudes of Antarctica. This nation of dramatic topography and diverse climates, studded with capricious obstacles and shaken by the sighs of hundreds of volcanoes, a geological miracle between the heights of the cordillera and the depths of the sea, is unified top to tail by the obstinate sense of nationhood of its inhabitants". Chilean author, Isabel Allende

Tour Highlights

- Join [Stephen Ryan](#), horticulturalist and author to explore Chile's unique flora and fauna. Stephen will be assisted by [Craig Lidgerwood](#).
- Visit public gardens and enjoy privileged access to private gardens that both reflect Chile's lively contemporary garden culture.
- Visit the eccentric houses of Chile's greatest poet, the colourful Pablo Neruda, and hear marvellous stories which inspired Isabel Allende.
- Explore the rainbow-hued UNESCO World Heritage Listed coastal town of Valparaíso.
- Visit Santiago's great Museum of Pre-Columbian Art to explore the rich cultural history of Central and South America, and the Padre LePaige Archaeological Museum's collection from the ancient cultures of the Atacama region.
- Discover the fascinating geology of the Atacama Desert – a high-altitude 1,200km expanse of dunes, plains, high peaks, and active volcanoes – with visits to Moon Valley in the Salt Mountain Range, the ancient village of Tocoa, Atacama Salt Flat and the famous flamingos of Chaxa Lagoon.
- Spend 2 days in the Torres del Paine National Park, Patagonia – a wilderness of scrubland, ridges, rivers, lakes and lagoons and the eponymous *torres* (towers) of the Paine Massif; a highlight is our excursion to see the icebergs on Lago Grey.
- Enjoy the awesome natural beauty of Chile's southern Lake District, visiting the magnificent Parque Nacional Volcán Villarrica which features a glorious mix of lakes and three volcanoes.
- Take a swim in the Termas Geométricas, a Japanese-inspired labyrinth of hot springs hidden in the lush Chilean forest.
- Visit vibrant artists' markets, and sample distinctive cuisine and enjoy the fine wines for which Chile is famed.

22-day Flora & Fauna Tour of Chile

Overnight Santiago (3 nights) • San Pedro de Atacama (2 nights) • Santiago Airport (1 night) • Torres del Paine National Park (3 nights) • Punta Arenas (1 night) • Valdivia (2 nights) • Pucón (2 nights) • Santa Cruz (2 nights) • Viña del Mar (2 nights) • Santiago (3 nights)

Overview

Join horticulturalist, author and broadcaster Stephen Ryan as he explores the diverse topography, ecology, fauna and flora and human culture of this extraordinary country: the rock formations and prehistoric villages of the Atacama; its sublime Andean mountain scenery; the fertile centre with its sophisticated cities, Santiago, Valparaíso and Valdivia; the dramatic coastline and awe-inspiring southern mountain landscapes of Patagonia. We observe Chile's remarkable, diverse flora that has been celebrated in 400 years of manicured landscapes laid out by gardeners from Chile, Spain, Germany, England and

France. In addition to privileged access to private gardens that reflect Chile's lively contemporary garden culture, we visit the eccentric house of Chile's greatest poet, the colourful Pablo Neruda, hear of marvellous stories which inspired Isabel Allende, and visit fine museums displaying magnificent pre-Columbian art, historic villages, old Spanish fortresses and vibrant artisan markets. Like Charles Darwin, we shall explore great forests and experience Chile's unique flora and fauna within dramatic coastal and mountain settings. As we journey through this enchanting country we sample distinctive cuisine and enjoy the fine wines for which Chile is famed.

Leaders



Stephen Ryan

Horticulturalist, nurseryman, collector, prolific writer and award-winning broadcaster. Stephen brings his profound knowledge to ASA garden tours in France, Morocco & New Zealand. He is also leading ASA's flora and fauna tour to Madagascar in 2019.

Stephen Ryan, horticulturalist, author and broadcaster, started working in his father's nursery at the age of ten and at the same time joined the Mt. Macedon Horticultural Society. By the age of 19 he was the president and still is to this day. After completing a Gardening and Turf Management apprenticeship, and achieving an *Award of Merit* as the top Victorian apprentice he subsequently was awarded two scholarships, one in the United Kingdom and the other in New Zealand. On Stephen's return to Australia he ran his family nursery until he started his own nationally recognised nursery Dicksonia Rare Plants a few years later in 1980 and has been a passionate plant collector ever since.

Having started with writing articles for magazines and newspapers, Stephen's media presence has developed to the stage where he does a regular radio slot with Melbourne's 3CR station. In 2002 Stephen was awarded a *Radio Laurel* by the Horticultural Media Association for his segments on ABC Radio 774 3LO. Stephen has often appeared on a variety of television programs, however he is best known for his role for three years as host on ABC Television's *Gardening Australia*.

Stephen lectures and holds seminars both in Australia as well as overseas which have included a lecture that was translated into Spanish as he spoke to an audience in Argentina. As a plant hunter and traveller he has travelled to many places in the world such as Namibia, India, Oregon, England, Ireland, South Africa, Peru, New Guinea and France as well as the aforementioned Argentina. He has also led tours into Madagascar and North West France.

He has published three books on rare plants that have received rave reviews and his manual contains over 2000 plant entries of rare plants available in temperate Australia. He also contributed to the two large tomes produced in Australia *Botanica* and more recently *Flora*. Stephen's garden and nursery hold three national plant collections, *Cornus*, *Sambucus* and *Acanthus*, for the Garden Plants Conservation Association of Australia. In 2001 the Royal Horticultural Society of Victoria recognised Stephen with a John Pascoe Fawcner Gold Medal for "Distinguished Service to Horticulture". Since departing *Gardening Australia*, Stephen is now writing for a New Zealand magazine *Weekend Gardener*, and has started writing another book, which will be on the development of his own garden, '*Tugurium*'.

Stephen first joined ASA as a lecturer in 2009. The following link gives a little gardening background on Stephen Ryan:

<https://www.abc.net.au/gardening/factsheets/my-garden-path---stephen-ryan/10815874>



Itinerary

The following itinerary includes a number of private gardens which we plan to visit. These require special permission and may only be confirmed closer to the tour's departure. The daily activities described in this itinerary may change or be rotated and/or modified in order to accommodate alterations in opening hours, flight schedules, variable weather conditions and confirmation of private visits. Participants will receive a final itinerary together with their tour documents prior to departure. The tour includes breakfast daily, lunches & evening meals indicated in the detailed itinerary where: B=breakfast, L=lunch and D=dinner.

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Santiago - 3 nights

Day 1: Sunday 11 October, Arrive Santiago

- Arrival transfer for participants arriving on the 'ASA designated' flight
- Short Orientation Walk & Light 2-course dinner

Participants travelling on the ASA 'designated flight' are scheduled to arrive into Santiago in the late afternoon. After clearing customs we transfer by private coach to our the [Hotel Cumbres Lastarria](#), located in the *Barrio Lastarria*. Following check-in and time to freshen up after the long journey, there will be a short orientation walk in the hotel's historic precinct followed by a light evening meal. (Overnight Santiago) D

Day 2: Monday 12 October, Santiago

- Walking tour of historic Santiago incl. Plaza de Armas and Cathedral
- Museo Chileno de Arte Precolombino
- Mercado Central de Santiago
- Afternoon coach tour of Santiago's diverse neighbourhoods
- Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant

This morning we embark on a walking tour of the city. We begin at the centre of Santiago's social life, the Plaza de Armas, which is surrounded by heritage buildings, including the Metropolitan Cathedral, the old post office, and the National Historical Museum.

We visit the Museo Chileno de Arte Precolombino (Chilean Museum of Pre-Columbian Art), founded by the Chilean architect and antiquities collector Sergio Larraín García-Moreno. The museum displays García-Moreno's magnificent private collection from the major pre-Columbian Central American, Intermediate / Isthmo-Colombian (Panama etc.), Caribbean, Amazonian and the Andean cultures acquired over the course of nearly 50 years. Housed in the Palacio de la Real Aduana (1805-1807), the museum underwent extensive renovations and reopened in 2014. The collection, which ranges over 10,000 years, includes exhibits of art, sculpture, pottery, textiles and jewellery. Highlights include pieces from the Inca and Aztec empires, and the 7,000-year-old Chinchorro mummies discovered in 1983.

We then tour the Mercado Central and have time at leisure for lunch. Santiago's fish market is housed in a 19th-century building featuring a beautiful cast-iron roof. Amongst its many stalls are numerous small restaurants serving a variety of fresh Chilean seafood dishes.

In the afternoon we travel by coach to explore some of the city's diverse neighbourhoods, such as the vibrant Barrio Lastarria, a lovely historic neighbourhood in the city centre, known for its bohemian flavour and diverse cultural activity such as festivals and live performances; it has many theatres, museums, restaurants and bars. The precinct developed around the Church of the True Cross soon after Pedro de Valdivia's Conquest of Chile. Old houses, recently restored, occupy its winding streets and the Plaza Mulato Gil de Castro.

We return to our hotel to rest and freshen up before heading to a local restaurant for our welcome dinner. (Overnight Santiago) BD

Day 3: Tuesday 13 October, Santiago

- Pablo Neruda's House: 'Casa Museo La Chascona'
- Jardín Botánico Chagual
- Private Garden Visit – To be confirmed

This morning we visit 'La Chascona', the Santiago home of Chile's most famous poet, the Nobel Laureate, Pablo Neruda (1904-1973). His house is a triumph of artistic flourishes and includes a very broad, eccentric collection, including works of maritime art. It is located in the historic Bellavista district – home to an important arts community.

Following time at leisure for lunch, we visit the Chagual Botanical Garden, located in the Parque Metropolitano near the Cerro San Cristóbal. It occupies 84 acres and is still in the early stages of planning and development. The aim is to recreate central Chile's unique ecosystems featuring special collections of endangered, medicinal and other significant plants such as those with special botanical or economic value. Of particular interest, it will feature plants native to Chile's 'Mediterranean' climatic zone like those of southeastern and southwestern Australia, California and the South African Cape. The Melbourne Botanic Gardens and Kings Park, Perth, have been assisting with advice on this project. The flora of Chile is diverse and spectacular and these gardens are named after the eye-catching *chagual* (*puya chilensis*) which is indigenous to the region.

We end the day with a visit to a private gardens selected by our local Chilean expert. This visit will be by special invitation and will introduce you to some of the innovative aspects of garden design that exploit

Chile's unique climate, landscapes and flora. (Overnight Santiago) B

San Pedro de Atacama - 2 nights

Day 4: Wednesday 14 October, Santiago – Calama – San Pedro de Atacama

- Early morning flight from Santiago to Calama
- Parque para la Preservación de la Memoria Histórica de Calama
- Valle de la Luna & Cordillera de la Sal, Reserva Nacional Los Flamencos

Early this morning we transfer to Santiago airport and board a flight to Calama, which marks the northern end of the Atacama Desert. From here we drive 103 kilometres southeast to San Pedro de Atacama which will be our base from which to explore the desert. En route we pass the memorial dedicated to victims of human rights violations. Students, communists, socialists, union members, indigenous people—ideological threats to Augusto Pinochet's vision of fascism and free market economics, were arrested, murdered and thrown into mass graves throughout the country. The murdered of Chile were buried in the Atacama Desert, for example, during what was known as the Caravan of Death of 1973. The Pinochet regime's depredations inspired Sting's famous protest song *They Dance Alone* (*Cueca Solo*: 1987), referring to mourning Chilean women (*arpilleristas*) who dance the *Cueca*, Chile's national dance, carrying photographs of their disappeared loved ones.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T4K_q3XNHkY&list=RDT4K_q3XNHkY.

In the late afternoon we drive to the Valle de la Luna ('Moon Valley'). Its extraordinary landscape of strange rock formations is part of the protected nature sanctuary, Reserva Nacional Los Flamencos, in the Salt Mountain Range. The valley forms a depression surrounded by jagged spines of salt-encrusted hills, with an immense sand dune running between two ridges, resulting in unbelievable moon-like scenery. We also view the canyon and small dunes of the Cordillera de la Sal ('Salt Mountain Range'). We return to the hotel for a late dinner. (Overnight San Pedro de Atacama) BD

Day 5: Thursday 15 October, San Pedro de Atacama

- Agro-ecological tour of Toconao village
- Quebrada de Jeréz
- Salara de Atacama & Flamingos of Laguna Chaxa, Los Flamencos National Reserve

We begin today with an agro-ecological tour of Toconao village, located between the Andes Mountain Range and the Atacama Salt Lake. The horizon here is dominated by very high volcanoes. This little colonial village dates back 12,000 years; there is evidence of 10,000-year-old human presence in the area, making it an area of great historical and archaeological significance. It features picturesque stone houses made from local *liparita* stone (pumice) extracted from the local quarry, and the old church of San Lucas with its distinctive 18th-century bell tower. The sweet waters of this small oasis support a variety of fruit trees such as Easter pears, plums, quinces and grapes, as well as a wide range of vegetables. The town also features small handicraft workshops whose products include woven products made from alpaca wool. From Toconao we travel to the Jerez Canyon through which runs the Toconao River.

After lunch at a local restaurant we visit the Atacama Salt Flat; at 3,000 sq km, this is one of the world's largest salt flats. It is also home to the famous flamingos of Chaxa Lagoon, part of the Soncor, a section of the Salar de Atacama in the Los Flamencos National Reserve. In this high, desert landscape, framed by

mountains of nearly 6,000 metres, the Soncor provides a breeding ground for a wide variety of species including Chilean and Andean flamingos that use it as an important nesting site, the Andean avocet, the yellow-billed teal, the crested duck, the puna plover and Baird's sandpiper. Various plant species grow around the edges of the lagoon, such as *Distichlis spicata*, *Ephedra* and *cachiyuyo* (a species of the genus *Atriplex*), among others. We will observe flamingos in the lagoon in which they feed and breed. (Overnight San Pedro de Atacama) BL

Santiago Airport - 1 night

Day 6: Friday 16 October, San Pedro de Atacama – Calama – Santiago Airport

- Church of San Pedro
- Padre LePaige Archaeological Museum
- Afternoon flight from Calama to Santiago

We spend the morning visiting San Pedro de Atacama, a small isolated oasis town of modest pisé dwellings. The Atacamaño (or Kunza) culture flourished here. The earliest site dates from 9,600 BC, when cave-dwelling hunters arrived from the altiplano. There's evidence of camelid domestication about 4,800 years ago; the San Pedro culture formed 3,000 years ago, succeeded by the more sophisticated Classic Atacameño culture 2,000 years ago. This reached its peak in the 12th century and ended with the arrival of the Incas around 1450. It was a vital resting place on the northern trade routes through the desert.

San Pedro has a beautiful small white 18th-century colonial church with a picturesque bell tower. The church is surprisingly long, with rustic vaulting of cactus wood slats and *algarrobo* beams bound with leather. Inside, naïve statues of saints clothed in fine satins stand on the *reredos*.

To the northeast of the plaza lies the modern Padre LePaige Archaeological Museum that holds exhibits from the Inca and other periods in the region's pre-Columbian history. Father Gustave LePaige (1903-80) was a Belgian Jesuit priest who came to Chile in 1952. He was based in San Pedro from 1955 until his death, dedicating himself to building this archaeological collection. The Atacaman Desert is so arid that most artefacts are notably well-preserved.

In the late morning we return to Calama for an early light lunch before taking our flight to Santiago. We stay at the Holiday Inn at the airport, conveniently located for our flight tomorrow morning. (Overnight Santiago Airport) BL

Torres Del Paine - 3 nights

Day 7: Saturday 17 October, Santiago Airport – Puerto Natales – Torres del Paine National Park

- Flight from Santiago to Puerto Natales
- Drive to the Torres del Paine National Park.

This morning we take the 4 hour flight to Puerto Natales in Patagonia, and then drive to our hotel within the Torres del Paine National Park. We will arrive in the evening and enjoy dinner at the hotel. (Overnight Torres del Paine National Park) BLD

Day 8: Sunday 18 October, Torres del Paine National Park

- Excursion to the National Park's Waterfalls and Lookout points

Torres del Paine National Park (Parque Nacional Torres del Paine) encompasses the great Cordillera del Paine, glaciers, lakes and rivers. The park, which lies in a transition zone between the Magellanic subpolar forests and the Patagonian Steppes, is located 112 kilometres north of Puerto Natales and 312 kilometres north of Punta Arenas. *Paine* means 'blue' in the native Tehuelche (*Aonikenk*) language and is pronounced *PIE-na*. Out of the grasslands of the Patagonian Steppe, with its herds of grazing *guanacos* (which are akin to llamas), soar the distinctive *torres* (towers) – three grey granite peaks of the Paine mountain range or Paine Massif which form part of the tapering spine of the Andes. They rise up to 2,800m above sea level, and are joined by the Cuernos del Paine. The Park's well-known lakes include Grey, Pehoé, Nordenskiöld, and Sarmiento. Its glaciers, including Grey, Pingo and Tyndall, belong to the Southern Patagonia Ice Field.

Our visit to the National Park will begin at the Forestry Corporation Visitors Centre to gain an overview of this biosphere reserve. We then visit the Salto Grande where a short walk takes us to the imposing waterfall, and where we can view the Paine Grande Mountain. We also visit the Lago Nordenskiöld viewpoint, the Amarga Lagoon and the Paine River Falls, as well as encountering panoramic views of the Torres del Paine. Today's lunch will be a picnic. (Overnight Torres del Paine National Park) BLD

Day 9: Monday 19 October, Torres del Paine National Park

- Walk along Grey beach with views of the iceberg
- Boat Excursion across Lago Grey to the Grey Glacier

The focus of today is a visit to the Grey Glacier, one of Torres del Paine's most spectacular glaciers, and Lago Grey that it fills, one of its most beautiful lakes. On the approach to Lago Grey we cross a rickety bridge over a fast-flowing stream, then journey through dense forest. We then emerge from the trees onto what looks like a shingle beach overlooking the lake itself. Lago Grey is bordered by a moraine, the result of debris deposited by the glacier, and an iceberg graveyard. If the weather is fine, we shall take a 3-hour boat trip out on the lake. As we travel across the water, Glacier Grey comes into view in the distance. A wide, bluish wall sandwiched between bare rock plateaux, its façade is a mass of jagged, eroding ice. Today's lunch will be a picnic. (Overnight Torres del Paine National Park) BLD

Punta Arenas - 1 night

Day 10: Tuesday 20 October, Torres del Paine National Park – Punta Arenas

- Morning drive to Punta Arenas
- Lunch at a local restaurant
- Nao Victoria Museum
- Short tour of Punta Arenas

Today we embark on the long drive to Punta Arenas to the south, refreshing ourselves with a lunch break en-route. On arrival in Punta Arenas we will visit the fascinating Nao Victoria Museum which contains replicas of the ships that contributed to the discovery and colonisation of the area or have special and historic significance for the Magallanes Region of Chile. The replicas were built using traditional shipbuilding techniques. Highlights of their collection are the full-size replicas of the historic ships which include the *Nao Victoria*, *James Caird*, Schooner *Ancud* and the *HMS Beagle*. *HMS Beagle*, a British Navy brig-sloop, was converted into an exploration vessel. The most famous of her three voyages was the second (1831-1836) under the command of Captain Robert FitzRoy, with the young Charles Darwin on board.

Time permitting, we also take a short coach tour of the town of Punta Arenas, before we check-in to our hotel for the evening. (Overnight Punta Arenas) BL

Valdivia - 2 nights

Day 11: Wednesday 21 October, Punta Arenas – Punta Montt – Frutillar – Valdivia

- Morning flight Punta Arenas – Punta Montt
- Afternoon tour of Frutillar, including the German Colonial Museum and the Teatro del Lago

This morning we take a flight north to Punta Montt and then drive directly to the lovely lakeside resort town of Frutillar, located on Llanquihue Lake near the Osorno Volcano.

This was Chile's first German migrant town and is famous for its music festival 'Las Semanas Musicales de Frutillar' that came into being in 1968. A particular characteristic of Frutillar is its houses German-style houses. There are beautiful gardens in the town. We shall visit the German Colonial Museum and the amphitheatre (Teatro del Lago) where the famous music festival is held.

In the mid-afternoon we drive to Valdivia where we shall be based for 2 nights. (Overnight Valdivia) B

Day 12: Thursday 22 October, Valdivia

- Valdivia city tour
- Calle-Calle River Cruise: Wetlands of the Carlos Andwandter Nature Sanctuary

Today we visit one of Chile's most beautiful historic cities, Valdivia, founded by the Spanish conquistador Don Pedro de Valdivia (1497-1553) in 1522. This southern city was of great strategic significance to the Spanish Empire. Its proximity to the Strait of Magellan made it a mandatory shelter on the route to meet the Peruvian viceroyalty. It was also rich in gold and timber and located on the largest navigable river network in the country. The Calle-Calle, Cau Cau, Cruces and Valdivia Rivers which run through this river port invest it with particular charm.

We shall tour the city, visiting the river market and the Torreón del Canelo, a watchtower used by the Spanish as protection against the Mapuches and pirates. It was built in the 17th century and restored by Ambrosio O'Higgins in the 18th century. Many of Valdivia's houses are in German styles, built by migrants. We shall see San Francisco Church, the Cathedral and the Plaza de la República, with a giant arbour under which citizens enjoy the shade.

We shall then embark on a cruise along the Calle-Calle River where we will encounter sea lions and view a number of Spanish Forts; Niebla, Fuerte Corral, and Fuerte Mancera. We shall journey through the wetlands of Carlos Andwandter Nature Sanctuary. This area was declared a Nature Sanctuary in 1981, and in the same year it was included in the 'Convention on Wetlands of International Importance'. It was formed by an earthquake which submerged the area in 1960; agricultural land subsided to a depth of 1 to 2 metres. Subsequently it was colonised by vegetation, which made a home for aquatic fauna, especially birds. There are at present 119 species living in the wetland and adjoining areas. Amongst others there are black-necked swans, coots, coscoroba swans, marsh crows, *coypu* and river otters. We shall have a picnic lunch on board the boat. (Overnight Valdivia) BL

Pucón - 2 nights

Day 13: Friday 23 October, Valdivia – Pucón

- Private gardens of Hotel Antumalal and Lunch
- Private garden – to be confirmed

This morning we drive to Pucón where we visit the private gardens of Hotel Antumalal. Designed by the Chilean architect Jorge Elton in the 40s, and influenced by the Bauhaus style, it is considered one of the most famous hotels of the Lakes District. It hosted Queen Elizabeth on her tour of Chile in 1968. The gardens, spread over 5 hectares, offer panoramic views of Lake Villarrica and include five waterfalls with natural volcanic rock pools, a vegetable garden and an array of native vegetation.

We also plan to visit one of the charming private gardens in this area before transferring to the Villarrica Park Lake Hotel, where we shall be based for two nights. (Overnight Pucón) BL

Day 14: Saturday 24 October, Pucón – Panguipulli – Parque Nacional Volcan Villaricca – Pucón

- Private garden in Panguipulli – To be confirmed
- Parque Nacional Volcán Villaricca
- Termas Geométricas: time to relax and enjoy a swim in the thermal pools

This morning we visit the little town of Panguipulli where we will visit a local private garden by one of Chile's leading garden designers.

After lunch at a local restaurant we drive to the Parque Nacional Villarrica where we shall spend the afternoon witnessing the stunning natural beauty of Chile's southern Lake District. The park, which features a glorious mix of lakes and three volcanoes (Villarrica, Quetrupillán and Lanín), includes a number of very good walking trails, which lead through the forest, meandering past alpine lakes and deep canyons. The park is also home to the rare *Araucaria araucana* (monkey puzzle tree), a protected species, of which specimens may live for over 1,000 years and takes five centuries just to reach maturity. We shall visit the south side of the Villarrica volcano which features a dense forest of these trees.

We end the day with a visit to the Termas Geométricas, a Japanese-inspired labyrinth of hot springs hidden in the lush Chilean forest. Suspended over a flowing stream, a maze of red planks winding through the forest, lead to the various pools. There are 17 pools in total, each fed directly from a natural hot spring via wooden pipes. Next to each pool is a small hut/changing room made of the same redwood as the paths. Each hut has grass planted on the roof, giving the whole facility a timeless feel, almost as if they are some extension of the natural backdrop. The complex rests at the bottom of a canyon, and mists rise from the warm waters in a nearly constant fog. Between the Japanese-styled architecture and the Chilean nature, few places in the world can claim quite such a perfect harmony of nature and design. There will be time to relax and enjoy a swim in the thermal pools. (Overnight Pucón) BL

Santa Cruz - 2 nights

Day 15: Sunday 25 October, Pucón – Temuco – Santiago – Santa Cruz

- Morning flight to Santiago
- Santa Rita Winery Garden Visit and Lunch

We depart the hotel early this morning and drive to the town of Temuco 79km away to catch our morning flight to Santiago. On arrival we board our coach and drive to the lovely Viña Santa Rita, one of Chile's premier wine estates, located in the verdant valleys of the Maipo wine-making region. After lunch in the restaurant, we will walk through the glorious view of the sculpted gardens, the vineyards and wine cellars and learn about the processes of traditional Chilean wine production. The winery, covering more than 3,000 hectares, also features the historic 'Bodega 1' and 'Bodega de los 120 patriotas' which are considered a national treasure. Of course, we will also have the chance to taste some of the vineyard's wines, which

include merlot, cabernet sauvignon, chardonnay and cabernet franc!

We then continue our drive to Santa Cruz, arriving in the late afternoon. (Overnight Santa Cruz) BL

Day 16: Monday 26 October, Santa Cruz

- Santa Cruz Museum
- Hacienda Los Lingues visit and lunch

We begin this morning by visiting one of Chile's largest private museum, containing a huge collection of interesting geological specimens, Pre-Columbian ceramics and metal work, Conquistador armour and colonial artefacts, and a very large folk collection. This establishment, which even has a section devoted to early steam machinery, is one of the best laid out and most comprehensive museums in Chile.

We shall also visit the magnificent colonial estate of Hacienda Los Lingues where we shall explore the old house, its stables, courtyards, rodeo ring, chapel and garden. This is not only a typical big house of the Chilean countryside but a living testimony of the colonial period in which buildings are constructed of mud and straw and walls are painted in colonial red. Trees such as boldos, quillayes, hawthorns, eucalyptus, lingues and holm oaks shelter local birds and animals; duck, quail, ringdoves, foxes and chillas (Chilean foxes). Los Lingues also breeds "Aculeo" horses, which are considered among the best of America. The breeding program began in 1760, using Berber and Numidian horses originally from North Africa, brought to Spain by the Muslims after 711AD and ultimately to the New World by the Spanish conquistadors.

At the end of the sixteenth century Don Melchor Jufré del Águila, from Extremadura in Spain, settled in Santiago Valley. He was a successful writer and historian and was awarded the Estate of Angostura (Estancia de la Angostura) by the King of Spain. His daughter Doña María del Águila, wife of the Chilean governor Don Diego González Montero (1669-1670), inherited the property which came to be called Hacienda Los Lingues. Both were ancestors of Chile's national hero and independence fighter Don José Gregorio Argomedo y Montero del Águila, who was born there in 1767. Los Lingues has remained in the family for more than four centuries and is beautifully conserved throughout, presenting a vivid picture of a Spanish colonial settlement. (Overnight Santa Cruz) BL

Viña del Mar - 2 nights

Day 17: Tuesday 27 October, Santa Cruz – Casablanca Valley – Viña del Mar

- Private garden in Melipilla – To be Confirmed
- Scenic drive through the Casablanca Valley

Today we depart Santa Cruz and drive to Melipilla where we plan to visit a private garden designed by a leading Chilean designer. After lunch at a local restaurant we shall continue on to Viña del Mar, a lovely seaside resort town on the Pacific coast. Our drive will take us through the verdant Casabalnca Valley, famed for its rich production of Chilean wine. (Overnight Viña del Mar) BL

Day 18: Wednesday 28 October, Viña del Mar – Valparaíso – Viña del Mar

- Funicular 'El Peral' ride to Conception Hill, Valparaíso
- Cerro Alegre and merchant houses, Valparaíso
- National Botanical Garden ("Saltpeter Park"), Viña del Mar

This morning we take a tour of colonial Valparaíso, one of Chile's most captivating cities, noted for its colourful history as a major port and its rich artistic, literary and political traditions. It is also physically very colourful, with extraordinary brightly painted houses crammed up against each other along the city's steep slopes. The city's fascinating blend of past and present has caused it to be listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site. It looks out across a wide bay with the upper parts of the town reached by stairs, narrow streets and funicular railways.

We ride the funicular 'El Peral' up Concepcion Hill which commands excellent views to the port. We then visit the port itself and the city centre and stroll through some of the avenues leading to the scenic point, Cerro Alegre. The dwellings here were once owned by foreign merchants who began building around 1840. If time permits we will also visit another former home of the poet Pablo Neruda, 'La Sebastiana'. It is shaped like the hull of a ship and its contents reflect Neruda's love of the sea. From the poet's desk there is a view of the Pacific; he is thought to have written many poems about the natural world seated here.

After time at leisure for lunch we drive to the garden originally known as 'Saltpeter Park' at Viña del Mar. This oasis, covering an area of 395 hectares with more than 3,000 species of flora, was originally commissioned by nitrate baron Pascual Baburizza, and was created by the French landscape gardener George Dubois. The park was donated to the Nitrate and Iodine Company so as to assure its survival. In 1951 this corporation donated the park to the Chilean State; its name was changed to 'National Botanical Garden'. It serves both an educational and scientific purpose, and is an excellent place to go walking, thanks to its stony paths, ponds and woodlands. Highlights of the garden include one of the few documented collections of the extinct Toromiro of Easter Island (*Sophora Toromiro*), a collection of plants from the Juan Fernandez archipelago, a Cactarium with 60 Chilean species, and collections of Chilean Myrtaceae, 'bosque valdiviano' (Valdivian forest) plants, medicinal plants and fuchsias. (Overnight Viña del Mar) B

Santiago - 3 nights

Day 19: Thursday 29 October, Viña del Mar – Panquehue – Santiago

- Viña Errazurit garden visit and lunch
- Private garden in Aconcagua Valley – to be confirmed

Nestled between the coast and the Santiago metropolitan area is the Aconcagua Valley. As we make our way along the valley we will visit the Viña Errazurit, a winery founded in 1870 by Don Maximiano Errázurid. It is now one of Chile's most successful award winning wineries. Here we will enjoy lunch and a wine-tasting, and will also visit the garden designed by Juan Grimm – the 'grand master' of Chilean garden design. Before we return to Santiago, we will also visit one of the smaller private gardens in the Aconcagua Valley. (Overnight Santiago) BL

Day 20: Friday 30 October, Santiago

- Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes
- Afternoon Program – to be confirmed

This morning we take a guided tour of the Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes. This museum is a repository for more than 3000 pieces of art, particularly Chilean and broader South American painting and sculpture dating from the colonial period onwards.

The program for the afternoon is to be confirmed. (Overnight Santiago) B

Day 21: Saturday 31 October, Santiago

- Morning program – to be confirmed
- Afternoon at leisure
- Farewell Dinner at a Local Restaurant

The program for the morning is to be confirmed.

The afternoon is at leisure to further enjoy the sights and sounds of Santiago. This evening we enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (Overnight Santiago) BD

Day 22: Sunday 1 November, Depart Santiago

- Departure transfer for travellers taking the ASA 'designated' flight

Our program finishes in Santiago. Participants travelling on the 'designated flight' will be transferred to the airport to take our flight home to Australia. Participants electing to travel on the ASA optional extension program to Easter Island will also be transferred to the airport to commence their program B

Accommodation

21-day Flora & Fauna Tour of Chile

All hotels are rated 3-, 4- or 5-star locally and are comfortable and conveniently situated. All rooms have en suite bathroom. Several hotels have swimming pools. Double/twin rooms for single occupancy may be requested – and are subject to availability and payment of the Single Supplement. Further information on hotels will be provided in the 'Tour Hotel List' given to tour members prior to their departure.

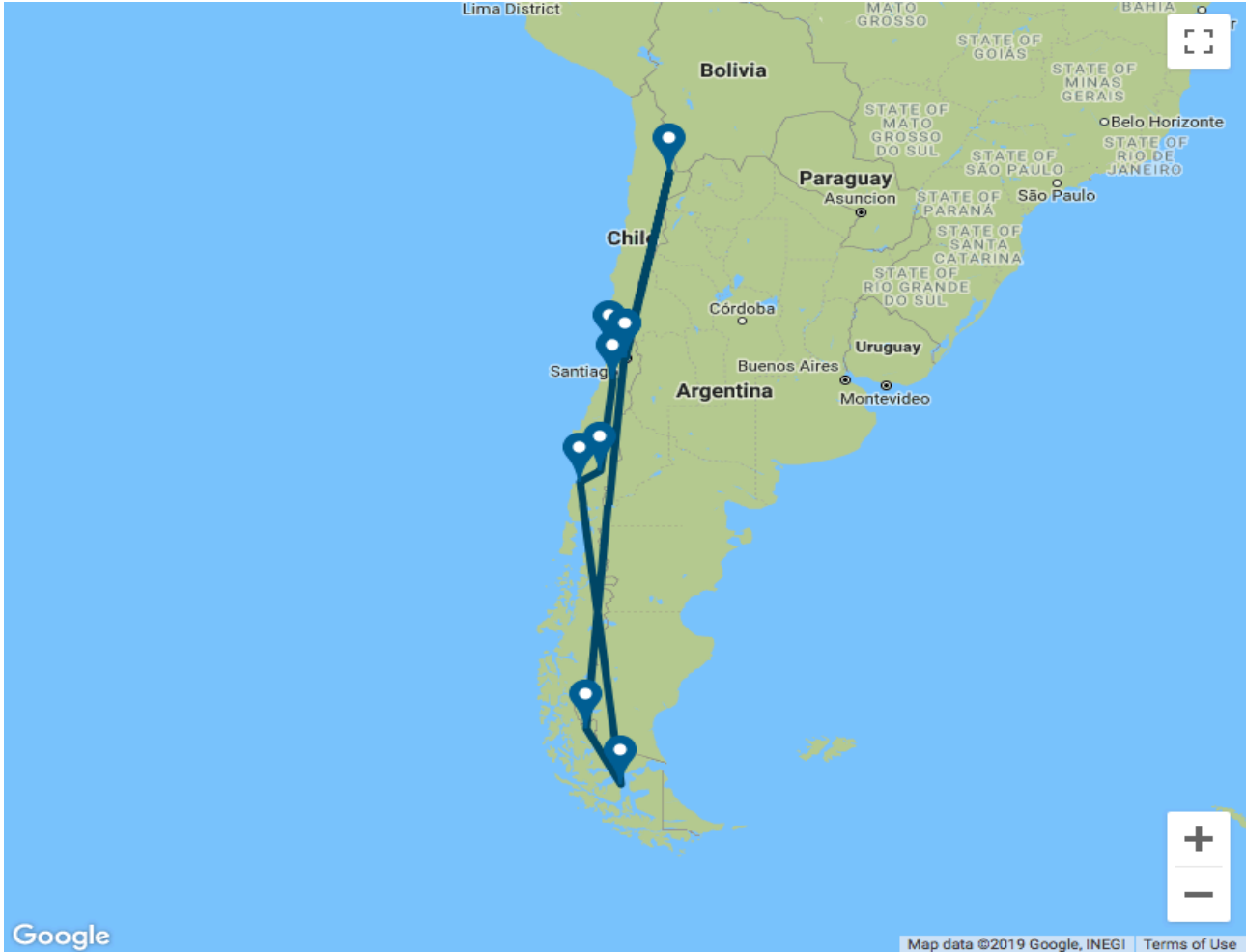
- Santiago (3 nights): 4-star Hotel Cumbres Lastarria – a charming boutique hotel located in the *Barrio Lastarria*, a historical & cultural neighbourhood of central Santiago. The hotel is within easy walking distance of restaurants, bars, museums and theatres. www.cumbreslastarria.com
- San Pedro de Atacama (2 nights): 4-star Cumbres San Pedro de Atacama – 4-star hotel located a short distance from the historic town with architecture influenced by that of the indigenous people of the Atacama. www.cumbressanpedro.com
- Santiago (1 night): 4-star Holiday Inn Santiago Airport – conveniently located comfortable hotel at Santiago International Airport. www.ihg.com
- Torres del Paine National Park (3 nights): 3-star Lago Grey Hotel – a modern lodge with a superb setting in the heart of the Torres del Paine National Park in Chilean Patagonia, widely regarded as one of the most beautiful places on earth. The hotel enjoys panoramic views over Lake Grey to the snow-capped mountains beyond. www.lagogrey.com
- Punta Arenas (1 night): 4-star Cabo de Hornos Hotel – a modern comfortable hotel in the heart of this historic Patagonia town. www.hotelcabodehornos.com
- Valdivia (2 nights): 5-star Dreams Pedro de Valdivia – a modern luxury hotel on the banks of the Calle River. www.mundodreams.com/valdivia
- Pucón (2 nights): 5-star Villarrica Park Lake Hotel – located 12km from Pucón on the shores of Lake Villarrica. www.hotelvillarricaparklake.com
- Santa Cruz (2 nights): 5-star Santa Cruz Plaza Hotel – a beautiful historic boutique hotel in the town centre. www.hotelsantacruzplaza.cl
- Viña del Mar (2 nights): 4-star Atton San Martin Hotel – new hotel overlooking Valparaíso Bay, the hotel offers rooms with panoramic views of the Pacific Ocean. www.atton.com/en/hoteles/atton-san-martin
- Santiago (3 night): 4-star Hotel Cumbres Lastarria – as above.

Note: *hotels are subject to change, in which case a hotel of similar standard will be provided.*

Single Supplement

Payment of this supplement will ensure accommodation in a single occupancy room throughout the tour. The number of rooms available for single occupancy is extremely limited. People wishing to take this supplement are therefore advised to book well in advance.

Tour Map



Tour Price & Inclusions

AUD \$13,980.00 Early-Bird Special: Book before 30 Sep 2019

AUD \$14,180.00 Land Content Only

AUD \$3390.00 Single Supplement

For competitive Economy, Business or First Class airfares and/or group airfares please contact ASA for further information.

Tour Price (Land Content Only) includes:

- Accommodation in twin-share rooms with private facilities in 3-, 4- and 5-star hotels.
- Breakfast daily, lunches and evening meals indicated in the tour itinerary, where: B=breakfast, L=lunch & D=dinner. Please note that a number of lunches will be picnic lunches.
- Drinks at welcome and farewell meals. Other meals may not have drinks included.
- Transportation by air-conditioned coach.
- Boat excursions on Lago Grey (Day 9) and Calle-Calle River Cruise (Day 12)
- 5 internal flights: Santiago-Calama (Day 4); Calama-Santiago (Day 6); Santiago-Puerto Natales (Day 7); Punta Arenas-Puerto Montt (Day 11); Temuco-Santiago (Day 15).
- Airport-hotel transfers if travelling on the ASA 'designated' flights.
- Porterage of one piece of luggage per person at hotels (not at airports).
- Lecture and site visit program.
- Entrance fees.
- Tips for the coach driver, local guides and restaurants for included meals.

Tour Price (Land Content Only) does not include:

- Airfare: Australia-Santiago, Santiago-Australia
- Personal spending money
- Airport-hotel transfers if not travelling on the ASA 'designated' flights
- Luggage in excess of 20kg (44lbs)
- Travel insurance



Physical Endurance & Practical Information

Physical Ratings 

The number of flags is a guide to the degree of difficulty of ASA tours relative to each other (not to those of other tour companies). It is neither absolute nor literal. One flag is given to the least taxing tours, seven to the most. Flags are allocated, above all, according to the amount of walking and standing each tour involves. Nevertheless, all ASA tours require that participants have a good degree of fitness enabling 2-3 hours walking or 1-1.5 hours standing still on any given site visit or excursion. Many sites are accessed by climbing slopes or steps and have uneven terrain.

This 22-day Flora & Fauna Tour of Chile involves:

- Most days involve moderate walking and standing during site visits; walking tours may include steep slopes, flights of stairs, cobbled streets and uneven ground during garden visits.
- A few days involve extensive walking when visiting national parks, including some rugged terrain in the Torres del Paine National Park.
- Moderate travel by air-conditioned coach, 5 internal flights and 2 boat excursions. Domestic flights in Chile experience regular schedule changes and delays.
- 3- to 5-star hotels with nine hotel changes.
- You must be able to carry your own hand luggage. Hotel portage includes 1 piece of luggage per person.

It is important to remember that ASA programs are group tours, and slow walkers affect everyone in the group. As the group must move at the speed of the slowest member, the amount of time spent at a site may be reduced if group members cannot maintain a moderate walking pace. ASA tours should not present any problem for active people who can manage day-to-day walking and stair-climbing. However, if you have any doubts about your ability to manage on a program, please ask your ASA travel consultant whether this is a suitable tour for you.

Please note: it is a condition of travel that all participants agree to accept ASA's directions in relation to their suitability to participate in activities undertaken on the tour, and that ASA retains the sole discretion to direct a tour participant to refrain from a particular activity on part of the tour. For further information please refer to the ASA Reservation Application Form.

Practical Information

Prior to departure, tour members will receive practical notes which include information on visa requirements, health, photography, weather, clothing and what to pack, custom regulations, bank hours, currency regulations, electrical appliances and food. The Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade website has advice for travellers: www.smartraveller.gov.au

Booking Conditions

Make a Reservation

ASA RESERVATION APPLICATION FORM

Please complete the ASA RESERVATION APPLICATION and send it to Australians Studying Abroad together with your non-refundable deposit of AUD \$500.00 per person payable to Australians Studying Abroad.

Passport Details

All participants must provide no later than **75 days** prior to the commencement of the program a photocopy of the front page of their current passport.

Single Supplement

Payment of this supplement will ensure accommodation in a double room for single occupancy throughout the tour. The number of rooms available for single use is extremely limited. People wishing to take this supplement are therefore advised to book well in advance.



Reservation Application

TOUR NAME _____

TOUR DATES _____

Please complete **one application, per person in block letters and sign**. Parental signature is required for participants under 18 years of age. Please mail this form with the appropriate deposit to: **P.O. Box 8285, ARMADALE, VICTORIA, 3143**. On receipt of this Reservation Application and deposit, ASA will process your booking and if approved, send you a tour confirmation.

Applicant Details (as in passport)

TITLE Mr Mrs Ms Miss Dr Other _____

FIRST NAME _____ Preferred FIRST NAME _____

MIDDLE NAME _____ SURNAME _____

POSTAL ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ COUNTRY _____ POSTCODE _____

TEL. (AH) () _____ TEL. (BH) () _____ Mobile Tel: _____

EMAIL address _____

Date of birth / / _____ GENDER Male Female

Passport Number _____ Expiry date / / _____ Nationality _____

Colour copy of my current valid passport enclosed I'm renewing my passport ASA has a colour copy of my current passport

Travel Plans

I wish ASA to book my airfare, please contact me to discuss my options. Business Class Economy Class

I plan to leave Australia before the tour commences. Planned departure date / / _____

I will be arranging my airfare independently and taking the Land Content Only option.

Frequent Flyer _____ Name of Airline _____ Airline Seat preference _____
Membership # _____ (please note request only)

Tour Accommodation (rooming preferences)

I/we would like: a twin-bedded room a double-bedded room a room for sole occupancy

I am travelling: on my own with a friend/family member Travel Companion _____

Meals

I do not have any specific dietary requests

Please **X** the box if you **CAN NOT** eat any of the following:

fish poultry red meat dairy products

eggs pork nuts

Allergies: Refer to the Medical Information

Other _____

Correspondence

Your preferred method of correspondence Postal Mail Email Address _____

Emergency Contact Details

Note: this person **MUST** be available by telephone and be present in Australia for the duration of your tour with ASA

Name _____ Relationship to Traveller _____

Address _____

TEL. (AH) () _____ TEL. (BH) () _____ Mobile Tel: _____

EMAIL address _____

The purpose of seeking this information is to assist ASA to determine, where necessary, whether ASA is able to make reasonable adjustments to accommodate your specific needs and whether your health and safety (or that of your fellow travellers) is likely to be compromised given your choice of tour. It will also assist you and ASA if you fall ill or have an accident whilst travelling.

- ASA reserves the right to decline your Reservation Application if this Medical Information section is not completed properly and may reject or cancel your reservation, or terminate your participation on any tour, if ASA subsequently learns that you have failed to make full and proper disclosure.
- ASA is committed to protecting the privacy of your personal information. ASA's privacy policy is available for viewing at www.asatours.com.au
- If ASA has any concerns about the information you have provided, it will contact you to request clarification before considering your Application.
- ASA requires you to consider carefully your limitations in light of ASA's Physical Endurance Star Rating System in ASA's Brochure and Itinerary when choosing your tour.
- If you are not likely to satisfy ASA's Participation Criteria (see below), ASA, in its sole discretion, may reject your Reservation Application.
- It is a condition of your tour that you agree to accept the directions of ASA's Tour Leaders in relation to your suitability to participate in activities planned on tour.
- ASA reserves the right to cancel your participation on a tour if your behaviour is in ASA's opinion causing undue distress or damage to any person or their property.
- If your participation is discontinued during a tour, ASA will assist by arranging your onward travel (if required) at your own cost, but you will not be refunded for forfeited parts of the tour.
- ASA tour groups are not accompanied by a medical practitioner. ASA recommends that you see your doctor for advice about your specific needs while overseas. You may also wish to contact a travel and vaccination clinic for advice. www.traveldoctor.com.au tel: 1300 658 444; www.travelvax.com.au tel: 1300 360 164.
- Travel insurers require you to declare all existing medical conditions.
- Please carry a complete list of medications with you during the ASA tour. Include **generic names** of each medication (consult your local pharmacy for information).

Please mark **X** in the YES or NO box to every question below and provide details where necessary:

Participation Criteria

To participate in an ASA tour, you must be reasonably fit, in good health and able to participate in all activities without assistance from Tour Leaders or other tour members. If you require assistance, a fit and able travel companion must undertake to accompany and assist you with all tasks for the duration of the whole tour. The responsibility of the Tour Leader is to ensure that the larger group enjoys a relaxing and informative journey, and he or she cannot be relied upon to provide ongoing individual assistance to any one guest.

- | | YES | NO |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Can you walk and stand unassisted for at least 2-3 hours a day in hot, humid conditions? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. Can you walk unassisted on and over uneven surfaces? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. Can you climb at least 3 flights of stairs and/or walk up and down steep slopes unassisted? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 4. Can you walk at a steady pace and no less than 1km every 15 - 20 minutes unassisted? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 5. Can you organise, manage and carry your own luggage? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 6. Can you follow and remember tour instructions and meet punctually at designated times and places? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 7. Can you administer your own medication? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 8. Do you have impaired vision or hearing which may impact your capacity to participate on this tour? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Mobility and Fitness

As many of ASA's international sites do not provide access to wheelchairs or similar mobility aids, we regret that ASA tours are not suitable for people who require the use of a walking frame, wheeled walker, wheelchair or motorised scooter.

1. Do you suffer from any medical conditions that may compromise your mobility and/or fitness to participate on this program? YES NO
- If yes, please specify

If yes, how will you manage this on tour?

Allergies and/or Food Intolerances

ASA will make reasonable endeavours to organise meals to suit you, provided that you give ASA adequate notice of your specific dietary requirements or allergies. You may be required to research dietary alternatives, as not all destinations may be able to offer suitable food substitutes.

1. Do you have any food allergies or intolerances? YES NO
- If yes, please specify

2. Have you ever had an anaphylactic reaction to anything?
- If yes, please specify

Do you carry an epipen?

3. Do you have any other allergies or reactions to anything, including medical drugs?
- If yes, please specify

Existing Medical Conditions

You alone are responsible for managing any existing medical conditions, your medication and any medical equipment that you may need when on your tour. Please plan for contingencies and take extra medication, dietary supplements and/or fully charged batteries for medical equipment if your health and safety depends on these. You should take into consideration that power sources at some destinations may be unavailable, inadequate, inconvenient or unreliable.

1. Have you any significant medical conditions that may impact your capacity to complete this tour? YES NO
- If yes, please specify

If yes, how will you manage this on tour?

2. Do you require some form of powered medical aid, such as a CPAP machine?

These machines may not be operable on certain international flights, modes of transport, in remote or other areas with inadequate or unreliable power sources without a fully charged independent long life battery or batteries.

Diabetics: You may be travelling and sightseeing for many hours at a time. Insulin dependent diabetics must carry extra supplies of insulin (as this medication cannot be obtained in some destinations), regulators, applicators, storage and refrigeration equipment, as well as any necessary supplements. Accommodation may not provide refrigerators in rooms.

3. Are you diabetic?

Are you insulin dependent?

4. Do you suffer from travel sickness?
- Remember to use an appropriate medication while on tour.

Declaration

I declare that: I have read and understood the ASA Tour Itinerary, Reservation Application and Booking Conditions. I am aware of ASA's terms as relating to refunds, cancellations, responsibility and liability. I understand that ASA relies upon this declaration when considering this Application. I accept that there are inherent dangers and risks that may occur during any tour. I have made full and complete disclosure and have not knowingly withheld any medical information about myself from ASA. I have completed this Reservation Application honestly and accurately. I warrant that I am able to participate independently in all activities described by ASA in the itinerary without assistance from any person.

I will advise ASA in writing if any aspect of my fitness and or health conditions change materially at any time before my departure date. I understand and accept that the itinerary, accommodation and lecturers scheduled for this tour may change.

I agree and consent that ASA may give my personal information in this Reservation Application to tour service providers and relevant authorities as required by law, but for the purpose of making bookings with and engaging services provided for the tour. I understand that if I do not consent to the use of my personal information for this purpose, ASA will decline my Reservation Application.

In consideration of ASA's acceptance of my Reservation Application, I irrevocably release and indemnify ASA from all claims that I, or any other party, may have against ASA its employees, invitees, agents and contractors, however arising in respect of any loss, damage, injury, death or expense incurred in the course of travelling to, on and from any tour.

I understand and acknowledge that this Release and Indemnity applies with respect to:

1. Every general risk to which I or my personal belongings may be exposed in the course of travelling to, on or from any ASA tour
2. Every special risk, in particular medical risks, to which I may be exposed in the course of travelling to, on or from any ASA tour arising from, including, but not limited to:
 - a. intermittent power cycles and/or the temporary or permanent loss of power (beware CPAP or any other medical machine users);
 - b. dietary, food or other allergies (ASA cannot guarantee that traces of items to which you are allergic are not present in food or drink you are served, medication you are administered or other substances with which you may come into contact);
 - c. any event or situation that may compromise the administration of necessary medication or my health, safety and wellbeing generally.
3. All claims arising as a result of my or ASA's cancellation or termination of my continued participation on a tour for whatever reason (refund conditions in ASA's Booking Conditions excepted).

Limitation of Liability

ASA is not a carrier, event or tourist attraction host, accommodation or dining service provider. All bookings made and tickets or coupons issued by ASA for transport, event, accommodation, dining and the like are issued as an agent for various service providers and are subject to the terms and conditions and limitations of liability imposed by each service provider. ASA is not responsible for their products or services. If a service provider does not deliver the product or service for which you have contracted, your remedy lies with the service provider, not ASA.

ASA will not be liable for any claim (eg. sickness, injury, death, damage or loss) arising from any change, delay, detention, breakdown, cancellation, failure, accident, act, omission or negligence of any such service provider however caused (contingencies). You must take out adequate travel insurance against such contingencies.

ASA's liability in respect of any tour will be limited to the refund of amounts received from you less all non-refundable costs and charges and the costs of any substituted event or alternate services provided. The terms and conditions of the relevant service provider from time to time comprise the sole agreement between you and that service provider.

ASA reserves the sole discretion to cancel any tour or to modify itineraries in any way it considers appropriate. Tour costs may be revised, subject to unexpected price increases or exchange rate fluctuations.

Booking Conditions

DEPOSITS

A deposit of \$500.00 AUD per person is required to reserve a place on an ASA tour.

CANCELLATION FEES

If you decide to cancel your booking the following charges apply:

More than 75 days before departure: \$500*
75-46 days prior 25% of total amount due
45-31 days prior 50% of total amount due
30-15 days prior 75% of total amount due
14-0 days prior 100% of total amount due

This amount may be **credited to another ASA tour departing within 12 months of the original tour you booked. We regret, in this case early-bird discounts will not apply.*

We take the day on which you cancel as being that on which we receive written confirmation of cancellation.

UNUSED PORTIONS OF THE TOUR

We regret that refunds will not be given for any unused portions of the tour, such as meals, entry fees, accommodation, flights or transfers.

WILL THE TOUR PRICE OR ITINERARY CHANGE?

If the number of participants on a tour is significantly less than budgeted, or if there is a significant change in exchange rates ASA reserves the right to amend the advertised price. We shall, however, do all in our power to maintain the published price. If an ASA tour is forced to cancel you will get a full refund of all tour monies paid. Occasionally circumstances beyond the control of ASA make it necessary to change airline, hotel or to make amendments to daily itineraries. We will inform you of any changes in due course.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

ASA requires all participants to obtain comprehensive travel insurance. A copy of your travel insurance certificate and the **reverse charge** emergency contact phone number must be received by ASA no later than 75 days prior to the commencement of the tour.

FINAL PAYMENT

The balance of the tour price will be due 75 days prior to the tour commencement date.

PLEASE READ THE ABOVE CAREFULLY, PRINT AND SIGN BELOW

I accept the conditions on this booking form I have read the information about the physical requirements of the tour in the detailed itinerary and confirm that I am able to meet these requirements

Applicant's Signature

Print Full Name

Dated

Tour / Course Name

Name of Traveller 1 _____

Name of Traveller 2 _____

I have enclosed a payment to the value of \$ _____ (including CC or bank fee if applicable) for this tour

The above amount is payable for:

- Intention to Travel Tour Deposit
 Balance of Payment Upgrade from Intention to Travel to a Deposit
 Travel Insurance Other (eg. Airfares, Accommodation) _____

International Payments

Welcome to our international travellers! If you are making a payment and do not have an Australian bank account/credit card, we can only accept payment as follows:

- via credit card with the applicable fee - the credit card company/bank will set the exchange rate
- via bank transfer; please give your surname and tour code (eg. Smith 21705) as a reference and ask your bank to allow for all charges.

Bank cheques or personal cheques will not be accepted.

By Cheque (accept Australian cheques only)

Please make cheques payable to *Australians Studying Abroad*

Direct Deposit or Internet Banking

You will need to:

1. Provide your bank with ASA's bank details (see below) and the amount you wish to transfer OR make a direct deposit through any ANZ branch
2. Include any fees levied by the banks
3. Provide a reference number (Mobile or last name recommended).
4. Complete section below, including confirmation no. (given when transaction completed).

Australians Studying Abroad bank details

Bank ANZ
Branch 420 St Kilda Road, Melbourne Vic
Swift Code ANZBAU3M
BSB 013-423
Account No 3472-32759

Bank confirmation No. _____

Reference used: Mobile or last name recommended

Date Money Transferred _____

Credit Card Payment

Credit card fees apply: Mastercard & Visa 2%
 American Express 2%

Please debit my: Mastercard Visa American Express

I authorise ASA to debit my credit card for the amount due plus the applicable fee as above

Credit Card Number _____

Expiry Date _____ Security Code (CVC) _____

Bank the Card is linked to (eg. NAB or ANZ) _____

Cardholders Name _____

Cardholders Billing Address _____

Postcode _____

State _____ Country _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Cardholders Signature _____

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