

# Chile's Top Breath-Taking Attractions

Chile's strategic location offers spectacular tourist attractions with a nice climate. The country lies between the Andes and Pacific Ocean, with a long coastline extending beyond 2672 miles (4,300 kilometers). The country is long but very narrow – it is at most 112 miles (180 kilometers) wide. Just along the Pacific ring of fire, Chile presents the world's amazing scenery with superb glaciers and fjords, volcanoes and deserts rated to be among the world driest.

## 10/ Cerro San Cristóbal

Northern Santiago boasts with this beautiful Cerro San Cristóbal hill that gives a spectacular clear view over the City and the Andes on a clear sunny day. The hill's summit features a church and a 72 feet Virgin Mary statue. This peak is easily accessible via a cable car or a long adventurous hike. Santiago's largest public park, the Parque Metropolitano resides on this magnificent hill which has a botanical garden, zoo and two swimming pools.



## 9/ Los Pingüinos Natural Monument

More than 120,000 Magellanic Penguins find their home in Los Pingüinos Natural Monument. The precise location of this amazing penguin colony is within the Magdalena Island measuring one square kilometer with a strategically located red lighthouse light. It lies 35 kilometers northwest of Punta Arenas. Often during the months of September and October, the penguins migrate back here to find their mates and by March they return to sea.

## 8/ Chiloé Island

Chiloé Island ranks as the second largest island in South America after Tierra del Fuego. However it is the largest island of the Chiloé Archipelago in the Los Lagos Region. Chiloé Island is rich with local culture and unique architecture even though being physically isolated from the others. Back in the 16th century, the Spanish and the Jesuit Missionaries who came later built different unique wooden churches while spreading Christianity within the Archipelago. This led to a religion of Catholicism mixed with indigenous Chilean beliefs.

## 7/ Valparaíso

Valparaíso lies on the Pacific coast of central Chile region and is well known for brilliantly colored houses, bohemian culture and attractive panorama seaside. Valparaíso numerous structures are built on the steep hillsides overlooking the ocean. It is popular for web like streets, and cobblestone alleyways representing a rich architectural and cultural heritage.



#### **6/ San Rafael Glacier**

Found within the Laguna San Rafael National Park, the giant San Rafael Glacier is a spectacular view that is easily accessible by boat or plane. Visiting San Rafael Glacier via boat is an adventurous journey passing through the isolated narrow Aisén region channels. You can also see the end of the Glacier via boat which extends 15km (9 miles) from its origin.

#### **5/ Valle de la Luna**

Valle de la Luna lies within Atacama Desert. This awesome desert scenery is as a result of centuries of strong winds and heavy floods in this region. The name Valley of the Moon (Valle de La Luna) is a result of the large sand dunes and stone formations resembling the surface of the moon.

#### **4/ Torres del Paine**

The extreme South Chile region features mountains, lakes and Glaciers and the Torres del Paine National Park. The park has centrally located three towers of Paine, three fantastic granite peaks naturally shaped by the glacial ice forces. The highest peak is about 2,500 meters (8200 feet) high.

#### **3/ Pucon**

Pucon boasts with unmatched strategic location in the middle of southern Lake District as a busy tourist town. The town features a magnificent lake and breathtaking volcanoes making it a popular attraction site in Chile. Recreational and sports activities are readily available here. While in Pucon one enjoys water skiing, white water rafting, kayaking, horseback riding, natural hot springs and climbing Villarrica volcano.



## **2/ Lauca National Park**

The North Andean range presents Lauca National Park, one of the most visited tourist attraction site in Chile. Also Lago Chungará Lake one of the highest lakes in the world is an alluring site to visit too. The lake's location has these two volcanoes, Volcán Parinacota and Volcán Parinacota just across the border with Bolivia looming over the Lake. This splendid feature makes Lauca National Park a splendid attraction site.

## **1/ Easter Island**

Easter Island is known to be one of the most isolated islands on Earth. The Island lies thousands of miles south east of Chile and is an official Chile territory. It is almost halfway to Tahiti and is renowned for its 887 extant monumental statues called moai. These monumental statues were created by the early Rapanui people centuries ago. The Island offers ideal diving and surfing activities and two volcanic craters and many sandy beaches. Moai has greatly outshined the Island's other tourist attractions.

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