

# INSPIRED EXPEDITIONS

THE UC SANTA CRUZ TRAVEL PROGRAM FOR THE CURIOUS

*Exploring the Skies of the  
Southern Hemisphere*

# CHILE

NOVEMBER 30 —  
DECEMBER 10, 2022

WITH *Matthew Shetrone*  
Deputy Director  
of UC Observatories



## Dear Alumni and Friends,

We invite you to join UC Santa Cruz on an exclusive expedition to Chile to behold the Southern Hemisphere's dazzling evening skies. Traveling with us is Matthew Shetrone, Deputy Director of UC Observatories. Shetrone received his Ph.D. in astronomy and astrophysics at UC Santa Cruz.

Go behind the scenes to meet astronomers who are peering deeper into the universe than ever before. Through special permission, we'll see the Vera C. Rubin Observatory with the world's largest digital camera fabricated for optical astronomy, the Gemini South 8.1-meter telescope, and the SOAR 4.1 telescope. We'll also enjoy a private entrée to see Las Campanas Observatory where the Giant Magellan Telescope is being built which will have a higher resolution than the Hubble or Webb Space Telescopes. In the evening we'll travel to El Pangué Observatory in Vicuña to view the pristine skies ourselves.

Your adventure continues as you travel to the World Heritage City of Valparaíso to retrace the steps of James Lick the benefactor of the Lick Observatory. From there we'll return to Santiago and travel south to the spectacular landscapes of the Lake District. Here ancient groves of Araucaria trees and volcanic lakes and lagoons surround the areas of snow-capped volcanoes. Enjoy a visit to the Swiss-like town of Pucón in the Andean foothills of Chile's Lake District.

Conclude your adventure with a farewell lunch and a tasting of select vintages in Chile's Casablanca Valley wine producing region. For those wishing to extend their stay a pre-trip to Easter Island is offered as well as a post-trip to Patagonia.

Space for this program is filling quickly, so please call today to secure your place to join us on this incredible journey to explore the remarkable observatories in Chile and the natural wonders in the Patagonian Lake District.

Warm regards from Santa Cruz,

Nichole Silva (Stevenson '95),  
Director,  
Strategic Travel and Experiences  
UC Santa Cruz



## Study Leader

**MATTHEW SHETRONE** is the Deputy Director of UC Observatories. Shetrone received his undergraduate degree in astronomy at the University of Texas at Austin and completed his Ph.D. in astronomy and astrophysics at UC Santa Cruz. From his experience with optical telescopes at McDonald Observatory as an undergraduate and the Keck and Lick Observatories as a graduate student, he was hooked on optical astronomy. Ph.D. in hand, he went south of the equator to the European Southern Observatory (ESO) in La Silla, Chile.

Matthew quotes his experience in Chile as being life changing. "Working as a postdoctoral with ESO was by far the culturally richest experience of my life. Working closely with European and Chilean astronomers opened new ways of thinking and new collaborations that would last me a lifetime." After several years abroad Matthew moved back to Texas to help develop science operations for an innovative optical telescope, the Hobby-Eberly Telescope, which had the largest optical mirror in the world. With the completion of a recent upgrade to dedicate large amounts of that telescope time toward solving the evolution of Dark Energy, Matthew was ready for new challenges.

Matthew has returned to the University of California system as the Deputy Director for UC Observatories. Regarding his job, he says, "On a daily basis I get to work with some of the most talented astronomers in the world and the largest and most well-equipped telescopes in the world. Who could have a better job than mine?"



VERA C RUBEN OBSERVATORY



GEMINI OBSERVATORY



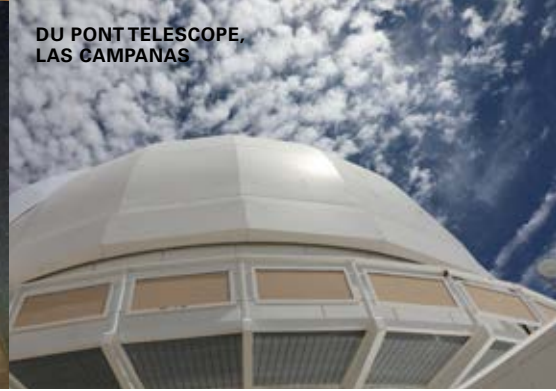
CONGUILLÍO NATIONAL PARK



SANTIAGO



MAGELLAN PROJECT



DU PONT TELESCOPE,  
LAS CAMPANAS

## Itinerary

**DAY 1** *Wednesday, November 30*

### U.S. ✨ SANTIAGO

Depart from your home city for Santiago, the capital of Chile. **OVERNIGHT FLIGHT (MEALS ALOFT)**

**DAY 2** *Thursday, December 1*

### SANTIAGO

Arrive this morning in Santiago and transfer to your hotel. An afternoon city tour including a tour of the Pre-Columbian Museum will introduce us to this city at the foot of the Andes. This evening gather for an orientation and welcome dinner.

HOTEL PLAZA EL BOSQUE PARK & SUITES EBRO (D)

**DAY 3** *Friday, December 2*

### SANTIAGO ✨ LA SERENA

This morning fly north to La Serena and transfer to our hotel which overlooks the ocean. Enjoy an afternoon excursion to the Elqui Valley with Pisco tasting at a local distillery. Gather for an evening visit to a local observatory for stargazing.

LA SERENA CLUB (B, L, D)

**DAY 4** *Saturday, December 3*

### LA SERENA ✨ LAS CAMPANAS OBSERVATORY

Today we travel north of La Serena by road to Las Campanas Observatory (pending

final confirmation) in the Chilean Andes for a day-long tour of the Magellan Project site and the two 6.5-meter optical telescopes that are housed there. The Giant Magellan Telescope (GMT) is also being constructed here which is scheduled to be completed in 2027. The GMT will use seven of the world's largest mirrors as primary mirror segments, each 8.417 m (27.61 ft) in diameter and have a higher resolution than the Hubble or Webb Space Telescopes. Return to the hotel and take the evening at your leisure until dinner.

LA SERENA CLUB (B, PICNIC L, D)

**DAY 5** *Sunday, December 4*

### LA SERENA ✨ GEMINI SOUTH, SOAR AND VERA C. RUBIN OBSERVATORIES ✨ SANTIAGO

This morning enjoy exclusive visits to the Gemini South Telescope, Southern Observatory for Astrophysical Research (SOAR), and the Vera C. Rubin Observatory all located on the peak of Cerro Pachon, an 8,900-foot high mountain in northern Chile. The Gemini Observatory is an 8.1-meter telescope and the adjacent SOAR a 4.1-meter aperture telescope. The Vera C. Rubin Observatory, currently under construction, is an 8-meter-class telescope coupled to a 3.2 gigapixel camera-the world's largest digital camera ever fabricated for optical astronomy. All visits are pending final confirmation. Late

this afternoon we'll fly from La Serena back to Santiago. **PLAZA EL BOSQUE EBRO (B, PICNIC L)**

**DAY 6** *Monday, December 5*

### SANTIAGO ✨ VALPARAÍSO

This morning we depart for a visit to the garden city of Vina del Mar and the historic port city of Valparaíso. In Vina del Mar stroll along the Avenida Peru and take in the stunning ocean views. In the afternoon, continue to Valparaíso built in the 16th century on a total of forty-three hills. The city is now a UNESCO World Heritage site. Stroll through the Concepción and Alegre neighborhoods and ride the century-old hillside ascensores (elevators). Retrace the steps of James Lick, the benefactor of the Lick Observatory, who lived in Valparaíso for four years. Return to Santiago to our hotel.

PLAZA EL BOSQUE EBRO (B, L)

**DAY 7** *Tuesday, December 6*

### SANTIAGO ✨ TEMUCO ✨ CONGUILLÍO NATIONAL PARK

This morning fly south to Temuco. On arrival, we'll transfer to Conguillío National Park known for its ancient groves of Araucaria trees and volcanic lakes and lagoons that surround the Llaima Volcano. The park was chosen by the Discovery Channel to film their series "Walking with Dinosaurs," due to its landscapes resemblance of prehistoric times.

DIEGO DE ALMAGRO HOTEL TEMUCO (B, PICNIC L, D)



KINGSTON FAMILY WINERY



VERA C. RUBIN OBSERVATORY



VILLARRICA VOLCANO



### OPTIONAL PRE-TRIP EXTENSION

*November 25–30, 2022*

## EASTER ISLAND

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, tightlipped basalt statues unique in the whole of Oceania, are scattered throughout the island. Accommodations on Easter Island are at The Nayara Hangarua which is known for its environmental design. The extension includes two nights at Plaza El Bosque Ebro Santiago, one on arrival in Santiago, one on your return from Easter Island and three nights at the Hangarua on Easter Island, all excursions, entrance to Rapa Nui National Park, breakfast in Santiago and all meals and an open bar at the Hangarua, transfers. Tips to guides and staff on Easter Island are at the passenger's discretion. Airfare to Easter Island is not included. Rates are based on a minimum of ten guests.



### OPTIONAL POST-TRIP EXTENSION

*December 9–14, 2022*

## TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK, PATAGONIA

Any trip to Chile would not be complete without a visit to the rugged and colorful Torres del Paine National Park in southern Patagonia. Here's your chance to see mountains, glaciers, lakes, and rivers in one amazing place! The Torres del Paine ("Blue Towers") are a trio of imposing granite peaks that extend up to 2,500 meters (8,200 feet) above sea level. You'll have plenty of time to relax, explore, or both during our stay at the luxurious Remota Lodge in Puerto Natales. The extension includes one night at the Holiday Inn Santiago Airport, three nights at the Remota Lodge, excursions, all meals and open bar at the lodge. Tips to guides and Remota staff are at the passenger's discretion. Roundtrip airfare from Santiago to Punta Arenas is not included. Rates are based on a minimum of ten guests.

### DAY 8 *Wednesday, December 7*

## TEMUCO ✨ VILLARRICA ✨ PUCÓN

After breakfast and hotel check out, we visit the local Temuco farmers market, La Feria Pinto, for a glimpse of the local culture. We continue to Lake Villarrica for lunch at a lakeshore restaurant. Following lunch, proceed to Pucón where a short city tour will introduce us to this small charming town embedded in the Andes foothills and the snow capped Villarrica Volcano. Check in to the Green Park Hotel for an afternoon at leisure. Dinner at the hotel.

GREEN PARK HOTEL PUCON (B, L, D)

### DAY 9 *Thursday, December 8*

## VILLARRICA VOLCANO ✨ HOT SPRINGS

Today, we'll enjoy an excursion to Villarrica Volcano and Lagoon. A walk at the base of Volcano Villarrica will give you a beautiful view over the lakes Villarrica, Colico, Caburgua, and Calafquén. Later that day, relax with an excursion to local thermal hot springs.

GREEN PARK HOTEL PUCON (B, PICNIC L)

### DAY 10 *Friday, December 9*

## TEMUCO ✨ SANTIAGO ✨ CASABLANCA VALLEY ✨ U.S.

After breakfast transfer to the Temuco Airport for a flight back to Santiago. On arrival, we'll drive to the Casablanca Valley where renowned Chilean wines are produced. We'll have our farewell lunch at the Kingston Family Vineyards. Learn how this vineyard founded by an American family including Harvard, Princeton and Stanford graduates has evolved into one of Chile's hottest, award-winning boutique wineries. Afterward, we'll transfer to Santiago's international airport for overnight flights home. (B, L)

### DAY 11 *Saturday, December 10*

## ARRIVE U.S.

Arrive in the U.S. and connect with flights home.

**PROGRAM NOTE:** *We will be visiting working observatories located in remote regions of Chile, so our schedule will rely on precise timings. Keep in mind that unexpected schedule changes could affect the program. Your Tour Director will keep you fully informed of any changes to planned activities. A sense of humor, flexibility, and patience will be greatly appreciated during this program!*



LAS CAMPANAS OBSERVATORY

## What to Expect

This exclusive expedition is designed for UC Santa Cruz alumni and friends who are interested in learning about the astronomy of the Southern Hemisphere, exploring the wildlife, geology, and superb natural landscapes of the Patagonian Lake District of Chile. December is summer in Chile and average temperatures in Santiago are between 84°F and 51°F. In the area of La Serena temperatures generally range from 70°F to 56°F and average daily temperatures in the Lake District generally range from 70°F to 49°F. The Las Campanas Observatory is at 7,487 feet and Gemini South Telescope is located at an elevation of 8,900 feet (both visits pending final confirmation). Walks will be from one to two miles and at times over rocky, and uneven terrain. The pace of the walks will be leisurely. Roadways can be narrow with steep ascents/descents and at times rocky, unpaved, and dusty. Drives can be up to four hours depending on the excursion. Clothing that can be layered, as well as sunblock, sun hat, sunglasses, and comfortable walking shoes with a sturdy tread, will be essential on this trip. To enjoy this experience, participants must be in good physical and mental health and be able to keep up with the pace of the group. Since some travel will be in remote areas, everyone must be flexible concerning time schedules, food, insects, weather and dust. Program participants requiring extraordinary assistance must be accompanied by someone who can and will provide all required assistance. We describe this trip as relatively active. Travel is by jet aircraft and motorcoach.

## Program Cost Includes

Study leader's lectures and discussions • Accommodations and meals as specified in the itinerary • Wine and beer with welcome dinner and farewell lunch • Pre-trip to Easter Island includes an open bar at Hangarao Hotel and Patagonia Post-Tour includes an open bar at the Remota • Wine tasting and lunch at a Casablanca Valley vineyard • All land transportation • Four in-tour flights: Santiago to La Serena, La Serena to Santiago, Santiago to Temuco, Temuco to Santiago, included at a cost of \$450 per person; increases in the in-tour airfare after the initial pricing of this program are not included—see below • Professional guides and tour director throughout • Gratuities to local guides and drivers • Airport transfers for group flights • Domestic airport departure taxes • Entrance fees • Baggage handling • Pre-departure information

### PROGRAM COST DOES NOT INCLUDE:

US domestic and international airfare • Pre and Post-Trip Extensions do not include in-tour airfare • Passport Fees • Meals not specified in the itinerary • Personal items such as laundry, fax, e-mail, wi-fi or telephone calls • Liquor other than wine or beer included with some meals or as otherwise noted above • Room service • Excess baggage charges • Private transfers • Medical expenses • Covid-testing costs • Travel insurance • Deviations from the scheduled tour • 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 • Tip to the tour director is at the passenger's discretion.

## Program Cost

### LAND PROGRAM

*(Per person, double occupancy)*

Superior Room  
*(in Pucón, 344 square feet)* ..... \$8,035

Suite Room *(Limited Availability)*  
*(in Pucón, 409 square feet)* ..... \$8,096

Single Supplement,  
Superior Room  
*(in Pucón, Limited Availability)* ..... \$1,075

### SAMPLE COACH AIRFARE

San Francisco / Santiago  
/ San Francisco ..... \$745  
*(As of March 2022, and subject to change)*

### EXTENSIONS

Easter Island  
Pre-Trip Extension ..... \$3,250  
*(Per person, double occupancy)*

Easter Island Extension  
Single Supplement..... \$550

Sample roundtrip airfare  
to Easter Island ..... \$690  
*(As of March 2022, and subject to change)*

Patagonia  
Post-Trip Extension ..... \$3,750  
*(Per person, double occupancy)*

Patagonia Extension  
Single Supplement..... \$550

Sample roundtrip airfare  
to Punta Arenas..... \$365  
*(As of March 2022, and subject to change)*

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# General Information

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## Reservation Form

Enclosed is a deposit of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$1,000 deposit per person, plus \$200 per person for the Easter Island pre-trip extension and \$200 per person for the Torres del Paine Patagonia post-trip extension, if applicable) to hold \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) on the *Exploring the Skies of the Southern Hemisphere: Chile*. Final payment is due August 1, 2022 by check.

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- Pay by check made out to "Royal Adventures"  
 Please charge the deposit of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$1,000 per person) to:  
 AMEX  Visa  MasterCard  Discover Card

CARD # \_\_\_\_\_

EXP. DATE \_\_\_\_\_ SEC. CODE \_\_\_\_\_

### ACCOMMODATIONS

- Superior Room (*in Pucón only*)  Suite Room (*in Pucón only*)  
 I am sharing with \_\_\_\_\_ (*reservation form sent separately*)  
 I need assistance in securing a roommate. I understand if UC Santa Cruz or the tour operator cannot locate one for me by final payment date, I agree to pay the additional single supplement amount.  
I prefer to share with:  Smoker  Non-smoker  
 I desire single accommodations, if available, and will pay the single supplement additional cost of: \$1,075 Superior Room in Pucón. (*Limited Availability*).  
 I/We will join the optional *PRE-TRIP* extension to Easter Island  
 I/We will join the optional *POST-TRIP* extension to Torres del Paine, Patagonia

*I/We have carefully read the Terms and Conditions and Responsibility sections of this brochure and agree to their terms on behalf of myself and of my party named above.*

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- **EXPLORE** Conguillío National Park chosen by the Discovery Channel to film their series “Walking with Dinosaurs.”
- **MARVEL** at dazzling night skies at a public observatory outside La Serena.
- **TOUR** Chile’s Lake District known for its sapphire lakes, lush forests, and snow-capped volcanoes.
- **SPEND** a day in Chile’s wine country and tour a Pisco distillery.
- **VISIT** the premier Pre-Colombian museum in Santiago.