

EASTER ISLAND

(Prices valid until December 24th 2011)

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SANTIAGO – EASTER ISLAND – SANTIAGO

(4 days / 3 nights)



Of all the vanished civilizations no other has evoked as much conjecture as Easter Island - one of the most isolated places on Earth. A total of 887 monolithic statues - or 'moais' have been found in this tiny patch of land discovered by European explorers more than three hundred years ago in the South Pacific Ocean. Discover the most important archaeological sites in a 4-day journey - an ideal add-on to a mainland Chile itinerary.

DAY 1 SANTIAGO – EASTER ISLAND

Welcome to Easter Island or 'Rapa Nui'. You will be met at the airport and escorted to your hotel.

DAY 2 EASTER ISLAND (B,BoxL)

We drive southeast along the coastal road, with views of Poike and the whole coastline of black volcanic rock. The first stop is Vaihu where you have a look at the red-stone topknots of this ahu (altar), here moais lay face-down on the ground. On the way to our next site Ranu Raraku, we pass several moais lying on the side of the road. Ranu Raraku volcano was the quarry where all the moais were sculpted. There are still hundreds of moais at different finishing stages. Our next stop is at Ahu Tongariki where you will be impressed by this giant ahu and the 15 moais on it.

We then make a break from culture to visit Anakena, a big white sandy beach with a small grove palms.

DAY 3 EASTER ISLAND (B)

Today we head to the lookout point at Rano Kao volcano, whose deep crater of lush vegetation contains a large fresh water lake covered with totora. We will continue onto the ceremonial village of Orongo, where many high-relief carvings of frigate bird-headed men are on the rock outcrops.

Here the competitions of the 'birdmen' were held at the summer solstice. Next, we will proceed to Ahu Vinapu, where the interesting architectural style reminds you of the Inca's handiwork.

In the afternoon, we will make another excursion visiting Ahu Akivi, the big platform, which is composed of 7 Moais, all of them facing the sea; the Ana Tepahu caverns and the quarry of Puna Pau, where the top part of the Moais were sculpted (named Pukao, which means 'typical hairstyle') and Ahu Tahai.

DAY 4 EASTER ISLAND – ... (B)

At proper time transfer to airport.

Price per person in USD sharing TWIN

Hotels	Private Services					SIC *	Single Suppl.
	2	4	6	8	10		
Otai Superior	704	685	679	676	674	608	125
Iorana Superior	817	798	792	789	787	721	275
Altiplanico	874	855	849	845	844	778	436

* min. 2 persons

Flights (net price per person in USD)	
Santiago – Easter Island	490 *
Santiago – Easter Island – Santiago	610 *

* Air fares subject to change according availability

SERVICES INCLUDED

- Transfer from/to airport
- Accommodation based on TWIN in the selected hotel category
- Excursions as noted in the itinerary
- Private services with local English, Spanish, German, French or Italian speaking guide
- Services in SIC basis (seat in coach – non private services, with local English/Spanish or German speaking guide)
- Meals as noted (B: breakfast, BoxL: Box Lunch, L: lunch, D: dinner)
- Entrance fees to the sites mentioned in the itinerary

SERVICES NOT INCLUDED

- International flights (see separate cost above)
- Airport taxes for domestic flights and international flights (approx. USD 14 for domestic flight departures and approx. USD 18 for international flight departures)
- Tips