

Full Itinerary

EXPLORING EASTER ISLAND EXTENSION TO GRAND CHILEAN ADVENTURE



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EXPERTS

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Monday - Thursday 9:00am -
8:00pm, Friday 9:00am - 5:30pm
(London time)



JOURNEY SNAPSHOT

ACTIVITY LEVEL:

Level 2

DESTINATION:

Exploring Easter Island
Extension to Grand Chilean Adventure

DURATION:

4 nights / 5 days

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Please arrange your flights into Santiago de Chile Airport [SCL] for the start of the main Chile tour and departing from there on Day 5 of the extension

PICKUP LOCATION:

Santiago de Chile Airport [SCL]

OVERVIEW

26 - 30 Mar, 2025

Extend your time in Chile & discover the fascinating Moai sculptures of Easter Island. Explore the island's unique culture and learn of the famous stones history, one of the '7 Modern Wonders of the World'

Easter Island is one of the world's most unique and fascinating wonders. Extend your time discovering Chile and we fly from the mainland across the Pacific to the remote islands, famous for their Moai statues.

Discover the various Moai sculptures around the island, see the stunning vistas and quarries from which the stones were hewn before being transported to their coastal lookout locations. This exclusive 5 day extension to the UNESCO World Heritage Site gives a great insight into one of the '7 Modern Wonders of the World'

ITINERARY SUMMARY

DAY 1 - Across the Pacific to Easter Island

DAY 2 - The Amazing Moai

DAY 3 - Ahu Tongariki, Anakena Beach & Rano Raraku Quarry

DAY 4 - Sea Views & Ceremonial Sites & Return to Santiago

DAY 5 - Adios, Chile!

FULL ITINERARY

DAY 1 - ACROSS THE PACIFIC TO EASTER ISLAND

This morning, you will be transferred from your hotel to Santiago Airport for your flight across the Pacific to Easter Island.

Known as Easter Island, Isla de Pascua in Spanish or Rapa Nui in Polynesian, early settlers called the island “Te Pito O Te Henua” – the navel of the world. Officially territory of Chile, the island lays way in the Pacific, halfway to Tahiti and is famous for its huge stone statues, erected many centuries ago reflecting the rise, and fall, of the most isolated Polynesian culture.

First discovered by the Dutch explorer Roggeveen in 1722, the Pacific island was declared a Chilean National Park in 1966 and is now a UNESCO World Heritage site.

On arrival, you will be met and enjoy a traditional lei welcome, before transferring to your hotel.

Enjoy an afternoon at leisure before dinner at the hotel this evening.

Included meals: Dinner

Accommodation: Taha Tai Hotel, Easter Island (or similar)

DAY 2 - THE AMAZING MOAI

This morning, enjoy an orientation tour of the town of Hanga Roa. The town is small, with just the fishing harbour, local market, small shops, and the Iglesia Hanga Roa, the only Catholic Church on the island and a chance to observe quite a slow pace of life on this Pacific island.

From here we will then visit the famous moai sculptures of Ahu Ko Te Ritu, Ahu Tahai and Ahu Vai Uri. Ahu Ko Te Ritu is recognisable with its topknot (which looks like a hat) as well as an eyeballed moai. Then there is the solitary Ahu Tahai, with no topknot and Ahu Vai Uri – five moai of varying sizes.

After lunch at leisure, this afternoon we head to Puna Pau Crater, Ahu Akivi and Ahu Riata.

It was from Puna Pau Crater that the cylindrical reddish topknots sculptures were quarried. We continue to Ahu Akivi, the seven moai facing the sea were restored in 1960 and probably the most recognisable.

Finally, we transfer to Ahu Takai for the sunset, where we will witness the spectacular changing colours of the sky and clouds as it slowly sets on the horizon casting different colours over Ahu Takai.

Return to the hotel for an evening at leisure

Included meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Taha Tai Hotel, Easter Island (or similar)

DAY 3 - AHU TONGARIKI, ANAKENA BEACH & RANO RARAKU QUARRY

Today we head off on a full day exploration of the island, with the first visit being to Ahu Viahu before Ahu Akahanga.

From there, we drive to Rano Raraku, which was the quarry from where the moai were carved from the rock and dragged and/or rolled to their final sites.

Here you can walk amongst moai lying on the ground, some partly completed, others huge blocks of rock.

After lunch, we continue to Ahu Tongariki, the highlight of the island moai sites, where 15 imposing, tall moai stand shoulder to shoulder, before continuing to Ahu Te Pito Kura and Anakena beach, where you can take a dip in the sea, enjoy the scenery or see the Ahu Nau Nau, which comprise of seven moai, some with topknots.

We return to the hotel for a final evening dinner.

Included meals: Breakfast, Light Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Taha Tai Hotel, Easter Island (or similar)

DAY 4 - SEA VIEWS & CEREMONIAL SITES & RETURN TO SANTIAGO

We check out of the hotel this morning after breakfast and embark on a final excursion on the island.

We drive first to Ahu Vinapu then on to Rano Kau Crater. Perched 1,200 ft above sea level, the crater resembles a witch's cauldron.

The final stop is Orongo Ceremonial site, which offers stunning views over a number of small offshore islands, known a motu in the local language - Motu Iti, Motu Nui and Motu Kau Kau and steep cliffs direct into the Pacific Ocean.

We continue on to the airport for our flight back to Santiago, where we will be met on arrival and enjoy dinner at the hotel this evening.

Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Accommodation: Holiday Inn Santiago Airport (or similar)

DAY 5 - ADIOS, CHILE!

Our Chilean adventure comes to an end as we make our way back to Santiago Airport in time for your onward flight home.

Included meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: none

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return economy flights Santiago de Chile [SCL] - Easter Island [IPC]
- Meet & Greet on arrival
- Accommodation as detailed in the itinerary
- All meals as detailed in the itinerary
- Excursions as detailed in the itinerary
- A qualified and experienced English speaking guide
- Transport in an air-conditioned deluxe vehicle
- Tour Director from The Big Journey Company as well as the local tour guide (subject to minimum group size being reached.)

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- ATOL Protection
- International flights to Santiago de Chile Airport [SCL] for the start of the main tour and departing from there on Day 5 of the extension - flight quotes available on request
- Transfers on arrival or departure, to/from the airport(s), outside of the tour dates
- Drinks
- Gratuities
- Visas, travel and medical insurance
- Any personal items and anything not mentioned under included in price above
- Any meals not mentioned in itinerary
- Any optional activities offered
- Any COVID tests or related entry & exit requirements

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Please note, flights to/from Chile are not included in this package. The Big Journey Company would be happy to provide a quotation for your flights - please contact us for further details
- Please consult your doctor for advice on vaccinations and inoculations before travel. Please let The Big Journey Company know prior to travelling if you have any medical needs or take any medication that we need to be made aware of to ensure that you have a safe and pleasant tour.
- Check in is after 2-3pm and check out is before 10am unless otherwise specified in the itinerary.
- Cancellation 90 – 0 days prior to departure cancellation fee is 100%. It is your responsibility to ensure the correct travel insurance in place to protect you against the need to cancel your holiday. Deposits are non-refundable.
- Further terms and conditions apply and will be provided upon request or at the time of booking. The Big Journey Company reserves the right to withdraw any offer prior to accepting a reservation request. This does not affect your statutory rights. This offer is subject to availability and space is limited.

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Choose from the list of dates below

CASH ONLY OPTION

26 MAR - 30 MAR 2025

FROM £3,199 PER PERSON.

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