

CITY : SANTIAGO

HD SANTIAGO CITY TOUR - ENGLISH GUIDE

USD 159,30

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**HD CLASSIC CITY TOUR WITH SAN
CRISTOBAL HILL & PRECOLOMBINO MUSEUM
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Today, you will be able to choose between visiting the visit the Archaeological Museum, which displays ancestral Chile in two halls covering 175 m2, with objects that were destined for everyday and ceremonial use, a Chinchorro culture mummy, and recreations of scenes in which groups of indigenous peoples from San Pedro de Atacama consume hallucinogenic substances or make a stop at the Pre-Columbian Art Museum, which has a collection of 3000 art pieces on display, mainly from the Incas, Mayas and natives from the different regions of Chile. Return to your hotel in Santiago.

HD MODERN CITY TOUR WITH SAN CRISTOBAL HILL - ENGLISH GUIDE SCL

USD 202,50

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Return to your hotel in Santiago.

HD SANTIAGO HERITAGE WALKING TOUR - ENGLISH GUIDE SCL

USD 140,40

Meet your guide at the lobby of your hotel in Santiago and start your walking tour towards the closest metro station. Santiago's metro is South America's most extensive metro system and provides safe and smooth commute.

Get off at "Cumming" Metro Stop and walk on direction to "Plaza Yungay" (Yungay square), which, along with the "Roto Chileno" statue was created as a tribute to the triumph of the battle with the same name that took place during the Peru-Bolivian confederation war. Across the street from the square is the San Saturnino church, a Gothic style building that was finished in 1844.

We continue by walking 2 blocks south to stop for coffee or a haircut if you prefer, at the "Boulevard Lavaud", the most iconic building of the neighborhood and a place full of history. This is one of the oldest buildings in Santiago and features hairdressing (Peluquería Francesa) which still has the same atmosphere that it did at the beginning of the 19th century, a restaurant, a small shop and another area full of unique antiques, all of which are accessible to visitors.

Walk a few more blocks amongst buildings with European style influences (some better maintained than others) and you will discover different Cités. Cités are typical constructions that are part of the architectural identity of our city and where many people still live today. In one Cité it is possible to find from 6 to even 30 houses, of no more than 50 square meters each and that share a patio in the middle of the construction. These kinds of houses were built at the beginning of the last century as the best alternative to absorb the high housing demand in Santiago. The most beautiful ones are “Cité Adriana Cousiño” and “Lucrecia Valdés”.

Continue walking towards Quinta Normal Park, passing by the “Escuela de Preceptores de Santiago”, an educational institution in charge of training primary school teachers (called preceptors in former times). We also pass by the “Hospital San Juan de Dios”, which was the first hospital in Santiago. Quinta Normal is an urban park in the middle of the city, home to several museums, including the Chilean National Museum of Natural History and nearby the Museum of Memory and Human Rights, inaugurated in 2010; you will have the option to visit either of them before getting back on the metro, this time on “Quinta Normal” stop.

The guide will ride the metro with you and finish the tour at the lobby of your hotel in Santiago.

**HD SANTIAGUINO EXPERIENCE - ENGLISH
GUIDE SCL**

USD 229,50

Meet your guide at the lobby of your hotel and start your walking tour towards the closest metro station. Santiago’s metro is South America’s most extensive metro system and provides a safe and smooth commute.

Arrive at the Universidad de Chile station. Lonely Planet has selected Santiago’s Metro station Universidad de Chile as one of the 10 grandest urban train stations in the world.

The Universidad de Chile station is highlighted for incorporating artistic elements into the interior of its platform. The list also contains undergrounds of Moscow, Stockholm, Dubai and Prague, among others. Lonely Planet’s ten-stop tour, which is an artistic journey through the subways of the world, says that the Universidad de Chile station is an authentic museum, and that it gives the sensation of being in an art gallery, with works of distinct styles, from the murals to the Soviet-era art. The walls are covered with a giant mural by Mario Toral that depicts the history of Chile. The majestic achievement is well worth a detour, affirms Lonely Planet.

Leave the underground for a walk along the Paseo Ahumada. Paseo Ahumada is four-block-long Street in downtown Santiago. It extends in a north–south direction from Plaza de Armas to the Avenida Libertador General Bernardo O’Higgins and is lined by buildings housing retail establishments at their lower levels. At its northern terminus is Plaza de Armas metro station, whereas that at its southern end is Universidad de Chile metro station.

Visit a unique type of coffee shop that you find only in Santiago; a Café con piernas, literally, it is Spanish for “coffee with legs”. These are coffee shops where normal bartenders or waiters are replaced with females dressed in scanty clothing. The shops are very numerous and popular in Santiago and it is frequently noted that the shops seem to contradict Chile’s traditionally conservative culture.

Continue your walk towards the Central Market, because a visit to Santiago is not complete until you visit it; one of the main attractions in the historical downtown, selected by the National Geographic as one of the 5 best markets in the world. Its beauty lies in the architecture, made of melted iron, the variety and quality of its seafood, and the authentic atmosphere provided by the tenants.

The Vega Central de Santiago was elected as the fourth best market in the world by the gastronomy website www.thedailymeal.com

The recognized portal highlights that markets are a good choice to let tourists know the culture of the place, as well as being an attractive experience given the wide variety of scents and colors that they offer. This is the second time that it receives a mention of an international mean of communication.

Daily Meal points out that the Vega Central de Santiago is a hidden gem, where it is possible to find a wide variety of fruits, vegetables and meat, and that is a good

reflection of the culture of the country. The site also mentions that there, it is possible to try sopaipillas, natural juices and eat casseroles or tamales in their different cookeries.

Walk back to the Central Market, and visit La Piojera across the street, one of the most famous places in Santiago since 1916. It cannot get any more typical here! Take a look at the bar walls, where the history of our country has become part of this quaint place. Do not leave without trying the emblematic drink served at this place: the terremoto, Spanish for earthquake, because after one of these, you might find it hard to stand up. The drink is a mix of pipeño, a type of rustic white wine, and pineapple ice-cream.

At the end of your tour, return to your hotel.