

SANTIAGO

THERE'S
MORE THAN ONE
WAY TO DISCOVER
A DESTINATION.
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FEBRUARY IS SUMMERTIME in South America, and with virtually no rain and high temperatures in the 80s, Santiago, Chile, makes a great winter getaway destination. This February, the city celebrates the 479th anniversary of its founding, adding even more energy to the capital—one of the largest and oldest cities in Latin America.

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FOODIE



◀ WHERE TO STAY Mandarin Oriental, Santiago

The first Mandarin Oriental hotel in Latin America opened in Santiago in late 2019 with a club lounge and two restaurants. The hotel also has an outdoor lagoon-style pool—an unusual amenity in this city. mandarinoriental.com/santiago/las-condes/luxury-hotel

MORNING ▶ Mercado Central

Opened in 1872, the neoclassical Mercado Central is a National Historic Landmark. It's also home to a fish and seafood market hawking the best from Chile's rich waters. mercadocentral.cl



LUNCH ▶

Ambrosia Bistro

Chef Carolina Bazán and sommelier Rosario Onetto gained fame with Ambrosia. But insiders know that the pair is often found in the casual Ambrosia Bistro, turning out gourmet global comfort food. ambrosiabistro.cl



◀ DINNER Restaurante O40

Spanish chef Sergio Barroso crafts a 12-course tasting menu that includes local ingredients with an avant-garde twist. Tender, ink-black squid dumplings, for example, come with a shot of squid broth with coconut milk. o40.cl

DRINKS Room 09

After dinner at Restaurante O40, patrons are led through a false refrigerator door for a nightcap at Room 09, the speak-easy bar above the restaurant. Your craft cocktail here might come in a birdcage. o40.cl

FAMILIES

WHERE TO STAY ▶

The Aubrey

Book the Art Deco Suite and enjoy 800 square feet of space, including a master bedroom and a desk that becomes a second bed. theaubrey.com



MORNING ▶

Artequin Museum

This hands-on gallery and art class space is designed to unleash children's creativity. The Quinta Normal Park across the street has an outdoor train collection, dancing fountains and paddleboats. artequin.cl



LUNCH Lomit's

Bulging Chilean sandwiches (so big they're eaten with a knife and fork) are a classic, and at Lomit's, they come in two sizes to accommodate smaller appetites, too.



AFTERNOON ▶ Sky Costanera Tower

At 984 feet high, this is the tallest skyscraper in Latin America. The observation decks on the 61st and 62nd floors offer 360-degree views of the city and the surrounding Andean peaks. skycostanera.cl

◀ DINNER Liguria

This casual classic has four locations in Santiago. The atmosphere is homey and the food—including soups, stews and sandwiches—is well-crafted and satisfying. Try the osso buco. liguria.cl



CULTURE SEEKER



◀ WHERE TO STAY

The Singular Santiago

This chic boutique hotel in one of Santiago's oldest neighborhoods is near many of the city's cultural hot spots, including street art in neighboring Bella Vista. thesingular.com/hotel/santiago



MORNING

Casa Museo La Chascona

Chilean poet Pablo Neruda created a hillside labyrinth of a house in Santiago, and it's now an intimate museum. Don't miss the salt and pepper shakers on his table that say *marijuana* and *morphine*. fundacionneruda.org/museos/casa-museo-la-chascona



LUNCH La Calma Restaurant

Owned by fresh-seafood distributor and chef Gabriel Layera, this is the place for top-notch Chilean seafood from a menu that changes daily based on what's freshest from the country's 2,700-mile-long coastline. lacialma.cl

◀ AFTERNOON Centro Cultura

Palacio de La Moneda

Three art galleries under the Presidential Palace host rotating exhibits, and you can buy lovely traditional crafts at the Chilean Handicrafts Foundation store. ccplm.cl/sitio



◀ DINNER La Mesa

Álvaro Romero, formerly head chef at Chilean Restaurant The Singular, opened this bistro to celebrate ingredients—blue prawns from Pichidangui, lamb from Patagonia—from small Chilean producers. restaurantlamesa.com

WINE LOVER

WHERE TO STAY ▶

The Ritz-Carlton Santiago

This hotel updated its look in 2018 but retained all the signature Ritz service. The wine cellar at Estro restaurant has more than 220 labels, including 24 examples of carménère wine made with Chile's emblematic varietal. ritzcarlton.com/en/hotels/santiago



MORNING

Helicopter Winery Tour

A scenic 30-minute helicopter ride whisks you to Kingston Vineyards, where the winemaker leads a tour of the facilities followed by a tasting. Continue on to Viña Matetic for a guided tour and tasting. vmelite.com

LUNCH ▶

Equilibrio Restaurant

Enjoy local flavors such as syrah-braised, sous-vide cooked beef short ribs and spaghetti with fresh tomatoes and herb sauce, all paired with house wine at this restaurant on a pond at Viña Matetic. matetic.com



DINNER ▶

99 Restaurante

Seasonal tasting menus include dishes using unique seafood and vegetable combinations such as creamy yogurt and beet ice cream in an edible orb that sparkles like a Christmas tree ornament. 99restaurante.com/en



DRINKS Baco

Karen Gilchrist, owner of Wine Travel Chile, says the best place to keep your Chilean wine adventure going after dinner is at the bar at nearby Baco, where you'll find an exceptional wine list, including many by the glass. elbaco.cl

ADVENTURER



◀ WHERE TO STAY Hotel Eco Boutique Bidasoa

Cutting-edge insulation, solar panels, cooking gas generated from kitchen waste, nontoxic cleaning products and vegan bath amenities are just a few of the reasons this newly renovated hotel is one of the most ecologically sustainable in Latin America. hotelbidasoa.cl

MORNING ▶ Valle Nevado

Hit the brand-new hiking trails, conquer the bike park, ride the chairlift and go horseback riding at this ski resort located at 10,000 feet in the Andes outside the city. vallenevado.com/en



LUNCH

Valle Lounge

Before coming off the mountain, have lunch on the deck of the restaurant at Valle Nevado. Be on the lookout for Andean condors and red foxes.



◀ AFTERNOON

Santiago Highlights City Bike Tour

A three-hour guided tour by La Bicicleta Verde departs every day at 2:30 p.m. to explore Santiago's many urban parks and scenic streets. (Helmets are included.) labicicletaverde.com

DINNER ▶ De Patio

This temple to seasonal ingredients offers three elegant tasting menus. Few are surprised that this is one of the latest Santiago restaurants to snag a spot on the list of Latin America's 50 Best Restaurants. depatiorrestaurante.cl

