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TIERRA HOTELS SPOTLIGHT ON CHILE



Designed to showcase the astounding natural beauty of Chile, Tierra Hotels' three boutique properties are breathtaking visions of glass and timber, whose extraordinary profiles blend almost imperceptibly into their surroundings. Interiors are warm, inviting and intended to draw the eyes outside. Cuisine is equally inspired by the land, featuring seafood caught off Chile's lengthy coastline, meat from local ranches and wines from the country's best vineyards.

Yet most immersive of all must be the excursions. Sit down with your guide and decide each day how you'd like to explore the terrain. Below are just some of the activities available at each hotel.

TIERRA PATAGONIA HOTEL & SPA Torres del Paine National Park

View the iconic Paine massif, cave paintings, guanacos and condors on foot. Alternatively, see the pampas through the eyes of a gaucho (cowboy) by riding a horse to the "ends of the earth".

TIERRA ATACAMA HOTEL & SPA San Pedro De Atacama

Spy flamingos on surreal Altiplanic lagoons, see steam columns reach colossal heights at the Tatio Geysers and soak in the Puritama Hot Springs. There's also incredible stargazing and a chance to scale active volcanoes.

TIERRA CHILOÉ HOTEL & SPA San Jose Playa, Castro

Explore the wild Chiloé archipelago aboard a custom-built boat, visit quaint World Heritage-listed settlements brimming with history and explore dense, ancient forests draped in moss.

Please call our Chile specialists on 1300 363 302 for more information.

NAVIGATING CHILEAN PATAGONIA



Skorpios Cruises

A family business since 1978, Skorpios Cruises is a Chilean cruise pioneer that operates two vessels, both deliberately small in size to ensure top-notch service and to approach Patagonia's icy treasures up close. The M/V Skorpios II carries a mere 106 guests in double cabins, while the M/V Skorpios III has a maximum occupancy of 90.

The pair ply the magnificent ice fields of Chilean Patagonia, with the M/V Skorpios II sailing the Chonos Route south of Puerto Montt and M/V Skorpios III northbound on the Kaweskar Route from Puerto Natales. Here are just some of the highlights found on their inspiring itineraries.

EPIC GLACIERS

The focal point of the Chonos Route is the dizzying expanse of the silvery San Rafael Glacier, which regularly calves with a roar into a slate grey terminal lagoon. On the Kaweskar Route, see the sapphire tidewater Amalia Glacier and the dramatic 'hanging' ice caps ringing gorgeous Calvo Fjord.

EXTRAORDINARY FLORA & FAUNA

The Chonos Route visits the Corcovado Gulf, critical habitat for blue whales and Isote Conejos, inhabited by Magellanic penguins. The Kaweskar Route traverses Montanas Fjord, whose channels teem with dolphin, sea lion and seal. Native forests are dense with pretty endemic evergreens, while rare birds including the majestic Andean condor are a common sight overhead.

RELAXED ADVENTURE

Both itineraries provide the opportunity to inspect the landscape at close range. Stroll mossy rainforest paths, hike across gritty moraines or pebbly beaches, and weave past icebergs in small boats to touch the "nose" of a melting glacier. The Chonos program also offers the opportunity to soak in thermal springs.

To incorporate a Skorpios cruise into your Chilean exploration, call our South America specialists on 1300 363 302.





DARWIN'S GALAPAGOS

Some 180 years have passed since naturalist Charles Darwin came across the weird and wonderful animals of the Galapagos Islands. Luckily, you don't have to be a scientist to appreciate this strange, volcanic archipelago 1,000km west of Ecuador. All you need is a sense of adventure, a passion for wildlife and a reputable tour operator.

There are 20 key islands in the region - no two are alike. Santa Cruz is a popular destination for short voyages, home to the Charles Darwin Research Station and Giant Tortoise Breeding Program. To the

east, San Cristobal is a haven for a variety of frigatebirds and a favoured feeding ground for Blue-footed Boobies. Longer journeys visit distant Espanola, where sea lions carpet soft sandy beaches or far-flung Fernandina, crowned by an active volcano and crowded with hundreds of prehistoric-looking marine iguanas.

Our programs range from 4 to 15 days and utilise first-class expedition vessels with restricted passenger capacities to guarantee a truly intimate experience of these enchanted isles. A typical day on our small ship cruises may involve two expert-guided

shore excursions plus opportunities to hike, kayak, snorkel or stargaze in the evenings. Waste no time on planning or logistics - your crew oversee transport, permits, equipment and access to some of the wildest areas in the Galapagos.

The most common gateway to the islands is Quito on the Ecuadorian mainland, an easy 2 hours' flight away. Filled with handsome colonial buildings, the city's historic old centre is well worth exploring and combines seamlessly with a Galapagos adventure. Contact our South America specialists for a tailor-made itinerary today.





ALTO ATACAMA

A Destination Unto Itself

Taking design cues from traditional Andean architecture, Chile's Alto Atacama Desert Lodge & Spa is unique in the area for its seeming isolation, a collection of low-profile adobe buildings and artfully planted native gardens in the shadow of a terracotta ridge. Yet, the vibrant village of San Pedro is merely a few kilometres away.

Guests are invited to connect with their environment from the moment they arrive. The tranquil, earth-toned rooms

feature large windows looking out onto the Atacama's quiet lagoons or silent cacti-studded landscapes where llama and alpaca roam. Suites come furnished with outdoor showers so you can bathe beneath the stars. Off-the-beaten-track excursions on foot or by bicycle into the profoundly beautiful surrounding area are led by experienced guides – many of whom are indigenous – so your experiences of the geysers, hot springs, volcanoes, ruins and canyons are enriched with authentic personal flavour.

With six beguiling outdoor pools and a tempting Jacuzzi all boasting sweeping vistas of the encircling scarlet mountains, the Alto Atacama Desert Lodge & Spa is an oasis. The onsite day spa is another place for physical and spiritual revival, with a variety of treatment options and a team of skilled therapists. Spa facilities include a Finnish sauna, Turkish bath, indoor and outdoor hot tubs.

A 4 day/3 night stay at Alto Atacama starts from \$3752 per person twin share ex Calama. Please contact us on 1300 363 302.