



EASTER ISLAND SHORTSTAY

Extension | 5 Days | Physical Level 1
Easter Island (3N) – Santiago (1N)

Way out in the Pacific Ocean and home to the stone 'moai', Easter Island is one of the most isolated and enigmatic destinations on the planet. On this short tour, you'll explore the mysteries for yourself!

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- Accommodation
- Meals as stated
- Daily tours and entrance fees
- Transportation and transfers as stated
- English speaking guide

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Day 1: Arrive Easter Island

Meals: None

On arrival in Easter Island, you'll be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel for the rest of the day at leisure.

**Destination Information**

Easter Island – Locally known as Rapa Nui, Easter Island is a special territory of Chile located in the southeastern Pacific Ocean. The island is a UNESCO World Heritage site and renowned for its nearly 1,000 monumental statues, called Moai.

Day 2: Explore Easter Island

Meals: B, L

Embark on a captivating journey along Easter Island's picturesque south coast.

Begin today with visits to Hanga Roa village and the temple of Vaihu. Discover ancient platforms, including Akahanga, untouched by restoration and believed to hold the secrets of the island's legendary king, Hotu Matua.

Afterwards, continue to Akahanga Archaeological Centre to see the moai here before stopping at Rano Raraku, a fascinating quarry housing nearly 900 stone statues. Marvel at the sight of 397 statues scattered across the slopes of the dormant volcano, providing a glimpse into the island's rich history. Enjoy a hike up to the crater.



Next, visit Ahu Tongariki, an impressive restoration project featuring 15 magnificent Moai statues. Take in the grandeur of this monumental site before we head back to the village of Hanga Roa for a delightful lunch. Our adventure then takes us along the captivating east coast, where we'll visit Ahu Te Pito Kura, a site of great spiritual significance known as the "Navel of the World." Lastly, immerse yourself in the beauty of Anakena Beach, where restored Ahus Nau Nau and Ature Huke stand proudly against the backdrop of the warm Pacific Ocean. With memories to cherish, we'll return you to your hotel, leaving you with a deep appreciation for the mysteries and wonders of Easter Island's enchanting south coast.

Day 3: Explore Easter Island

Meals: B

Today our journey begins with a visit to the captivating ceremonial site of Tahai, where we will encounter three Ahus adorned with restored statues. As we explore this sacred place, you'll have the unique opportunity to witness the only statue with re-inserted eyes, adding a touch of realism to its captivating gaze.



Adjacent to Tahai, we'll venture into a museum that provides a comprehensive overview of Rapa Nui's geology, geography, and rich history. Delve into the fascinating narratives of the island and its people, gaining a deeper understanding of their remarkable heritage.

Afterwards, we'll pass through the vibrant village of Hanga Roa, where we'll have the chance to visit the charming church and immerse ourselves in the local artisan market. Discover unique crafts and cultural treasures that reflect the artistic traditions of Rapa Nui.

Then this afternoon, you will uncover more wonders beginning at Ahu Akivi, a meticulously restored ceremonial site featuring seven magnificent Moai statues, each representing the legendary explorers sent by King Hotu Matua. Experience the profound sense of wonder and historical significance surrounding this sacred place. Continue your journey to an untouched area that offers a glimpse into the island's ancient past. As you wander amidst the remnants of this sacred space, feel a connection to the enduring spirit of the Rapa Nui civilization and their profound spiritual traditions.

Later, end your day with a visit to the captivating Puna Pau quarry, renowned for its red scoria stone. Uncover the remarkable craftsmanship of the Rapa Nui people and learn about the cultural significance of the intricately carved Pukao, the ornamental topknots that adorned the majestic Moai statues. As your extraordinary expedition comes to an end, bid farewell to the wonders of Easter Island, carrying with you a profound appreciation for its rich history, enduring legends, and awe-inspiring landscapes.

Day 4: Easter Island - Santiago

Meals: B

Today you will be transferred from your hotel to the airport for your flight to Santiago (flight not included). On arrival in Santiago, you will be transferred to your hotel for the night.

**Destination Information**

Santiago - Santiago is a vibrant and cultural city set on the plains of the Andes and home to 40% of Chile's population. Split into 32 boroughs (comunas), each area has its own distinct character, yet all the streets are alive with the energy of the city.

Day 5: Depart Santiago

Meals: B

After breakfast you will be transferred to Santiago airport for your onward flight.



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