

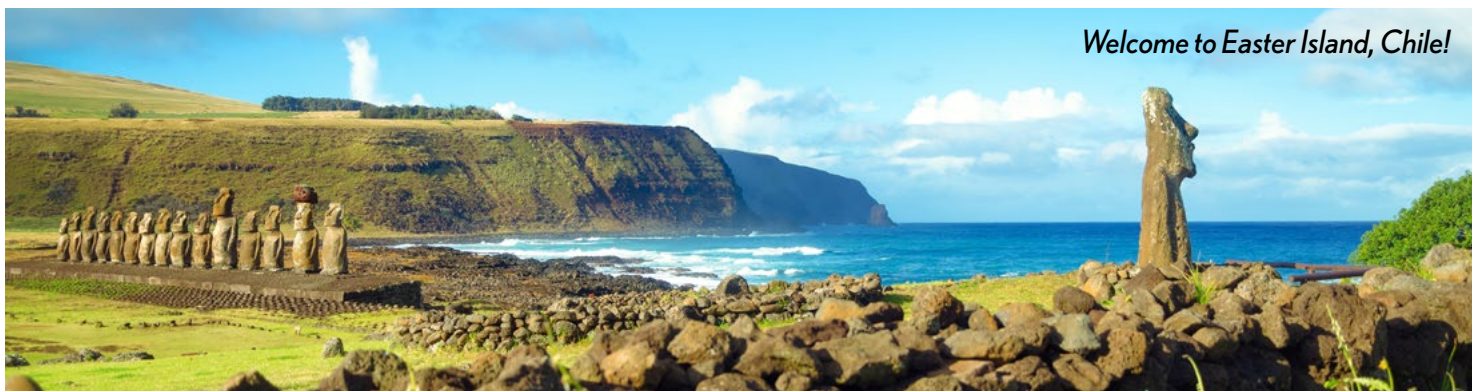
Easter Island

POST-ADVENTURE VACATION PACKAGE



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Welcome to Easter Island, Chile!

Isla de Pascua, also known as Easter Island and to locals by its indigenous name—Rapa Nui—is an isolated volcanic island and Chilean territory in Polynesia. It's famed for its archaeological sites, including the nearly 900 monumental statues called moai that were created by inhabitants during the 13th through 16th centuries. The moai are carved human figures with oversize heads, often resting on massive stone pedestals called ahus; Ahu Tongariki displays the largest group of upright moai.

Few areas in the world possess a more mystical pull than this tiny speck of land. Rapa Nui's mysterious moai statues stand in silence but speak volumes about the achievements of their creators. The stone blocks, carved into head-and-torso figures, average 13 feet (4 meters) tall and 14 tons. The effort to construct these monuments and move them around the island must have been considerable—but no one knows exactly why the Rapa Nui people undertook such a task. Most scholars suspect that the moai were created to honor ancestors, chiefs, or other important personages. However, no written and little oral history exists on the island, so it's impossible to be certain.

Don't miss this opportunity to explore, see, experience, and learn about this remote island and its Polynesian inhabitants in the company of Olivia!

FOUR-NIGHT PACKAGE (APRIL 3–7, 2020)

\$3,699 PP DOUBLE OCCUPANCY—ECONOMY CLASS AIR

\$4,499 PP SINGLE OCCUPANCY—ECONOMY CLASS AIR

\$4,699 PP DOUBLE OCCUPANCY—BUSINESS CLASS AIR

\$5,499 PP SINGLE OCCUPANCY—BUSINESS CLASS AIR

INCLUDED

- One night at Holiday Inn Santiago Airport (check-in at 3 pm on April 3; checkout on April 4)
- Buffet breakfast at Holiday Inn Santiago Airport
- Escort to assistance with check-in for the flight to Easter Island (April 4)
- Round-trip air from Santiago to Easter Island in either economy or business class (April 4 and April 7)*
- Three nights at the Explora Rapa Nui Hotel (check-in by 3 pm on April 4; checkout on April 7)
- All meals, tours, and alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages at the Explora Rapa Nui**
- All tours while in Easter Island through the Explora Rapa Nui Hotel
- Round-trip hotel luggage portage
- Olivia staff assistance throughout

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**We recommend that you book your international flight home to depart no earlier than 9 pm on April 7. The flight from Easter Island to Santiago International Airport is scheduled to arrive at 6:35 pm on April 7.*

***Excludes premium alcohol and wine.*

NOT INCLUDED

- International air and meals not indicated on the itinerary

ACTIVITY LEVEL REQUIREMENTS

This post-trip stretcher requires a **MODERATE to HIGH** level of mobility because most of the tours require extensive walking (walking on uneven surfaces and walking up and down hills and stairs) and standing for extended periods of time.* If you have limited mobility and feel that you are still able to do the activity level requirements, you are required to travel with someone who can assist you. This package is not recommended for those in wheelchair or scooter.

**In some cases, "overland" options will be available; in these cases, a van will be available to take you closer to a location or point of interest, thereby requiring less walking to see the sites. However, to get to the actual point of interest you will still need to be able to walk on uneven surfaces, up and down hills, and up and down stairs. Alternatively, you can look at the points of interest from afar.*

YOUR ITINERARY



How things work at Explora

At Explora Rapa Nui Hotel, you are encouraged to disconnect; therefore, there are no televisions or wifi in the guest rooms, and you are encouraged to connect with those around you. There is a common area that is great for getting together with other Olivians to talk about your day, the things you learned and saw, and generally connect with one another. The common area does have wifi signal available should you wish to contact family or friends at home.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2020

After enjoying your final breakfast at the Tierra Patagonia you'll bid farewell to beautiful Lake Sarmiento, the dramatic towers, and the craggy mountain ranges and you will board your transportation to Punta Arenas for your flight back to Santiago.

Upon arrival in Santiago, you can walk across the street to the Holiday Inn Santiago Airport Hotel to check in. Here you can relax, get some dinner, and good night's sleep before starting your adventure to Easter Island the next morning.

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Hanga Roa



Ahu Tahai



Akahanga

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2020

This morning after breakfast, you'll be met in the lobby of the Holiday Inn Santiago Airport Hotel by your escort who will take you through airline check-in and the immigration checkpoint for your flight to Easter Island.

After your approximately 5-½-hour flight, ¡orana!—welcome!—to Easter Island, one of the world's most isolated islands!

Upon your arrival at Mataverí airport in Hanga Roa (the main town, harbor, and capital of Easter Island), you'll be met and transported to the Explora Rapa Nui Hotel.

At the hotel, you'll be welcomed with a lunch and then meet the guides who will give you an overview of the afternoon's tour.

Following your tour, you'll have time to freshen up before an evening trip to Ahu Tahai to watch the sunset (subject to weather conditions). While you enjoy watching the sun set at Ahu Tahai, one of the icons of the island, you'll be given a better understanding of the culture and traditions that are still alive today. Afterward we will return to the hotel.

There are over 20 different activities to explore on the island, all with a variety of associated activity levels. In general, all the activities have strong cultural and archaeological components and are led by expert bilingual local guides; the sites visited will include Akahanga, Puna Pau (hike), Anakena, Akivi, Terevaka (bike ride), Rapa Nui sanctuaries, Hanga, Pukao (overland), among others.

Over the next couple of days, you will have the opportunity to see as much (or as little) as you like.

Every evening before dinner, you will meet the guides who will share with you the activities scheduled for the following day; they will assist you to choose the best outing according to your interests and your physical and energy levels.

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Rano Kau Crater



Ceremonial Town of Orongo



Birdman Site

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2020

After breakfast, you'll get prepared for your included excursions for the day. You will be able to choose between the following two excursions for this morning—or instead choose to rest, enjoy the pool, or make a spa appointment.

Bird Cult Half-Day Tour (overland tour by van with shorter hikes/walks)

You'll go by van toward Ahu Vinapu, where we find Ahu Tahira, a construction platform with perfectly overlapping rock structures that are often compared to Inca buildings. Your guide will walk you through the structures, explaining their significance and how they were used. Afterward, you'll head by van to Rano Kau, the island's largest crater. Here, you'll hike around part of the crater, where you'll see the biodiversity of the wetland within it, before continuing to the ceremonial town of Orongo, known for the Birdman competition. Your guide will take you through the Birdman site while explaining the competition and how it tied into the culture and spirituality of the tribes of the island. Next, you'll visit the area of Mataverí, with its volcanic landscape, and learn of its connection with Orongo.

The Birdman Half-Day Tour (hiking option)

You'll go by van toward Vinapu, where we find Ahu Tahira, a construction platform with perfectly overlapping rock structures that are often compared with Inca buildings. Your guide will walk through the structures, explaining their significance and how they were used. Next, you'll hike up to the rim of the Rano Kau crater, the island's largest crater. Here, you'll hike around part of the crater, where you'll see the biodiversity of the wetland within it, before continuing to the ceremonial town of Orongo, known for the Birdman competition. Your guide will take you through the Birdman site while explaining the competition and how it tied into the culture and spirituality of the tribes of the island. Next, you'll visit the area of Mataverí, with its volcanic landscape, and learn of its connection with Orongo.

After your morning excursion, you'll return to the hotel for lunch and a little rest before heading out on your afternoon excursion.

You will be able to choose from the following excursions for the afternoon or, again, instead choose to rest, enjoy the pool, or make a spa appointment.

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Rapa Nui Sanctuaries Half-Day Tour (overland tour by van with shorter hikes/walks)

This afternoon you'll visit Akivi, the site of the famous ahu with seven moai facing the Pacific Ocean.

A particularly sacred place in Rapa Nui, Ahu Akivi has seven moai, all of equal shape and size. The site was created around the 16th century and functions as a celestial observatory, with all seven moai statues facing the point where the sun sets on the spring equinox. These are the only moai on the island that face out to sea.

Next, you'll hike through the Roiho lava field, where we see a lava tunnel. We continue by van to the Hanga Kioe sanctuary, where we see a standing moai watching over its village. We then hike to the Rapa Nui cemetery, passing Ahu Tahai. After finishing your tour in Hanga Roa, you'll return to the hotel by van.

Akivi Half-Day Tour (tour by bike)

This afternoon you'll leave Explora Rapa Nui Hotel on bikes following inland routes. You'll go up a gentle slope and ride along traditional Rapa Nui crop fields. You'll arrive at Ahu Akivi, the site of the famous Ahu of the seven moai facing the Pacific Ocean.

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You'll return by van to the hotel.

The excursion itineraries may be modified according to weather conditions.

At the hotel, you will have a chance to freshen up before joining a lecture on the culture and history of Rapa Nui and enjoying dinner in the restaurant.

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Puna Pau, The Pukao Quarry



Rapa Nui National Park



Ahu Vinapu

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2020

After breakfast, you'll prepare for your included excursions for the day. You will be able to choose from the following excursions for this morning, or choose to rest, enjoy the pool, or have a spa appointment.

Pukao Half-Day Tour (overland tour by van with shorter hikes/walks)

This morning, you'll begin in Puna Pau. Puna Pau is the quarry for the volcanic rock that was used to make the pukao, or topknots, worn by some of the moai. Puna Pau also gives its name to one of the seven regions of the Rapa Nui National Park. Here, you can enjoy panoramic views of Hanga Roa and the coastline. We continue by visiting Ahu Vinapu, an archaeological site which at its center includes one of the larger Ahu on Rapa Nui. The ahu exhibits extraordinary stonemasonry, consisting of large, carefully fitted slabs of basalt. In this exploration you'll also see the remains of roads leading to moai.

Finally, you will drive to the southern coastline, where you'll take a hike to learn more about this island's history and landscape before returning to the hotel.



Terevaka Volcano



Ahu One Makihi Fallen Moai



Tongariki

The Highest Point Half-Day Tour (hiking tour)

You'll begin your hike at the foothill of the Terevaka Volcano. Ma'unga Terevaka is the largest, tallest, and youngest of three main extinct volcanoes that form Rapa Nui. Several smaller volcanic cones and craters dot its slopes, including a crater hosting one of the island's three lakes, Rano Aroi. You'll go up a narrow creek, passing through several archaeological sites that your guide will discuss, until reaching the volcano's summit, the highest point on the island, which offers 360° views to the horizon.

After taking in the views, you will hike down toward Ahu Akivi before returning to the hotel.

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At the hotel you can enjoy lunch and a little rest before heading out on your afternoon excursion. You will be able to choose from the following excursions for the afternoon or, as before, choose to rest, enjoy the pool, or make a spa appointment.

Tongariki Half-Day Tour (overland tour by van with shorter hikes/walks)

This afternoon you'll take a van to Ahu One Makihi, where you will get to see, close-up, a huge, toppled, unrestored moai.

Next, you'll continue to Tongariki to learn the history of Rapa Nui's largest Ahu and explore its surroundings. Its moai were toppled during the island's civil wars, and in the twentieth century the ahu was swept inland by a tsunami. It has since been restored and has fifteen moai, including an 86-ton moai that was the heaviest ever erected on the island.

Here you will learn all about the history and conflict between the East and West of Rapa Nui. You'll then return to the hotel by van.



Anakena Half-Day Tour (by bike)

You'll leave from the hotel by bike toward Ahu Tongariki, the best-rebuilt platform with 15 intact moai. In Tongariki you'll learn the history of Rapa Nui's largest Ahu and explore its surroundings. Its moai were toppled during the island's civil wars, and in the twentieth century the ahu was swept inland by a tsunami. It has since been restored and has fifteen moai, including an 86-ton moai that was the heaviest ever erected on the island.

Next you'll continue along the coastline to the Mahatua area, visiting several archaeological sites before reaching Anakena, where the first Polynesian settlers landed on Easter Island. Anakena is a white coral sand beach in Rapa Nui National Park with clear waters. Anakena has two ahus: Ahu Ature, which has a single moai, and Ahu Nao-Nao, which has seven, two of which have deteriorated.

Here, you will have a chance to take a swim in the crystal-clear water before returning to the hotel by van.

The excursion itineraries may be modified according to weather conditions.

After returning to the hotel, you have a chance to freshen up before enjoying a local dance performance and dinner in the restaurant.

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2020

This morning, you will have an option to see the sun rise at Ahu Tongariki (weather permitting). This is a great time to reflect on all the sights you've seen and on the culture and history you've learned about before departing this unique and incredible island. After having this special experience, you'll return to the Explora Rapa Nui Hotel to have one last breakfast, check out, and be transported to Mataverí Airport. After arriving in Santiago, you can connect to your international flight back home.

ABOUT YOUR HOTELS



Holiday Inn Santiago Airport



Accommodations



Restaurant

Holiday Inn Santiago Airport

Located right at the airport, and offering a sleek contemporary design aesthetic, the Holiday Inn Santiago is the perfect place to stay when catching an early flight the next day. There is no need to take a taxi because the hotel is literally across the road from the terminal.

In-room amenities include an LCD television, espresso maker, hairdryer, iron/ironing board, blackout drapes, in-room safe, complimentary in-room wifi, iPod docking station, Tempur-Pedic mattress, and premium bedding. Hotel amenities include restaurant and bar/lounge, indoor pool, fitness center, spa services, business center, and wifi in the lobby.



Explora Rapa Nui



Accommodations



Lounge

Explora Rapa Nui

Located 8 km (5 miles) from Hanga Roa, Explora Rapa Nui offers a beautiful setting—surrounded by trees, prairies, and views of the Pacific Ocean—from which to explore Easter Island and to connect to both humanity and the mysteries of nature. They are proud to carry LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification.

In-room amenities include a view of the prairie and ocean, hairdryer, air-conditioning with in-room climate control, blackout curtains, jetted bathtub, rainfall shower, bathrobes, slippers, and turndown service. Hotel amenities include restaurant (all meals included), bar/lounge (all standard alcoholic and nonalcoholic drinks—premium wines and liquor have a fee), all excursions, computer station, outdoor pool, shop, dry cleaning and laundry services (for a fee), and spa services (for a fee).

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DEADLINE TO BOOK IS DECEMBER 13, 2019 OR UNTIL SOLD OUT.

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