

See the Total Solar Eclipse July 2, 2019

Chile Eclipse 2019

Come Explore with The Planetary Society! June 26-July 6, 2019

With optional Easter Island Extension June 21 - 26

Dear Travelers:

We invite you to join our **Chile Total Solar Eclipse Adventure, June 26-July 6, 2019**, including an optional pre-trip to explore the wonders of **Easter Island, June 21 - 26, 2019**.

Join us and enjoy the Southern Hemisphere as we explore the La Serena area, where the Total Solar Eclipse path will cross on July 2, 2019.

Our adventure will start in the historic capital city, **Santiago**, Chile's largest city and one of the most beautiful cities in South America. Here we will visit the outstanding **Pre-Columbian Museum**, and have an introduction to this bustling city.

We will fly to La Serena and the splendid **Hacienda Santa Cristina**, near Ovalle where we will stay during our time in the Norte Chico of Chile. The Hacienda is charming, with wonderful grounds, horseback riding, excellent meals, and more! It is well situated to explore the ancient heritage of northern Chile, its towns and villages, observatories, a national park, and the renowned Elqui Valley.

During our stay, we will explore the archeological site in the **Valle del Encanto (Enchanted Valley)** where petroglyphs and pictographs of dancing stick men can be seen. These figures span over 2,000 years of cultural history.



We will also explore the unique cloud forest and coastal beauty of **Parque Nacional Fray Jorge**, a moist cloudforest created by ocean fog, all in the midst of the starkly beautiful desert landscapes.

A highlight of the trip will be sharing our Eclipse lecture with school children and townspeople in Ovalle, and watching the Eclipse with children and families in a remote village in the path of the Total Solar Eclipse.

We will also go inland to explore the **Elqui Valley**, visit a local pisco winery, enjoy a Chilean barbecue dinner, and have a special visit to Cerro Tololo and another observatory.

You will travel with Betchart South America expert, **Dr. Tom Love**, and astronomer **Dr Tyler Nordgren**, popular leader of Aurora and Eclipse trips for Betchart and the Planetary Society.

We hope you will join us for this unique adventure and see the 2019 Total Solar Eclipse!

Best regards,

Bill Nye

Bill Nye
The Science Guy®
CEO



Itinerary

Day 1 USA to Santiago, Chile

Depart Los Angeles or Miami International Airport on a flight to Santiago, Chile. (Passengers on the Easter Island Pre-Trip will conclude the pre-trip and overnight Santiago tonight.)

Day 2 Santiago

Arrive Santiago and transfer to our hotel. Our introduction to Chile will begin with a visit to this vibrant South American capital city. Historic buildings in downtown Santiago will catch your eye, as will statues of national heroes of the early independence years, the Plaza de Armas, and Casa de la Moneda. From San Cristobal Hill we will have a fine view of the city. Welcome dinner. B,D

Day 3 Museum of Pre-Columbian Art & National Astronomical Observatory

This morning, we will visit the Museum of Pre-Columbian Art, with a superb collection of artifacts from ancient Central and South America. It is a jewel among the world's museums and its exhibits vividly demonstrate the rich cultural and artistic diversity of the Pre-Columbian Americas. This afternoon we hope to visit the National Astronomical Observatory (OAN). (*This arrangement is pending*). OAN can be traced back to the US Naval Observatory Gillis Expedition in 1849 to observe Mars and Venus from the Southern Hemisphere. B,L

Day 4 Norte Chico Coast to La Serena

We'll depart this morning and fly up the coast of the Near North of Chile (Norte Chico) to La Serena. The Norte Chico is one of five natural regions of Chile, a semiarid region with lush agriculture in the river valleys, and dry mountains soaring above. The coastal areas have microclimates, where moist air from the sea is trapped by bluffs overlooking the ocean. This results in temperate rainforest, such as at Parque Nacional Fray Jorge. Upon arrival La Serena, we will have a typical Chilean lunch, and explore La Serena. We will then transfer to charming *Hacienda Santa Cristina*,



our home base for the next 6 nights. Enjoy a welcome-to-the-Hacienda dinner this evening and a night of stargazing. B,L,D

Day 5 Elqui Valley & Observatory Visit

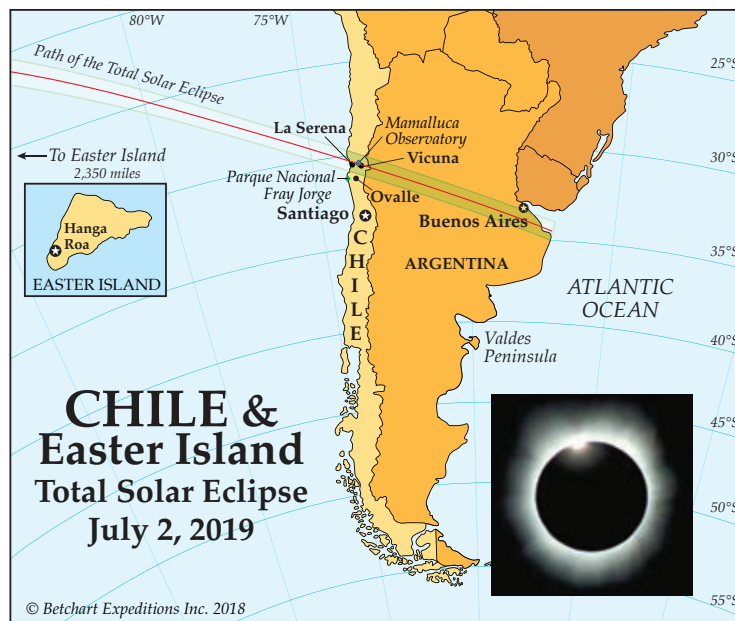
We will explore the Elqui Valley along the Ruta de Las Estrellas or Route of the Stars as we head for Vicuña. The valley is renowned for its vineyards and orchards, historic churches, beautiful views of the Andes Mountains and astronomical observatories. We will visit the valley's Nobel prize poet Gabriela al Mistral Museum. Tonight we will enjoy stargazing at a local observatory. B,L,D

Day 6 Ovalle community & Eclipse Lecture

Depart this morning for the Feria Modelo de Ovalle, the bustling farmer's market in the town of Ovalle. Have lunch overlooking the Limari Valley and visit the Museo de Limari, with collections reflecting the cultural heritage of the area, including ancient pottery. At midafternoon our trip astronomer Tyler Nordgren will present an Eclipse lecture to the community of Ovalle, from school children to adults, so they can share in the magnificence of the Eclipse with us. Enjoy a BBQ dinner at the Hacienda and an evening of star gazing. B,L,D

Day 7 Total Solar Eclipse - July 2, 2019

We'll depart for the community where we will view the Total Solar Eclipse east of La Serena. We'll get in position at our Eclipse-viewing site with the children at the school and hand out eclipse glasses. We will watch with anticipation as the Sun is slowly covered by the Moon. (Everyone will have protective solar glasses to watch the Eclipse safely.) The sunlight passes through lower surface features of the Moon and may create a phenomenon





called "Baily's Beads." Sometimes the depression of the Moon is so great that it produces a phenomenon called The "Diamond Ring." During the Total Eclipse, the rays of the Sun produce a corona or crown of light radiating outward behind the dark globe of the Moon. This rare event can be seen only with a Total Solar Eclipse. Have dinner in celebration of the Eclipse with the community. B,L,D

Day 8 Activities at Hacienda Santa Cristina

Today will include a morning at leisure at the Hacienda with an afternoon of festivities including wine tasting, sampling local cheeses and fruits, and dancers, with optional horseback riding, hiking, and more! Evening stargazing. B,L,D

Day 9 Parque Nacional Fray Jorge UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve + Valle del Encanto

We'll travel through picturesque small farms and vineyards on our way to explore the unique cloud forest and coastal beauty at Parque Nacional Fray Jorge. The moist cloudforest here is surrounded by a cactus-and-desert like environment, yet it is like the cloudforest, 1,200 km further south. Today we'll also visit the Monumento Arqueológico Valle del Encanto to see petroglyphs

EASTER ISLAND PRE-TRIP - June 21-26, 2019



Our adventure in Easter Island will give you a great look at the heritage of this remarkable location. It includes 2 nights in Santiago, 3 nights Easter Island, all meals and tours on Easter Island, with an excellent local guide. \$1,595 pp share + air; single supplement \$495.

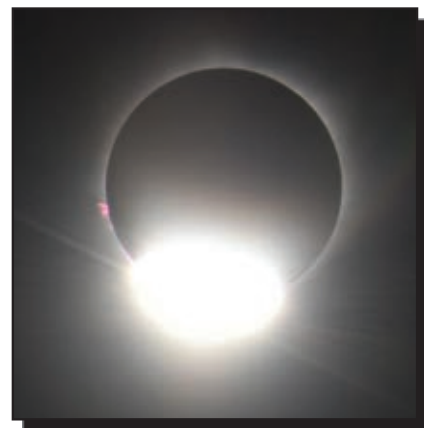
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and pictographs of dancing stick men, and rocks used for grinding in the 2nd to 7th centuries by the El Molle culture. We'll return to the Hacienda for a Farewell Dinner and an evening of star gazing. B,L,D

Days 10/11 Cerro Tololo Observatory & Depart for Miami and LAX

We will depart early for the Cerro Tololo Observatory today, for a special visit to this renowned observatory. It is supported by about 25 U.S. universities and is the primary site for U.S. astronomy in the Southern Hemisphere. We'll then head to La Serena for a typical Chilean lunch. Transfer to the airport for our flights to Santiago and home, arriving Miami or Los Angeles on Day 11. B,L/-



*Photo by David Morrison,
Indonesia Eclipse 2016.*

Reservations

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Yes! I/we want to join the Chile Total Solar Eclipse Expedition, June 26 -July 6, 2019 offered by The Planetary Society and Betchart Expeditions Inc. Please reserve _____ space(s). As a deposit, I/we enclose a check for \$_____ (\$1,000 per person) for Chile. I/we would also like to join the Easter Island Pre-Trip and I/we enclose an additional \$_____ (\$500 per person) payable to Betchart Expeditions Inc. Trust Account.

Name(s) _____ Age _____ Sex _____

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Address _____

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Phone: H (____) _____ C (____) _____

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Membership: Planetary Society AAAS Sigma Xi ACS

Accommodations Preference:

___ Twin ___ Single ___ Twin Share ___ with a friend *or*

___ Nonsmoker ___ Smoker ___ assign a roommate

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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**Please Mail To: Chile Eclipse 2019 Expedition
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Cupertino, CA 95014-5345**

Costs & Conditions

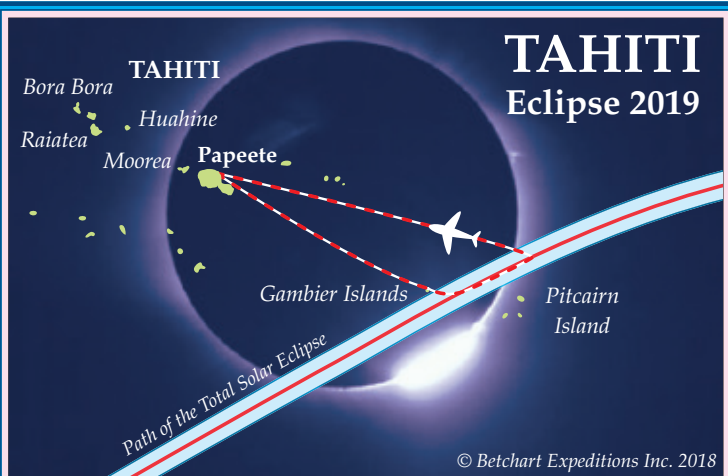
Trip Fee: From \$5,995 per person twin share + air fare from Los Angeles \$1,595, or Miami \$1,495, to Santiago, RT plus \$195 Santiago/La Serena, RT. *Optional Easter Island Extension:* \$1,595 per person twin share + air fare \$895 Santiago/Easter Island, RT.

Expedition Fee Includes: Land transport; group airport transfers; accommodations twin share; most meals; tips to drivers and local guides; entrance fees; baggage handling; leadership, administration.

Expedition Fee Does Not Include: International air fare, Santiago/La Serena, RT or flights Santiago to Easter Island, RT (quoted separately); some meals; gratuities to expedition leaders; personal items such as laundry, phone calls, beverages at meals, alcoholic beverages, sodas, snacks, or personal insurance.

What to Expect: This expedition is planned for travelers who would enjoy seeing the Total Solar Eclipse July 2, 2019 with optional pre-trip to Easter Island, 2,350 miles to the west. Leading the expedition will be an excellent Betchart naturalist and astronomer.

The group will explore astronomical observatories as well as museums and a national park, and will be right in the zone of Totality for the Total Solar Eclipse. Weather is cool and sunny, with midday temperatures in the 50's to 60's and chilly at night. *There are excellent prospects for seeing the Total Eclipse* though it may be obscured by fog or clouds. This expedition will be a tremendous experience for travelers with an appetite for adventure who would enjoy a chance to explore northern Chile and Easter Island, with excellent leadership. (No smoking in vehicles, during lectures, or meals, please.)



Tahiti Total Solar Eclipse

June 25 - July 4, 2019

With optional Bora Bora Extension to July 7th

Join us in Tahiti to explore this island paradise! Fly to the Gambier Islands to meet the islanders and enjoy a Polynesian feast and festival. Then fly along the Eclipse path to witness the July 2, 2019 Eclipse from the air for an extraordinary adventure! With leadership by popular Eclipse leader, Bob Nansen.

For a detailed brochure, contact:
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Air Fare & Airline Ticketing: Air fare quoted is based on group fares with Lan Chile from Los Angeles or Miami. In-tour air bookings will be handled by Betchart Expeditions Inc. AIR FARES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

Accommodations: Are in first class hotel in Santiago, twin share with private bath, and at a charming Hacienda near Ovalle with excellent meals, horseback riding, splendid gardens, and more!. Limited singles will be available for supplement of \$895.

Reservations, Deposits & Payments:

Please mail a deposit check of \$1,000 per person for Chile and \$500 per person for Easter Island with the completed reservation form to:

Chile Total Eclipse 2019
Betchart Expeditions Inc.
17050 Montebello Road,
Cupertino, CA 95014-5435.

The balance is due 150 days before departure.

Cancellations & Refunds: The initial deposit is refundable up to 150 days before departure less a handling fee of \$250 per person. There is no refund after the 150-day period unless your place is resold, then only the \$250 per person handling fee is withheld. There are no refunds for unused meals or other expedition features.



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