

# GUAYAQUIL TO VALPARAISO

## SOUTH AMERICA'S PACIFIC COAST



From the Gateway of the Galapagos to the colorful jumble of hillside structures in Valparaiso, drink in the very best of Peru and Chile. Long hailed by savvy travelers as “bucket list” countries, prepare for the awe-inspiring mountain peaks of Peru and the majestic flora and fauna of Chile. These are noble countries, equal parts proud, humble and fierce; a journey here will ignite passion in your soul that will last long after you leave. Numerous pre- and post cruise extensions are available to complement this program.



**DATES:** Nov 09-23, 2019

**DURATION:** 15 DAYS

**EMBARK:** GUAYAQUIL, ECUADOR

**DISSEMBARK:** VALPARAISO, CHILE

**SHIP:** Silver Explorer

**FROM:** \$6,930

## ITINERARY



### DAY 1 – NOV 09 – GUAYQUIL, ECUADOR - EMBARKTION

The second major jumping off point for the Galapagos Islands after Quito, this is a little city with a big heart. A sea port first and foremost, the city's personality has been founded on that, and all the better it is for it too. Almost Caribbean in feeling, the clement climate coupled with the intermingling rhythms floating from the windows and abundance of fresh seafood make this a very tropical destination. Once not even considered by the travel books as a potential destination in its own right, the city has undergone something of a resurgence in the past few years. Proud Guayaquileños will not hesitate to point out the Malecón or the exciting new riverfront promenade, once a no-go area after dark, now happily lined with museums, restaurants, shops, and ongoing entertainment. The new airport and urban transportation network are also lauded to the happy tourists who find themselves here.

### DAY 2 – NOV 10 - DAY AT SEA

Days at sea are the perfect opportunity to relax, unwind and catch up with what you've been meaning to do. So whether that is whale watching from the Observatory Lounge, writing home to your loved ones or simply topping up your tan by the pool, these blue sea days are the perfect balance to busy days spent exploring shore side.



### DAY 3 – NOV 11 - LOBOS DE TIERRA ISLAND, PERU

Not far from the mainland coast of Peru, off the Illescas Peninsula, lies Isla Lobos de Tierra. It is a steep and rocky island that protrudes more than 200 feet (61 meters) from

the surface of the deep blue Pacific. Several smaller islets surround it, including El León and Albatros. An abundant array of marine mammals and seabirds surround these islands. Sea lions, like sunbathers, bask on the beaches and hundreds of Blue-footed Boobies can be viewed ashore, whilst Peruvian Pelicans pass overhead.

### DAY 4 – NOV 12 – SALAVERRY & ISLA GUANAPE, PERU

Located about nine hours north of Lima, Trujillo was founded in 1534 by the Spanish conquistador Pizarro. The attractive, colonial city retains much of its original charm with elegant casonas, or mansions, lining the streets. Nearby is Chan Chan, the ancient capital of the Chimú, a local Indian tribe who came under the rule of the Incas. The area has several other Chimú sites, some dating back about 1500 years. The region is also famous as the home of the Peruvian Paso horses, as well as excellent beaches offering world-class surfing and other water sports.

Isla Guanape is located in the Pacific Ocean off the coast of La Libertad, Peru. Two main islands, North and South Guañape, along with several small islets constitute a biological reserve for seabirds. In 2009, the National Wildlife Refuge System of Peru officially protected the islands. The rugged, rocky, and dry island group is uninhabited by people, but is home not only to large colonies of South American sea lions, but to hundreds of thousands of seabirds. These include Peruvian Pelicans, Inca Terns and Blue-footed Boobies and Humboldt Penguins.

### DAY 5 - NOV 13 – LIMA, PERU

When people discuss great South American cities, Lima is often overlooked. But Peru's capital can hold its own against its neighbors. It has an oceanfront setting, colonial-era splendor, sophisticated dining, and nonstop nightlife. In 1535 Francisco Pizarro found the perfect place for the capital of Spain's colonial empire. On a natural port, the so-called Ciudad de los Reyes (City of Kings) allowed Spain to ship home all the gold the conquistador plundered from the Inca.

### DAY 6 – NOV 14 – PARACAS, PERU

The port city of Paracas is blessed with magnificent natural beauty and rich historical importance, offerings inviting beaches, ideal weather and pleasant scenery — a combination that draws visitors throughout the year. The shores of the Paracas Peninsula and waters of the bay teem with wildlife and have been declared a national reserve. Condors frequently can be seen gliding on the sea winds or perched on the cliffs; pink flamingos often rest here on their migratory flights. The complex interaction between wind and ocean, sun and land has transformed this region into a kind of lunar landscape under an equatorial sun. Another reason for travellers to come to this area is its proximity to the famous and mysterious Nazca Lines. Visible from the air, these strange markings stretch for miles on a large barren plain and have bewildered archaeologists, historians and mathematicians since their discovery over a century ago.

## **DAY 7 – NOV 15 – DAY AT SEA**

### **DAY 8 - NOV 16 – MATARANI & AREQUIPA, PERU**

Matarani is located on the south-western coast of Peru and gives access to the colonial city of Arequipa, 75 miles (121 km) inland. From here it is a 200 mile (322 km) drive to Lake Titicaca and 400 miles (644 km) to Cuzco and Machu Picchu. This major port is an important element in the current plan between the governments of Peru and Brazil to afford easy commercial movement between the Atlantic and the Pacific Oceans by both countries. Matarani is the gateway to Arequipa, where you discover its very interesting prehistory that spanned over 10,000 years, ending with the arrival of the Spanish in the 1530s. Arequipa is rich with not only Inca archaeology, but also various pre-Inca cultures, and even earlier nomadic hunter-gatherers. Arequipa is also known as the 'Ciudad Blanca' (White City) for the numerous and magnificent constructions of temples, convents, big houses and palaces sculpted in white ashlar.

### **DAY 9 – NOV 17 – ARICA, CHILE**

Arica boasts that it is "the land of the eternal spring," but its temperate climate and beaches are not the only reason to visit this small city. Relax for an hour or two on the Plaza 21 de Mayo. Walk to the pier and watch the pelicans and sea lions trail the fishing boats as the afternoon's catch comes in. Walk to the top of the Morro and imagine battles of days gone by, or wonder at the magnitude of modern shipping as Chilean goods leave the port below by container ship. Arica is gaining notice for its great surfing conditions, and in 2009 hosted the Rusty Arica Pro Surf Challenge, a qualifying event to the world series of surf.

## **DAY 10 – NOV 18 – DAY AT SEA**

### **DAY 11 – NOV 19 - ANTOFAGASTA, CHILE**

Situated between the ocean and the mountains of the Coastal Range is Chile's largest city of the northern region. Antofagasta's role as port for the exportation of nitrate began in 1866. In 1872, when silver was discovered, the first municipality was established. Today, Antofagasta is still the center of nitrate and copper mining, as well as an important hub for rail traffic to La Paz, Bolivia, and Salta, Argentina. According to the treaty signed after the War of the Pacific, much of Bolivia's international commerce transits through Antofagasta. The area surrounding Antofagasta is renowned for having the highest solar intensity in the world. Its archaeological zones, desert and mountains make it a sought-after place for travelers looking for unusual destinations. The city's landscaped plazas are a tribute to man's conquest over the desert.

### **DAY 12 – NOV 20 - ISLA PAN DE AZUCAR, CHILE**

The rugged shores of Isla Pan de Azucar (or Sugarloaf Island) are home to thousands of Humboldt Penguins. The penguins come to this arid island to breed and spend their days fishing, swimming and diving, as do many of the other birds found here. The waters around Isla Pan de Azucar also support Kelp

Gulls, Blackish Oystercatchers, Peruvian Boobies, pelicans, sea lions and the reclusive South American marine otter.

Six nautical miles south of the entrance to Natalee Bay are the spectacular sea cliffs of Bogoslav Island. The small island rises to 424 meters (1,391 feet) above sea level and is a perfect place to spot Pigeon, Brünnich's, and Common Guillemots, Black-legged Kittiwakes, Harlequin Ducks, Horned Puffins, White Wagtails, Pelagic Cormorants and Slaty-backed Gulls. Walrus can also be seen at a nearby haul-out.

### **DAY 13 – NOV 21 - ISLA CHAÑARAL, CHILE**

Isla Chañaral is located just off the Central Chilean coast and, along with two other smaller islands, is part of the Humboldt Penguin National Reserve. The islands are an important breeding site for Humboldt Penguins. Sea lions rest on the rocky cliff ledges, while rare South American marine otters have been known to slide in and out of the waters along the coastline, and playful bottlenose dolphins swim in the surrounding seas. The island itself consists of an upper and a lower plateau. The lower level is covered in shrubby vegetation peppered with cacti, while the high plateau appears desolate in contrast.

### **DAY 14 – NOV 22 – COQUIMBO, CHILE**

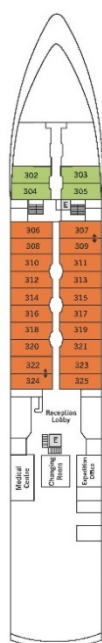
The name Coquimbo is derived from a native Diaguita word meaning 'place of calm waters'. In fact, Charles Darwin had noted that the town was 'remarkable for nothing but its extreme quietness'. Since then, Coquimbo has developed into a bustling port and the region's major commercial and industrial centre from which minerals, fish products and fruits are exported. Used during the colonial period as a port for La Serena, Coquimbo attracted attention from English pirates, including Sir Francis Drake, who visited in 1578. Visitors enjoy strolling around the town, admiring some of the elaborate woodwork handcrafted on buildings by early British and American settlers. These wooden buildings are among Chile's most interesting historical structures. Out of town, the area offers some fine beaches in a desert-like setting.

### **DAY 15 – NOV 23 – VALPARAISO, CHILE**

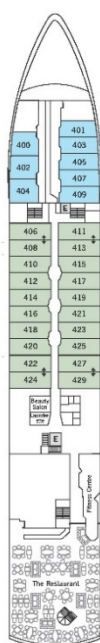
Valparaíso's dramatic topography—45 cerros, or hills, overlooking the ocean—requires the use of winding pathways and wooden ascensores (funiculars) to get up many of the grades. The slopes are covered by candy-color houses—there are almost no apartments in the city—most of which have exteriors of corrugated metal peeled from shipping containers decades ago. Valparaíso has served as Santiago's port for centuries. Before the Panama Canal opened, Valparaíso was the busiest port in South America. Harsh realities—changing trade routes, industrial decline—have diminished its importance, but it remains Chile's principal port. Most shops, banks, restaurants, bars, and other businesses cluster along the handful of streets called El Plan (the flat area) that are closest to the shoreline. Porteños (which means "the residents of the port") live in the surrounding hills in an undulating array of colorful abodes.



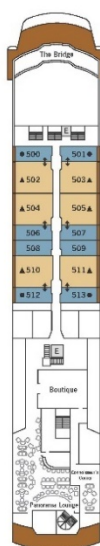
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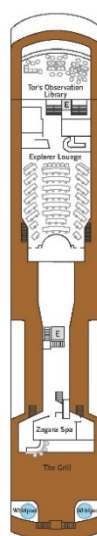
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Medical Centre  
Changing Room  
Expedition Office



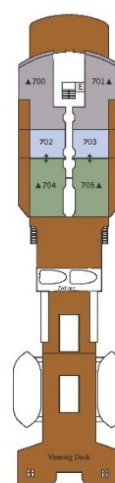
**DECK 4**  
Beauty Salon  
Launderette  
Fitness Centre  
The Restaurant



**DECK 5**  
The Bridge  
Boutique  
Connoisseur's Corner  
Panorama Lounge



**DECK 6**  
Tor's Observation Library  
Explorer Lounge  
Zagara Spa  
The Grill



**DECK 7**  
Viewing Deck



### SUITE CATEGORIES

- Owner's Suite
- Grand Suite
- Silver Suite
- Medallion Suite
- Veranda Suite
- Vista Suite
- View Suite
- Explorer Suite
- Adventurer Suite

### SPECIFICATIONS

- I loyd's register
- Ice-class rating
- Crew
- Officers
- Guests
- Tonnage
- Length
- Width
- Speed
- Passenger Decks
- 3rd Guest Capacity
- Queen beds
- Connecting suites
- Rafurbished
- Registry

Suite diagrams shown are for illustration purposes only and may vary from actual square footage. Please refer to suite specifications for square footage.

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## 2019 RATES: PER PERSON – DOUBLE – ALL INCLUSIVE\*

SUITE	Per Person
Adventure – Deck 3	\$6,930
Explorer – Deck 4	\$7,470
View – Deck 3	\$8,100
Vista – Deck 4	\$8,550
Veranda – Deck 5	\$11,070
Medallion – Deck 7	\$14,670
Silver – Deck 5	\$15,660
Grand – Deck 7	WAITLIST
Owner's – Deck 7	\$19,170



## Reservations & Information

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