

# COLCHAGUA VALLEY PROGRAME

*3 days & 2 nights*

**DAY 1           SANTIAGO / COLCHAGUA VALLEY**  
**TRANSFER FROM SELECTED HOTEL TO COLCHAGUA VALLEY**  
**LUNCH AT THE RESTAURANT OF CASA SILVA WINERY**  
**VISIT & WINE TASTING AT VIU MANENT WINERY**  
**CHECK IN AT LA PLAYA WINERY & HOTEL**  
**DINNER AT CASA COLCHAGUA RESTAURANT**

Breakfast at the hotel in Santiago.

We will travel today to Colchagua Valley. Our experience begins at 08:30 am, travelling approximately 150 kms (93 miles) south of the capital city, Santiago. Colchagua is truly blessed when it comes to producing red wines. Warm and naturally dry, but with an abundant water supply from the Tinguiririca River, Colchagua is a narrow agricultural valley that begins at the base of the Andes and extends west to the Pacific Ocean.

The approximately 910,000 hectares (2,250 acres) in between offer many different microclimates, soil types, steep hillsides ideal for vineyards, and a growing number of wineries that are perfectly able to make excellent Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Syrah, and many good Carmenère and Malbec wines.

We will have lunch at the restaurant of Casa Silva Winery.

## **CASA SILVA WINERY**

This enchanting B&B is a wistful paradigm of French country chic. The Silva family left the infrastructure of this old hacienda as is and spruced up its interiors with restrained elegance to create a provincial style that leans heavily on the white, distressed-paint wood look on all of its beams, pillars, and furniture, and fitted the interiors with crystal chandeliers, four-poster beds, oriental carpets, and overstuffed couches. Guest rooms are spacious and homely without sacrificing style or flair. They are each decked out in a different colour, such as lime, ruby, or with gingham-check wallpaper. Room 4 is particularly well conserved and features high ceilings. Considering its location, this B&B is more suitable for visitors with a rental car, as it is a 30-minutes drive to Santa Cruz and not within walking distance to anything.

The **Casa Silva Restaurant** has the same rustic-chic decor as the hotel, and serves very tasty cuisine including meats, seafood, and salads.

After lunch, we continue our stay in Colchagua, visiting Viu Manent Winery. Welcome with coffee and Chilean pastries.

## **VIU MANENT WINERY**

The winery was founded more than 70 years ago, and their house specialty is malbec, a wine normally associated with Argentina. In fact, their gran reserva wines are perennial favourites, and their lauded Viu 1 wine is Chile's only malbec icon wine.

Visit & wine tasting at the winery.

Check in at **La Playa Winery & Hotel.**

The hotel is a classic chilean hacienda-style property featuring four-star overnight accommodations for our guests, who sleep under the same roof that protects La Playa's Premium wine cellars. The gracious hosts and their friendly, experienced staff create a luxurious yet inviting family atmosphere.

The Tinguiririca dining room's international cuisine is world-class, crafted by our chef. Each dish is created not only for delicious taste, but to complement perfectly with La Playa wines.

Our guests also enjoy abundant recreational activities, such as swimming, tennis, horseback riding, and canoeing, as well as day trips to regional attractions and nightlife in the nearby city of Santa Cruz (population about 50,000).

For anyone wishing to discover the charms of Chilean wine country in luxurious comfort, there is no better way than relaxing with fine wines at the Viña La Playa Winery & Hotel. Welcome to Colchagua!

Dinner will be held tonight at **Casa Colchagua Restaurant.**

Nice terrace adjacent to a winery is the best place with the best food during your stay in Chile. The menu is really great - from seafood and fish to meat dishes. The most fantastic is the side dish - green quinoa with melted cheese and fine herbs - try it with grilled fish. As a bonus they have a good selection of beers and wines for reasonable prices and a great personal speaking English.

Return to La Playa Winery & Hotel.

...pleasant dreams...

**DAY 2                            COLCHAGUA VALLEY**  
**AM - VISIT TO LAS NIÑAS WINERY (WITH WINE TASTING)**  
**LUNCH AT A LOCAL RESTAURANT**  
**PM - CASA LAPOSTOLLE WINERY VISIT (WITHOUT WINE TASTING) & MONTES**  
**WINERY WITH WINE TASTING**  
**DINNER AT VINO BELLO RESTAURANT**

Breakfast at the hotel in Colchagua.

Transfer to Las Niñas Winery, visit & wine tasting. In 1996, when the Dauré family undertook a trip of study in Chile and Argentina, they returned convinced that Chile was the "promised land". Its culture is a little like theirs: Latin background, the language is familiar and the Chilean wines conquered them. Soon after, they began to look for the country estate and they travelled across the country from Casablanca in the north to the valley of Curicó in the south. They chose the Valley of Colchagua and specifically Apalta, it seems to them to be the best Chilean native land.

Lunch at a local restaurant.

After lunch, transfer to visit two incredible wineries at Apalta Valley... The slopes of Apalta in Colchagua have a half-moon shape, with a unique micro-climate, defined by the mountains and Tinguiririca river.

### **CASA LAPOSTOLLE**

Here we will find one of the finest boutique hotels in the country: Casa Lapostolle, belonging to the same name vineyard. Casa Lapostolle, the family-owned producer of premium Chilean wine, celebrate the opening of its striking state-of-the-art gravity-fed Winery & Lapostolle Residence, dedicated solely to the production of its flagship wine Clos Apalta.



After that, we will visit Montes Winery.

### **MONTES WINERY**

The best slopes in this valley, with a 45° average inclination and over 49° in the upper slopes, are found on our estate where we grow the grapes for our MONTES ALPHA "M".

Having a south-west exposure allows us to have exactly the right level of hours of sunlight (measured in degree days).

The ocean breeze (only 80 kms/50 miles away) provides a cooling effect, ideal for slow maturation of the grapes. The warm days but cool winds at night with their lowering temperatures give a micro-climate particularly suited for growing red grape varieties. Add to this, the poor soils with a small organic composition, drip irrigation, and the high density of vines (over 6,667 per hectare) make growing conditions perfect.



Wine tasting after the tour.

Dinner at Vino Bello Restaurant, located at Barreales.

Vino Bello is a restaurant specialising in Italian food with an American Mediterranean touch where food lovers can enjoy the innovative Italian dishes along with the outstanding wines from the Colchagua Valley

Created and run by a family of Italian American origin, Vino Bello is the first and only Italian restaurant in the area of Santa Cruz. Not only can you enjoy your favourite Italian dishes in a cozy family environment, but also take delight in the spectacular view of the surrounding vineyard.

***Il Cibo Buono. Il Vino Buono. Amici Buoni.***



**DAY 3                      COLCHAGUA VALLEY / SANTIAGO**  
**CHECK OUT AT THE HOTEL**  
**BRIEF SANTA CRUZ CITY TOUR, VISITING THE MUSEUM OF COLCHAGUA**  
**LUNCH AT THE SANTA CRUZ HOTEL RESTAURANT**  
**ARRIVAL AT SANTIAGO**

Breakfast at the hotel.

After check out, a brief city Tour at Santa Cruz, visiting the Museum of Colchagua.

Lunch will be held at the restaurant of the Santa Cruz Hotel. Time to visit the facilities of the hotel.

Our guests return to Santiago.