



MARCO POLO JOURNEYS

Easter Island & the Tapati Festival 2020

8 days from \$8,995

Limited to 18 guests

Journey to one of the world's most isolated destinations, Easter Island, attending the vibrant Tapati Rapa Nui Festival; observing mysterious, human-like *moai* statues; and seeing grass-skirted dancers perform to Polynesian music.

A&K Advantages

Marvel at the hundreds of *moai* (human-shaped statues) that have guarded the island for more than 800 years

Witness vibrant contests celebrating the Rapa Nui culture

Savor the sounds of Polynesian music as grass-skirted dancers perform beneath the stars

Explore Santiago's bustling squares and the laid-back, bohemian Lastarria neighborhood

Sample distinctive, up-and-coming wines in the heart of Chile's sprawling Maipo Valley

Itinerary

DAY 1 ARRIVE SANTIAGO, CHILE

Upon arrival in Chile's capital city, meet your A&K representative and transfer to your hotel. In the afternoon, join your guide and set out to view the city's La Moneda presidential palace and Plaza de Armas. After exploring the serene Lastarria neighborhood on foot, proceed to San Cristobal Hill's cable car for a panoramic view of the city and the towering Andes Mountains. Tonight, attend a welcome dinner at the city's most lauded seafood restaurant.

Mandarin Oriental, Santiago | Meals: Dinner

DAY 2 EASTER ISLAND | AN ISLAND MOST REMOTE

This morning, fly to remote Easter Island, a UNESCO World Heritage Site situated 2,300 miles from the nearest populated point. Considered the world's largest "open-air museum," the 64-square-mile island is known for its *moai*, or human-like stone statues, which remain mysterious even to archaeologists.

Upon arrival, you are draped with traditional flower and shell necklaces and transferred to your hotel. In the afternoon, take a walking tour of Hanga Roa and learn about local Rapa Nui culture. Pause for a Scenic Sundowner cocktail at the restored Ahu Tahai ceremonial complex, site of sturdy and fascinating statues. After dinner at your hotel, proceed to Hanga Vare Vare to see the first of the Tapati Rapa Nui activities. These performances may include *kai kai* (string figure storytelling), *takona* (body painting), *riu* and *ute* (songs), *pata'u ta'u* (recitations), and *a'amu* (narratives).

Hangaroa Eco Village & Spa | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 3 EASTER ISLAND | LOCAL TRADITIONS

Visit Ahu Vinapu, its incredible stone walls reminiscent of those built by the Incas. Ascend the Rano Kau volcano to the ceremonial village of Orongo, the center of the Birdman Cult. Here, a ceremony was held to elect the island's religious leader, Tangata Manu. See the village's meticulously restored, soft-stone houses and the petroglyph-adorned cliff. Take in a vast Pacific panorama spanning the islets Motu Nui, Motu Iti and Motu Kao-Kao. This evening, experience a vibrant series of Tapati competitions at Hanga Vare Vare.

Hangaroa Eco Village & Spa | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 4 EASTER ISLAND | THE MOAI OF THE COAST

Enjoy a breathtaking sunrise silhouetting the 15 *moai* of Ahu Tongariki, one of the island's most iconic sites. Drive along the southeastern coast, stopping at the Rano Raraku volcano, a site where most of the island's *moai* were originally carved and 394 remain in various stages of completion. As you walk to the top of the crater, discover the pretty freshwater lake. Continue to Anakena Beach to see the partially restored Ahu Nau Nau and the Ahu Ature Huki, the first of the *moai* to be returned to their ceremonial placements. Tonight, enjoy additional festivities at Hanga Vare Vare.

Hangaroa Eco Village & Spa | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 5 EASTER ISLAND | A VOYAGE INTO THE PAST

Embark on a boat trip, navigating through the breathtaking Motu Nui, Motu Iti and Motu Kao-Kao islets. Marvel at this awe-inspiring coastal vista just as the first explorers did so many years ago. After an afternoon at leisure, attend the Tapati Festival once again.

Hangaroa Eco Village & Spa | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 6 EASTER ISLAND | THE SEVEN MOAI OF AHU AKIVI

Explore Ahu Akivi, an inland site featuring seven *moai* looking stoically out to the sea. Proceed to Puna Pau, a crater where the Rapa Nui once carved the *pukao* (topknot) that was placed atop some of the *moai*. Tonight, gather for a farewell dinner.

Hangaroa Eco Village & Spa | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 7 SANTIAGO | A PARTING GLIMPSE

Enjoy your last morning on Easter Island before flying back to the mainland and Santiago, where you arrive late evening.

The Ritz-Carlton, Santiago | Meals: Breakfast

DAY 8 DEPART SANTIAGO

Set out for the local wine district and tour Odfjell vineyard. Learn about each stage of the winemaking process, as well as organic and biodynamic farm management. During a Chef's Table Experience, enjoy a wine tasting and a Chilean-style barbecue lunch. Return to Santiago and relax before your flight home.

The Ritz-Carlton, Santiago (dayroom) | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch



Dates & Prices

Prices are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy.

Dates	Prices	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Jan 31 - Feb 07, 2020	\$8,995	\$1,995	\$1,260	Waitlist - Call A&K

Journey Details

Internal Air: Economy class from \$1,260
Santiago/Easter Island/Santiago

Note: The exact schedule and specific included events of the Tapati are not guaranteed, and are subject to change by the government and organizers of Rapa Nui. The itinerary above is an example of the pacing and inclusions experienced on this program.

This journey contains some active elements.

Minimum age is 10 years.

First group event: city sightseeing at 2:00 p.m. on Day 1.

Last group event: touring ends at hotel at 4:00 p.m. on Day 8.

Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

Program Note: Travel in this remote region entails active elements such as extended walks over steep, uneven terrain and visits to sites with limited accessibility for those with mobility challenges.

Prices are per person based on double occupancy. Internal and international air not included. See complete terms and conditions [here](#).