

WHILE YOU'RE HERE

TOP 10 THINGS TO DO NEAR THE SANTIAGO MARRIOTT HOTEL

WITH EXCELLENT VIEWS OF THE ANDES MOUNTAINS AND CONVENIENT LOCATION IN THE HEART OF SANTIAGO, THE SANTIAGO MARRIOTT HOTEL PROVIDES A VENUE TO CONDUCT BUSINESS AND FROM WHICH TO EXPLORE A CITY RICH IN HISTORY AND CULTURE. FROM THE HOTEL YOU CAN GO OUT AND EXPLORE THE RICH MUSEUMS, SHOPPING CENTERS, AND ACTIVITIES THAT WILL MAKE YOUR STAY IN CHILE MEMORABLE



CATHEDRAL OF SANTIAGO

Located just off the Plaza de Armas, the current Cathedral of Santiago was commissioned in 1747 and is the fourth version of the building which has been at this location. The baroque exterior, ornate interior and fascinating museum offer a multitude of impressive sights that can be overpowering.

SANTA LUCIA HILL

At Santa Lucia Hill, visitors can stroll up and down the park, which marks where Spanish Conquistador Pedro de Valdivia conquered the native inhabitants in 1541 and then surveyed and mapped the land that would become Santiago. The park also features two forts that were built in the early 1800s to protect the city. Walk through the park and visit the fountains and statues that adorn the area. Every day a cannon shot is fired from Fort Hidalgo to mark midday, but what truly makes Santa Lucia Hill special views of Santiago.

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

With a 50 feet skeleton of a Blue Whale greeting you in the main hallway, the Chilean National Museum of Natural History puts all of the animals, flora and fauna of the nation on display. The Museum is the perfect venue to discover what makes Chile, its history, its geography and its ecosystem unique. The Natural History Museum also features a wide display of artwork, particularly in portrait form, that highlights Chile's social and political history.

MUSEUM OF PRE-COLUMBIAN ART

The Museum of Pre-Columbian Art was established to preserve the culture and art of the people who have influenced Chilean society. Today you can benefit by being able to see and enjoy the multitudes of artwork and artifacts of Chile's ancient societies that span both Central and South America.
www.precolombino.cl
Bandera 361, Santiago
(56-2) 2688-7348

LA MONEDA PALACE

Once Chile's mint, La Moneda Palace is now the seat of the president and cabinet members. The interior garden is open to the public and provides a great place to see the changing of the guard. The interior plaza and the Constitution Plaza offer perfect picture taking opportunities.

MAPOCHO STATION

Opened in 1913 as a railroad hub at the beginning of the 20th century, the Mapocho Station has been reborn into a performing arts venue. With its Baroque architecture, the building is a national treasure, and today you can find treasured art and performances with a weekly schedule.
Plaza de la cultura (56-2) 2787-0000

LA CHASCONA HOUSE

The famous Nobel Prize winning poet and Chilean politician Pablo Neruda looked upon this lot and saw something beautiful. Neruda designed the house as a place to hide his relationship with his then-lover, Matilde. The house now serves a museum dedicated to the man and his work.

CHILEAN NATIONAL MUSEUM OF FINE ART

The Chilean National Museum of Fine Art has been collecting beautiful examples of art since its founding in 1880. The sculptures, paintings and art are brilliantly displayed in the building known as the Palace of Fine Arts, designed by Chilean architect Emilio Jequier after Paris' Petit Palais. The museum features 2.700 painting and a vast art library.

MERCADO CENTRAL

Since the late 1800s, the Mercado Central has delighted shoppers looking for fresh fruit and seafood. Now the market serves as a great place to grab a bite to eat and relax as well as shop for ingredients. The market will always be filled with life and is a must visit when in Santiago.

PORTILLO SKI VILLAGE

High up in the Andes Mountains you will find Portillo Ski Village, which was Chile's first ski town. The secluded town offers some of the best skiing during its season of June-October. The US National Ski Team has used the mountain for summer training, and skiers and snowboarders will find the slopes both challenging and fun.