

Chilean Wine Country Extensions

Maipo Valley Wine Tasting & Santa Rita Estate Tour

Tour one of Chile's most famous wine valleys and stay in a winery estate dating from the 19th century!

Vina Santa Rita owns fertile lands in four great wine producing valleys. Different soil characteristics and climates have made it possible to produce several high quality wine stocks. The main property is located in the Maipo Valley at Alto Jahuel. Domingo Fernández Concha founded the Viña Santa Rita cellars in 1880. French technology was imported for their construction, and the company currently has four cellars located at Alto Jahuel, Los Lirios, Palmilla and Lontué. French and American oak barrels are used in the aging cellars, where wine acquires complexity and body with a woody flavor and a soft and delicate aroma. One of Chile's oldest aging cellars is located in Alto Jahuel (Buin), where Viña Santa Rita's best wines for export, like Casa Real and Medalla Real Cabernet Sauvignon, are aged. This cellar was built by French stone masons and is a National Monument.

Villa Casa Real: This old master house was owned by Domingo Fernández Concha. It has a 40-hectare park created in 1882 by French landscape designer Guillermo Renner. The house was restored in 1996 as the beautiful Casa Real Hotel. The large Pompeian-style house has 16 charming guest rooms, all with private bathrooms, hot water, heat and air-conditioning. Old and modern features are combined in the hotel.



Itinerary

Day 1: Santiago to Vina Santa Rita Today you depart for the Maipo Valley. First stop is the Concha y Toro Vineyard. Upon arrival the local guide will show you the different installations and steps in their wine production, and take you on a tour of the grounds. Afterwards you will visit the Cousino Macul Winery, one of the leading wineries in the Maipo Valley. After the tastings you will be transferred to Vina Santa Rita for overnight at the Villa Casa Real. (L) **Note:** Two tastings and lunch are included.

Day 2: Santa Rita to Santiago You have the morning at leisure to explore this famous winery and the magnificent park before an afternoon transfer to Santiago hotel or airport. **Note:** Tastings are not included this day. (B)

Note: The 2-Day Maipo Valley and 2-Day Colchagua Valley tours may be combined into a special 3-Day tour. Day 2 does not provide for tastings or lunch. Day 3 provides for two tastings and lunch.

Tour Rates Per Person	2-Day Tour			Extra Nights			
	Minimum 2 pax to operate:	2 pax	3 pax*	4 pax	Dbl	Sgl	Tpl
Villa Casa Real/Standard	\$ 390	359	359	\$ 211	420	n/a	
*Triple rooms are not available. Single supplement applies for third person: \$209							
Rates Include: Full-day Maipo Valley Wine tour with two tastings and lunch, overnight at the Villa Casa Real including tax and breakfast, and return transfer to Santiago hotel or airport.							
Tour Rates Per Person	3-Day Tour						
	Minimum 2 pax to operate:	2 pax	3 pax*	4 pax			
Villa Casa Real/Plaza Hotel	\$ 789	710	710				
*Triple rooms are not available at Casa Real. Single supplement applies for third person: \$209							
Rates Include: Day 1 as per above. Day 2: Transfer to Santa Cruz and overnight at the Santa Cruz Plaza Hotel including tax and breakfast. Day 3: Two wine tastings in the Colchagua Valley with lunch, and return transfer to Santiago hotel or airport.							
All transport is via private car or van with a driver and guide.							

Colchagua Valley Wine Tasting & Country Inn Tour

Come linger a while in a part of Chile few have seen.

Now you can discover a special region never before open to visitors, take in the sweet smell of the countryside, the green of a fertile valley and the elegance of antique wineries. You can taste wine at the most important vineyards of the Colchagua Valley:

MontGras, Viu Manent, Bisquertt and Santa Laura. The hidden valley of Colchagua has long been home to some of Chile's finest wine-producing families. Here, you will have a unique opportunity to experience a true slice of Chile, unspoiled and elegant.

Lodge at the elegant neo-colonial **Hotel Plaza** in the village of Santa Cruz. Although first opened in 2001, it seamlessly blends in with the traditional architecture of this small town. The 44-room, four-story structure is built in colonial style with balconies and trailing geraniums. The interior of the hotel is lovingly adorned with hand-carved doors and furniture, custom murals, a private collection of colonial art and stained-glass windows depicting wine-making scenes. The dining room with stone friezes and hand-painted murals opens to an outdoor dining area in the gracious courtyard with a fountain, a pool with a swim-up bar, peaceful gardens and, of course, a wine tasting salon.

On Saturdays you can enhance the tour with a trip back in time, highlighting a restored steam locomotive and wine train that makes the 90-minute run from the city of San Fernando to Santa Cruz, passing by some of Colchagua Valley's main vineyards on the way. While on board you will have the opportunity to taste wines, accompanied by appetizers, while a Chilean folklore singer entertains you with his songs.



Viu Manent Winery



Itinerary

Day 1: Santiago to Santa Cruz After a three-hour drive south of Santiago, the adventure begins. You will visit two of the four participating wineries in the Colchagua wine area, at one of which you will be provided with lunch. Afterwards, you can visit either the Colchagua Museum or the colonial estate of Casas de Huique. Check in to your hotel in Santa Cruz in the late afternoon, and have the remainder of the evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 2: Santa Cruz to Santiago Visit two more wineries today, and lunch en route. Return to Santiago, arriving in the late afternoon. (B, L)

Tour Rates Per Person	Basic Tour			Extra Nights			
	Minimum 2 pax to operate:	2 pax	3 pax*	4 pax	Dbl	Sgl	Tpl
Hotel Santa Cruz Plaza	\$575	539	540	\$ 95	159	90	
*Based on triple room accommodations. Single supplement for third person: \$70							

Rates Include: Two days' transportation with a driver, English guide in the Colchagua Valley, meals as indicated and overnight at the Plaza Hotel including tax and breakfast. Some wineries are closed Sundays or Mondays, and the museums are closed on Mondays. On Saturdays a special wine train operates to Santa Cruz:

Luxurious accommodations at the Plaza Hotel Santa Cruz

