



# *Easter Island*

January 20 – 27, 2019



*Surrounded by a million square miles of Pacific Ocean, Easter Island is the world's most remote inhabited island. An ancient open-air 50-square mile museum of natural history with some of archaeology's most valuable treasures. Between 1000 and 1500 A.D., hundreds of huge, eerie, elongated stone figures were carved, transported for miles and then raised onto great stone altars. Some say it was the work of a group of stranded seafaring Polynesians, others wonder if they were fashioned by Pre-Inca stone carvers, but the most colorful explanation gives their credit to UFO visitors! This exciting 8-day Women's Private Journey will find us exploring these mysteries as well as soaking up some southern hemisphere summertime fun in and around Chile's capital city of Santiago, including a full day biking/winetasting tour through its Casablanca Valley wine region. On Easter Island we'll spend our days active – hiking, biking, snorkeling, and much more, diving deep into its fascinating history – this is truly a once-in-a-lifetime adventure!*

**Days 1-3:** We meet up in sunny Santiago, Chile for an exciting three night exclusive takeover of one of the capital's most luxurious boutique hotels. Wedged between the snowy Andes and the Pacific Ocean, sits stylish Santiago. We'll explore the city from its trendy neighborhoods and colorful marketplaces as well as visit its most dramatic museum and of course La Chascona, the home of poet Pablo Neruda. We'll sample its vibrant culinary scene and plenty of Pisco (Chile's national spirit) of course. But the surrounding wine country will draw us outside of the city for a relaxing bike ride among the vines visiting family-owned vineyards and tasting our way through award-winning Pinots, sauvignon blancs and Carmenere, a grape varietal found only in Chile.

**Days 4-8:** Easter Island awaits. We'll fly west across the huge expanse of the Pacific Ocean and touch down on an airstrip built as an emergency landing strip for NASA space shuttles in the late 80s. Our crib for five days will be the Explora Hotel. When it comes to luxury adventuring in remote areas of South America, Explora is simply unmatched. From our fully pampered "base camp", we'll enjoy incredible ocean views, the most talented guides, meticulously planned explorations and an indulgent foodie scene. Our days will be filled with activity – coastal hiking, mountain biking and horseback riding amongst the zombie-like moai carved from volcanic rock that dot the landscape. By day, each exploration will find us unraveling the mysteries of the island's enigmatic past on its beaches, moai-dotted trails, volcanic quarries and across its windswept hillsides. By night we might just dabble in some wild indigenous dancing!

#### Highlights:

- Escape the harsh North American winter in January for a full week of serious summertime sunshine
- Discover the highlights of Santiago including its colorful marketplaces, shopping hot spots and warm hospitality
- Pedal through the picturesque vineyards of Chile's Casablanca Wine Valley on a full day cycle and winetasting tour
- Visit one of the world's most intriguing destinations – the mysterious Rapa Nui, otherwise known as Easter Island
- Delve into the island's enigmatic past as our professional guides share their proud history and expertise with us
- Enjoy five days of physical adventure including hiking, cycling, snorkeling, and let's not forget spa treatments!
- Share a fun-filled week of friendship, culture, education and fitness with yet another fabulous group of Unleashed women

**Details:** Eight-day Chilean adventure includes seven evenings at two of its most unique properties, all activities, meals, internal air from Santiago to Easter Island. International round trip air to Santiago, Chile is not included. Single supplements are available. Space on this trip is very limited and just as our last six PRIVATE JOURNEYS have sold out early, we expect this one to do the same.

**Dates:** Women's Private Journey: January 20 – 27, 2019.

**Price:** AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.