

EASTER ISLAND



Rapa Nui

Museum of the Red River
Study Tour, May 24–June 1



Tour includes exploring **Santiago, Chile** and surrounding environs.
Enjoy Chilean wines and food, cultural presentations, museum visits, and
SO MUCH MORE!



MUSEUM Study-tour to EASTER ISLAND, May-June, 2026

The Museum of the Red River invites you to participate in its Spring study tour to **Rapa Nui** (Easter Island). Thought to be the easternmost extent of the Pacific Polynesian culture, it is located over 2000 miles west of coastal Chile. It is one of the most remote islands offering spectacular examples of human engineering, the creation and raising of over 1000 **Moai**, carved stone human figures which can reach 70 feet tall and weigh up to 160 tons!

The tour begins in Chile's capital city of Santiago where participants will enjoy visits to its Colonial heritage buildings and national museums. A trip through the surrounding Casablanca Valley will introduce us to the country's vineyards and wineries, and the port city of Valparaiso—the country's hub for traditional folk and contemporary arts. We then fly to Rapa Nui to spend 3 days touring the major sites where **Moai** are found, with many atop stone **ahu** platforms, and most facing inland. The rare **Moai** facing the ocean are believed to be significant parts of celestial observatories.

Lodging, most meals, domestic flights between Santiago and Rapa Nui, and all tours with English-speaking guides are included. More information is available in the accompanying brochure. Should you have any additional questions, please feel free to call me.

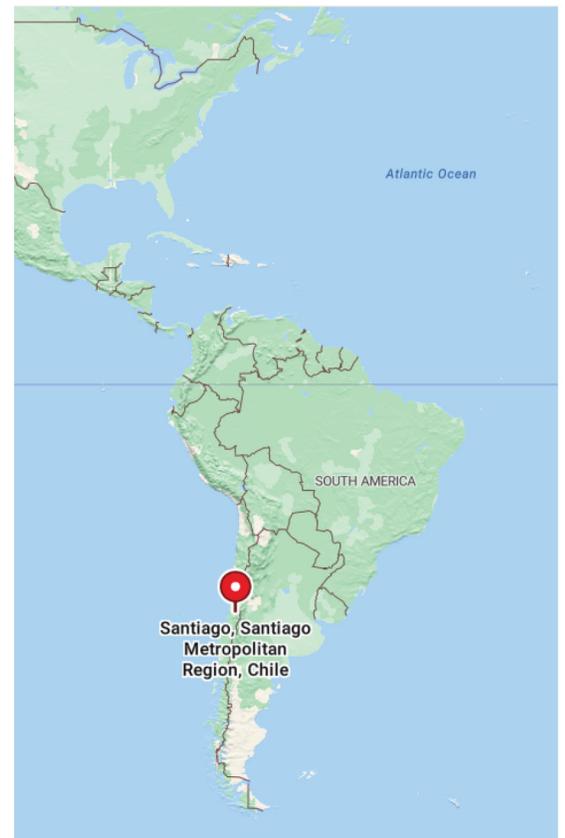
With all best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Henry Moy", written in a cursive style.

Henry Moy
The Quintus H. Herron Director
Museum of the Red River

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Day 1 ARRIVAL, Santiago, Chile: airport transfer to **Hotel Altiplanico Bellas Artes**. Day at leisure. **WELCOME DINNER** begins with meeting at 6:30 p.m. Please plan flights to arrive before 4:00 p.m. [D]



Day 2 SANTIAGO WALKING TOUR and MUSEUM VISITS:

Guided walking tour covering key neighborhoods including *Baquedano Square, Bellavista, Forestal Park, Patronato, La Vega Central, Mercado Central, Plaza de Armas, Courts of Justice, Ex-Congress, La Moneda, La Starria, Bellas Artes, New York, Paris-Londres* and more. Visits to the *National Museum of Fine Arts* and the *Chilean Museum of Pre-Columbian Art* [B, L, D]



Day 3 CASABLANCA VALLEY WINE TOUR and VALPARAISO: Scenic drive to Pacific Coast with historical and cultural commentary enroute by local guide. Drive through Casablanca Valley, world-renowned for its vineyards and wine production. We will stop at *Casas del Bosque* winery or similar, subject to availability. Following lunch we will explore the port city of Valparaiso and its *Muelle Prat, Plaza Sotomayor's* historic structures, *Barrio Puerto, Plaza Echaurren* and take a funicular ride up *El Peral* or *Concepcion* (depending on weather conditions) for panoramic views, *Cerro Alegre* and *Cerro Concepcion* including *Paseo Yugoslavo* and *Paseo Gervasani*, homes to street artists and galleries. We will also visit *La Sebastiana's Pablo Neruda Museum* which celebrates Chile's most accomplished poet, winner of the 1971 Nobel Prize in Literature. [B, L, D]

Day 4 TRAVEL TO RAPA NUI:
Transfer to airport for four (4) hour,
(2000+ miles) flight to Rapa Nui with
transfer to **Hotel Altiplanico Rapa Nui**. In
the evening we will attend an **Umu** cultural
dance performance. [B, D]



Day 5 COASTAL TOUR and
RANO RARAKU VISIT: Bus tour
along the island's coast to visit key
archaeological sites and view many
of the 1000+ human figure MOAI
sculptures, mostly seated on *ahu*
platforms. We will also visit the main
source quarry for the volcanic tuff used
to carve many of the MOAI.

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Day 6 FULL DAY TOUR of MAJOR MOAI
CONCENTRATIONS: Morning visits to the village
of Orongo (where the **Tangata Manu** or "birdman"
competition took place), and the *Rano Kau* crater with
spectacular views of the island and the Pacific. The
afternoon will include visits to *Puna Pau* (where the
red scoria stone was quarried for **pukao** "topknots" or
headgear found on some moai) *Ahu Akivi* (an inland
site where the seven MOAI look out to the ocean,
facing sunset during the Spring Equinox), and *Huri a*
Urenga (where the single MOAI faces the rising sun at
the Winter Solstice, June 21st). [B, D]



Day 7 SUNRISE TOUR at *AHU TONGARIKI*, the largest platform with 15 MOAI. Return to
Santiago. Transfer to **Hotel Altiplanico Bellas Artes**. [B,L,D]

Day 8 FREE DAY in SANTIAGO: for shopping, additional museum visits and tours, cooking
lessons, etc. FAREWELL DINNER in evening [B, D]

Day 9 DEPARTURES, Santiago, Chile: airport transfers [B]

PRICING and CONDITIONS for PARTICIPANTS

The tour begins in Santiago, Chile, May 24, 2026. International Airfare is NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR PRICE. Travelers are asked to use flights arriving before 4:00 p.m. in order to attend the WELCOME DINNER.

Travel to Chile requires a valid passport in good condition. While **no visas** are required for US citizens for stays up to 90 days, a **SAG** (Agricultural and Livestock Service) **affidavit** must be completed online (free) within 48 hours before arrival, and carried as an available .pdf or QR Code when entering the country. This is a pre-arrival customs declaration. Travelers will also be issued a **PDI Tourist Card** (Tarjeta de Turismo) upon arrival. DO NOT LOSE THIS CARD as you will not be allowed to leave the country without it!

Trip Costs

Included are airport transfers in Santiago (SCL) and Hanga Roa (IPC); flights between Santiago and Rapa Nui (Easter Island) averaging **5½ hours** to cover the **2000+ mile trip** each way; eight (8) nights lodging as described (or one of equivalent class and amenities), up to 20 meals [8 breakfasts, 4 lunches, and 8 dinners including Welcome and Farewell], tours by bus and walking as described with English-speaking guides. Our local operator is **Patagonia Hero**.

<u>Tour Price per person</u>	double occupancy	\$ 4,575.00
	single* (supplement of \$1225)	\$ 5,800.00

*N.B., SOLO travelers expressing a **willingness to share** a twin room with a fellow traveler of the same gender, to be assigned by the operators, **will be exempt from the supplement should no appropriate roommate be found**. Only traveling as a single and registering as such will be charged the supplement.

Non-refundable deposits of \$ 1,000/traveler must be **received** at the MUSEUM of the RED RIVER (812 E. Lincoln Rd, Idabel, OK 74745) by **March 13, 2026**. Final payments must be made by **March 31, 2026**. Refunds for final payment will be available upon written request received at the Museum before April 15. After April 17, no refund will be available.

Museum of the Red River Tour of Easter Island (Rapa Nui) and Santiago, Chile

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM TO REGISTER (one per traveler)

Name as it appears on passport _____

Passport No. _____ Country of Issue _____

Date of Issue _____ Expiration Date _____

Date of Birth _____ Nationality _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone numbers _____ Email _____

_____ I am registering for a Double Room, sharing with _____
and enclose the non-refundable deposit of US\$ 1000.00. Final payment: US\$ 3,575.00

_____ I am registering solo and will be in a single room, enclosing the non-refundable deposit
of US\$ 1000.00. Final payment plus the additional supplement: US\$ 4800.00

_____ I am registering solo, but will share with another traveler of the same gender as assigned by
the tour sponsor (Museum of the Red River) and/or operator (Patagonia Hero). Should an
appropriate roommate not be available, I will not have to pay the single supplement. I have
enclosed the non-refundable deposit of US\$ 1000.00. Final payment: US\$ 3,575.00

Statement of LIABILITY

Participating in this tour of Rapa Nui (Easter Island) and Santiago, Chile as described in this brochure, may be interrupted by conditions and situations beyond the control of organizers and sponsors. All participating travelers agree to hold harmless and release the **Museum of the Red River, Idabel Museum Society, Inc., Herron Foundation, Inc., City of Idabel, and any staff members, employees, directors and other volunteers and agents of these organizations** from all claims and actions resulting from any loss or injury incurred while taking part in this program. Participants also agree to reimburse any of the above-mentioned parties for any fees, fines, legal or any other costs incurred by them which arise from any action or cause of action, claim, or demand initiated on behalf of the travelers or their families. Participants are encouraged to secure travel insurance, and consider including **Cancel for Any Reason (CFAR)** coverage.

I have completed the above registration form, read and agree to the Statement of Liability.

Signature _____ Date _____