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## 8 MUST-VISIT SPOTS FOR FOOD, DRINK & FUN IN SANTIAGO, CHILE

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Planning a trip to South America? Don't forget a stop in **Santiago, Chile**. Below, read our recommendations for the best places to eat, drink, stay and play in Chile's capital city:

### Viña Vik

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Two hours south of Santiago, located in the heart of Chile's wine country, lies **Viña Vik**, one of the country's hidden treasures. The 22-room resort, referred to as Hacienda Vik, is nestled within the Vik family vineyard — part passion project, and part ambitious plan to produce “the best wine in South America.”

Vik draws its name from Alexander Vik, a Norwegian financier, who is also known among a certain set of discerning travelers as the proprietor of a number of South American resorts — each of which could be aptly described as equal parts under-the-radar and over-the-top. Viña Vik is his most recent — and some say, his most ambitious — undertaking: at once an architectural feat, a culinary destination, an art and design mecca, world-class spa and, of course, producer of top wine. Guests are treated to spectacularly designed suites, each uniquely outfitted in furniture, collector art, high-tech amenities and panoramic, floor-to-ceiling, wall-to-wall windows that overlook stunning views of the mountains and lake. But despite the exquisite gorgeousness of every nook and cranny, Viña Vik exudes a genuine authenticity and warmth often absent from luxury resorts. Upon stepping onto the property, guests immediately feel at home. Walking through and exploring the house is encouraged (pro tip: ask for a tour of other guest rooms) and hours spent lounging by the infinity pool or cozying up on one of the many communal couches is the most common activity of choice. Guests are also welcome to tour the vineyard—on horseback for the adventurous—and learn about the art of winemaking.

Lunches and dinners are served at set hours (paired with limited edition blends of the house wine, of course), but the kitchen is always open. Should you ever tire of gazing at the spectacular scenery, the nearest town is merely a 10-minute drive away, but once you arrive at this special place, we guarantee you'll never want to leave.