



# LUXURY TO THE EXTREME

With a slew of new accommodations to help cushion your experience, Chile has emerged as the new destination for high-end adventure travel in South America.

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## WINE COUNTRY

When the Vik family—well known for its sleek lodges in Uruguay—opens a vineyard resort in Chile next year, expect to find the country’s wine region getting its due. But even now, in-the-know connoisseurs are discovering the verdant valley’s sauvignon blanc and pinot noir here. Although the vineyards can be visited from Santiago, the more enjoyable way to explore is from Valparaíso, a bohemian artists’ enclave about two hours northwest of the capital that hugs the Pacific coastline. Opening this fall is the Palacio Astoreca Hotel, an elegant mansion dating to 1926 that has been renovated and reopened as a 23-room hideaway in the historic city center. With as little as two nights, travelers can combine a crawl of the city’s artists’ studios with visits to the San Antonio and Casablanca valleys. But as with so much in Chile, planning ahead makes all the difference. Santiago Adventures provides wine tours for hotel guests, and Pearson’s connections can open doors—and barrels—at the most exclusive vineyards in the valley.