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CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA

CHILE



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The inspiring views of rolling vineyards framed by the Cachapoal Valley and the Andes in the distance

- The state-of-the-art winery designed by Chilean architect Smiljan Radic
- The Zen garden with two giant bonsai trees and an infinity pool



Vik Chile

A TWO-HOUR DRIVE SOUTH OF SANTIAGO in Millahue Valley, Vik Chile is part adventureland, part design hotel and part wine retreat—a perfect blend, if you will. On a hilltop overlooking 4,300 acres of vineyards and forests—with the Andes towering in the distance—the resort’s 29 high-design suites each showcase a unique theme and artwork, mostly created by Chilean artists. Seven of these suites, known as “Puro Vik,” are stand-alone, glass-box bungalows. On-site activities include horseback riding, cooking classes, trekking and stargazing, but many guests choose to skip those in favor of total relaxation by the cantilevered infinity pool, or in the spa, where treatments feature Vik wine by-products. Meals here consist of ingredients sourced mostly from the hotel’s garden at the Milla Milla and Pavilion restaurants (accompanied by Vik wines, of course). For travelers who have just explored the dramatic landscapes of Patagonia and Atacama, Vik Chile offers a “wow” conclusion to a Chilean adventure.

FAST FACTS

Location: Millahue Valley, Chile

The Vibe: Sophisticated, indulgent, modern design

Best For: Couples looking to conclude a Chile trip with a luxe winelands experience

The Standout: The property’s unconventional look, from the curved titanium-and-bronze roof to avant-garde elements that can be found throughout

Don’t Miss: Learning about the Vik vitivincultural concept from the winemakers, visiting the tasting room—and then shipping favorite vintages back home



Vik Retreats

JOSÉ IGNACIO IS OFTEN BILLED AS “THE HAMPTONS OF LATIN AMERICA,” and while both are beloved summertime vacation spots for wealthy urbanites looking for sandy, dune-lined beaches, the similarities end there. For no place in Long Island does boho chic quite like this former fishing village on Uruguay’s Atlantic coast. It’s home to a handful of excellent restaurants, art galleries and three fabulous sister hotels from husband-and-wife hoteliers Alex and Carrie Vik. Bahia Vik is the newest and largest, with 49 rooms and suites housed in its gray-slate main building and a collection of beach-facing bungalows, along with four dreamy pools, two restaurants and beachfront access. A short walk along the water is the more intimate Playa Vik, with just three suites and six casas, designed by Uruguayan architect Carlos Ott and chock-full of contemporary art, including vibrant murals. And 15 minutes by car from the two, in the rolling fields of the Pampas, Estancia Vik’s 12 rooms (each designed by a different artist, as at all the properties) give guests prime access to the ranch’s 4,000-acre estate. Each property is distinct, but all are stylish, full of personality and a dream come true for art aficionados.

BAHIA VIK

Location: José Ignacio, Uruguay

The Vibe: Right on the beach, stylish, fun

Best For: Those who want easy access to the ocean and resort ambience

The Standout: The entrance hall's beautiful painted ceiling, created by a local artist in the style of Gustav Klimt

Don't Miss: Lunch at the hotel's low-key restaurant, Zodiaco (La Susana, the happening beach club and restaurant, is now being rebuilt)

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Modern art by local artists that is integrated throughout the property • The wide and beautiful stretch of beach and the freestanding bungalows amid the dunes • Access to Playa Vik's pool and spa and horseback riding at Estancia Vik



PLAYA VIK

Location: José Ignacio, Uruguay

The Vibe: Beachfront, contemporary, boutique

Best For: Those who want an intimate setting within walking distance of town

The Standout: Sunsets reflecting off the pool, which sparkles with tiny lights

Don't Miss: Lunch on the beach at La Huella, a restaurant with a cult following, just a few blocks away

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Casa Mar, Playa's spacious three-bedroom oceanfront casa • Expansive vistas from the Valentina Suite, the largest and most ornate in the Sculpture Building • Cocktails by the firepit with views of sea and sand



ESTANCIA VIK

Location: José Ignacio, Uruguay

The Vibe: Cozy, vibrant, one-of-a-kind

Best For: Those who want a private estancia 10 minutes from the beach

The Standout: A wine tasting followed by dinner in the impressive wine cellar

Don't Miss: Heading out from the stables for a full-moon horseback ride through the surrounding countryside

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Views from the wraparound terraces in the corner suites and master suites • Dinners at the *parrillero* (barbecue) dining room, which has been painted by artist Marcelo Legrand • Myriad activities including polo, canoeing, golf, wine tastings and art tours

