

# Along the Andes Cordillera

From **20/03/2023**  
to **29/03/2023**

Ship: **LE BOREAL**

From **Talcahuano**  
to **Callao**



**PONANT** invites you to discover the **ancient Inca Empire** and its stunning slumbering citadels. From **Talcahuano**, set sail aboard the **Le Boréal** for a **10-day cruise** along the coasts of **Chile** and **Peru**.

Your first port of call will be **Coquimbo**, a charming seaside resort just a few kilometres from **La Serena**, an old colonial city with a remarkable architecture, founded in 1544.

You will then discover **Iquique** and its exceptional historic centre inherited from the Gold Rush. Not far, you will find **Humberstone**, a disused mining town where the buildings now house museums listed as UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

**Arica**, the '**city of eternal spring**' where the climate is temperate and sunny year round, is very popular for its beautiful beaches and its **sites brimming with history**. You will be captivated by this surprising city where the Inca people once lived.

When we drop anchor in Matarani, discover **Arequipa**, an old colonial city founded in 1540 in a fertile valley at the foot of the majestic El Misti volcano.

Before reaching the Peruvian capital, you will make a final stop in **Pisco**, known for attracting a wide variety of birds, particularly to the Ballestas Islands which you will have the chance to visit.



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## YOUR STOPOVERS :

### TALCAHUANO

Embarkation 20/03/2023 from 16:00 to 17:00

Departure 20/03/2023 at 18:00

**Talcahuano**, Chile's largest fishing port, neighbours the overflowing energy of **Concepción**, where music resonates on every street corner. Renowned for its cultural and artistic life, it is nicknamed "**the gateway to the south**". With its 215,000 inhabitants, Concepción is a relatively prosperous city in Chile and the country's largest town south of Santiago. Very beautiful little traditional fishing villages scattered along the coast add to the charm of this part of the Chilean coastline.

### AT SEA

Arrival 21/03/2023

Departure 21/03/2023

During your day at sea, make the most of the many services and activities on board. Treat yourself to a moment of relaxation in the spa or stay in shape in the fitness centre. Depending on the season, let yourself be tempted by the swimming pool or a spot of sunbathing. This day without a port of call will also be an opportunity to enjoy the conferences or shows proposed on board, to do some shopping in the boutique or to meet the PONANT photographers in their dedicated space. As for lovers of the open sea, they will be able to visit the ship's upper deck to admire the spectacle of the waves and perhaps be lucky enough to observe marine species. A truly enchanted interlude, combining comfort, rest and entertainment.

### COQUIMBO

Arrival 22/03/2023 early morning

Departure 22/03/2023 midday

On Chile's Norte Chico (Little North) is the port of **Coquimbo** where peace and harmony reign, sheltered in the inlet of the **La Herradura Bay**. This charming seaside town is mere minutes away from **La Serena**. Set off to discover this site along the Pacific Ocean and its spectacular sandy beaches. Founded in 1544, this old town has retained its beautiful colonial architecture that bears traces of Spanish and neoclassical influences. Venture deeper inland to the **Elqui Valley**, one of the country's largest and most spectacular. This valley was the birthplace of **Gabriela Mistral**, the renowned poet, and is also where Chile's famous **pisco** is made.

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Departure 23/03/2023

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## IQUIQUE

Arrival 24/03/2023 midday

Departure 24/03/2023 early evening

Coastal town in the north of Chile, capital of the Tarapacà region, **Iquique** enjoys a unique location between the Pacific and the cliffs of the Cordillera de la Costa. Although the bustle of its harbour makes this a modern city, it also has many admirable relics from Chile's past. You'll love to stroll in the old centre, which is one of many preserved structures, such as the old aristocratic district of **Paseo Baquedano** or the neoclassical style **municipal theatre**.

## ARICA

Arrival 25/03/2023 early morning

Departure 25/03/2023 early evening

Located at the gateway to the Atacama desert, Arica, the Northernmost town in Chile, owes its reputation to the richness and beauty of its landscapes: long white sandy beaches edging the Pacific, millennial geoglyphs, arid valleys of the cordillera foothills, fertile altiplano and dormant volcanoes are just some of the sites that the "City of Eternal Spring" has in store for you. Let yourself be swept back in time and discover the culture, traditions and mummies of the Chinchorro people, this Indian civilisation, some 7,000 years old, which was the first in the world to develop mummification techniques.

## MATARANI

Arrival 26/03/2023 early morning

Departure 26/03/2023 evening

On the southern coast of Peru, the port of **Matarani** is the doorway into the **Arequipa** region, one of the most prosperous in the country. From the city, you can get to the famous city of Arequipa, overlooked by three majestic volcanoes, the Misti, the Chacani and the Pichu Pichu. Apart from the Andean mountains, the Matarani region also houses impressive landscapes of desert, scattered with green oasis.

## AT SEA

Arrival 27/03/2023

Departure 27/03/2023

During your day at sea, make the most of the many services and activities on board. Treat yourself to a moment of relaxation in the spa or stay in shape in the fitness centre. Depending on the season, let yourself be tempted by the

swimming pool or a spot of sunbathing. This day without a port of call will also be an opportunity to enjoy the conferences or shows proposed on board, to do some shopping in the boutique or to meet the PONANT photographers in their dedicated space. As for lovers of the open sea, they will be able to visit the ship's upper deck to admire the spectacle of the waves and perhaps be lucky enough to observe marine species. A truly enchanted interlude, combining comfort, rest and entertainment.

## PISCO

Arrival 28/03/2023 early morning

Departure 28/03/2023 early evening

In the south of Peru, discover the small port town of Pisco, named in reference to the Quechua word *Piscu*, meaning "bird". The region is indeed renowned for its wide variety of birdlife that you can observe in the Ballestas Islands. In addition to this exceptionally well-preserved nature, the province also boasts major historical treasures such as the archaeological site of Tambo Colorado, vestige of the Inca civilisation, the Nazca Lines, very precise traces representing geometric figures on the arid earth of the Peruvian plain, or the Candelabra, a mysterious hieroglyph sculpted into the rock by the Paracas, a pre-Inca civilisation.

## CALLAO

Arrival 29/03/2023 early morning

Disembarkation 29/03/2023 at 07:00

As the country's primary fishing and trading port, **Callao** is the maritime gateway to Peru. From the town centre, journey on to the capital, **Lima**, and wander around the **Plaza Mayor** (formerly Plaza de Armas), crowned with its gorgeous bronze fountain. Embellished with neo-colonial buildings such as the **Government Palace** or the **Cathedral of Lima**, the esplanade is a symbol of the city's founding by conquistador Francisco Pizarro in 1535. Two streets away is the **Monastery of San Francisco**, one of the city's best-preserved colonial structures. Further south, don't miss the superb cloisters and patios of the **Casona San Marcos**.