

-All Things Santiago-

Restaurants

La Mesa - best upscale chilean food and wine bar
In Pasta - homemade pasta in barrio Italia
Brunapoli - great neapolitana pizza
Fuente Alemana - classic chilean sandwiches and empanadas
Tijuana Tacos - great Mexican food but with a relaxed vibe
De la Ostia - spanish tapas, great sangria
Verde Sazón - great vegetarian food
Beasty Butchers - really good burgers, chill vibe
Tony Lautaro - chilean take on pizza at the MUT
Baco - great wine and French food
Naoki - great sushi
Casa Las Cujas - great seafood
Pez del Oro - great Peruvian food and pisco sours

Bars

Prima Bar
Lolita Jones
Oculto beergarden
Bravo 951
Gracielo
Bar la providencia
Kuntsmann barrio Italia
Tamango Vitacura
Bar Validivia
Bar el Bajo
Arca Bar
Jardín secreto
Jardín mallinkrodt

Cafes and Brunch Places

La Pastora Coffeehouse
Puelo Coffee
Elephant Coffee
Nolia Brunch
Bluebird
Triciclo Coffee
Cafe Altura
The Coffee

Places to See in Santiago

Lastarria Neighborhood and Cerro Santa Lucía

La Moneda - the presidential palace
Barrio Italia - great food and shopping in one of Santiago's artsier neighborhoods
Cerro San Cristóbal - take a cable car up for some of the best views in the city
Parque Bicentenario and Casa Costanera
Museo Bellas Artes - entry is free
GAM (art center) - entry is free
MUT (Mercado Urbano Tobalaba) - food and shopping

Hikes - these hikes are up some of Santiago's "hills" and are 2 hours or less

Cerro Manquehue
Cerro Carbón
Morro las papas
Cerro Calan

Day Trips from Santiago

Visit the seaside cities of Viña del Mar and Valparaíso - check out the beach at Reñaca and explore the colorful mural filled streets of Valpo. Can be reached by bus or private taxi.

Day Trip to Wineries in Casablanca - we love Vineyards Emiliana and Casas del Bosque. Can be reached by bus or private taxi.

Wineries within Santiago Metropolitan - Santa Rita and Concha y Toro. Both can be reached by uber or private taxi.

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-All Things Matanzas-

Matanzas is a small coastal village in Chile's O'Higgins Region, famous for its combination of beautiful beaches, dramatic Pacific coastline and world-class conditions for water sports. Surfing, kitesurfing and windsurfing are the area's signature activities, while hiking, horseback riding, paddleboarding and exploring nearby beaches offer more ways to enjoy the outdoors. The area is also known for its growing food and beach-club scene, making it easy to spend the day between the beach, outdoor activities, restaurants and sunset views.

Where to Eat

Restaurants

Oceánico Matanzas — Seafood & ocean views
Hotel Surazo — Beachfront dining & drinks
Márola Restaurant — Upscale / contemporary dining
La Lobera Club — Seafood & cocktails
Fig and Olive – upscale mediterranean
La Meseta — Casual dining & burgers
Pez de Roca Burgers — Burgers & casual beach food
La Santona — Chilean / local cuisine

La Pizzería Matanzas — Pizza

Caleta de Matanzas — A traditional fishing cove where you can experience the local fishing culture and find fresh seafood and fish prepared in a casual, authentic setting.

Cafés & Bakeries

La Pascuala Bistró — Brunch, pastries & specialty coffee

Ruda Coffee + Shop — Specialty coffee & pastries

Pickers Coffee Bar — Coffee & baked goods

La Calma Café y Pan — Coffee, breakfast & bakery

Açaí de Roca — Açaí bowls & healthy snacks

Amar Helados y Café — Ice cream, desserts & coffee

Things to Do

Surf Lessons — Storm Surf · Surf Surazo · Blue Point · OMZ Surf School

Windsurf Lessons — Windsurf Surazo · Hotel Surazo

Kitesurf Lessons — Blue Point

Stand-Up Paddleboarding — Blue Point · Hotel Surazo · El Toto Nautical Academy

E-Bike / Mountain Biking — Reserva El Maitén Park · OMZ Bike Park

Padel Tennis — Arena Pupuya

Yoga — Hotel Surazo

Horseback Riding — Local horseback-riding operators in Matanzas & Pupuya

Kayaking — El Toto Nautical Academy · Hotel Surazo

Sport Fishing — Hotel Surazo

Beach & Coastal Walks — Matanzas Beach · Pupuya · La Boca

Hiking & Nature — Reserva El Maitén Park · La Vega de Pupuya

Sunset & Scenic Views — Matanzas Beach · La Boca · La Polcura Lookout

Spa & Massage — Hotel Surazo

Explore Pupuya — Beaches, cafés, restaurants, water sports and coastal scenery

Visit La Boca — Explore the Río Rapel estuary where the river meets the Pacific Ocean

Visit Puertecillo — Surfing, beaches and dramatic coastal landscapes