



Chile: Exploring the Intersection between Social, Cultural, Indigenous, and Rural Communities; and the Emerging World of Social Enterprise and Sustainable Business.



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A place renowned for its majestic beauty, Chile is home to some of the precious few untouched wild places we have left on our planet, where serendipity takes over. Yet it is a country not without its struggles. Local communities are feeling the pressure of globalisation and threats to local livelihoods from multinationals and outside forces. Chile today is on the threshold of a brave new emergence.

Trip Details

Join us on this incredible journey and be part of our travelling conversation, our shared insights, and our growing understanding of an incredible country and its people.

The local communities who will host and welcome us are feeling the impacts of the shifting world they are situated in and are really looking forward to us coming. They have asked us specifically to engage with them in conversation about the challenges and aspirations they have for the future in areas of environment, sustainability, cultural preservation, local livelihoods and sustainable business.

Commencing in the capital Santiago we will be engaging some of the poorer communities looking at prevalent social issues of the day. From there we will head to Southern Chile where we will be working with our local partner organisations, fostering human encounter and connection with our friends there.

No one does immersive travel like Ceres Global combining a passion for travel and people. (Past CERES Global Traveller).





Trip themes & activities will include:

- Learn from the rich cultural traditions of the Mapuche giving us the opportunity to share our stories and hear of their dreams and challenges for the future in preserving and making a meaningful living from their rich cultural heritage. This will include staying in the traditional house – Raku, craft and traditional medicine workshops and practices in preserving natural horticulture medicinal herbs and plants.
- Learn about local apiculture techniques and issues of bee keeping in Chile
- Meet and greet local agricultural groups meeting. Learn about changing farming practices, industrialisation, forestry impacts, soil quality restoration, organic farming practices, permaculture, and issues on community disintegrating.
- Look at last remaining native forest pockets. Learn about the problems of monoculture plantations of pine and eucalypts in the region and what solutions and alternatives are available.
- Hear from youth about their social enterprise initiatives.
- Take part in a youth & social enterprise discussion.
- Participate in a renewables and climate change chat with key leaders in the area.
- Visits hot springs, rivers and other natural landmarks.
- And MUCH MUCH more.

You're representing CERES in what will be a long relationship with Chile, and we're looking for your lead on establishing rapport, building friendships, and collaborating to overcome social and environmental challenges.

Accommodation: We'll be accommodated in a mixture of guest houses, farm stays, cabins in local forests, and the traditional Ruka of the Mapuches.

Cost: \$1500 for 10 days (payment plans available on request). We are a not for profit community organisation and all trips run at cost price. The fee includes all internal meals, accommodation, transport, community contributions, facilitator support, carbon offsets, pre-trip preparations and administration. It does not include flights, passport, visa, travel insurance, medical, alcoholic beverages, laundry and items of a personal nature.

Flights: The trip will commence and finish in Santiago where return flights to Australia can be booked.

Visas: On entry to Chile, a Tourist Card will be issued for a stay of up to 90 days.

The best thing about travelling with CERES is being with people, who although different, all had a certain unity of purpose. I like working within a framework of things to do and CERES created that for me and facilitated it lovingly. (Past CERES Global Traveller).

A note before travelling with CERES global

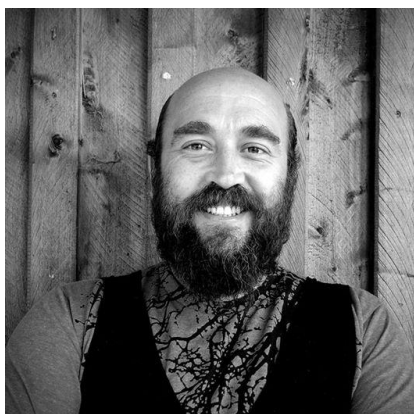
Our trips are not tours but rather journeys of exploration and learning that we share together. They are real, lived experiences, where the people who travel with us immerse themselves in the culture and places we visit in a meaningful and mutually respectful way.

Our facilitators are not tour guides but facilitators or enablers. They work with the group as a whole to achieve insight and understanding of the communities we visit. The facilitator's role is to engage discussion within the group and with community members we are visiting to allow the sharing of ideas on social and environmental issues.

The people and places we visit are not tourist destinations or third party providers but rather real friends who we approach as true partner organisations. All of our partners do exceptional work in the areas of sustainability, the environment, community development, social equity and education. We celebrate each other's work through mutually beneficial exchange and two way learning.

The trips are open to people of any age or background wanting to travel with meaning and purpose, willing to open their hearts and minds to another culture and way of life.

FACILITATORS



Ben Walta - CERES Global Area manager and coordinator: Ben has facilitated over 40 trips internationally and at home in Australia and brings with him a gentle and contagious warmth and laid back nature. As well as being a 5-star facilitator Ben is also an incredible networker and manages to pull connections and great conversations together wherever he goes. He is passionate about experiencing and being with the world in new ways, getting our wings out, gaining global perspectives on sustainability and the environment, sharing journeys and connecting with our own human stories.

Jenny Abello – CERES Global Co-facilitator

Jenny has always loved exploring and in 2012 joined Ceres on their India trip. What she loved most was the genuine interaction with people, listening, being involved, so much so she travelled again to East Timor in 2014. She brings a practical and can-do, hands-on attitude and believes in seeing the bigger picture. With a background in geology, she seeks to better our earth practices and enjoys searching for sustainable solutions for future generations. Chile is her second home, one she has been visiting for over 23 years so would love to showcase and get interesting conversations started in both beautiful countries.



Our travels with Ceres have been amazing, thank you for all your support, help, and especially your quiet, gentle presence through all our adventures. (Past CERES Global Traveller).

Background to CERES Global

CERES Global is the international outreach program of CERES, linking our local community to friends and partner organisations around the world.

We achieve this by designing and facilitating group journeys into new cultural settings with the intent of creating a space of mutual learning and the exchange of ideas.

These engagements create discussions that explore social and environmental challenges facing both parties, creating a place for deep learning to occur and friendships to grow.

Experiencing other cultures and communities, witnessing the world in new ways, meeting people gentle and humble and with generosity so big that it moves and stirs us – it challenges and changes us, this is what makes travel so powerful. Sophie Edwards (CERES Global Coordinator).

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