



# MPM TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE TOUR

With Travel Market Vacations

## June 28 - July 4, 2019

Santiago & La Serena, Chile, South America

***We invite you to experience  
the heavens' most dramatic sky sight,  
a total solar eclipse, in South America!***



The Milwaukee Public Museum will lead a seven-day, 6-night solar eclipse trip to Chile from June 28 through July 4, 2019. We will spend three nights exploring Santiago and nearby on exciting tours, and then head north for three nights of luxury "glamping" in the Andes. Our cozy Sibley tents come complete with bed, bathroom, and fireplace! Far from any city lights, the starry southern night sky will be a wonder to explore and a highlight of the trip.

The pinnacle of our voyage is eclipse day, July 2. We will have telescopes, viewing glasses, and protective observing tools available to help make this rare sky sight the best experience possible. Totality awaits you in Chile!

Our southern hemisphere sojourn has many exciting experiences and events; see all the details in the itinerary below. Feel free to speak to our travel agent if you would like to enhance your trip by booking additional adventures or extending your trip.

We hope you will join us on this exciting adventure south! It all promises to be a trip of a lifetime. Sign up soon—this trip is sure to sell fast!

Clear Skies,

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Bob Bonadurer  
Director, Daniel M. Soref Planetarium

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hillary Olson'.

Hillary Olson  
Vice President

# MPM 2019 ECLIPSE TRIP ITINERARY



## FRIDAY, JUNE 28: SANTIAGO CITY TOUR

Meet your fellow travelers at Marina Las Condes, Best Western Premier Hotel in Santiago, Chile. We will take a 4-hour guided tour of this thriving city of over five million people. Our tour will blend Santiago's rich cultural history with its 21st century modern style and architecture.

That night, we will gather at the local restaurant near the hotel for a reception and dinner. We will preview the entire trip and take a closer look at the impending eclipse!



## SATURDAY, JUNE 29: CAJON DEL MAIPO – FULL-DAY TOUR

A full-day tour into the Andes Mountains--Cajon del Maipo--is planned. We leave early at approximately 7:00 a.m. and head southeast to the mountains. Lovers of nature will awe at the sweeping, breathtaking panoramas here. There will be plenty of time in this picturesque canyon to enjoy all the stunning sights.

The tour includes a stop at a beautiful waterfall and glacier on top of a mountainside. Lunch will be served with local ingredients. After taking in all the amazing scenery, we will head back, arriving at the hotel around 4:00 p.m. Dinner will be on your own this night.

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## SUNDAY, JUNE 30: ISLA NEGRA – PABLO NERUDA FULL-DAY TOUR

Another full-day tour is planned—this time heading west to the Pacific Ocean! We will leave early again, around 7:00 a.m., for a 10-hour tour.

Before we arrive at the calm and scenic town of Isla Negra, favorite home of poet Pablo Neruda, we will visit the famous beach town of Algarrobo, about one hour from Santiago. Here we'll find a quiet and beautiful landscape with inspiring views of several beaches. We will enjoy lunch at a Chilean-style gastronomy restaurant. Then, we head south to explore the main house of Pablo Neruda, which is now a beautiful museum. This house was the favorite of the poet and Literature Nobel Prize winner. Here we will be able to admire, among other things, the collection of seashells and large prow masks belonging to his lifetime collection.



The next stop is a Chilean winery, Vineyard Casas del bosque, in the Casablanca Valley. After enjoying and sampling some local wines, we head back to our Santiago hotel. Dinner this night will be on your own.

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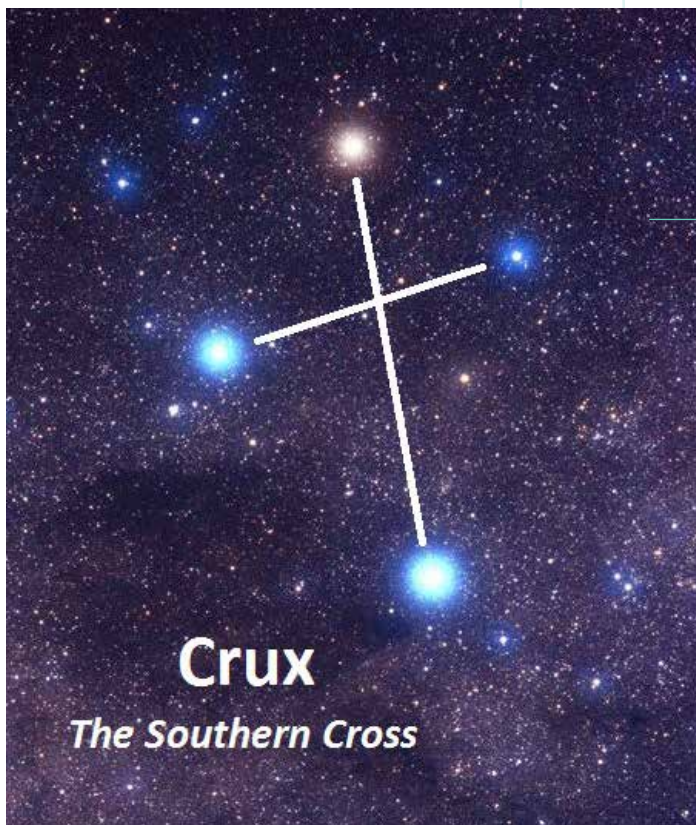


## MONDAY, JULY 1: LA SERENA - VALLE DEL ELQUI

After breakfast at the hotel, we head to the Santiago airport for a short flight to La Serena, about 300 miles north. After we land, we hop aboard our all-terrain Jeeps to continue our adventure to the Valle del Elqui.

Our first stop will be the Puclaro Embalse, or reservoir. After a short break, we continue on to Monte Grande, where lunch is served. Our final stop is planned for Cochiguaz, our camping home for the next three nights. All the luxury tents will be set up and waiting for us to enjoy.

At sunset, we will have a short, guided “cavalcade.” This is a unique horseriding experience in the Andes canyon. Then, we return to the camp to share a warm wood fire after a delicious meal. Optional stargazing will be available later in the evening if skies are clear.



## SOUTHERN NIGHTS

The southern sky has many celestial gems to behold—sights never seen in Wisconsin! Below are a few we will be sure to explore:

- The southern Cross, or Crux: This small constellation leads to the south celestial pole—crucial for navigation.
- Alpha Centauri: Only four light years away and the third bright star in the heavens.
- Canopus, in the constellation Carina, is the second brightest star at night.
- The Large and Small Magellanic Clouds: These are actually small galaxies—and gravitationally locked to our Milky Way Galaxy.

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## TUESDAY, JULY 2 - TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE DAY!

We'll rise and shine with a gourmet breakfast prepared by our local chefs and enjoy a leisurely morning at our campsite, preparing for the eclipse. After lunch around noon, we will journey in our Jeeps to where the weather forecast looks best. Three possible locations are being explored.

Eclipse times depend on our final location where totality will last approximately 2 minutes and 30 seconds. The entire eclipse is about three hours. If we journey to Chapilca on Hwy 41 near the centerline, the local Chilean (UTC-4 Hours) times are below.



Eclipse Schedule	Time	Altitude	Azimuth
Partial Eclipse Starts	3:23:49 p.m.	24.9°	320° NW
Totality Starts	4:38:47 p.m.	13.1°	306°
Totality Ends	4:41:21 p.m.	12.9°	306°
Partial Eclipse Ends	5:46:53 p.m.	0.5°	297°
Sunset	5:52:00 p.m.	0.0°	296° WNW

With the Jeeps, we will be mobile. Our group will move to the best spot possible based on the weather forecast. Telescopes, eclipse glasses, and solar observing tools will be available.

After the eclipse, we will head back to the campsite to enjoy dinner together and, if clear, enjoy another look at the southern night sky and a star talk with Bob.



### GLAMPING

Glamping is the intersection of nature's beauty and modern luxury. It will be our unique way to experience the great outdoors in the Andes Mountains without having to sacrifice creature comforts.

Our camp city will include a central wood fire and many delicious meals by our traveling chef. Heat and bathroom are included in each Sibley tent.

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## WEDNESDAY, JULY 3: VALLE DEL ELQUI

We will have a good breakfast to start our day of activities, then depart toward the small town of Pisco Elqui. Pisco is a grape liquor, specifically a yellowish-to-amber colored brandy produced in this winemaking region. As we tour the town, one option will be to visit Our Lady of the Rosary, a beautiful church built over 100 years ago.

Next we will head towards one of the oldest wineries in Chile, Fundo Los Nichos. After exploring the wine-making process and sampling its fine wines, we continue to the small town of Alcohuz and the El Cielo restaurant for lunch. We return on the same route and will stop in the handcraft fair of Horcon. At night, we will finish our activities at the Cancana Observatory where we can observe the beautiful southern sky (weather permitting).



## THURSDAY, JULY 4:

After breakfast, we will say goodbye to the campsite and head to the La Serena airport to return to Santiago to head back home or extend your trip.

# MPM 2019 ECLIPSE TRIP



## WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Welcome Dinner on June 28
- Overnight hotel stay (including breakfast) at Marina Las Condes, Best Western Premier Hotel in Santiago, Chile for three nights—June 28-30
- Tent accommodations for three nights—July 1-3—with full board (Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner) prepared by local chefs
- Lunch during day tours on June 29 and 30
- Round trip airfare between Santiago and La Serena
- All ground transportation between Saturday, June 29 and Thursday morning, July 4
- Admission entry fees to tour stops
- Eclipse glasses and access to other safe viewing equipment
- MPM eclipse shirt and bag

## WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED:

- Airfare to and from Santiago, Chile Airport Code: SCL
- Personal trip and flight insurance (STRONGLY RECOMMENDED)  
We use Travel Guard: <https://mvp.travelguard.com>
- Your passport or travel visa fees
- Any trip extensions you decide to do
- Ground transportation upon arrival from SCL to Marina Las Condes, Best Western Premier Hotel
- Dinners on June 29 & 30
- Incidentals and personal items



Our Partners at Travel Market Vacations can help book your flight and will be reserving a block of seats departing from MKE on June 28 and returning on July 4. If you'd like to book through TMV, please contact Lorraine Brunzlick at [Lorraine@travelmarketvacations.com](mailto:Lorraine@travelmarketvacations.com) or at 262-373-1000

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW FOR TRAVEL?

- Because of the nature of this trip (walking, camping, etc.), guests must be in good physical condition, able to walk at least one mile on uneven terrain.
- Please check in with your personal physician about recommended vaccines (Typhoid, Hepatitis, etc.) for travel to Chile.
- If you don't have a passport or travel visa that will be valid through December, 2019, please plan ahead. It can take up to six weeks for a US passport request to be processed. Your passport must be valid through six full months post-trip.
- You are responsible for all travel arrangements between your departure location and Santiago, Chile (SCL). Please make your travel arrangements to Santiago thoughtfully. Some people may want to extend their trip before or after the MPM Eclipse Trip.
- For trip extensions, the Museum has worked with Lorraine Brunzlick at Travel Market Vacations in Milwaukee. She is knowledgeable about the MPM trip and would be glad to help you extend your journey. Lorraine can be reached at 262-373-1000 or at [Lorraine@travelmarketvacations.com](mailto:Lorraine@travelmarketvacations.com)

## CAN I ATTEND/PAY FOR JUST A PART OF THIS TRIP?

We're sorry, we are not able to offer any discounts for anyone not participating in the entire trip.

## WHAT DO I PACK?

It will be wintertime in Chile when we visit. The average low temperatures are in the high 30s-40s and the average high temperatures are in the 50s and 60s (F). We'll be doing a good deal of exploring, so please pack comfortable walking shoes and clothing appropriate for the climate. A week before the trip, the weather websites will have better information forecasted. You'll want to dress in layers and for comfort.

## WILL THERE BE CELLULAR SERVICE OR WIFI?

There is spotty wifi in Santiago and La Serena. The further we get from cities, the worse the service will become. If you are planning on using your device for communication to the US, please check with your carrier about international rates and plans.

## DO I NEED TO SPEAK SPANISH?

We will have English-speaking guides with us the entire time, but it might be a good idea to brush up on the basics!

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## WHO ARE OUR MPM TRIP LEADERS?

**Robert Bonadurer, Director at the Daniel M. Soref Planetarium in the Milwaukee Public Museum,** has taught over 800,000 people—young and young at heart—the wonders of the universe. He has produced and directed over 25 astronomy shows and films for national and international distribution. One of his shows has won an international scriptwriting award.

Mr. Bonadurer has experienced totality five times! He has led solar eclipse chasers to Aruba, Zambia, Greece, Italy, and Metropolis, Illinois. Bonadurer describes his last one, the American eclipse last August, this way: “The rush of the Moon’s dark shadow sweeping across you is surreal. The stunning black hole in the sky, where the Sun just was, leaves you in wondrous awe. To share that experience with over 100 eclipse chasers as part of our Museum trip, was complete joy.”

Mr. Bonadurer is a native of La Crosse, WI and has served as directors of the Minneapolis Planetarium and University of Texas at Arlington. He is also the past President of the Great Lakes Planetarium Association.

**Hillary Olson, MPM Vice President of Audience and Community Engagement,** has worked in Science Museums for the past 22 years, and has a varied science education background, including a Bachelor’s degree in Astronomy and a Master’s in Museum Leadership. Ms. Olson has worked at the Griffith Observatory in Los Angeles, the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia, and is now responsible for audience engagement at the Milwaukee Public Museum. Ms. Olson has a passion for outdoor exploration and natural history, as well as an excitement to design and participate in new experiences for MPM guests. Hillary co-lead the last MPM Solar Eclipse trip, and is thrilled to have her second total eclipse experience with you in Chile!

# TRIP INFORMATION

## PRICE & PAYMENT

\$4,650 (double occupancy)

\$7,500 (single occupancy)

*For reservations, please call Kristine Orozco at 414-278-2757*

A deposit of 50% will be collected at the time of your reservation. The balance will be due on November 15, 2018.

## CANCELLATION POLICIES

- Before July 30, 2018: 30% of total is charged
- From July 30 to December 20, 2018: 55% of total is charged
- From December 21, 2018 to April 1, 2019: 85% of total is charged
- No refunds after April 1, 2019

## RESERVATIONS & QUESTIONS

To receive a registration form or to reserve your eclipse adventure directly, call Kristine Orozco at the Milwaukee Public Museum at 414-278-2757. Please make have the following things ready:

- Passport Number & Expiration Date
- Date of Birth
- Current address
- Credit Card

For all trip itinerary and eclipse questions, please call Planetarium Director Bob Bonadurer at 414-278-6985.

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