Technical visits

ABOUT TECHNICAL VISITS

Please register early! Technical visits will be cancelled if they do not reach the minimum number of paid participants by 15 February 2014.

Minimum and maximum numbers of participants are noted. If the visit for which you have registered does not meet the minimum number by 15 February, IAIA HQ will notify you and provide refund information or offer to transfer you to another visit. After 15 February, registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until 19 March or the visits reach the maximum number.

Registrations will be processed in the order that payment is received.

Prices for technical visits are shown in US dollars. Participants must be pre-registered and pre-paid to participate. If you must cancel, the fee will be refunded, less an administration fee of 25% of the technical visit cost and contingent upon written notice of cancellation received in HQ by 19 March. After that time, no refunds will be issued.

The tours will be hosted in English.

Family members of registered delegates are welcome to register for technical visits at the same rate.

Tours depart from the congress center unless otherwise noted. Plan to check in for the visit a minimum of 15 minutes prior to the noted departure time.

Liability statement: IAIA, the organizing committee, and the venue will not be responsible for medical expenses, accidents, losses or other unexpected damage to property belonging to conference participants, either during or as a result of the conference and during all tours and events. Participants are strongly advised to arrange their own insurance for health and accident, lost luggage and trip cancellation.

Participants will be required to sign a liability release waiver upon check-in for the visits.

Reminder: IAIA advises delegates to plan ahead: prepare and apply for visas and all other travel documents early. Please apply for your visa at the same time as you send your conference registration to ensure that your visa is received in time for the conference.

IMPORTANT DATE:
15 FEBRUARY

A | TINGUIRIRICA VALLEY HYDROELECTRIC POWER STATIONS

The visit will cover two medium-scale run-of-river hydroelectric projects in the Tinguiririca Valley: La Higuera and La Cruz projects, with site visits, and an exhibition of the energy sector. Participants may choose to return to the venue and visit to the Tinguiririca Valley with its impressive geological formations and its famous wine region.

The visit will be held in English. Minimum-Maximum participants: 10-25.

Price includes bus transportation, meals, admission fee for wine tour or museum, and overnight accommodation.

Special notes: Moderate level of physical activity. Participants are expected to be responsible for their own transportation to the venue and return trip to Viña del Mar.

B | OVEJERIA DAM AND SANTIAGO CITY

Ovejeria dam is one of the largest tailing dams in Chile, receiving mining tailings from CODELCO Andina Division. The project was approved in 1994 and was finished at the beginning of 2001. In recent years there have been some infiltration problems that were not foreseen during environmental assessments. This forced to incorporate additional management, such as installing a hydraulic barrier to minimize infiltration of tailings in the groundwater. Nowadays, Codelco seeks to increase the capacity of this dam from the current 1930 to 5800 million tons, while also requires to solve the infiltration problems.

Sunday, 6 April
Depart 08:00 | Return 19:00

Photo identification is required.

Minimum-Maximum 25-40
Price $120

Price includes bus transportation, lunch, snacks and water, and bilingual city tour guide.

Special notes: Moderate level of physical activity. Comfortable shoes for trekking, jacket for evening or wind, sunscreen, sunglasses, and hat recommended.

The return time on this visit may be subject to change due to the distance involved.

C | PORT CITY SAN ANTONIO

San Antonio is one of Chile’s major ports, and has seen great industrial development in recent years due to its geographical location. Many projects are in the process of impact assessment or construction. Delegates will visit the port to learn about its expansion plans and projects, including the first strategic assessment process in the city. The trip will end at Isla Negra, a nearby location, to visit the house of famous Chilean poet Pablo Neruda and Chile’s vineyards.

Sunday, 6 April
Depart 08:30 | Return 18:00

Photo identification is required.

Minimum-Maximum 25-40
Price $160

Price includes bus transportation, lunch, coffee, and admission fees.

Special notes: Moderate level of physical activity. Participants are expected to be responsible for their own transportation to the venue and return trip to Talcahuano in the Concepción Province.

D | NATURAL DISASTER RESPONSE: CONCEPCIÓN PROVINCE

The 2010 Chile earthquake occurred off the coast of central Chile on Saturday, 27 February 2010, having a magnitude of 8.8 on the moment magnitude scale. According to the National Emergency Service, Concepción province was the hardest hit. The earthquake triggered a tsunami, which devastated several coastal towns in south-central Chile and damaged the port at Talcahuano in the Concepción Province.

Delegates will visit an artisan fishing community, “CaletaTumbes,” and major shipyards, for the purpose of learning about implemented reconstruction plans.

Monday, 7 April
Depart 06:00 | Return 21:00

Photo identification is required.

Minimum-Maximum 25-40
Price $540*

Price includes air transportation, ground transportation, lunch, snacks and water, admission fees.

Special notes: Moderate level of physical activity. Participants are expected to be responsible for their own transportation to the venue and return trip to Talcahuano in the Concepción Province.

The return time on this visit may be subject to change due to flight schedules.

* Due to air travel, pre-registration and pre-payment is required by 15 February.
E | QUINTERO BAY AND CONCHA'L LAGOON

Energy and port facilities have been established at Quintero Bay since the 1960s. After the mid-90s, some environmental impacts have been assessed. Additionally, new regulation and air decontamination requirements have been enacted. Despite these actions, the risk perception caused by the long term release of metals and organic pollutants in the surrounding Quintero Bay and the Campiche coastal wetland, as well as neighboring cities and residential areas, has motivated a complete environmental risk assessment conducted by the Ministry of the Environment.

In contrast, at nearby urban port Los Vilos, the Laguna Conchali Ramsar Site (a coastal wetland) has been effectively protected by Antofagasta Minerals mining company as part of hydrological and biodiversity impact and landscape impact compensation measures.

Monday, 7 April
Depart 08:00  Return 19:00
Photo identification is required.
Minimum-Maximum 25-40
Price $75
Price includes bus transportation, lunch, and snacks and water.

Special notes: Moderate level of physical activity. Sport shoes for trekking, jacket for evening or wind, sunscreen, sunshades, and hats recommended.

The return time on this visit may be subject to change due to the distance involved.

F | EL YALI NATIONAL RESERVE

El Yali is a wetland which also has been declared a National Reserve. This area emphasizes the protection of 176 vertebrate species, including various migratory birds, the largest and the most representative group in the Reserve. Actually 26% of its species are under some conservation categories. Many agro-industrial activities surround the area, straining the species and soils; therefore, the Environmental Ministry, associated with Parks Canada, decided to develop recuperation programs in order to solve problems and evaluate how climate changes affect the area and how agriculture might be compatible with conservation and sustainable development.

Monday, 7 April
Depart 08:00  Return 19:00
Photo identification is required.
Minimum-Maximum 25-40
Price $140
Price includes bus transportation, lunch, coffee and water, and admission fees.

Special notes: Moderate level of physical activity. Sport shoes for trekking, jacket for evening or wind, sunscreen, sunglasses, and hats recommended.

The return time on this visit may be subject to change due to the distance involved.

G | MINA EL SOLDADO-NOGALES

El Soldado is the AngloAmerican copper mine located at Cordillera El Melon, a protected area with native forest and protected species of vegetation, most of them endemic to the mine site. We will see it in particular on mitigation and compensation measures adopted by the company, which include scientific research studies on forests. The mining project also supports community development at Centro Sembradoras de Suehos (Dream Seeders Centre), an NGO fully committed to local women that acts as a training center for copper jewelry artisans. The also develop environmental projects as they recycle waste materials from the mine.

Monday, 7 April
Depart 08:30  Return 18:00
Photo identification is required.
Minimum-Maximum 20-40
Price $75
Price includes bus transportation, lunch, and water.

Special notes: Moderate level of physical activity. Sports shoes for trekking, sunscreen and hat recommended.

H | CASABLANCA VALLEY WINERIES

The Casablanca Valley is a wine-growing region of Chile located in the Valparaiso region between the Coast Range and the Pacific Ocean. In this valley, two vineyards stand out: Matetic and Emiillana. Their environmental management incorporates the principles of organic farming and biodynamic wine production. Even though this process will be the main focus of the technical visit, visitors will also experience a landscape of great beauty.

Monday, 7 April
Depart 10:00  Return 18:00
Photo identification is required.
Minimum-Maximum 25-40
Price $155
Price includes bus transportation, lunch, and tour fees.

Special notes: Moderate level of physical activity. Sport shoes for trekking, jacket for evening or wind, sunscreen and sunglasses recommended.

The return time on this visit may be subject to change due to the distance involved.

I | MAGALLANES PROVINCE AND TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK

Magallanes Province and Chilean Antarctica have a total area of 1,382,033 km². For decades, different productive activities have highlighted and tourism an important role. This tour will highlight the pressures of ecosystems from these initiatives on ecosystems has left difficult environmental remediation liabilities.

The visit aims to introduce delegates to two successful ecological restoration activities in the region. The first is Magellan Petroleum’s environmental liabilities remediation plan for a 606-graves with the presence of hydrocarbons. Since the plant’s implementation, soil revegetation techniques have been developed where hydrocarbons had been deposited for decades, significantly improving the conditions of the sites.

The second activity is the ecological restoration project led by the Ministry of Environment in response to the great fire of late 2011/early 2012 that affected the Torres del Paine National Park. Delegates will learn about the areas devastated by fire as well as the planting and restoration activities that have been developed and the measures taken by public bodies to prevent a similar occurrence.

This visit encompasses two national parks, the stunningly beautiful Torres del Paine National Park and Bernardo O’Higgins Park; the glaciers Balmaceda and Serrano; and the cities of Punta Arenas and Puerto Natales and their respective attractions.

Sunday to Thursday, 13-17 April
Depart Sunday 07:00  Return Thursday 19:00
Photo identification is required.
Minimum-Maximum 25-44
Price $1,350*
Price includes air and ground transportation, all lunches, dinners, admission fees, and hotel accommodations (double room).

Special notes: Moderate level of physical activity. Walking distances are generally short; however, spot morphology may present difficulties for persons with mobility problems. Warm clothing and comfortable hiking shoes, hat, gloves, and sunglasses are recommended. The average temperature at that time of year is typically 6 °C to 24 °C. * Due to the length and logistics involved with this trip, including air transportation, pre-registration and pre-payment are required by 15 February.