FORWARD MOMENTUM

Virgin Group founder Sir Richard Branson and Delta CEO Ed Bastian on the unrelenting need to innovate on behalf of customers, employees and the planet.
February is summertime in South America, and with virtually no rain and high temperatures in the 80s, Santiago, Chile, makes a great winter getaway destination. This February, the city celebrates the 479th anniversary of its founding, adding even more energy to the capital—one of the largest and oldest cities in Latin America.


WHERE TO STAY Mandarin Oriental, Santiago
The first Mandarin Oriental hotel in Latin America opened in Santiago in late 2019 with a club lounge and two restaurants. The hotel also has an outdoor loggia-style pool—an unusual amenity in this city. mandarinoriental.com/santiago/

WHERE TO STAY The Aubrey
Bedeck the Art Deco Suite and enjoy 800 square feet of space, including a master bedroom and a desk that becomes a second bed. theaubrey.com

WHERE TO STAY The Ritz-Carlton Santiago
This hotel updated its look in 2018/19, the neo-classical Mercado Central is a National Historic Landmark. It’s also home to a fish and seafood market hawking the fish from Chile's rich waters. mercadocentral.cl

WHERE TO STAY The Singular Santiago
This chic boutique hotel, which houses one of Santiago’s oldest neighborhoods in near many of the city’s cultural hot spots, including street art in neighboring Bella Vista. thesingular.com/hotel/santiago

WHERE TO STAY Casa Museo La Chascona
Chilean poet Pablo Neruda created a hillside labyrinth of houses in Santiago, and it’s now an extenuate museum. Don’t miss the salt and pepper shakers on his table that say marijuana and morphine. fundacionneruda.org/museos/casa-museo-la-chascona

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WHERE TO STAY Valle Nevada
Meet the headlining ski trails, conquer the bike park, ride the charlift and get horseback riding at this ski resort located at 10,000 feet in the Andes outside the city. vallenevado.com/en

WHERE TO STAY Restaurant 040
Spanish chef Jorge Barros crafts a 12-course tasting menu that includes local ingredients with an avant-garde twist. Tender, ink-black squid dumplings, for example, come with a shot of squid broth with coconut milk. 040.cl

WHERE TO STAY Restaurants 099
Seasonal tasting menus include dishes using unique seabird and vegetal combinations such as creamy yogurt and beef heart ice cream in an edible orb that sparkles like a Christmas tree ornament. 99restaurante.com/en

WHERE TO STAY Restaurant De Patio
This temple to seasonal ingredients offers three elegant tasting menus. Few are surprised that this is one of the latest Santiago restaurants to snag a spot on the list of Latin America’s 50 Best Restaurants. depotostoretasturientos.com

WHERE TO STAY L’Arca de Baco
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WHERE TO STAY Michelín
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WHERE TO STAY Artequin Museum
This hands-on gallery and art class space is designed to unleash children’s creativity. The Quinta Normal Park across the street has an outdoor train collection, dancing fountains and paddock tours. artequin.cl

WHERE TO STAY Helicopter Winery Tour
A scenic 30-minute helicopter ride whisks you to Kingdon Vineyard, where the winemaker leads a tour of the facilities followed by a tasting. Continue onto Villa Matetic for a guided tour and tasting. vmatetic.com

WHERE TO STAY Equinocio Restaurant
Enjoy local flavors such as syrah-braised, sous-vide-cooked beef short ribs and spaghetti with fresh tomatoes and herb sauce, all paired with house wine at this restaurant on a pond of Villa Matetic. matetic.cl

WHERE TO STAY La Calma Restaurante
Owned by chef and seafood distributor and chef Gabriel Layen, this is the place to top-notch Chilean seafood from a menu that changes daily based on what’s freshest from the country’s 2,700-mile-long coastline. lacalma.cl

WHERE TO STAY Centro Cultural Palacio de La Moneda
Three art galleries under the Presidential Palace host rotating exhibits, and you can buy lovely traditional crafts at the Chilean Handicrafts Foundation store. ccplm.cl/sitio

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