Introduction

Easter Island, or Rapa Nui, is the farthest island from any populated land on the planet. It has been a place full of attraction and mystery ever since its discovery.

Located in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, a distance of about 3,600 kilometers (2,236 miles) from the coast of South America, Rapa Nui is a great volcanic cone that was pushed up from the ocean floor to 500 meters (1,640 feet) above sea level.

This tiny triangle of land was the birthplace of a fascinating civilization. Hundreds of moai – giant statues sculpted from rock – play silent witness to this fascinating history. Many of the statues today have been re-erected above their ceremonial platforms called ahu, but just decades ago the statues lay toppled over and scattered about the island. Many were left half-finished in the rock quarry of the Rano Raraku Volcano.

Today visitors can interact with the descendants of this culture, who for generations have maintained their ancestor’s habits and have kept their traditions alive.

Location

Easter Island is located at 27°09 south latitude and 109°26 west longitude, about 3,600 kilometers (2,236 miles) from the central coast of Chile. The closest inhabited island is Pitcairn, almost 2,000 kilometers (1,243 miles) to the southwest. It is a perfect triangle whose maximum length is 24 kilometers (15 miles) and its maximum width only 12 km (7.5 miles), with a surface area of less than 166 square kilometers (64 square miles).

How to get there

From the airport in Santiago, Chile (SCL) take a connecting flight to Rapa Nui (IPC) which lasts about five hours. It is possible to get here from Tahiti, Papeete (PPT), which is a five-hour flight away. From the airport in Rapa Nui, our staff will take you to Hotel Posada de Mike Rapu, a short 15-minute trip.

Programs

There are programs of 3, 4, 5, 7 nights (trip duration subject to flight availability throughout the year).

Programs include
- Roundtrip transfer between Easter Island airport and explora Rapa Nui.
- Accommodations.
- Full board. 3 meals per day. Bar.
- Daily explorations in groups no larger than 8, with bilingual guides and equipment.
- At explora Rapa Nui we offer treks, bicycle rides, and explorations at sea.
- All explora’s rates include entrance fee to Rapa Nui National Park.

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Accommodations

Hotel Posada de Mike Rapu has 30 rooms: 4 Raa Suites measuring 44 sq. mt. (474 sq. ft.) and 26 Varúa Rooms measuring 32 sq. mt (345 sq. ft.), all with a sitting area, hidromassage bath, and ocean view. The rooms extend toward the north and south from a central building with welcoming interior spaces that integrate aspects of the local culture.

Services

- Indoor and outdoor dining room, serving explora quality cuisine.
- Indoor-Outdoor Bar.
- Wine tastings.
- Room service.
- In-room phones with national and international direct dialing service.
- WiFi, Internet, and computers available in the bar area.
- Satellite dish providing permanent communication with Chile and the rest of the world.
- Gift Shop featuring explora apparel, books, local crafts, and a limited selection of outdoor gear and equipment.
- Meeting room with capacity for 30 travelers.
- Library.
- Ceremonial patio.
- Laundry services.

Casa de Baños Hare Taheta:

- Outside pool.
- Massage rooms.
- Open air Jacuzzi.

Climate

Because of its mid-Pacific location, Rapa Nui has a warm and moderately humid climate with pleasant temperatures year-round.

During the day, the average temperature reaches 21˚C (69.8˚F). February is the warmest month, with an average maximum temperature of 27˚C (80.6˚F).

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Best Time to Visit

Year round.

Clothing

Explorations require clothing suitable for active pursuits outside. Warmer clothing may be needed for cooler evening temperatures. We recommend bringing all that’s necessary for protection from the sun.

- Light windbreaker or raincoat.
- Thin fleece.
- Comfortable, lightweight trekking pants and shorts. Jeans are not recommended.
- Comfortable, lightweight long and short-sleeved shirts.
- Comfortable, lightweight hiking boots; ideally with ankle support. Be sure to break-in new shoes before arrival.
- Sneakers.
- Socks.
- Wide-brimmed hat with neck strap to protect yourself from the sun.
- Sunglasses.
- Swimsuit.
- Lip protection and sun block. SPF 30+ recommended.
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- Small backpack or hip-pack to carry sun block, water, camera, extra layers etc.
- Light and informal clothing is ideal for the hotel’s interior, due to its pleasant temperature.

explora considers elegance an interior virtue.
the explorations

Every one of our guides meet with you in the bar/living room area of the hotel. There, they will explain all of the planned explorations available for the next day and help you choose the best exploration for you according to your interests and abilities. The maximum group size is 8 travelers, along with a bilingual explora guide.

Our treks, bicycle rides, and explorations in the ocean (snorkeling, fishing using traditional methods, and boat trips), enable you to gain an in-depth understanding of the culture and geography of Rapa Nui, its ancestral, megalithic figures, the moai, and the special idiosyncrasies of its people.

The following menu includes descriptions of our main explorations; the itineraries can experience modifications at any time and without prior notice. Please make sure to speak to an explora guide daily to know the exact explorations being offered.

**trekking**

**HALF DAY**

**Te Miro O One (Coastal Platforms Walk)**
Duration: 2 to 2.5 hours, walking 2 to 2.5 hours. Distance: 5 km (3.1 mi).
Itinerary: Walk from Hotel Posada de Mike Rapu through pretty fields and farmland surrounding the hotel. Descend toward the southern coast, with views of various archaeological sites. Once at the coast there are numerous moai. Arrive at the platform Hanga Te Tenga. Return to the hotel by van (5 min.). Level: Easy.

**Mahatua Ovave (Fifteen Moai)**
Duration: 3.5 to 4 hours, walking 3 to 3.5 hours. Distance: 6 km (3.7 mi).
Itinerary: Travel from Hotel Posada de Mike Rapu to Tongariki—the 15 moai platform (30 min.). Visit the site and continue by van to Mahatua (10 min.). Walk along trail that borders the northern coast of the island. Along the way view Maunga Parehe, the “La Perouse” fishing cove, local villagers, and various archaeological sites. Arrive at the Ovave beach. Return by van to the hotel (20 min.). Level: Easy to moderate.

**Ahu Te Peu – Tahai – Hanga Roa (The Caves And The Cliffs Route)**
Duration: 2.5 to 3 hours, walking 1.5 to 2.5 hours. Distance: 6.5 km (4 mi).
Itinerary: Travel from Hotel Posada de Mike Rapu to the Ahu Akivi platform (20 min.). After visiting the site, we continue by van to the Te Peu platform (10 min.). We walk along a trail that borders steep cliffs and offers spectacular views of the Pacific. We view important archaeological and cultural sites such as Ahu Tepeu and Ahu Tahai. Next, we view the Motu Tautara and visit the Dos Ventanas cave. Finally, we pass by the Tahai platform before arriving to Hanga Roa. Return by van to hotel (20 min.). Level: Easy to moderate (trail is rocky and uneven in some areas).

**Ara O Te Moai (The Moai Quarry)**
Duration: 3 to 3.5 hours, walking 2.5 to 3 hours. Distance: 4.5 km (2.8 mi).
Itinerary: Travel from Hotel Posada de Mike Rapu to Hanga Te Tenga by van (20 min.). Walk along Ara O Te Moai—the trail once used to transport the moai sculptures. View numerous overturned moai along the way. Climb up (65 m/200 ft) to Rano Raraku, the moai stone quarry, with views of the interior of the crater and its fresh water lake. Explore the crater and view the various moai in different stages of creation. Return by van to the hotel (25 min.). Level: Easy to moderate (trail can be rocky and uneven in some areas, or with long grass). Optional 65 m/200 ft ascent into the crater.

**Pui Rano Raraku (Volcanic Cones)**
Duration: 2 to 2.5 hours, walking 1.5 to 2 hours. Distance: 6 km (3.7 mi).
Itinerary: Travel from Hotel Posada de Mike Rapu to the Pui Hill by van (15 min.). Walk along the base of the hill, which is known for the Haka Pei competition, where the local men slide down on banana tree trunks. The trail continues through the countryside, passing by several archaeological sites before finally arriving at the Ranu Raraku site (The Moai Quarry).
Return by van to the hotel (15 min.). Level: Easy to moderate (trail can be rocky and uneven in some areas).

**Papa Vaka (East Coast Petroglyphs)**
Duration: 2 to 2.5 hours, walking 1.5 to 2 hours. Distance: 5 km (3.1 mi).
Itinerary: Travel from Hotel Posada de Mike Rapu northeast to the archaeological site of Papa Vaka. Large exposed boulders hold many preserved petroglyphs. Walk through the countryside passing by excellent examples of traditional agriculture, before finishing in Tongariki. Return by van to the hotel (30 min.). Level: Easy to moderate (there is long grass and no defined trail).

**Puakatiki (Headlands Of Poike)**
Duration: 4 to 4.5 hours, walking 3 to 4 hours. Distance: 8.5 km (5.3 mi).
Itinerary: Travel from Hotel Posada de Mike Rapu to Piko Mahore by van (30 min.). Walk along an upward sloping trail (365 m/1,120 ft) that borders a steep cliff and pass by Maunga Parehe and Maunga Tea-Tea. View the Vai Aheva fountain. Climb to Puakatiki and then walk down to the platform Tongariki to view the 15 moai. Return by van to the hotel (30 min.). Level: Challenging.
Tereveka Anakena (The Highest Point)
Duration: 3.5 to 4 hours, walking 2.5 to 3.5 hours. Distance: 10 km (6.2 mi).
Itinerary: Travel from Hotel Posada de Mike Rapu to Vaitea by van (5 min.). The walk begins at Fundo Vaitea then climbs to Maunga Kuma and to Maunga Terevaka crater to appreciate spectacular views of the island from its highest point. The trail continues northeast toward Anakena along high coastal ridges. Gradually descend and cross several archaeological sites. Finally arrive at the Anakena beach for an optional swim in the ocean. Return to the hotel by van (15 min.). Level: Challenging (rocky trail).

Ara O Te Tangata Manu (The Birdman Crater)
Duration: 3 to 3.5 hours, walking 2 to 3 hours. Distance: 7 km (4.4 mi).
Itinerary: Travel from Hotel Posada de Mike Rapu to Vinapu by van (15 min.). View the Ahu Tahira. Walk along an ascending trail that borders steep cliffs (250 m/820 ft), until arriving at the edge of the Rano Kau Crater. Spectacular views of the ocean and the interior of the volcano. Walk along the crater to Orongo. Visit the significant part of the site of Tangata Manu (Bird Man). Return by van to the hotel (25 min.). Level: Moderate to challenging.

FULL DAY

Hanga O Teo (North Coast Hike)
Duration: 4.5 to 5.5 hours, walking 4.5 to 5.5 hours. Distance: 13.5 km (8.4 mi).
Itinerary: Travel from Hotel Posada de Mike Rapu to Te Piena by van (20 min.). Walk along a trail that borders steep cliffs and offers spectacular views. Visit natural bathing pools, cross locally owned fields, and view numerous archaeological sites. Arrival at Anakena Beach. Picnic along the trail. Return by van to the hotel (15 min.). Level: Moderate to challenging (trail is rocky, uneven, and exposed to weather elements; sturdy hiking shoes recommended; ideally with ankle support).

biking

HALF DAY

Orito (South Coast Ride)
Duration: 1.5 to 2.5 hours. Distance: 17 km (10.6 mi).
Itinerary: Bike from Hotel Posada de Mike Rapu towards Hanga Roa. Travel through small farms owned by locals and observe varied vegetation, including Eucalyptus and the Cockspur Coral Tree (Ceibo). The paved road turns into a dirt road. Begin a gradual ascent along the edge of the Orito hill with beautiful views of the coast. Discover various ceremonial platforms—like Hanga Poukura—and the fishing cave of Hanga Te. Return to the hotel by the coastal paved road. Level: Easy.

Te Miro O One (Coastal Platforms Ride)
Duration: 2 to 3 hours. Distance: 18 km (11.2 mi).
Itinerary: Bike from Hotel Posada de Mike Rapu through pretty agricultural areas, following a double-track dirt trail. Descend toward the southern coast with views of various motu and archaeological sites, following the coastal route until reaching the Tahira platform. Continue along paved and dirt roads until reaching the Posada. Level: Moderate.

Tongariki (15 Moai Ride)
Duration: 2 to 3 hours. Distance: 22 km (13.7 mi).
Itinerary: Bike from Hotel Posada de Mike Rapu toward the south coast road. Leave the hotel on a dirt road connecting with the south coast paved road. During the first part of the ride there are fine examples of the local agriculture. We head toward the 15 moai platform, Aku Tongariki. After admiring the site of Tongariki, we return along the same road. Along the way, we can stop at a natural pool for a swim. Level: Moderate.

Akivi Tahai (7 Moai Ride)
Duration: 3 to 4 hours. Distance: 30 km (18.6 mi).
Itinerary: Bike from Hotel Posada de Mike Rapu towards Hanga Roa. Take a small dirt road toward the 7 Moai Platform; Aku Akivi. Here there are fine examples of local cultivation of pineapples, taro, and sweet potatoes. Continue west following the coast. Ride past the Te Peu Platform and keep going along the coast to Ahu Tahai and Hanga Roa Village. Return to the hotel on the paved road. Level: Challenging.

at sea

HALF DAY

Hi Ika (Traditional Deep Sea Fishing)
Duration: 3 hours. Itinerary: Travel by van from Hotel Posada de Mike Rapu to Hanga Piko (20 min.). Board a traditional local fishing boat and head to deeper waters, where your local fisherman will teach you the ways of fishing in the open seas. Typical catch includes Tuna, Red Snapper, or Glass Eye Snapper. Level: Easy to moderate. Note: Previous deep sea fishing experience recommended.

Motus (Islet Boat Ride)
Duration: 3 hours. Distance: approx. 8 km (5 mi) round trip. Itinerary: Travel by van from Hotel Posada de Mike Rapu to Hanga Roa Otai or Hanga Piko. Depart by traditional Rapa Nui fishing boats. Ride out to view formations of coastal caves and the cliffs of Rano Kau, as well as the south side motus—well known for the Birdman Competition. Level: Easy.

snorkeling

HALF DAY

Duration: 2 hours, approx. 45 to 60 minutes in the water. Itinerary: The waters off the coast of the island are known for being some of the most transparent in the world. Travel by traditional local fishing boat to one of the designated areas best suited for snorkeling. With equipment provided by explora and accompanied by your explora guide, discover the beautiful waters where one can see a variety of endemic aquatic fauna including corals, mollusks, crustaceans, and tropical fish. Water temperature ranges from 20°C to 25°C (68°F to 77°F). Level: Easy to moderate. Note: Snorkeling takes place in open waters and directly from the boat. Previous experience snorkeling recommended.

*Availability of sea explorations is associated with the daily weather and sea conditions. The traditional local boats do not provide cover from the sun.
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NOTES
- Special rates for youngsters (up to 18 years old) accompanying their parents are subject to availability based in double.
- Additional bed for children (4 to 12 years old) sharing their parent’s room. Maximum one extra bed per room. (Rapa Nui only in Raa category)
- Children under the age of 3 complimentary when sharing room with their parents.
- For Christmas and New Year in Patagonia and Atacama, the programs have fixed check-in dates with stays of 6 nights; and in Rapa Nui the minimum stay is 4 nights.
- Rates are per person expressed in USD dollars and subject to change without prior notice.
- Rates in USD dollars are tax exempt according to decree D.L 825 art. 12 for guests who are foreigners, not residents of Chile and pay in dollars.
- Travesía’s rates includes VAT.
- This information replaces and voids all previous communications.

Changes and Cancellations
Any change to your confirmed reservation will be subject to availability and should be made at least 30 days before your arrival at the lodge.

Cancellation Fees
The following are cancellation penalties applicable according to time of cancellation:

Individual:
- 60 to 30 days prior to arrival at the hotel: US$ 200 per room.
- 29 to 10 days prior to arrival at the hotel: 30% of the total cost of the reservation.
- 9 to 0 days prior to arrival at the hotel: 100% of the total cost of the reservation.

Groups:
- From 151 days prior to arrival:
  - US$ 200 per person.
- From 150 to 121 days prior to arrival:
  - 50% of total reservation cancelled.
- From 120 to 91 days prior to arrival:
  - 75% of total reservation cancelled.
- From 90 to 0 days prior to arrival:
  - 100% of total reservation cancelled.

Special reservation conditions for Christmas and New Year’s at explora
When making a reservation for Christmas or New Year’s at explora Rapa Nui, the following conditions apply:

The full amount of the reservation will be required to confirm, payable within the deadline provided by our reservations department.

The penalty for cancellations will be:
- More than 90 days before arrival: No penalty.
- 90 to 61 days before arrival: 30% of the cost of the reservation.
- 60 to 0 days before arrival: 100% of the cost of the reservation.