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## Easter Island

Jun 2, 2022 - Jun 9, 2022

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### 6 DAYS ON EASTER ISLAND

The island covers 63 square miles of land, nearly half of which is in Rapa Nui National Park, and it's home to approximately 900 mesmerizing moai statues, often called Easter Island Heads. The giant, monolithic carvings are scattered around the island, some standing proudly against the backdrop of the Pacific Ocean, while others are buried up to their necks in soil.

Ahu Tongariki, on the southeast shore of the island, is home to 15 moai, standing shoulder-to-shoulder and silhouetted against the sky. Not far inland, Rano Raraku is an impressive volcano where hundreds more moai, in various stages of carving, still stand.

Though much of the coastline is rocky, at Ahu Tongariki you'll find Playa de Anakena, a beautiful, [white sand beach](#) with turquoise water. Not only is it fringed with palm trees, but it's also guarded by resident moai, so you'll never forget where you are.

And Rano Raraku, with its collection of moai, is impressive. But it's not the only volcano on the island. A visit to Rano Kau is also well worth your time—and it does require a few hours of hiking. Trekkers will be rewarded with stunning views of the island.

## Trip Summary

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No Plans for This Day

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Arrive on Easter Island

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3:00 PM Villa Homiti

Welcome Dinner

SUNSET TOUR

### June 5 - Sunday

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The Quarry At Rano Raraku

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**Aeropuerto Internacional Comodoro Arturo Merino Benítez (SCL)**

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Aeropuerto SCL is the main airport in Chile and one of the more modern in Latin America. We have more than 70 stores and 21 restaurants.

## June 4 - Easter Island Day 1



**Arrive on Easter Island**

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Airport transfer to the hotel. Greeting with flower chain and transport.

The National Park entrance fee is \$80 US and paid on arrival at the airport.



10:00 AM - 2 hr

**Live Moai Carving**

CONFIRMATION NUMBER

<https://www.airbnb.com/experiences/2305939?reservationId=6191013&shareCode=WW3XWZW3SZH3>

[Air BnB experience](#)

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3:00 PM

**Villa Homiti**

BOOKED THROUGH

**Air BnB**

Tu'u Koihu Villa Homiti, Hanga Roa, Valparaíso, Chile



### Welcome Dinner

A sophisticated and minimalist lounge atmosphere with large banquette seating, comfortable pillows and endless sunset views. The two-level restaurant and lounge is a central gathering place on the island for both hotel guests and local visitors looking to indulge in the freshest local seafood caught that day and other International favorites all complimented by a creative cocktail menu sure to enhance any evening.

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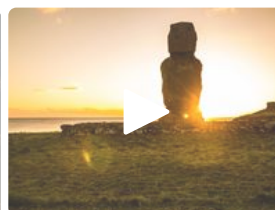
Hours: Monday to Sunday, 18:30 – 00:00

<https://www.hangaroa.cl/en/>



### SUNSET TOUR

Watching the sun gently sink into the Pacific Ocean is one of Easter Island's natural highlights, and with the iconic statues in the foreground it can make for a memorable experience. Your guide will take you to both **Ahu Tahai** and **Ahu Akapu** (Hanga Ki'oe), with the former being very popular amongst visitors each evening, and the latter nearly always deserted. You can then choose where you'd rather watch the sunset from!



## June 5 - Sunday

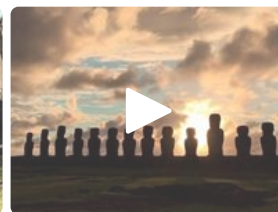
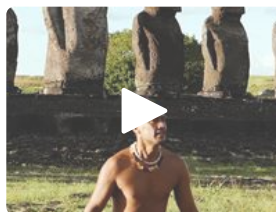


**6:00 AM** - Easter Island Standard Time - 2 hr

### Watch The Sunrise At Ahu Tongariki

Perhaps the most popular thing to do in Easter Island is to watch the sunrise over the 15 moai in at Ahu Tongariki. This particular location is so unique because it holds the best restored moais on the entire island.

Pick Up Time for this tour will be between 6.00 am and 6.30 am



### The Quarry At Rano Raraku

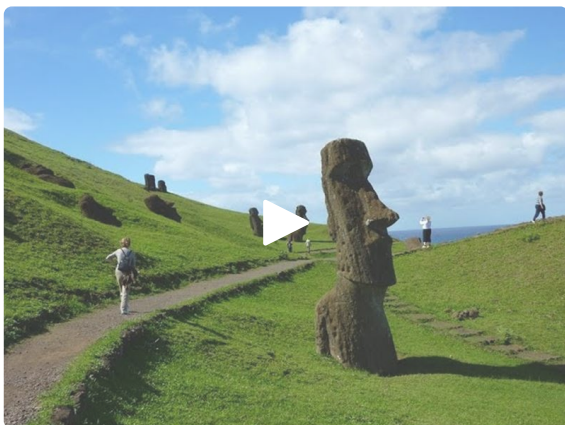
Enjoy a day of legends following the path of Rapa Nui. Walk between the impressive stone moais (ancient statues of heads) at Rano Raraku, and then relax on the white sand of Anakena Beach.

Rano Raraku is quite possibly the most interesting and beautiful site on the entire island, and a place that is well worth spending as much time as possible. It's also arguably the best place to visit in Easter Island.

Located on the edge of the Terevaka volcano on the north end of the island, Rano Raraku is where all the moai were hand carved to be transported to their final destinations.

As this was the quarry you can find moai in all stages of construction, from barely carved out to fully completed yet abandoned on the side of a hill. To see them scattered around is a sight that will never be forgotten!

Behind Rano Raraku it's also possible to hike to the large volcanic crater for another spectacular view. It also gives epic vistas out to sea.



### Stargazing Camp Ana Tekena

We are the only camping that is located in Anakena paradisiacal beach, in the country to the north of our island, to 15 min. of Hanga Roa town in car (16 kms.)

Come to know the real Rapa Nui culture with us! **The space** Our camping offers:

- Friendly atmosphere attended by the owners
- Toilet. Shower with warm water
- Price includes tent, mattress and sleeping bag

(You must send us a message requesting the rent of the equipment just after the booking, for there is a difference of +6 USD or 4.000 CLP person per night, that you have to pay in cash in the camping)

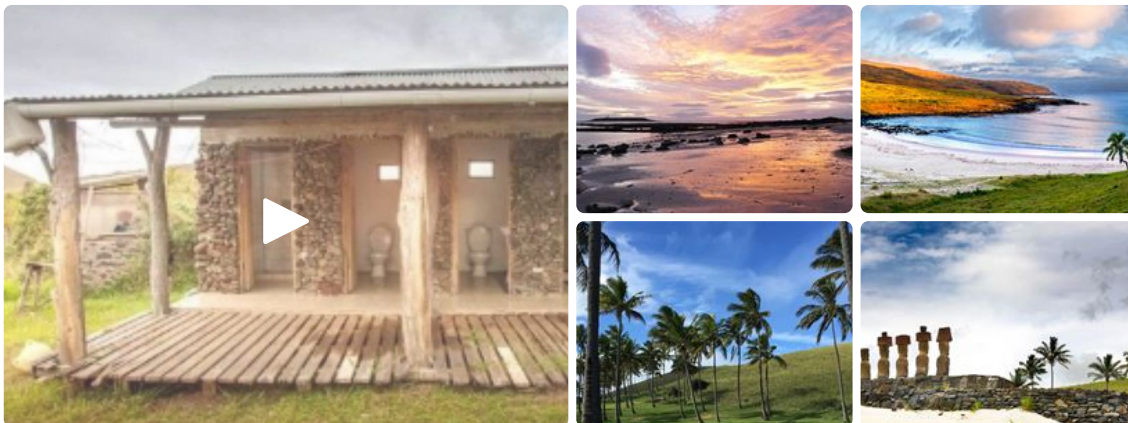
- Umu Pae (Traditional kitchen of stones to make fire)
- Rainwater for cooking and showers, solar panel, recycling, organic garden.

**Guest access-** All our services are shared and outdoors, with the exception of toilets and showers that are not outdoors.

- You can access to the woodstove (we do your fire and teach you!) and if you want we help you to do fire in your sector for more privacy. For this we count with "Umu Pae" (Traditional kitchen of stones to make fire) for what there is control of the fire without risks. Only we have "Umu Pae", without gas stove, but you can bring your small gas stove if it is more comfortable for you.
- In our place there do not exist services of potable water because we are in the country but we have rainwater that is much tastier than the potable water! We consume it years ago.

**Other things to note-** Rates person per night.

- Transfer to Hanga Roa during the stay: 6.000 CLP for person (going and return)



**Sustainable Camping Ana Tekena**  
Valparaíso, CL



**8:00 PM - Easter Island Standard Time - 4 hr**

**Rapa Nui Stargazing**

[How to Shoot the Milky Way](#)

Overview Learn about how ancient Polynesians used the night sky to navigate as you gaze upon the night sky with this evening stargazing experience. You'll start by attending a presentation on Polynesian history and astronomy before venturing to an observation site. Here you'll get to check out stars and planets through telescopes and with the naked eye before a quick visit to Anakena Beach to do some night photography before returning to your hotel. Hot beverages and snacks will be provided Round-trip transportation from your hotel will be provided A local driver/guide will lead the way Small group sizes keep this tour intimate

Souvenir photos (available to purchase)

Stop At: Anakena Beach We start at our office located on the main street (Atamu Tekena) at 20:00 during summer and at 19:30 for winter. We have special access to Ahu Nau at night, this is our last stop. Before driving to Anakena, we set up our observation site at a remote site. Hot beverage and local cake included



## June 6 - Monday

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### Check out at Sustainable Camping Ana Tekena



### Sustainable Camping Ana Tekena

Valparaíso, CL

### STARS TO SUNRISE

*Enjoy the magic of the early morning sky as the starlight fades and the sun rises at the fifteen moai of Ahu Tongariki. Learn about the principles of basic astronomy as your guide points out stars and asterisms of interest to the Polynesian navigators, relating some of the stories and legends that are tied to them, and explaining techniques on how to find certain cardinal points of the traditional Polynesian compass by using the layout of the night sky.*

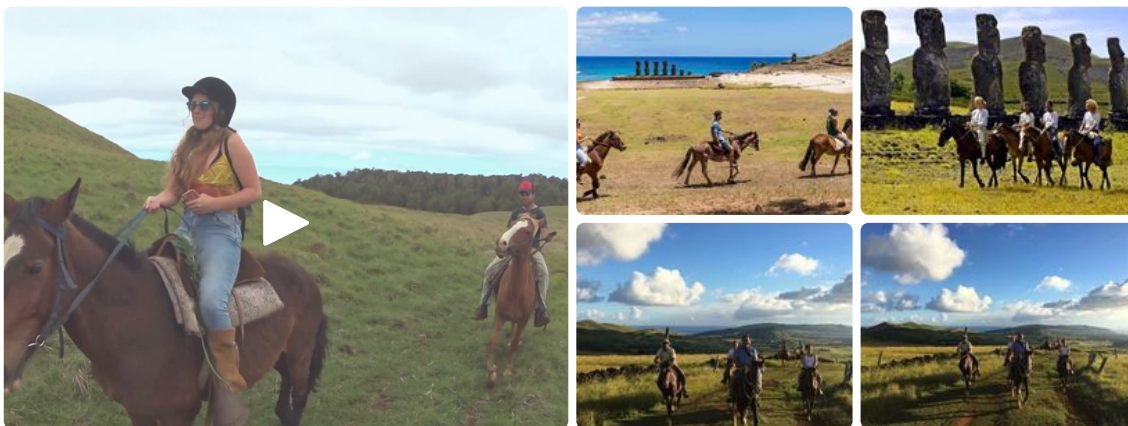
*As this tour takes place about 7-8 hours later than the "Rapa Nui Stargazing Experience", the sky that is visible in the early morning is totally different to what can be seen just after sunset, offering unique opportunities for astro-photography of Ahu Tongariki beneath a star-blanketed sky before its backdrop changes with the spectacular light of the dawn.*



9:30 AM - Easter Island Standard Time - 7 hr

### HORSEBACK RIDING TOUR IN RAPA NUI

Ride along the north coast visiting maitaki te moa village, its very nice cave with some old constructions with old hare paenga stones, and some small hare paenga houses, which is where women gave birth many years ago. We follow to the ahu with the last moai in the north coast before anakena beach. We continue for about 20 minutes to omohi cave where we will prepare our camp site and go for a nice fishing trip. You can also take a swim in the natural rocks pools next to the sea. Then we prepare a fire in the old traditional style, tunuahi, to cook the fishes that we caught. After lunch we will ride to see different kinds of petroglyphs at papa tekona, ana eu and rangi roa, returning to the camp site to prepare ta in the rapa nui style and going back to the village around 4-5 p.m.



## June 7 - Tuesday



9:00 AM - 6 hr

### Birdman Cult Private Tour-Ahu Akivi

- Visit O'rongo Ceremonial Village with its distinctive houses
- Explore Rapa Nui National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- See the amazing Rano Kau Crater

Explore the site of the last great stage of Easter Island on this guided day tour from Hanga Roa. Depart from your hotel in a comfortable private vehicle to begin your adventure. Visit the sprawling ceremonial site of Ahu Vinapu to see some of the most advanced masonry in the world, then continue north to Puna Puna to see alternative representations of maori sculptures, the famous "Easter Island heads". You'll see the distinctive red knots atop their heads, made from red scoria, an igneous rock with a vibrant red color. Next, see the colossal moai sculptures of Ahu A'kivi, a line of seven 16-foot (5-meter) effigies that gaze solemnly out to sea; the sea-facing direction of the sculptures has confounded archaeologists for years due to the fact all of the other sculpture faces inwards. Visit the amazing Rano Kau volcano crater and learn about the famous Birdman legend at the O'rongo ceremonial village, consisting of approximately 50 elliptically shaped, shale-wall homes with a small square entry overlooking the ocean. Before your journey back to the hotel visit Tahai, which comprises three principal sets of heads from north to south: Ko Te Riku (with restored eyes), Tahai and Vai Ure.



9:10 PM

### Traditional Rapa Nui Cooking and Show

Visit the most traditional venue on Easter Island. Let music, dances, stories, legends, and ancestral gastronomy guide your way into Rapa Nui culture. Watch a traditional meal being cooked and enjoy a live show, harkening back to the time of the Moai.

- Watch a traditional Rapa Nui artistic show
- Have some fun with live music and dance
- Get a taste of local life and traditions
- Watch your food being prepared the Umu Pae way, where the ingredients are buried under hot stones



- Get picked up in your hotel on Easter Island and head to the Tera'ai Restaurant. Upon arrival, you'll be greeted with live music. Enjoy an appetizer and welcome drink as you are invited to participate in the "Takona" art, a local custom that entails painting part of the face in the old ways of the island. Learn about the tradition of the Umu Pae cooking culture with an introductory lecture and then watch a meal being cooked in the style. Settle in for an authentic Rapa Nui show, consisting of an exciting mix of ancient and traditional dance. Learn about the performers' garb as well as the history of the island. If you choose the option that includes dinner, you'll be taken into the buffet room where food is cooked in the traditional Umu Pae way. Enjoy a delicious and expansive selection of food including sausages, vegetables, chicken, yuca, potatoes, and much more.



## June 8 - Wednesday



8:00 AM - 3 hr

### Scuba Dive With The Underwater Moai

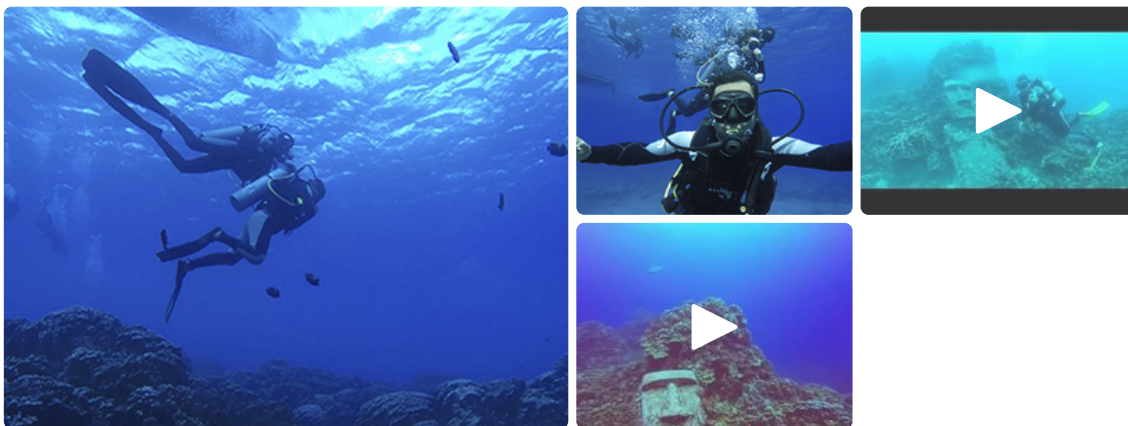
Discover the wonders of the ocean from Easter Island. Go diving without any previous experience required.

After pickup from your hotel in Hanga Roa head to the dive center, where you will listen to a safety briefing. Put on your suit and board a boat to your first dive. Then, descend into the impressive waters surrounding Rapa Nui. The North Coast has numerous coral formations on a sandy sea bed and the beaches of Anakena and Ovahe are suitable for snorkeling. The East Coast, more exposed to winds and storm surges, offers an alternative area for diving when the north wind blows, and is where you will find lava fields and corals. The West Coast is where the village of Hanga Roa is located. It is very popular for autonomous diving because it has a colossal underwater reef covered by numerous coral formations. You will be able to make as many dives as you want, in different places along the coast. As you explore the coastline of the island, you will see many caverns, arches, cliffs and lava platforms. At the end of the activity, you will receive a CD with a recorded a video, before being dropped back to your hotel.

#### About Mike Rapu Diving Center

Mike Rapu diving center has many options for anyone that wants to dive. It doesn't matter if you have dived before or if it's your first time, here you can do it. The visibility of the water is our main differential of any other part of the world, it goes until 60m (196ft). Adding to that, you can also see many corals, fish, caves and even a moai underwater. The tour takes between 1h30/2h and you will have all the instructions you need, all the equipments and an unforgettable time at the Easter Island waters. Besides our diving courses, we also have boat tours and snorkelings to the motus (islets) of the famous Birdman competition. Its a tour that takes between 1h30/2h and you go in a fisherman boat being able to see the town of Hanga Roa, Ana Kai Tangata (Cave), and all lava of the volcano Rano Kau.

<https://mikerapu.cl/>



1:00 PM - 3 hr

### RANO KAU CRATER HIKE

- Pick up and drop off from your island accommodation
- Total duration: approx. 3 hours (2 hours walking)

A spectacular hike along the eastern rim of the **Rano Kau** crater, leading to **Vai Atare** and an unbeatable view of the offshore islets. This walk gives a much more complete experience of the island's most impressive natural wonder, as well as views over the cliffs that are no longer visible from **Orongo** due to recent safety measures. Passes the site where the **Rapamycin** drug (used today in organ transplants) was first discovered.



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