

36. Chile

This lanky sliver of South America has it all: pastel-hued desert vistas, jagged Andean peaks, smoking volcanoes, golden beaches, lush rainforests and gargantuan glaciers. **WHY GO:** Those who love solitude, culture and adventure can enjoy them simultaneously—from unspoiled Patagonia and isolated Easter Island (Rapa Nui) to lush Colchagua Valley vineyards and Atacama, the driest desert on earth.

WHAT TO DO: Horseback ride on the Patagonian pampas, ogle the mysterious moai statues of Easter Island, float in a salt lake in Atacama and cap it off in Santiago with great food, culture and historical sights. **WHERE TO STAY:** **Explora en Atacama**, offering high-end adventure (three nights from \$3,840, all-inclusive; explora.com); **The Ritz-Carlton, Santiago**, which blends classic South American style with after-hours fun (doubles from \$329; ritzcarlton.com); and **Hacienda Tres Lagos**, a remote gem in Patagonia's scenic Aysen region (doubles from \$300; haciendatreslagos.com). *For more info, 866/937-2445 or turismochile.travel* —M.G.

