



# Spend Christmas on Easter Island



Chile's Easter Island is where you'll spend Christmas Day on a 10-day trip offered by Zicasso. (Gavin Hellier / AWL Images)

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**Y**ou can combine two holidays into one by spending Christmas on Easter Island. Zicasso, which matches travelers with travel specialists, offers the customizable 10-day trip. The tour starts in Santiago, Chile, and includes a private tour of wineries in the Colchagua Valley, the country's prime wine region. It then moves on to northern Patagonia for some trekking, horseback riding and rafting. From Patagonia, it's back to Santiago before flying to Easter Island. The highlight of Christmas Eve day will be a snorkeling excursion, and on Christmas Day there will be outings to see Easter Island's most famous attraction, the moai statues. The package is priced from \$5,199 per person, double occupancy, and includes nine nights' lodging, most meals and various tours. A premium option, priced from \$7,865, upgrades the accommodations and adds other tours, including two helicopter rides. Info: <http://tinyurl.com/zuuolp7>

## **Cyber Monday deals**

Post-Thanksgiving means sales, even in the travel arena. On Cyber Monday, Nov. 28, Friendly Planet Travel ([www.friendlyplanet.com](http://www.friendlyplanet.com)) will reduce prices on more than 50 international tour packages that include air, promising savings of up to \$1,400 per couple. The sale will last 48 hours. Also on Cyber Monday, Mahekal Beach Resort ([www.mahekalbeachresort.com](http://www.mahekalbeachresort.com)) in Playa del Carmen, Mexico, will knock money off stays from May 14 to Dec. 19, 2017.

## **Boat-based getaways**

Road Scholar, known for its learning vacations, has expanded its horizons with 19 trips sure to float your boat. All are ship-based, including ocean liners, riverboats and small vessels that carry fewer than a hundred passengers. The destinations are as diverse as the ships, ranging from Iceland and Antarctica to Spain's Canary Islands and the American South along the Mississippi River. History buffs might enjoy the WWI Commemorative Voyage in Belgium and France, scheduled for Sept. 12-23, 2017. The itinerary includes one expert-led lecture onboard and 17 field trips to battlefields, cemeteries and other significant sites. In Diksmuide, Belgium, for instance, there'll be a visit to the trenches that were the scene of bloody fighting during the war. At Arras, France, there will be an exploration of Carriere Wellington, a huge network of tunnels used by British Empire and Commonwealth troops. The 12-day/11-night itinerary is priced from \$2,995 per person, double occupancy, with international air starting at \$1,000. See all of the ship-based trips at <http://tinyurl.com/zlkrove>.

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