

We had previously planned to observe this sunrise eclipse airborne by flying out of Punta Arenas and back to Punta Arenas. But that was going to require all our international participants to enter Chile in Santiago and then fly domestically to Punta Arenas, which could be impossible if Chile remains closed in December. Therefore we're creating an alternative plan that all participants will arrive on international flight to SCL right on December 3 (all vaccinees) or December 4 (non-vaccinees), transit there without having to go through immigration and customs to "enter Chile". That evening, everyone will board the passenger planes right there at SCL, i.e. we'll be able to conduct the eclipse flights from and back to SCL even if Chile is still closed to foreigners in December. We won't even need any "special permission" to do this, because Chilean regulations already allow such transit; see [Chile's Ministry of Transport](#). The flight will depart SCL at 08:00 PM, heading westward over the Pacific Ocean, where it will reach the eclipse zone around 01:00 AM on Dec 4. It will fly ~65 persons on each A320, watching the eclipse only through the left-side windows (right side of the cabin to be empty). The total flight distance will be 3534 nm, which the A320s will be able to fly easily with so few passengers on board and without checked luggage. Certain ships are scheduled to sail to the eclipse, but might have to cancel, in which case some of their participants might join our group instead. At \$55 a ticket, plus \$100 for food and drinks, plus \$100 for insurance, plus \$100 for gear, plus \$100 for ground transport, plus \$100 for miscellaneous expenses, the total budget of US\$12,000 per participant. If JetSMART can offer us this rate, for each flight which will be 0h28m55 +/- 0h15m of taxi time = 0h40m00, the charter price for each A320 will be US\$104,000. May we discuss?

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