

Request for quotation from Sky Airline for AIRBORNE ECLIPSE OBSERVATION FLIGHT 2021 December 3-4 overnight in two A320's, and possibly a third A320 to be determined, departing from and returning to Santiago SCL nonstop roundtrip flying 8 hours 25 minutes.

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 flights to SCL airport on December 3 (all vaccinated, all with negative RT-PCR results less than 72 hours before, and all properly wearing face masks) and will remain in the international transit area 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 <https://umbrapcept.files.wordpress.com/2021/08/decreto-2021-junio-10.pdf>. We already have enough participants signed up (schoolteachers, scientists, astronomers, and other eclipse enthusiasts) to 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 to fly ~65 on a third A320. Since Sky Airline is so well known for offering best lowest prices, we hope that Sky will gladly charter the two or three A320s we need for our preferred budget of US\$12,000 per hour. If Sky can offer us this rate, for each flight which will be 08h25m plus 0h15m of taxi time = 08h40m, the charter price for each A320 will be US\$104,000. May we discuss?

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Total Solar Eclipse of 2021 Dec 04

www.eclipsewise.com/solar/SEgmapx/2001-2100/SE2021Dec04Tgmapx.html

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