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LASTARRIA BOUTIQUE HOTEL- Santiago, Chile

One of the most charming and memorable aspects about visiting Santiago was how surprisingly easy it was to feel like a local. All along the streets, friendly strangers said hello and smiled. Passersby who may have noticed we were a bit lost kindly offered directions, the food was so comforting at just about every restaurant that it felt we'd been enjoying the dishes for years. And when it comes to hospitality, the boutique hotels in the city have cornered the market on gracious service and one that you'll certainly be hearing of on your radar is the stunning Lastarria.



Built in 1927, Lastarria maintains the bohemian, classic charm of the era yet modern enough to hold its own in the bohemian quarter, set in its own microcosm of cool, surrounded by the best museums, galleries, trendy shops, antique stores and innovative restaurants. The historic home is so private it feels as if it's truly your own residence, complete with a beautifully hidden outdoor pool with manicured greenery, stylish bedrooms and suites all well appointed with the latest technology, and a personal gym and treatment room. There's even a lift, if the stairs are becoming too much after a ridiculously hearty meal (see [The Day I Ate Half A Cow](#) for more on that)

A homemade breakfast served in the lounge along with high tea & wine tasting in the afternoon complete this circle of coziness, not to be outdone by the cultural infusion they can arrange for you ranging from Spanish classes to polo, excursions to wineries or the mountains, to ski resorts and even polo matches. It's Santiago style at the top of its game.