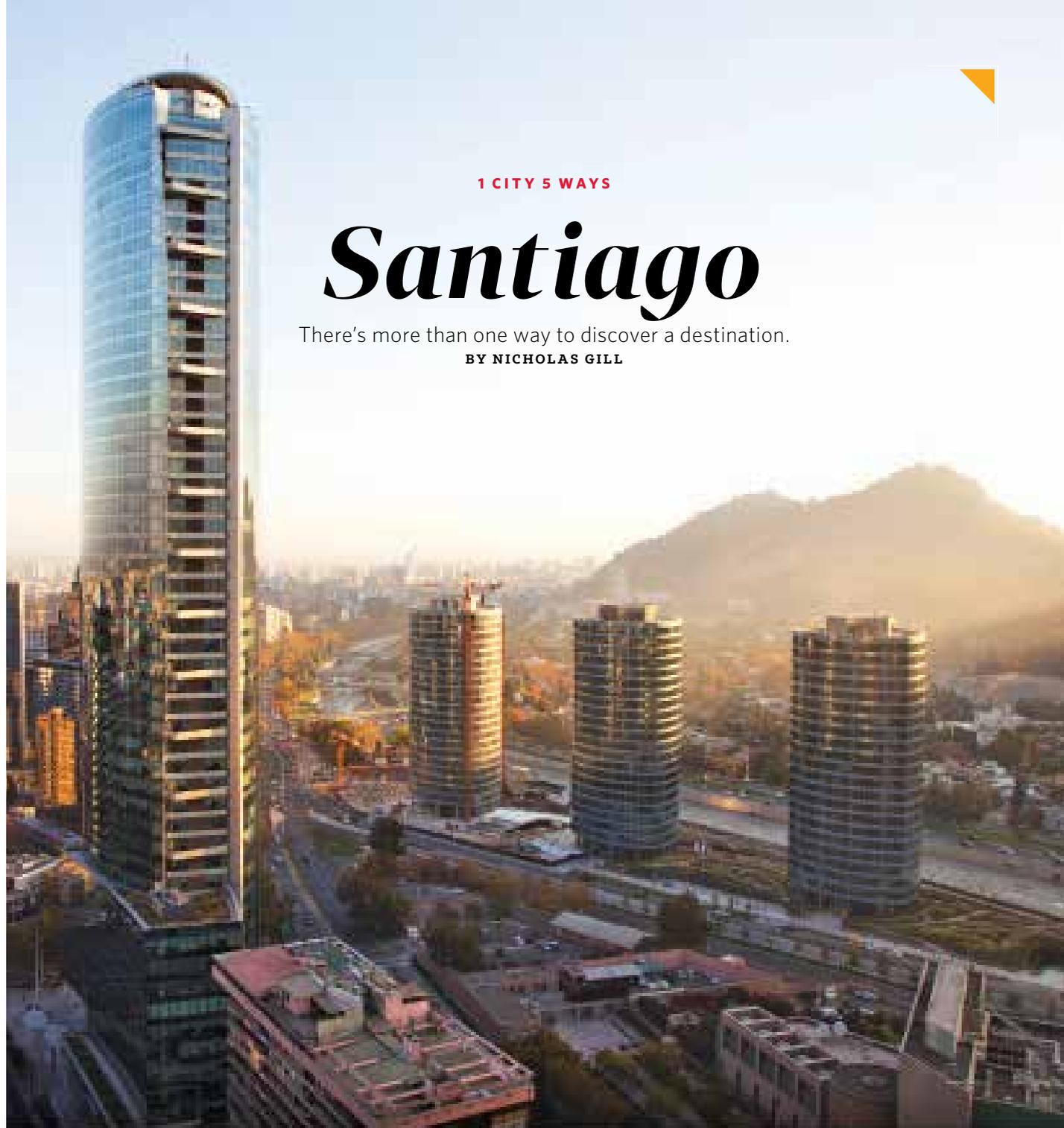


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Santiago

There's more than one way to discover a destination.

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Santiago's winter weather is still mild, with average highs in the 60s. But up in the Andes, snow is falling and the Southern Hemisphere's ski season is just getting underway (lasting until October). It might be too chilly for the beach, but the Mercado Central is brimming with fish



and shellfish, and tastings at nearby wineries are in full swing. You can celebrate the season indoors at the Santiago International Documentary Film Festival, June 23-29, or rejoice in the winter solstice and Mapuche New Year at We Tripantu on June 21.

Ski Bum

WHERE TO STAY ▶

Hotel Valle Nevado

Ski in. Ski out. The most exclusive of the three hotels at this resort was totally renovated in 2010, adding new bars and restaurants, a heated pool, daycare facilities and a spa. vallenevado.com



DAYTIME ▶

Valle Nevado Ski Center

The largest ski resort in the Southern Hemisphere is only 37 miles from Santiago, near the 17,814-foot peak of El Plomo. Skiable terrain is traversed by 102 trails and 14 lifts. vallenevado.com



El Gourmet



◀ WHERE TO STAY

The Aubrey

In bohemian Bellavista, revel in luxury in this 1920s mansion, featuring wood paneling, a candle-filled piano lounge, tea service on the terrace, a heated pool and glassed-in Hansgrohe showers. theaubrey.com

LUNCH ▶

Peumayen

Don't be surprised by the taro root or native hen at this elegant brick townhouse with reclaimed wood walls. The menu here highlights the ancestral cuisine of Chile's indigenous people: the Mapuche, Aymará and Rapa Nui. peumayenchile.cl



Fashionista

WHERE TO STAY ▶

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A sleek, modern glass tower filled with smart technology in ritzy Las Condes. Sip on a martini while sitting on a day bed beside the 21st-floor rooftop pool while gazing out over the city. whotels.com/santiago



DAYTIME

Museo de la Moda

Nearly 10,000 pieces of fashion couture and memorabilia are part of the collection in this 1960s modernist mansion in Vitacura. Highlights include garments worn by Princess Diana and Arnold Schwarzenegger's leather jacket from *Terminator*. museodelamoda.cl



The Culturist



◀ WHERE TO STAY

Lastarria Boutique Hotel

Marble floors and a marble staircase define the elegance of this 1927 mansion-turned-hotel near Parque Forestal. A vertical garden and stylish pool, plus modern technology, ensure maximum comfort. lastarriahotel.com

DAYTIME ▶

La Chascona

The lively, colorful house museum of Chile's Nobel Prize-winning poet Pablo Neruda is named after the wild hair of his wife, Matilde. The house displays artwork from friends such as Diego Rivera, plus quirky knickknacks. fundacion-neruda.org



Hipster

WHERE TO STAY ▶

Loreto Hotel

This hip B & B located in a circa 1902 house has several terraces and balconies with stunning views of bohemian Bellavista and San Cristóbal hill. The stylish décor features checkered tile floors and banisters carved from reclaimed wood beams. loretohotel.cl



BREAKFAST ▶

Salvador Cocina y Café

A bustling, eclectic, lunch-only bistro in the heart of the city with a Brooklyn-esque vibe. Each day the menu is completely reborn, concentrating on whatever ingredients are at the market that day. *Bombero Ossa 1059, Centro; 56-2/2673-0619*



LUNCH ▶

Bajo Zero

Keep your skis on at this on-slope restaurant with indoor and outdoor seating at the top of the gondola—10,000 feet up. Burgers and grilled meats will supply your energy for the slopes. vallenevado.com



AFTERNOON

Bar Lounge

Relax après-ski on the cozy couches by the fireplace at this convenient meeting point near the lifts. Keep warm with a hot chocolate or take the edge off with a beer or a pisco sour. vallenevado.com



◀ DINNER

La Fourchette

Reclaimed-wood columns and vaulted ceilings match the contemporary French and Mediterranean cuisine at the resort's most sophisticated restaurant. An extensive Chilean wine list adds to the allure. vallenevado.com



◀ DAYTIME

Casablanca Valley Wine Tour

This cool-climate coastal region turns out some of the country's best chardonnays and sauvignon blancs. Schedule tastings at vineyards such as the all-organic Emiliana or more scenic Casas del Bosque. casablancavalley.cl



◀ DINNER Boragó

A stint at Spain's Mugaritz set chef Rodolfo Guzmán up to revolutionize Chilean avant-garde cuisine. The elaborate tasting menus change almost daily based on what rare native produce, such as sea strawberries or salicornia, are harvested that week. borago.cl

NIGHTCAP Bocanariz

Bilingual sommeliers will walk you through flights of biodynamic or dry-farmed vines at this sleek Lastarria wine bar. The name means "mouth to nose," which you'll understand as soon as you choose from the 35 by-the-glass choices or the 300-plus-bottle cellar. bocanariz.cl



◀ LUNCH

Naoki

This sushi bar is likely the only place on Earth where you can sample the unusual fusion of cuisine from Japan and Chile's north coast. You might see the rica rica chañar or seaweed used to flavor the nigiri or moriawase sashimi. naoki.cl

AFTERNOON ▶

Costanera Center Mall

A six-floor mall in South America's tallest building, the César Pelli-designed Gran Torre Santiago is right in the heart of Providencia. Choose from more than 100 high-end retailers plus Chilean department stores such as Falabella and Ripley. costaneracenter.cl/mall



◀ DINNER

Europeo

Wine and dine at this modern French restaurant on Vitacura's restaurant row. Mingle with the well-heeled crowd on the heated terrace over glasses of chardonnay and plates of Parmesan-cruste sea scallops and razor clams. europeo.cl



LUNCH Mercado Central

Wander through row after row of fish and shellfish stalls inside this art nouveau, cast-iron structure that dates back to 1872. Take a seat at Donde Augusto, a restaurant in the central atrium, and order traditional seafood dishes such as caldillo de congrio, a conger eel stew. mercadocentral.cl

◀ AFTERNOON Museo Chileno de Arte Precolombino

The 1807 Royal Customs House displays more than 1,500 pieces of pre-Columbian artifacts from across the Americas. Highlights include Chinchorro mummies from the Atacama Desert and an ethnographic collection from the Mapuche and Aymará cultures. precolombino.cl



◀ DINNER

Liguria

This is the reinvention of the *picada*—typically a divey bar/restaurant serving traditional foods. This funky spot sources the highest-quality ingredients and boasts an extensive wine and craft beer list. liguria.cl

DAYTIME

Centro Cultural Matucana 100

This edgy cultural center opened in 2001 in an abandoned government brick warehouse. Today it's home to a spacious contemporary art gallery with rotating exhibitions as well as theater, music and dance performances. m100.cl



◀ DINNER Hogs

Subway tiles and pub tables set the atmosphere for this artisanal sausage haus. Choose your meat, from pork to turkey to lamb, and a range of toppings—think crunchy bacon, avocado or caramelized onions. hogs.cl

NIGHTCAP ▶ Barbudo Beer Garden

Chile's craft beer scene has exploded, and this sprawling beer garden is where the cool kids come to drink. Sample pints of Chilean brews such as German-influenced ales from Valdivia or a hoppy IPA from Kross in the Casablanca Valley.



For more must-see spots in Santiago, visit deltasky.com/mag.com/june.