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THE STATUES OF EASTER ISLAND

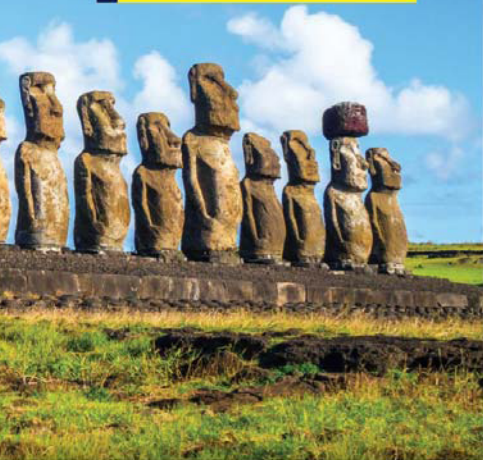
MOAI STATUES
AT TONGARIKI



A family takes a trip to the remote Easter Island. First, they go for a hike around the Rano Raraku **volcano**. Hundreds of towering human-head statues, called *moai*, stand looking upon the island. On average, they are about 13 feet (4 meters) tall! Their defined brows and noses give each statue a similar look. These ancient figures were likely built to honor important **ancestors** and chiefs.

MANY NAMES

In Spanish, Easter Island is known as *Isla de Pascua*. Native peoples of the island call it *Rapa Nui*, meaning "Great Rapa," and *Te Pito te Henua*, "Navel of the World."



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Then the family stops by Tongariki. They admire the 15 moai standing in a row. That afternoon, the family relaxes on the white-sand Anakena Beach. The history and the beaches of Easter Island are just some of the things that Chile has to offer!

LOCATION

Chile is a long, narrow country on the southwestern coast of South America. It spans 291,933 square miles (756,102 square kilometers). Santiago, the capital city, rests near the center of the country. The city is surrounded by the Andes Mountains.

The western shores of Chile face the Pacific Ocean. Peru and Bolivia border Chile to the north, while Argentina lies to the east. Chile's southern tip is called *Tierra del Fuego*, which means "land of fire." It is separated from the rest of the country by the **Strait** of Magellan.



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