

### **03-03-2010 19.38 pm**

Zojuist weer contact gehad met onze lokale partner. Wéér een aardbeving / naschok geweest 6.0 op Richter in Concepcion regio.....

### **03-03-2010 11.00 am**

Nog chaos op luchthaven Santiago, maar vliegverkeer komt op gang !

### **03-03-2010 9.30 am**

ANVR NIEUWS - Calamiteit vastgesteld voor Chili

De calamiteitencommissie heeft op 2 maart in een bindend besluit een calamiteit vastgesteld voor de situatie na de aardbeving in Chili op 27 februari jl. U kunt dit bindend besluit nalezen op [www.calamiteitenfonds.nl](http://www.calamiteitenfonds.nl) en op [www.anvr.travel](http://www.anvr.travel) onder info per land.

### **02-03-2010 09:37 am**

Here is an new update on the situation in Chile, this time with a bit more information about touristic infrastructure as communications slowly start to become stable.

#### **Altiplano (Arica, Iquique, Calama)**

Everything is working on in this Region. Excursions are being held normally and hotels are operating in good conditions to receive travellers. Roads are also in good conditions for travelling either by bus or by car.

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#### **Norte Chico (La Serena, Valle del Elqui, Copiapó)**

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#### **Juan Fernández Islands**

Completely hit by tsunami waves. Roads, ports, and airport in terrible conditions. No way of getting into the main island or getting out of there. There is no availability of hotels nor are excursions being held in this archipelago.

#### **Valparaíso & Viña del Mar**

Valparaíso's new part of the port, where all cruises arrive, is opened, although the old part of such port suffered from some damage and it is therefore closed. It is expected that the old part will open quite soon. Excursions are being held normally and hotels are operating in good conditions to receive travellers. Roads are also in good conditions for travelling either by bus or by car.

#### **Santiago**

Roads to the south of the country have some interruptions and deviations; towards the north and the coast, roads are in good conditions. In Santiago, the damage has been of different proportions, but in general the tourist area remains unaffected

### **Wine Region (Santa Cruz and surroundings)**

This region was heavily affected both because of the magnitude of the quake, but also due to the fact that adobe was the preeminent material that locals use for construction. Old houses and buildings suffered major damage.

Once again it is extremely important to reinforce the fact that none of our passengers was harmed.

The Maule Region suffered serious damage in all of the main cities and small towns. Places like Curicó, Parral, Talca and Linares whose old buildings were constructed in adobe, simply collapsed causing the loss of many lives. The Tsunami that stroke the coast of this area created even worse consequences. Small coastal towns simply disappeared.

### **Concepción**

The area of Concepción, the second largest town in Chile, suffered the consequences of the 8.8 Richter Scale magnitude quake heavily. Communications with this area in particular have been very difficult. Water and electricity are slowly returning back to normal. We have not been able to get a hold of our suppliers there. No passengers were in this city or nearby.

### **Northern Lake District**

Temuco and Pucón have reported some damages, but all passengers are ok. Valdivia has also suffered to some extent. We will be reporting later on with further details.

### **Southern Lake District (Puerto Varas, Puerto Montt, Chiloé)**

The Earthquake was a mild tremor in the Lake District. No buildings were damaged and it was barely noticeable compared to the rest of the country. The only issue here could be that since connectivity is difficult, some goods like gas are becoming a bit scarce.

### **Patagonia**

The quake was not noticed in Patagonia. Places like Torres del Paine, Punta Arenas and Puerto Natales are in perfect condition.

### **01-03-2010 17:24 pm.**

Latest news from the Ministry of Infrastructure inform that Santiago's International Airport, Comandante Arturo Benitez, COULD OPEN on Friday, 5th March 2010, to re-establish international departures. National departures COULD BE RE-ESTABLISHED within 24 hours. From Protours we are working hardly and hand in hand with LAN to enable passengers to get a seat within the firsts flights available, trying to get preferences within the airline procedures of seat assignation.