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<p>ESOCast Episode 89: Chile Chill 8 – “A Bird’s Eye View of ESO Observatories”</p>	
<p>00:00 [Visual starts]</p> <p>ESOCast intro 1. This is the ESOcast! Cutting-edge science and life behind the scenes at ESO, the European Southern Observatory.</p>	<p>00:00</p> <p>ESOCast introduction</p>
<p>00:35 2. ESO’s facilities in Chile are very photogenic. But almost all pictures and videos of them have been taken from the ground.</p>	<p>ESO facilities in Chile, timelapses</p>
<p>00:44 3. This time, however, we have spectacular aerial views, which offer a surprising new perspective.</p>	
<p>01:06 4. The Very Large Telescope at Paranal is a true jewel on the mountaintop.</p>	<p>Aerial views of the Paranal observatory</p>
<p>01:20 5. Located some 12 kilometres inland from the Pacific coast of northern Chile, it’s an astronomer’s nirvana.</p>	
<p>01:42 6. Lasers shoot skywards to make artificial stars — to help astronomers to create even sharper images.</p>	

<p>02:31 7. Not far away from Paranal, Cerro Armazones will be the home of the European Extremely Large Telescope.</p>	<p>Aerial views of Cerro Armazones</p>
<p>02:49 8. The summit has a platform large enough to house the giant 39-metre telescope.</p>	
<p>03:27 9. La Silla was ESO's first observatory in Chile.</p>	<p>Aerial views of La Silla</p>
<p>03:40 10. It operates two of the most productive 4-metre-class telescopes in the world.</p>	
<p>04:12 11. The tried-and-tested infrastructure of La Silla is also used by ESO Member States to run projects at their own facilities.</p>	
<p>05:02 12. You are now about to reach, quite literally, breathtaking heights.</p>	
<p>05:10 13. The spectacular Chajnantor plateau, at an altitude of 5000 metres, is "nature's gift" to astronomers searching for thin, dry air.</p>	<p>Aerial views of Chajnantor plateau and ALMA</p>
<p>05:20 14. Here, ALMA, the Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array can achieve its full observational potential.</p>	
<p>05:35 15. ALMA is the largest ground-based astronomical project in existence.</p>	

06:20 16. As night falls, the beautiful Chilean night sky becomes the star of the show.	Night timelapses
06:30 17. And astronomers can observe the heavens, hoping to unravel some of the secrets of the Universe...	
06:38 [Outro]	ESOcast is produced by ESO, the European Southern Observatory. <i>ESO builds and operates a suite of the world's most advanced ground-based astronomical telescopes.</i>