

Trekking Láscar

From the well known landscapes of the Moon Valley to the heights of the imposing Láscar volcano, the most active in the northern part of Chile. We'll follow canyons enjoying nature, culture and the changing landscapes of the Altiplano.

1RST DAY: Morning, Trek Ckari Gorge, Moon Valley. 5 NIGHTS AND 4 DAYS. INCLUDES ONLY **Afternoon, Death Valley Cliffs.**

2ND DAY: Hike through Toconao, Chaxa Lake, Salt Flat. ACCOMMODATIONS IN SAN PEDRO AND Afternoon, Trek Soncor, Kezala / Talabre. 3RD DAY: Trek Old Talabre / Tumbre.

4TH DAY OPTION A: Lejía Trek + Obero Crater. 4TH DAY OPTION B (EXTRA FEE): Ascension, Láscar Volcano, 5600 m.

INDICATED MEALS. IF YOU WANT TO ADD TRANSFERS FROM CALAMA, SEE OUR WEBSITE.

DIFFICULTY EASY / INTERMEDIATE. INTERMEDIATE: TREK ON IRREGULAR TERRAIN AND PROBABLY LONG SLOPES. DISTANCES OF UP TO 15 KM, WITH DURATIONS OF UP TO 5 HOURS AND THE ALTITUDE CAN EXCEED 3600 M.



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Trek Ckari Gorge, Moon Valley. Afternoon, Death Valley Cliffs.

DAY 01

MORNING



We start our excursion from San Pedro de Atacama, we go to the viewpoint of Ckari where we have a panoramic view of the Atacama basin, from here we start our trek down a dune to then cross the salt mountain range through a narrow gorge and several salt caves. After about 2 hours of hiking we come trough the other side and take the vehicle to visit the Moon Valley.

Return to San Pedro of Atacama. You are free for lunch in town. Distance: 45 km. Trek Ckari: 5.3 km. Trek Cliffs: 7.3 km. Altitude: 2500 m.

Accommodations:

In hotel, San Pedro of Atacama Foods: Breakfast at hotel + Snacks.



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AFTERNOON



We board the vehicle and head to an abandoned herding trail, we begin our 3-hour trek through the Salt Range, as we ascend we see to a panoramic view of the Catarpe valley. We'll cross a tunnel and emerge on the Mars (or Death) Valley Cliffs. We skirt these cliffs enjoying the Andes Mountain Range on the horizon and descend through huge dunes.

Return to San Pedro of Atacama.





Hike through Toconao & Chaxa Lake, Salt Flat. Trek Soncor, Kezala / Talabre.

DAY 02

MORNING



We leave the hotel after breakfast and head to the village of Toconao. Here we'll make a one-hour hike to learn about the incredible work of the inhabitants of the region. For generations, toconares have built lush gardens of fruit trees and complex irrigation systems.

We continue our trip entering the Salt Flat arriving at the Chaxa Lake. Here we can appreciate the peculiar geology of the Salt of the Atacama, we will find several lakes populated by different species of flamingo among other birds.

We'll have lunch in this beautiful place.

Distance: 95 km.

Hike Toconao: 1,3 km. Altitude: 2500 m.

Trek Soncor / Talabre: 8,8 km. Altitude: 2750 to 3250 m.

Accommodations:

In refuge, Talabre (3260 m).

Meals: Breakfast at the hotel + Lunch +

Dinner + Snacks.



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AFTERNOON





From here we'll head to the village of Soncor, where we begin a 3 hour trek up the canyons formed by millions of years of erosion. In their walls of volcanic rock we can observe multitudes of millenary petroglyphs.

Finally, we arrive at the small village of Talabre where we spend the night in a refuge.





Trek Talabre Viejo / Tumbre

DAY 03



We go to Talabre Viejo a village that had to be abandoned due to the pyroclastic ashes and debris expelled by Láscar, the most active volcano in the north of Chile, its kunza name means "tongue of fire". From here we start a 4 hour walk to Tumbre where we set camp at 3870 m. of altitude.

Distance: 2.2 km.

Hike Talabre V. / Tumbre: 5,4 km. Altitude: 3560 to 3870 m.

Accommodations:

In camp, Tumbre (3870 m).

Meals: Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner + Snacks.



Trek Lejía & Cráter Obero

DAY 04 OPTION A



We go up the Altiplano and make our way to the Obero crater. We go to the circular edge of this ancient extinct crater, witness of the great volcanic activity that moves the Andes. From here we begin a walk that takes us, after a stretch, to the Lejía Lake, which we can see peeking as we descend. We finish our walk in a slope of land that enters the lake, in this place we are surrounded by the reflection of the mountains on its waters.

Accommodations: In hotel, San Pedro of Atacama (2500 m).

Distance: 27,5 km.

Trek Lejía and Crater: 7 km.

Altitude: 4500 to 4340 m.

Meals: Breakfast + Lunch + Snacks.

We have lunch amongst these mountains. Return to San Pedro of Atacama



Ascension Láscar Volcano, 5600 m.

DAY 04 OPTION B - SPECIFY IN YOUR REQUEST IF YOU'D LIKE THIS OPTION FOR NEW QUOTE / PRICE.



Ascension of the active volcano Láscar 5600 m. Approximate duration 5h. We drive up to Lejía Lake where we admire the reflection of the mountains in its huge mirror of water. Here we to begin our ascent. Láscar has presented around 30 explosive eruptions since the 19th century, making it the most active volcano in northern Chile. The last event occurred between the years 2005 and 2006. Its summit has 6 craters, being the central the one that has presented activity during the last centuries. The current state of the volcano is characterized by the persistent emission of gases, with high levels of sulfur dioxide. During this ascent we can reach the edge of the huge active crater.

Distance: 150 km. Start: 4800 m. / Summit: 5560 m. Walking distance: 3,3 km.

Height Difference: 760 m.

Accommodations: In hotel, San Pedro (2500 m). Meals: Breakfast + Lunch + Snacks.

Return to San Pedro of Atacama.

YOU SHOULD CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING

Do not underestimate the treks based on distances and numbers. Do not compare activities that you normally do where you live with the activities we are proposing, the climate, the altitude and the qualities of the terrain often make it much more difficult to progress on one of these routes. It often happens that people accustomed to walking and outdoor activities feel that distances and efforts are greater than they seem. Our itineraries are built to ease you into it.

YOU'LL NEED

Clothing must meet the following requirements: It must > Tents. be adequate, comfortable, give shelter and insulation, be > Sleeping mats. resistant, be consistent, maintain a restricted volume and > Food. weight, if possible waterproof.

It is important to bring **YOUR OWN SLEEPING BAG** -15/-20C° > First Aid Kit. resistance.

WE HAVE

- > Spot / GPS.

You'll also need:

- [1 Sunscreen, at least 50FPS.
- [] Sunglasses (Ideally Spectron 3 or more).
- [] Mountain boots (or trekking), they should cover and protect your ankles, with rigid sole.
- [] For legs and torso, dress using a layer system. First layer consists of water repellent fabric, the second layer must be a fleece or a material that keeps warm air next to the body, and the third layer must protect and isolate you from elements such as wind, rain and snow.
- [] Gloves (Double layer recommended for mountain).
- [] Cap to protect against solar radiation and wind in the head and ears (It depends on the activity, it can be a wool cap, a jockey, a Baff or in mountain even a Balaclava)
- [] Walking sticks are recommended, but not mandatory.
- [] Backpack that meets the requirements of the activities to be carried out.
- [] Frontal flashlight for camping (an external charger is a good idea).
- [] Slippers or something comfortable to get into when at the camp (also thick sleeping socks).













