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DAYS

Mountaineering, Llullaillaco

We start with a good acclimatization and then head towards Lullailaco, the highest mountain in the surroundings Andes and one of the highest in Chile with 6739 m. This excursion is only recommended for experienced mountaineers.

1ST DAY: Trek Ckari Gorge and Trek Rainbow Valley

2ND DAY: Trek Río Grande / Machuca

3RD DAY: Tatio Geysers and Ascension Soquete 5400 m

4TH DAY: Free, half day optional activity

5TH DAY: Trek Tara / Aguas Calientes

6TH DAY: Trek Aguas Calientes / Pujsa

7TH DAY: Ascent Acamarachi 6046 m

8TH DAY: Free, half day optional activity

9TH DAY: Approach to "zorritas" shelter

10TH DAY: Ascent to Campo Alto 5800 m

11TH DAY: Summit of the Lullaillaco 6739 m

12TH DAY: Return to San Pedro de Atacama

13 NIGHTS AND 12 DAYS. INCLUDES ONLY INDICATED MEALS. IF YOU WANT TO ADD ACCOMMODATION IN SAN PEDRO AND TRANSFERS FROM CALAMA, SEE OUR WEBSITE.

WE ASK YOU NOT TO UNDERESTIMATE THESE ACTIVITIES, WALKING AT HIGH ALTITUDE IS VERY DIFFERENT FROM WALKING AT SEA LEVEL. SO THAT YOU CAN ENJOY THESE ACTIVITIES IT IS NECESSARY TO GO THROUGH A PROCESS OF ACCLIMATIZATION THAT INCREASES THE AMOUNT OF RED BLOOD CELLS, THESE FACILITATE THE ABSORPTION OF OXYGEN AT GREAT ALTITUDES.

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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 through the other side and take the vehicle to visit the Moon Valley.

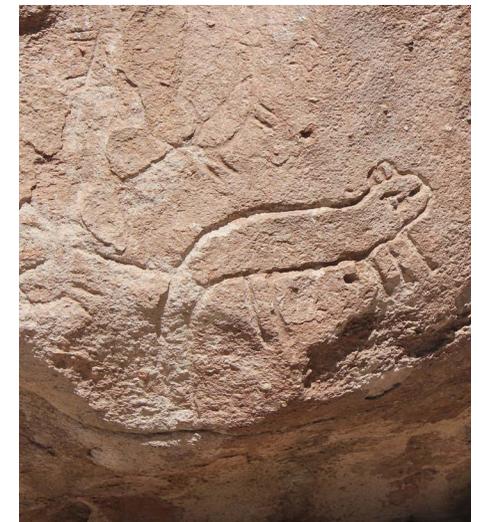
Car Distance: 150 km.
Trek Ckari: 5.3 km.
Trek Rainbow: 6 km.
Max Altitude: 3100 m.

Accommodations:
In camp, Rainbow Valley (3150 m).
Meals: Breakfast at the hotel + Lunch + Dinner + Snacks.



We return to the vehicle and continue our journey towards the Domeyko Mountain Range. We'll arrive at the petroglyphs of Yervas Buenas where we'll have lunch. Here we start another trek that will allow us to discover ancient Lickan-Antai petroglyphs, and finally we'll reach the Rainbow Valley where we can appreciate impressive geological formations formed by different colors of strata.

We set up camp, eat dinner and spend the night outdoors.



DAY 02



We head to the town of Rio Grande where we begin our trek ascending along the course of a river. During the trek, we will find an abandoned village and agricultural terraces. Finally we will arrive at the town of Machuca, where we can observe a rich variety of flora and fauna, we will see vicuñas, llamas, flamingos and many other species of birds. We continue our journey reaching a beautiful canyon where we set up camp and spend the night.

Car Distance: 30 km.
Trek Machuca: 14 km.
Altitude: 3250 to 4000 m.
Accommodations:
In camp, Hidden Canyon (4200 m).
Meals: Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner + Snacks.

DAY 03



We head to the Tatio geothermal field, the third largest and the highest in the world. Then, we eat breakfast and head towards an abandoned mining camp from the '60s. From here we begin our trek gradually ascending until we see the pointy and rocky summit of this mountain. We enjoy the beautiful view from its sharp top. We descend through a wetland populated by vicuñas and as we finish our descent we are met by a particular type of mud geysers; Enormous bubbling cauldrons formed by muds of different colors.

We return to San Pedro of Atacama.

DAY 04: FREE, OPTIONAL HALF DAY ACTIVITY

Car Distance: 150 km.
Accommodations:
In hotel, San Pedro (2500 m).
Meals: Breakfast + Lunch + Snacks.
Start: 4374 m.
Summit: 5400 m.
Walking Distance: 11.5 km.
Height Difference or Rise: 926 m.

DAY 05



We'll hike for about 6 hours through landscapes that seem to be from another planet, rock pillars rise over gravel soils, formed by a millennia of erosion. At the end of our trek we'll arrive at the impressive Salar de Tara. Surrounded by impressive geological formations known as Cathedrals of Tara, vicuñas and flamingos amongst other bird species.

We return to the vehicle, and go off road back to our camp site next to the Aguas Calientes Lake.

Car Distance: 39 km.
Trek Aguas Calientes / Tara: 22,7 km.
Altitude: 4300 m.
Accommodations:
Camp site, Aguas Calientes (4240 m).
Meals: Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner + Snacks.

DAY 06



From Aguas Calientes we begin a 6-hour trek to the Pujsa Salt Flat, home to hundreds of pink James flamingos. This lake is characterized by its reddish tones produced by algae and by the white borax islands that splash its waters.

Return to San Pedro of Atacama

Car Distance: 110 km.
Trek Aguas Calientes / Pujsa: 18 km.
Altitude: Min. 4300, Max. 4500 m.
Accommodations:
In hotel, San Pedro de Atacama.
Meals: Breakfast + Lunch + Snacks.

DAY 07



Ascension of the Acamarachi volcano (or Pili), 6 hours of climbing and 4 hours of descent.

Its name comes from an Aymara word that translates as Stone Snail and that would be explained by the two points that rise to each end of the crater of this imposing stratovolcano. About 500 years ago the Incas made it one of its high-altitude sanctuaries and a setting for sacred ceremonies. In 1972 they found on its summit; A statuette of gold and another of silver, textiles, feathers, ornaments, strands of human hair among others.

Return to San Pedro of Atacama.

DAY 08: FREE, OPTIONAL HALF DAY ACTIVITY

Car Distance: 130 km.

Accommodations:

In hotel, San Pedro (2500 m).

Meals: Breakfast + Lunch + Snacks.

Start: 4750 m.

Summit: 6046 m.

Walking distance: 4,8 km.

Height Difference / Rise: 1296 m.

DAY 09 - 12



DAY 09: APPROACH TO "ZORRITAS" REFUGE 4100 M.

We cross the Atacama Salt Flat towards the south until we reach the National Park Lulllaillaco surrounded by wetlands, coiron grass and some passing guanaco. We spend the night in a refuge.

DAY 10: ASCENT TO "CAMPO ALTO" 5800 M

We ascent to "Campo Alto" and set up camp there.

DAY 11: SUMMIT OF LLULLAILLACO 6739 M.

We summit, 6739 m. Then we go back to sleep in either Zorritas or Campo Alto.

DAY 12: RETURN TO SAN PEDRO OF ATACAMA

Car Distance: 241 km.

Accommodations:

1st day: Refuge Zorritas, 4100 m.

2nd day: Camp, Campo Alto 5800 m.

Meals: Breakfast + Walking Rations + Dinner + Snacks.

Start: 4500 m.

Summit: 6739 m.

Walking distance 1st day: 5 km.

Walking distance 2nd day: 2.4 km.

Total Height Difference / Rise: 2239 m.

LEFT TO RIGHT: REFUGE ZORRITA, CAMPO ALTO, NATIONAL PARK LLULLAILLACO.



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 be adequate, comfortable, give shelter and insulation, be resistant, be consistent, maintain a restricted volume and weight, if possible waterproof.

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

You'll also need:

- [] 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).

WE HAVE

- > Tents.
- > Sleeping mats.
- > Food.
- > Spot / GPS.
- > First Aid Kit.

