



3
DAYS

ESSENTIAL ATACAMA

The unmissable of the Atacama

Moon Valley
Astronomy
Atacama Salt Flat
Chaxa Lake
Altiplanic Lakes M & M
Tatio Geysers

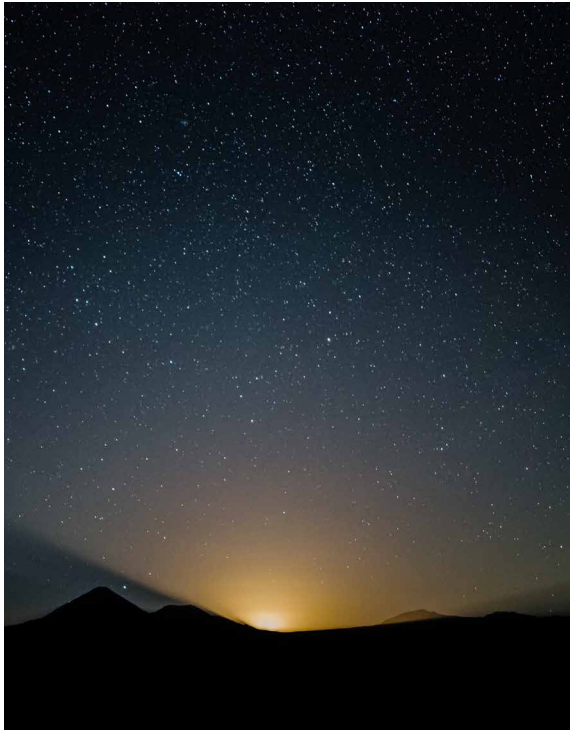
Stay in the traditional village of San Pedro. With this trip you can see the most interesting and well known places of Atacama. The first day you can admire the geology of the Salt Mountain Range and get to know the historical roots of Andean culture. That night, science and legend come together in our astronomical night. Then we will travel to the lowest point of the basin, the Atacama Salt Flat, followed by the Altiplanic Lakes and their corresponding volcanoes Miscanti and Miñiques, marveling at landscapes that vary when exploring the vertical ecology. Finally, we will not only enjoy a breakfast in the Tatio Geysers, but the greatest variety of fauna and flora that we will see in our trip.

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2 NIGHTS AND 3 DAYS. INCLUDES ONLY INDICATED MEALS. **IF YOU WANT TO ADD ACCOMMODATIONS IN SAN PEDRO AND TRANSFERS FROM CALAMA, VISIT OUR WEBSITE.**



DAY 01

HIGHLIGHTS

- > Moon Valley
- > Great Dune
- > Amphitheater
- > Three Marys
- > Astronomy Observatory

Altitude: 2500 meters.
Distance: Near San Pedro.

Accommodations:
San Pedro of Atacama.

Moon Valley

16.00 hrs. (Duration 3-4 hrs)

We drive up the Salt Mountain Range. Its landscapes make us travel to other geological times; The bare earth shows the planet's enormous forces in a dramatic gesture of the elements. The folding of the soil produces a huge cut in the sedimentary fill of the Atacama basin, where the crystals forged in their depths appear. In the Moon Valley, the evaporite (salt) that covers it, gives it a lunar appearance. We will stop at the most attractive points according to your interests and capabilities.

Trek option: 4 hrs. Hike that begins at the Kari lookout, we enter this incredible panoramic view of the salt mountain range and we cross tunnels and deep canyons to reach the Moon Valley. We continue by car and visit its points of interest. 5 km.

Astronomy (Subject to weather and moon phases)

21.00 hrs. (Duration 2 hrs)

We'll visit an observatory to enjoy the Atacama night sky, one of the most impressive in the world, even through the naked eye. The experience consists of 3 parts, a theoretical presentation, direct observation of the Milky Way and we end with deep space observation through a telescope.



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Atacama Salt Flat & Miscanti and Miñiques Altiplanic Lakes

DAY 02

HIGHLIGHTS

- > Toconao village
- > San Lucas church and gardens
- > Atacama Salt Flat
- > Chaxa Lake
- > Tropic of Capricorn
- > Socaire Village
- > Altiplanic Lakes

Maximum Altitude 4200 meters.
Distance: 254 km.

Accommodations:
San Pedro of Atacama.
Meals: Breakfast at your hotel
+ Lunch.

08.00 hrs. (Duration 7-8 hrs)

This journey through vertical ecology, allows us to see how natural resources are distributed in relation to altitude and its geo-ecological floors.

We head south along the salt flat. On the way, we see the base camp of the astronomical observatory A.L.M.A. And then we cross the Tambillo reserve, a tamarugo tree forest planted in the 60's. We start our excursion in the village of Toconao, there we will see the San Lucas church, a national monument. Then we will discover a labyrinth of gardens in the middle of the desert.

We continue our journey towards the heart of the Atacama Salt Flat to see the flamingos that inhabit the Chaxa lake and observe the strange formations of the brine soil.

We continue the trip crossing the Tropic of Capricorn and we pass through the town of Socaire that stands out for its millenarian cultivation terraces. Finally our ascent through the high plateau culminates with the discovery of the jewels of the mountain range: two beautiful lakes, Miscanti and Miñiques.



DAY 03

HIGHLIGHTS

- > Tatio Geysers
- > Putana wetlands
- > Machuca salt flat (Flamingos)

Altitude: 4320 meters .

Distance: 200 km.

Accommodations:
San Pedro of Atacama.
Meals: Breakfast or Lunch in
trek option.

05.30 hrs. (Duration 5-7 hrs; schedule varies with season) *

We travel north directly to the Tatio Mallku geysers, this is the third largest geothermal field in the world. On the way back we enjoy vast and varied landscapes, we also witness the ancient activities of the inhabitants of the plateau; The sulfur mining, the gathering of the Llareta and the raising of llamas. We pass the Putana wetlands, brimming with life and a variety of birds. Then we see from the heights the town of Machuca and in its surroundings, llamas and a small salt flat with flamingos. In the descent we have a panoramic view of the Atacama Salt Flat. Excellent excursion to observe the variety of the highland fauna. Breakfast or lunch included depending on the time of departure.

Trek option: 2-3 hrs. We start in the main part of the geothermal field and follow the river formed by the great White Geyser to its source. This low difficulty walk allows us to get close to nature and bathe in hot springs. Lunch in the White Geyser. 4.2 km.

* If you wish to bathe but don't want to do the trek, it's possible to add the Puritama hot springs, as they are on the way back.