



4
DAYS

Trekking Tatio

Enjoy a true Altiplanic experience. Explore all 3 Mountain Ranges. We'll visit Andean villages and walk through the most beautiful landscapes reaching the emblematic Tatio Geysers.

1ST DAY: Trek Ckari Gorge, Moon Valley. Afternoon, Trek Devil's Throat. Night, Andean Astronomy

2ND DAY: Trek Death Valley Cliffs. Afternoon, Trek Rainbow Valley, Domeyko Range.

3RD DAY: Trek Río Grande / Machuca

4TH DAY: Trek Great White Geyser (hot springs). Afternoon, Cacti Forest in Guatin. Return to SPA.

OPTION ADD 5TH DAY: Ascension Cerro Soquete, 5400 m. (Duration 6 h. aprox.)

5 NIGHTS AND 4 DAYS. **INCLUDES ONLY INDICATED MEALS. IF YOU WANT TO ADD ACCOMMODATIONS IN SAN PEDRO AND 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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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.

Return to San Pedro de Atacama.
You are free for lunch in town.

Driving Distance: 60 km.
Trek Ckari: 5.3 km.
Trek Devil's Throat: 4.6 km.
Altitude: 2500 m.

Accommodations:
In hotel, San Pedro de Atacama (2500 masl).
Meals: Breakfast at hotel + Snacks.



In the afternoon we'll follow the San Pedro River until we reach the Devil's Throat, from there we start a 2 hour hike through a serpentine clay canyon. We'll see salt and gypsum crystals eroded by the passage of water. We'll exit through Vilama where we can see a couple of petroglyphs. We then return to San Pedro de Atacama, you are free for dinner in town.

After dinner, you'll be picked up from your hotel to visit an astronomical observatory dedicated to tourism. This excursion is divided into three parts: a presentation, a naked eye observation of the sky and a deep space observation through a telescope.
Return to your hotel.





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.

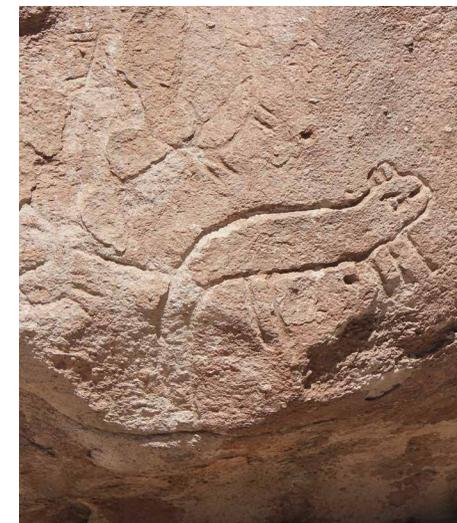
Distance: 100 km.
Trek Death Valley Cliffs: 7.3 km. 2500 m.
Trek Rainbow: 6 km. Max. Altitude: 3300 m.

Accommodations:
In camp, Rainbow Valley (3150 m).
Meals: Breakfast at 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 03



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.

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

FULL DAY





We drive through the Altiplano to reach a valley rich in underground hot springs, from there we start a trek to the Tatio Geysers, finding several pools where it's possible to enjoy a thermal bath. We finish our walk in the Geothermal field.

Then go down for lunch in Putana.

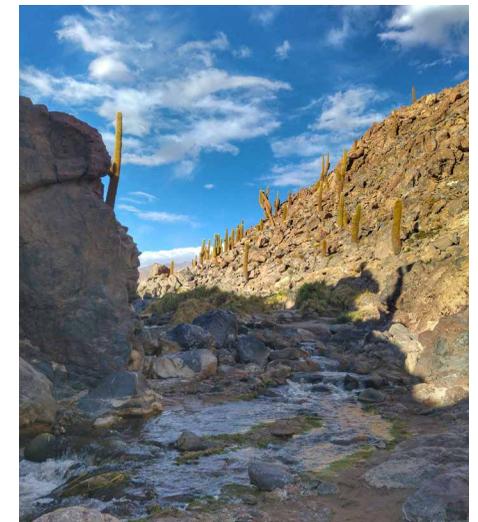
Distance: 150 km.
Trek White Geyser: 4.2 km. Alt.: 4300 m.
Trek Cacti Guatin: 3 km. Alt.: 3200 m.

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



We continue our descent until the town of Guatin where we enter a ravine inhabited by the cardon cactus. This species, now protected, grows only 3 to 6 mm per year and its wood has traditionally been used for construction and handicrafts. We follow down the river in a 2 hour trek through waterfalls and volcanic formations surrounded by nature. We emerge in a sector where there are archaeological remains.

We return to San Pedro.



DAY 05 EXTRA



We return to the Hidden Canyon to spend the night again (end 4th day).

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.

Distance: 150 km.
Start: 4374 m. / Summit: 5400 m.
Walking distance: 11.5 km. / Height Difference: 926 m.

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

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.





2ND DAY. Rainbow Valley.



2ND DAY. Tunnel, Death Valley's Cliffs.



1RST DAY. Devil's Throat.



3RD DAY. Trek Río Grande to Machuca.



1RST DAY. 3 Marys, Moon Valley.



4TH DAY. White Geyser, Tatio.