



SOUNDS AND COLOURS OF THE BIG NORTH 2011

INVITATION TO TRAVEL

Fascinating trip through Northern Chile, following the "archaeological route", which goes from Arica to San Pedro de Atacama, among mummies and geoglyphs, fortresses and colonial churches, revealing unexpected secrets. The folklore of the high-plateau welcomes us with its most colourful celebration, "La Virgen de la Tirana", while the magnificent past of the saltpetre (sodium nitrate) tradition revives in the ghost town of Humberstone.

Duration: 10 days/9 nights

Type of trip: culture & folklore

Lodging: hotel /ecocamp

Difficulty level: For the general public

Recommended period: from March to November. **Upcoming group departure:** from the 12/07/2011 to the 21/07/2011. **Private departures** are available all year round, but the celebration of the "Virgen de la Tirana" only takes place on the mentioned date.

Code of the trip: SN / CLT 05



ITINERARY

1st DAY: ARICA (IN)

12/07/11 Reception at Arica airport and transfer to the hotel. Short visit of the city, the most northern of Chile, and the San Marcos Cathedral, a work of Gustave Eiffel. We drive up to the "Morro" (hill) (130m) and enjoy a nice view of the city, the beaches and the Pacific ocean. Lunch in a typical restaurant and excursion to the Azapa Valley, where we visit a famous museum, one of the best in Chile, which recreates 10000 years of history, from the civilization pre-Chinchorro until the pastors Aymara of our days. Overnight at HOTEL EL SAVONA (3 *) or of similar category according to availability.

Included meals: Lunch

2nd DAY: ARICA – TIGNAMAR – BELEN - PUTRE

13/07/11 In the morning we leave Arica behind and drive toward the high-plateau. We visit the villages of Tignamar (3100m) and Belen (3240m) before we reach Putre, on the road that used to connect Arica to Potosi. Possibility to visit some colonial churches. Arrival in Putre (3500m) in the evening. Overnight at HOTEL Q'ANTATI (3 *) or of similar category according to availability.

Included meals: Breakfast / Lunch or Box-lunch / Dinner

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3rd DAY: PUTRE – CHUNGARÁ - ARICA

14/07/11

In the morning we drive to Lauca National Park, crossing the Bofedal (wetland) of Parinacota to reach Cotacotani Lagoon and Chungará Lake, the highest in the world (4570m). Visit of the village of Parinacota (4392m) and its typical church. In the afternoon we return to Arica, visiting on the way (if possible) the Pukará (fortress) of Copaquilla. Overnight at HOTEL SAVONA (3*) or of similar category according to availability.

Included meals: Breakfast / Box-lunch

4th DAY: ARICA – HUMBERSTONE - IQUIQUE

15/07/11

We leave Arica behind and drive towards Iquique, on a route known for its amazing canyons. On the way we can see the Tivilche Geoglyphs, representing numerous llamas and "arrieros" (shepherds, cowboys). We also visit the "Giant of Atacama", a geoglyph on the Unita hill. It's a huge anthropomorphic figure with 86 meters of heights. Before we reach Iquique we visit the former saltpetre factory of Humberstone, declared World Heritage by UNESCO. We walk on its streets and enter some well preserved buildings, such as the theatre, the grocery store ("pulpería") and the church. Arrival in Iquique in the afternoon. Overnight at HOTEL PRAT STANDARD (4*) or of similar category according to availability.

Included meals: Breakfast / Lunch

5th DAY: IQUIQUE – LA TIRANA –EL HUARANGO

16/07/11

In the morning we go to the village of La Tirana (995m) to enjoy the famous religious feast of the Virgin of Carmen. Groups of colourful masks and typical costumes of the high-plateau walk and dance on the unpaved roads of the village, offering a spectacle that is unique in the country. Numerous fraternities of religious dance come here from different regions of Chile, and even from other countries. Overnight at ECO-CAMP EL HUARANGO or of similar category according to availability.

Included meals: Breakfast / Lunch or Box-lunch / Dinner

6th DAY: EL HUARANGO – GEOGLYPHS OF PINTADOS - PICA - EL HUARANGO

17/07/11

We cross the Pampa del Tamarugal Reserve and visit the Geoglyphs of Pintados, the biggest group of geoglyphs in Chile, with more than 350 figures. We continue to Matilla (1160m) to visit its typical church, recently restored. Afterwards, we go to Pica oasis (1325m), village of pre-Hispanic origin famous for its "cochas", natural pools of warm water where we can have a bath. Return to El Huarango in the afternoon. Overnight at ECO-CAMP EL HUARANGO or of similar category according to availability.

Included meals: Breakfast / Lunch or Box-lunch / Dinner

7th DAY: EL HUARANGO – SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA

18/07/11

Very long transfer. We cross the Atacama desert to reach San Pedro de Atacama, considered Chile's archaeological capital. Overnight at HOTEL CASA DON TOMAS (3*) or of similar category according to availability.

Included meals: Breakfast / Lunch or Box-lunch



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8th DAY: SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA (Quitor, Tolor, Moon Valley)

19/07/11 In the morning we visit the village, its church and the nearby pukará (fortress) of Quitor. We continue to the archaeological site of Tolor, remains of a village dating between 800 BC and AD 500. In the afternoon we go toward the Moon Valley crossing the Death Valley, with a stop at the "Three Maries", curious rocky formation that looks like a statue. We reach the Moon Valley before sunset, to enjoy the charming twilight from the Big Dune. Return to San Pedro. Overnight at HOTEL CASA DON TOMAS (3*) or of similar category according to availability.

Included meals: Breakfast / Lunch

9th DAY: SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA (High-plateau lagoons, Salt flat)

20/07/11 Excursion to the high-plateau and to the lagoons Miscanti (4200m) and Miñiques, famous for their deep blue colour and the spectacular view of the nearby peaks. On the way back we visit the village of Toconao, and also Chaxa Lagoon at sunset, where we can watch colonies of flamingos. Return to San Pedro. Overnight at HOTEL CASA DON TOMAS (3*) or of similar category according to availability.

Included meals: Breakfast / Lunch or Box-Lunch

10th DAY: SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA – TATIO – CALAMA (OUT)

21/07/11 Early morning departure to Tatio Geysers (4321m), well-known for the steaming vents and pools of boiling water. Possibility to have a bath in a natural pool. We go down to Calama, visiting the villages of Caspana (3305m) and Chiu Chiu (2525m), whose ancient church dates from the XVII century. Arrival in the airport of Calama in the afternoon and return flight.

END OF OUR SERVICES.

Included meals: Breakfast / Lunch



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EQUIPMENT LIST:

CLOTHING:

- Sun hat
- Wool hat
- Pile lining. Jacket or sweatshirt
- T-shirts
- Gloves
- Trekking comfortable trousers
- Shorts
- Socks
- Underwear
- Swimsuit and towel
- Tennis shoes, sandals.

ADDITIONAL ACCESSORIES:

- Day pack (30 lt)
- Sung glasses
- Sun screen: Sun cream and lip screen.
- Personal First Aid Kit.
- Personal Toiletries: wet towels, soap, etc.
- Photographic equipment

ENJOY THE TRIP!



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RATES valid for the group departure of 12/07/11 only (with English/Spanish speaking guide):

05-12 PERSONS	US\$ 2590/person
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Single room supplement: US\$ 410
Single tent supplement: US\$ 50

SUPPLEMENT FOR GROUP OF 3 AND 4 PERSONS: US\$ 400 /person
SUPPLEMENT FOR GROUP OF 2 PERSONS: US\$ 940/ person

RATES valid for private departures with bilingual guide
(English/Spanish/French/Italian speaking according to the availability)

02 PERSONS:	US\$ 3790 /PERS
03-04 PERSONS:	US\$ 3120 /PERS
05 PERSONS:	US\$ 2690 /PERS
06 PERSONS:	US\$ 2430 /PERS
07 PERSONS:	US\$ 2230 /PERS
08 PERSONS:	US\$ 2090 /PERS
09 PERSONS:	US\$ 1970 /PERS
10 PERSONS:	US\$ 1870 /PERS
11 PERSONS:	US\$ 1790 /PERS
12 PERSONS:	US\$ 1730 /PERS

Single room supplement: US\$ 410
Single tent supplement: US\$ 50



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The rates include:

• Accommodation in the mentioned or similar hotels (DOUBLE/TRIPLE ROOM BASIS). Local standard.
• Accommodation at Ecocamp El Huarango or similar (DOUBLE/TRIPLE sleeping tent. Fully equipped tent including beds, sheets, blankets, pillows, towels)
• Meals as mentioned in the program
• Private transportation during the whole program
• Local bilingual guide(s) during the program (languages according to the rates)
• Museum and Park fees as mentioned in the program

The rates DO NOT include:

• Flights and taxes
• Alcoholic and soft drinks during the meals at restaurant/hotel
• Single room/tent supplement
• Personal equipment
• Personal Insurance
• Tips
• Services NOT mentioned in the program

The rates are valid from the 01/01/2011 until the 31/12/2011 except in case of a big variation in the USD exchange conditions in Chile. Thanks for reading our general sales conditions.