



ADVENTURE UNLIMITED IN SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA 2011/12

INVITATION TO TRAVEL:

We invite you to discover the village of San Pedro de Atacama (2400 m) and its highlights through different activities: hiking, mountain biking and horseback riding. You will explore in a different way the Moon Valley, the Salty Mountain Range, the lagoons Miscanti & Miñiques, the Atacama salt flat, Puritama hot springs and Tatio geysers. All this without forgoing the comfort of a good hotel. We wait for you!

Duration: 5 days/4 nights

Type of trip: multi-activity

Lodging: hosteria (hostelry)/hotel

Difficulty level: mild

Recommended period: all year round

Code of the program: SN / MUL 02 A



ITINERARY:

1st DAY: CALAMA (IN) – SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA

Reception at Calama airport and transfer to San Pedro de Atacama. In the afternoon short walk (4 hours approximately, not difficult at all) in the Salty mountain range, which is 23 millions years old. We can observe some impressive mineral sculptures made of salt and clay, carved by the wind and the rain. Arrival at the Moon Valley, where we enjoy an amazing sunset. It's a superb spectacle! Overnight at HOTEL CASA DE DON TOMAS 3* or of similar category according to availability.

Meals not included

2nd DAY: SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA – ATACAMA SALT FLAT – LAGOONS MISCANTI & MIÑIQUES – SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA

Full day excursion to the Atacama Salt flat (2305 m) and to the lagoons Miñiques & Miscanti (4200 m). The salt flat is the biggest in Chile; its surface is more than 3.000 km². The air is here extremely dry, which makes the view perfectly clear: it's actually possible to see the other side of the salt flat, approximately 70 kms away. Under the salt flat there is a lake, covered by a thick and rough crust of salt, containing 40% of the world's lithium reserves (mineral used in some hi-Tec industries, and exploited in the southern sector of the salt flat). Visit of Lagoon Chaxa, where we can watch colonies of flamingos, before we continue to the magnificent lagoons Miñiques y Miscanti on the high-plateau. They are just on the foot of 2 homonymous mountains (Mt. Miñiques: 5910 m and Mt. Miscanti: 5622 m). The contrasts in colours are amazing: deep blue lagoons surrounded by a white strip, yellow vegetation on red and black

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rocks, snow on the mountain against the blue sky. Return to San Pedro de Atacama, visiting on the way the village of Toconao, an oasis in the middle of the desert known for the production of a huge variety of fruits (due to the lack of arsenic in its waters). At the entrance of the village there is a dam and also two cultivation areas: a plain one, which is a sunny soil where fruits are produced; and the Jerez canyon, narrower and more shadowed, where the runoff flows. The pattern of the cultivation area is the typical pre-Hispanic, made of hundreds of little irregular farms, with a common irrigation system. Visit of the small village and of its interesting constructions built with a local stone called "liparita". Return to San Pedro in the afternoon. Overnight at HOTEL CASA DE DON TOMAS 3* or similar of the same category according to availability.

Included meals: Breakfast / Lunch o Box lunch

3rd DAY: SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA – PURITAMA HOT SPRINGS – SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA

Short transfer to Guatín, starting point of our hike to the Puritama hot springs (3500 m) along the homonymous river. We enjoy a pleasant thermal bath in different open air pools with 30° water (approximately 2 hours and a half hike). Descent to the village of San Pedro de Atacama by mountain bike (30 km, unpaved road). Overnight at HOTEL CASA DE DON TOMAS 3* or similar of the same category according to availability.

Included meals: Breakfast / Box lunch

4th DAY: SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA

Horse ride (aprox. 4 hours) in the area of Quito, Salty mountain range, Death Valley and "Tiempo" Valley. Return to San Pedro de Atacama. Free afternoon. Overnight at HOSTERÍA SAN PEDRO 3* or similar of the same category according to availability.

Included meals: Breakfast / Lunch o Box lunch

5th DAY: SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA – TATIO GEYSERS – CALAMA (OUT)

Early morning departure (approximately at 4 AM) for the excursion to the Tatio Geysers (4320 m) located on a chalky plateau and surrounded by volcanoes. The scenery at sunrise is unique, with steaming vents and 10 meters high geysers! Breakfast among the vents. Transfer to Calama visiting on the way the village of Caspana: surrounded by fertile valleys and cultivation terraces, it is a very typical village for the architecture in a local stone called liparita and known for the production of flowers and vegetables. Afterwards we visit Lasana and its Pukará (fortress) and the village of Chiu-Chiu, whose nice church is one of the most ancient in Chile. Transfer to the airport of Calama.

Included meals: Breakfast / Lunch o Box lunch

END OF OUR SERVICES.

Note: The order of the excursions may change due to the weather conditions and the skills of the participants.

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EQUIPMENT LIST:

CLOTHING:

- Sun hat
- Wool or pile ski hat
- Pile lining. Jacket or sweatshirt
- Waterproof jacket / Gore-Tex
- T-shirts
- Gloves
- Trekking trousers
- Shorts
- Socks
- Underwear
- Swimsuit and towel
- Trekking shoes
- Tennis shoes, sandals

ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

- Day pack (30-40 lt)
- Sun 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

02	PERSONS:	US\$ 2195 p/person
03	PERSONS:	US\$ 1700 p/person
04	PERSONS:	US\$ 1650 p/person
05	PERSONS:	US\$ 1450 p/person
06	PERSONS:	US\$ 1340 p/person
07	PERSONS:	US\$ 1250 p/person
08	PERSONS:	US\$ 1180 p/person
09	PERSONS:	US\$ 1130 p/person
10	PERSONS:	US\$ 1090 p/person

Single room supplement: US\$ 280

The rates include:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bilingual guide(s) during the whole program (English/French/Spanish speaking). Other languages subject to availability |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transportation in private vehicle(s) |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accommodation at the mentioned hotel or of similar category according to availability in San Pedro de Atacama (DOUBLE/TRIPLE room basis). Local standard. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meals as mentioned in the program |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drinks with box-lunch |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Entrance fee to the sites mentioned in the program |

The rates do not include:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Flights and taxes |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meals not mentioned in the program (consider approximately US\$ 15-20/meal/person) |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alcoholic and soft drinks during the meals at restaurants/hotels |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Single room supplement |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Personal equipment |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Travel insurance |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tips |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Services NOT mentioned in the program |

The rates are valid from the 01/07/2011 until the 30/06/2012 except in case of a big variation in the USD exchange conditions in Chile. Thanks for reading our general sales conditions.

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