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Chile | Fascinating Chile | San Pedro de Atacama



Destinations: San Pedro de Atacama

Length: 4 Days / 3 Nights

San Pedro is an ancestral village that has remained unchanged by time. You will be thrilled by this surprising landscape that combines natural wonders with age-old archaeological ruins. The starting point of our trip is the lovely village of San Pedro de Atacama; a breathtaking oasis right in the heart of the desert. San Pedro de Atacama interestingly is home to a beautiful well-preserved 18th Century church, and the famous Le Paige Archaeological Museum, which contains pieces of over 3000 years old. You will travel through this magical region in the company of Condor Travel Chile – our specialized travel agency in the area and discover the breathtaking Valley of the Moon, the Atacama salt-flat and its singular lagoons inhabited by local fauna.

Detailed Itinerary:

Day 1

Arrival to San Pedro de Atacama – Moon Valley

Upon arrival, we offer a welcoming reception and will transfer you to the hotel

Shapes of the dawn, Moon Valley (3 hours)

Visit a place with beautiful shapes and colors located at 8km from San Pedro de Atacama, where we can walk and enjoy a great geological spectacle that has been repeatedly compared with the surface of the moon, with its angular geology and rocks sculpted by millenniums of erosion. Visit the salt caverns before climbing the mayor sand dune where we can marvel at the kaleidoscope of colors that appear over the Andes at sunset. Return to your hotel.

Accommodation at the hotel



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Day 2

San Pedro de Atacama - Visit Toconao & Atacama Salt Lake

Morning at leisure

Toconao & Atacama Saltflat (4 hours)

We will visit the Toconao town located at 2,475 meters of altitude. It is an oasis, in where people cultivate all types of fruit. In front of its square are the Church and Bell tower of San Lucas, declared a National Monument. It occupies an extension of 100 kilometers in length by 80 of wide. The salt is product of the underground water outcrop that, saturated of salts, evaporates leaving scabs rich in salt and minerals. The rivers fed by Andean snows traverse the area allowing the creation of multiple oasis's. This is the place where the "Atacameño" culture was developed. The air is extraordinarily dry here, which gives it a perfect transparency. The salt scab has been opened to leave space to small lagoons that are favorite habitat of aquatic birds, particularly Flamingoes, Taguas and Guallatas. The most important is the Chaxa lagoon. The Atacama saltlake is located in the center of the most barren desert of the world. Salt fields and salt lakes are abundant in this place. It is well-known for its strong winds due to its proximity with the Pacific Ocean and the Andes mountains. We will continue our tour by the great Atacama saltflat, which has a surface of 12,000 km² and of immense beauty. We will have the opportunity to admire the great variety of flamingoes and migratory birds that have found in the enormous salt their natural habitat; these birds provide a very peculiar atmosphere to the sector. Here we will be able to find a great amount of salt similar to ocean salt; this phenomenon has allowed diverse animals like reptiles, insects and birds live here. At the end of this trip we will admire a spectacular sunset, enjoying the silence and the peace of the salt before returning to the hotel.

Accommodation at the hotel

Day 3

San Pedro de Atacama - Tatio Geysers

Daybreak up in the El Tatio Geysers (7 hours)

Early morning departure for an excursion to El Tatio Geysers, a geothermal field flanked by soaring Andean peaks. At just under 14,000', this is one of the higher geyser fields in the world. At dawn, powerful spurts of steam erupt out of the ground through various blowholes, and the vision of the steaming geysers against the deep blue desert sky may be one of your most enduring memories of your visit here. Short hikes through the geothermal field. Full-day tour. Return to your hotel.

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Day 4

San Pedro de Atacama – Departure

At the scheduled time, we will transfer you to the airport in Calama to take your departure flight.

End Of Our Services