



CHILE

Trip Extension to the Atacama Desert

Extend your program / 6 days

The Atacama Desert extends from the southern border of Peru into northern Chile. The bare and lunar-like landscapes of the desert come to life each day when the sun covers the sand dunes with vivid colors and textures.

Known as the driest place on earth, some parts of Atacama's 600 mile stretch have no known record rainfall. The dry atmosphere preserves everything, including the beautiful colonial center in the town of San Pedro de Atacama, your homebase during this extension.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Witness the quiet beauty of the incredible Atacama Desert.
- Experience the majesty of Moon Valley in the Salt Mountains.
- Visit the 3,000 year old ruins of Pucara of Quito and the Cordillera de la Sal Arrival at Tulo.
- Trek to the bubbling geysers of El Tatio.
- Stop at the picturesque town of Machuca Village.
- Stay at the Hotel Altiplanico San Pedro de Atacama.

ITINERARY

BLD = BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER

DAY 1 - SANTIAGO

Upon arrival in Santiago, walk over to the Holiday Inn Santiago for overnight.

DAY 2 - ATACAMA

This morning walk back to the airport for your flight to Calama. Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to Hotel Terrantai or similar in San Pedro de Atacama for a three day, four night package. The hotel is located about three blocks from downtown San Pedro de Atacama, on the road to the Pukara de Quitor. The hotel offers guests one of the most typical and beautiful architectures of San Pedro de Atacama. *Overnight at Hotel Terrantai or similar. (B)*

DAY 3 - ATACAMA

Begin with breakfast at the hotel, followed by a half day archaeological tour. Visit Pucara of Quitor and the Cordillera de la Sal Arrival at Tulo ruins, estimated to be more than 3,000 years old. Without a doubt, archaeology is an important source in understanding the history of Atacama since it was inhabited by man. Return to San Pedro by the Ayllu Sequitor. This evening enjoy your tour to Moon Valley and Death Valley. This evening visit Moon Valley, one of the most visited places in San Pedro. Located approximately 17 km from San Pedro's downtown in the Salt Mountains area, Moon Valley is a fascinating area to visit. Stone and sand formations here have been impacted by years of floods and winds, adding a variety of colors and textures to the desert. From a great dune, take the opportunity to appreciate the beautiful landscapes here, similar in surface to the moon. The Moon Valley has dry lakes where the salt composition covers the desert with a beautiful white mantle, escarpments of green, blue, red, and yellow surprise with their diverse and surprising forms, and the sun creates tones in thousands of different forms during the day, particularly in the twilight hours. On nights when the moon is full, the valley also presents an indescribable majesty and silence, coldly beautiful and imposing. *Overnight at Hotel Terrantai or similar. (B)*

DAY 4 - ATACAMA

Today you will have a full day tour to visit Tatio geyser field and Machuca Village. Depart early in the

morning from the hotel, arriving at 7 a.m. at El Tatio. Located 55 miles from San Pedro at 13,780 ft above sea level, El Tatio is one of the highest geyser fields in the world. In the early hours it presents impressive steam fumarole activity produced by the high temperatures of its watery craters. It is surrounded by hills that reach 19,650 ft. After breakfast, trek to the different geysers with the opportunity to swim in the hot springs pool. The spectacular scenes of the geysers of San Pedro de Atacama are one of the most attractive and impressive to visit. Return to the hotel via Machuca, a picturesque little town of Atacama pastors. *Overnight at Hotel Terrantai or similar. (B)*

DAY 5 - SANTIAGO

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Santiago. Upon arrival in Santiago, connect with your international flight home, or we can arrange a transfer to a hotel. *(B)*

PROGRAM PRICING

\$1,655 (based on double occupancy)

\$1,450 (based on double occupancy with 3-6 traveling together)

\$667 (single supplement)

\$67 (triple reduction)

Price includes: accommodations, breakfasts, transfers, guide, and tours as stated in the itinerary.

Price does not include: airfare, gratuities, meals not indicated, and optional activities, items of a personal nature, or departure tax.

Valid for travel in 2015 and 2016.

THE FINE PRINT

Rates are based on availability of the hotel; if room type is not available, your agent can make necessary itinerary and price changes. Rates for other hotels in the area are available. Holiday surcharges may apply. Program may incur unforeseen fuel surcharges. A \$200 per person deposit and enrollment form is due upon booking. This deposit is refundable until 95 days prior to departure excluding a \$100 cancellation fee. Final payments are due no later than 95 days prior to departure. Cancellations received less than 95 days prior to departure are not refundable. Traveltrip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. For more information call Travel Insured at 800-243-3174 or visit www.travelinsured.com. Holbrook Travel's agency number is 15849.

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