

CHILE - 4 DAY AWASI ATACAMA LODGE



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INTRODUCTION

Have you ever dreamed of paradise, tucked away among an oasis on the desert and clear blue skies? Awasi isn't far from that dream. It is the only hotel in South America that offers a service tailored 100% to your needs. Whether you want a romantic getaway, an unforgettable adventure or to immerse yourself in the fascinating local culture, Awasi can provide all this and more.

Your own personal concierge will look after you from the moment you arrive at Awasi, taking care of your reservation and designing a customized trip catered to your interests. With only ten beautiful cottages and an exclusive restaurant, this is one of Latin America's most sought after lodge experiences.

ITINERARY

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DAY 1: Transfer from the airport to San Pedro de Atacama

During your stay at Awasi Atacama, you will have the opportunity to explore the breathtaking scenery of the Atacama Desert and the cultural heritage of the region by participating in a variety of full and half-day excursions. Our expert guides will assist you in choosing the right activities based on your interests and energy levels. Awasi Atacama Lodge offers a range of excursions including panoramic drives, walks, hikes and cultural experiences. You will have the opportunity to see Geysers, valleys, canyons, petroglyphs, giant cacti, Flamingos, vicunas, and foxes. *Awasi Atacama Lodge includes most activities but does have a limited number of “extra cost” activities, which will be at the client’s own cost and paid locally. The small oasis town of San Pedro de Atacama lies on an arid high plateau in the Andes Mountains in the heart of some of northern Chile’s most spectacular scenery. Overlooking the Licancabur Volcano, its dramatic surrounding landscape ranges from desert, salt flats, steaming geysers and hot springs to fascinating rock formations. The church, dating back to 1774 and featuring adobe, cactus wood and leather-bound beams and the Archaeological Museum are both worth a visit.



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DAY 2: Activities in Atacama Desert

During your stay at Awasi Atacama, you will have the opportunity to explore the breathtaking scenery of the Atacama Desert and the cultural heritage of the region by participating in a variety of full and half-day excursions. Our knowledgeable guides will be there to help you select activities that align with your interests and energy levels. With a diverse array of excursions available, including panoramic drives, walks, hikes, and cultural experiences, we cater to every preference. Prepare to witness the mesmerizing sights of geysers, valleys, canyons, petroglyphs, towering cacti, elegant flamingos, graceful vicuñas, and elusive foxes. *This itinerary serves as a sample and can be tailored to meet the unique needs and preferences of each client. Embark on a captivating full-day adventure as you delve into the rich history and natural wonders of the Atacama region. The day begins with a fascinating Walking Tour of San Pedro, a two-hour exploration that unveils the town's vibrant heritage. Discover the Archaeological Museum, town square, church, house of Pedro de Valdivia, the bustling craft market, and the main street, gaining insights into the local culture and traditions. Next, venture to the awe-inspiring Moon Valley, a mere 15-minute drive from Awasi. Witness the surreal lunar landscape shaped by the relentless forces of wind and rain. Marvel at the sprawling dunes, rugged mountains, and unique rock formations that converge to form a realm of otherworldly beauty. As the sun begins to set, be captivated by the ever-changing hues that paint the horizon, casting an ethereal glow over the entire valley. The tour then takes you to the historic town of Tulo, one of the earliest and most significant Atacamenian settlements, dating back to 800 BC. Explore the excavation site of the ruins and marvel at the reconstructed original homes, gaining a deeper understanding of the ancient Atacama civilization.



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DAY 3: Activities in Atacama Desert

Embark on full-day excursion to the captivating towns of Toconao and Socaire, followed by an unforgettable visit to the stunning Miscanti and Miñiques Lagoons within the breathtaking Los Flamencos National Reserve. The journey begins as you venture to the charming town of Toconao, known for its unique masonry and architecture that reflects the rich heritage of the region. Explore its cultural treasures and soak in the local atmosphere before continuing the expedition to Socaire, another picturesque village renowned for its historical significance and terraced plantations. Prepare to be amazed as you arrive at the magnificent Miscanti and Miñiques Lagoons, located within the pristine confines of the Los Flamencos National Reserve. The intense blue hues of these enchanting lagoons create a striking contrast against the surrounding landscapes. As you immerse yourself in this natural wonder, be captivated by the diverse birdlife that calls these lagoons home. Look out for the graceful Andean and Chilean flamingos, elegant silvery grebes, and the vibrant greenish yellow finch.



DAY 4: Awasi Atacama Lodge - Departure

This morning is at leisure. After lunch you will be transferred from Awasi Atacama Lodge to Calama airport to connect with your onward flight.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Luxury Lodge
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Inclusions	Transfers airport – hotel – airport. Check in at 4pm. The lunch of the day IN is not included. Lodging at selected room. Breakfast, lunch, appetizer and dinner. Alcohol or non-alcohol drinks. Daily, a la carte private excursions with jeep and private guide per room. Use of the pool. Check out at 12PM. Lunch included the last day.
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Available upon request
Notes	Contact us for more details
Price Dependent upon	Season and Availability.

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SUSTAINABILITY

Chimu Adventures undertakes a number of sustainability measures within its operations including:

- 1) Only using local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprints. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you’re visiting.
- 2) Where possible, using locally owned and operated boutique hotels to maximise the return to the local community.
- 3) Chimu’s “Pass it on” programme has provided funding to hundreds of local community projects in Latin America. Our aim is to empower local communities, helping them to develop their own infrastructure for the future. Since 2006, we have been working with Kiva (a well-known Non-Governmental Organisation), providing hundreds of loans to local businesses all over South America.
- 4) In our pre tour information we provide a range of tips and advice on how to minimise your impact on both local environments and communities.
- 5) Chimu Adventures’ offices also take a number of sustainability measures including carbon offsets for company vehicles and most staff travel. Chimu Adventure’s internal processes are also structures to create a paperless office and to reduce waste. There are also internal programmes to help staff minimise their carbon footprint such as our staff bike purchase assistance plan which encourages office staff to commute to work via bicycle. Currently almost half of our office based staff commute to work via bicycle.