

CHILE - EXPLORA ATACAMA



INTRODUCTION

BOOK AND SAVE: Up to 25%* off per person (based on twin share) on select dates.

Located in the oasis of San Pedro de Atacama, Explora Atacama was built on a 17-hectare plot. Choose from over 40 exploration routes to make the most out of your Atacama Desert experience. Constructed as the perfect base for your exploration, the lodgings are designed to blend in with the landscape and to give travelers a comfortable place to relax and reoperate after a day of exploring. Explora Atacama offers a unique experience to its guests for a cultural escape nestled in spectacular scenery. This property is located in the desert, the Andes highlands and many other natural wonders you are surrounded by. Explora Atacama features its own horses and stables and an in-house observatory where guided stargazing observations take place. Treat yourself to refreshing dive into one of the swimming pools. Or visit one of the open-air jacuzzis, saunas or steam rooms to relax and unwind. Get a good night's rest in the comfortable rooms or suites which are blended into the landscape with views to the gardens. **Choose from 2 nights stay or more, contact us for details.**

Highlights Include:

Punta del Inca Hike- Take a van to Guat n, a grazing area and junction point of the Puritama and Purifica rivers, and source of the Vilama River. There, walk along a canyon known as the Valley of the Cacti due to the existence of giant cacti. Cut cross the canyon crossing the river several times and descending along different waterfalls.

Tambo Bike Ride - Bike ride to the Catarpe Valley. Ride up to Cuchabrache, through an old road that crosses the Salt Ridge. Ride through plaster and crystallized salt creeks. This exploration includes seeing part of the local culture and petroglyphs, as well as the San Isidro chapel.

Cyebca del Salar - Leave in a van to Toconao, located to the south of San Pedro de Atacama. Walk to the village square and then through an area of vegetable gardens.

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Finally, take a van to the Chaxa Lagoon, located in the Los Flamencos National Reserve, an ideal place for bird watching within Atacama's Salt Flat.

Cucuter - Horseback ride to the Moon Valley, explore its clay grounds, and see landscapes that seem to be from another world. Afterwards, go for lunch to the ayllu in CÃcuter, an oasis whose colors contrast with the desert landscape and where the whitish colors of Atacama salt flat begin to appear.

The Explora Experience

Explora has properties in Patagonia, Atacama, Easter Island and Chiloe Island. All accommodations are built right in the middle of the awe-inspiring areas surrounded by spectacular nature. The Explora functions as the headquarters of your trip from where you can choose from a plethora of activities included in your stay. You will be accompanied by expert guides and comfortable in the unique lodgings offered. Explora proposes a way of travelling based on in-depth exploration matched with an essence of luxury and high-end service. With over 150 excursions, you can truly personalise your experience and immerse yourself in all these South American locations have to offer, from culture, to nature to relaxation. Discover other Explora properties here: [Explora Sacred Valley](#), [Explora Rapa Nui](#), [Explora Patagonia](#).

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrive Atacama Desert

Welcome to the Atacama Desert. Upon arrival in Calama, you will be transferred to San Pedro de Atacama (1.5 hours, shared with other hotel guests). 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. Our exquisite lodge nestled in the captivating oasis of San Pedro de Atacama, located in the Ayllu de Larache, a place steeped in the rich history of ancient Atacameño families. Immerse yourself in the unparalleled beauty of this adobe town, surrounded by the awe-inspiring wonders of the desert. Dinner will be served at the hotel. During this time, our knowledgeable guides will present you with a selection of optional activities available for the following day. *Explora Atacama includes most activities, however additional activities will incur additional costs, which are to be paid locally by the client.



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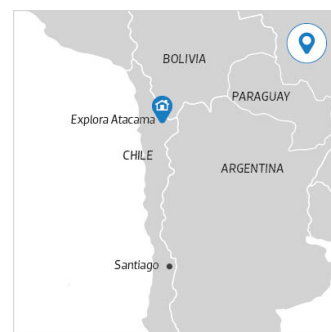
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DAY 2: Exploring the Atacama Desert

At Explora Atacama, a diverse range of onsite activities awaits, catering to your specific interests and allowing the creation of a personalized experience in the awe-inspiring Atacama Desert. Whether you seek contemplative excursions, thrilling adventure experiences, or engaging cultural activities, our suggested options are available for you to choose from throughout your stay. These thoughtfully crafted activities are designed to immerse guests in the unique wonders of the region, ensuring an unforgettable and tailor-made journey during their time at Alto Atacama. *Please note that the following itinerary description is provided as a sample and may vary based on the individual interests and preferences of each guest. Start your day with a fulfilling breakfast before embarking on an exciting biking adventure through the enchanting Catarpe Valley. Marvel at the awe-inspiring views of the distant Licancabur Volcano as you navigate the valley's picturesque landscapes. Afterward, return to the hotel for a delicious lunch, refueling for the afternoon's exploration. In the afternoon, venture to the renowned Atacama salt flats, a short journey away. Discover the mineral-rich Cejar Lagoons, where you can experience the unique sensation of floating amidst the breathtaking backdrop of volcanoes and the vast desert. As the sun sets, witness the sky transform into a canvas of pastel colors, creating a serene atmosphere. After a delectable dinner at the hotel, embark on an unforgettable Astronomy tour. Marvel at the clarity of the Atacama night sky, guided by experts who will help you unravel the celestial wonders above. Engage with a knowledgeable guide to plan your activities for the following day, ensuring that your Atacama experience is tailored to your preferences. With each moment thoughtfully curated, your time in this captivating region will be nothing short of extraordinary.



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DAY 3: Exploring the Atacama Desert

Embark on an early morning expedition to the awe-inspiring Tatio Geysers, situated 90 km Northwest of our location at a staggering altitude of 4,300 meters above sea level. Witness the mesmerizing spectacle as over 100 geysers erupt, shooting water and steam up to an astounding height of 50 meters. On the return journey, descend through a picturesque landscape adorned with the presence of guanacos, vicuñas, elegant flamingo-like birds, and playful rodents. After savoring a delightful outdoor breakfast, you have the option to indulge in the soothing thermal waters of the Puritama Hot Springs, providing a blissful retreat for relaxation and rejuvenation. In the afternoon, traverse the striking Cordillera de la Sal, the Salt Mountain Range, to reach the renowned Valle de la Luna, the Valley of the Moon. Just 19 km from San Pedro de Atacama, this extraordinary valley presents a lunar-like landscape adorned with small yet jagged hills sculpted by the relentless forces of wind. Visit during the late afternoon, as the setting sun bathes the valley in a mesmerizing palette of colors, accentuating its ethereal beauty.



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DAY 4: Depart Explora Atacama

After breakfast, you will be transferred to Calama Airport for your onward flight



INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Luxury
Inclusions	Not Available
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Available upon request. Contact us for more details.

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Notes

All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice.
This is a Tailor-Made itinerary which can be customised to create your own unique journey. Contact us to discuss your travel plans.

Price Dependent upon

Season and availability

SUSTAINABILITY

Being environmentally accountable is a crucial part of our organisation. Chimu is currently striving towards using less paper, taking several initiatives to do so and tracking our progress along the way. Our goal: A paperless organisation. For this reason, all information given to you will be sent electronically. We encourage those who choose to travel with us to support our aspirations and actions and ask that you reconsider printing out documentation. To view these documents, you can download them to your iPad or portable computer before and during your trip.

Chimu is passionate and dedicated to sustainability measures and understands the crucial part sustainability plays within the tourism industry.

We use local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprint. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you're visiting. Our guides are all highly qualified (most with university degrees) or equip with many years of experience and are paid above the standard wage. Whether it be our knowledgeable local guides, locally produced meals or the transport on tour, we do not use imported goods when local products are available. We aim to minimise our impact on the environment and give as much back as possible to the communities we work in.

While visiting the many national parks, heritage sites, museums and landmarks our travellers are encouraged to explore remain culturally aware and sensitive. We further encourage you to buy appropriate souvenirs and discourage the buying of anything wrongfully made or taken from the environment i.e. shells and endangered species products. Information on how you can be environmentally conscious, and travel responsibly will be made available in our Travellers Guides and provided during your travels by guides and staff.

For more information on our sustainability policies, including how we are striving towards being a paperless organisation, click [HERE](#)

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