



NAYARA

ALTO ATACAMA

Chile

TOUR BOOK

All of our tours have been designed to allow a genuine connection with the desert highland plains.



Cultural and Local tradition

- Lican Antai Culture
- Rainbow Valley Hike (Half day)



Contemplative

- Atacama Salt Flat and Toconao Village
- Tatio Geysers
- Pacana Monks
- High Plateau Lagoons
- Sunset Ckamur Sunset
- Mars Valley
- Cejar Lagoon



Astronomical

- Andean Astronomy



Adventure

- Jauna Trek
- Cactus Hike
- Devil's Throat
- Vilama | Devil's Throat
- Rock Art
- Rainbow Valley Hike (Full Day)



Additional cost excursions

- Mountain Climb
- Puritama Hot Springs

What to bring?

A RECOMMENDED



First and second layer



Shorts / Short trekking trousers



Hiking shoes



Backpack and personal carry bag



Camera



Binoculars



Water bottle



Factor 30+ sun cream

B DURING SUN EXPOSURE



Hat



Sunglasses

C LOW TEMPERATURES



Jacket



Third layer



Windbreaker



Wooley hat



Snood



Gloves/mittens



Balaclava

D MOUNTAINEERING



Crampons



Walking sticks

E WATER



Swimsuit



Sandals



CULTURAL EXCURSIONS

The first traces of human activity in the area date back more than 10 thousand years. Since then, the Atacama Desert has continued to be a hub of human interaction, a commercial crossroads for Andean peoples and a proud cradle of Ancient cultural heritage. These tours offer guests the opportunity to explore the legacy left by indigenous populations, from the Lican Antai, to the Tiwanaku people, and later the Inca. This is a chance to understand the heritage of these local hosts a little better.



◆ LICAN ANTAI CULTURE

The Tulo Village, located a few kilometers from San Pedro de Atacama, is an important archaeological site dating back over 3,000 years. It was one of the first villages built by the Atacameño people, and its ruins consist of a series of circular adobe dwellings that show how its inhabitants lived in the desert. The layout of the dwellings and their architecture reflect an organized society adapted to the extreme conditions of the desert. The site offers a unique glimpse into the ancient history of the region.

Duration: Half day

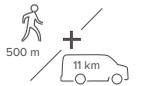
Difficulty: Medium

Altitude: 2.480 m

Acclimatization: None

What to bring: A

Distance: 500 mt / 0.3 mi
+ 11 km/6.89 mi



◆ RAINBOW VALLEY HIKE (Half day)

This unique landscape is the result of erosion and climate changes that have affected the region, creating an almost surreal environment. In addition to its visual beauty, the Rainbow Valley offers visitors the opportunity to explore a peaceful and stunning natural setting.

Duration: Half day

Difficulty: Medium

Altitude: 3.250 m

Acclimatization: None

What to bring: A

Distance: 1 km / 0.7 mi
+ 115 km / 71.45 mi





CONTEMPLATIVES EXCURSIONS

Our excursions are designed to offer an initial and deep immersion into the diverse geography, nature, and culture of the Atacama Desert. Many of them do not require prior acclimatization and involve little physical effort. Others, on the other hand, require a couple of days for acclimatization. These routes have been carefully crafted by our guides to ensure that guests fully experience the desert and begin to unravel its ancient mysteries



◆ ATACAMA SALT FLAT AND TOCONAO VILLAGE

This Laguna Chaxa is one of the main attractions within the Los Flamencos National Reserve, in San Pedro de Atacama, Chile. This saltwater lagoon, located about 50 km south of the town, is famous for its surreal landscapes and as a habitat for various bird species, including flamingos. The water is saline, and the surrounding arid environment of the Atacama Desert adds to its unique beauty.

On the other hand, Toconao is a small and picturesque village located about 35 km from San Pedro de Atacama. This village is known for its volcanic stone buildings, especially the San Lucas church, which was built in 1750.

Duration: Medium day

Difficulty: Easy

Altitude: 2.300 m

Acclimatization: None

What to bring: A Distance:

700mts + 64 km / 39.76 mi



Duration: Full day

Difficulty: Medium

Altitude: 4600 m

Acclimatization: 2 days

What to bring: A B C

Distance: 100 km / 62.13 mi



*Breakfast included

*Minimum of 12 years of age

◆ TATIO GEYSERS

The Tatio Geysers are an impressive geothermal field located about 90 km north of San Pedro de Atacama, in the Antofagasta region of Chile. At an altitude of approximately 4,300 meters above sea level, this natural phenomenon is one of the highest in the world. The area is home to over 80 geysers, which emit steam and hot gases, creating a mystical and surreal atmosphere, especially during the early morning hours when the temperatures are colder and the steam rises spectacularly.

The best time to visit is at sunrise, as the contrast with the soft sunlight creates a stunning visual spectacle.





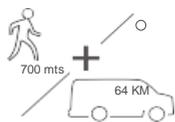
◆ PACANA MONKS

This is one of the routes that takes you deep into the landscapes of the Andes Mountains. The first stop is the Quepiaco wetlands, where you can spot a large number of animals and various types of birds. Finally, we visit the immense rock formations that rise from the desert, resembling human figures, known as the "Monks of the Pacana."

Duration: Full day
Difficulty: Medium
Altitude: 4.500 m
Acclimatization: 2 days
What to bring: A B C
Distance: 115 km / 71.45 mi

*Lunch included
*Minimum of 12 years of age

Duration: Full day
Difficulty: Medium
Altitude: 4.120 m
Acclimatization: 2 days
What to bring: A B C
Distance: 700mts + 125
km / 77.67 mi



*Lunch included
*Minimum of 12 years of age

◆ HIGH PLATEAU LAGOONS

The journey begins heading southeast from San Pedro. The first stop is at the exact point where the Tropic of Capricorn crosses, a path once traveled by the Inca Trail, which connected the empire from Ecuador to southern Chile. The route continues to Socaire, a village known for its church and terraces used to grow quinoa and purple potatoes. From there, we ascend to the high-altitude Miscanti and Miñiques lagoons: crystal-clear waters fed by ancient meltwaters, acting as mirrors to reflect the vastness of the high mountain range, as well as the local flora and fauna.

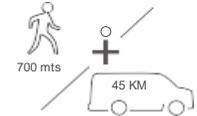




◆ CKAMUR SUNSET

One of the most scenic places in the area, located at the Salt Mountain Range and about 22 km away from San Pedro de Atacama. We will visit a set of landscapes of incomparable beauty, which resemble a fragment of the lunar landscape. The valley also presents an indescribable aspect, full of majesty and silence, coldly beautiful and imposing.

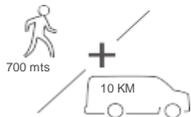
Duration: Half day
Difficulty: Easy
Altitude: 2.650 m
Acclimatization: None
What to bring: A B
Distance: 700mts 45 km / 27.9 mi



Duration: Half day
Difficulty: Medium
Altitude: 2.500 m
Acclimatization: None
What to bring: A B
Distance:
700mts + 10 km / 6.83 mi

◆ MARS VALLEY

This valley is famous for its arid and rugged appearance, with sand dunes, mountains, and rock formations that resemble a lunar or Martian landscape. One of the most notable features of the valley is its colorful scenery, which changes throughout the day, shifting from reddish and brownish tones.





◆ CEJAR LAGOON

About 20 km south of San Pedro de Atacama we are already entering the Salar de Atacama, where we will find the wonderful mix of emerald and blue colors of Cejar Lagoon, a very high salt concentration lagoon that allows us to float in the water, with a view of the Licancabur Volcano and the Salt Mountain Range. It is the perfect place to disconnect and feel the immensity of the Salar de Atacama.

Duration: Half day

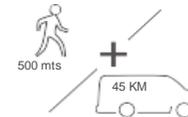
Difficulty: Medium

Altitude: 2.700 m

Distance: 500mts + 45km/27.9 mi

Acclimatization: None

What to bring: A B E





EXCURSIONS ASTRONOMICAL

The skies of the Atacama Desert are a window to the universe. Worldwide recognized as one of the best for the practice of astronomy, here the night gives way to an intense show of lights and shapes whose tracks lead to the stellar times where it all began. The experience of connecting with the universe through the skies of Atacama is a true spectacle of discovery and wonder.



◆ ANDEAN ASTRONOMY

To make the most of our privileged position in the desert, we have installed the only open-air observatory in the region. It sits atop one of the many hills near the hotel. There, eight swivel chairs and a powerful telescope will enable guests to take in the intricacies of our universe with real clarity while here. You will also have the knowledge of one of our expert guides to answer questions and give information on the long history of human astronomical discoveries.

Duration: One Hour

Difficulty: Easy

Altitude: 2.490 m

Acclimatization: None

What to bring: A C



ADVENTURE EXCURSIONS

Our adventure tours will offer guests just that - an adventure! This range of walking and biking excursions allow the force of the desert to be revealed with the natural energy it deserves.

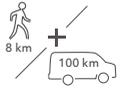


◆ JAUNA TREK

This is a full-day hike in the highlands, with Jauna located about 65 km north of San Pedro de Atacama. Starting at an altitude of 4,200 meters above sea level, we will explore the Jauna Wetlands, which are particularly known for their natural beauty. The area features a combination of lush landscapes, clear waters, and diverse wildlife, creating a striking contrast with the surrounding desert environment. It is a popular destination for travelers interested in wildlife observation and enjoying a peaceful, picturesque natural setting.

Duration: Full day
Difficulty: Medium
Altitude: 4500 m
Acclimatization: 2 days
What to bring: A B
Distance: 8 km / 3.6 mi
+ 100 km / 62.13 mi

*Lunch included
*Minimum of 12 years of age



Duration: Half day
Difficulty: High
Altitude: 3.166 m
Acclimatization: None
What to bring: A
Distance: 45 km / 27.9 mi
+4.5 km / 2.7 mi



◆ CACTUS HIKE

This hike begins in Guatín, at the point where the Puritama and Purifica rivers meet, turning into the mighty Vilama River from Guatín onwards. We will trek through diverse rock formations and vegetation, including ancient cacti standing at over seven meters tall. The region was once populated with an abundance of shepherding communities so you will pass through former settlements as you walk.





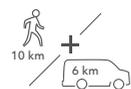
◆ DEVIL'S THROAT

This excursion begins on mountain bike from the Ayllu (settlement) of Quito. From here the path winds through the spectacular gorges of the Cordillera de la Sal in the Catarpe Valley. The tour continues to the Garganta del Diablo (Devil's Throat), named in connection with ancient myths of the local people. Finally, you will bike to visit San Isidro and its perfectly situated church as an ideal end to the ride.

Duration: Half day
Difficulty: Medium
Altitude: 2.500 m
Acclimatization: None
What to bring: A
Distance: 14 km / 8.18 mi



Duration: Half day
Difficulty: Medium
Altitude: 2.700 m
Acclimatization: None
What to bring: A
Distance: 5.8 km / 3.6 mi
+ 6 km / 3.7 mi



◆ VILAMA / DEVIL'S THROAT

This varied hike takes in a mix of both intriguing archaeological history and captivating landscapes, carved out predominantly by the ferocious flood waters of the Vilama and San Pedro Rivers over many millennia. Starting at the Vilama sulphur mine, the route then follows in the footsteps of local shepherds of times gone by, until reaching the ancient petroglyphs of Lican Antai, a real-life history lesson and glimpse of the past. Finally, we continue to the ominously named Devil's Throat Canyon, which offers sublime views across the Cordillera de la Sal.

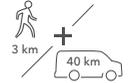




◆ ROCK ART

The walk begins when you reach the Cordillera de la Sal. Passing through the Plain of Patience and after a 2 km ascent you will find a privileged view of the iconic formations of the mountain range, and you will recognize the history and worldview of the first inhabitants of the desert through petroglyphs over 1,500 years old.

Duration: Half day
Difficulty: Medium
Altitude: 2.630 m
Acclimatization: None
What to bring: A
Distance: 3 km / 1.86 mi
+ 40 km / 24.85 mi



Duration: Full day
Difficulty: Medium
Altitude: 3.250 m
Acclimatization: None
What to bring: A
Distance: 7.5 km / 6.21 mi
+ 115 km / 71.45 mi



*Lunch included
*Minimum of 12 years of age

◆ RAINBOW VALLEY HIKE (Full day)

The Rainbow Valley Full Day Hike, named for the multicolored layers of its hills and ravines, each formed by different mineral deposits that reflect sunlight, is an upriver hike of approximately 10 kilometers. We will recognize the life of local agriculture and herding and arrive at a viewpoint where we will contemplate the Rainbow Valley from above in a unique and majestic view. We descend and cross the Valley to then follow a grazing path that takes us to the Jones sector, where the pukará of the place can be recognized. The entire experience is complemented by a buffet lunch on site.





ADDITIONAL COST EXCURSIONS



◆ MOUNTAIN CLIMB

The mountain range of the Andes presents in this destination the highest peaks in the country. For this reason, tourists who enjoy high summits undertake ascents to hills and volcanoes framed by breathtaking landscapes. Among others, Licancabur, Toco, Putana, Lascar, and Tatio Sur stand out.

It is important to consider that these volcanoes exceed 5500 meters above sea level, so it is essential to take several days to acclimatize to the altitude. It is also necessary to know that the rainy and snowy period is during the summer months, between January and March.

- Duration: Full day
- Difficulty: Hard
- Altitude: 5.000 m
- Acclimatization: 2 days
- Distance:
Flexible depending on the area

- Rate: 500 000 CLP
*4 guest maximum

- Duration: Half day
- Difficulty: Easy
- Altitude: 3.500 m
- Acclimatization: None

Rate: 90 000 CLP per person,
*4 adults minimum
Rate Private: 350 000 CPL
*Up to 5 adults máximo

◆ PURITAMA HOT SPRINGS

Located in the middle of a canyon, the Puritama Hot Springs, which means "Agua" (Puri) and "Caliente" (tama), have a total of 8 pools (pools 1 and 2 subject to availability) with thermal waters that have a temperature ranging between 82°F and 88°C, suitable for the whole family.

Their water contains a significant concentration of minerals, including calcium, magnesium, sodium, and boron, all of which are revitalizing elements for the body and mind.

The pools are open from Monday to Sunday, from 9:30 am to 5:30 pm.

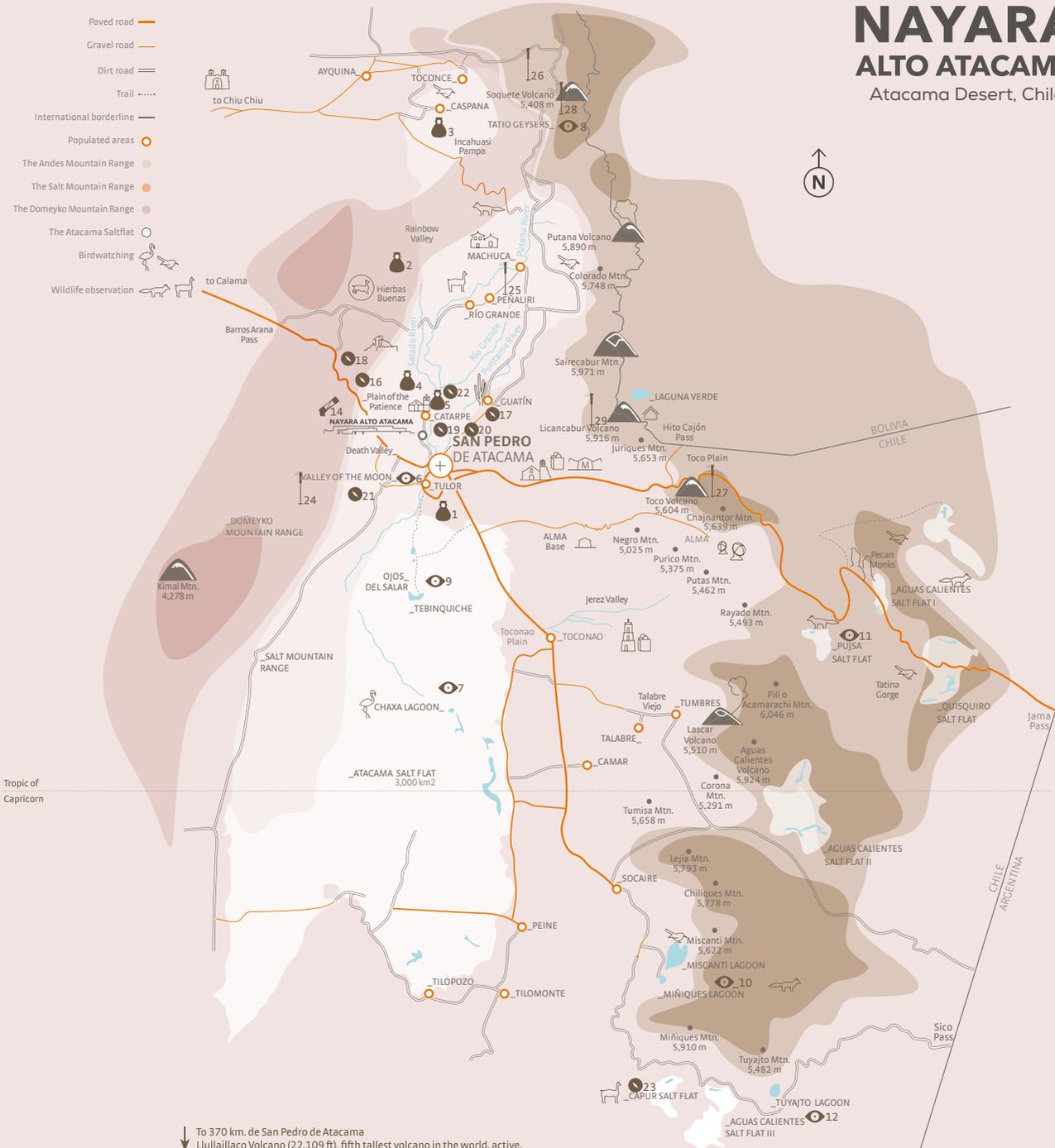




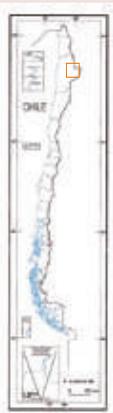
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