

# Explora Atacama Excursions

## A. hikes

### 1. TO CATARPE

Duration: 2 1/2 -3 hours. Itinerary: Quebrada del Diablo -Valle de Quito -Tambo Catarpe. Easy.

### 2. QUEBRADA DEL DIABLO

Duration: 2 1/2 -3 hours. Itinerary: Vilama. Medium.

### 3. VALLE DE LA MUERTE

Duration: 2 1/2 -3 hours. Itinerary: Valle de la Muerte, visiting Pukara de Quito. Medium

### 4. CHULACAO

Duration: 2 hours. Itinerary: Mine and its surroundings. Medium.

### 5. TO TERMA5 DE PURITAMA

Duration: 2 1/2 -3 hours. Itinerary: Arrival to hot springs, picnic, buffet and possibility to bathe. Medium.

### 6. LAS CORNISAS

Duration: 2 1/2- 3 hours. Medium.

### 7. RIO GRANDE\*

Duration: 1 1/2 hour by Van to Machuca. On foot 5 to 6 hours (includes picnic). Coming back 1 1/2 hours by Van. Medium.

### 8. BY THE FOOTHILLS OF THE LASCAR AT 4,500 METERS (14,763 FEET)\*

Duration and itinerary: Departure 8:00 A.M. to Salar de Tara, then to Laguna Lejfa. Picnic at an altitude of 4,200 meters (13,779 feet). Ascension by Van to Volcan Lascar at an altitude of 4,500 meters (14,764 feet). Descending on foot for 2 1/2 hours. Views. Medium.

### 9. VALLE DE LA LUNA

Duration: 1/2 -1 hour. Easy. NOTE: This exploration is only programmed for moonlighted nights.

### 10. WALK THROUGH THE AYLLUS

Itinerary: Solor, Sequitor or Cucuter. Easy.

\* Both hikes are also within the concept of traveling in Atacama which is the idea of the explorations of Group B.

## B. traveling through Atacama

The extended territory and its different points of interest allow excursions in small groups by Van, that last half or one day. These excursions capture profound landscapes, natural events or and inhabited places that bare the ingredients and surprises that make the experience unforgettable.

### 1. CALLEJON DE VARELA

Itinerary: Departure at 7:00 A.M. to Laguna Lejfa -Breakfast. Picnic at Salar de Aguas Calientes at 4,000 meters (13, 123 feet). Visit Lagunas and Socaire. Back at the hotel at 6:30 P.M. NOTE: It might include a 2 hour walk down the gorge from Laguna Miscanti.

### 2. THE HEIGHTS OF TATIO

Itineraries and departure time: If you want to experience the geysers in action, departure is before 6:00 A.M.,

otherwise, at 8:00 A.M. There are two alternatives:

Half a day, coming back to the hotel for lunch;

one day with picnic:

a) Bathing in the Termas de Puritama and on foot to Guatfn;

b) Through Turipite and Machuca Valley with picnic, on foot by Bofedal and Valley.

### 3. TULOR

Duration: 1 1/2 hour round trip.

### 4. SALAR DE ATACAMA

Duration: 3- 3 1/2 hours -Flamingos.

### 5. TOCONAO AND QUEBRADA DE JEREZ

Duration: 2 1/2 hours. A good opportunity for an afternoon cup of tea.

### 6. CASPANA

Duration: Departures are at 7:30 A.M. Itinerary: Ascend Tatio. Breakfast. Arrival to Caspana. Depending what time it is, first picnic and then two hours on foot visiting the agricultural terraces.

NOTE: This exploration is recommended on departure day to finish at the airport and avoid coming back to the hotel

### 7. PLATEAU OF TURI

Departure at 7:30 A.M. to El Tatio, arrival at Toconce through Linzor. Visit the Terraces. Picnic at Toconce or at Turi. Following, visit Pukara Turi and visit Aiquina.

NOTE: This exploration is recommended on departure day to finish at the airport and avoid coming back to the hotel.

## **8. VISIT TO PUKARA LASANA / CHIU-CHIU**

Recommended on departure day, allowing to have a light lunch at the hotel.

### **C. traveling through history**

#### **1. CONFERENCE IN THE HOTEL**

An archeologist's or an anthropologist's points of view of the history, geography and cultural aspects of Atacama.

#### **2. MUSEO LE PAIGE IN SAN PEDRO**

Guided tour to the museums' collection, with its tombs, ceramics, and forms of cultures that have lived and passed through Atacama.

#### **3. TOUR TO ARCHEOLOGICAL SITES**

according to visitor's interests, a tour can be arranged to specific sites.

### **D. horseback riding**

#### **1. VALLE DE QUITOR**

Duration: 2 1/2 to 4 hours visit to Pukara and Catarpe.

#### **2. TO VALLE DE LA MUERTE**

Duration: 2 1/2 -3 1/2 hours. Itinerary: Valle de Quitar. Valle de la Muerte. Pukara de Quitar.

### **E. Bicycling**

#### **1. TO VALLE DE QUITOR**

Duration: 2 1/2 -3 1/2 hours. Itinerary: Valle de Quitar, visit to Pukara. Church.

#### **2. QUEBRADA DEL DIABLO**

Duration: 2 1/2 -3 hours. Itinerary: Quebrada del Diablo / Catarpe.

#### **3. TO PIEDRA DE LA COCA**

Duration: 3 1/2 -4 hours. Early departure. Itinerary: To return, there are two options, by Valle de la Muerte or by highway. Difficult.

#### **4. TO TULOR**

Duration: 3 1/2 hours. Surrounding Ayllu. Sandy -Difficult.

Optional: without surrounding Ayllu -2 hours.

#### **5. TO SOLOR**

Duration: 2 hours.

#### **6. TO SEQUITOR AND AYLLUS**

Duration: 1 1/2 hour. Itinerary: to Sequitor along the beach.

#### **7. CHALLENGE**

Challenge, to see who climbs the furthest from trail to Paso Jama

### **F. Climbing hills and volcanoes**

#### **1. EI TOCO: 5,600 METERS ( 18,372 FEET ALTITUDE)**

Duration: One journey, in vehicle up to an altitude of 4,600 meters (15,092 feet), on foot to the peak -3 hours.

NOTE: requires acclimatization in San Pedro and previous training. Authorization subject to physical fitness. Mountain clothing is required.

#### **2. VOLCAN APAGADO 5,700 METERS (18,700 FEET ALTITUDE)**

Duration: One journey, in vehicle up to an approximate altitude of 5,000 meters (16,404 feet), on foot to the peak -4

hours. Degree of slope is more elevated than in other volcanoes of the zone. NOTE: Requires acclimatization in San Pedro and previous training. Authorization subject to physical fitness. Mountain clothing is required.

#### **3.VOLCAN LASCAR 5,400 METERS (17,716 FEET ALTITUDE)**

One journey, in vehicle up to an altitude of 4,700 meters (15,420 feet), on foot to the peak -3 1/2 -4 hours.

October to April. NOTE: Requires acclimatization in San Pedro and previous training.

Authorization is subject to physical fitness. Mountain clothing and anti-smoke mask are required (provided at hotel)

#### **4.VOLCAN SAIRECABUR 6,100 METERS (20,013 FEET)**

One journey, in vehicle up to an altitude of 5,200 meters (17,060 feet), on foot to the peak .4.5 hours. NOTE:

A previous ascent to Volcan Lascar is necessary.