

On 4 wheels



Altiplanic Lagoons (Aguas Calientes & Tuyajto)

Length:

6-8hours

Difficulty: Easy

Description:

At an altitude of approximately 13,000 feet (4,000 meters), visit the remote lagoons of Aguas Calientes and the surprising salt flats of Tuyajto with its amazing colours and contrasts. During this full-day excursion, we will also show you the area of Piedras Rojas (Red Rocks) with formations that seem to come from another world. Depending on the time of year, the ground salt may be dry and cracked, and we may spot foxes and flamingos. The colours of the altiplano stand out against the fierce blue skies and make for a spectacular panorama. Weather permitting, we will serve lunch at Tuyajto so you can fully enjoy the silence and spirituality of this remote place. If conditions are not clement, we will go to a simple restaurant in the small town of Socaire to learn more about their culture and to help support local small business.



Salar de Tara

Duration:

6-8 hours

Level of Difficulty: Easy

Description:

Heading east from the hotel, we travel towards the Argentinian border and the Salar de Tara. As the terrain rises, enjoy marvellous views of the Licancabur volcano and spot bird life, salt lakes and areas of marshland. At a height of 4,200m. /13,860ft. approximately igneous rock plugs form the “monks” of Tara, a wonderful sight in the middle of an amazing plateau. Continue to Tara itself, where lunch is enjoyed.



The Tatio Geisers

Duration:

7hours

Level of Difficulty: Easy (with acclimatization)

Description:

The Tatio Geisers are located at an altitude of 4300m. /14,190ft. The geothermal field has close links to the volcanic activity in the zone and consists of huge steam columns which reach heights of 12m/almost 40ft. Breakfast is served as dawn breaks. On the way back to the village, there is the opportunity to spot families of vicuñas and if we are lucky, foxes, vizcachas and Andean ostrich. We stop in the hamlet of Machuca before returning to the hotel by vehicle. The average temperature on arrival at El Tatio is -8°C (17°F) make sure that you take the appropriate clothing (gloves, hat, down jacket etc.)

This excursion is not suitable for children as the altitude will affect them.



Machuca

Duration:

5-6hours

Level of Difficulty: Easy

Description:

To the north of San Pedro and reached by van via a steep road, is the tiny village of Machuca at an altitude of 4,000m. /13,123ft. The village of Machuca has a privileged site surrounded by nature and in its only street we can see the roofs made of cactus and maybe taste barbecued llama, oered by the villagers. The church is of special interest for the cultural significance and birds and llamas can be seen in the area.



Puritama Hot Springs

Duration:

3hours

Level of Difficulty: Easy

Description:

This journey has established itself as a unique experience in an environment where water is an unexpected finding! Hidden at the bottom of a steep sided gorge, surrounded by vegetation, the River Puritama has 8 natural pools, with water which has an average temperature of 33 °C /91°F at an altitude of 3,500m. asl (11,482ft). Following a lovely bathe, we return to the hotel by vehicle.



Moon Valley

Duration:

3hours

Level of Difficulty: Easy

Description:

This journey allows participants to appreciate the surreal beauty of the landscape from many viewpoints in the Salt Mountain Range, such as the scenery of Death Valley, Moon Valley and the Andes mountain range. Includes short walks in areas with rocky outcrops, scenery formed by the wind the rain and the temperature changes of the desert. A must for photo buffs!

We offer this excursion in the morning, when there are less people in the area and our guests can enjoy the exclusive experience of the absolute silence of the desert.



Atacama Salt Flat (Chaxa Lagoon & Flamingo Reserve)

Duration: 4 - 4,5hours
Level of Difficulty: Easy

Description:

The journey starts with a brief visit to Toconao village where the square and the historic church are the main attractions. Also visit a local family who lives on the sales of their handcrafts. Continue to the National Flamingo Reserve in the Atacama salt flat. There are three types of flamingo to be found here, living on the microscopic lagoon life. The views of the Andes as the sun sets are truly amazing.