



## San Pedro de Atacama Nature and Archeology (4D/3N)

San Pedro de Atacama



**Validity:** All year

**Begins / Ends:** Calama Airport (CJC)

**Day 01:** Calama Airport – San Pedro de Atacama – HD Moon Valley

**Day 02:** San Pedro de Atacama – HD Archeological Tour

**Day 03:** San Pedro de Atacama – HD Atacama Salar & Toconao

**Day 04:** San Pedro de Atacama – FD Tatio Geysers and Machuca – Out

### Includes:

- ✓ Transfer Calama Airport / San Pedro de Atacama Hotel
- ✓ HD Moon Valley (ticket included)
- ✓ HD Archaeological Tour (ticket included)
- ✓ HD Atacama Salt Flat & Toconao (ticket included)
- ✓ FD Tatio Geysers and Machuca (ticket included)
- ✓ Transfer San Pedro de Atacama Hotel / Calama Airport
- ✓ 3 nights accomodation in San Pedro de Atacama (breakfast included)

### Does not Include:

- ✗ Flight tickets
- ✗ Meals and beverages not specified in the itinerary
- ✗ Tips

### Flights recommendations:

- Santiago (SCL) / Calama (CJC) → arrival in Calama before 11:00am
- Calama (CJC) / Santiago (SCL) → departure to Santiago after 5:00pm



### **Day 01 / Calama Airport – San Pedro de Atacama – HD Moon Valley**

Arrival in Calama. Reception at Calama Airport and transfer to the selected hotel in San Pedro de Atacama.

A couple of kilometers outside of San Pedro de Atacama, between the jagged rocks and unusual shapes of the Cordillera de la Sal (Salt Mountains), we find the Valle de la Luna (Moon Valley), a geological wonder of the Los Flamencos National Reserve. During the tour, you can take in the extraordinary shapes of the landscape, which will make you feel as if you were walking on the moon. During the afternoon, you can enjoy the unbeatable views of the Andes and its volcanoes. As dusk falls you will be overwhelmed by the red and golden colors of the desert sky. All this results in a simply unforgettable tour. Return to the selected hotel (accommodation included).

### **Day 02 / San Pedro de Atacama – HD Archaeological Tour**

San Pedro de Atacama is the archeological capital of Chile. Apart from its spectacular landscapes, its history is also a fundamental part of any visitor's experience. We visit the most important archeological sites in the region and travel back in time to find out more about the origins of the Atacameño culture and the Lican Antai. Visit Pucará de Quito, where an important part of Chilean history took place – the Battle of Quito, which was one of the first battles between the Spanish and the indigenous people. Our stop at the Atacameña Farm will allow you to share with a tourist-friendly local family to try some local delicacies and learn about their agricultural traditions. We will then continue to the village of Tulo, the oldest settlement in the Atacama Salt Flats (dating from between A.D. 800 and B.C. 500), which has been miraculously preserved beneath the sand. Finally, we head to the center of San Pedro de Atacama, to head back to colonial times to visit the San Pedro Church, a National Monument, built from adobe clay, cactus wood, chañar and carob trees in 1745. Return to the Hotel (accommodation included).

### **Day 03 / San Pedro de Atacama – HD Atacama Salar & Toconao**

On this tour we visit the Atacama Salt Flats, where the Los Flamencos Natural Reserve is located, a surprisingly large and arid landscape stretching 100 km from north to south. You can also marvel at the amazing Chaxa Lagoon, a spectacularly beautiful setting, which is split into various clear water lagoons, inhabited by both Andean and James flamingos. We then head to Toconao, a traditionally colonial-style village, famous for the bell tower of the San Lucas church, which has been declared as a National Monument. Agriculture and crafts are the principal source of income for its inhabitants who offer proudly crafted gifts made from volcanic rock. Return to the selected hotel (accommodation included).

### **Day 04 / San Pedro de Atacama – FD Geysers del Tatio and Machuca – Out**

Our journey to the Altiplano starts in the early hours, so we can watch the sun rise in one of the most important geothermic fields in the world: the Tatio Geysers. There are over 70 geysers with pools of boiling water spurting vapor. It is best to see them first thing in the morning, so you can truly appreciate the beautiful contrast of colors between the intensely blue sky and the pristine vapor from the geysers. We will then enjoy a deserved breakfast in this amazing setting, in the shadows of the Andes. This will allow us to warm up, as the temperatures in the zone can range



from -2° C to 24.5° C. On our way back to San Pedro de Atacama, we will travel through some beautiful landscapes, seeing the valleys, flora and fauna and maybe spot some of the local vicuñas and vizcachas – a real highlight. We will then stop off in the village of Machuca, a truly atacameño village of just 20 houses built from clay, straw and cactus wood. The inhabitants of Machuca all dedicate themselves to its tourism and will offer hand crafted Andean souvenirs, as well as typical food from the region such as llama meat, sopaipillas (a traditional bread made from squash) and empanadas. While there, we will also visit the beautiful San Santiago Church, named after the patron saint of the village, as well as visiting the wetlands where we can see flamingos, ducks and other birds. At the agreed time, transfer to Calama Airport to board your flight.

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