

Chile - Atacama Extension

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Introduction

Discover the unique landscapes that Northern Chile has to offer during this Atacama Extension.

You'll feel like you have departed our planet on this four day Chimu Adventure's Atacama Extension. Staying in the heart of the desert at San Pedro de Atacama, you will explore the different landmarks and landscapes of this unique part of the world. Highlights include taking an archaeological tour through a stone fortress built by the Atacameno people in Pukara de Quitor and visiting the circular and vault mud wall settlement of Tulo. And who can forget the feeling of walking in the Valle de la Luna. You'll think you've landed on the moon as you visit the Cuevas de Sal Canyon, the Mirador Achaches and watch the sunset over Duna Mayor. The other-worldly landscape doesn't stop there as you adventure to the largest salt flat in Chile, Salar de Atacama, and enjoy birdwatching including seeing Chile's famous flamingos in the wild. Finally, you will see our earth erupt as you journey to the Tatio Geysers and explore the highest geothermal field in the world.

On this all-encompassing extension program, Chimu will provide travel logistics for your travel party for the duration of your journey, plus expert guides for all the major sightseeing as per itinerary. Each night you will stay in superior accommodation, handpicked by our experienced team for their creature comforts, convenient locations, and impeccable service.

Itinerary

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Day 1: San Pedro de Atacama

Duration

4 Days

You will arrive in San Pedro de Atacama, a

small town in the heart of northern Chile

Chile's surrounded by some of the country's

most spectacular scenery. Perched high on

the arid plateau called Puna de Atacama

and overlooking the Licancabur volcano,

San Pedro de Atacama is a small oasis that

formed as a result of tourism. After arriving

at your hotel perhaps visit the Iglesia San

Pedro de Atacama, a Catholic Church

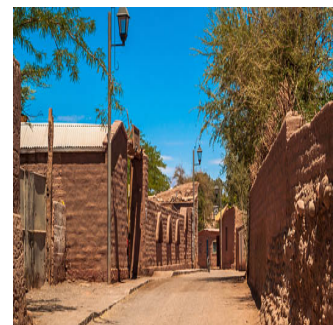
constructed during the Spanish colonial

period located on the town's main plaza. It's

Chile's second oldest church and it was

constructed using indigenous adobe, cactus

wood and leather-bound beams.



DAY 2: Pukara de Quito, Tulo & Moon Valley

This morning you will enjoy a small group

tour of Pukara de Quito and Tulo, two of

San Pedro de Atacama's archaeological

sites. At Pukara de Quito you will visit the

remains of a stone fortress built by the

Atacameño people to defend themselves

from the Incas, who in turn used the site for

defence against the Spanish. You can climb

to the top of a hill to see a monument to the

Atacameño and take in the views of San

Pedro de Atacama, the Valle de la Luna

and beyond. Tulo is a former village and

one of the oldest archaeological

establishments in the region. Made from

mud, the circular and vault wall settlement

dates back to between 300BC and 500AD.

You will also stop at Ayllu de Coyo, a small

Indigenous Likanantai community, where

you can see their residences and experience

life with the locals. In the afternoon enjoy

the scenery of the Valle de la Luna. Located

in Los Flamencos National Reserve, this is

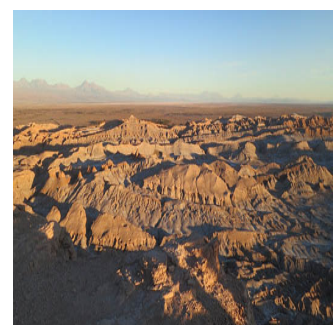
one of the main attractions of the Atacama

desert. There, you will visit the Cuevas de

Sal Canyon (salt caves) before heading to

Mirador Achaches and Duna Mayor to

watch the sunset over the desert.



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Duration DAY 3: Poconao & Salar de Atacama tour

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Locations You will enjoy a free morning at your hotel before joining a small group tour to Salar de

Chile Atacama. Enroute you will stop at the small village of Toconao. This town sits on the edge of the Salar de Atacama and most of its buildings are constructed from white volcanic stone. There, you will visit the main town square and see the Catedral de Toconao. The door of the bell tower and staircase inside this building is made from dried cactus. You can also purchase wool handicrafts from the locals who are skilled at knitting. Surrounded by the Andes and the Cordillera de Domeyko, Salar de Atacama is the largest salt flat in Chile. You will spend the rest of the day exploring the main landmarks of the salt flats including Chaxa Lagoon. This is a fantastic place for birdwatching, including seeing three types of Chilean flamingos who inhabit the area.



DAY 4: Tatio Geysers tour & Depart

Today you will depart early on a small group tour to the Tatio Geysers. At 4,320 metres above sea level, these are the highest geysers and the highest geothermal field in the world. The geysers are most active in the morning and if you're lucky, you'll see the water erupt up to fifty metres high. Afterwards you will stop at Pozon Rustico, where you can take a swim in geothermal waters. As you head back to your hotel, keep your eyes peeled for wildlife, as you can often spot guanacos, vicunas and flamingos on the drive. After you will depart San Pedro de Atacama and be transferred to the airport for your onward flight.



Inclusions & Details

Accommodation

Hotels

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Inclusions

Shared airport transfers to/from Calama Airport
Accommodation with breakfast daily
Other meals where stated
Sightseeing with local English-speaking guide as detailed in the itinerary

Inclusions

Exclusions

International and internal flights not indicated
Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable)
Travel Insurance
Beverages
Personal expenses
Gratuities for tour guides/drivers
Any items not mentioned as included
2 (light adventure - high altitude in some places)
A single supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please contact us for more information.
Prices are based on per person, twin share.
Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time.
All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice.

Difficulty Rating
Single Surcharge

Notes

Price Dependent upon Seasonality and availability at time of booking.

Sustainability