

Bolivia - Signature Atacama Desert, Uyuni Salt Flats & Salta

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Introduction

Explore Argentina, Chile and Bolivia on this 10 day itinerary. Start your trip in the desert oasis of Atacama, located high in the Andes Mountain ranges. Enjoy some of Chile's most stunning scenery and admire volcanoes, geysers and fascinating rock formations as well as an astrology tour. Head up into Bolivia and see the stunning-coloured lagoons in the south and the Uyuni Salt Flats – the largest in the world. Enjoy a picnic in the middle of the salt flats and visit Incahuasi island, home to towering cacti up to 10 metres high! Continue onto the north of Argentina, visiting the charming town of Purmamarca, located in a narrow mountain valley. From here you will explore the vivid landscapes, including the Hill of the Seven Colours enroute to the city of Salta. Spend some time exploring the city.

This trip is perfect to add on before or after an Antarctic cruise. Ushuaia in Argentina and Punta Arenas in Chile are the two most popular cities for beginning a journey to the white continent. You can also combine the trip with a visit to Patagonia or explore more of the wonders of Argentina and Chile.

This itinerary is also offered in reverse - [Salta, Salt Flats & Atacama Desert](#)

Itinerary

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Departs Daily San Pedro de Atacama

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On arrival at Calama Airport, your driver

waiting for you in the arrivals hall to

transfer you to the small oasis town of San

Pedro de Atacama, the gateway tourist

centre for the Atacama Desert. Overlooking

the Licancabur Volcano, its dramatic

surrounding landscape ranges from desert,

salt flats, steaming geysers and hot springs

to fascinating rock formations. The rest of

the day is free to enjoy at your leisure. This

evening you will be collected from your

hotel for Astronomy in the Desert, one of

the best places in the world to observe

stars, planets, and constellations.



DAY 2: San Pedro de Atacama

Start your day with a tour of San Pedro de

Atacama, the archaeological capital of

Chile. Located near the mouth of the main

river that feeds the salt flat, this tour will

orientate you and give you an

understanding of the history, the town, and

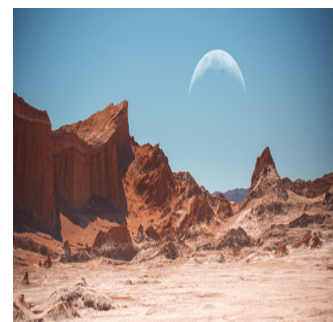
the surrounding areas. In the afternoon,

travel across the Salt Mountain Range to

reach the Valley of the Moon in time for

sunset when the sun brings out the best of

the valley's incredible colours.



DAY 3: San Pedro de Atacama

There are no activities planned for the

morning, allowing time to wander the

streets of San Pedro de Atacama and

browse the local stores at your leisure. In

the afternoon, you'll visit the Salar de

Atacama, one of the world's largest salt

lakes, home to a variety of bird species,

including the three types of flamingos, and

one of the most important lithium reserves

in the world. En route you will stop at the

picturesque village of Toconao, built from

white volcanic stone and then on to Chaxa

Lagoon, where you will have the chance to view

another dramatic sunset.



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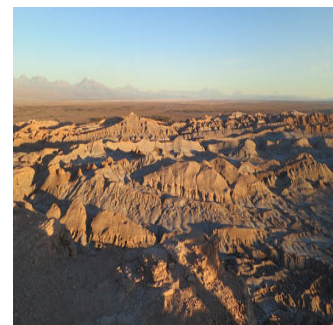
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Altitude

Locations

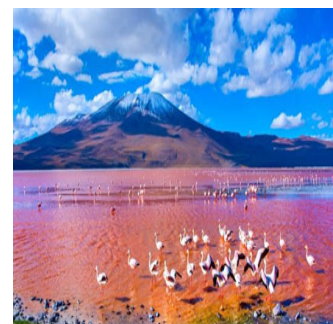
Chile, Argentina, Bolivia, South America

This morning you will be transferred from San Pedro de Atacama to Hito Cajon, the mountain pass on the border between Chile and Bolivia. After clearing Bolivian immigration, make your way to the village of Villamar. Along the way you will be rewarded with some of the most dramatic and beautiful landscapes in the world, stopping off for plenty of photo opportunities. This high-altitude desert environment is home to dozens of colourful lagoons, snow-capped mountains, llamas, flamingos, hot springs, and geysers. Tonight, your accommodation is unique as it has been built into a rock and offers a warm, cosy and comfortable refuge from the desert night.



DAY 5: Bolivian Altiplano to Uyuni Salt Flats

Today is packed with jaw-dropping scenery. Pass through the Valley of Rocks, stopping off to view famous rock formations caused by wind erosion. Villages like Culpina, where the houses have been built from natural materials and San Cristobal, which was relocated from its original location because of the zinc and silver deposits in the vicinity. See more stunning coloured lagoons and keep an eye out for native birds.



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This morning you will explore Colchani

Location, where you observe the methods of

Chile, Argentina, Bolivia, South America off

Salt extraction and salt processing. Set off

across the Great Salt Flats to Incahuasi

Island, an oasis covered with giant cacti up

to 10 metres high. Continuing north to visit

the foothills of Thumpa volcano and see

Coquesa, which is home to pre-Colombian

"mummies. After a long day of exploration,

finally arrive at your accommodation -a

hotel made from salt bricks and located on

the shores of Salar de Uyuni, the perfect

place to rest easy for the night.



DAY 7: Uyuni Salt Flats to Huacalera

Depart your hotel and head towards the

Argentinian border. En route you will have

the chance to see the Valley of the Machos,

surrounded by beautiful hills of various

natural shapes. On arrival at Villazon you

will complete border formalities and

farewell your guide, before crossing the

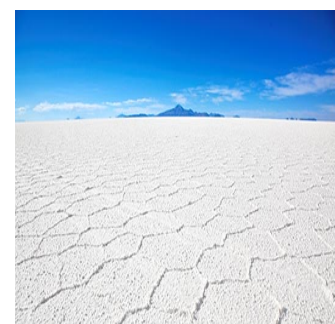
Bolivian border into the Argentine town of

La Quiaca. You will meet your new guide

and transfer to the charming and quaint

town of Huacalera and will be dropped at

your hotel for a relaxing night of rest.



DAY 8: Huacalera to Salta

Today you will head south towards the city

of Salta. En route you will be able to explore

the UNESCO listed Querberada de

Purmamarca area - enjoy stunning

Altiplanos to the west and north and Andean

hills to the east. You will see the

breathtaking Hill of Seven Colours, with its

striking and jagged formations. Walk

through the colourful handicraft market of

Purmamarca and see the Pukara of Tilcara.

On arrival in Salta, marvel at the stunning

colonial architecture and cobblestoned

streets of this charming city.



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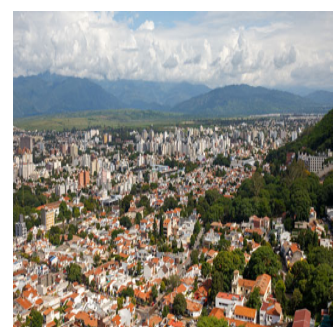
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This morning is at leisure and later in the
day you will take a half day tour of the city.
Visit the fascinating MIRA Museum and
main square with its stunning cathedral, as
well as the San Fransisco Church and San
Bernardo convent.



DAY 10: Depart Salta

Today you will be transferred to the airport
for your onward journey.



Inclusions & Details

Accommodation Hotels (Including Salt Hotel)

Inclusions

Transfer from Calama Airport to Atacama Hotel
Transfers from Salta hotel to Salta Airport
Private full day of sightseeing with a local English speaking guide from Salta to Purmamarca
and a private transfer to the Bolivian border
Private transfer from Bolivian border to Uyuni
3N/4D Private Salt Flats Package - travelling with a local English speaking guide in a 4WD
Accommodation with breakfast daily
Sightseeing with local English-speaking guide as detailed in itinerary
Other meals where stated

Inclusions

Exclusions

International and internal flights (unless otherwise specified)
Visa & reciprocity fees (if applicable)
Travel insurance
Beverages
Personal expenses
Gratuities for tour guides & drivers
Any items not mentioned as included

Difficulty Rating

2 (Light Adventure - High Altitude, Unsealed Roads & Basic Accommodation)

Single Surcharge

A single supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please [contact us](#) for more
information.

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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.

Price Dependent upon Currency fluctuation, seasonality and availability at time of booking.

Sustainability