



SANTIAGO AND SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA 7 DAYS/ 6 NIGHTS

DAY 1

Arrival to Santiago, pick up at the airport and transfer to the Hotel. In the afternoon , city tour in Santiago.

We will visit the most important places in th city, such as Santa Lucia Hill, Civic Quarter, historical Santiago, Government palace "The Mint", Main Square, Santiago's Cathedral, City Hall Building, National Historical Museum. During our sightseeing you will be appreciating the most precious facts of our history and looking at the different achievements of a conservative society. Later on we'll cover the uptown financial district. At the very we will stop in one of the most prestigious handicraft storein the city and you will have the opportunity to taste the typical national drink " Pisco Sour". Return to your Hotel.

DAY 2

VIÑA DEL MAR AND VALPARAISO

We leave from Santiago straight to the pacific ocean in a 120 kms trip, from your hotel or house. Curacavi Valley will give us the chance to see the diversity of sceneries, and later on we pass by Casablanca valley mainly known by its wine production. **Viña del Mar**, our "Garden City", will charm us with its special architecture, its streets, palaces, and the **Quinta Vergara**. We will also the opportunity of getting to know a Moai from Easter Island. After visiting the coastal border we will visit the city of **Valparaiso**, whose origins go back to 1536, which has been declared a Cultural World Heritage and is the seat of the Legislative Power. It has magic, picturesque elevators, colorful neighborhood, and unique and unforgettable sceneries. Return to Santiago by the end of the day.

DAY 3

SANTIAGO – CALAMA - SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA

Transfer from your hotel to the airport to take your flight to Calama. Arrival at Calama and transfer to San Pedro de Atacama.

MOON VALLEY

Just 19 km from San Pedro de Atacama iwe find the **Moon Valley**, which has been designated Nature Sanctuary and is formed by a depression surrounded by hills with impressive sharp ridges. The tour starts at the **Lookout**, which provides a spectacular panoramic view of the surroundings. We continue on route towards **Valle de la Muerte**, where we will see **Tres Marías**, **Las Cavernas de Sal** and **Duna Mayor**. Tres Marías are geological formations caused by successive foldings of the earth's crust. In the Cavernas de Sal we can see precious crystal gem of transparent pieces of salt, produced under high pressure in the dry environment. Going east we reach Duna Mayor, where we stop to enjoy the sunset. Return to the Hotel by the end of the day.

DAY 4

SAN PEDRO - TOCONAO - CHAXA – ATACAMA SALT FLAT

The **Atacama Salt Flat**, located at 2.305 m.a.s.l., covers an area of 320.000 ha (790.000 acres). This large salt lake contains some small blue, turquoise, pink and gray salty ponds that are crossed by

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streams which spring to the surface. East of the salar is Soncos, a system of lagoons and swamps. Leaving the salt flat we go to the **Miscanti** and **Miñiques** lagoons, located at 4.100 m.a.s.l. This place is part of the Reserva Nacional Los Flamencos and is administrated by the native community of Socaire. The eruption of the Miñiques volcano about one million years ago caused the damming of the water that used to flow to the salt flat, giving origin to these altiplano lagoons with blue water and white shores. The finding of earthenware and arrowheads confirm the occupation of this place between, 4.000 and 3.000 year BC. On the way back to San Pedro de Atacama we pass along **Socaire**, a pre-Columbian village, known for its typical Atacaman food. It is the last Atacaman village before crossing to Argentina. Return to the Hotel by the end of the day.

DAY 5

TATIO GEYSERS

The **Tatio Geysers** are the world highest geothermic fields. They are located in the Andes Mountain Range at an altitude of 4.321 m.a.s.l., and the greatest activity takes place between 06:30 and 09:00 a.m., when atmospheric pressure generates huge steam columns that spring from the ground, producing a contrast between the mountains and the deep blue sky. On our way back we will visit the town of Machuca, a former ancestral people village, with houses built in the traditional way. Return to San Pedro. Afternoon free.

DAY 6

SAN PEDRO – CALAMA – SANTIAGO

Transfer from Hotel to Calama's airport to catch flight back to Santiago. Arrival to Santiago and transfer to the Hotel.

DAY 7

Transfer from the hotel to the airport for your next connection.

END OF OUR SERVICES

INCLUDED

- * 3 NIGHTS IN SANTIAGO
- * 3 NIGHTS IN SAN PEDRO
- * BREAKFAST
- * TOURISM VEHICLE
- * BILINGUAL GUIDE SPANISH – ENGLISH
- * THE ITINERARY MAY CHANGE BECAUSE OF WEATHER CONDITIONS.
- * PRICES PER PERSON, DEPENDING ON THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE.
- * PRICES IN AMERICAN DOLLARS, MAY CHANGE BECAUSE OF EXCHANGE RATE.
- * AIRPLANE TICKET SANTIAGO – CALAMA- SANTIAGO

PRICE

3* HOTELS U\$ 815 DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

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