

FRIDAYS **Train to Atacama**

DAY 01 - SALTA
Reception at the airport and transfer to the hotel. Accommodation.

DAY 02 - SALTA / SAN ANTONIO DE LOS COBRES
Breakfast. Early morning transfer to Salta train station to board the famous and unforgettable 'Train to the Clouds'. This extraordinary engineering masterpiece connects Salta with La Polvorilla Viaduct located at 4200 meters above sea level. During this fascinating tour, we travel through the imposing scenery of the Puna, cross bridges, tunnels, zig zags and loops along 134 miles trails before reaching our final destination. We get off the train in San Antonio de los Cobres to board a 4WD vehicle that will take us to visit the spectacular Tuzgle Volcano, with its astonishing thermal waters. San Antonio de los Cobres is known as the 'Door of the Puna', and used to be Argentina's mining capital (3800 meters of altitude) where copper, silver and other minerals were extracted. It is located in a wide depression that goes along San Antonio de los Cobres River and finally flows into Salinas Grandes in the Province of Jujuy. Accommodation at Hosteria San Antonio de los Cobres. Dinner at the inn.

DAY 03 - SAN ANTONIO DE LOS COBRES / SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA
Breakfast. Morning visit to a most interesting mine located near the inn, where we submerge ourselves into the 'middle of the earth', walking along awesome galleries, chimneys and tunnels. After lunch we board our 4WD vehicle to Sico Pass, which takes us over the breathtaking Andes range to Chile. The route takes us 4700 meters high through spectacular salt lakes and fascinating mountain formations. Visit 'Salar de Atacama', placed in one of the most arid deserts on the Planet and observe some flamingos. Continue to San Pedro de Atacama, a beautiful pre-Columbian village, totally built in 'adobe' (sun dried clay bricks). Accommodation in San Pedro de Atacama Hotel. Dinner at the hotel.

DAY 04 - SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA.
Breakfast. San Pedro de Atacama is considered the Archaeological capital of Chile due to its 12 thousand years human settlements. Father Le Paige is well known for his important excavations of ceramics and mummies, which have contributed to the creation of an Archeological Museum where the Atacama culture can be appreciated. During the XII century, the fortress of Quito was created by the aborigines in order to defend themselves from foreign or even local attacks. The Village of Tular is the oldest settlement, dating back to the years between 300 BC and 500+. In the Afternoon we will visit the Atacama Salt Flats. We travel along a vast flat area until we reach the Great Salt Flats of Atacama, a huge white surface home to

flamingos. It is the most important lithium reservoir, holding about a 40% of the total amount known to exist. Toconao is a small and picturesque village, with its original architecture and church. The place invites you to walk its narrow streets and meet locals. Accommodation.

DAY 05 - SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA
Morning to explore these geysers located at 4,300 meters over sea level. Enjoy the water steams rising 50 meters above the ground with the beauty of the Andes as a background. One of the many animals we will be able to appreciate here is the Vicuña, a cameloid used to living in these extreme regions. Buffet breakfast at Tatio Geysers. Visit Puritama Hot Springs. Here you will enjoy a well deserved rest after an exploration day. The water is 35°C and rich in minerals. This will allow you to relax after this long day at the Geysers. We will supply you with towels and a cocktail will be served. The best place to enjoy sunset is the 'Cordillera de la Sal' (Salt Range), including its Moon and Mars Valleys, salt and clay formations hundreds of millions years old. We offer a cocktail and try some wines as we enjoy this unique natural show. Accommodation.

DAY 06 - SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA / SALTA
Travel back to Argentina, this time through the northern: 'Paso de Jama'. Travel along impressive volcanoes, some of which are still active, to then cross the Puna highlands with their astonishing salt flats and dispersed herds of llamas. Lunch. After the Big Salt lakes 'Salinas Grandes' in Jujuy province, leave the Puna and drive on an unforgettable slope 'Cuesta de Lipan' to the little village of Purmamarca. Visit this small town at the foot of the Seven Color Hill with its handicraft market and get back to Salta passing through San Salvador de Jujuy. Accommodation.

DAY 07 - SALTA
Breakfast. Depart from your hotel to visit the city of Salta, one of the most picturesque cities in the country, with its cobblestone streets and colonial style architecture. Visit its main highlights: San Francisco Church and Convent, the old Town Hall, San Bernardo Convent, the Italian style Cathedral and its imposing tower. We then drive towards the suburbs to visit San Bernardo Hill for an impressive panoramic view of the city and the Lerma River Valley. Our sightseeing will end at the Craft market. Return to the hotel and transfer to Salta airport to board flight.



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NOTE: Should the train service not be available, this journey may be operated on 4WD vehicles.

Safari to the land of the Incas

This is one of the most attractive and less visited regions in Argentina, with its gorges and small towns built in beautiful colonial architecture. Its valleys include numerous archaeological remains belonging to different cultures that lived in this area since remote times. On this trip you will be plunged into a magical ambience where the fresh air and the transparent atmosphere stress the presence of colourful hills and the irregular geological formation of the gorges.



ARGENTINA | JUJUY | TILCARA



DAY 01 - SALTA
Meet at the airport and transfer to the hotel. Rest of the day at leisure. Accommodation.

DAY 02 - SALTA / TILCARA
Breakfast. Early morning departure on an exciting safari. Leave Salta along the fascinating 'Road to the Clouds' following the tracks of the famous 'Train to the Clouds'. Travel through the spectacular Toro Canyon to San Antonio de los Cobres on the Puna (flat part of the Andes) and then cross the Puna to the salt flats (Salinas Grandes) in the province of Jujuy. Descend through the 'Cuesta de Lipan' to the picturesque Purmamarca, a colonial Indian village dominated by the Seven Color Hill. Continue to Tilcara, a typical village in the Humahuaca Gorge, one of the main communication routes between the Puna and the plain. Accommodation in Tilcara.

DAY 03 - TILCARA / IRUYA
Breakfast. Morning visit to the Pucará de Tilcara, the extraordinary fortified pre-Columbian settlement and its Archaeological Museum. Continue our safari through the Humahuaca Gorge travelling along roads used by the Incas and through small villages, which still keep reminiscences of the pre-Hispanic cities to Humahuaca, founded in the XVI century. Walk along its beautiful narrow cobblestone streets with its sun dried clay brick houses and see its remarkable Cathedral, Town Hall, the Northern Carnival Museum and the craft fair. Continue our way to Iruya, set within a landscape full of magic at 2,730 meters above sea level. Accommodation in Iruya.

DAY 04 - IRUYA / SALTA
Breakfast. Morning walk around this lovely town. Continue our adventure back to Salta across imposing valleys and high plateaus where adobe houses and cultivated fields can be seen. Accommodation in Salta.

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