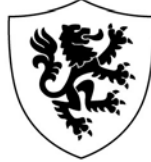


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- San Pedro de Atacama Museum-Church & Moon valley
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- Tatio Geysers with picnic breakfast included.

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## **DAY 01: CALAMA AIRPORT - SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA - MOON VALLEY**

Reception at the airport and transfer to San Pedro.

**15:00** An opportunity to explore this picturesque village located on the most important river that feed the **Salar de Atacama**. Considered to be the centre of the “Atacameña” culture, San Pedro has experienced an extraordinary growth in recent years due to its attraction for tourists from all over the world. The archeological museum bears the name of its founder, Padre Gustavo Le Paige, and, with its expansive collection on exhibits must be placed on the “must be seen” list for all visitors to the area. Cross the “Plaza” made on stone, and visit the oldest church in the area, also considered one of the most attractive on the area.

**17:00.** we will visit a place with beautiful shapes and colors located at 8km from San Pedro de Atacama, where we can walk and enjoy a great geological spectacle that has been repeatedly compared with the surface of the moon, with its angular geology and rocks sculpted by millenniums of erosion. Visit the salt mine before climbing the mayor sand dune where we can marvel at the kaleidoscope of colors that appear over the Andes at sunset. Transfer to San Pedro.

Dinner not included.



Moon valley

## **DAY 02: SAN PEDRO – QUITOR – TULOR – TOCONAO – ATACAMA SALT FLAT – CHAXA LAGOON**

**10:30 Visit to the Pukara de Quito**, a 12<sup>th</sup> Century (pre-Inca) fortress. Quito is strategically located and was easily defended on all sides, until the Spanish arrival with the advantage of horses. Partially restored in 1992, the **Pukara de Quito** is one of the most complete and impressive of these early defensive measures. Crossing the “Ayllos”

or community farm areas, we arrive at **Tulor**, the site of the earliest known settlement in the area known as the “**Aldea de Tulor**”. This settlement is more than 2,000 years old and consists of circular dwellings interconnected by common passages and patios. Only part of the settlement is visible, the rest has been covered by the constantly moving desert sands. Return to San Pedro.

**Lunch at local restaurant in town.**



Pukara of Quito

**PM Toconao – Atacama Salt Flat – Chaxa Lagoon:**

On the route we will see the impressive Licancabur volcano and some native trees such as the tamarugo and the chañar. At 38km we arrive at the interesting little **Toconao village**, well known for its construction in Liparita, a volcanic stone quarried nearby. We start our trip back to San Pedro but before we visit the **Salar de Atacama** and the **Chaxa Lagoon** where we will see different birds and the flamingos.

Return to San Pedro around 18:00. Dinner not included.



Atacama Salt Flat

### **DAY 03: GEYSER DEL TATIO - SAN PEDRO**

Departing at **4:00** am, from the hotel to the **Geysers del Tatio** located at 98kms from San Pedro and at 4.300 m.a.s.l. We arrive at the geysers around 7:00am. [Enjoy a picnic style breakfast](#) and a **guided stroll** through this geothermal field to see the geysers and pools of boiling water and mud. The area takes on an almost surreal look at sunrise. Once the sun has risen and the thermal activity is calmed somewhat, we move to the area of the hot springs for a rejuvenating soak in 40°C water. Arrive at San Pedro at 13:00 hrs approx.

Lunch not included.

Dinner not included.



Tatio Geysers

**DAY 04: TRANSFER FROM THE HOTEL IN SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA TO CALAMA AIRPORT.**

## **HOTEL ALTIPLANICO, SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA**

Tucked away on a gentle stretch of land in the outskirts of San Pedro de Atacama (0.6 miles from downtown), surrounded by the quiet presence of the Andes, Hotel Altiplanico San Pedro faces the impressive Licancabur Volcano, with a unique design inspired in the style of an Altiplano village. Enjoy the famous Atacama sunsets and relax from the smoldering sun in the fresh covers of our private terraces and beautiful swimming pool after a day exploring the driest desert in the world. The hotel was developed following the concept of visual silence, the eye registers the hotel in its totality included in the in the immensity of the Atacama desert.



The hotel has 29 rooms arranged in three semicircles, with cultivated fields in between. It has single, doubles, triples and family rooms, based on separate houses, with individual terraces, private bathrooms and independent entries. Some rooms have outside showers to enjoy the starry night and sunny days. They are decorated with great simplicity, using different resources of color and shape. Inside the atmosphere is fresh and cozy; each has a terrace to enjoy the view. Each room is unique, with different distribution and decoration. The hotel is a refuge for the intense sun of the day and cold of the night.

### **Services:**

- Telephone in room
- Safe
- Wakeup service
- Hot-tub
- Swimming pool
- Bar-restaurant
- Free Internet service
- Laundry service