



## ATACAMA & OJOS DEL SALADO

### 2 options departures :

Day 1 = 19/11/18

Day 1 = 21/01/19

#### **Day 1 Calama-San Pedro de Atacama (2400 m) (L,D)**

Arrive to Calama airport and transfer to San Pedro. Meet with your guide.

Visit the village. Excursion to the Moon Valley at Sunset. Overnight at a 3\* hotel in San Pedro.

3-4 h trek.

#### **Day 2 San Pedro - RIO SALADO (2700 m) (B,L,D)**

Morning visit to Quitor, a pre-hispanic fortress. Transfer and begin a 3-day trek along a beautiful canyon. Camp.

4 h trek.

#### **Day 3 RIO SALADO - Hierbas Buenas ou El Poblado (3200 m) (B,L,D)**

We continue our trek to El Poblado alongside a watercourse. Camp.

6 to 7 h trek.

#### **Day 4 Hierbas Buenas ou El Poblado - Vega Hermosa (4000 m) (B,L,D)**

Today is all uphill. The desert landscape slowly changes into a high-plateau panorama. Arrival to Vega Hermosa. Camp.

6 h trek

#### **Day 5 Vega Hermosa – mirador de Machuca (4.450m) – TATIO (B,L,D)**

Trekking to the Machuca viewpoint (de 4.000m to 4.450m). Return to the village, lunch and then transfer to Tatio (4300m)

Thermal bath if desired.

Camp.

4h trek

#### **Day 6 Climb Cerro Soquete (5350 m) (B,L,D)**

Today we climb our first mountain. We drive up as far as we can and then we start our climb (level: easy).

Return to our camp.

8 h trek

#### **Day 7 Tatio Geysers - Saci sector (B,L,D)**

wake up at dawn to observe the geyser field.

Transfer to Saci, nearby Sairecabur volcano.

Camp.

#### **Day 8 Climb Sairecabur (5971m) (B,L,D)**

We take the highest road in Chile to reach our starting point. This is a difficult climb, on a rocky terrain with a 45° inclination. Return to San Pedro. Overnight at a 3\* hotel.

5 to 6 hour trek.

#### **Day 9 Laguna Miñiques - laguna Miscanti - San Pedro de Atacama. (B,L,D)**

Today we take it slow. We leave on a visit to the Salar de Atacama and the high lagoons of Miscanti and Miñiques. On the way we stop at Toconao and Socaire villages. Return to San Pedro.

Overnight at a 3\* hotel.

#### **Day 10 San Pedro de Atacama - Pan de Azúcar national park (B,L,D)**

Today we drive south. We camp by the sea at the Pan de Azúcar National park. Optional tour : boat excursion to Pan de Azúcar island, home to Humboldt penguins

Camp.

#### **Day 11 Pan de Azúcar – Copiapo - laguna Verde (chilienne) 4.350m (B,L,D)**

Long road further south and then towards the high plateaus. Today we will see our final objective for the first time:

Ojos del Salado surrounded by other smaller volcanoes. Laguna Verde is a stunning campsite :in the middle of a desert landscape, a turquoise lake. It is possible to take a bath in the natural springs. Camp.



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### Day 12 Laguna Verde - refuge d'Atacama 5.150m (B,L,D)

Drive towards camp 1. As acclimatization, the last part of the road is done by foot (with a light backpack). Camp or shelter (according to availability) at 5 250 m.

### Day 13 Refuge d'Atacama - refuge Tejos 5.750m (B,L,D)

Walk to camp 2 with full backpack. Camp at 5750 m

### Day 14 Refuge Tejos - sommet de l'Ojos del Salado - refuge Atacama (B,L,D)

Summit day. The climb up Ojos del Salado (6893 m) is not really technical but the last 50m can prove quite difficult. Back to refuge Atacama. Camp.  
8 to 12 h depending on weather conditions.

### Day 15 Spare day (B,L,D)

Spare day. Second attempt in case of bad weather.

### Day 16 Refuge Atacama – Caldera (B,L,D)

Long road to the coast passing by *laguna* Santa Rosa.  
Overnight at a 3\* hotel.

### Day 17 Caldera - Copiapó (B)

Transfer from Caldera to Copiapó,  
**End of services**

#### **Nota Bene:**

- On trekking days, passengers must load their backpacks with their box lunch and water. Porters are not included.
- Part of this trekking is done alongside a river. Therefore we recommend bringing the following equipment:
  - 2 pairs of trekking shoes, or sandals or similar
  - Swimming suit, towels, etc.
  - Small waterproof bag to protect the photo- and video cameras
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**NET PRICE: USD 4990/pers**

#### **Rates include :**

##### **-1 Guide UIAGM during the whole program**

4 to 8 paxs : 1 guide UIAGM + 1 assistant-guide (*one of them at least speaks French*)

9 to 12 paxs : 1 guide UIAGM + 1 assistant-guide + 2<sup>nd</sup> assistant-guide from day 10 (*one of them at least speaks French*)

- Accommodation in hotels 3\* (Double standard room base)
- Camps (DOUBLE sleeping tents, mattresses, kitchen equipment)
- Meals as mentioned in the program (B:breakfast, L:lunch/boxlunch, D: dinner)
- Private transportation, fuel
- Spanish driver
- Staff expenses (guide/s, driver/s)
- Security and communication equipment

#### **Rates do not include :**

- Climbing permit (if required again by law)
- Flights and airport taxes
- Meals not mentioned
- Drinks during restaurant / hotel meals



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- Porters
- Tips
- Personal equipment
- Personal insurance(s)
- Other services NOT mentioned in the program

### **FURTHER INFORMATION:**

The acclimatization provided by this program allows climbing to the summit. Of course we recommend a very good physical preparation and good personal equipment. We demand high altitude experience.

### **SECURITY**

In order to guarantee maximum security for all expeditions we carry, for each group, emergency oxygen equipment (for mountains with more than 6000m), VHF radio transceivers, and first aid kit and, according to the expeditions, we also bring hyperbaric chamber and satellite phone.

Additionally, travellers must have an insurance covering medical and evacuation expenses in case of accident. We require signing a responsibility discharge form in case of accident.

### **PHILOSOPHY**

At AZIMUT 360 we know that these mountains are more than a dream for our passengers. That is why we do our best to make all ascents successful. Most of the time, thanks to our experience on these summits, we succeed. Nevertheless, we cannot guarantee any summit nor will we take any risk to achieve this goal. The passengers' and guides' security come first!