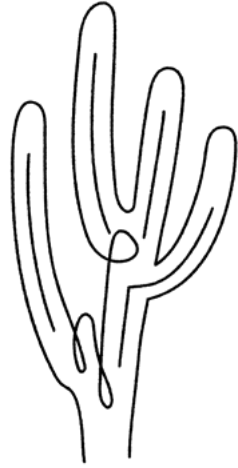


DAY BY DAY IN ATACAMA

A Sample of Five Day
Itinerary in Atacama Desert
& Altiplano, Chile



Day 1

WELCOME to Atacama. You are located in the Oasis of **San Pedro de Atacama**, the heart of the **Likan Antai culture**. The perfect base from where to explore the desert, **Andes highlands, salt flats**, or even reach **volcanic summits**.

On your first day, take time to settle in and let yourself be tempted by **our guides**, who will show you all the exploration options for the following days.

In the afternoon, take a half day exploration to **Matancilla**. A van will take you to **Domeyko Mountain Range**. From there, follow a creek that used to be a route for ancient commercial caravans. The walk ends at **Arcoiris Valley**, imposing multicolored walls of mineral-rich soils.

At sunset, enjoy the view of the **Licancabur volcano** from our terrace, slowly changing colors from bright yellow to purple and then bright again reflecting the moon.

Day 2

TODAY, a deep encounter with the desert and its culture is waiting.

We head towards the **Salt Mountain Range** to find magnificent panoramic views of **Moon Valley** a site whose lunar landscapes have given Atacama its worldwide fame.

Walking down a soft dune we enter **Kari creek**, a canyon carved by the erosion of water and surrounded by sedimentary walls of clay, plaster and salt. The **salt crystal formations** shining under the sun reveal an unexpected kaleidoscopic world.

Back at the lodge, enjoy a replenishing dinner, and on special occasions join our **Quincho** – a BBQ event that takes place in a traditional adobe house. Travelers gather for a traditional spit-roasted-lamb and other local dishes– accompanied by Andean music and dance performances by local artists.

MOON VALLEY



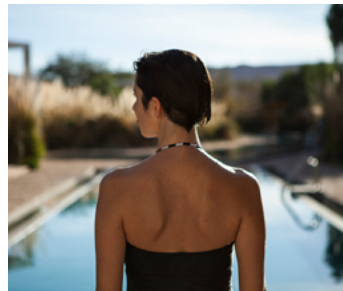
Day 3

WAKE UP AND LINGER. A well deserved day to **restore energy** is called for.

After a hike in Atacama, water regains its original meaning. The **hot springs** at the **Explora Puritama Conservation Reserve** run through the gorge and trickle down over rocks and pampa grass. Floating there silently and worrying about nothing more than breathing is the perfect break.

At night, weather permitting, we finish the day with a fascinating session of **astronomical observation** in our own observatory. The **Atacama sky** is one of the clearest in the world and observing its starry beauty is a moving experience that transports you in time.

POOL



Day 4

WE RISE EARLY for another day of exploration. We take a van towards the multicolored landscapes of the **Andean Plateau Salt Flats**.

For millions of years this basin has accumulated water, volcanic minerals and salts, forming **small lagoons** that are home to native species such as **flamingos**. Take a moment to observe their elegant beauty and capacity to adapt to this harsh environment.

At the end of the day, the **silence of dusk** reflected on the horizon will leave you speechless.

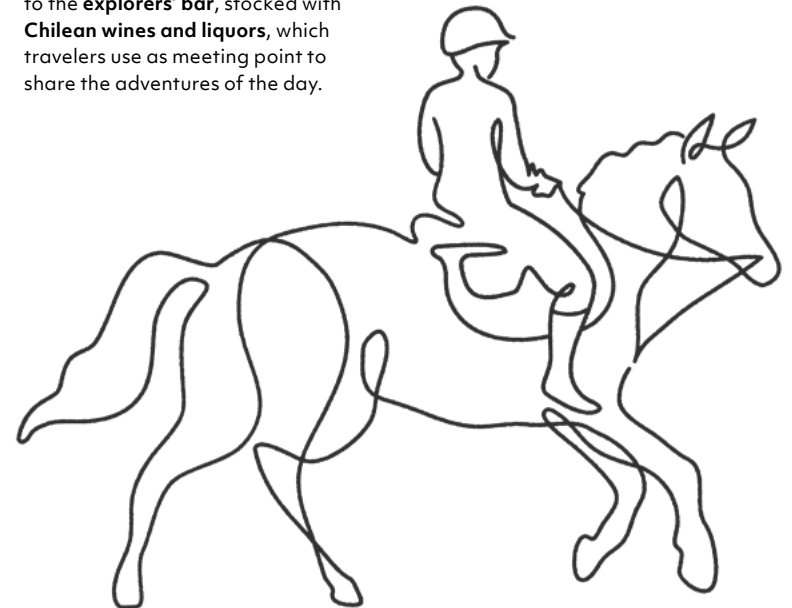
Back in the lodge, find your way to the **explorers' bar**, stocked with **Chilean wines and liquors**, which travelers use as meeting point to share the adventures of the day.

Day 5

EXPLORING THE ATACAMA DESERT on horseback or bike is a whole new way to discover this remote destination. An experience where you can go at your own pace, exploring **pristine and solitary landscapes**. Our guides will make sure everyone enjoys the ride, no matter your level of expertise.

We cross the **San Pedro River** and the **Chula sand dunes** on horseback with panoramic views of the **Salt Mountain Range** and the Andes and the oasis.

Enjoy your last night with us, and before you check out tomorrow, don't forget to sign our visitor's book. We would love to see you again soon.



Everything is included

Since we believe that it is important to leave all daily concerns behind, our lodges are all inclusive: explorations, food, beverage, and transport.