



CHILE'S NORTHERN DESERT SKIES *SOUTHBOUND*

Get back to the basics of nature – Air, Fire, Water and Earth – in this recently upgraded small group, fully-escorted **Luxury Overland Tour** through the spectacular North of Chile.

Departs July 7, 2008

US\$ 4,690 per person

16 days / 15 nights

Internal airfare from Santiago included,
\$650 single room supplement



Lodging – Southbound Tour¹

Night	Hotel (category) ²
1	Plaza San Francisco, Santiago (5-star)
2	Qantati, Putre (3-star)
3	Arica Hotel & Resort, Arica (4-star)
4, 5	Terrado Suites, Iquique (5-star)
6, 7, 8	Altiplanico, San Pedro (4-star)
9	Radisson, Antofagasta (4-star)
10, 11	Rocas de Bahia, Bahia Inglesa (4-star)
12	Costa Real, La Serena (5-star)
13	Apartment Hotel, Las Tacas (4-star)
14	Sheraton Miramar, Vina del Mar (5-star)
15	Plaza San Francisco, Santiago (5-star)

¹ Northbound Tour from Santiago available in reverse order. Request separate e-Brochure if desired.

² Substitutions of at least equal quality might be necessary depending on availability.

- ✚ Lauca National Park high in the Altiplano
- ✚ Geoglyphs and Petroglyphs on nearby hillsides
- ✚ Numerous Volcanoes, many around 6,000 meters
- ✚ Archeological museum of San Miguel de Azapa
- ✚ Chile's northernmost city of Arica bordering Peru
- ✚ Ghost towns left over from Nitrate mining boom
- ✚ Pampa del Tamarugal National Reserve
- ✚ San Pedro de Atacama and the unique Moon Valley
- ✚ Chuquicamata Copper Mine
- ✚ English Bay's turquoise waters
- ✚ Astronomical observatory
- ✚ Seaside resort of La Serena
- ✚ Famous coastal beaches
- ✚ Valparaiso and Viña del Mar
- ✚ Santiago and central Wine Valley



Southbound Itinerary

Day 1 **Santiago**

Arrival into **Santiago's** international airport where you will have a transfer of approximately 30 minutes to your hotel for the night. After lunch you will have a **City Tour of Santiago** before returning to the hotel for the evening.

Day 2 **Putre**

Morning transfer back to the airport for your flight up to Arica, where we will be waiting for you to begin our adventure. First we'll head east through the **Lluta River Valley** where we will see numerous **geoglyphs** and the unusual **Candelabro Cactus**. Then we will stop at the eco-village of Ecotruely and **take a tour and have a vegetarian lunch**. As we continue our ascent

we will make a stop to drink some coca tea to help our bodies become accustomed to the altitude. Then we will **visit the Aymara farming village of Socoroma** before making our way into **Putre** where we will have time to take it easy and acclimate ourselves to the high altitude (3,530 meters, or 10,760 feet). Tonight we will have a **welcome dinner**.

What's Included ? **Everything**, so you can enjoy your vacation!

- Small group experience (min. 4, max. 8 travelers) with personalized service
- Upgraded lodging in **superior category** at all destinations
- Bilingual Tour Hosts who will escort you throughout the tour
- All meals, including soft drinks, water and juices (alcoholic drinks extra)
- Snacks and drinks while we are in the van together
- Daily activities, such as soft trekking, sea kayaking, National Park visits, etc.
- Transportation in extremely comfortable Mercedes Benz Sprinter minibus
- Fun, relaxed atmosphere to help make this your best travel experience, ever!





Day 3

Arica

Today we will continue driving east until we reach the **Lauca National Park** in the **Altiplano**, (a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve) where we will see **llamas, alpacas, vicunas and guanacos**, as well as **lesser rheas, flamencos** and hopefully some **condors** as well. We will make a stop in the town of **Parinacota** before reaching the emerald green **Lake Chungara**, one of the world's highest lakes at 4,500 meters (13,700 feet) above sea level, with the view of numerous snow-capped peaks, including volcanoes above 6,000 meters, such as the perfect cone-shaped **Parinacota**, and it's brother **Pomerape**. We will return to Arica in the afternoon in time to **visit the archeological museum in the Azapa valley**, then **ascend the Morro in Arica** for a great view at sunset.



Day 4

Iquique

This morning we start down the **Pan American Highway** and stop to see some desert sculptures. Then we continue through the Pampa and stop for a box lunch at the Tiviliche Hacienda and then **visit the British Cemetery**. Then we make our way into the **Tamarugal Pampa**, taking a detour east and passing through numerous old nitrate mining towns such as **Humberstone**, which will give us a glimpse into the past when



this area was thriving from the nitrate boom. Then we'll end the day at the city of **Iquique**, known as the "City of Eternal Springtime".

Day 5

Iquique

Today we will take a break from traveling and you will have a choice of two optional activities: (1) Let's go and fly off the hill with a **half-day Paragliding adventure**, or (2) Take a **full-day tour to the Pampa de Tamarugal National Reserve, including La Tirana, Matilla and Pica**, where you can soak in the hot springs of Cocha de Resbaladero. On the return you will **visit the Painted Geoglyphs**, where you can witness 66 panels of around 400 figures of men, birds, animals and abstract drawings.



Day 6

San Pedro de Atacama

This morning we continue South along the coastal road, hugging the Pacific for nearly 250 kilometers before stopping for lunch. Then we head east through the mining town of



Calama and deeper into the desert. We will **visit the Valley of the Moon for a wonderful sunset experience**, then make our way into our day's destination of **San Pedro de Atacama**.

Day 7

San Pedro de Atacama

This morning we **will take an archeological tour** of a fort dating back to the 12th century, **Pukara de Quito**, built on a strategic location over a river. In the afternoon we will go to the village of **Toconao** to visit the local handcraft market, then **visit the Flamenco Reserve** on the Atacama Salt Flats. On the return to San Pedro we will visit the town of **Tulor**.



Day 8

San Pedro de Atacama

This morning we will leave very early (around 4:30 am) for a full day trip approximately 100 kilometers from San Pedro to **visit the Geisers del Tatio**. The trip there will be all in the dark, arriving before sunrise. We will have breakfast, then walk out to the **Geothermic Field**, where the view of the vapor



columns and hundreds of boiling pools of water with the backdrop of high mountain peaks is truly amazing. You can **take a thermal bath** before

heading back to San Pedro in the early afternoon, passing by the **Tocorpuri and Sairecabur Volcanoes** on the way. Remainder of the afternoon free in San Pedro de Atacama.

Day 9

Antofagasta

Today we will leave San Pedro and make a stop for an early lunch and then **visit the world's largest copper mine of Chuquibambilla**. Then we drive to the port city of **Antofagasta** where we will check into our hotel. Before dinner we will drive outside of town to **witness the unique rock formation**



called "**La Portada**" at sunset.

Day 10

Bahia Inglesa

This morning we will need to leave early, being the longest drive on the trip. We will enter the **Pan de Azucar National Park**, an area with a microclimate supporting varied flora and fauna, including many species of cacti, as well as **sea lions,**



pelicans and guanacos. We might even be able to **hire a local fisherman to take us around the Pan de Azucar Island to see the nesting site of around 2,000 Humboldt penguins**. Then



we continue along the coast to reach our destination for the next two nights of **Bahia Inglesa**, or English Bay, where we can **take a dip in the Caribbean blue waters** (though not quite as warm!).

Day 11

Bahia Inglesa

Today you can relax in the beautiful surroundings, with



numerous activities available, including **4X4 excursions, bike riding, sea kayaking**, or simply hanging out on the white sand beaches.

Day 12

La Serena

This morning we make a stop in the town of **Copiapo**, then have lunch in **Vallenar**. Entering the region of Coquimbo we'll drive to the beach resort town of **La Serena**, Chile's second oldest city. Tonight we will **take an astrological tour to the Mamalluca Observatory** for some serious stargazing, then return to La Serena for the night.



Day 13

Las Tacas

This morning we will spend in **La Serena**, **visiting its archeological museum** and having lunch in the handcraft market of **La Recova**. Then we will take the short drive along the coast to the beach resort of **Las Tacas**, where we can **enjoy the white sands beach for the rest of the afternoon**.

Day 14

Vina del Mar

Can you imagine coming across a lush cloud forest with similar trees and vegetation to that found more than 1,200 kilometers south, seemingly in the middle of the desert? Today we will see just that as we **visit the Fray Jorge National Park**. Then we will take another detour off the main road to witness one of the few places where we can **see both petroglyphs and pictographs in the Valle del Encanto**. Then we drive down to the second most populated section of the country and enter **Viña del Mar**, where we will check into our ocean-front hotel for the night.

Day 15

Santiago

Today we will take a **walking tour in Vina del Mar and then in the legislative capitol of the country, the hillside port city of Valparaiso**. Then we drive to **Santiago**.

Day 16

Home

Breakfast, then transfer to the airport for your flight back home or to continue your vacation.

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