

EXCITING ASTRONOMY ADVENTURE TRAVEL

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CODE QC-04

Short Atacama Safari with Sky Tour

4-day Tour with 2 nights camping

Fixed departures dates 2017

Departure	Ending	Starts in	Ends in
Thursday March 2, 2017	Sunday March 5, 2017	Calama	Calama
Tuesday April 18, 2017	Friday April 21, 2107	Calama	Calama
Thursday May 18, 2017	Sunday May 21, 2017	Calama	Calama
Thursday June 29, 2017	Sunday July 02, 2017	Calama	Calama
Thursday July 13, 2017	Sunday July 16, 2017	Calama	Calama
Thursday August 17, 2017	Sunday August 20, 2017	Calama	Calama
Thursday September 21, 2017	Sunday September 24, 2017	Calama	Calama
Thursday October 19, 2017	Sunday October 22, 2017	Calama	Calama

DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1 CALAMA ARRIVAL - TAMBILLO

You will be met in Calama (7.280 ft) airport. One hour and a half drive across the Atacama Desert and the Andes Mountains to the picturesque town of San Pedro de Atacama (7.797 ft). In the afternoon, visit the Salt Range and the Moon Valley Nature Sanctuary. At the Moon Valley Nature Sanctuary, you will see barren ridges and soaring cliffs formed by the folding of the watery ground underneath a salt lake, which as it rose, created beautiful forms and spires that appear to be sculptures. Drive to El Tambillo, a Tamarugo forest in the nearest of Atacama salt flat, where we set up our Base Camp. Barbecue for dinner.

Camp. Lunch and dinner included.

[First opportunity for Guided astronomical observations at Spaceobs San Pedro de Atacama](#)

Day 2 TAMBILLO – TOCONAO & CHAXA LAGOON - MISCANTI & MISCATI LAGOON - TAMBILLO

Breakfast at the Base Camp. Drive to Toconao native village and Chaxa lagoon in the immense Atacama Salt Flat. A 300,000 hectares salt deposit, the Atacama Salt Flat, is a place inhabited by many species of flamingos in the National Reserve of the same name. Continuing on, we will drive to the high plateaus, reaching 14.100 feet, to the dazzling Miscanti and Miniques lagoons with its special fauna, such as the giant Tagua bird. Lunch at the foothill of this amazing volcanoes. Return to the camp.

Camp. Breakfast, lunch and dinner included.

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Day 3 TAMBILLO – ALMA (available only on Sunday and Saturday, needs early booking) OR CHAJNANTOR FLATS – SAN PEDRO

[Visit of the ALMA \(Atacama Large Millimeter Array\) site or Chajnantor flats.](#) ALMA is the most powerful radio observatory on earth and is currently functioning in the Chilean altiplano, in Atacama, at an altitude of 16.400 FT. ALMA is comprised of some 64 12-meter sub-millimetre quality antennas, with baselines extending up to 10 km. all of them located at Chajnantor flats, at 16.400 ft. The visit starts at 09 am and you will be back to San Pedro at 01 pm. The ALMA project offers these guided visits on regular bases every Saturday and Sunday, no private visits are allowed. Another very exciting option would be to drive to Cerro Toco, at 16.400 ft, from where you will have an impressive view of the Chajnantor flats and ALMA antennas. In the afternoon a walk in the Death Valley will show you a different view of the Salt Range.

Hotel. Breakfast included.

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Day 4 SAN PEDRO - TATIO GEYSERS - CALAMA

Early drive to the geothermal Tatio Geysers Camp (14.170 ft), a place where violent plumes of vapor from the boiling water wells surface. A hot breakfast will be served at the geothermal site during the visit. Then you will spend the day visiting Caspana (10.824 ft), a fertile cultivated valley that is characterized by its rock architecture, Liparita, and roofs of straw and mud. Later on, always on the way to Calama, visit the beautiful San Francisco Church in Chiu Chiu (8.282 ft), small town built in 1675. Lunch in route. At the end of the day transfer to Calama airport. End of services.

Breakfast and lunch included.

LAND COST 2016

QC4 Fixed departures dates. Min 8/Max 16 people

U\$d 760.00

For single supplement please add U\$d 190,00

Rates per person, based on double room/tent accommodation.

Hotel Dunas or similar in San Pedro

LAND COST INCLUDES

Private transportation throughout

Local bilingual guide

Camp staff such as a cook and camp assistants

Meals and accommodation as mentioned in the itinerary.

All activities as mentioned in the program,

Entrance fees: El Tatio, Valle de la Luna, Miscanti Miñiques, Laguna Chaxa

One guided astronomical observation at Spaceobs

High quality communal camping gear including tents as well as full base camp infrastructure and services.

Airport transfers as mentioned in the program.

First aid kit.

Sat phone on pay per minute basis.

LAND COST DOES NOT INCLUDE

International airfare.

Chilean domestic flights.

Compulsory travel insurances (accidents, repatriation) and other insurances of any kind (e.g. medical, trip cancellation strongly recommended).

Transfers for independent arrival or departure.

Meals and accommodation not specified after each itinerary day.

Any other expenses not mentioned in the day by day program or in the included items.

Important note:

Trips to ALMA [Atacama Large Millimeter Array] and VLT [Very Large Telescope] can be reserved directly at these organizations' website, and your chances of taking part depend exclusively on actual availability at the time of booking. QuasarChile will make these reservations for you only after formally receiving your reservation for our astronomy tours. Available space for these visits is limited and QuasarChile cannot guarantee it. Therefore, we recommend that you reserve your space on our tours as early as possible. And in any case, if you still have not decided to book with QuasarChile, you can secure your space for trips to VLT and ALMA [Observatories] directly at the following links:

[ALMA bookings](#)

[VLT bookings](#)

Booking and Cancellation Fees

Booking is secure only after receipt of a NON-Refundable deposit of 10% of the cost of the trip.

The balance is due no later than 30 days prior to the start of the land tour.

Clients may cancel their trip at any time prior to departure only if confirmed in writing (email) to QUASAR CHILE.

Refunds due to client-cancelled trips will be as follows:

Cancellation 29 - 15 days prior to departure - 50% of the land cost will be refunded.

Cancellation 14 days or less prior to departure - no refunds.

Policy

If, for any reason, anyone leaves the trip before its completion, for whatever reason, there will be no reimbursement of fees. If the weather, or other factor(s), makes completing our objective impossible, there will be no reimbursement of fees. In the case any of the participants need for a rescue, or the participant leaves the trip before its completion, for whatever reason, the participant is responsible for any expenses incurred. QUASAR CHILE is not responsible for any expenses incurred if the trip should be delayed due to weather, strikes, theft, acts of nature, civil disturbances, terrorism, acts of war, government restrictions or regulations, failure of any form of transportation to arrive or depart as scheduled, or discrepancies over which QUASAR CHILE has no control. If the participant cancels at any time before the activity there will be no refund of the 10% deposit.

Program and rates updated October 2016