# The 13 days ATACAMA DESERT to LAKE TITICACA program



## Day 1: SANTIAGO

Reception at the airport and private transfer with guide at the hotel. Half-day city tour with welcome lunch in Central Market. (Lunch included)

## Day 2: SANTIAGO - CALAMA - S. PEDRO DE ATACAMA

Private transfer to the airport.

Morning flight to Calama

Reception at Calama by your guide and transfer to the village of San Pedro de Atacama.

Afternoon excursion to Death Valley and Moon Valley.

Hotel Kimal or similar

(Breakfast and Lunch included)

### Day 3: S. PEDRO DE ATACAMA -TERMAS DE PURITAMA - SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA

Transfer to Hot springs of Puritama for bath and picnic.

Back to San Pedro, visit of archaeological site of Quitor or easy trek through Salty Range Mountain according to interests of the group.

(Breakfast and Lunch included)

#### Day 4: SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA

Full day excursion visiting the village of Toconao, the Atacama salt lake, laguna Chaxa with its flamingos, village of Socaire and altiplanic lagunas of Miscanti and Miñiques. (Breakfast and Lunch included)

#### Day 5: SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA - GEYSERS DI TATIO- SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA

Early morning, excursion to Tatio geysers. Breakfast on spot. Possibility to get a bath in hot thermal waters. Back to San Pedro visiting the typical Andean village of Machuca (local fauna and flora). Free afternoon for last purchases or optional activity (horse riding, sand board, mountain bike...) (Breakfast and Lunch included)

#### Day 6: S. PEDRO DE ATACAMA – LAGUNA COLORADA

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We cross the border at the foot of Licancabur Volcano to enter in the National Reserve "Eduardo Abaroa" one of the most visited in Bolivia because of its great fauna & flora richness and beautiful landscapes including volcanoes, thermal springs, smoggy geysers and colored lakes as Laguna Verde, Laguna Blanca and Laguna Colorada with its 30.000 flamingos.

Hotel Tayka del desierto (subject to availability) (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

#### Day 7: LAGUNA COLORADA —SAN PEDRO DE QUEMEZ

The trip follows on the high plain including Siloli Desert and its set of particular rocks products of wind erosion, different coloured lagoons where it is possible to see endemic flora and fauna. Overnight in the small village of San Juan

Hotel Tayka de Piedra (subject to availability) (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

### Day 8: SAN PEDRO DE QUEMEZ - UYUNI

Driving across the huge Uyuni salt flat and discovering its singular beauty and immense whiteness. In the middle of the salar, there are islands where it is possible to observe corals and seashells as a memory of the former lake, which once took place at the current Uyuni salt flat. Later, continuing towards ojos del salar.

Hotel Luna Salada in Colchani (Breakfast, Lunch)

## Day 9: UYUNI - LA PAZ

Flight to La Paz.

The city of La Paz sits in a bowl surrounded by the high mountains of the <u>altiplano</u>. As it grew, the city of La Paz climbed the hills, resulting in varying elevations from 3,200 to 4,100 m. Overlooking the city is towering triple-peaked <u>Illimani</u>, which is always snow-covered and can be seen from many parts of the city. The city hosts several cathedrals belonging to the colonial times, such as the San Francisco Cathedral and the Metropolitan Cathedral, this last one located on Murillo Square, which is also home of the political and administrative power of the country.

The Witches' Market is a particular sight in <u>La Paz</u>. Vendors sell herbs, seeds, dried llama foetuses and frogs, folk remedies and a variety of fascinating ingredients used to manipulate the many spirits that populate the Aymara world.

Hotel El Rey Palace or similar (Breakfast, Lunch)

# Day 10: LA PAZ- TIWANAKU - COPACABANA

Transfer to Copacabana on the shore of Titicaca Lake. Visit of the town and surrounds. Hotel Rosario del Lago or similar (Breakfast, Lunch)

#### Day 11: COPACABANA - TITICACA LAKE - ISLAND OF SUN

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Boat to cross to the island "Isla del Sol", one of the most mystic places of the Andean regions. Walk to the Ecolodge La Estancia, a place in harmony with the nature from the Island of the Sun and Lake Titicaca, and which respects and conserves the cultural traditions of the local aymaras. Discovering the island.

Lodge La Estancia (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

## Day 12: ISLAND OF SUN - COPACABANA - LA PAZ

Boat back to Copacabana and Drive back to La Paz. Hotel El Rey Palace Hotel or similar (Breakfast, Lunch)

# Day 13: LA PAZ (out)

Transfer to international airport. (*Breakfast*)
End of services.

## **Prices include:**

- Accommodation in hotels as mentioned, according to availability (Standard DOUBLE room basis)
- Meals as mentioned in the program
- Drinks during picnic / box-lunches
- Private transportation, fuel

In Chile: minibus Mercedes

In Bolivia: jeep(s) Toyota Land-Cruiser (4 paxs maximum / vehicle)

- Bilingual guide during the whole trip (Italian speaking guide on previous request)
- Spanish speaking driver(s)
- Guide and driver(s) expenses
- Excursions, visits mentioned in the program
- Entrance, park fees of places mentioned in the program

## Prices do not include:

- National flights
- All kind of drinks during restaurant and/or hotel meals
- Single room supplement
- Early check-in / late check-out in hotels
- Tips
- Visa if necessary / Personal insurance
- Any other service NOT mentioned in the program