



The Essential of the Altiplanic Deserts (#20670)

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Trip Highlights

Buenos Aires - Salta - Cafayate - Purmamarca - Atacama - Villamar - Colchani

Detailed Itinerary

Day 01

Day 1 Buenos Aires.

Arrival at the airport and transfer to the hotel. In the afternoon, we make a panoramic tour of the city, visiting the most relevant places. In the evening, we attend a dinner show to appreciate the magnetism of tango.

Meal: Dinner



Day 02**Day 2 Buenos Aires / Salta.**

Arrival and reception at Salta's airport. Transfer to the hotel. In the afternoon, the city awaits us to explore it by foot, walking along its streets, churches, colonial buildings and visiting the MAAM. Maximum altitude: 1.152 MASL (3.779 ft.).

Meal: Breakfast

Day 03**Day 3 Salta / Cafayate.**

Departure to start our trip through the Calchaquies Valleys, passing by the Obispo Slope, Del Tin Tin Straight, Los Cardones National Park, Cachi and De Las Flechas Gorge. Arrival at Cafayate. Travel time: 11/12 hours Maximum altitude: 3.348 MASL (10.984 ft.)

Meal: Breakfast

Day 04**Day 4 Cafayate / Salta.**

In the morning, we visited the town, museum and winery to undertake the return to Salta touring the Quebrada de Cafayate and its formations. Arrival and Accommodation

Travel time: 8 hours. Maximum altitude: 1.683 MASL (5.522 ft.)

Meal: Breakfast

Day 05**Day 5 Salta / Purmamarca.**

Early departure travelling through Del Toro Gorge in order to get to know the small town of San Antonio de los Cobres. After lunch (not included), we continue across the Puna up to Salinas Grandes Salt Flat and then we start descending through De Lipán Slope to Purmamarca. Travel time: 10 hours Maximum altitude: 4.170 MASL (13.681 ft.)

Meal: Breakfast



Day 06**Day 6 Purmamarca / Atacama.**

In the morning, departure towards San Pedro de Atacama, passing by Paso de Jama border crossing. Arrival at this oasis in the middle of the desert. Travel time: 7 hours. Maximum altitude: 4.400 MASL (14.436 ft.)

Meal: Breakfast

Day 07**Day 7 Atacama.**

Departure to the Altiplanic Lagoons, which represent one of the seven sectors that embrace Los Flamencos National Reserve along with Chaxa Lagoon in the Atacama Salt Flat. During the tour, we visit the Miscanti, Miñiques and Toconao Lagoons. Travel time: 7/8 hours Maximum altitude: 4.220 MASL (13.845 ft.)

Meal: Breakfast

Day 08**Day 8 Atacama.**

Early departure to El Tatio Geysers, the highest geothermal field in the world where we observe the steam and fumaroles produced by the high temperatures of its craters. During the afternoon, we enjoy the sunset in De La Luna Valley. Travel time: 9 hours Maximum altitude: 4.320 MASL (14.173 ft.)

Meal: Breakfast

Day 09**Day 9 Atacama / Villamar.**

Departure to the border with Bolivia, Hito Cajón, from there we continue to the Verde lagoon, Dalí Valley, hot springs of Chaviri, Geysers of the Morning and the Laguna Colorada where we will appreciate the flamingos of James, unique in the world. Arrival in Villamar. Travel time: 8 hours Maximum altitude: 4.990 MASL (16.371 ft.)

Meal: Breakfast, lunch and Dinner



Day 10
Day 10 Villamar / Colchani.

In the morning visit to the Cave Paintings and Fort Necropolis of Tomas Lakjas, Valley of the Rocks and then continue to Uyuni passing by the towns of Culpina and San Cristóbal. During the trip and before going to Colchani, we visit the Cemetery of Trains to finally arrive at Colchani, where we stay at a salt hotel. Travel time: 8 hours Maximum altitude: 3.550 MASL (11.647 ft.)

Meal: Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

Day 11
Day 11 Colchani.

Today we explore Uyuni Salt Flat, the largest in the world. During the tour, we will visit a salt processing plant, the Incahuasi Island where we can observe the giant Cactus, and the Pucara de Ayque. After enjoying lunch, which will be served on the Salt Flat, we have fun with a photo session and then we enjoy the sunset. Maximum altitude: 3.600 MASL (11.811 ft.)

Meal: Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

Day 12
Day 12 Colchani / Tilcara.

Early in the morning, departure to Argentina. On the way we stop in Atocha's mining centre and Tupiza, to arrive then at Villazon- La Quiaca, from where once we do the migrations procedures. The trip continues through the Quebrada de Humahuaca to arrive in Tilcara. Travel time: 11 hours Maximum altitude: 3658 MASL (12.001 ft.)

Meal: Breakfast and Lunch

Day 13
Day 13 Tilcara / Salta.

We explore the Huma Huaca Gorge, Humanity's Cultural Heritage by UNESCO and one of its best kept treasures, the incredible mountain range of El Hornocal, also called Cerro de los 14 Colores, whose viewpoint is at 4350 meters above sea level. Arrival in Salta. Travel time: 10 hours Maximum altitude: 4350 MASL (14.271 ft.)



Meal: Breakfast

Day 14

Day 14 Salta / Buenos Aires.

In the morning, transfer to the airport to board the flight to Buenos Aires. Arrival and transfer to the hotel.

Meal: Breakfast

Day 15

Day 15 Buenos Aires.

Day at leisure. At due time, transfer to the airport.

Meal: Breakfast

Inclusions

-Needed transfers.

-Accommodation: 14 nights.

Buenos Aires (2) - Salta (3) - Cafayate (1) - Purmamarca (2) - Atacama (3) - Villamar (1) Colchani (2).

-Tours:

Buenos Aires: City tour – Dinner tango show.

Salta: Walking tour with MAAM - De Las Flechas, Cafayate and Del Toro Gorges.

Jujuy: Humahuaca Gorge.

Atacama: Altiplanic Lagoons - Atacama Salt Flat - El Tatio Geysers - De La Luna Valley.

Uyuni: Colores Lagoons – De La Mañana Geysers - Uyuni Salt Flat.

-Meals: 14 breakfasts - 4 lunches - 4 dinners.

-Needed tickets to the Parks, Reserves and museums.

Exclusions

Flight tickets and airport taxes.

Extra: Meals, drinks, tips, laundry service, telephone call and other personal expenses or services not specified on the program.



Eco-tax in Puerto Iguazú, Bariloche and port taxes in the Lake Crossing.

Early check in / late check out.

Optional activities.

Gratuities.

Travel and medical insurance.

Note

Hotels Used Or Similar

BUENOS AIRES - NH TANGO OR SIMILAR

SALTA - BRIZO SALTA OR SIMILAR

CAFAYATE - VIÑAS DE CAFAYATE OR SIMILAR

PURMAMARCA - LA COMARCA OR SIMILAR

ATACAMA - ALTIPLANICO OR SIMILAR

MALKU CUEVA - JARDINES DE MALKU

COLCHANI - PALACIO DE LA SAL

TILCARA - TERRAZAS DE TILCARA

Operational notes:

Day 2: It is required to arrive by flight before 2PM

The High Mountain Museum is closed on Mondays. Due to the closure of Cabildo (MAR) and Mercado de San Miguel (DOM), the points of interest to visit will be modified.

Day 4: The Vine and Wine Museum closes on Mondays.

Day 6: Please, ask about the frequency of the bus Purmamarca – S.P. de Atacama.

Day 9: From May to October, the access to Colores Lagoon and De la Mañana Geysers in Bolivia can be affected due to weather conditions.

Day 11: From December to April, due to the rains, access to the salt flat, Incahuasi Island and the Pucara de Ayque can be affected.

To keep in mind:

This program is available as a fixed departure. Please, consult for our exclusive benefits. During the rainy season, DEC-MAR. The tour may be affected.

Due to the characteristics of the Puna, we recommend that people with respiratory, cardiac or pressure illnesses take special care.



THE TARIFFS MAY BE MODIFIED IN THE WINTER HOLIDAYS PERIOD, LONG WEEK-ENDS, NATIONAL HOLIDAY, FESTIVE SEASON (FROM DEC 23RD TO JAN 4TH), CONGRESSES, CONVENTIONS AND INCENTIVE: HOTEL RATES ONLY UPON REQUEST.

PLEASE, ASK THE MINIMUM OF NIGHTS AND MANDATORY DINNERS.

Basic concepts

1. Flights are not included. Please check at the time of booking the required flights, as they are subject to frequent rescheduling.
2. Lodging tax exemption. It is mandatory to receive copy of the passport in order to keep the exemption.
3. Meals as specified in the itinerary.
4. Tickets to natural reserves, national parks and museums.

IMPORTANT

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE RATES QUOTED FOR ACCOMMODATION IN ARGENTINA (EXCEPT USHUAIA AND HOTELS WITH SPECIAL TAX CATEGORY), DO NOT INCLUDE VAT ACCORDING TO THE REGULATION OF VAT EXEMPTION FOR EVERY PERSON RESIDENT IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

PLEASE NOTE THAT IN ORDER TO GET THE VAT EXEMPTION AS QUOTED WE WILL NEED TO RECEIVE COPY OF THE PASSPORTS FOR ALL PASSENGERS.

SERVICES AND PRICES NOT INCLUDED, ARE UPON REQUEST.

CONGRESSES, CONVENTIONS AND INCENTIVE: HOTEL RATES ONLY UPON REQUEST.

ENTRANCES FEES TO NATIONAL PARKS ARE NOT INCLUDED UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.

HALF BOARD AND FULL BOARD SUPPLEMENT AVAILABLE ON REQUEST.

Notes

Day 1: Transfer to the Tango Dinner Show without a guide.

Day 2: City walking tour with the High Mountain Museum: This starts at the meeting point.

It is not available on Sundays due to the closure of the San Miguel Market or on Mondays due to the closure of the High Mountain Museum. A flight before 3 PM is required.

Luggage allowed: Only one carry-on bag is allowed for all round-trip services with overnight stays outside the city of Salta, such as the Vuelta de los Valles Calchaquíes.

Day 9: The transfer from San Pedro de Atacama to Hito Cajón is a private service with a guide.

Days 9 to 12: Services provided in 4X4 vehicles.

Day 12: Due to the distances, the departure from Uyuni to La Quiaca is early in the morning. During this day, it is possible to visit the Hornocal mountain range; this detour

is subject to delays at the Villazón-La Quiaca border and to the passenger's fatigue and well-being. It is important to note that altitude and the duration of transfers can affect the passenger.



Day 13: The Pucará de Tilcara is closed on Mondays.

Private Services:

Round-trip transfers with a guide.

Regular Services:

In Buenos Aires and Salta, arrival transfers with a guide. Departure transfers without a guide.

Day 6: Transfer from Purmamarca to San Pedro de Atacama by regular bus service. Check the operating days.

Program Touring / Guide

Private touring

Periodic Departure

30 Jan, 2025 to 31 Aug, 2025

2 pax

AUD 21,988 P P twin share

AUD 25,375 P P single

AVAILABLE

3 pax

AUD 18,655 P P twin share

AUD 22,042 P P single

AVAILABLE

01 Sep, 2025 to 31 Mar, 2026

2 pax

AUD 22,589 P P twin share

AUD 26,098 P P single

AVAILABLE

3 pax

AUD 19,558 P P twin share

AUD 23,067 P P single

AVAILABLE

