



SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA

A unique place in the world...

During your stay in San Pedro de Atacama you will have the opportunity to discover a marvellous region.

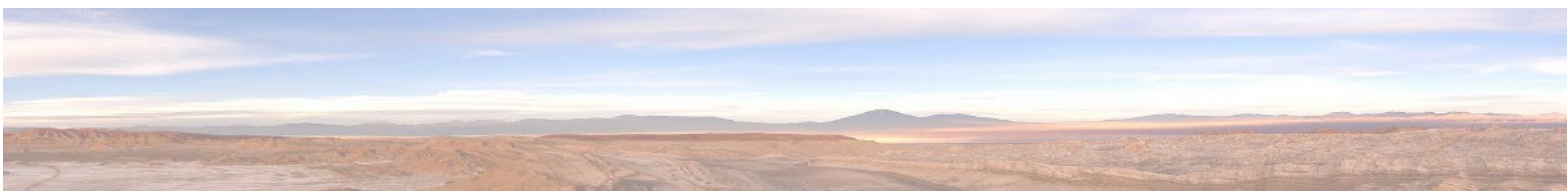
The most popular excursions are described below, with the reference schedule of each tour, so you can select your favourite and make reservations with the travel agencies.

Prices and times change depending on the travel agency, so we recommend you to check webpages to make your decision.

The website www.denomades.com gathers a lot of good plans and allows you to make your reservation online: <https://www.denomades.com/en/san-pedro-de-atacama>. You will find for instance options to practice sandboard, quad tours, helicopter flight, trekking, biking or horseback riding.

If you prefer book directly with travel agencies, you can see the following ones:

Name	Mail	Tours in Atacama Desert	Tours to Uyuni Salt Flat	Sports and entertainment (animal trekking, sandboard, paintball, etc.) safari, quads, motorbike	Horse Riding	Biking	Stars and astronomy
Atacama Desert Stargazing	http://www.atacamadesertstargazing.com/#	X		X			X
Whipala Expediciones	http://whipalaexpedition.cl/#	X					
Time Travel Atacama	http://www.timetravelatacama.com/#!/-bienvenido/						X
Cosmo Andino	http://www.cosmoandino.cl/#	X		X			
Space Obs	http://www.spaceobs.com/es#						X
World White Travel	http://www.worldwhitetravel.com/index.php/en/	X	X				
Turismo Grado 10	http://www.turismogrado10.com/grado10-home.nsf/genpage?openagent&CLASE=PAGE&ID=es-inicio.html&LANG=es	X					
Cruz Andina Traveller	http://www.cruzandinatraveller.com/destino/tours-locales-en-san-pedro-atacama#	X	X				
On Safari Atacama	http://www.onsafariatacama.com/#			X		X	X
Terra Extreme	http://www.terraextreme.cl/#	X					
Desert Adventure	http://desertadventure.cl/	X					





Vulcano Expediciones	http://www.vulcanochile.cl/	X		X	X	X	
Rancho Cactus	http://www.rancho-cactus.cl/				X		
Atacama Horse Adventure	http://www.atacamahorseadventure.com/en/				X		
Sunway Atacama	http://www.sunwayatacama.cl/	X	X	X		X	
Andes Traveller	http://www.andestraveller.com.ar/sanpedrodeatacama.php	X	X	X			
Turismo Layana	http://www.turismolayana.cl/home-ing	X					
Incanorth	http://incanorth.cl/	X (packs of tours)					
Juriques Tour	http://www.juriques.com/bolivia.html	X	X	X			
Pro Desert Park	http://www.prodesertpark.cl/			X			
Shijasa Travel	http://www.shijusatravel.com/	X		X	X	X	X
Expediciones Illari	http://www.expedicionesillari.com/	X	X				
Vive Atacama	http://www.viveatacama.cl/	X		X			

We remind you that December corresponds to high touristic season, so we suggest you to make your reservation in advance.

As you will be in a desert, you shall need lots of sunscreen, trekking clothing and shoes but also windbreaker jacket and warm clothing for the nights. Depending on the excursions you could need a swimsuit too.



TATIO GEYSERS

4:00 am - 1:00 pm aprox.

Tour through the geothermal fields where you can view the geysers, fumaroles and mud baths at dawn.

2 days of acclimatization are needed.





CEJAR LAGOON

9:00 am - 3:00 pm aprox. / 4:00 pm – 20:30 pm aprox.

The lagoon is in the Atacama salt flat, and is a beautiful natural mirror reflecting the Andes. The water has a 40% salt concentration, where you can enjoy a bath and float effortlessly.



MOON VALLEY

4:00 pm - 8:30 pm aprox.

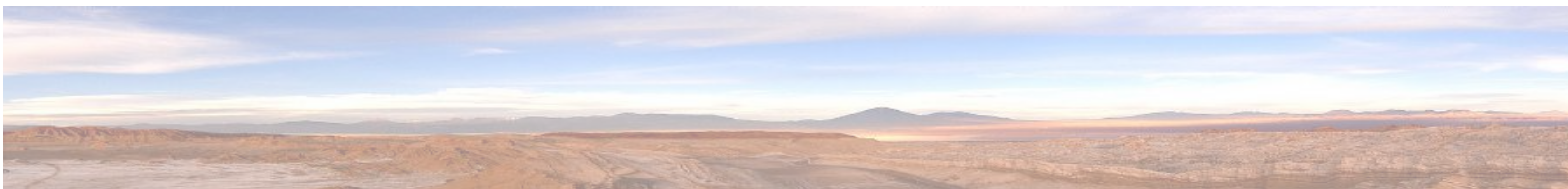
This valley is one of the most distinctive attractions of San Pedro de Atacama. You can visit many different beauty spots, and enjoy the sunset from a beautiful viewpoint.

HIGH PLATEAU LAKES

6:00 am – 1:30 pm aprox. or one day tour

This is one of the most spectacular places in the region; two lagoons at 4,300 meters that are located on the slopes of their respective volcanoes; Miñiques and Miscanti. On the tour you have a privileged view of the Salar de Atacama and watch from near the volcanoes of the Andes.

2 acclimatization days are required. Tours generally include lunch.





PURITAMA HOT SPRING

9:00 am - 1:30 pm / 2:00 pm - 6:30 pm

After trekking between cacti, relax in the thermal waters of the High Andes at the Punta del Inca amidst beautiful surroundings where the River Puritama ("hot water" in the Kunza language) spills into 8 different pools whose temperatures fluctuate between 29° and 33°C.

Tours generally include lunch.



CHAXA LAGOON

9:00 am - 1:00 pm / 4:00 - 8:00 pm

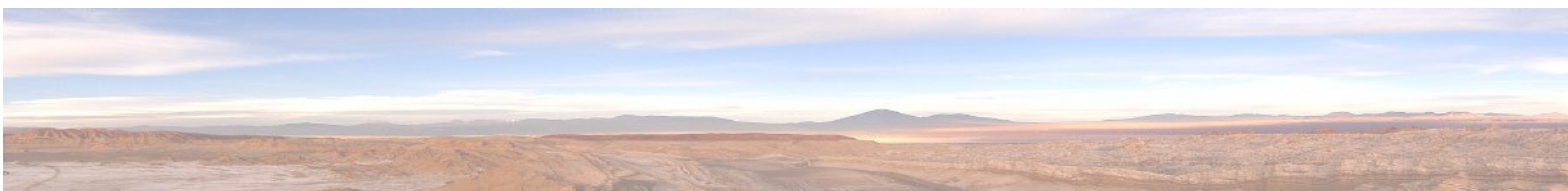
Tours generally include the visit of the town of Toconao with its church, markets and local handicraft shops. Then people go into the heart of the Atacama Salt flat to watch the flamingos in the beautiful lagoon.

THE RAINBOW VALLEY AND RÍO GRANDE

7:00 am - 2 pm / 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Tours generally begin with the visit of Yerbas Buenas: a rocky island that tells us, in its rock drawings, the ancestral history of the Lican-Antay people, after which people shall move on to Rainbow Valley: fascinating coloured mountains. Afterwards, people shall visit Río Grande, an ancient village lying between the Andes and the river, with its old church.

Tours generally include lunch.





DEVIL'S THROAT BIKING OR RIDING

3:00 pm - 6:30 pm

24 kms (round trip) Bicycle tour into the barrel Garganta del Diablo mountain within the Cordillera de la Sal, in the Catarpe sector, where large clay embankments and stones are observed, continues with sand and river crossing, down to the Chapel of San Isidro.



RED ROCKS

It is a unique landscape where nature combines colours creating an unimaginable view. Tours generally include it with the high plateau lagoons.

ARCHAEOLOGY TOUR

9:00 am - 12:30 am

Visit the ruins of Tulo, the Pucara (fortification) of Quito and the Tambo (wayside inn) of the Inca, and learn about the history and evolution of the Atacama civilization.





STAR TOURS

9:00 pm

Agencies offer those tours each clear night, apart from a 6 days period around the full moon. They allow people without any prior knowledge of the sky to understand how to look at it, and observe as well through powerful telescopes, and discover a new world, our universe! The Atacama desert is one of the best places on Earth to see the sky.

You will need to be warmly dressed in order to enjoy the tour without getting cold.



SALAR DE UYUNI / UYUNI SALT FLAT

From San Pedro de Atacama, agencies offer 3 or 4 day-tours to the Uyuni Salt Flat, the world's largest salt flat of 10,582 square kilometers at 3,650 meters above sea level. It is located in the Daniel Campos Province in Potosí in southwest Bolivia. You will visit lagoons, deserts and hot springs and will see lots of animals on your way to the Salar.

¡ENJOY THE ATACAMA DESERT!

