



# ATACAMA EXPERIENCE

## Week Without Walls 2019







## THE BIG WELCOME

### DAY 1/ Monday 4

At 6:30 in the morning we will meet at school, check our luggage and talk about the experience we will live in the following 6 days in Atacama Desert, the driest desert in the world. Our flight takes approx. 2 hr to Calama, over there our transport will be waiting to take us to Hierbas Buenas, a incredible place full of petroglyphs. The next stop will be at Rainbow Valley, a beautiful rock formation that gives rise to a landscape full of unique colors and shades especiales bell. We end the day at the summit over the Valley of Death, on the Salt Mountain Range, where we will contemplate our first sunset in the desert. We arrive at 8 pm to our lodging, a house located in Ayllu de Coyo, 10 min from San Pedro, an oasis full of vegetation. Daniela and her family will be waiting for us with a nice welcome dinner.



- 6:30 Meeting at school
- 10:01 Flight to Calama
- 12:07 Arrival to Calama
- 13:40 Lunch hierbas buenas
- 15:00 Cultural activity in hierbas Buenas
- 16:30 Valle del Arcoiris
- 18:30 Sunset at Mirador de Cari
- 20:30 Check In and dinner



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Garganta del Diablo

## LICANANTAY CULTURE & MOUNTAIN BIKE ADVENTURE

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### DAY 2/ Tuesday 5



Early in the morning we will take breakfast We head towards the Allyu of Quito, to a traditional house, where will take several workshops that will bring us even closer to the different chores of the local culture: music, ceramics, orchard and Andean cosmovision. All of us will pass by the workshops. In the afternoon we will have one of the first adventures, a bike tour to a place called the Devil's Throat. A small rocks ravine located in Katarpe, special to do bike, between beautiful rock formations and interesting passages to pedal

8 :00 Breakfast

9.00 Workshops Traditional Culture  
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13:00 Lunch at Quito

15:00 Mountain Bike at Katarpe,  
Garganta del Diablo (Devil's Throat)

18:00 Return to Coyo

20:00 Dinner



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Quebrada de jere

## DICOVERING & GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER

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### DAY 3/ Wednesday 6



After breakfast we will visit the town of Toconao, where we will meet a group of young people from the area who will join us in the trekking to Jere. We will do a trekking through the canyon stopping to interpret flora and fauna and to eat our meal. The idea is to share with the children of the area to learn more about their way of living, exchange experiences and generate a link in relation to our way of seeing the future. After the trekking, we will return to Toconao and visit the great Atacama Salt Flat and one of its most important lagoons, Chaxa Lagoon, part of the Flamingos National Reserve, preservation and conservation area of flamingos.

- 8:00 Breakfast
- 10:00 Trekking Quebrada de Jere
- 16:00 Back to Toconao
- 17:00 Chaxa Lagoon
- 19:00 Return to Coyo
- 20:00 Dinner in Coyo





## TEAM WORK, THE TREASURE OF THE HEART

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### DAY 4/Thursday 7



This will be a very special day, we will have the opportunity to be a part of a “minga”. The “minga” is an antique practice where the community or neighbors help one of the members with different kind of works, usually agriculture or construction, preparing orchards for crops, the roofs for rain, etc. In this case, the benefited family by our work will provide us with a nice traditional lunch. Our reward for our work, will be enjoy an afternoon of sandboarding in one of the dunes of the well-known and named Death Valley. Here, we will be able to try our sports skills. To finish we will have dinner in our house.

- 08:00 Breakfast
- 10:00 Minga with local community
- 13:00 Lunch with a local family
- 16:30 SandBoard Death Valley
- 19:00 Return to Coyo
- 20:00 Dinner in Coyo





## THE GREAT ADVENTURE IN THE ALTIPLANO

### DAY 5 / Friday 8



Very early at 5:30 am, we head up to the Tatio Geysers, a unique natural attraction in the area, where the intense volcanic activity during the most early hours becomes evident in the form of eruptions and fumaroles. More than 4000 mts above sea level we will enjoy the warm sunshine next to this natural monument with a nice breakfast for the morning chill. We will walk through the place and will be able to learn about their formation, operation and about the community that cares to hold the place. Our next stop will be at Quebrada de Guatin, where we will do a trekking through the canyon until reach Puritama Hotsprings.

More than five pools of hot water in the middle of the desert will be waiting for us to relax, take a breathe and enjoy the surroundings. We will have a box lunch in the area. Returning to San Pedro we will have a free time at our house and then will have dinner, a delicious BBQ, with stories of the area and some surprises

- 6:00 Departure to Tatio Geysers
- 8:00 Walk and breakfast at Geysers
- 11:00 Trekking at Guatin canyon
- 12:00 Puritama Hot Springs
- 13:00 Box lunch at Puritama
- 16:30 Return to Coyo
- 17:30 Free time at Coyo
- 20:00 Closing Dinner





Acient Caravan

## THE RETURN

### DAY 6/ Saturday 9



This is our last day in the area, we will arrange our things, say goodbye to the owners of the house and slip into our transport to prepare to discover part of the geological formations of the area. Immersed in the Salt Mountain Range we will be able to discover the passageways between the salt caves, a great adventure to get to the already well-known Valley of the Moon. We will climb the great dune and we will be able to understand why this place is called Valley of the Moon. Before lunch we will return to Coyo in a very special way, we'll be back in a ancient caravan, a technique of carrying animals used by the llama herders of the altiplano. We will walk through the desert accompanied by llamas. Then we will go to the village of San Pedro de Atacama, to have free lunch and have a free afternoon to enjoy the place, buying gifts and eat some rich ice cream of chañar. At 6 in the afternoon we will be taken to the airport. We will be in Santiago about 23:30 and in our school at 00:30.

- 8:00 Breakfast And Check Out
- 9:00 Moon valley and salt caves
- 11:00 Acient caravan
- 13:30 Lunch and free afternoon  
in San Pedro de Atacama
- 18:30 Return to Calama
- 19:30 Airport
- 21:28 Flight to Santiago
- 23:30 Arrival to Santiago
- 00:30 Arrival to School  
Nido de Aguilas