

# Holiday Itinerary – Ojos del Salado (15 days) Climb in the Andes and Explore Atacama



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Experience the fantastic contrast of walking in a desert.  
Walk, cycle and ride in the beautiful and varied scenery of the Atacama.  
Relax in normal and quiet hotels (3 stars) throughout this varied adventure.  
Meet local and common people and travel to places with no many tourism.

## Itinerary

Day 1 / *Fly to Chile*

Day 2 / *Santiago/Atacama / Arrive*

Early morning arrival in Santiago.  
Morning free to explore the city.  
After lunch, fly to the northern city of Copiapó to "Atacama Desert Airport".



Meet Daniel, our man in the desert and your guide throughout your time here.

Transfer to "Montecatini" Hotel (3star). On the trip to Copiapo city (40 minutes), we will visit the first railway systems in South America (1851) which connected Caldera to Copiapó. First we visit the locomotive used at that time which was made by Norris Brothers located in the backyard of the Atacama University.

Then, we will visit the Atacama Regional Museum where we introduce with the great regional history closely related with the mining activities both by the prehispanic man as well as the Spanish people. The discovery of the silver mine in Chañarillo by the miner Juan Godoy in 1832. This was an important economic center of the XIX century in Chile. Copiapó or "Copayapu" in indigenous language means "Golden Glass".

Arrive in time for dinner and check equipment list by Daniel.

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Laguna Santa Rosa private area



### Day 3 / *Atacama 4WD Trip*

Start the day driving to Laguna Santa Rosa by older andean road, we stop for "Photo Stop" in Ruins of the town called "Puquios": was a Mining town of the XIX century. Then we will Appreciated all geologycal background while We drive to Laguna Santa Rosa, located 150 km east Copiapo at 3.750 meters. Set up our Base Camp. Easy hike around the lake for acclimatization.



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### Day 4 / *Atacama / Day walking in the Andes*

In the Morning, walk 6 hours through coloured Landscape of strange rock formations and hear the silence while the sun sets. This is an excellent place to see birds, llamas and Cactus plants.

Continue downhill walking on old Inca roads, you end up in the low desert on time for around 5-6 pm.



### Day 5 / *Atacama / Volcanoes & Springs*

Drive to Laguna Verde at 4.200 meters. Set up Camp. Free time to spend at the outdoor natural pools of the laguna verde hot springs.



### Day 6 / *Atacama / Volcano walk summit*

Walk to Cerro "Laguna Verde" Base. We are going to climb up at 5.900 meters, but not to the top, for acclimatization. Come back to our base camp at 5 or 6 pm.




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**Day 7 / Atacama / Ojos del Salado**

Drive to Ojos del Salado Base Camp at 5.200 m.  
Set up Base Camp. Acclimatization period.



**Day 8 / Atacama / Ojos del Salado**

Walk up to Refugio Cesar Tejos and carry food  
Equipment, and tents. Come back to Base Camp



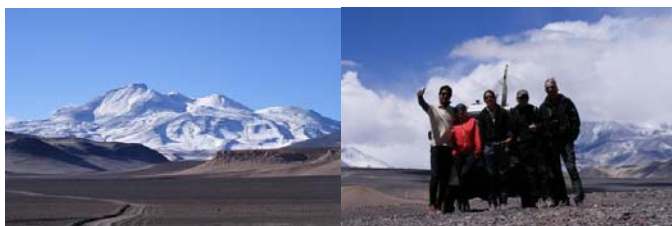
**Day 9 / Atacama / Ojos del Salado**

In the Morning, prepare our staff  
For summit day. After lunch we are  
Going to Refugio "Cesar Tejos"  
Spend the night there.

**Day 10 / Atacama / Summit Day**

Start the day early around 3 am.  
After breakfast we attempt the summit  
at 4:00 am.  
After from 6 to 8 hours we reach to the  
highest summit of Chile and the highest  
active volcano at 6.893 m.

Walk down to "Cesar Tejos" Refuge.  
Depend our phisicall conditions we take  
arrest here and then we are continue to  
our base camp at 5.200 m.  
We recommend move our base camp to  
"Murray Refuge" at 4.350 meters.



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Day 11 / Atacama /Extra Day /Pacific Ocean

If we have bad weather conditions, we attempt to the summit on this day.

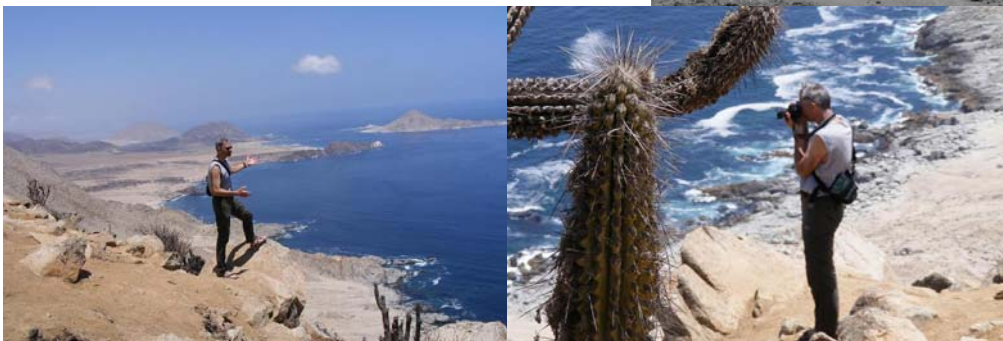


If we get to the summit on Day 10, we drive to Pan de Azucar National Park, On the way we will visit "potrerillos" town, a miner town who was abandoned for economic reasons. It's a unique place. Geological formation we will appreciate during this travel.



We will continue our trip through the Atacama,

Drive to Pan de Azucar National Park. Drive through the Desert, arriving to Chañaral town, then keep travelling to Pan de Azucar National Park, Lodge in Comfortable Shelter called "Cabañas" for 6-8 passenger. A very early start is necessary to arrive in time to watch the sunrise.



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Day 12-13 / Atacama / Pacific Ocean

In the morning we are take a boat around Pan de Azucar Island. We will see Fauna like; Fox, Huanacos, Pinguino de humboldt, Birds, etc.



For lunch is available prepare by our staff or lunch in the "Caleta", that´s we highly recommended. After lunch we will hike and visit few point of interest around Pan de Azucar Area, We will appreciated the typical and speciall vegetation.



At the afternoon we will drive to Caldera City, located to the south (2.5 hours) Lodge in Hotel (3 stars). Dinner for celebrate our Expedition.

Day 13-14 / Santiago / Depart for home

Transfer to Atacama Desert Airport, early morning flying home. (fligth time may vary). (1.2 hour). Arrive to Santiago Airport in time for City tour or to conect Valparaiso-Viña del Mar Tour. (It´s not include in the cost).



Day 14-15 / Home / Arrive back

This itinerary is intended to be a guideline only, weather days and rest days Is always a possibility while on a climbing trip.

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