

ARGENTINA TOURS: ALTIPLANIC DESERTS

15 days / 14 nights

Prices start \$4329.00 per person in double occupancy. Includes Land arrangements only. Does not include international or domestic airfares. Please consult for our Airline Specials!

DAY 1 Buenos Aires

Meet and greet upon arrival to the airport and transfer to your hotel. Afterwards, city tour visiting the most interesting places in Buenos Aires city. At night, transfer to El Querandi to assist to a dinner and Show. Note: Early Check in guaranteed only for our fixed departures.

DAY 2 Salta

Arrival and reception at the airport; transfer to the hotel. Afterwards, panoramic city tour of the city of Salta. The visit includes the MAAM (Archaeological Museum of High Mountain). Accommodation. Maximum altitude: 4,798 ft.

DAY 3 Salta / Cachi/ Cafavate

Departure for a tour around the Calchaqui visiting Cachi, Molinos and De las Flechas Gorge. Finally, we arrive at Cafayate. Accommodation. Maximum altitude: 11.874 ft.

DAY 4 Cafayate / Salta

In the morning, we will visit the town. After lunch (not included) departure to Salta visiting en route De las Conchas River gorge. Arrival in Salta. Maximum altitude: 6560 ft

DAY 5 Salta / San Antonio de Los Cobres / Purmamarca

Early departure following the route of the Train to the Clouds rails towards Del Toro's Gorge toward the small town of San Antonio de los Cobres. Then we continue across the Puna up to Salinas Grandes and then we will start descending through the Cuesta de Lipan winding mountain road to Purmamarca. Accommodation. Maximum altitude: 13,681 ft.

DAY 6 Purmamarca - Atacama

In the morning, departure towards San Pedro de Atacama. Arrival and transfer to the hotel. Accommodation. Maximum altitude: 16,608 ft.

DAY 7 Atacama

Day devoted to visit the Atacama Salt Pit or the Altiplanic Lagoons of Meñique y Miscanti. On the way to San Pedro, we will visit Chaxa Lagoon and the Atacama Salt Lake. Maximum altitude: 14,140 ft.

DAY 8 Atacama

Pre-sunrise departure to the Tatio Geysers. There you can witness the steam fumaroles activity produced by the high temperatures of its craters. Afternoon visit to the Valley of the Moon where we enjoy the sunset, one of the main attractions of San Pedro de Atacama. Maximum altitude: 13,860 ft.



DIA 9 Atacama / Hito Cajón / Villa Mar

Transfer from your hotel in San Pedro de Atacama to cross into Bolivia at Hito Cajón. Once in Bolivia, we will visit the Green Lagoon, the Geysers known as Sol de Mañana (Morning Sun) and the Reddish Lagoon, inhabited by abundance of flamingoes. Box lunch. Arrival in Uyuni. Dinner. Maximum altitude: 16,170 ft.

DAY 10 Malku Cueva Hotel / Colchani

Today we will visit a Valley of Stone and then continue to Uyuni passing by Culpina and San Cristobal. Lunch. Arrive to Uyuni and short visit the Cemetery of trains and the town. Transfer to Colchani and accommodation at Hotel Palacio de Sal. Dinner. Maximum altitude 12,608 ft.

DAY 11 Colchani

Departure from hotel for a full day tour of the Uyuni Salt Pit and Fish Island. This salt pit, located on the Bolivian puna, is the largest salt pit on earth. We will visit Fish Island, also called "Incawasi".Lunch. In the afternoon, return to Uyuni. Stay at your hotel till departure transfer to the train station for the after-midnight train to Villazon. Dinner. Maximum altitude: 12,284ft. Note: During rainy season (December thru March) Fish Island is not accessible.

DAY 12 La Quiaca / Purmamarca

Arrival in Villazon train station and transfer to the border crossing. Once cleared Customs and Migrations, transfer to Purmamarca visiting the Huamahuaca Gorge Maximum altitude: 11,427 ft.

DIA 13 Purmamarca / Salta

Morning at leisure. In the afternoon, return to Salta. Maximum altitude: 7715 ft

DAY 14 Salta / Buenos Aires

Transfer to the airport to board the scheduled flight to Buenos Aires. Meet and greet in the airport and transfer to the hotel.

DAY 15 Buenos Aires

Morning at leisure and transfer to the airport in due time

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: From January to March the itinerary might be altered because of the rainy season that might affect certain roads. The Puna due to its height, high atmospheric pressure and reduced oxygen levels might not be advisable for persons with respiratory, high pressure and cardiac ailments. Please get medical advice in such case.

Departures: July 7, August 11, September 8, October 6, November 3, December 8, 2015; January 5, February 9, March 8, April 5, 2016

Due to different rescheduling of flights, please consult our required flights at time of booking flights.



Includes:

- Arrival and departure transfers
- 14 nights with breakfast: Buenos Aires (2); Salta (3); Cafayate (1); Purmamaca (2); Atacama (3); Malku Cueva (1); Colchani (2)
- Tours: Buenos Aires: City Tour and Dinner Tango Show NOA; City Tour with MAAM in Salta; Round Trip Calchaquies Valleys Salta Cachi Cafayate 2 days; Round trip: Salta Purmamarca by San Antonio de los Cobres, and Humahuaca Gorge; Atacama: Altiplanic Lagoons and Atacama Salt Lake, Geysers del Tatio, Moon Valley; Uyuni: Lagoons, Geysers, Salt pit and Fish Island
- Transfer Purmamarca/Atacama/Colchani
- Train Uyuni/Villazon
- Transfer La Quiaca/ Purmamarca/Salta
- Necessary admission fees

^{*}For more information, contact your travel agent or Festival Tours.