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ATACAMA PRE-TOUR EXTENSION

This extension is bookable in conjunction with
'Antarctica & the Total Solar Eclipse Cruise'.

Cruises, A&K Luxury Expeditionary
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Chile, Latin America



6 days, from AU\$8,520pp

Journey Overview

Explore Chile's Atacama Desert with active explorations, from hikes to see the flamingos in Laguna Chaxa to horseback rides through the lunar landscapes of the Moon Valley. In addition, enjoy a tour of the Paranal Observatory with founder and astronomical photographer Dr. Massimo Tarenghi.

Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Santiago

Arrive in Santiago. Transfer to the distinctive Hotel Santiago in the city's bustling Región Metropolitana. Meet up with your A&K local guide, along with special guest Dr. Massimo Tarenghi, who joins you on your journey.

Mandarin Oriental, Santiago

Day 2: Santiago - Antofagasta

Fly to Antofagasta, a port city and the regional capital of northern Chile's Atacama Desert. Travel to the Paranal Observatory — which Dr. Tarenghi founded — and receive an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour, including a look at the world's most advanced optical instrument, the Very Large Telescope (VLT).

Hotel Del Desierto | Meals: BLD

Day 3: Antofagasta - San Pedro de Atacama

Today, travel to one of the driest places in the world, the Atacama Desert. The town of San Pedro de Atacama boasts a pleasant artistic, bohemian vibe and the dramatic surroundings beckon for activities and exploration under the vivid blue skies. Check into your beautiful hotel with décor inspired by the nature and culture of the area.

Explora Atacama Lodge | Meals: BLD

Days 4-5: San Pedro de Atacama

Enjoy what the brilliant and expansive Atacama Desert has to offer with two days at leisure. Take advantage of all-inclusive activities provided by your hotel, including cycling trips, horseback rides and hikes to spectacular sites such as Laguna Chaxa, the Moon Valley or the El Tatio Geyser field. Experience a group horseback riding excursion to Cucuter, an oasis in the middle of the desert. Afterward, leave on a hike to Guatin, a small shepherding village with a breathtaking hot spring nearby. In the evening, Dr. Tarenghi offers stargazing sessions in the Explora Lodge's observatory, utilizing their Meade 16-inch telescope. On the last evening, join your new friends for a farewell dinner and watch the excitement build for your upcoming eclipse voyage to Antarctica.

Explora Atacama Lodge | Meals: BLD

Day 6: San Pedro de Atacama - Santiago

Fly to Santiago and begin your main program.

Meals: B

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