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MYSTIC ATACAMA DESERT - CHILE

6 days –November 1 - 6, 2009

PRICE PER PERSON: \$2,990 Excluding International Airfare

Based on Double Occupancy, minimum of 6 participants, Economy Airfare for Internal flights

Single Supplement: \$850

Trip begins on Sunday, November 1, 2009 in Santiago, Chile, and ends on Friday, November 6, 2009 in Santiago, Chile



Northern Chile's monumental landscape is represented by the Atacama Desert, the driest on the planet. The area has no recorded rainfall! Its geography is unique and includes lagoons, volcanoes, salt flats, geysers, hot springs, rivers and ravines, together with widespread Spanish legacy of the XVI century, churches and saltpeter deposits. Earlier civilizations even left mummies, among the oldest in the world.

Sunday, November 1, 2009

Breakfast at the hotel and transfer to the Santiago Airport for flight to Calama. You will be met and transferred to the 10-room Terrantai Lodge (1 hour drive) located in the heart of the village of San Pedro de Atacama. The hotel utilizes natural materials of the area (rock, native woods) and colors are hues of the desert. There is a small pool and a charming garden. Four nights with full board and all activities.



Monday, November 2, 2009

Tuesday, November 3, 2009

Wednesday, November 4, 2009

Days will be filled with the fabulous activities of the region...which could include:

SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA ARCHAEOLOGICAL TOUR

this tour reviews 12,000 years of prehistoric time in which the first human groups inhabited the desert of Atacama touring the Archaeological Museum of San Pedro de Atacama. View the anthropological collection of treasures of the area as well the mummies. The visit continues to the markets for a sampling of local and international crafts, the municipal large house, Church House, House of Pedro de Valdivia.



MOON VALLEY

Located in the salt mountain range – 90% salt and 10% other minerals, an unusual landscape are treasured at the bottom. Made up by impressive geological formations of diverse shapes and colors, Moon Valley has attracted the attention of frequent travelers as well as scientists. Giant dunes and beautiful salt crystal on the ground make one feel like they are on another planet or the moon itself. This is even made more spectacular during sunset.

SAN PEDRO – ATACAMA SALT FLAT

Visit to Toconao, the liparita stone craftsman village for an impressive view of the Jeri Valley, and hike along this landscape. Also, visit to the Chaxa Lagoon in the middle of the salt flat – a habitat and nesting area for pink flamingos.



ATACAMA'S RUINS

Visit the indigenous Pukara of Quinter ruins and continue to the archaeological village of Tulo that is made up of connected circular rooms. The village has been covered by sand, without signs of its inhabitants until today.



TATIO GEYSERS

Drive out to the Tatio Geysers and take a short hike around the geothermal field with boiling mud and steam clumps that make a geological stage of great beauty. Return through the overwhelming landscape of the Andes. On the way visit Tocopuri and Sairecahur volcanoes.

MISCANTI AND MENIQUE LAGOONS

At 4,500 meters, these lagoons are surrounded by impressive volcanoes originated by the rising of the Andes in ancient geological times. They get their underground water from thaws. On the way, you will also visit Socaire, a town in the Atacama basin.





TREKKING CORDILLERA DE LA SAL

Only a short distance (6 kms) from San Pedro, you can take a moderate walk by the Cordillera de la Sal that will allow you to feel the direct bonding with the desert...offering a personal experience. The site is of total calm and the right solitude.

Thursday, November 5, 2009

Drive back to Calama for your flight back to Santiago. Here you will be met and transferred to The Orly Hotel where you will enjoy your farewell dinner and an overnight.



Friday, November 5, 2009

Transfer to the airport in Santiago for your flight back to U.S.

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PRICE INCLUDES:

- All accommodations
- All Meals
- All Activities
- All transportation Transfers
Internal Air Fares (Economy Class)
- English-speaking guides

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- * International Air Fare from US
- * Activities requiring additional costs at hotels
- * Beverages
- * Gratuities
- * Travel Insurance (required)
- * Visas or airport departure taxes, if required
- * Personal items – Phone, fax, laundry, etc.

HOW TO BOOK

Please complete the enclosed Reservation Form and send by mail, fax, or email to:

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A non-refundable deposit in the amount of \$1000 per person must be received in order to confirm booking. If you prefer to use a credit card, please complete the enclosed Credit Card Authorization Form. Please note there is a 4% fee to use a credit card which will be added to the total due.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

\$1000 Per Person Due to confirm booking
\$995 (50%) Due November 1, 2008
\$995 (50%) Due April 1, 2009

CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellation in writing is required
\$1,000 deposit is non-refundable
More than 120 days prior to departure
– 50% of total cost is non-refundable
Fewer than 90 days prior to departure
– 100% forfeited

Upon receipt of your Reservation Form and deposit, a trip information packet will be sent to you which will provide information on clothing suggestions, what to bring, health requirements and suggestions. We insist you take out comprehensive insurance to protect you for trip cancellation, medical expenses, baggage and money loss, as well as emergency evacuation expenses. We will provide information on options for this type of insurance coverage.