

MAGIC TRIANGLE OF THE ANDES



Lake Titicaca, Uyuni Salt Flats, The Atacama Desert & Salta

10 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS

The Magic Triangle of the Andes Tour takes you through majestic deserts of South America, past diverse landscapes in Bolivia, Chile, and Argentina. Start in Bolivia's largest city, La Paz, and travel to the Uyuni Salt Flats and capture spectacular photos of the endless white landscape. Continue to the Atacama desert; most famous for its stargazing, the Moon Valley, altiplano lagoons and tatio geysers. Finish this tour in Salta and take in the beauty and vibrant colors of Jujuy and Quebrada de Humahuaca.

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THIS TOUR INCLUDES:

- 9 nights in 4* & 5* hotels
- All breakfasts
- All transfers
- All entrance fees
- All tours
- All English speaking tour guides
- 24/7 phone support in each country

HIGHLIGHTS

- La Paz City Tour
- The Moon Valley
- Lake Titicaca Cruise
- Uyuni Salt Flats
- San Pedro de Atacama
- Atacama Saltbed
- Lagoons Miscanti & Minique, Toconao
- Tatio Geysers
- Safari to the Clouds
- Cafayate Excursion
- Salta City Tour

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Day 1

LA PAZ AND THE VALLEY OF THE MOON

Arrive in La Paz and meet your tour guide, who will transfer you to your hotel. Once you have left your belongings inside the hotel, venture out for a guided city tour beginning in Plaza Murillo. Walk along the cobblestone streets to the Cathedral and the Government Palace before arriving at to the Mercado de Hechiceria, also known as the Witches Market. Stroll through the colorful market where you can find all sorts of souvenirs, along with local herbs, aphrodisiacs and magic charms.



Day 2

LA PAZ & LAKE TITICACA

Rise early and get ready for your excursion to the world's highest navigable body of water, Lake Titicaca. Arrive at the small town of Copacabana along the shores of Lake Titicaca. Visit the Basilica, home to the famous shrine of the Virgin of Copacabana. Board a catamaran to cruise around the lake and take in the beauty and grandeur of the shimmering Lake Titicaca. Stop at the quaint and isolated Isla del Sol (Island of the Sun) to explore the Inca Gardens and the Inti Wata Cultural Complex. You will even have the chance to go for a short boat ride in a handmade traditional reed boat. Then continue on the cruise, returning to Copacabana and return to La Paz for the evening



Day 3

SALAR DE UYUNI

Today you will transfer to the Uyuni Salt Flats, passing through the town of Colchani where you will visit the Salt Factory and learn about the locals living here and processing salt. Continue traveling through the vast white landscapes where you will slowly distinguish the feminine silhouette of the magical Thunupa Volcano. Ascend down the volcano by car to the Coquesa Mummies Museum. From this viewpoint, you will see the monumental spectacle of the Uyuni Salt Flats. Snap some photos of the world's largest salt flat and play with some fun perspective photos on this vast white landscape.

Continue to descend to the quaint village of Tahua where you will have lunch at the comfortable Tayka Salt Hotel. In the afternoon, visit Chillima village, north of the hotel. Take a 60 to 90-minute walk to see the impressive stone edifications, that have more than 1000 years of antiquity.

Note: Optional hike/trek back to the hotel is recommended for those who would like more activity. If not, your guide will transfer you back by car.



Day 4

TAHUA - OJO DE PERDIZ

Today, travel south to Incahuasi Island, one of the central tourist attractions in the Uyuni Salt Flats. Follow an array of paths to arrive at the top of the island, where you will find an amazing 360° view of the Salt Flats. Other sites today include the Mala Mala Bay, the Galaxy Cave, the cactus sanctuary, petrified stromatolites, and the Chullpas cemetery.

In the afternoon, travel towards the lagoon chain of Cañapa, Hedionda, Chiarkota, Honda and Ramaditas. Here you can see three species of flamingos, Andean seagulls, wild ducks and other types of birds that inhabit the area. The snow-capped mountains and volcanoes rest at the side of green bofedales, which intertwine with a vast array of colors produced from the different minerals in the area. After the last lagoon, you will enter into a large desert, where shades of red, orange, yellow, and brown will positively overwhelm you.



Day 5

OJO DE PERDIZ & SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA

Today is a busy day for you, as you will visit the iconic stone tree, beautiful lagoons, geysers and the valley of the ladies desert. The first stop will be short and sweet at the impressive Stone Tree. Snap a few photos and continue to the spectacular Eduardo Avaroa Reserve; a beautifully colored lagoon where you can often see flamingos resting. Next, be amazed at the morning sun geyser while it's at its peak activity. Later visit another majestic site, the Valley of the Ladies Desert where you can perfectly visualize how the local winds sculpt the rocks into interesting shapes.

For lunch, you will stop at the Green Lagoon, set in the foothills of the Licancabur Volcano. Eat and relax as the waters change colors from emerald to dark green. After lunch, you will cross the border into Chile where a Chilean driver will transfer you to your hotel in San Pedro de Atacama.

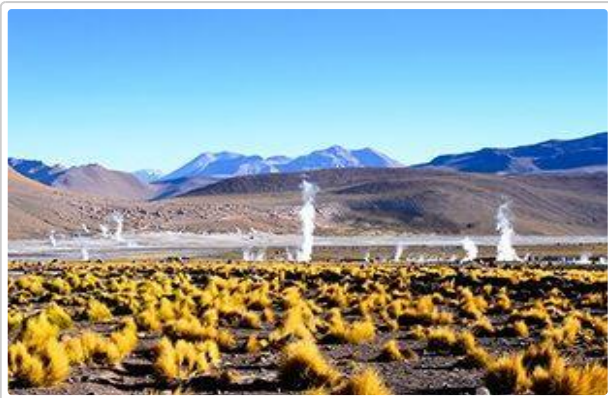


Day 6

SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA

Head to Miñique and Miscanti, Altiplanic Lagoons, located 138 km (85 mi) from San Pedro de Atacama. On the route, gaze at the impressive Licancabur Volcano and pass by impressive native trees such as the thetamarugo and the chañar. Arrival at the small Toconao village, well known for its construction of Liparita, a volcanic stone quarried nearby. Close to the quarry is the Jerez Valley, a stunning green contrast to the surrounding desert landscape.

In the afternoon get ready to visit the Salar de Atacama and the Chaxa Lagoon where you can see more birds and flamingoes. Cross the small Socaire Village and head to Miñique and Miscanti, Altiplanic Lagoons of spectacular colors surrounded by dramatic hills and volcanoes. After some time exploring the lagoons, stop in Socaire Village and enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. Return to San Pedro de Atacama in the evening.



Day 7

SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA & SALTA

Depart before dawn to explore the Tatio Geyser, a geothermal field located at an altitude of 4,300m (14,105 ft) above sea level in the Andes Mountains. Steam clouds reach up to 50 m (165 ft) in height. This incredible phenomenon is most enjoyed before sunrise. Eat breakfast at the geysers and continue your tour passing through changing landscape of mountains and volcanoes with and spot the avian fauna that inhabits the small rivers that flow into the great Atacama salt bed.

Continue to Paso Jama for your transfer to Salta. Your guide will escort you from San Pedro de Atacama to Paso Jama and then from Paso Jama to Salta.



Day 8

SALTA

Rise early and take the Train to the Clouds railway (one of the most magnificent engineering works in the world) from the Quebrada del Toro up to San Antonio de los Cobres. You will continue on the emblematic Route 40 and cross Puna until reaching the Salina Grandes, the salt flats in Argentina. The third part of the journey starts in Cuesta de Lipan, a 2,000 m (6,500 ft) descent in 22 km (13.5 mi). Look for the Andean condors. Contemplate the transition from the desert to the fertile highlands of the wet valleys, and arrive at the picturesque village of Purmamarca. Here, you will see the most significant highlight of the route: the captivating Hill of the Seven Colors.

In the evening return to your hotel in Salta.



Day 9

SALTA

Travel south of Salta, to Cafayate, a beautiful wine region in Argentina. Pass through villages dedicated to cattle agriculture and the deep ravine of Las Conchas along the way. Look for Los Medanos a very fine-grained sand formations caused by erosion in the mountainside. Arriving at the Alemania settlement, you will see the last station for the famous Belgrano Railway Train. Take some photos and get ready for yet another excursion past the Cuevas Pintadas de Guachipas, the Painted Caves.

Little by little, the arid landscape is replaced by extensive vineyards, hinting that the destination of Cafayate is close. Once in Cafayate, you will visit a wine cellar and sip some delicious torrontes wine, cultivated in the region.

Return to your hotel in the afternoon following the same route.



Day 10

SALTA CITY TOUR

Today you will go on a guided city tour of Salta where you will climb the Cerro San Bernardo to see the city from up above. Visit the Cathedral, the Church of San Francisco, the Town Hall and the Historic Museum of the North, as well as the craft market, where looms and silver objects are available to purchase.

Spend your final night in Salta or catch a flight to your next destination in South America.

Note: Entrance fees and visits to the mentioned places are not included in this tour.