

# Andes Mountain Expediciones

## OJOS DEL SALADO VOLCANO (6,900m.)



### DETAILS:

- Hotel nights in Santiago (2), Copiapo and Bahía Inglesa
- Transfer in 4WD trucks
- Sleep in tents while we are in the mountains
- Flight Santiago - Copiapo - Santiago included.

### About Atacama Area.

Atacama it stretches from the highlands of the Andean Altiplano, over the golden sands of the Atacama Desert, as far as the shores of the Pacific Ocean.

Diverse, surprising, majestic and untouched. This is the place for those in search of adventure with its breathtaking salt flats, hot springs and Andean volcanoes, vast expanses of land and here and there, occasional signs of life... llamas, vicunas, flamingos and alpacas, all unperturbed by the presence of man.



### Your trip.

Your trip start in Santiago where our staff await you at the airport from your international flight. After accommodate in our hotel, we will check your personal mountaineering equipment according to our equipment list (see below). This is a very important step for our expedition, sometimes we discover some clothes not warm enough for climb Ojos del Salado volcano. In that case we can suggest some alternatives and also stores where you can buy or rent extra equipment (let us know in advance).

Remember that Ojos del Salado could be a very cold mountain, at night temperatures could arrive at  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$  or less.

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Next day our driver will pick you up to carry you at Santiago airport to Copiapo, where our guide will await you and transfer to city. Hotel accommodation.

From Copiapo we will drive to Valle Chico, located at 3.200m. Next day, from here we to Santa Rosa, spending two night for acclimatization and then we will move to Laguna Verde, spending three nights at 4,200m. before go to Refugio Atacama camp At 5,200m.

We will discuss the philosophy and style of this part of the trip, prescription medications at altitude, the effects of Diamox (Acetazolamida), sanitation, water treatment, teamwork, techniques and advises to climbing a big volcano like Ojos del Salado.

Bring your personal duffel bag to put in your equipment such as crampons, mountaineering boots, technical clothes, etc.

We use Nonin Pulse oxymeters for high mountaineering expeditions. Every expedition has one of these instruments to measure the saturation of oxygen of each client allowing for daily control and safety in the route to the summit.



## PROGRAM

### Day 1: Arrival to Santiago.

Arrival flight to Santiago. Pick up the group at Santiago airport. Our guide will wait for you after your exit of airport custom. Private transfer to our Hotel in Santiago, Hotel Río Bidasoa

[www.hotelbidasoa.cl](http://www.hotelbidasoa.cl)

Our guide will check your personal mountain equipment.



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## Day 2: Flight to Copiapo.

Pick up at hotel in Santiago. Private transfer to Airport in Santiago for your flight to Copiapo. At your arrival at *Desierto de Atacama* airport our driver will pick you up and transfer to Hotel Las Pircas in Copiapo. Free afternoon.

Met our mountain guide and discuss our program. Dinner not included.



## Day 3: Copiapo – Valle Chico.

Breakfast. Free morning for arrange last things before depart to the desert. Drive to Valle Chico located at 3,200m (10.500ft), nice place with green grass ideal for our first stop at low altitude to initiate our acclimatization. Dinner.



## Day 4: Maricunga.

Breakfast. Walk for about two hours. Drive to Salar the Maricunga, at 11,811ft. (3.600 meters of altitude), impressive salt lake where Andean flamingos nest. Set up our camp will closely to the Salar in Laguna Santa Rosa. Maricunga is located at the Parque Nacional Nevado Tres Cruces. (National Park Tres Cruces). Dinner.

## Day 5: Climb Siete Hermanos.



Breakfast. Hike in the morning. There are a wide alternatives near Salar de Maricunga. For our acclimatization we will climb *Siete Hermanos* peak of 4,890m. This climb that will help us to acclimatize and getting fit for our main objective, *Ojos del Salado*. Back to our camp. Dinner.

## Day 6: Laguna Verde.

Drive to Laguna Verde at 14,108ft. (4.300 meters of altitude). Incomparable turquoise color lake. Here we will visit and take a hot springs in the desert. Camp. Set up our camp. Dinner.

## Day 7: Rest day.

Breakfast Morning trek around Laguna Verde. Today we will also enjoy hot water thermals' located besides our camp. Lunch and dinner in our camp at Laguna Verde.



## Day 8: Climb summit of Mulas Muertas.

Breakfast. Climb Mulas Muertas of 19,347ft. (5.897 meters of altitude). Return to our camp at Laguna Verde. Dinner.



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## Day 9: Atacama camp.

Breakfast. Drive up to Refugio Atacama at 17,388ft. (5.300 meter of altitude), where we will camp and use this shelter or our tents. Dinner.

## Day 10: Atacama camp - Tejos camp – Atacama camp.

Breakfast. Hike up to Refugio Tejos (5,800mts) to carry load. About 2-3 hours from Atacama camp. Here we will leave food, water and fuel for our next days. Lunch and back to Atacama camp. High altitude dinner.

## Day 11: Atacama camp - Tejos camp.

Breakfast. Group move to Refugio Tejos. If refuge are available, we will sleep into this container adapted for a mountain hut. High altitude dinner.

## Day 12: Ojos Summit Day.

Breakfast. Before sunshine we will start our climb Ojos del Salado Volcano. Arrival to summit takes around 6 to 7 hours. Last 25 meters our guide will fix a rope for safety, due some rock steps are before arrival to this summit.

Back to base camp Tejos. High altitude dinner.



## Day 13: Extra day.

Used in case of bad weather or if some climber need a extra day for acclimatization.

## Day 14: Bahia Inglesa (or Copiapo)

Breakfast and descent to beach village of Bahia Inglesa. Hotel.

## Day 15: Fly to Santiago.

Private transfer to Copiapo airport. Flight back to Santiago. Pick up at Santiago airport, private transfer to Hotel. Dinner not included.

## Day 16: Fly back.

Breakfast. Pick up at the hotel. Private transfer from our hotel to airport.



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## Services include:

- Bilingual Mountain Guide.
- Flight Santiago - Copiapo - Santiago with 20 kg baggage.
- Private ground transportation.
- Two Hotel nights, Santiago double occupancy with breakfast, single supplement USD\$ 90 per night
- One Hotel night, Copiapo double occupancy with breakfast, single supplement USD\$ 90 per night
- One Hotel night, Bahia Inglesa double occupancy with breakfast, single supplement USD\$ 90 per night
- Ojos del Salado climb permit.
- All meals during the expedition.
- High quality mountain tents.
- Full base camp set up dining tent, chair, tables, etc.
- High quality expedition common gear.
- Permanent access to hot drinks, tea, coffee, beer, coke, biscuits at base camp tent.
- First aid kit.
- Pulse-Oximeter.
- Radio communication VHF and UHF and oxygen bottle at Atacama camp.
- Satellite phone at base camp on a per minute payment basis.

## Services does not include:

- All personal climbing equipment gear
- Excess luggage on flight to Copiapo (20 kg.)
- Accident and rescue insurance
- Cash for extra expenses, extra meals and drinks
- Dinners in Santiago, Copiapo and Bahia Inglesa.
- Lunch in Copiapo at day 2 and Bahia Inglesa days 14 and 15.
- Extra hotel night in Bahia Inglesa if the arrival is before Day 14
- If you need to leave our trip before schedule, extra drive from any camp to Copiapo city.



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## OJOS DEL SALADO EQUIPMENT LIST

### Upper body:

- 2 T-shirt's long sleeve polypropylene
- 2 T-shirt's cotton or polypropylene short sleeve
- 1 expedition weight polypropylene shirt
- 1 jacket of pounds or fleece
- 1 breathable jacket such as Gore-Tex with hood
- 1 jacket of pile
- Down or Polarguard parka with hood

### Head

- Sun cap
- Ski hat fleece or wool
- Balaclava

### Hands

- 1 pair of gloves thin polypropylene
- 1 pair of gloves heavy polypropylene
- 1 pair of gloves doubles (neoprene or fleece internal layer /Gore-Tex shell)

### Lower body:

- 2 lightweight polypropylene underpants
- 1 fleece pants with full length side zippers
- 1 breathable windproof pants or bibs such as Gore-Tex (full length side zippers recommended)
- 1 pair of shorts for swim (hot spring)
- 1 lightweight cotton pants (day of trekking approach)

### Feet

- 2 pair of sock for trekking days (polypropylene)
- 1 thick pair of socks for summit day (polypropylene)
- 1 thin pair of socks for summit day (polypropylene)
- Trekking boots or lightweight trekking shoes
- Plastic double mountaineering boots or Double leather mountaineering boots
- Gaitors
- Sandals

### Technical Equipment:

- Adjustable trekking poles
- Ice axe (walking ice axe 60-70 cm. aprox.)
- Crampons (desirable flexible and automatic)
- backpack (60 liter or more)
- Sleeping bag (at least for -20°C)
- long cushion insulator (inflatable pad or foam pad)

### Personals

- 2 pair of sun glasses (one as a spare)
- Sun screen lotion protector
- Sun screen lip protector
- Skin moisturized
- Bottle of water of at least 900 cc with thermal cover (insulator)
- Frontal head lamp (more pound)
- Duffel bag with lock for carry your personal things in our pick up truck

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## RENT EQUIPMENT.

If you need to rent equipment, please let us know in advance. In Copiapo is not possible to find equipment, so at your arrival to Santiago is the only opportunity do find equipment for rent or stores for buy it. In Santiago there are a several good quality store if you need to buy material.

SANTIAGO	Prices (U\$)
EQUIPMENT	RENT PRICE
DOWN JACKET	130
GLOVES	40
MOUNTAINEERING BOOTS	110
GAITORS	35
CRAMPONS	50
ICE AXE	45
MATRESS	40
SLEEPING BAG	120

## Links:

Application trip: <http://www.andesmountain.cl/aplication.html>

Web Site program: <http://www.andesmountain.cl/2A-Ojos-del-Salado-Chile/ojos-del-salado-volcano.html>

Best regards,

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