

BIRDWATCHING AND PHOTOGRAPHIC SAFARI

Arica Unlimited Tours

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Day 01, we set out at 07.00 am. Arica inter-valley 80 km.

We begin our day with photographic birdwatching from the south coast, "Cuevas de Anzota" (otter, Chilean seaside cinclodes (Churrete costero), Humboldt penguin (pinguino de Humboldt), Lille and more), towards the north coast, the river Lluta wetland (Chorlo griton, pizarrita, Loica peruana, Comesebo chico and more) continuing through Lluta valley in search of other species like the Matacaballos, Cheracan of Arica, Negrillos, Chunchos, and others. Visiting the town of Molinos to later enter the Azapa Valley (totally different from the Lluta Valley because of its diverse flora and wildlife.- Rapases, Vensejo chico, Picaflores, Corbatita, Tortolita quiguagua and more) through the Calanchucal pampa and Devils path. Ending the day with the viewing of the Chorlo cabazon.

Day 02, we set out at 08.00 am. from Arica to Putre 132 km.

A walk by the north coast till the wetlands of the Lluta river (birding). Continuing through the CH-11 rout till the Lluta Valley "Colcas de huailacan" (Inca) we will see geoglyphs of the "Man of Lluta" and "El aguila (The eagle)", visiting also the Poconchile church, ascending to 1200 m.s.n.m. viewpoint of "Boca Negra (Black Mouth)". Continuing towards the mountain range of the Cardones, Cactus Candelabro (magnetic zone), the viewpoint of the "Pukara of Copaquilla", Tambo of Zapahuira. Finally descending to Socoroma town (Narangero, Picaflores (Hummingbird), Pitajo gris (White-browed chat-tyrant), Paloma ala moteada, Tortolita boliviana, rapaces and more) and an outlook of the Putre viewpoint (3500 m.s.n.m.).

Day 03, we leave at 08:30 am. from Putre to national Lauca park

Continuing the route off-road by the pre-cordillera (Putres garden, an excellent place for birdwatching) with stops to adjust to the climate and to take pictures. Then a small stroll to "Las Cuevas" (Canasteros, Perdices, Churretes, pitios del norte, Rapases, Dormilonas, and others, also observing vizcachas and vicuñas). Already at the highlands (4.000 m.s.n.m.) we will stop at the Parinacota viewpoint, Chucuyo town, and its lagoons of Cotacotani (Seeing Parinas, Suri, Cuervo de pantano, colegial, taguas). Finally, at the Chungara Lagoon (highest lake of the world), we will walk by a marked trail, observing possibly 22 species of local birds, plants and volcanos: Parinacota, Pomerape, Sajama, Acotando and the snowy Kisikisini. Our day finishes in Putre town, getting comfortable with its climate and getting cosy at the local hostel.

Day 04, we set out at 08.30 am. from Putre to the Surire salt mine (115 km.)

Taking the CH-11 route we head towards the "El Chacu" stop (precolombina ruins), we will stop to take pictures at lagoons and wetlands (Queltehue de la puna, Perdices, Suris, Pitio del norte and more) getting acclimated at the Misi-tune town. Continuing our route to the "Diablo Marka", seeing the local flora-fauna (Vicuñas, Alpacas, Llamas). We will cross the Lauca river till the national monument of the salt mine of Surire, observing the Parinas (Flamencos), Guallatas, Pato cortacorrientes, and others.

*With the chance of a swim in the Poyokere hot springs (aguas termales), just a few kms. from the Bolivian border. Continuing our descend towards the pre-cordillera.

Tour Includes:

All include service.

Specialized guide.

4x4 all-terrain vehicle (Volvo CX90).

Hostel or lodge accommodation.

Country-side restaurants, typical of each sector visited.

Picnic on route or snack type lunchbox.

Nonalcoholic drinks.

Tickets to national parks and museums

Price: 150.000 per person, per day minimum two people.

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