

# EcoAdventures' Atacama Desert

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Atacama, according to NASA, National Geographic and many other publications, is the driest desert in the world.

This virtually rainless plateau stretches along the Pacific Coast of South America from Northern Peru to south of Antofagasta, Chile. A coastal inversion layer created by the cold Humboldt Current and the anticyclone of the Pacific is essential to keeping the climate of the Atacama dry. The average rainfall in the Chilean region of Antofagasta is just 1 millimetre (0.04 in) per year. And some weather stations in the Atacama have never received measurable rain! In spite of that fact however, this desert teems with



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## Tour Rates Per Person 2010

Length of Stay	3 Days/2 Nites				4 Days/3 Nites				5 Days/4 Nites			
	Dbl/Tpl	Sgl	Child	Youngster	Dbl/Tpl	Sgl	Child	Youngster	Dbl/Tpl	Sgl	Child	Youngster
Tierra Atacama	\$900	1170	155	330	\$1290	1690	220	420	\$1600	2090	275	590

### All-inclusive packages include:

- Transfers between the hotel and Calama airport
- Accommodation at Tierra Atacama Hotel & Spa
- American breakfast, lunch and dinner
- Open bar – soft drinks, mineral water, juices, house wines, beers and national liquors
- Two half-day or one full-day excursions per day in small groups with other guests, accompanied by English, Spanish and French speaking guides.
- Full use of all the hotel facilities, including gardens, pools, saunas and Jacuzzi.

**NOTE:** Check in time is 3:00 PM, check out time is 11:00 AM.

### NOT included:

- Spa treatments
- Drinks and wines from the premium liquor and wine list
- Telephone calls, laundry and other personal expenditures.

**Child** rates apply to children 3-11 year old

**Youngster** rates apply to children 12-17 years old

**Infants** under 3 years old are free



Length of Stay - All Inclusive Daily Departures	4 Days/3 Nites				5 Days/4 Nites			
	Dbl	Sgl	Tpl	Child	Dbl	Sgl	Tpl	Child
Alto Atacama								
Quitor Room	\$1399	1714	1228	1004	\$1696	2205	1555	1272
Catarpe Room	\$1488	1934	1265	1116	\$1885	2450	1602	1414
Catarpe Superior Room	\$1711	2225	1569	1283	\$2168	2818	1988	1626

**Included:**

- Transfer from/to Calama Airport/hotel
- Accommodation in room category of choice
- American Buffet Breakfast
- Option of breakfast served in the room or on the private terrace (Superior Catarpe Rooms only)
- Lunch & Dinner daily
- Wine, beer, and soft drinks served with meals.
- Open Bar (until 11:00 PM)
- Snacks from Bar Menu
- Daily Excursions
- Free use of mountain bikes
- Access to spa (sauna, steam room, Jacuzzi, etc.)
- Complimentary transfer service between the hotel and San Pedro de Atacama (from 8:30 AM to 11:30 PM)



**Not Included:**

- Spa treatments (Massage, reflexology, Reiki, etc.)
- Laundry
- Telephone calls
- Premium wines and spirits

**Room Notes:**

The Quitor rooms nearest the main lodge and the terraces have a view to the gardens and the Cordelleia de la Sal range in the background.

The Catarpe rooms are slightly larger than the Quitor rooms (399 sq. ft.) and have more private terraces (151 sq. ft.) with an uninterrupted view of the Cordelleia de la Sal range and the Catarpe Valley.

The Superior Catarpe rooms are the most spacious (431 sq. ft) and a larger terrace (173 sq. ft) with an uninterrupted view of the Cordelleia de la Sal range and the Catarpe Valley.

**All Inclusive Daily Departures**

**Explora Atacama**

[Rates 2009-2010 \(71K pdf\)](#)

[Rates 2011-2012 \(61K pdf\)](#)

**Included:**

- Transfers between local airport and your explora destination. (Transfer schedules subject to change without prior notice. Inquire about transfer schedules at each explora destination.)
- Accommodations
- Full board. 3 Meals per day. Bar.
- Daily explorations with bilingual guides and equipment; boats, horses, vehicles and bicycles (max group size: 8 travelers per guide). Equipment varies at destination.

**NOTES**

- Special rates for youngsters (up to 18 years old) accompanying their parents are subject to availability based in double, triple or quadruple occupancy. (Rapa Nui availability is based only in double occupancy)
- Additional bed for children (4 to 12 years old) sharing their parent's room. Maximum one extra bed per room. (Rapa Nui only in Raa category)
- Children under the age of 3 complimentary when sharing room with their parents.
- For Christmas and New Year in Patagonia and Atacama, the programs have fixed check-in dates with stays of 6 nights; and in Rapa Nui the minimum stay is 4 nights.
- Rates are per person expressed in USD dollars and subject to change without prior notice.
- Rates in USD dollars are tax exempt according to decree D.L 825 article 12 for guests who are foreigners, not residents of Chile and pay in dollars.
- This information replaces and voids all previous communications.
- Travesía's rates includes VAT.

