PRIVATE EXPERIENCE / ENGLISH

Piedras Rojas & Highland Lagoons

A full-day excursion from the villages on the edge of the salt flat up to the high-Andean lagoons. The route begins in Toconao and Chaxa, continuing through Socaire and the lagoons, with a final stop at Tuyajto before lunch.



Your itinerary

Toconao and Laguna Chaxa

We begin in Toconao, with time to explore the town square, the bell tower, and the local artisan market. Afterward, we enter the Atacama Salt Flat to visit Chaxa, where we can observe the salt crust and local birdlife from designated trails and viewpoints.

Ascent via Socaire

The route climbs toward the landscapes of the puna (high-altitude plateau). In Socaire, we learn about the connection between local settlement, agriculture, and water; throughout the journey, the guide explains changes in vegetation and the conditions of the high-altitude plateau (altiplano).

Miscanti and Miñiques

We visit these high-altitude lagoons, set against a backdrop of volcanoes and grasslands. The walks are focused on observation and photography; the pace and duration of breaks are adjusted to suit the group. Wildlife is observed from a distance; sightings are not guaranteed.

Piedras Rojas

We continue toward the Talar Salt Flat, known for its striking reddish rock formations. The itinerary includes an optional walk of approximately one hour, subject to the availability of designated trails; the actual duration depends on the specific route taken and the group's pace.

Tuyajto, lunch, and return

The Tuyajto viewpoint is the final stop before lunch. After eating, we begin our return to San Pedro; please note that the reverse order previously shown on our old website does not apply to the current itinerary.

DURATION

Full day

DISTANCE / ROUTE

Variable walking distances

EFFORT

High altitude; walks and trails

MEALS

Coffee break, lunch (including a main course, dessert, and drinks as per the program). Entrance fees are included as described and detailed in the proposal.

TRANSPORT

Hotel pickup and drop-off in San Pedro (depending on location). Private transfers with stops coordinated by the guide.

PREPARATION

Bring layers of warm clothing, a windbreaker, water, sun protection, and comfortable footwear. The excursion follows a planned, gradual ascent to higher altitudes.