



Historic Iquique: Geoglyphs and Pica Oasis



Geoglyphs

The warm beaches and duty free port maintain a strong and vital local economy, but perhaps what is most interesting in Iquique is still that which dates back to its origins. The historic Spanish Club here with mural size paintings of the Quixote stand as testament to a rich cultural heritage which helped shape the country of Chile. The geoglyphs of Pintados make up one of the most important archeological zones in Northern Chile.

Pricing

Occupancy Type	
Double	£ 1460
Single	£ 1754



Iquique at night



Iquique Paseo Baquedano

Itinerary

Day 1

Iquique

Flight to Iquique. Reception at the airport and transfer to Hotel Arturo Prat. Afternoon, tour Iquique's important sites, including its beaches and bustling harbor.

Day 2

Rock Paintings & Oasis of Pica

On our way to see the geoglyphs of “Pintados,” we will pass through the largest section of the National Reserve Pampa de Tamarugal. We will see plantations of Tamaruga, a unique tree species that adapts particularly well to saline soils. During the morning, we will see hundreds of ancient figures on the surrounding hillsides. These large stone mosaics are called the geoglyphs of Pintados. Humans, animals, birds and abstract designs over a variety of sites make up one of the most important archeological zones in northern Chile. Afterward, we will continue on to the Oasis of Pica. Pica is a town famous for its pleasant climate, citrus groves and spectacular hot springs. The springs are found in rock pools naturally eroded into high cliffs. There will be time to relax and swim here. Pica is also home to a winery built by Catholic missionaries—the oldest bodega of wine in Chile. Overnight Hotel Arturo Prat (or equivalent) in Iquique.

Day 3

Iquique

Day of leisure. Time to enjoy Iquique’s fabulous beaches or make an optional excursion to the saltpeter ghost towns.

Day 4

Transfer after breakfast to Iquique airport to take the flight to Santiago and overlap with the add-on of your choice.

Price includes:

Prices include air transportation from Santiago, hotel accommodation including daily continental breakfast, all transfers between airports and hotels with assistance and baggage handling and guided tours including all entrance fees where applicable. Local airport taxes that are payable in the country of destination are not included. Taxes and security fees that can be paid at time of ticketing are already included in the quote (if airfare has been included in the quote).