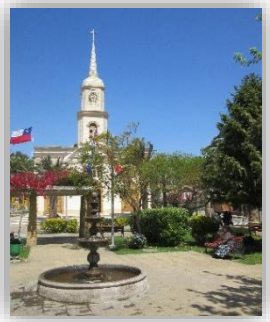
Discover the "Garden of Atacama"

4 days / 3 nights (2 – 8 participants) Season: possible during the whole year

The driest non-polar place on earth is the Atacama Desert.
So it's quite surprising that in its southern edge you can find a fertile valley where rivers flow down from the Andes mountains thanks to which a great diversity of life develops in the place.
We are talking about the Huasco Valley - also known as "The Garden of Atacama".
This still little-known destination not only is the scene of the spectacular phenomenon of the blooming desert which surprises us everey couple of years, but also has a long agricultural tradition and between the arid plains and hills of the desert, a variety of especially tasty fruits is produced, as well as delicious derived products of which three have a designation of origen.
Wildlife in this place is surprisingly diverse and stands out for its high degree of endemism.
During the program we´ll travel from the coastal sector to the Andes foothills through this valley full of contrasts, that is characterized by rural- and nature tourism.
You'll get to know villages, families that produce diverse local delicacies, histories and elaboration processes. And you can tase and savour.
Further you have the oportunity to connect with natutre and enjoy the particular landscapes e.g. during a hike in Llanos de Challe National Park or in the colourful Pinte ravine also known as the "Rainbow of Atacama"



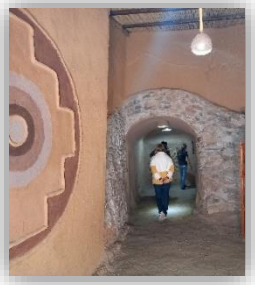











Itinerary:

1st day: am: Copiapó or La Serena airport – Hotel Vallenar (192 km or 197 km respectively)
pm: Hotel Vallenar – Viña Kunza (guided tour with wine tasting) – Hotel Vallenar

2nd day: 08.30 am start Vallenar – Freirina (town square with national monuments) – Llanos de Challe National Park (2 km hike – medium dificulty) – Huasco port (fishing pier and lunch) – Olivos Centenarios, Huasco Bajo (guided tour through ancient olive trees and tasting of olives and olive oils) – Vallenar arrival: 06.00 pm. approx.
Total distance: 170 km approx.

3rd day: 08.30 am start Vallenar – Santa Juana Reservoir (brief stop) – Pinte ravine and village in the Tránsito Valley (village square and paleontological museum) – El Tránsito (village square) - Hacienda Armidita (guided tour with pisco and pajarete -sweet desert wine- tasting) – Retamo, in the Carmen Valley (lunch) – Agroturismo Raíces, La Vega (guided tour through family run farm and tasting of goat cheese) – Alto del Carmen town square (brief stop) - Vallenar arrival: 06.15 pm approx.)
Total distance: 195 km approx.
(the order of the places to visit may change)

4th day: am: Hotel Vallenar – airport Copiapó or La Serena (192 km or 197 km respectively)

Program includes:

Private transfer airport Copiapó or La Serena – hotel Vallenar - airport Copiapó or La Serena, 3 nights Hotel Orígenes, Vallenar dbl. std. room with breakfast buffet, guided tour Viña Kunza with wine tasting (2 hrs. approx.), guided full day tour Olives, Ocean and Cacti* including lunch, guided full day tour Huasco Alto – Flavours and Histories* including lunch, Spanish speaking guide in Viña Kunza and during the full day tours.

* details about these tours in the respective tour descriptions

Optional (additional cost): English or German speaking guide,

Doesn't include: insurance, other food tan mentioned

You should bring:

-sun protection as sunhat, sunglasses and sunblocker
-comfortable shoes for hiking
-wind jacket
-camara

Services are subject to availability in the moment of booking !!!

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