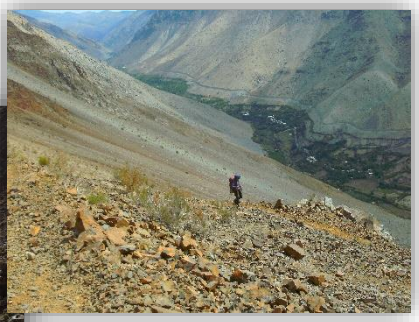
Alto del Carmen – From Valley to Valley

3 days/2 nights (2 - 6 participants) Season: October - April

An active and challenging experience !!!
During this program you move through the sunny Andean foothills of the Huasco Province and get to know this purely rural area and the secrets it keeps, in a direct and connecting manner.
Our track takes us through the Tránsito Valley, also known as “Indian Valley” as it’s been a place of refuge for the original inhabitants of the Diaguita culture since the spanish colonization of the sector.
On our way you get to know some local characters and you learn about past and present life of this people that’s in a process of re-discovering its roots and reviving its culture.
In the tiny little village of Pinte which is inserted in middle of multicoloured mountains and strange geological formations, you can let yourself be enveloped by the magical mood that characterizes this place and further discover its fossil treassures that evidence lifeforms of many millions of years ago.
We share a delicious barbeque before spending the night camping below the clear starry sky of this place which is further the starting point of the demanding 2 day trekk that we start at dawn of the next day.
Following the traces of former indigenous cultures that inhabited the territory as well as the Incas who had arrived from the north, we cross the Tatúl mountain range with destination “Spaniards Valley” which owes its nickname to the fact that it was the main settlement place of the spanish colonists that arrived in the 17th century.
We walk through lonely mountainous landscapes where the only thing we hear is the wind and the sound of birds and the only human beings that can cross our path are the transhumant goat shepherds who keep their trade alive to this day.
At about half the way and an altitude of 2800 meters above sea level, we set up camp and share some countryside stories at the edge of a campfire.
In the afternoon of the second day of our crossing an impressive view of the Carmen Valley opens up to us.
We arrive quite exhausted but satisfied to San Félix, the main village of the Carmen Valley, where we are awaited with some well deserved refreshing drinks and snacks. We then return in vehicle down valley to Vallenar to terminate our program.





Itinerary: 1st day: Vallenar (start: 03.00 pm) – Santa Juana reservoir – El Tránsito - Pinte, Tránsito Valley (88 km approx.)
2nd day: Pinte (start: 07.00 am) – Sendero de Chile
3rd day: Sendero de Chile – San Félix, Carmen Valley - Vallenar (arrival 07.15 pm approx.)

Program includes:
Private transport Vallenar – Pinte (1st day) and San Félix – Vallenar (3rd day) with Spanish speaking driverguide, visit museum Pinte, 1 night camping in Pinte, shared barbeque (vegetarian option) and breakfast in Pinte, filtered drinking water (1st day), refreshing drinks and snacks (3rd day)
During the trekking (2nd and 3rd day): Spanish speaking guide, introduction speech, complete outdoor alimentation, trekking sticks, first aid kit, wireless set, GPS, tent for those who require

Optional (additional cost): English or German speaking guide, pack animal for the trekking

Doesn't include: insurance, other food than mentioned, sleeping bag, sun protection, rescue costs

You should bring:
-comfortable and adequate clothes and shoes for trekking
-light tent and sleeping bag suitable for middle high mountains (it's possible to borrow a tent)
-warm clothes for the night
-comfortable backpack adequate for trekking
-sun protection as sunhat, sunglasses and sunblocker

Notes:
-Permited age range: 12 – 60 years
-Activity is not suitable for pregnant women, persons with limitations in their mobility, persons with fear of height, persons with cardiac and respiratory problems, persons who don't tolerate the height of 3000 m.a.s.l.
-Any restriction in health of a participant has to be informed with anticipation
-Participants should have some experience in long lasting walks and be able to follow the instructions of the guide
-Every participant should fill out an inscription and acceptance of risk – form before initiating the activity

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

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