



Ojos del Salado (6.893m / 22.614ft)

**Climb the world's highest volcano!
Season 2018 / 2019**

SET DEPARTURES: November to March

DURATION: 13 days. Starting and ending in Bahía Inglesa (Copiapó, III Region, Chile)

PARTICIPANTS: Min 4 – Max 12

RATES: Shared vehicles, guides and services US\$2,800.00 per guest

Rates based on double tent and double room accommodation.
For single accommodation please add US\$320.00 (not available on the huts).

Options for private services within the regular groups, same set departures, please request your customized proposal for:

- **Private guide**
- **Private Guide +Private vehicle**

Set departures 2017/2018

Departure date	Ending date	Starts in	Ends in
Sunday November 4, 2018	Friday November 16, 2018	Bahía Inglesa (Copiapó)	Bahía Inglesa (Copiapó)
Sunday November 28, 2018	Friday December 10, 2018		
Sunday December 9, 2018	Friday December 21, 2018		
Sunday December 23, 2018	Friday January 4, 2019		
Sunday January 6, 2019	Friday January 18, 2019		
Thursday March 14, 2019	Tuesday March 26, 2019		

Description

The Chilean desert high plateau east of Copiapó is well known amongst mountaineers from all over the world as it concentrates the highest number of six thousand meter peaks on earth. Amid all these giant volcanoes and mountains in the Andes highlands, the world's highest volcano, Ojos del Salado, rises up to the sky.

This expedition will take you to the heart of the Atacama Desert, the driest spot on earth. From Bahía Inglesa (Copiapó) we start driving towards the Chilean high plateau, a remote region that only few people go to. On the way, we come across places of amazing beauty and diversity. We drive through salt flats, camp next to pristine mountain lakes and climb an easy 5000 easy hikes before reaching San Francisco volcano, the first of two major peaks you get the chance to climb during this expedition.

The ascent of the 6.018m high San Francisco volcano will boost our acclimatization process and maximize our chances of climbing Ojos del Salado.

Finally, we will approach the majestic massif of Ojos del Salado volcano. We will spend a few days on the mountain in order to prepare everything for the summit day. From the summit, the 360° views you will have, are beyond description.

If you are looking for a physical challenge, combined with a journey through some of the planet's most spectacular landscapes, then join us for this memorable mountaineering expedition.



Ojos del Salado summit.

Highlights

- Climb Cerro Doña Ines (5.095m)
- Climb San Francisco volcano (6.018m)
- Climb the highest volcano in the world. Ojos del Salado (6.893m)
- Explore the beautiful Atacama Desert, the driest desert on earth...
- Enjoy the spectacular landscapes of the Andean highlands
- Drive through the Maricunga salt flat.
- Camp next to the turquoise waters of Laguna Verde.
- Internationally certified UIAGM guide as expedition leader

Difficulty

Demanding mountaineering program. The mountains are technically easy, but the altitude, the temperature and the wind could make the ascents quite strenuous

Included in the price

- Private transportation throughout the entire trip.
- Bilingual (English) UIAGM mountain guide expedition leader (1)
- Assistant mountain guides according to the group size (ratio guide/clients: 1 to 4)
- Camp staff such as a cook and camp assistants according to the group size (1 or 2)
- Meals and accommodation as mentioned in the itinerary.
- One night in a 3 or 4-star hotel at the end of the expedition. (According to availability).
- All activities as mentioned in the program.
- High quality communal camping gear including tents, thick mats as well as full base camp infrastructure and services.
- All communal climbing equipment, such as rope and carabiners, among other.
- Airport transfer at the end of the expedition.
- First aid kit and pulse oximeter.
- Bottled oxygen for emergencies.
- VHF radio communication.
- Satellite phone (on pay per minute basis).
- DIFROL permit (a governmental authorization issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, needed only by no Chilean mountaineers, to climb summits located close to the country borders).

Not included in the price

- International and/or domestic flights.
- Personal equipment (mattress, sleeping bag, backpack and others).
- Compulsory travel insurances (accidents, repatriation) and other insurances of any kind (e.g. medical, trip cancellation - strongly recommended).
- Dinner in Copiapó.
- Personal expenses.
- Gratuities.
- Extra costs for late arrival or early departure.
- Mountain permit. (The authorities are not charging a fee for the mountain at this moment, but please keep in mind that this may change at any moment).
- Any service/cost not mentioned in the program.

Itinerary

DAY	DESCRIPTION	LODGING	MEALS
1	COPIAPÓ AIRPORT – PEDERNALES SALT FLAT (295 km 183 mi) Pick up at your hotel in Caldera or Bahía Inglesa at 9am. We start driving east towards the Altiplano, following narrow and dry river valleys that lie in between the desert and the high plateau. We arrive to El Salvador, a mining town at the foothill of the Andes, where we stop for lunch. In the afternoon, we drive to our first camp next to Pedernales Salt Flat. Flat. We are now in the middle of the Chilean high plateau, the southernmost part of the Atacama Desert and home to a great diversity of wildlife such as flamingoes and foxes. In the evening, we take a short walk to the nearby lagoon where we see local flora and fauna and a large variety of birds.	Camp (3.362m/11.030ft)	L, D

2	<p>PEDERNALES SALT FLAT – CERRO DOÑA INES CLIMB (5.095m/16.715ft) - PEDERNALES SALT FLAT</p> <p>Early transfer by 4x4 to the base of Cerro Doña Ines (4.500m/14.763ft). The climbing to the summit will take 5 to 6 hours round trip and allow for an amazing view of the surroundings. Back to the base camp.</p>	Camp (3.362m/11.030ft)	B, L, D
3	<p>PEDERNALES SALT FLAT – LAGUNA VERDE (170 km /105 mi)</p> <p>Today we will drive along Maricunga salt flat, check in the Maricunga customs for our Ojos del Salado climb, and then keep going across the high plateaus to reach Laguna Verde. We set up a base camp nearby the lake, at the hot springs site.</p>	Camp (4.350m/14.271ft)	B, L, D
4	<p>LAGUNA VERDE REST DAY</p> <p>This rest day and extra night in Laguna Verde, at 4.350m/14.271ft, is of great importance for your acclimatization before the attempt of San Francisco summit. Taking a bath in the hot springs, hiking at the shores of the lake and taking pictures are a good way to rest and get ready for the next summit day.</p>	Camp (4.350m/14.271ft)	B, L, D
5	<p>LAGUNA VERDE - SUMMIT VN. SAN FRANCISCO (6.018m/19.744ft) - LAGUNA VERDE</p> <p>Starting off very early in the morning, we approach the mountain with the 4x4 (4.800m/15.748ft). It is a full day climbing this beautiful mountain located at the very border between Chile and Argentina. The summit is at 6.018m/19.744ft and we will need around 6 to 8 hours to reach the top. Back to our camp.</p>	Camp (4.350m/14.271ft)	B, L, D
6	<p>LAGUNA VERDE REST DAY</p> <p>Full day to rest and get ready to move to Ojos del Salado Base Camp. This extra day at 4.350m/14.271ft is a great boost to your acclimatization process and should be fully used to recover from the San Francisco climb, hydrate and relax. Going for another hike on this day won't be of any help to your body. We strongly recommend to bring books and music with you and just enjoy this rest day. <i>Please note that the expedition leader may choose to skip this rest day according to the weather forecast, in case a modification of the itinerary is needed to ensure the summit.</i></p>	Camp (4.350m/14.271ft)	B, L, D
7	<p>LAGUNA VERDE - ATACAMA HUT (38 km /23 mi)</p> <p>Today we leave Laguna Verde and the international road to Argentina, heading to the foothill of Ojos del Salado. We drive off road, gaining altitude very quickly as we cross sand flats and steep rocky, sometimes snow-covered, slopes. Finally, we arrive at the Atacama refuge area, where we set up our base camp.</p>	Camp (5.255m/17.240ft)	B, L, D
8	<p>ATACAMA HUT (BASE CAMP) - TEJOS HUT (CAMP I) (5.825m/19.110ft) - ATACAMA HUT</p> <p>Today, we carry some equipment and food to Camp I, following the sandy and rocky slopes. We drop off our stuff in the mountain hut, take a look around and then go back down to the base camp. This hike is part of our acclimatization in order to maximize our chances of reaching the summit.</p>	Camp (5.825m/19.110ft)	B, L, D
9	<p>ATACAMA REFUGE - TEJOS REFUGE (CAMP I)</p> <p>Today we move up to Camp I, carrying the rest of the gear we will need for the summit. It is a short day we arrive early to get hydrated, eat and rest for the summit day.</p>	Camp (5.255m/17.240ft) or (5.825m/19.110ft)	B, L, D
10	<p>OJOS DEL SALADO SUMMIT DAY (6.893m/22.614ft)</p> <p>We start very early in the morning 3 to 5 am depending the wind and cold conditions, and climb 8 to 9 hours up to the summit. The terrain may be snowy or dry. The climb includes an easy climbing / scrambling step just before getting to the summit. We use harness, helmet and rope for this last part. From the top we have an amazing view over all major summits in the area, including Tres Cruces and Pissis. Going down we may stop for the night at Tejos camp or descend directly to Atacama base camp.</p>	Camp	B, L, D
11	<p>RESERVE DAY</p>	Camp	B, L, D

12	REFUGIO ATACAMA – BAHIA INGLESA Dismantle of camp and tents, organize gear and packing, load equipment and get the cars ready to go. Then we drive back to Bahia Inglesa, where we arrive 6 hours later. Transfer to the Hotel.	Hotel Rocas de Bahia (****) or Blanco Encalada (***) according to availability	B, L
13	BAHIA INGLESA - OUT Transfer to Copiapo airport or Caldera bus station. End of our services.		B

Important notice:

The day by day itinerary is flexible. The expedition leader may modify this itinerary according to weather conditions, in order to maximize the chances to reach the summit. The rest days may be used as reserve days if needed.

Booking and Cancellation Fees

- * Booking is secure only after receipt of a NON-Refundable deposit of 10% of the cost of the trip.
- * The balance is due no later than 30 days prior to the start of the land tour.
- * Clients may cancel their trip at any time prior to departure only if confirmed in writing (email) ChileMontana

• Refunds due to client-cancelled trips will be as follows:

 Cancellation 29 - 15 days prior to departure - 50% of the land cost will be refunded.

 Cancellation 14 days or less prior to departure - no refunds.

Cancellation Policy

If, for any reason, anyone leaves the trip before its completion, for whatever reason, there will be no reimbursement of fees. If the weather, or other factor(s), makes completing our objective impossible, there will be no reimbursement of fees. In the case any of the participants need for a rescue, or the participant leaves the trip before its completion, for whatever reason, the participant is responsible for any expenses incurred. CHILE MONTAÑA is not responsible for any expenses incurred if the trip should be delayed due to weather, strikes, theft, acts of nature, civil disturbances, terrorism, acts of war, government restrictions or regulations, failure of any form of transportation to arrive or depart as scheduled, or discrepancies over which CHILE MONTAÑA has no control. If the participant cancels at any time before the activity there will be no refund of the 10% deposit.



Laguna Verde.