



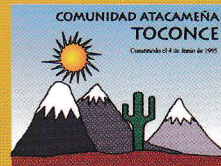
# Tatio Geysers

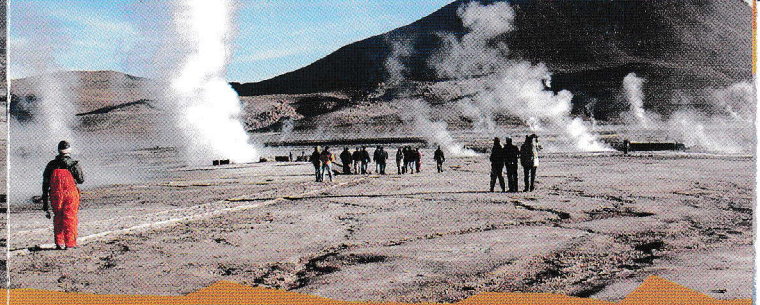
*An Spectacular Attraction*



## Antofagasta Region

*"Magic and Amazing"*





This natural attraction lies within El Tatio geothermic basin and is located 129 kilometers east from Calama city, and 90 kilometers north of San Pedro de Atacama, approximately 4,320 meters above the sea level.

The great fumaroles come up to the surface through fissures of the terrestrial crust, reaching a temperature of 85°C. and 10 meters in height.

This fantastic place can be seen at its greater magnitude between 06:00 and 07:00 hrs AM., even with temperatures below zero.

Geysers de EL Tatio are one of the most striking places of this region, and are formed when a frozen underground river makes contact with hot rocks.

Besides this wonder of nature the visitor can also admire a landscape with different types of flora and interesting native fauna such as the camelidae species of the Andes; among these species you can observe vicunas, guanacos, birds like nandues and rodents like vizcachas.

### Necessary precautions during your visit

- Geysers have different and superficial manifestations that are not always the same size under the surface. This aspect is very important because a visitor can walk or be standing up over a deck of cracked rock that seems to be solid but can be **VERY FRAGILE** – because of the corporal weight it can be broken and would fall down on the boiling water to 85°C (185°F).
- All visitors must be careful when approaching the geysers and it is their responsibility to take care of themselves in this action.
- It is recommended to **NEITHER INHALE NOR TO SMELL** the gases produced by the geysers because they can be dangerous.
- Avoid entering between the craters of the geysers or **TO WALK** between the fumes because these make the sight difficult.
- **IT IS FORBIDDEN TO RUN** in the geothermic field because of the fragility of the ground.
- You must wear **WARM CLOTHES** suited for the cold weather, and early in the morning, the temperature is celcius degrees bellow zero.
- It is also recommendable to **EAT LIGHT FOODS AND AVOID DRINKING ALCOHOL** the night before visiting the geysers.
- In winter the low temperature freezes the water that follows down the geysers and the ground becomes slippery, **WATCH YOUR STEPS**.
- Taking into account the **ALTITUDE** of this natural attraction old people; pregnant, women, nursing babies, high blood pressure and health problems in general **MUST consider medical advise** before visiting El Tatio.
- Respect all the **WARNING INSTRUCTIONS** given.

### WHAT TO DO AFTER AN ACCIDENT WITH BURNS

- The important thing is to act quickly; the sooner you cool the burn, the greater are the possibilities to reduce their effects.
- Remove the wet clothes immediately, but **DON'T** take away the clothes attached to the skin.
- Pour cold water on the burns to reduce the temperature.
- If the burn is extensive, keep the patient laid down and with the head to a level lower than the shoulders.
- If the patient is conscious, he must drink water (never alcohol).
- Do not try to burst the blisters.
- Do not use homemade medicines such as oil, salt, flour, or fat, because they can cause infections.
- Take the patient immediately to the nearest hospital, if it is possible by means of an ambulance.

**REMEMBER THAT ALL BURNS, EXCEPT THE LESS SERIOUS ONES, MUST ALWAYS BE CHECKED BY A DOCTOR OR A NURSE.**

### EMERGENCY PHONES NUMBERS

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PHONE 2851010**

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HOSPITAL  
PHONE 2361769**

**5th FIREMEN STATION  
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**1° FIREMEN STATION  
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**POLICE STATION  
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