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AWASI ESSENTIALS

Atacama

SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA, CHILE

RELAIS & CHATEAUX

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Atacama at a Glance

Set in the historic town of San Pedro de Atacama, Awasi Atacama is a 12-room lodge surrounded by one of the world's most extraordinary desert landscapes.

Built from adobe, stone and wood using local materials and techniques, the lodge draws on the architecture and history of northern Chile. Its location, a short walk from San Pedro's main square, allows guests to experience the life of the town while returning to the privacy of the lodge.

Explorations might lead into high-altitude landscapes, salt flats, archaeological sites and hidden valleys, or begin after dark beneath the Atacama sky.

Location: San Pedro de Atacama, Chile.

Setting: Historic desert town at 8,038 feet above sea level.

Accommodation: 12-room lodge.

Architecture: Built with adobe, stone and wood, drawing on traditional Atacameño architecture.

Experiences: Desert exploration, salt flats, archaeological sites, high-altitude lagoons and stargazing.

Location & Getting There

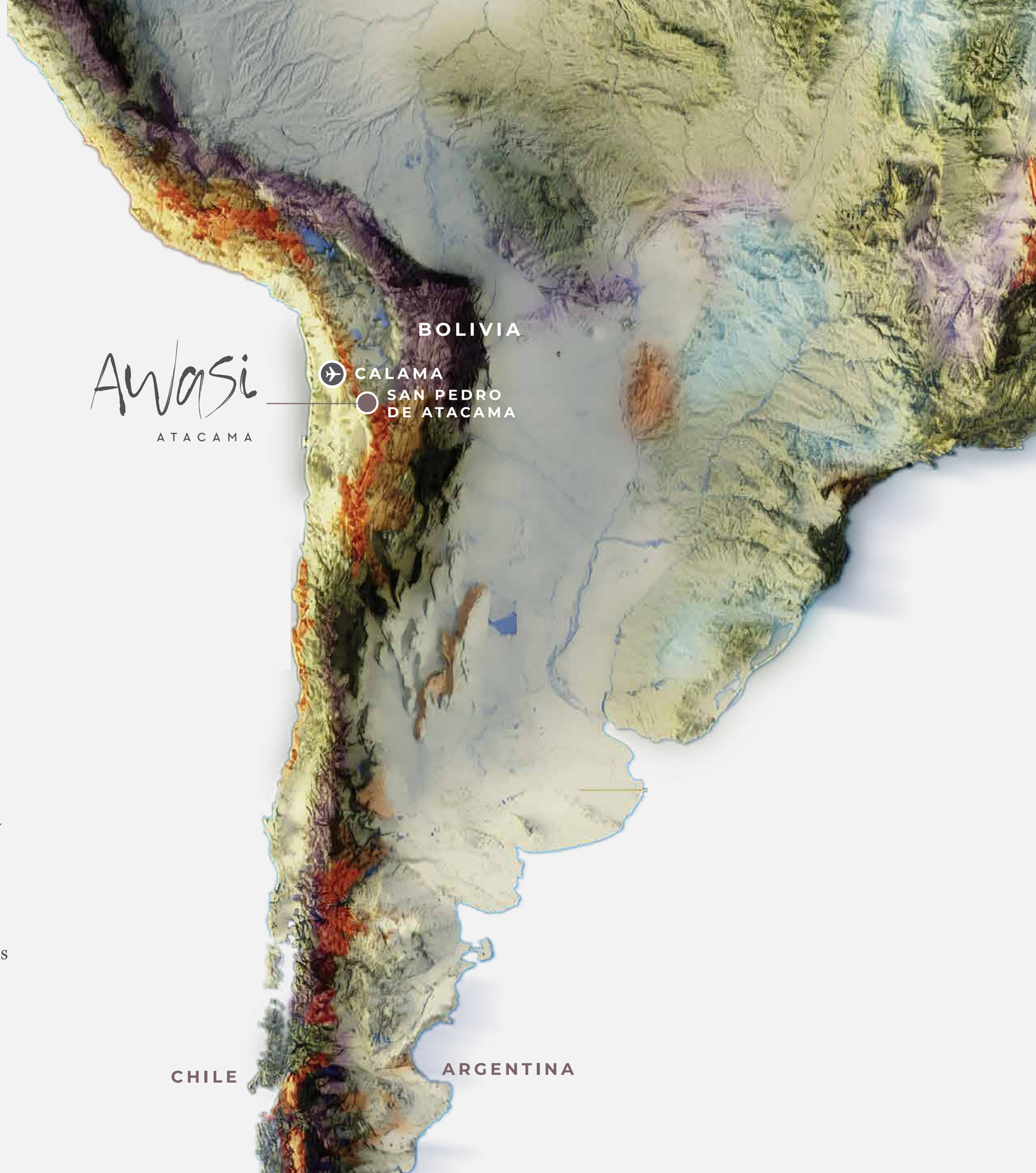
Awasi Atacama is located in San Pedro de Atacama, an oasis town in northern Chile's Atacama Desert.

BY AIR

Guests traveling from Santiago fly to Calama, the closest airport to San Pedro de Atacama. On arrival, your Awasi guide will meet you at the airport and accompany you to the lodge by private 4WD. The journey takes approximately 1.5 hours each way.

BY LAND

San Pedro lies close to Chile's borders with Argentina and Bolivia, making overland travel between the three countries possible. The journey from Bolivia via Hito Cajón takes approximately 2 hours, while the journey from Argentina via Paso Jama takes approximately 2 hours.





The Lodge & Accommodation

Awasi Atacama occupies an ancient site once used to shelter shepherds and herders. Adobe, stone and wood connect the architecture of the lodge with traditional building techniques found throughout the region.

Despite its central location in San Pedro de Atacama, the lodge is designed around privacy. The town's main square and historic church are a short walk away, while within Awasi, courtyards, native materials and private patios create a quieter world of their own.







THE ROOMS

The lodge has 12 rooms built from adobe, stone and wood, each with a thatched roof and a private patio with an outdoor shower.

- **Round Rooms (2)**: Each measures 50 m^2 and features an en suite bathroom with shower, a reading area with an armchair, and a private patio with an outdoor shower.
- **Superior Round Suites (10)**: Each measures 65 m^2, including the patio, and has a bathroom with a bathtub and shower, a walk-in closet, a desk and a chaise longue.

SHARED FACILITIES

- Restaurant and bar
- Swimming pool
- Fire pits

The Awasi Experience

At Awasi, there is no fixed program of excursions.

Each room is assigned a private guide and 4WD, giving guests the freedom to explore according to their own interests, rhythm and level of activity. Rather than joining scheduled group departures, each day can be shaped around what you would most like to see and do.

Before arrival, guests are invited to complete a questionnaire covering personal preferences, special interests, physical condition and dietary requirements. This allows the team to begin planning the stay before guests reach the lodge.

Once in Atacama, plans remain flexible. Your guide can adapt each day according to your interests and the conditions encountered along the way.





Fully Hosted

A fully hosted stay includes:

- Private guide and 4WD vehicle assigned to each villa
- Private explorations tailored to guests' interests and preferred pace
- All meals
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages
- Private transfers to and from Calama Airport, coordinated around arrival and departure times

The private guide and vehicle allow each day to be tailored to guests' interests, preferred pace and chosen activities.

Explorations

The Atacama Desert offers a remarkable variety of landscapes, from vast salt flats and geysers to high-altitude lagoons and remote desert valleys. Explorations combine outdoor activities with opportunities to learn about the region's natural environment, history and culture, always shaped around guests' interests and level of activity.

Guests can choose between full-day and half-day explorations. Your guide can adapt the itinerary to your interests, preferred pace, weather and local conditions.









Cuisine

At Awasi Atacama, food offers another way of understanding the desert.

The lodge is part of Relais & Châteaux and its cuisine draws on ingredients associated with northern Chile and the wider Andean landscape. Menus incorporate regional produce including different varieties of potatoes, quinoa, algarrobo and chañar, the fruit of a native desert tree.

Menus can be adapted to individual dietary requirements and preferences, which are discussed with guests before arrival.



Weather & Seasons

The Atacama is a desert of extremes, with temperatures that can change considerably between the middle of the day and night. Daytime temperatures throughout the year generally range from **20°C to 30°C / 68°F to 86°F**. During winter, nighttime temperatures can fall several degrees below **0°C / 32°F.** Early-morning explorations, particularly at higher elevations, can also involve very cold conditions.

Rather than thinking only in terms of traditional seasons, it is useful to prepare for significant temperature changes within the same day. Layers are important throughout the year, particularly when traveling to higher elevations.

WARMER MONTHS | SEPTEMBER–APRIL

Expect warm desert days, strong sun and cooler conditions after sunset. Lightweight clothing and sun protection are important during the day, with warmer layers for evenings and high-altitude explorations.

COOLER MONTHS | MAY–AUGUST

Days can still be sunny and relatively warm, but temperatures drop sharply after sunset. Nights may fall below freezing, while early-morning and high-altitude explorations require proper thermal layers.

What to Pack

The Atacama Desert is a landscape of extremes, with strong daytime sun, cool evenings and particularly cold conditions at higher elevations. Packing in layers is essential throughout the year, especially for early-morning and high-altitude explorations.

CLOTHING & LAYERS

- Lightweight, breathable clothing for warm daytime temperatures
- Long-sleeved shirts for sun protection
- A fleece or warm mid-layer for evenings
- An insulated or down jacket for colder conditions
- Thermal base layers for high-altitude explorations
- A windproof jacket for exposed areas
- Long trousers and a warm hat or beanie for evenings and colder excursions

FOOTWEAR

- Hiking boots with ankle support for trekking and uneven terrain
- Comfortable sneakers for easier walks
- Water shoes or sandals for activities involving water

ACTIVITY-SPECIFIC ESSENTIALS

- A hat, sunglasses and high-SPF sunscreen
- SPF lip balm to protect against the dry climate
- Gloves and warm socks for high-altitude excursions
- A buff for protection against wind and dust
- A small backpack for carrying additional layers
- Swimwear for water-based activities and the lodge's swimming pool

Good to Know

Staying well hydrated is particularly important in the Atacama Desert. We also recommend bringing SPF lip balm, as the dry climate can cause chapped lips. At high altitude, avoid cotton whenever possible, as it retains moisture and can reduce thermal comfort.

Provided by Awasi

Reusable water bottles, binoculars, sunscreen and trekking poles are provided for your excursions.

Health & Safety

San Pedro de Atacama sits at approximately 2,450 meters / 8,038 feet above sea level, while some explorations travel considerably higher. We recommend taking things slowly on your first day and staying well hydrated while your body adjusts to the altitude. Guests should inform Awasi before traveling of any relevant health considerations so these can be taken into account when planning explorations. Guests should bring any personal medication they may require during their stay.

CHILDREN

Children aged 14 and older are welcome. For stays with younger children, please contact Reservations in advance.

Useful Information

LANGUAGES

Guides speaking English, Spanish, German, French and Portuguese are available on request.

CONNECTIVITY

Wi-Fi is available in the rooms and main lodge. There is no Wi-Fi connection in the INEOS Grenadier vehicles and mobile coverage is limited and varies depending on the area.

ELECTRICITY

The electrical supply is 220V. Chile uses Type C and Type L plugs.

CURRENCY & PAYMENTS

The local currency is the Chilean peso (CLP). Credit and debit cards are accepted at the lodge. We recommend carrying some cash for gratuities and occasional purchases in local shops.

LAUNDRY

The first laundry service includes one complimentary laundry bag of up to 5 kg per room. Additional laundry services are available at an extra cost.



Gratuities

Gratuities are entirely optional and at each guest's discretion. Tips for the general lodge team are shared equally among staff, while gratuities for private guides are given separately.

As a reference, guests typically leave approximately USD 80 per day for the general lodge team and USD 50 per day for their private guide. These amounts are suggestions rather than expectations.

Gratuities can be paid by credit card or in cash, in Chilean pesos or foreign currency.

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