

# ATACAMA BIKEPACKING



**October 14 to 28, 2017**

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## Tour Overview

First of all we would like to introduce the philosophy behind our bike tours: **Mr None**. We are not ironmen, we are not superheros, we don't have an iron will and don't do impossible adventures. We get involved, and try. That's it.

After the first experience in Patagonia we decide to return in Chile and to cross the Atacama Desert. This is a very special place for us, here 16 years ago was born the idea of what we are today as a bike travel agency.

Chile with its geographic diversity, gives us a good opportunity to visit places like Los Andes, Atacama Desert, the altiplane's lakes and also ancient cultures like Atacamaña, Aymaras or the Mapuches.

The Atacama Desert is the driest in the world, being protected from humidity on both sides by big mountain ranges, as the Andes along the interior and the Coastal Range towards the Pacific Ocean.

Hundreds of years ago, ancestor's caravans went through the Atacama desert, looking for new lands to explore.

Now it's our turn.

We will travel through this territory with our bikes to enjoy the beauty of its geologic creations and natural phenomenon. We will ride about 900 km starting at the sea level and gradually reaching 4000 mt to get a final altitude of 4.500.

We will gain altitude progressively to allow ourselves a perfect acclimatization. We will camp in the middle of nowhere or in the small villags that we will find along the way.

*"From the sea to the sky through the driest desert in the world.*

*12 bike stages, full of meaning and adventure, through the cradle of atacameña's culture.*

*Lands of explorers, where 16 years ago was born the idea of what we are today.*

*Join us!*

*There's a birthday to celebrate.*

*More wrinkles on our face.*

*A new experience to share".*

## **Please read carefully**

For the success of this expedition it is absolutely necessary to create, between all travelers, a strong team spirit. No one will be left alone or in difficulty, for any reason. It will be responsibility not only of the guides, but also of the individual participants, help solve any kind of problem that will come up during the trip. It will be an unforgettable journey, but also a unique opportunity to educate ourself to the group consciousness and the ability to share - joy, effort, planning, organization, coordination, defeats and successes. And success will not be just arrive at the final destination, but start out and then do our best to get there, all together.

During the period prior to departure we will organize two meetings where we will explain the trip and the kind of equipment the guides will use during the tour. The place of the meeting will be notified once decided the group of participants.

If it will not be possible to meet, for logistic reason, we will keep in contact via mail and we will be at your disposal for any kind of questions. There will be a selection between those who will require to participate, to try to have a homogeneous group. We do not exclude the possibility that those who will not be selected for the first group will then participate at a later, which is better suited to its characteristics. To help in this selection we have prepared a form that you find at the end of the tour info package. Please fill it and send it back before proceeding with the inscription.

## **Stage Descriptions and Itinerary**

### **October 14, 2017**

Arrival in Antofagasta, Chile must be within 2.00 pm. We will organize your hotel/airport transfer. Bike need to be set up. In the late afternoon we will have a briefing to introduce the staff and all the participants.

### **October 15 to 26, 2017: Antofagasta - San Pedro de Atacama**

12 days of biking, from east to west, from the sea level to the plateau to reach our final destination: San Pedro de Atacama.

The route we have designed will start from the Pacific Ocean, we will ride along some old mining railways, cross the Floamencos National Park, stay in some small villages like Toconao, Peine and Socaire, visit the amazing Minique and Miscanti lagoon, located over 4.000 mt of altitude.

We will ride 70/80 km each day, on asphalt and usually well maintained unpaved road. We will also face small section of sandy tracks.

### **October 27, 2017 - Flight back**

In the morning airport transfer. **End of services.**

### **Arrival and Departure information**

Arrival at Antofagasta Airport (ANF) within le 2.00 pm of October 14, 2017

Departure from Calama Airport (CJC) the morning of October 27, 2017

## **PRICES**

The individual cost of participation is **€ 1.490**

Minimum number: **6** people

Maximum number: **12** people

### **The price includes**

- Two PA-Cyclism guides riding with the group.
- 4 Overnight in hostel in Antofagasta, Socaire, Toconao and San Pedro de Atacama.
- Group travel insurance
- Arrival airport transfer in Antofagasta on October 14,2017
- Departure airport transfer to Calama on October 27, 2017

### **The price does not include**

- Flight ticket and overbaggage.
- Lunch and dinner in Antofagasta and San Pedro de Atacama
- Lodging and food during the bike tour.
- Extra services and activities.
- Extra cost in case of logistic changes (bus transfer, extra hotel nights)
- Everything not present in "The price include

## HOW TO BOOK AND PAY

1. Pay now with your [credit card](#) the total amount of the tour
2. Pay with bank transfer the total amount of the tour
3. Split the payment:
  - Make a down payment of **50% of th total cost** to reserve your spot
  - Send the balance 30 days before departure\*

*This option can be done both with credit card or bank transfer. A surcharge of € 60 will be applied.*

***\*30 days before departure you will receive an e-mail with the balance to be send.***

## METHODS OF PAYMENT

**Credit Card:** <http://pa-cyclism.com/en/tpv/>

*Credit Card Companies will often flag transactions for larger amounts that are completed online and out of country as fraud suspicion. If high-value (€) online transactions are outside of your normal spending habits, please ensure that you contact your credit card company BEFORE registration to approve the transaction*

### **Bank Transfer**

*Beneficiary:* Banco "La Caixa" - Account nº: 2100-3897-89-0200079853

IBAN: ES88-2100-3897-89-0200079853

BIC/ SWIFT: CAIXESBBXXX

*payable to:* PROJECTING ADVENTURE CYCLISM - Paseo de la Castellana 121, Esc. Dcha 4ªA - Madrid - Spain

***We will not consider a person subscribed until we receive at least the down payment.***

## **Refund and cancellation**

*Where, for whatever reason, one person is obliged to withdraw, the person must give written notice to Projecting Adventure Cyclism.*

*Refund will be calculated with this penalty:*

- Within 45 days from date of departure the penalty fare is 10% of the total cost of the trip.*
- Within 30 days from departure the penalty fare is 30% of the total cost of the trip.*
- Within 21 days from departure the penalty fare is 50% of the total cost of the trip.*
- Within 14 days from departure the penalty fare is 75 % of the total cost of the trip.*
- After this date no refund will be given.*

*No refunds for those who will not show at the start or withdraw during the course of the tour.*

*No refunds for those who could not make the tour due to lack or inaccuracy of the personal travel documents (i.e Visa or Passport).*

*Traveler understands that some destinations pose more risk than other destinations due to weather conditions, political conditions and the geography of the region. Traveler acknowledges that factors such as, but not limited to, weather conditions, landslides, floods, flight cancelations or delays, strikes, labor troubles, failure of power, restrictive governmental laws or regulations, riots, insurrection, war or other reason of a like nature not the fault of Projecting Adventure Cyclism (hereinafter "Force Majeure Event") can hinder, delay or even prevent the Traveler's ability to make or complete the trip. Traveler acknowledges that the Projecting Adventure Cyclism shall not be liable to Traveler for any delay or cancelation of the trip due to a Force Majeure Event. Traveler shall not be entitled to a refund or any other payment for damages from the Projecting Adventure Cyclism in the event that the trip is cancelled or delayed due to a Force Majeure Event. Please note that we are never responsible for any airfare ticket expenses.*

## INFORMATIONS

### Information about a stage:

There will be a rough time schedule. It will not always be possible to respect it, because of contingencies that we will meet along the way (mechanical problems, bad weather, etc.). We will decide from time to time whether to force to reach the scheduled end of the stage, or to set up the camp and sleep elsewhere.

We definitely expect long days in the saddle; we will not always have the chance to wash ourself or take a hearty breakfast in the morning, but this is all part of the idea behind this trip: the ability to adapt to situations that we will encounter kilometer after kilometer.

**Important Note!** The guides will put all their experience and the utmost commitment, so that everyone can enjoy the maximum comfort during the whole expedition. The organization reserves the right to change the route for the safety and security of participants.

**Medical Assistance:** Throughout the trip we will have a basic first-aid bag. Despite this, we suggest each of you not leave without their stock of personal medicine. If anyone is allergic to a particular medicine or food, please to notify this to the organization. No particular vaccination is required, although it is better to be covered with anti-tetanus.

**Food:** Everyone must provide his own food and water requirements. We meet local where to eat and buy food along the way; There are however some sections where we will also be completely self-sufficient for more than a day.

**Weather :** The weather will be dry and sunny during the day. The night will be pretty cold with a great temperature range.

**Travel Documents** Each participant must have a passport valid for six months from the date of departure. Projecting Adventure Cyclism will not be held responsible for invalid passports, visas or other necessary documents as required by the Chilean Government.

**Money:** The local currency is the Chilean Peso (CLP)

One Euro is changed (March 2017):

1 € = 700 CLP

In any "money exchange" Euro and USD are accepted. In airport you will find a case for change and in the center of the city with ease, an ATM to withdraw

**Electric Plug:** The most used are C Type (see pics)



**Mechanical Assistance:** Each of the participants will have to try to be as independent as possible from the mechanical point of view. Beyond the simple and common repairs (punctures, broken chain) and maintenance (chain cleaning, changing brake pads) it is good to know and have with you the possible "sensitive" parties in the absence of which it would be impossible to continue your journey (eg . derailleur hanger, seat clamp, some spokes, a spare tire).

This does not mean that only experienced mechanics may attempt a trip like this, but we must be aware that any breakages will not be easily and immediately resolved, because we will find ourselves in places rather isolated without the presence of bike shops.

Before the departure is necessary bring your bike from your trusted mechanic for the final check-in. Before you pack the bike for the air travel, try the bike full loaded simulating the conditions we're going to meet.

**Which Kind of Mountain Bike:** The route is mainly on asphalt and unpaved road. We could meet rocky or sandy sections, where is necessary a smooth conduct of the bike. We suggest 29" bikes with fast rolling tyres.

Before the departure we will explain everything that the guides will use during the tour. This just to give an idea of what is necessary to have. We will be at your disposal for any advice or doubt you may have regarding bike and equipment

## **BASIC RULES**

In order to achieve the greatest effectiveness we believe it convenient to adopt some basic rules.

### **a. Equipment needed**

Each participants will be responsible to load on his bike all as deemed necessary to the trip:

- ✓ Tent, sleeping bag (comfort -10°) and sleeping pad.
- ✓ Camping Stove, pot, cutlery and lighter
- ✓ Bicycle Bags
- ✓ GPS
- ✓ Clothing cycle (short and long)
- ✓ Leggings and sleeves
- ✓ Rainy jacket and pants
- ✓ Light and wool cap, sunglasses
- ✓ Anti Wind Jacket
- ✓ Socks and shoes suitable for riding
- ✓ Rubber sandals for the shower
- ✓ A fleece or wool sweater
- ✓ Rope & clothespins
- ✓ Moisturizers and sun protection factor 12
- ✓ **Helmet (\*mandatory\*)**

- ✓ Water bottle or camelbag (Total capacity at least 5 liters)
- ✓ Kit for puncture repair + 2 spare tubes + pump
- ✓ Spare tire and spare brake pad
- ✓ Chain tool and Chain Oil
- ✓ Allen keys/Multitools
- ✓ **Specific spare parts (derailleur hanger, spoke, seat clamp)**

## **b. Environment**

Each participant is responsible for helping protect the local environment. Hold on to any garbage until you meet up with the support vehicle or find a wastebasket / recycling bin. Stay on the main trails as much as possible.

## **c. Safety**

Without trying to limit your riding enjoyment, we ask all participants to ride responsibly in order to reduce the likelihood of injuries to themselves and others. Ride conservatively on technical sections and reduce speed when appropriate. Be aware of pedestrians and other vehicles. Helmets are mandatory at all times. Alert the guides if you notice any problems with your bicycle.

## **d. Right of the organization**

Given the characteristics of the environment and of the journey, the organization reserves the right to change the route for the safety and security of participants.

## **e. Waiver of Liability**

All participants will be asked to sign the waiver before the start of the tour and send it via email to [info@pa-cyclism.com](mailto:info@pa-cyclism.com). If you have any questions, please contact us in advance.

## ORGANIZATION

The technical and logistic organization of **this tour** is the responsibility of:  
**Projecting Adventure Cyclism.**

The Organization has solid experience in creation of events such as:

- ❖ ATLAS BIKE MAROC & BIKING SAHARA (Morocco)
- ❖ ATACAMA BIKE MARATHON (Chile)
- ❖ ATTRAVERS-ANDE PATAGONIA BIKE (Argentina e Chile)
- ❖ AROUND ANNAPURNA BIKE (Nepal)
- ❖ MONGOLIA BIKE CHALLENGE & BIKING MONGOLIA (Mongolia)
- ❖ TRANS CANADA BIKE (British Columbia-Canada)
- ❖ BIKING CHINA (Sichuan Province & Tibetan Plateau)
- ❖ ROME to FLORENCE & SICILY OFF ROAD (Italy)
- ❖ ETHIOPIA WILD BIKE (Etiopia)
- ❖ TENACE SARDEGNA EXPERIENCE (Italy)
- ❖ LA VIA DEI CAROVANIERI (Italy)
- ❖ ARABIA FELIX (Oman)

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## Waiver of Liability

Undersigned:

SURNAME .....

NAME .....

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Document Type .....

No. ....

- ✓ I declare to know the program of travel and accept it.
- ✓ I declare that I have made a satisfying workout in order to participate the **ATACAMA BIKEPACKING**, to be in very good physically and psychologically conditions, which allows me to participate in the above test cycle, and not suffer any illness or injury.
- ✓ I declare to be voluntarily present and accept the risk and situations of psycho-physical discomfort, any kind of accident with mechanical vehicle or not, accidents with animals and / or persons and any other situation could occur, declining so any liability of PROJECTING ADVENTURE CYCLISM.
- ✓ I declare to know the intensity of the **ATACAMA BIKEPACKING** and the high risk that the practice of mountain biking involves and that it will respect all the indication that the organization will give with the intent to protect my and others' safety.
- ✓ I will correctly use the helmet during the entire stages in mountain bike.
- ✓ I understand that the Organization may change the dates, mileage and the program if it considers necessary to protect the safety of all participants.

With this declaration I confirm that I voluntarily and freely subjected myself to the video-cameras shootings made by PROJECTING ADVENTURE CYCLISM during the **ATACAMA BIKEPACKING**

I allow the use of my image with the times and the way that PROJECTING ADVENTURE CYCLISM deems appropriate.

Sign to accept all of the above.

In witness .....

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## ATACAMA BIKEPACKING - MR NONE

<b>Name</b>		<b>Surname</b>	
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<b>Age</b>		<b>Height (cm)</b>		<b>Weight (Kg)</b>	
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<b>Profession</b>		<b>Civil Status</b>	
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<b>Do you have kids? If so how old are they?</b>	
<b>Do you have bike travel experience? (Bikepacking or different)</b>	
<b>Do you have any other travel experience?</b>	
<b>Which kind of bike would you use for this trip?</b>	
<b>Why would you like to be part of this expedition?</b>	
<b>What is for you the meaning of the word "essential"?</b>	
<b>Do you consider yourself a tidy person or not?</b>	
<b>With which mood you deal with the unexpected?</b>	

