



IQUIQUE UNLIMITED TOUR DETAILED ITINERARY

Zion Paragliding and Airwave Tours are excited to welcome you on the Iquique Unlimited Tour 2025 in the sunny Atacama Desert!

In this detailed itinerary you can find all the information like where to meet on Day 1, where we'll be staying, a packing and kit list and important information regarding entry requirements and insurance on the last page.

Please note this itinerary could change based on flying conditions in the flying sites we will be visiting.

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PRICE \$3250 Per Person

Join this adventure paragliding tour in collaboration with Zion Paragliding and Air Wave Tours for just \$3250 per person

What's Included:

- 8 days of flying and adventure with our tour guides and an arrival day to get settled before the flying begins
- 7 nights accommodation in an apart hotel
- Daily site and weather briefings with Zion
- In-air radio guidance
- Launch Fees
- 1-to-1 time with an instructor to discuss your current level and any goals you are working towards
- Shuttles between the different flying sites and hotels
- Daily shuttles to the launch site, landing zone pick-up and XC retrieve
- Ground transport following the group on XC flights
- Snacks and soft drinks in the shuttle

Not Included:

- Airline flights or travel to the destination of Iquique
- Food and drink (exception of snacks and soft drinks in the tour shuttle)
- Cost of any additional or optional activities
- Insurance
- Any additional nights accommodation if you arrive early or leave late
- Covid-19 tests for travel or any other entry requirement such as a visa.

What You Need

- Minimum APPI ParaPro 2, USHPA P2 or USPPA PPG2 in case that you are transitioning from Paramotoring.
- Minimum 50 hours of flying Paragliding or Paramotoring.
- Paragliding Equipment:
 - Certified paraglider (EN B or above)
 - Certified harness
 - Reserve parachute
 - Helmet
 - Rentals available @ \$500.00 for the whole tour. Please contact us for details.
- Unlocked dual-band VHF radio – we recommend the Yaesu FT-270 or FT-65R.
- Ability to confidently take off and land on your own.
- Basic fitness level – ability to sustain a 15-minute power walk
- Warm clothes – you will feel the cold once you've thermalled to cloud base
- Comfortable and sturdy shoes to withstand kiting in the desert – hiking boots are ideal
- USHPA does not cover third party insurance outside of USA. Travel insurance - find out more.

Who is the 8-Day Adventure Tour Right For?

- Paramotor pilot (USPPA PPG2 or above) transitioning to Paragliding.
- IPPI P2, P3 and P4 Pilots or national equivalent license holders, who want to learn and improve their thermalling technique and XC skills - From experience, we have noticed that all pilots learn more when in a group of mixed abilities
- Pilots who want to explore the paragliding in Iquique with a guide that knows the local area
- Pilots who can launch and land with minimal or no help

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Meet your guides and team who will be taking care of you in Iquique in the air and on the ground.



Jose Casaudoumecq | Tour Organiser and Guide

Owner and Founder of Airwave Tours,
Paramotor Instructor.

Jose is an experienced professional in the free flight and powered paragliding industry with over 30 years of experience flying rogallo gliders and teaching students. Jose is the owner and founder of Powered Paraglider a renowned paramotor school in Miami. With Jose as your tour organiser, you will be well taken care of throughout your time in Iquique and sure to have a fun trip.

Zion Susanno | In-Air Guide

Owner and Founder of Zion Paragliding, APPI
Paragliding Instructor, APPI Pro Tandem
Instructor

Zion has been flying since the age of 15, giving him a total of 12 years flying, over 10,000 flying hours and has flown with more than 2000 passengers in tandem. Zion is a qualified instructor through APPI, which offers the highest standard of instructor training international. You are in the best hands when it comes to local flying knowledge combined with expertise for teaching and in-air guidance. Outside of teaching and flying tandems, Zion enjoys XC paragliding, competing and hike and fly missions - what can we say except the guy loves to fly and that's why he's the World record holder for the fastest ground speed on a paraglider, and longest distance and triangle in Central America.



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Arrival Day

Arrival day to Iquique

We recommend to arrive one day before the tour starts to be rested and ready to go on Day 1 of the tour. The accommodation is not included if you arrive one day

For shuttle info from the airport to the city of Iquique see page 7



Day 1 - 27 Sep | First flights in Iquique and Site Intro

AM

9.00: Welcome meeting and group intro at a centrally located place. Meeting point to be confirmed.

10:00: Landing briefings on Playa Cavancha, Playa Brava, Playa Huayquiqui and El Dragon sand dune before heading up to the Alto Hospicio take-off for the site and weather briefing.

Morning flights from Alto Hospicio

PM

Lunch: Group lunch in downtown IQQ with flight debrief.

Late Afternoon: Drive to the famous Palo Buque for afternoon flights with site and weather briefing. Here you can practise your proximity flying, manoeuvres or simply enjoy a relaxed flight soaring the dunes.

After flying: Official Check-In to Holiday Inn Express hotel. City orientation for supermarkets and money exchange and other local amenities.

Evening: Free time for dinner and to explore Iquique.

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Day 2 - 28 Sep | XC from Alto Hospicio AM

9.00: Shuttle leaves to the Alto Hospicio take-off. Once on launch, daily site briefing and flight plan for first XC of the tour.

It's time to get ready and fly!

PM

Afternoon: Group lunch in Iquique with flight debrief

After Lunch: Drive to the famous Palo Buque for afternoon flights. Here you can practise your proximity flying, manoeuvres or simply enjoy a relaxed flight soaring the sand dunes.

Evening: Free time to explore, relax and eat. We can recommend things to do and places to go!

Day 3 - 29 Sep | XC Practise from Alto Hospicio to Palo Buque

AM

9.00: Shuttle leaves to Alto Hospicio take-off. Today the tour will fly a little further to Palo Buque about 20km, where we have been flying in the afternoons.

PM

Afternoon: Group lunch at Los Verdes, try local empanadas, seafood delicacies.

After Lunch: Flights in Palo Buque. A shuttle will be provided for those that would prefer an afternoon to explore Iquique, try sand boarding or rest.

Evening: Group dinner with briefing for the upcoming XC flight from Patios.

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Day 4 - 30 Sep | XC Flights from Patios Launch

AM

8.00: Be ready for the shuttle to drive to Patios take-off for XC flights and set new personal best distance records.

9.00: Arrive to the take-off for site and weather briefings and flight plan.

It's time to fly!

PM

After Flying: Group lunch and flight debrief

After Lunch: Depending on the return time their will be the option for flights in Palo Buque

Evening: Group dinner with flight briefing for the upcoming XC flight from San Marcos

Our tour transport closely follows behind the flying group, picking up anyone who needs it on the way.

Day 5 - 1 Oct | XC Flight from San Marcos

AM

7.00 AM: Be ready to drive to San Marcos Take-off for the famous 100KM flight back to Iquique

9.00 AM: Early arrival to Los Marcos take-off for the site intro, weather briefing, flight plan and questions.

It's time to get ready and prepare to fly your first 100km

PM

After Flying: Group lunch and flight debrief

Evening: Free time to explore, relax and eat

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Day 6 - 2 Oct | XC Flights in Iquique

AM

9.00: Shuttle leaves to Alto Hospicio take-off. Today the tour will have the option of local flying or to fly a small XC in the area close to Iquique and have a more relaxed flying day after the big 100km flight.

PM

After Flying: Group lunch

After Lunch: Drive to Palo Buque for afternoon flights. Here you can practise your proximity flying, manoeuvres or simply enjoy a relaxed flight. Early evening barbecue in the desert

Day 7 - 3 Oct | XC Flight from San Marcos

AM

6.30 AM: Hotel Breakfast served from 6.30 AM

7.00 AM: Be ready to drive to San Marcos Take-off for the famous 100KM flight back to Iquique

9.00 AM: Early arrival to Los Marcos take-off for the site intro, weather briefing, flight plan and questions.

It's time to get ready and fly!

PM

After Flying: Group lunch and flight debrief

Late Afternoon/Evening: Free time to explore, relax and eat

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Day 8 - 4 Oct | Final Day of Flying in Iquique

AM

9.00 AM: Shuttle leaves to Alto Hospicio take-off for the final day of flying. Today is a more relaxed day of free flying over the city.

It's time to get ready and fly!

PM

After Flying: Final group lunch of the tour and flight debrief

After Lunch: Group departure, shuttles can be arranged back to the airport or we can help organise onwards journeys with buses if you plan to travel more.

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ACCOMMODATION

Enjoy the home comforts of Aparthotel Departamentos Nautilus for the duration of the tour. Located on the beach front between Playa Cavancha and Playa Brava, the hotel is a short walk from either beach after landing and in the centre of the town for restaurants, bars and local amenities.



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KIT LIST

Some of the items in this list are now shoppable. All products are recommended by Zion and something he has used personally

Paragliding Kit - Required

- Certified Paraglider
- Certified Harness
- Reserve Parachute
- Helmet
- Dual Band VHF Radio and charger
- Anything else that is usually in your paragliding kit

Additional Items - Not Required but recommended for the tour

- Lightweight Gloves
- Sunglasses
- Buff or face protection from the sun
- Sturdy sneakers or hiking boots
- Sun Screen
- Sun protective clothing - cool long sleeve tops or sleeves for those that are not used to the sun.
- Long pants
- Warm down jacket or layers
- Wind breaker
- Cap or sun hat
- Refillable water bottle (Up to 1 litre will fit in the harness)
- Electrolyte tabs
- Snacks/ Energy Bars
- Small day backpack for additional and personal items - this must be able to fly with you in your harness

Other items that you may like for your time in Iquique

- Flip Flops/ Sandals
- Choice of footwear for non-flying related activities
- Swimwear
- Clothing suitable for hot weather and cool weather - think layers
- Essential items you would usually pack for a trip abroad
- Camera/ Action Camera - please note, for your safety we do not let students fly with action cameras on helmets or sticks in the initial stages of a course.



WE DO NOT ALLOW THE USE OF PUSH TO TALK/ HANDS FREE EXTENSIONS FOR RADIOS ON THE TOUR DUE TO THE EASE OF UNINTENTIONAL ACTIVATION AND INTERFERENCE WITH THE FREQUENCY. THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT FOR PILOTS TO FLY AND TRANSMIT ON RADIOS.

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LOCAL CURRENCY

Chile has its own local currency, the Chilean Peso. In nearly all establishments only the Chilean Peso is accepted in cash or payments by card if they take it, it is rarely possible to pay with USD. Keeping some local currency is a good idea, in case card payments are not possible.

Changing Currency

It is recommended to change a small amount on arrival to Chile at the airport or prior to your arrival to use for taxis and similar. Typically the airport does not offer the best exchange rates and changing a small amount to get by is recommended. Once you arrive in Iquique, Zion and the team will be able to assist you with the best places to change currency for a better rate.

CLIMATE

Iquique's desert climate is what makes it flyable nearly every day of the year but don't be fooled by the sunny skies. On the ground it may feel warm but once we have thermalled to cloud base it can typically get cooler. Dressing with layers is a good idea for Iquique and a jacket and gloves makes flying here much more comfortable.



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TRANSPORT

Tour Transport - Included

- Zion Paragliding provides all tour related transport from the meeting point to the take-off and retrieve at the landings and back to the hotel at the end of the day

Transport To Iquique City from Iquique Airport - Not Included

- Shared taxis known as **collectivos** wait outside Iquique airport when flights arrive. Once the taxi is full it leaves for the city and drops people off in the most convenient order. This is the cheapest option to Iquique City. You will need to share the name of your accommodation and address with the driver or colectivo organiser at the taxi stand. The price of the colectivo is usually fixed per person (it may be possible to pay with card after covid, Zion will be able to confirm payment options and the price on arrival). **See section about local currency on page 6**
- Private taxis are also available to Iquique City for a slightly higher price, this will be the fastest way to your accommodation.

Return Transport From Iquique City to Iquique Airport

- Private taxis and colectivos run frequently from Iquique City to the airport. Someone from the team can help to arrange it a few days before your departure.

Onward Travel By Bus

- If you are travelling onwards for more adventures by bus, Zion and the team will be happy to assist you in booking your tickets in Iquique.



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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

All course and tour participants are required to sign a waiver of responsibility prior to the beginning of the course or tour and agree to the terms and conditions

The itinerary acts as a guide for the tour and can change based on weather conditions at the various sites and what is the safest and best conditions for flying on the day.

All course and tour participants are required to have insurance covering paragliding, medical emergency and repatriation. You can purchase World Nomads Travel Insurance through our website and add on the paragliding package - [click here](#) to get a quote. Please double check all small print to make sure paragliding is covered for your state of residence - it is the responsibility of the policy owner to check and not of Zion Paragliding. For any insurance questions related to world nomads policies please contact them directly.

CHILE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

We recommend to check entry requirements for Chile directly with the national authority of the passport you will be travelling with. Some countries may require a visa arranged in advance to travel to Chile.

