



POZO ALMONTE

Attractions around Pozo Almonte



Humberstone Saltpeter Office



This Ghost Town is 52 km from Iquique. Its complete name is Oficina Santiago Humberstone; it was established in 1862 and has been declared a National Monument. It was originally named Palma, but when it changed owners in 1934, the name was adopted by which it is known today.

The office functioned until 1960, when the saltpeter business suffered a decline. The buildings have been well preserved and you can go in and appreciate their sumptuous construction. A good example is the theater, which stands in the square and still has its original seats. You can also see the church, which has been recently restored.

La Tirana



It springs to life each year between July 12th and 18th, when thousands of visitors arrive to witness the fiesta in veneration of the Virgin del Carmen. The spectacle reaches its highest pitch on July 16th.



The village, of great cultural importance, is distinguished for its church, which stands on the *Plaza de Armas*. On one side is the Museum of the Virgin of La Tirana, in which are kept the offerings made to the virgin and other articles used in the fiestas held in her honor.

Pampa del Tamarugal National Reserve



This reserve covers 24,000 hectares of artificial plantations of Tamarugo. There is very little wildlife in the area, and most of the species which can survive the dry conditions are reptiles, such as snakes and lizards. Other species include carnivorous mammals such as the chilla fox, the culpeo fox and the quique. The rodents which may be found are the tuco tuco del tamarugal, the ratoncito andino and the lauchón orejudo.

Mamiña Hot Springs



These springs lie at more than 2,700 meters above sea level, 73 km from Pozo Álmonde. There are two separate springs: Ipla and El Tambo. The temperature in the former is 45°C while in the latter it is almost 57°C. The springs may be enjoyed in number of ways, as there are both mud baths and hot pools, and the water is so pure that it can also be drunk.

The water is recommended for the treatment of respiratory, nervous, rheumatic, neurological and skin complaints, as well as diabetes, stress, anemia, sciatica, lumbar-sciatica, ulcers and joint problems. The hot pools and steam baths are open all year round.