



Iquique Chile 2014 Paragliding Trip Program

Dates:

Instructional Days - **Monday, Nov. 3rd** (arrival) to **Thursday, Nov. 13th** (departure) - (P-1 to P-4 level)
Iquique Days #1 - **Monday, Nov. 3rd** (arrival) to **Thursday, Nov. 13th** (departure) - (proficient P-2 to P-4 level)
Iquique Days #2 - **Friday, Nov. 14th** (arrival) to **Thursday, Nov. 20th** (departure) - (proficient P-2 to P-4 level)
Iquique Days #3 - **Friday, Nov. 21st** (arrival) to **Monday, Dec. 1st** (departure) - (P-3 to P-4 level or P-2 that participated in previous week)

We will not be flying in the mornings of arrival days or in the afternoons of departure days. If you are booking multiple segments, then consider this "non-flying time" as a rest period. You will need it! Also, this extra night between segments is free! Plus, you get a discount for booking 2 or 3 segments! Check the prices below...

Organizers:

Wallowa Paragliding & Atlanta Paragliding Enterprises

Tour Leaders:

Todd Weigand, Luis Rosenkjer

Guaranteed flyable days!!!:

Get a refund if you can't fly everyday due to weather conditions!

Early payment discounts!!!:

Check our discounted payment schedule down below.

Tour Descriptions:

This year we divided the tour into 4 different segments. The Iquique Days structure is similar to previous years where we progress from more basic skills in the first segments to more advanced flying during the last segment. The Instructional Days overlap with Iquique Days #1. Pilots that sign up for the Instructional Days will receive more dedicated instruction, focusing on perfecting ground handling, ridge soaring, and basic thermal flying skills. Iquique Days #1 is designed so that a self-sufficient (not needing instruction) friend or partner can also join the trip at the same time.

Instructional Days- (11 days, 10 nights)

This package trip is focusing on P1- P4 pilots who would like to improve ground handling, launching, landing, ridge soaring, and thermal flying skills. The first 3 days of this tour will focus on intensive basic training. We will have many instructors available to help you adapt to Iquique's unique high wind launching conditions. This is a perfect opportunity for pilots who fly less than 30 hours per year or for any level of pilot who would like to improve basic skills. We will be focusing on kiting and launching to ensure that low airtime pilots will gain good control and knowledge, and advanced pilots will get pointers that will take them from good to great! Most visiting pilots are humbled when they arrive to Iquique and find that they don't have as good of kiting or launching skills as they thought they did! So if you aren't sure you have those skills, you need to join this portion of the trip! We will also be coaching you throughout the flights and will have instructors at launch and landing. With radio communication we will also help you stay in the air longer by pointing out where the thermals and ridge lift are, and we will have at least a 1:3 instructor to pilot ratio to allow more individual attention throughout the first 3 days. Then for the remaining 8 days we will have at least a 1:5 instructor to pilot ratio to provide assistance.



Iquique Days #1 - (11 days, 10 nights)

This option is designed so that a self-sufficient (not needing instruction) friend or partner of someone in the “Instructional Days” can also join the group at the same time. It is also an option for proficient pilots that have timing restraints and can’t enroll for Iquique Days #2 or #3. This segment will be focused on proficient P2 to P4 pilots who would like to log some airtime and work on thermaling, launching and kiting skills on their own. Novice (P2) pilots are required to attend the Instructional Days before joining the Iquique Days. All pilots attending these days are required to have good launching, flying, and landings skills. If you do not have good high wind launching skills then we expect you to sign up for the Instructional Days. Iquique and the surrounding flying sites are superb training grounds for less experienced pilots but will also satisfy the advanced level pilot who would like to improve overall skills. Less experienced pilots will be able to log many hours of airtime plus practice in the moderate wind conditions at the dunes. More advanced pilots will be able to fly until they are exhausted! The conditions are excellent for fine-tuning thermaling skills, flying small out and return XC flights up and down the ridge, working on top landing and hillside landings, and perfecting your kiting at the world famous Palo Buque flying site! If the opportunity is presents itself, we may also do a few mini XC flights in the last half of this segment.

Iquique Days #2 - (7 days, 6 nights)

This 7 day long tour is basically the same as the Iquique Days #1 and does not offer any training. It is designed for pilots that want to stay longer, after the previous two options, or want a “warm-up” for Iquique Days #3. It can also be taken as a single segment. All pilots attending these days are required to have good launching, flying, and landings skills. If you do not have good high wind launching skills, then we expect you to sign up for the Instructional Days. Iquique and the surrounding flying sites are superb training grounds for less experienced pilots, but will also satisfy the advanced level pilot who would like to improve overall skills. Less experienced pilots will be able to log many hours of airtime, plus, practice in the moderate wind conditions at the dunes. More advanced pilots will be able to fly until they are exhausted! The conditions are excellent for fine-tuning thermaling skills, flying small out and return XC flights, practicing top landing and hillside landings, and there is always room to improve your kiting skills at the world famous Palo Buque! We will do some short XC flights on a few of the days.

Iquique Days #3 - (11 days, 10 nights)

Continuing with our Iquique Days, this part of the tour is still designed for P-2 (novice) to P-4 (advanced) pilots. During this portion of the tour, we will try to fly some other sites and also seek for a few 50 - 100 km XC flights! All XC flights will be lead by Todd and Luis, and radio contact will be mandatory. Pilots attending this portion of our tour need to have experience in strong thermal conditions and turbulence, since we will be flying during the stronger, mid day conditions. Any P-2’s that are still hanging in will probably have to land earlier during the XC flights, and before any of the difficult crossings. The experience of flying 20 or 30 miles will still be exhilarating for most pilots at this level. Iquique is probably the most consistent flying site in the world, and we will be flying everyday! Good, high wind launching skills are very important for this week!

Commentaries and Flying Sites:

Iquique is located in the northern part of Chile along the Pacific Ocean, 120 miles south of the Peruvian border. The city has a population of 250,000 and is thriving due to the duty free zone and mining in this northern zone. This area is also known as the Atacama Desert, which is why the flying conditions are so consistent. It NEVER RAINS! The lower surface winds are always blowing in from the Pacific Ocean, generating incredible lift for more than 500 miles along the northern Chile coastline! The ridge varies between



1,500 and 4,000 feet in altitude, and XC flights can be flown in both directions quite easily. In November, the breeze normally starts blowing at 10 AM, and lift lasts until 7 PM. There are several takeoffs near Iquique, and all of them allow pilots to reach beach landings while flying above the city and the dunes. There are many other launches to the south and to the north.

Alto Hospicio is our typical morning site. It offers a very easy flight to Huayquique beach for an early day sled ride, or after some ridge soaring and light thermal flying. It also allows more advanced pilots to fly roughly 12 miles south and 6 miles north, for a fun out and return flight! These mini XC flights require good thermal flying skills and a pretty good bump tolerance! Landing at Brava beach, just in front of our hotel, is the common task for most pilots with good thermaling skills.

Palo Buque, a site just outside of Iquique, became famous when the SAT Team shot their first DVD production here. The launch is at the “bottom” of a 3,000 foot sand ridge! Yes, depending on the wind, you only need to kite your glider up 30 feet or so, and then you can soar all the way up to the top of the ridge! It is an amazing place to practice top landing and hillside landings, fly mini XC flights, practice basic decent techniques, improve kiting skills in all areas, ski in the sand, or just enjoy the beautiful views of the Pacific Ocean and the unique colors of the desert! Mid afternoon conditions are usually strong, then the thermals and wind strength back off as the evening progresses.

Black Mountain to Iquique is a classic, short XC flight that we usually complete during the early days of our tour. Less experienced pilots will land at Los Verdes or Palo Buque, while the more experienced pilots continue to fly back to the Hotel. Los Verdes also provides us with some great local seafood restaurants for those who don't want to fly for hours and hours!

Alto Chipana and alto San Marcos are our favorite XC sites that we will be using for our more advanced XC flights. Thirty-five mile flights are quite easy to achieve from both of these sites. A 70 mile flight is also possible when we get special permission to fly past the airport on the weekends, and are able to make it all the way back to the hotel! These sites are also great for just flying locally, and landing on the huge open beaches below the launch, after hours of thermaling!

The thermal/dynamic flying conditions in Iquique are so consistent at this time of the year that most of these flights are possible almost everyday! After a hard day of flying, it doesn't get much better than to dine out at one of Iquique's many restaurants, feasting on Chile's reputable sea food and pisco sour!

Accommodations:

We will be staying in the four-star Terrado Club Hotel, www.chile-hotels.com. Our spacious “2 bedroom, 2 bathroom” hotel accommodation allows everyone to have their own bedroom and bathroom. The rooms also include a kitchenette, living/dining room, and outside balcony overlooking the Pacific Ocean. The hotel is centrally located, with grocery stores, restaurants, beaches, markets, banks, pharmacies, etc, are all within a few minutes walk from the hotel. A top buffet breakfast is included every morning to make sure you are powered up for a full day of flying! And, for the intermediate/advanced pilots, we will be landing on the beach in front of the hotel after our morning/mid-day flights! It doesn't get much easier than this!

PRICES, CONDITIONS AND PAYMENT DETAILS:

The price includes:

- 1st class accommodation 4 star hotel (1 bedroom/bathroom for each person, 2 bedrooms/bathrooms per apartment – breakfast included)
- Transfers to and from the Airport on arrival and departure days
- Transport to and from all flying sites
- Daily weather updates
- Site information and flying tips



- Launching supervision
- Radio communication with guides and drivers during flights
- Flight retrieval back to launch site when weather permits
- Flight retrievals
- Free downloadable movie of the trip
- Free custom designed T-shirt

Prices:

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| • Instructional Days - (11 days, 10 nights) | \$ 2,850 |
| • Iquique Days #1 - (11 days, 10 nights) | \$ 2,550 |
| • Iquique Days #2 - (7 days, 6 nights) | \$ 1,600 |
| • Iquique Days #3 - (11 days, 10 nights) | \$ 2,600 |
| • Per day rate any week | \$ 290 |
| • Extra cost for single room apartment per night | \$ 50 |

Discounts and payment options:

For either partial or total advance payment the following range of discounts will be applied proportionally to the received amount.

Before June 10th, 2014 10 %

Before July 10th, 2014 8 %

Before August 10th, 2014 5 %

If you book 2 portions of the tour 3 % (in addition to any discount up above)

If you book 3 portions of the tour 6 % (in addition to any discount up above)

Bring your spouse, girlfriend or friend! Use a large single room apartment with one king bed or two twin beds and get an extra 3 % discount for each one of you!

We accept cash, checks, credit cards, and PayPal

Refunds:

We are so confident with this site's reliability at this time of the year, that we will refund each grounded pilot \$200 per day if 50% of the group (including guides), are unable to fly for an entire day due to weather conditions.

Requirements:

P1 certification, VHF radio, certified equipment, reserve parachute and helmet, and a good attitude because we are going to fly heaps and have lots of fun!

Bookings or questions: www.paraglidingtrips.com

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Guide Information:

Luis Rosenkjer- -Advanced USHPA Instructor and Instructor Administrator
-Multiple Argentinean National Champion



- Former Argentina Open Distance record holder- (158 miles)
- Former Chilean Open Distance record holder- (128 miles)
- 14 years of guiding experience in Argentina, Chile, and France
- 11 years guiding experience with USHPA pilots in Iquique
- Iquique Open Competition Champion (1992)
- US National Champion, Sport Class, Rat Race 2012.

Todd Weigand-

- Tandem Instructor, USHPA Instructor, Competition Pilot, and Aerobatics Pilot
- Iquique Open Competition Champion (2005 & 2008)
- Iquique commercial tandem pilot and guide for 6 seasons
- Former Chilean Open Distance record holder (120 miles)
- 10 years of guiding experience with USHPA pilots in Iquique
- Seasonal tandem pilot in New Zealand and Canada
- Master kiter and glider cleaner! 😊