**Glacier & Hot Springs Tour from Santiago**

**Activity Summary**

Plunge into steaming thermal springs and admire spectacular views of snow-capped Andean peaks on a full-day small-group tour to El Cajon de Maipo from Santiago. Accompanied by a knowledgeable guide, explore the breathtaking beauty of the Andes mountains on a moderate 5-hour hike; marvel at the jagged spires of a colossal glacier; and sooth aching muscles in the wonderfully warm waters of a thermal spring. Convenient round-trip transportation is included from Santiago.

**Activity Details**

Depart from your Santiago hotel in a comfortable, air-conditioned minivan to begin the journey into the splendid natural scenery of El Cajon de Maipo. Follow a curvaceous road chiseled into the mountain range, admiring rushing rivers, verdant vineyards and beautifully sculpted rock formations as you travel. Stop at of San Jose de Maipo, a traditional town declared the regional capital, to appreciate the quaint architecture and purchase snacks for the energetic hike. Climb back aboard the vehicle and continue to marvel at your scenic surroundings. Feel your excitement heighten as you approach either El Morado Natural Monument or Valle de las Arenas (dependent on weather conditions) to begin your exhilarating 5-hour hike. Follow your guide through a diverse spectrum of natural tableaus, encountering steep rocky inclines and lush meadows of blooming wild flowers as you walk; gaze at the jagged snow-capped spires of the Andes as you keep your eyes peeled for graceful condors gliding up above. Enjoy a well-deserved rest at the majestic El Morado glacier after a 2.5-hour ascent; admire the frozen witchery of the feature while eating a fulfilling box lunch consisting of a fresh sandwich, a cereal bar, fruit and refreshing juice. Marvel at the enchanting vision of El Morado’s glittering lagoon as you absorb the icy tranquillity of the enclave. Next, return to the vehicle and indulge your aching muscles in the therapeutic waters of the Banos Colinas; inhale fragrant mountain air as you massage your muscles in the steaming hot waters of the natural springs. After a relaxing respite in the springs, return to your vehicle and sink into the comfortable seats for the journey back to Santiago.

**Highlights**

* Day trip to El Morado Natural Monument or Valle de las Arenas with Baños Colinas hot springs in El Cajón de Maipo region
* Take a 5-hour (round-trip) guided hike in the Andes mountains
* Enjoy lunch with stunning views of the hanging glacier of El Morado glacier, or its snowcapped summit and lagoon
* Sip a pisco sour cocktail and soak in the cliffside thermal pools of Baños Colinas, nestled at the base of San José volcano
* Capture stunning panoramas of El Cajón de Maipo, jagged peaks and valleys
* Box lunch, pickup and drop-off from most Santiago hotels included

**Inclusions**

* Entrance fees
* Professional guide
* Wine and juice
* Cheese and snacks
* Boxed lunch
* Hotel pickup and drop-off

**Exclusions**

* Gratuities (optional)

**Additional Info**

* Confirmation will be received at time of booking
* Minimum age is 15 years
* A minimum of 2 people per booking is required
* Not recommended for pregnant women
* Not recommended for participants with heart complaints or other serious medical conditions
* Not recommended for participants with back problems
* Vegetarian option is available, please advise at time of booking if required
* Please advise any specific dietary requirements at time of booking
* Our guide contacts all the participants the day before the tour with any necessary additional information about the weather and pickup details
* IMPORTANT: Subject to favorable weather conditions. If it rains or snows, you will take an alternative route that will be announced.