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Live the action of DAKAR at the Atacama desert – two unique experiences guided by SAMt team's expertise

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For the fourth consecutive year SAMt will follow this amazing event, providing the lucky participants with all the ingredients for a lifetime adventure. This time however, we not only have the opportunity to take you as close to the action as you will ever get to the most challenging off-road rally in the world, but also take you to explore and camp in the atacama desert.

The trip will start north of Chile right in the heart of the desert and then we will ride all the way down to Santiago to see the arrival of the Dakar rally where it will finish this year.

**Front line action!**



◀ See video tour at:  
<http://player.vimeo.com/video/36077557>



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Inspired by the Dakar bivouac style, we will spend some nights camping outdoors and enjoying the desert sky in front of a bonfire, while testing some delicatessen and drinking fine wine.

The race will be just two steps away from us while we sit under the shade of a spider tent, drink cold beverages and eat fresh food cooked on site from our wok!

**Eleven days following the Dakar  
and **enjoying the desert...****



**Atacama Desert**

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### Itinerary

- January 09** : Pozo Almonte (Iquique) – welcome dinner camping.
- January 10\***: Pozo Almonte to San Pedro de Atacama **(423 kms)**.
- January 11\***: San Pedro de Atacama – resting day in San Pedro, a private transfer will pick up to take you for a cocktail on the salt flats beside the amazing oasis where you can also swim.
- January 12** : San Pedro de Atacama to Tilcara (north of Argentina) – we cross the Andes at 4.200 mts **(450 kms)**.
- January 13\***: Tilcara to San Miguel de Tucumán – visit to Dakar bivouac **(440 kms)**.
- January 14\***: San Miguel de Tucumán to Salta – we stay in an argentinean winery **(225 kms)**.
- January 15** : Salta to Fiambalá – camping before crossing the andes back to Chile **(451 kms)**.
- January 16** : Fiambalá to Copiapó – we cross the Andes at 4.800 mts **(466 kms)**.
- January 17** : Copiapó to Elqui Dome – we spend the night in Domes (geodesic buildings) in one of the most clear skies of the world – the entire place will be booked for the group **(425 kms)**.
- January 18** : Elqui Dome to Viña del Mar **(514 kms)**.
- January 19\***: Viña del Mar to Santiago – Valparaiso tour and Dakar arrival **(136 kms)**.
- January 20** : Santiago – Dakar pódium.

\*days following the Dakar



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## Highlights

**Pozo Almonte:** camping outdoors, with tasting pisco sour beside the bonfire.

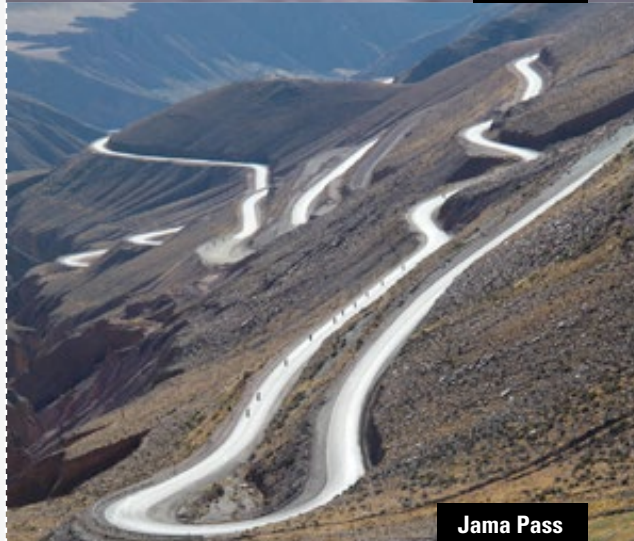
**San Pedro de Atacama:** Atacama desert, moon valley and ojos del salar.

**Tilcara:** Jama Pass (4.200 mts, 13.700 feet).

**San Miguel de Tucumán:** Visit at the Dakar bivouac to meet the riders, drivers and teams.

**Salta:** Argentinean vineyards and wine tasting with typical barbeque.

**The Atacama  
is known as the  
driest place on Earth**





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**Fiambalá:** Adventure camping outdoors.

**Copiapó:** Copiapó dunes, San Francisco pass (the most challenging for the riders and drivers of the Dakar at 15.400 feet). Famous for the 33 trapped miners.

**Elqui Dome:** dome tent camping night, internationally famous sky observatory.

**Valparaiso:** private tour to world heritage site.

**Santiago:** Dakar arrival and pódium.



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### Testimonials

We both own BMW R 1200 GSA's and have ridden extensively. Throughout outback Australia, and in North America, including Mexico.

We chose Samttours for our next adventure and went to the Dakar Rally, then hired the bikes to ride south from Santiago to Punta Arenas.

John, Gabriela worked tirelessly to attend to our needs, the bikes were well maintained and with new tires. Gaby is very well organized with everything attended to prior to all days ride. Her attention to details is to be commended. John is the tour leader a Spanish speaking Aussie and a top bloke he knew the route, the fuel stops and the best stops to view the Dakar race.

The accommodation was fantastic, ranging from top hotels to boutique cabins and villas in the most remote places in Chile; how they find these fantastic spots, I'm buggered if I know!



👍 See testimony of Richard Ryan in:  
<http://player.vimeo.com/video/36086222>



👍 See testimony of Jerry Curtis in:  
<http://player.vimeo.com/video/36082975>

The Dakar rally tours is not for the faint hearted, there is often early starts to get to the race and long distances to complete the day, however there is always a cold beer waiting at the end of the ride.

Would we do it again?  
Bloody Oath we would!!

**Dave & Ken**  
**The Aussie Team**



A tattoo testimony of one of our Australian clients of the Dakar tour 2011  
**Ken Mac Gregor**

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