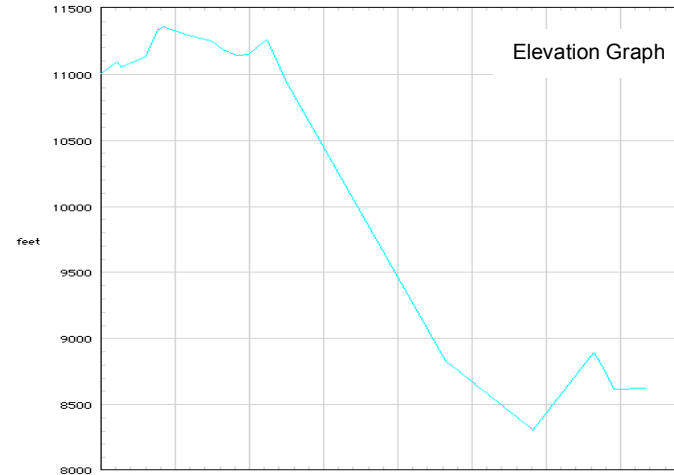




ATACAMA CROSSING 2008 – COURSE HANDBOOK – STAGE 1

Name of Campsite	Camp 1: Rock Carvings Camp 2: Inca (On the edge of the slot canyons)
Name of Stage	Stage 1: Navigation by Rock
Description of Stage	Altitude, rolling hills, flat out landscape.
Historical Features	CP2 and Piedra de los cocas hieroglyphs Inca influence - side of Rio Salado Atacamenos hieroglyphs 800 BC



	CP1	CP2	CP3	CP4 camp 2	Total
Difficulty Rating (Moderate, Difficult, Extremely Difficult)	Difficult	Moderate	Moderate 3km Down 3.4km Flat off road 5km Track	Moderate	
Distance Kilometer Distance Miles	13.4 km 8.38 miles	11.1 km 6.94 miles	11.4 km 7.13 miles	5.5 km 3.44 miles	41.4 km 25.88 miles
Beginning Altitude Ending Altitude	From 3355m 11004ft To 3328m – 10916ft	From 3328m – 10916ft To 2691m – 8826ft	From 2691m – 8826ft To 2710m – 8889ft	From 2710m - 8889ft To 2627m – 8617ft	3355m - 11004ft 26267m - 8617ft
Total Elevation Gain Total Elevation Lost	+ 67m - 94m	+0m - 637m	+178m - 159m	+ 0m - 83m	+ 245m - 973m
Estimated Fastest Estimated Slowest	Fast: 1h20 Slow: 4h30	Fast: 55' Slow: 3h30	Fast: 1h15 Slow: 4h30	Fast: 25' Slow: 1h30	Fast: 3h55 Slow: 14h
Description of Terrain	Undulating terrain, generally loose gravel and soft ground.	Downhill through a canyon. Surface is compact with areas of soft ground.	3 km downhill on a compact surface. 3.4km over loose rock surface and 5km over compact track.	5 km on a track and 500m off road.	

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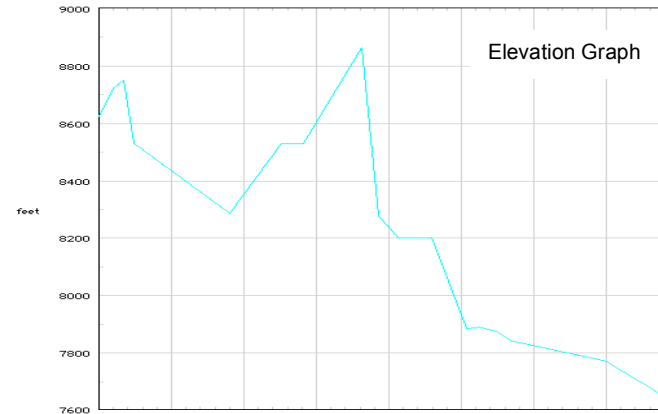


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ATACAMA CROSSING 2008 – COURSE HANDBOOK – STAGE 2

Name of Campsite	Camp 2: Inca Camp 3: Salar de Atacama (Side of the Laguna Cejar in de Salar de Atacama)
Name of Stage	Stage 2: The Slot Canyons
Description of Stage	By the River Grande and the Dead Valley to “Laguna Cejar” in the “Salar de Atacama”
Historical Features	Piedra de los cocas hieroglyphs Inca influence - side of Rio Salado Atacamegnos hieroglyphs 800 BC



	CP 5	CP 6	CP 7	CP 8 camp 3	Total
Difficulty Rating Moderate, Difficult Extremely Difficult	Difficult	Difficult	Moderate	Moderate	
Distance Kilometer Distance Miles	11.2km 7 miles	9.6km 6 miles	10.5 km 6.56 miles	10.5 km 6 miles	41.8 km 26.13 miles
Beginning Altitude Ending Altitude	From 2627m - 8617ft To 2525m - 8282ft	From 2525m - 8282ft To 2523m - 8275ft	From 2523m - 8275 ft To 2390m - 7839ft	From 2390m - 7839ft To 2335m - 7659ft	2627m - 8617ft 2335m - 7659ft
Total Elevation Gain Total Elevation Lost	+ 50m - 152m	+ 193m - 195m	+ 0 m - 133m	+ 0m - 55m	+ 243m - 535 m
Estimated Fastest Estimated Slowest	Fast: 1h15 Slow: 2h30	Fast: 1h 15 Slow: 3h00	Fast: 1h Slow: 2h15	Fast: 1h Slow: 2h30	Fast: 4h30 Slow: 10h15
Description of Terrain	3.1km road 8 km in a river canyon 500m in water. The last km on a 4x4 track.	2.7 km road, 2 km about to go up to 2700m long ridge flat rocky and sandy down and across in sand.	Road, off road loose rock on sand – off road on sandy ground most of the time packed.	Varied terrain crusty and sandy.	

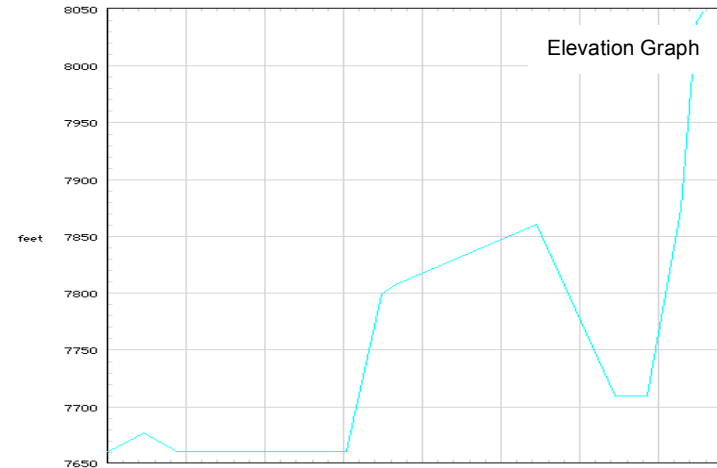
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Name of Campsite	Camp 3: Salar de Atacama Camp 4: Licancabur (At the foot of cliff on a flat area south of Zapar community with a full view of all the Salar de Atacama)
Name of Stage	Stage 3: In the shadow of the Incas
Description of Stage	From the flat area of the salar through Laguna Llonca - small sand dune along the cliffs at the foot of the mountain
Historical Features	The oldest human signs are found at about 3000m, 9000 years B.C. The entire salar was a lake after the ice age



	CP 9	CP 10	CP 11	CP 12 camp 4	Total
Difficulty Rating	4.5km Difficult	Moderate	1km Moderate	Difficult	
Moderate, Difficult	5km Moderate		4km Difficult		
Extremely Difficult			5km Moderate		
Distance Kilometer	9.5 km	9 km	10 km	11.5km	40km
Distance Miles	5.94 miles	5.63 miles	6.25 miles	7.19 miles	25 miles
Beginning Altitude	From 2335m - 7656ft	From 2335m - 7656ft	From 2377m - 7797ft	From 2396m - 7859ft	2335m - 7656ft
Ending Altitude	To 2335m - 7656ft	To 2377m - 7797ft	To 2396m - 7859ft	To 2453m - 8046ft	2453m - 8046ft
Total Elevation Gain	+ 0m	+ 42m	+ 19m	+ 200m	+ 260m
Total Elevation Lost	- 0m	- 0m	- 0m	-150m	- 150 m
Estimated Fastest	Fast: 1h00	Fast : 45'	Fast: 1h15	Fast: 1h00	Fast: 4h00
Estimated Slowest	Slow: 2h30	Slow : 1h45	Slow: 3h00	Slow: 3h30	Slow: 10h45
Description of Terrain	4.5km waist high grass dry crusty terrain. From Laguna Llonca 4.7 km north dir on a sandy road.	North 2,5 km Sand with dune – East 3,7 on gravel road – North 2.5 4x4 track.	1km on a road 4km dry crusty terrain 5km hard packed sand.	Loose rocks on sand slate rock flat gradual climb. Rolling dunes, cross a river oasis. Large dune finish.	

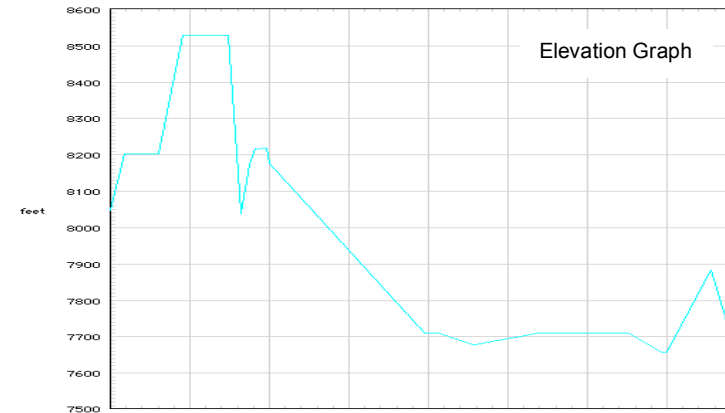
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ATACAMA CROSSING 2008 – COURSE HANDBOOK – STAGE 4

Name of Campsite	Camp 4 : Licancabur Camp 5 : Lagoon (South side of Tebinquinche Lagoon (Biggest lagoon in the "Salar de Atacama)
Name of Stage	Stage 4: Endless Salt
Description of Stage	Following the relief - along the Canyon of Quebrada deToconao descending into a valley (Jere Oasis) and through the Salar de Atacama to Laguna Tabinquinche
Historical Features	Old road in the quebrada Toconao



	CP13	CP14	CP15	CP16 Camp 5	Total
Difficulty Rating Moderate, Difficult Extremely Difficult	Difficult	Moderate	Extremely Difficult	3 km moderate 3 km	
Distance Kilometer Distance Miles	9,3 km 5.81miles	13,5km 8.44 miles	14km 8.75 miles	6 km 3.75 miles	42,8km 26.75 miles
Beginning Altitude Ending Altitude	From 2453 m -8046 ft To 2450 m - 8036ft	From 2450m -8036 ft To 2346m -7695 ft	From 2346m -7695 ft To 2334m -7656 ft	From 2334m -7656 ft To 2315m - 7593ft	2453m -8046 ft 2315m - 7593ft
Total Elevation Gain Total Elevation Lost	+ 145m - 148m	+ 10m - 114m	+ 0 m - 12m	+ 0 m - 20 m	+ 155 m - 294 m
Estimated Fastest Estimated Slowest	Fast: 1h20 Slow: 2h30	Fast: 1h10 Slow: 3h30	Fast: 1h45 Slow: 5h30	Fast: 40mn Slow: 2h00	Fast: 5h00 Slow: 13h30
Description of Terrain	First part loose rocks on sand – ascending to canyon entrance to rocky terrain - lovely sandy decent into river valley.	Into river valley – through village to forest on hard packed ground – through a forest North direction packed sand – off the forest by hard packed ground.	1.9 on 4x4 road 500m on wild donkey trail – 3.5 alternate soft and hard crusty salt crusty salt – 3km packed salt – cross 2 creeks – varied salt terrain to CP.	3 km on a road.	

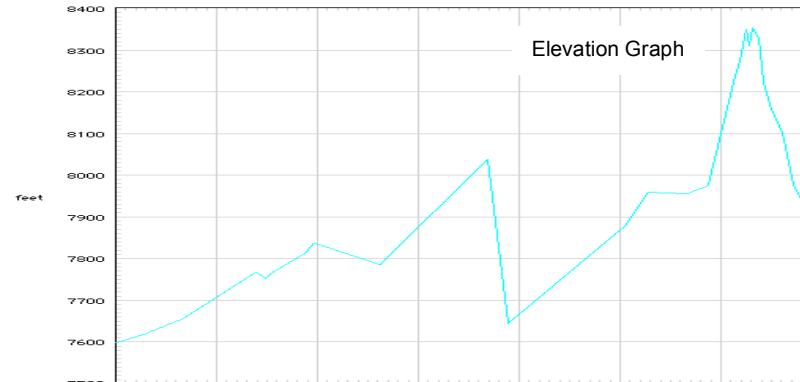
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ATACAMA CROSSING 2008 – COURSE HANDBOOK – STAGE 5 (LONG STAGE)

Name of Campsite	Camp 5 : Lagoon Camp 6: Kari Gorge (On a flat area next in the Moonvalley
Description of Campsite	Camp 5: on the south side of Tebinquinche Lagoon (Biggest lagoon in the “Salar de Atacama”) Camp 6: Next to deep gorges
Name of Stage	Stage 5: Marche de la Muerte (March of the Dead)
Description of Stage	North and cross to the west of Salar de Atacama – Crossing the South of “Cordillera de la Sal” by “Paso Domingo Rames” – North to Cerro El Marmol – in the Valle de la Luna – and crossing the Cordillera de la Sal by the Qhebrada Honda to arrive in the Kari Gorge



	CP17	CP18	CP19	CP20	CP21
Difficulty Rating Moderate, Difficult Extremely Difficult	Extremely Difficult	Moderate to difficult	Moderate 1km difficult in the sand to the Pass	Moderate	Moderate
Distance Kilometer Distance Miles	15 km 9,38 M	12.7 km 7.94 M	14.5 km 9.06 M	13.5 km 8.44M	8.5 km 5.31 M
Beginning Altitude Ending Altitude	From 2315m - 7593ft To 2347m - 7698ft	From 2347m - 7698ft To 2373m - 7783ft	From 2373m - 7783ft To 2330m - 7642ft	From 2330m - 7642ft To 2363m - 7751ft	From 2363m - 7751ft To 2431m - 7974ft
Total Elevation Gain Total Elevation Lost	+ 32 m -0m	+ 9m -0 m	+ 100 m - 143m	+ 33m - 0m	+68m -0m
Estimated Fastest Estimated Slowest	Fast: 2h15 Slow: 5h00	Fast: 1h20 Slow: 4h	Fast: 1h35 Slow: 4h40	Fast: 1h15 Slow: 2h30	Fast: 50' Slow: 3h
Description Of Terrain	Lake crossing – crusty salt flat to single track trail will fade and reappear.	First 3km follows road. Alternating terrain hard sandy and crusty3 km road ends crusty with heavy vegetation. The 3 last km open and hard packed.	7km open – off road hard packed. Sand to go up to the pass. Salt crust on the flat of the pass.	Along a dry creek Sandy but hard packed.	Compact road surface.

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	CP22	Total
Difficulty Rating Moderate, Difficult Extremely Difficult	Difficult	
Distance Kilometer Distance Miles	9.4 km 5.88 miles	73.6 km 46 miles
Beginning Altitude Ending Altitude	From 2431m -7974ft To 2412m - 7911ft	From 2412m - 7974ft To 2372m - 7780ft
Total Elevation Gain Total Elevation Lost	+ 100m - 120m	+ 342m - 263m
Estimated Fastest Estimated Slowest	Fast: 1h15 Slow: 4h +	Fast: 8h30 Slow: 23h10+
Description of Terrain	Hard packed at start with rocky area, then hard packed sand to bottom of creek passing through small dry creek. Final section is on gravel road to CP.	