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The pool deck at Tierra Atacama looks out on the Atacama Desert and the Andes Mountains.

CHILLING OUT IN CHILE

Fashionable Chileans are heading north to the Atacama Desert, one of the driest places on earth, for more than hiking and horseback riding. At the **Tierra Atacama Hotel & Spa**, they're immersing themselves in midcentury modern design with a strong South American flavor. The eco-resort's thirty-two rooms and suites, most of which offer views of the snowcapped Licancábur Volcano, are furnished with low-slung sofas, alpaca blankets and crafts from the surrounding town of San Pedro. Architects Rodrigo Searle and Matías González used green slate, adobe, Talabre stone and galvanized metal to give the property an industrial look but added sprigs of color, like robin's-egg-blue tables in the

dining room, to make visitors feel at home. Not that guests are encouraged to spend much time inside. While the sun burns overhead, Tierra's guides lead the adventurous through a landscape of sand dunes, active volcanoes and salt flats where vast flocks of flamingos congregate. Late afternoon is best reserved for detoxing at the Uma Spa; evenings are spent lingering over carefully sourced Chilean seafood, beef, produce and wine. Then the real winding down begins—on an alfresco settee, with the Southern Cross lighting up the clearest night sky in the hemisphere. *Doubles from \$840 per person for two nights, all-inclusive. San Pedro de Atacama; 800-829-5325; tierraatacama.com.* EVERETT POTTER

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