

## A Desert Hotel with Flair



Off the beaten path, Wara is a seven-room luxury haven that fits perfectly into its surrounding landscape of giant cacti and towering sand dunes—the perfect desert destination with sustainability at heart.

Tucked away in the desert region of Copiapó, halfway between Santiago de Chile and San Pedro de Atacama, Wara is a hidden secret. A seven-room boutique hotel, it lies at the foothills of the Mar de Dunas (Sea of Dunes), a short drive from the Nevado Tres Cruces National Park and the famous Nevado Ojos del Salado, the highest active volcano in the world. Its summit (22,614 feet high) lies on the border between Chile and Argentina.

Surrounded by an adobe wall, the hotel sits on the edge of an oasis among rows of pampa grass and a forest of large cacti. If it

were not for the manicured vegetation, the thatched roofs, the giant clay pots, and the ancient wooden front door, Wara would blend completely into its natural environment. Past the antique doors with engraved glass paneling, Wara unfolds like a private house built around a central courtyard, where guests can enjoy a tranquil pond, flowers, and lush vegetation, including Algarrobo trees. A great sense of style runs through the property. This is because it is the brainchild of owner Susana Aránguiz, who was also the designer behind Awasi Atacama in San Pedro de Atacama. Wara shares a common look and feel with the Relais & Chateaux