Friendship Force of Northern Illinois La Serena, Chile

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We are welcomed by the Friendship Force of La Serena











Heading into the mountains



Relaxing before the nighttime adventure



A friendly (?) llama kept us company



Going into the observatory. The night sky is so clear in this region, that many international universities and organizations have built observatories. We were able to see several planets and other awe-inspiring sights.





Out to sea - penguins and pelicans and seals, oh my!













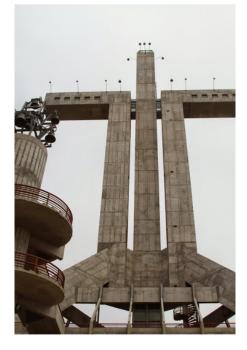




The skyline of La Serena is dominated by this giant cross. It's actually a building that we went into. We could look out the rows of windows in the horizontal section. There is a chapel in the base.









A seaside lunch and market





Walking through Coquimbo





In a museum: a statue from Easter Island, a territory of Chile



Planting a friendship tree in the Japanese Garden







