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This image was taken in December 2015 during a trip to the Atacama Desert. It is a singular formation on the salt pans on the foot of coastal mountains. The desert is dry and arid but blooms once a year. The landscape is of rare desolate beauty. A famous observatory stands on an elevation, as the skies are some of the most limpid in the world. The Atacama Desert has also been used to try space vehicles because of the ruggedness and similarity with other planetary terrains. Going up the mountain are famous geysers (near which, trying to climb a hill I fell and ended up with a complex ankle fracture that required my transport to the capital for surgery on New Year's Eve 2015-16)

