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Betreff: on the road again... south america II
buenos dias

i ve meant to send this mail already a few days ago, but due to lack of wi-fi (or being too tired when we had (traveling is so exhausting 😊)), it s been more than a month now, and even though i tried to write in keyword-diary-style, the mail has probably grown too much...

as usual, you can skip the text and jump to the pics directly:
<http://picasaweb.google.ch/cheesenoc/SouthAmericaII>
(for those who didn t get the last mail:
<http://picasaweb.google.ch/cheesenoc/SouthAmerica>)

so here we go:

31.12.2009 - Bariloche, Argentina
youth-hostel-new-year-partying with meat-eating (me) [see meat.jpg] and
karaoke-singing (not me)

03.01.2010 - Valparaiso, Chile
picture-taking of colorful houses, up-and-down-walking

04.01.2010 - Santiago, Chile
shoe-shopping (carole), wine-shopping (both), zopf-baking (on grid as there
was no baking tray) [see zopf.jpg]

05.01.2010 - Vicuna (La Serena), Chile
star-gazing [see orion.jpg] and Magellan-cloud-spotting, mountain-bike-riding

08.01.2010 - San Pedro de Atacama, Chile (2400m)
height-acclimatising, mountain-bike-pushing in the Valle de la Muerte [see
sand.jpg], lunar-landscape-watching and sunset-marveling in the Valle de la
Luna, camera-breaking (hence the black-spots from now on 😞)

11.01.2010 - Salta, Argentina
border-crossing(bus)-and-waiting (2hrs) at 4200m, thinking about money-
changing but fortunately deciding otherwise and avoiding queuing for 3hrs at
the bank (maybe the Argentinians just got their salary) and instead local
beer-tasting [see salta.jpg], cactus-landscape-exploring

13.01.2010 - Tupiza, Bolivia (3000m)
border-crossing(on foot)-and-waiting (3hrs), hostel-pool-swimming, biking-and-
flat-tire-getting-and-walking-home (as having spare tire and pump is of no use
if bike has no quick-wheel-remover...)

15.01.-18.01.2010 - Salar de Uyuni (3000m-5000m)
animal-spotting (sheep, lama, vicunas, fox, ostrich, flamingos), out-of-
breath-getting, sunrise-admiring, fotos-locos-taking [see loco.jpg]

19.01.2010 - Uyuni, Bolivia
resting and dieting (aka diarrhea-curing)

20.01.2010 - Potosi, Bolivia
sleeping in the suite of the hotel (but was not much fun as beds were like
hammocks and bolivians were singing karaoke until 5am)

21.01.-23.01.2010 - Sucre, Bolivia
relaxing, for every breakfast ending up in the same cafe (partly because all
others were closed, but partly also because there was wi-fi)

23.01.2010 - Oruro, Bolivia

arriving at 5am at bus terminal, trying to get bus to Arica without success,
thus getting stranded for 1 day

25.01.2010 - Putre, Chile (3500m)

border-crossing no. 7, more animal and volcano spotting [see parinacota.jpg],
descending from 4500m to 0m in one day

26.01.2010 - Arica, Chile (0m)

visiting the town I will work from April to June, appreciating the beach and
the surf, hearing the sad/bad news about Machu Picchu

27.01.-30.01.2010 - La Paz, Bolivia (3000-4000m)

marveling at this interestingly-shaped city, British-Indian-Curry eating
(yummy!), Machu-Picchu-alternatives checking, new camera buying (so more pics
again 😊)

30.01.2010 - Copacabana, Bolivia (3800m)

Lake-Titicaca-crossing [see ferry.jpg], hill-climbing and Alasitas-ceremony
watching (this goes as follows: considering you wish to have a car or house
within the next 2 years, you buy a miniature model (called Ekeko [see
ekeko.jpg]), and get this blessed by some shaman (which involves spilling beer
on it (and rubbing it on your chest as well)))

31.01.2010 - Isla del Sol, Bolivia (3800m)

beautiful-island-trekking, children-portrait-taking [see portrait.jpg], high-
altitude-swimming [see swimming.jpg]

01.02.2010 - Arequipa, Peru (2300m)

newsletter-writing in bumpy bus, border-crossing no. 8 (for the first time
absolutely painless), changing bus due to broken gears and brakes

so here we are... hopefully it wasn't too boring, take care and happy skiing
(for those in good old suiza)

marcelo

p.s. another day has passed, and in 3 hrs (3.30 local time) we've got to get
up for a trek into colca canyon... as i said, traveling ain't easy 😊

"We don't make mistakes, we have happy accidents" - Bob Ross

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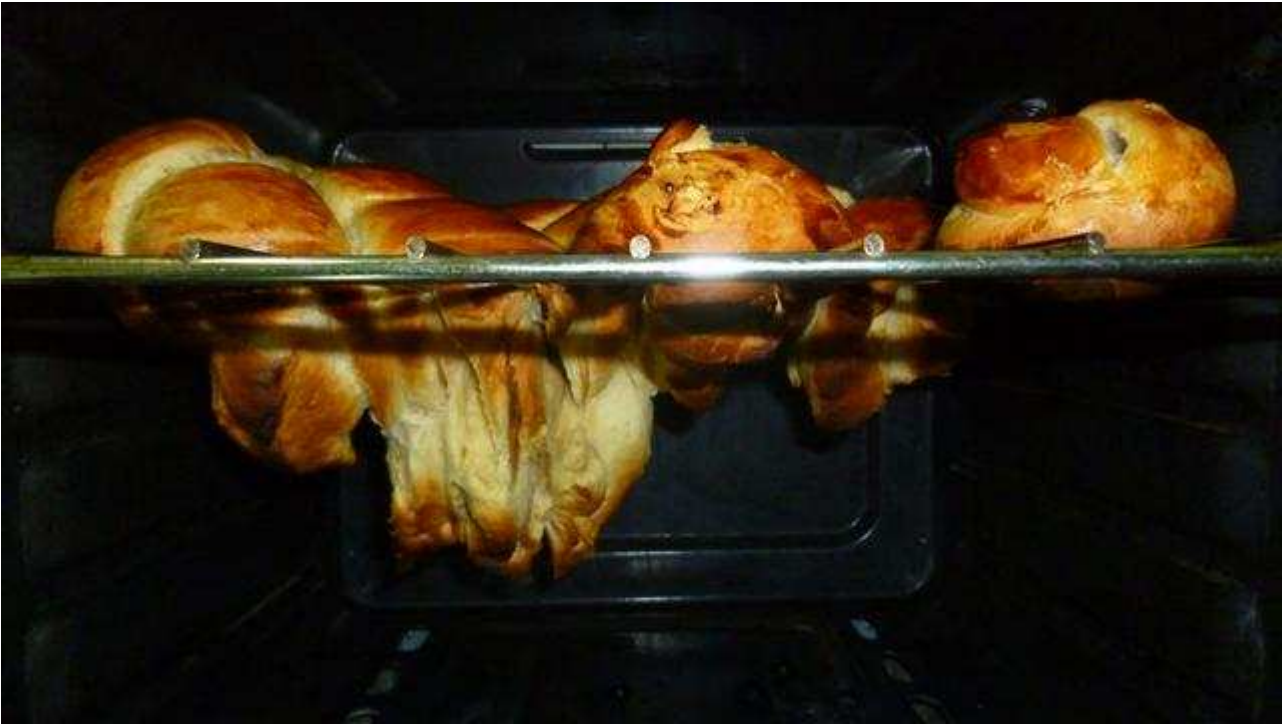
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