



# BOLIVIA, LAND OF LIVING CULTURES

**16 days / 15 nights**

**Bolivia** is not a country you simply visit—it is a country you **experience**, slowly and deeply, through its people, landscapes, and traditions that remain vibrantly alive. This private journey across Bolivia reveals a land where ancient cultures are not confined to museums or history books, but continue to shape everyday life, rituals, celebrations, and beliefs.

From the tropical lowlands of **Santa Cruz** to the serene white architecture of **Sucre**, Bolivia's constitutional capital, the journey introduces a fascinating cultural mosaic. Indigenous heritage, colonial legacy, and modern life coexist naturally, offering travelers a rare sense of authenticity. In the valleys of **Samaipata** and the lush forests of **Amboró National Park**, nature itself becomes part of the cultural story, where pre-Inca civilizations once carved sacred sites into stone and biodiversity thrives in remarkable harmony.

The journey continues through the historic mining city of **Potosí**, once one of the richest cities on Earth, where silver shaped empires and Andean traditions endured beneath colonial grandeur. Further south, the landscape transforms dramatically as travelers reach the legendary **Salar de Uyuni**, a vast white horizon that feels otherworldly. Here, indigenous communities maintain ancestral customs, and nights beneath endless skies feel timeless. Volcanoes, flamingo-filled lagoons, surreal deserts, and high-altitude sanctuaries reveal Bolivia's raw and powerful natural beauty.

In **Oruro**, Bolivia's folkloric heart, living culture reaches its most expressive form. Music, dance, devotion, and craftsmanship come together in traditions passed down through generations. The city's spiritual connection to the **Virgen del Socavón** reflects a profound blend of Andean beliefs and Catholic faith—an expression of identity that defines the Bolivian soul.

The journey culminates in **La Paz**, one of the world's highest capitals, where indigenous markets, colonial streets, and modern cable cars form a striking urban tapestry. From here, travelers reach **Lake Titicaca**, the sacred lake of the Andes, and the mythical **Isla del Sol**, birthplace of the Inca civilization. Walking ancient paths, sharing meals with local communities, and watching the sun set over the lake offers a moment of deep connection and reflection.

**Bolivia, Land of Living Cultures** is more than a tour—it is a carefully curated private experience that invites travelers to witness traditions that endure, landscapes that inspire awe, and a culture that lives, breathes, and welcomes those who journey with curiosity and respect.

## DIA 1 (Thursday) ARRIVAL AT SANTA CRUZ

Arrival in Santa Cruz, the second largest city in Bolivia. Reception and transfer to the hotel. In the afternoon city tour in the city of Santa Cruz, including the Zoological Park with the animal kingdom of Latin America. You will start by visiting the Basilica of San Lorenzo, the Cathedral Museum, the Prefectural Palace, the Art Museum and the House of Culture, all in the historic center of the city. In addition, you will visit the La Recova craft center and the Art field, where you will find regional handicrafts, textiles, ceramics, sculptures among others. Overnight.

## DIA 2 (Friday) SANTA CRUZ - SAMAIPATA - AMBORÓ NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast, departure to Samaipata. This journey unfolds slowly from the tropical Amazon region through the beautiful valleys and spectacular landscapes. In the morning we will visit Samaipata, the

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**Surplus single room EUR 730.-**

## DEPARTURES 2026

### April through December

#### PRIVATE TOUR

and fully customizable. If you want to do some changes or upgrade the tour, please let us know

#### INCLUSIONS

- 15 nights Hotel (with bathroom or shower / WC)
- 15 Breakfasts, 8 Lunches, 7 Dinners Included
- All excursions and transfers mentioned in the program.
- All tickets to museums and national parks
- Information pack with travel literature and tips
- Guide in English during the excursions.

#### NOT INCLUDED

- International and domestic flights
- Meals and drinks and other services not mentioned in the program.
- Tips for guides, drivers and porters.
- Personal expenses





pre-Inca ruins of "El Fuerte", very interesting remains of an unknown culture chiseled in living sandstone. Typical grilled lunch in the restaurant of "El Pueblo Resort". In the afternoon, we continue to the Amboró National Park where you can admire among others, giant ferns. Beautiful walk through this unique rainforest, which is located at 1,650 meters high. Return to Santa Cruz. (B) (L)

#### DAY 3 (Saturday) SANTA CRUZ – SUCRE

Breakfast at the hotel. It's time to leave for Sucre, the capital of Bolivia. Sucre is located at an altitude of 2,700 meters above sea level. Transfer to the airport for your local flight. Upon arrival, your guide will be waiting for you at the terminal. Transfer to the hotel and free afternoon. Time to relax and acclimatize to the altitude. Just leave the hotel for a walk to get to know this colonial city called "the white city". Dinner and overnight at the Hotel Parador Santa María la Real, located in a majestic mansion of the eighteenth century that was rescued and remodeled completely preserving all its architectural details. (B) (D)

#### DAY 4 (Sunday) SUCRE

After breakfast, we depart Sucre toward Tarabuco, located in the Yamparaez Province, traveling through rolling Andean landscapes and traditional farming villages. Sundays are market day, when local Yampara communities gather dressed in their distinctive textiles—dark helmets, handwoven ponchos, and richly embroidered fabrics that preserve pre-Hispanic symbols and techniques. The Tarabuco Market is one of Bolivia's most authentic indigenous markets, offering finely woven textiles, colorful belts, ceremonial garments, and everyday agricultural products. Beyond commerce, it is a social and cultural gathering that reflects centuries-old traditions still alive today. In the afternoon, we return to Sucre along scenic rural roads. The remainder of the day is at leisure to relax, stroll through the colonial streets, or enjoy a café overlooking one of the city's historic plazas. Overnight in Sucre. (B)

#### DAY 5 (Monday) SUCRE

After breakfast, visit the city of Sucre. You'll see the sights of Bolivia's capital, including the Cathedral, Casa de la Libertad, and Recoleta Monastery. Lunch at the restaurant "El Huerto", the best restaurant in the city for Bolivian specialties. In the afternoon we will make a brief visit to the outskirts of Sucre, including the Dinosaur Park, with the dinosaur footprints discovered a few years ago. Return to the Parador Santa María la Real hotel and accommodation (B) (L).

#### DAY 6 (Tuesday) SUCRE - POTOSI

After breakfast we will continue our trip to Potosí, one of the most important Spanish colonial cities in South America. Upon arrival and a short break, lunch in a typical restaurant. In the afternoon city tour with visit to the historic center of the colony, with the Museum of the Mint, colonial streets and craft markets, the Church of San Lorenzo with stone sculptures carved in the mestizo baroque style and the church of San Francisco that stands out for its remarkable ceilings. Finally, the Tower of the Society of Jesus and the Arch of Cobija. Potosí is situated at an altitude of 3,970 meters. We will continue to Cayara, about 30 minutes from Potosí to our chosen hotel. We will spend the night at the Hotel Museum Cayara. After dinner, you will visit the small museum with different rooms and colonial architecture as well as original furniture. Overnight. (B) (L) (D)

#### DAY 7 (Wednesday) POTOSI - UYUNI

After breakfast visit a mine in Cerro Rico (Silver Mountain). A great experience with a tour of the interior of the mine where we will see the daily life of the miners and their traditions. We will even participate in a small ritual for the TIO (deity of the mine, a coincidence between the devil and the old tradition of Christianity). After the visit, we will continue to the city of Uyuni. On the way, short stop for picnic-lunch. Upon arrival in Uyuni, we will visit the train cemetery and after a short rest we will continue to the indigenous village of Colchani where you will check in at the Palacio de Sal Hotel, built completely with salt blocks. Even the chairs, tables and beds are made of salt blocks. A unique experience. Dinner and overnight. (B) (L) (D)





#### DAY 8 (Thursday) UYUNI – UYUNI SALT LAKE – COQUESA

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure in direction to the Salt Lake. You will enter the white desert in its fullness with typical extraction landscapes such as salt pyramids, salt eyes and the first hotel built entirely with salt, which is now a local museum. Our guide will look for the ideal place to enjoy a typical community lunch called "ajtapi", Aymara word for picnic. After lunch we continue to the Hotel. On the you will visit the island of Sajchilla with ancient cacti, an unexplored place. We continue in the direction of Coquesa at the foot of the Thunupa volcano. Accommodation at the selected hotel. After check-in and a short break, we will find the ideal place to watch the sunset, accompanied by a welcome cocktail made of coca leaves. Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight. (B) (L)

#### DAY 9 (Friday) COQUESA – LAGUNAS – EDUARDO ABAROA NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast at 8.00 am, we leave the hotel heading south, returning to the Salar with paradisiacal landscapes, towards the island of Incahuasi, whose translation from Quechua is "Casa del Inca". The island is completely surrounded by the huge saline area of the Salar de Uyuni and its relief is steep. It contains a large number of giant cacti (*Echinopsis atacamensis*), which can reach more than 10 meters in height. Subsequently, we continue our trip to the municipality of San Juan, natural view of the Ollague volcano (active), with a visit of the "comunarios", then to Laguna Cañapa and finally Laguna Hedionda. Overnight at the selected hotel near the Abaroa Reserve. After accommodation and a short break, walk around the hotel area or enjoy the hotel facilities. Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight. (B) (L) (D)

#### DAY 10 (Saturday) PARQUE NACIONAL AVAROA - UYUNI

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure before dawn to the Eduardo Abaroa Reserve National Park with a visit to Laguna Honda, Charcota, Siloli Desert, Stone Tree, Laguna Colorada with geysers and hot springs, Dalí Desert and Laguna Verde. On our way back to the city of Uyuni we will visit the Valley of the Rocks, and authentic villages such as Villa Alota, Culpina K and the mining town of San Cristóbal with its church. Arrival in Uyuni, check-in at the hotel, dinner & overnight. (B) (L) (D)

#### DAY 11 (Sunday) UYUNI – ORURO

After breakfast, we depart Uyuni early, crossing the vast Altiplano, a high-altitude plateau of wide horizons, remote villages, and dramatic skies. The route gradually ascends through stark yet mesmerizing landscapes shaped by wind, time, and Andean life. Arrival in Oruro, Bolivia's undisputed capital of folklore and spiritual devotion. The city is world-famous for its Carnival, dedicated to the Virgen del Socavón, patroness of miners and protector of the city. We visit the Sanctuary of the Virgin, an important pilgrimage site that lies at the heart of the Carnival tradition. Later, we visit a traditional artisan workshop, where master craftsmen create the elaborate masks and costumes used in dances such as La Diablada and La Morenada. Here you will learn about the symbolism, artistry, and cultural meaning behind these spectacular expressions of Andean faith and identity. Overnight in Oruro. (B)

#### DAY 12 (Monday) LA PAZ

After breakfast, departure to La Paz, the largest city and seat of the government of Bolivia, located at 3600 m. above sea level and one of the highest capital cities in the world. Arrival in La Paz and check in at the hotel. Free time for private activities. You can take a walk through the historic center, visiting the handicraft streets or have your first contact with the "teleférico", a cable car that was implemented years ago and have solved partially the traffic problems of the city. Our guide will show you the two options you can find near the hotel. Overnight in La Paz. (B)

#### DAY 13 (Tuesday) LA PAZ

After breakfast, enjoy a guided exploration of La Paz, a city unlike any other in the Andes, dramatically set within a deep canyon and surrounded by snowcapped peaks. More than a capital, La Paz is a living crossroads where ancient indigenous traditions and contemporary urban life





blend seamlessly. The tour begins in the historic center, visiting colonial landmarks before immersing ourselves in the traditional markets, where daily life unfolds in vivid color. Here you will encounter many Aymara people, one of the strongest and most resilient indigenous cultures in South America, whose roots in the Andean highlands stretch back thousands of years, long before the Inca Empire. Many of the vendors you meet are part of a fascinating social transformation. Originally from rural Aymara communities, generations migrated to the city in search of opportunity, gradually becoming urban citizens known locally as “*cholos*”—a term that today reflects cultural pride rather than social status. Their traditional clothing, customs, language, and worldview coexist naturally with modern city life, creating a powerful expression of Bolivia’s living identity. The tour continues to the Valley of the Moon, a surreal landscape of eroded limestone formations that feels almost extraterrestrial. Later, experience La Paz from above using the innovative cable car system (Mi Teleférico). Gliding silently over neighborhoods and hillsides offers breathtaking views and a unique perspective on how geography and culture shape this extraordinary city. The afternoon is free for personal exploration or relaxation. (B)

#### DAY 14 (Wednesday) LA PAZ – COPACABANA – SUN ISLAND

After breakfast, we depart toward Lake Titicaca, the highest navigable lake in the world. The journey across the Altiplano reveals vast plains, herds of llamas, and distant mountain ranges. At the Strait of Tiquina, vehicles and passengers cross the narrow channel by local ferry, a unique experience and an important link between the lake’s two basins. Continuing to Copacabana, Bolivia’s main pilgrimage town, we visit the Basilica of the Virgin of Copacabana, home to the revered wooden statue known as *La Mamita*. From here, we board a boat to the legendary Isla del Sol, considered the birthplace of the Inca civilization. We visit the Inca ruins of Pilkokaina Palace, followed by a traditional ajtapi lunch, a communal Andean picnic. Check-in at a family-run lodge. In the afternoon, we walk through Yumani village, ascending ancient stone steps to viewpoints offering unforgettable sunset views over Lake Titicaca. Overnight on the island. (B) (D)

#### DAY 15 (Thursday) SUN ISLAND – LA PAZ

After breakfast at the lodge, enjoy a relaxed morning on Isla del Sol, a place where time seems to move at a different rhythm. The island is home to Aymara communities, descendants of one of the most ancient living cultures in the Andes. Long before the rise of the Inca civilization, the Aymaras developed sophisticated agricultural systems, spiritual beliefs, and a deep respect for Pachamama (Mother Earth), values that continue to guide daily life today. Walking along the island’s stone paths and agricultural terraces offers insight into a way of life rooted in community, balance, and harmony with nature. The lake, mountains, and sky form a sacred landscape that has inspired myths and rituals for centuries. Later, we return by boat to Copacabana, where there is time to enjoy lunch and a final visit to the lakeside town before continuing by road back to La Paz, once again crossing the Strait of Tiquina. Arrival in La Paz in the late afternoon. (B) (L) (D)

#### DAY 16 (Friday) LA PAZ - RETURN

After breakfast at the hotel, you will be transferred to the airport for your return flight, bringing to a close an unforgettable journey through Bolivia, Land of Living Cultures. As you leave, take with you more than images of breathtaking landscapes and historic cities. Carry also the memory of Bolivia’s people: Aymaras, Quechuas, and other indigenous communities whose traditions, rituals, and daily lives continue to thrive. From vibrant markets and colorful festivals to remote highland villages, Bolivia’s culture is alive, present, and resilient, often untouched by modern pressures. As you depart, Bolivia leaves you with a rare gift: the understanding that culture is not only to be observed, but to be experienced, respected, and celebrated wherever it flourishes—whether in bustling cities, hidden valleys, or high plateaus where time seems to stand still. End of our services. (B)

**(B)** Breakfast **(L)** Lunch **(D)** Dinner

