



# CARNIVAL OF ORURO

## FROM SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA AND SALAR DE UYUNI

5 days – 4 nights

After your journey in Chile and San Pedro de Atacama, land in Oruro, and witness the Carnival like never before! Carnival is without a doubt a worldwide celebration that is mirrored in cultures all over the world. Until you experience the Carnival de Oruro in Bolivia, you are truly missing out something: Grotesque masks that will make your head spin, constant parades of music, and people dancing in the streets. The beauty of the small mining town of Oruro being host to such an elaborate display of pageantry is how whimsical and authentic this makes the entire experience. All colours of the rainbow come to life on the streets and on the plates with an endless array of foods to sooth every pallet.

The Carnival of Oruro is a religious festival dating back more than 200 years that takes place in Oruro. It is one of UNESCO's Masterpieces of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity. Originally an indigenous festival, the celebration later was transformed to incorporate a Christian ritual around the Virgin of Candelaria (Candlemas Virgin). The traditional Diablada became the leading traditional dance of the festival. Throughout the festival, more than 48 groups of folk dancers specializing in 18 different folk dances perform a pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Mineshaft on Saturday of Carnival in a traditional parade. Oruro's historical importance, as well as its cultural and religious influence, make its carnival a natural setting for demonstrating the multiculturalism of Bolivia and especially its variety of folk dances. We will pick you up from your hotel in San Pedro de Atacama and take you to Bolivia where you will start visiting the Eduardo Avaroa National Park with the Siloli desert, the driest desert of the world, Dali Desert with incredible colourful mountains, the different colourful Lagoons before ending at your hotel. Then you will marvel the Uyuni Salt Flats with its not visible highway before we reach Oruro to experience the fantastic Carnival. At the end of the tour, we will take a private vehicle to continue to La Paz where your adventure ends.

### DAY 1 Tuesday, February 22 TRIP TO BOLIVIA: LAGUNA VERDE - LAGUNA COLORADA

After breakfast, we travel by private bus up to Hito Cajón border town between Bolivia and Chile. On this trip, we reach the highest point of our adventure. Continue by jeep to the Laguna Verde at Licancabur volcano (5930 m). The emerald green lagoon has a high concentration of calcium carbonates, lead, and sulfur. The trip continues to Laguna Blanca and the geysers Sol de Mañana: You will see there, mud pools and fumaroles. Nearby, you can bath in hot springs. Continue to the red Laguna Colorada. On our way, we will look for a cozy corner for a memorable picnic. Overnight at our Los Flamencos Hotel near the Laguna Hedionda. After a short break, you will be able to walk around and admire the different varieties of Andean Flamingos. Dinner at the Hotel and overnight. (L) (D)

### DAY 2 Wednesday, February 23 DESIERTO LIPEZ (LIPEZ DESERT)

In the morning, we continue with our expedition. This time we cross the Siloli desert, one of the driest deserts in the world. Then we visit the Cañapa lagoon and the Dali Desert with a rich mix of colours and rock formations. Enjoy a picnic in beautiful

PRICE PER PERSON  
in double occupancy

USD 802.- EUR 680.-

Surplus single room

USD 275.- EUR 226.-

FIXED GROUP  
DEPARTURE

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adventure/event in Oruro? Contact us!!

#### INCLUDING SERVICES:

- ✓ Transfer from San Pedro de Atacama to Bolivia with a private vehicle.
  - ✓ Transfer from Oruro to your hotel in La Paz
  - ✓ Spanish / English speaking guide (other languages upon request)
  - ✓ 4 overnights at selected hotels
  - ✓ 4 Breakfast, 3 Lunches, 3 Dinners
  - ✓ Entrada de Carnaval in Oruro with selected seat at the tribune.
  - ✓ Salar de Uyuni and Avaroa National Park Tour
  - ✓ 1 bottle of water per person
  - ✓ All our vehicles have first aid kit, oxygen tank and satellite phone
  - ✓ Open bar at the Hotel in Oruro during your stay
- NOT INCLUDED**
- ✓ Alcoholic beverages in restaurants
  - ✓ Non-mentioned meals and extras
  - ✓ Tips for drivers and guides
  - ✓ Personal expenses





surroundings. Then we drive through the Salar de Uyuni (Salt Lake) to our hotel on the outskirts of the Uyuni Salt Lake. The Hotel Tambo Coquesa Lodge lies at the feet of the Thunupa Volcano, it is built of salt blocks on fundamentals of an old Tambo, indian refugee for merchandisers crossing the region. Dinner **(B) (L) (D)**

#### **DAY 3 Thursday, February 24 SALAR DE UYUNI**

On this day, we drive on the Uyuni Salt Flats. With seemingly endless stretches of more than 12,000 sq. km, Uyuni is the largest salt flat in the world. Free speed ahead through the salt flats, on which there is no visible highway, towards Isla Pescado (Fish Island), an oasis with giant cacti and unusual flowers. Continue to the city of Uyuni and visit on the way a salt factory in Colchani. Registration at the Salt Hotel in Colchani. Dinner **(B) (D)**

#### **DAY 4 Friday, February 25 UYUNI - ORURO**

Breakfast at the hotel. Enjoy the hotel facilities, built completely from salt blocks. Even the beds, chairs and tables are made out of these blocks. You can also rent a bike and explore the immense salt surface with endless highways. In the afternoon we will take a tour visiting the old train cemetery and the city of Uyuni, where you can do some shopping. Back to the hotel in Colchani. At the evening, after a detailed presentation about the various dances of the carnival, dinner at the hotel. The Carnival of Oruro is one of the most famous cultural and religious carnivals of South America. Overnight. **(B) (L)**

#### **DAY 5 Saturday, February 26 CARNAVAL DE ORURO**

Early departure after breakfast. Today we have a long drive to the city of Oruro before us. Oruro was founded in 1606 and it's famous for its carnival. Upon arrival in Oruro, we'll go to our reserved Tribune, and from there experience the unique traditional dances with colourful costumes, such as the Diablada, Morenada or Caporales. Thousands of dancers show their loyalty to the Mamita del Socavón, the Madonna of miners. Explanation of the various dances. The carnival parade takes longer than 18 hours, but you have free movement; that is, you may wish to consider watching the various dances and/or relaxing at the hotel and go in between to the parade. Around 6 p.m we will continue to La Paz. Upon arrival, check in at your hotel (not included). If you need a hotel just let us know and we'll do the job for you. End of our services. **(B)**

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