



GROUP TRAVEL
SAE 2443

ACTIVE BOLIVIA

16 days/ 15 nights Half board

Bolivia is one of the most biodiversity-rich countries in the world. From mountains with eternal snows to deep Amazon rainforests, the traveler will find everything nature has to offer. This 16-daytrip through Bolivia, EUROLATINO offers you to know this biodiversity fused with an exceptional cultural richness. We begin the roundtrip through Bolivia in the Amazon basin, where we will also visit the Chiquitanía, rich and vast land popularized by the Jesuit Missions of the XVI century. We follow the route to Sucre, the capital of Bolivia and one of the most beautiful colonial cities in South America. Sucre was the founding site of the Republic but from the colony it was the seat of the all-time aristocracy. It is followed by Potosí, a city as big as London in the 17th century due to the exploitation of silver in its mountains. We will spend the night in a hotel museum restored in a house of the seventeenth century. The next day we will continue to the pearl of the Andes, the city of Uyuni, gateway to the largest salt flat in the world, with more than 12,000 km2. We will also see the Avaroa National Park with its colorful lagoons and the deserts of Dali and Siloli. Once in La Paz, the seat of government, we will discover Bolivia's largest tourist icon, Lake Titicaca and spend a day in the lush rainforest of Los Yungas. Of course, we will see the city of La Paz from above with the cable car before returning home. Come to our active Bolivia and live your adventure!

DAY 1 (Friday) ARRIVAL AT SANTA CRUZ

After a long flight we arrived in Santa Cruz, the second most important city in Bolivia. At the airport, our guide will be welcoming you in Bolivia, you will be transferred to the city center, to the Marriott Santa Cruz Hotel****. The rest of the day is free for private activities.

DAY 2 (Saturday) SANTA CRUZ - JESUIT MISSIONS

Breakfast at the hotel. Today we are heading towards Chiquitania, and one of the largest areas of the jungle in eastern Santa Cruz. The Area of Chiquitania is very famous due to the Jesuit missions built by the Spanish Conquerors to convert the Indians into the Catholic religion. Along the way we visit the villages of Cotoca, Pailas and San Ramón before reaching our first mission in San Javier. We will cross the Rio Grande, one of the main tributaries of the Mamore River, a tributary of the Amazon River. We will also see the great agricultural and livestock Pampa. After a trip of approximately 5 hours, we arrive in San Javier. After lunch visit the Jesuit church on the first mission and the Houses of Handicrafts. We continue towards Concepción, about 60 km away. On the way we stop at Piedras del Paquío where we can see a buffalo cattle center. Nearby we can also see a beautiful lagoon, full of natural beauty and lush surroundings. Arrival at Grand Hotel Concepción. Dinner. (B) (L) (D)

OPTIONAL: Depending on the schedule, you can book a Baroque music concert. Baroque music has been promoted by the Jesuits among the Indians and since the discovery of ancient partitures in the 1980s, it is supported and taught by a foundation to the Chiquitanía Youth.

DAY 3 (Sunday) CONCEPTION - SANTA CRUZ

After breakfast at the hotel, we will visit the Jesuit church of Concepción, as well as the museum and craft workshop. After lunch we will explore the backs of Concepción, where you can take a short walk or swim. Return trip to Santa Cruz. Arrival at Marriott Hotel. (B) (L)

DAY 4 (Monday) SANTA CRUZ - SUCRE

After breakfast, early transfer to the airport to take your flight to Sucre (approximately 40 min). Arrival at the Sucre Airport. Reception and transfer to Hotel Parador Santa María la Real, your accommodation in Sucre, the official capital of Bolivia. Guided tour of this unique city known as Ciudad Blanca (White City) and one of the jewels of Hispanic architecture of colonial America. Sucre was declared a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Site. Among others, we will visit the main square, the House of Liberty, the Cathedral, the University of San Francisco Xavier, one of the oldest in America. Then we will visit the Palace of the Supreme Court of Justice and the convent of La Recoleta. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. (B) (D)

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EUR 3.650.-

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FIXED DEPARTURES FOR GROUPS

2024

15 March	05 April
19 April	03 May
24 May	14 June
28 June	12 July
16 August	06 September
11 October	01 November

Departures on private basis anytime

Inclusions

- 15 nights Hotel (with bathroom or shower / WC)
- 15 Breakfasts, 12 Lunches, 6 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 flight to Santa Cruz, Bolivia and return from La Paz.
- Domestic flights (Sta Cruz-Sucre, Uyuni-La Paz)
- Meals and drinks and other services not mentioned in the program.
- Tips for guides, drivers and porters.
- Personal expenses





DAY 5 (Tuesday) SUCRE

Breakfast at the hotel. Today we visit the dinosaur park where dinosaur footprints were found a few years ago. Your imagination will return about 68 million years ago when dinosaurs once lived in the Cretaceous Period. In the afternoon we will visit the colonial part of the city, the church of the Virgin of Guadalupe, San Felipe Nery, the University Museum, the Castle of La Glorieta and the ethnographic museum. Overnight at Hotel Parador Santa María la Real. **(B) (D)**

DAY 6 (Wednesday) SUCRE - POTOSI

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure to Potosi. The journey takes approximately 3 hours. On arrival we will visit the city of Potosi dominated by the Cerro Rico. This mountain was once the richest silver mine in the world in those days when Potosí was one of the largest cities in the world, also known as Sumac Orcko. Because of the reputation of that fact, the famous saying "Vale un Potosi", arose when someone was referring to something very valuable. Lunch. In the afternoon you will visit the old Mint Institution Museum. Casa de la Moneda was an important center of Spanish colonial commerce in South America in the 16th century. The building is considered now one of the best examples of Spanish colonial architecture. At the end of the afternoon, we head to the Cayara Museum Hotel, about 30 minutes away. Dinner and overnight. **(B) (L) (D)**

DAY 7 (Thursday) POTOSI - COLCHANI

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning we will visit the cultural complex of the hotel until lunchtime. Then we continue to Uyuni in a 4x4 Jeep. On the way visit the villages of Chaquilla, Tica Tica and Pulacayo, famous mining center of the time of Simon I. Patiño, the King of tin. Arrival in Uyuni and accommodation in the Palacio de Sal Hotel, made entirely with salt blocks, even beds, tables and chairs. **(B) (L) (D)**

DAY 8 (Friday) UYUNI –SALAR DE UYUNI - COQUESA

Breakfast at the hotel. Today our active adventure in Bolivia will begin. Our guide and vehicles will pick you up at your hotel in Uyuni and we will start our journey through the world's largest white desert. More than 12,000 km² of surface make it the largest mirror in the world, to such an extent that it is used to calibrate precision instruments from outer space. Along the way we will visit the train cemetery and after a short break we will continue towards the indigenous community of Colchani, where we will see the elaboration of iodine salt in its rustic form. You will then enter the white desert in its fullness with typical extraction landscapes such as salt pyramids, salt eyes and the first hotel built entirely of 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 will visit the island of Sajchilla with ancient cacti, an unexplored place. We continue towards Coquesa. Accommodation in the Tambo Coquesa Ecolodge, hotel located at the shores of the Salt Lake, very good furnished and in the middle of nowhere. You may experiment cold temperatures, even if the hotel is provided of heating in every room. At the end of the afternoon, we will find the ideal place to watch the sunset accompanied by a coca drink as a welcome drink. Return to the hotel, dinner and accommodation. **(B) (L) (D)**

DAY 9 (Saturday) COQUESA – LAGUNAS - LOS FLAMENCOS

Very early after breakfast, we leave the hotel in a southerly direction, returning to the Salar with paradisiacal landscapes, towards the island of Incahuasi, whose translation of quechua is "Casa del Inca". The island is completely surrounded by the huge salt area of the Uyuni Saltflats 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 journey to the municipality of San Juan, natural view of the Ollague volcano (active), with visit of the "comunarios" (locals), continue to Laguna Cañapa and finally Laguna Hedionda.

Accommodation in Los Flamencos Eco-hotel. After the accommodation and a short break, walk along the banks of the lagoon, where you can see the three species of flamingos a few meters away. Return to the hotel, dinner and accommodation. **(B) (L) (D)**

DAY 10 (Sunday) LOS FLAMENCOS - AVAROA NATIONAL PARK - UYUNI - LA PAZ

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure before sunrise to Eduardo Abaroa Reserve National Park. Visit Laguna Honda, Charcota, Siloli Desert, Stone Tree, Colored Lagoon with geysers and hot springs,





Dalí Desert and Laguna Verde. On the way back to Uyuni you'll visit the Valley of the Rocks, and authentic villages such as Villa Alota, Culpina K and the mining village of San Cristobal with its church. Arrival at Uyuni and transfer to your hotel. Dinner and overnight. **(B) (L) (D)**

DAY 11 (Monday) LA PAZ - COPACABANA

After breakfast, transfer to the Uyuni airport in time for your flight to La Paz. After a short flight, arrival and reception through your guide. Then transfer to the city of Copacabana, the most important catholic pilgrimage site in Bolivia at the shores of Lake Titicaca. Lunch on the way. Overnight at Hotel Rosario del Lago. **(B) (L)**

DAY 12 (Tuesday) COPACABANA - ISLA DEL SOL - LA PAZ

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning we will make a gentle trek to Sampaya, an Aymara community that has preserved its traditions since ancient times. It is located 18 km north of Copacabana and along the way you will see many small villages full of tradition and living testimony of a culture that has its roots in antiquity. Sampaya features stone-walled houses with thatched ceilings. Its tortuous streets are covered with flat stones and small kantuta trees (national flower) are found everywhere. After visiting Sampaya, we will take a boat to the island of the sun. Lunch overlooking the mountains of the Andes Mountains. On the Sun Island we visit Yumani Inca Staircase and the Fountain of Eternal Youth. A short walk to Pilkokaina Palace. Return to Copacabana and then return to La Paz. The journey takes around 3 hours, crossing the strait of Tiquina, the narrowest part of the lake. Arrival and transfer to Hotel Europa. **(B) (L)**

DAY 13 (Wednesday) LA PAZ

Breakfast at the hotel. Guided tour of the city with the colonial district and Indian markets, including the Moon Valley, beautiful geological limestone formations not far from the city. Today we will use the modern cable car system visiting La Paz in a very special way. Gondolas are highlighted with colors and each route is defined in these colors. Lunch on the way (not included). The afternoon is at your disposal for private activities. **(B)**

DAY 14 (Thursday) LA PAZ - COROICO - LA PAZ

Departure after breakfast to Coroico. The trip takes us to 4750 meters above sea level, first to pass "La Cumbre" the highest point of the journey, from where we can see the snow-capped mountains of the Andes Cordillera. Then we descend to 1100 m. in the rainforest. Arrival and check-in at the chosen Hotel in Coroico. Lunch. Then we'll do a hiking through the jungle. Enjoy the lush greenery of the area, and occasionally see coca plantations. Enjoy the hotel's swimming pool or take a stroll through the coffee, coca and orange plantations. Return to La Paz and transfer to Hotel Europa. **(B) (L) (D)**

OPTIONAL: Today we offer a sensational option. The Yungas was since the XIXth century a development center and a road was built in the 1930s to link this subtropical region with La Paz. The road was literally carved into the volcanic rock of the Andes, resulting in a very narrow passage no more than 3 m. wide. Due to the difficulty of driving and the risk involved in many fatal accidents, this path is known as the "death road". Since the new road was built in the last decade, intrepid travelers began to ride this road with mountain bikes from 4800 m. above sea level to 1500 meters. Spectacular scenes and curves full of adrenaline will accompany you on this active tour of the Bolivian jungle. If you decide to do this activity, at the end of the tour you will meet the rest of the group to enjoy Coroico together.

DAY 15 (Friday) LA PAZ

Breakfast. Free day. If you prefer to take an optional excursion, we suggest visiting Tiwanaku, archaeological center that was once the capital of the pre-Inca empire of the same name. In it you will appreciate sculptures carved entirely in stone, a semi-subterranean temple for cults of the Pachamama, a pyramid and much more. In the evening you attend a folkloric show, where you can listen to Bolivian music and enjoy native dances. Overnight at the Europa Hotel. **(B) (L)**

DAY 16 (Saturday) LA PAZ - AIRPORT

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the airport to take your return flight. End of our services. **(B)**



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