

# BIKING THE ANDES Peru, Bolivia and Chile 22 days / 21 nights – HALF BOARD

Adventure tourism has become an icon of tourism and is present in all countries of the world. The most demanded activities are hiking and cycling, the latter further driven by the introduction of electric bikes, which have not only allowed the elderly and those "little" athletes to actively participate in this modality. it also helps to shorten distances, or in other words, achieve greater distances with less effort. The problem in South America is obviously the big distances. That is why we offer you in this program some of the most interesting sections that can be done with bicycles. We started the adventure in Lima with the "City Bike Tour", biking through streets and boulevards of great interest but that are almost unknown to most tourists. In the middle of the tour, you can try the original pisco sour at the bar where this famous Peruvian drink was created. Once in Cusco, we cycle through Incas archaeological sites around the city until we reach its main square, as well as in the Sacred Valley visiting Moray and Maras. A day later we will pedal an old section of the Inca Way surrounded by incredible panoramic views of the Vilcanota mountain range. Then we will take a break with the bikes to visit the incomparable citadel of Machu Picchu. We continue to pedal through South America and enter Bolivia for a fascinating pre-Hispanic adventure on the shores of Lake Titicaca. Then we will live the path of death descending from 4800 meters above sea level to 1200 meters in the Valley of Los Yungas.

The Uyuni Saltflats are for now the most demanded tourist attraction in Bolivia. Here we will have a few days to marvel at the largest expanse of Salt on the planet and the colorful lagoons of Eduardo Avaroa National Park. To finish the tour, we will pedal in Santiago de Chile visiting the Maipo and Casablanca Valleys in addition to touring some of the most interesting parks of the Chilean capital, as well as on the Cuesta La Dormida on the outskirts of the city. **Come bike with EUROLATINO and live your adventure!!!** 

#### DAY 1 (Friday) INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT

You will start your journey flying to Lima, Peru. After arrival, reception and welcome through our partner in Peru and transfer to your hotel in the center. Rest of the day at leisure. **DAY 2** (Saturday) **LIMA** 

After breakfast at the hotel, start our **"Lima City Bike Tour**", a very interesting way to start the adventure in South America. Experience a close-up visit to the city through Lima's streets, avenues, parks, boulevards, bike paths and major attractions, including those almost unknown secret sites and details that form an important part of the city's history. On the bike ride, we will visit the highlights of the city: Huaca Pucllana, the Historic Center, the traditional and elegant neighborhood of San Isidro, the Exhibition Park, Plaza San Martín, the Plaza de Armas, the Cathedral of Lima and the monastery of San Francisco. Much more ... Along the way, we will have the opportunity to try the original Pisco Sour, the Peruvian national drink, right at the bar where it was created in 1935. After lunch/snack in the traditional Cordano, the walk continues through the pleasant residential areas from Jesús María to Miraflores on the bike path by the sea. We will return from 4 to 5 pm to the hotel in Miraflores to rest. In the evening, enjoy the first welcome buffet dinner, which includes the best Peruvian cuisine and international dishes, as well as live music and traditional dance show. (B) (L) (D)

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#### PRICE PER PERSON IN DOUBLE OCCUPANCY EUR 3. 920.-Surplus single room EUR 760.-

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# FIXED DEPARTURES FOR

GROUPS 2025 01 August 15 August 05 September 19 September 03 October

#### INCLUSIONS

- ♣ 21 nights hotel of 3\*\*\* and 4\*\*\*\*
- 4 21 Breakfasts, 16 Lunches, 6 Dinners
- 4 All excursions mentioned in the program.
- 4 All tickets to museums and parks
- 4 Information pack with travel literature
- 4 Guide in English all the way
- Technical support by professional cyclists.
  Bicycles according to the technical demands of the route, with protective helm
- 4 24 Hs. hotline support

#### NOT INCLUDED

- International flightS
- Domestic flights (Lima-Cuzco, La Paz-Uyuni, Calama-Santiago)
- Meals and drinks and other services not mentioned in the program.
- Tips for guides, drivers and porters.
- Personal expenses





#### DAY 3 (Sunday) LIMA - CUZCO

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to Lima Airport. Flight from Lima to Cusco. Upon arrival reception and meeting with our partner at Cusco airport. Transfer to the selected hotel in Cusco. In the afternoon, we will take the Yuncaypata bike tour on the best downhill trails near Cusco, an out-of-the-ordinary option to get a close view of Cusco's true lifestyle. Visit Pucapucara to Kenko, Sacsayhuaman, Lanlacuyoc and Kusilluchayoc Inka Temples. The promenade follows an ancient Inca path through narrow stone-paved streets through the San Blas district, the Teteqaqa shrine, the twelve-corner stone, the seven-snake street and finally the main square of Cusco. Overnight at the chosen hotel. **(B)** 

#### DAY 4 (Monday) CUZCO - MORAY - MARAS - CALCA

Breakfast. Full-day bike tour to Moray and Maras. The adventure begins by going in a private vehicle to the Chinchero Plateau, from where the bike ride along the valley begins, passing through the Huaypo lagoon to the impressive archaeological site of Moray. Here we will have a break and have a magnificent lunch in an old and beautiful Hacienda restaurant in the middle of the Sacred Valley of the Incas. After lunch, there is an exciting descent to the pre-Inca salt mines of Maras, including a guided tour of the site. The journey ends in the village of Calca in the Sacred Valley of the Inkas. Accommodation in Calca in a nice local lodge. (B) (L) (D) DAY 5 (Tuesday) LARES – CALCA – OLLANTAYTAMBO - SACRED VALLEY

Breakfast. Lares - Calca - Ollantaytambo bike tour. Transfer to Huayracpunku summit (4250 masl) to take the best descent path in South America. Travelling in an old section of the original Camino Inca surrounded by panoramic views of the Vilcanota mountain range will be an unforgettable and incredible experience! After 4 hours of incredible descent, we will reach the village of Calca in the Sacred Valley of the Incas. Lunch and rest. In the afternoon transfer to visit the village of Ollantaytambo and the archaeological site. Unique and interesting place since local people today still live in old inca palaces and houses built more than 500 years ago. Later, on the Vista Dome tourist train, travel to Aguas Calientes. Over night at a local hotel in Aguas Calientes. (B) (L)

### DAY 6 (Wednesday) MACHU PICCHU - CUZCO

Breakfast. All-day tour to Machu Picchu and return to Cusco. This day the tour starts very early in the morning with a 1.5-hour hike to the Inca citadel of Machu Picchu to see the amazing sunrise show. Optional you can take the bus service to climb to Machu Picchu. Once in the Inca citadel take part in a 2-hours guided tour and then free time to visit on your own rhythm Huayna Picchu, Inti Punku, Temple of the Moon and others ... After all these activities, we will return to Aguas Calientes to take the train to Ollantaytambo and then to Cusco. (B)

#### DAY 7 (Thursday) CUZCO - PUNO

Breakfast buffet. Today we continue to travel by land to Puno, on a road that crosses the most beautiful landscape with snow-capped mountains, hot springs and small villages of the Altiplano. On the way we will make some visits. Lunch included. Upon arrival, registration at the Casa Andina Hotel and overnight. (B) (L)

#### DAY 8 (Friday) PUNO - ISLA DEL SOL (BOLIVIA)

Breakfast. Departure from the hotel to the border with Bolivia. After the formalities of immigration, we continue to Copacabana city, on the shores of Lake Titicaca. Visit to the Basilica of the Dark Virgin, a wooden work of the sixteenth century. Copacabana is the most important Catholic shrine in Bolivia and South America. After lunch we will take a boat to the Sun Island. Our first stop will be at "Pilcocaina" the temple of the sun. Your guide will explain to you the meaning of this temple and its relationship with the Inca Empire. In the evening, you will go with your guide to the top of the island to enjoy an awesome sunset on Lake Titicaca. Back to your lodge for dinner and accommodation. **(B) (L) (D)** 

#### DAY 9 (Saturday) ISLA DEL SOL - LA PAZ

After breakfast, we will visit the Inca staircase and Sacred Fountain where you will see the water of eternal youth. According to an Inca legend, anyone who drinks from this water will always be young and happy. Then we continue to the Yampupata Peninsula where our bikes will be waiting for us. Start your next pedal adventure to Sampaya, a pre-Hispanic city that still retains ancient architecture in their homes. We will be cycling all day until we reach the straight of Tiquina, the narrowest part of the lake. We will continue from the other side by bus

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on a very nice and relaxing overland ride until we reach the city of La Paz, Overnight at the Hotel Europa or similar **(B) (L)** 

# DAY 10 (Sunday) LA PAZ

Breakfast buffet. In the morning, guided tour of the city. La Paz and its surroundings take you to a mysterious past, where every corner, every street, is a hidden treasure where adventure begins a living story that will improve all its pre-Hispanic traditions and magic in its streets. The colonial, indigenous and modern neighborhoods, the indigenous market, the witch market, and fascinating scenarios, framed by the majestic "Illimani", the mountain image of the city, in the Andes Mountains. Finally, we visit the Valley of the Moon, where you will see strange clay formations. Today you will have the opportunity to use the modern cable car system in the city, visit several districts and literally fly over the rooftops. **(B)** 

DAY 11 (Monday) LA PAZ - LOS YUNGAS The "Death road" experience

Breakfast buffet. Early in the morning, we head for the city of Coroico. Along the way, we will cross the Andes mountain range to the subtropical-climate Yungas rainforest. At the Summit Pass, the highest point of our journey at 4,800 meters, according to ancient traditions, we will do a small ceremony to the Pachamama, the Mother Earth that will protect us in the future. Then our guide will explain details of the descent down the so-called "death road" and the use of our special mountain bikes. The descent begins on bicycles through an old road built in the early 1900s and known as the most dangerous road in the world until a new paved one was opened to the public in 2006. Especially bike adventurers now use this old road for tourist purposes only. Let's go all the way to the city of Coroico at a height of 1,450 m. where we arrived at our hotel. After a delicious lunch, we will take a short walk where we will see coffee, fruit and coca plantations. At night, we walk around the city of Coroico. Optional: it is possible to make the entire trip in a van or bus to the hotel, where you will wait for the rest of the group. **(B) (L) (D)** 

#### DAY 12 (Tuesday) LOS YUNGAS – LA PAZ

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning, you can enjoy the subtropical climate of Los Yungas and use the hotel's swimming pool. After lunch, return to the city of La Paz. Accommodation at Hotel Europa in La Paz. (B) (L)

#### DAY 13 (Wednesday) LA PAZ - SALAR DE UYUNI - COQUESA

Breakfast at the hotel. Early morning flight to Uyuni. Our guide will be waiting for you at the airport. After a warm welcome, you will get your bike and equipment and start your bike tour in direction to the salt lake. Our destination is Colchani. Check in at the exceptional Salt Hotel where (almost) everything is built with salt blocks. After a small break, we will get back to our bikes and get into the salt lake searching for an ideal place to make our lunch-picnic. Back to the hotel to relax and enjoy the hotel facilities. At the end of the afternoon, we will find the ideal place to watch the sunset accompanied by a coca cocktail as a welcome drink. Dinner and overnight. **(B) (L) (D)** 

# DAY 14 (Thursday) COQUESA – LAGOONS – LOS FLAMENCOS

After breakfast at 8:00 am, we leave the hotel in a southerly direction, we return to the salt flats 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 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 journey to the municipality of San Juan, natural view of the Ollague volcano (active), with visit to the "comunarios" (locals), continue to Laguna Cañapa and finally Laguna Hedionda. Overnight in Los Flamencos Ecohotel. After accommodation and a short break, walk along the shores 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 15 (Friday) LOS FLAMENCOS – LAGUNA DE COLORES - SAN PEDRO

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure before sunrise to Eduardo Abaroa Reserve National Park. Today you will reach the highlights of your adventure. Visit to Laguna Hedionda, Charcota, Siloli Desert, Stone Tree, Colored Lagoons with geysers and hot springs, Dalí Desert and Laguna Verde (Green Lagoon). Continue to Hito Cajon, on the border with Chile, where you will carry out the immigration and customs procedures and then continue towards San Pedro de Atacama. Arrival at the chosen hotel. **(B) (L)** 

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DAY 16 (Saturday) SALAR DE ATACAMA AND LOS FLAMENCOS NATIONAL PARK - CALAMA In the morning visit the Salar de Atacama and Laguna Chaxas. Then visit Jere's Ravine. Lunch in San Pedro de Atacama. In the afternoon visit to the Cordillera de la Sal and the Valley of the Moon. You will experience an unusual sunset in this strange, almost lunar valley, with its bright colors. Accommodation in the hotel chosen in San Pedro de Atacama. (B) (L)

# DAY 17 (Sunday) CALAMA – SANTIAGO

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the airport very early in the morning and flight to Santiago, the capital of Chile. Arrival in Santiago and transfer to the hotel. Lunch. Afternoon guided tour of the city and excursion to Cerro San Cristobal for a beautiful view of the city and the Andes. **(B) (L)** 

#### DAY 18 (Monday) SANTIAGO Valle del Maipo

Breakfast at the hotel. Our tour starts in Viña Concha y Toro in Pirque, accompanied by guides from the winery. You will be shown a video of the company, and guided through the old park and vineyards, including a visit to the famous Bodega del Diablo, followed by a tasting of 2 of its wines. The excursion to Concha y Toro lasts approximately 1 hour and you can buy its wines at the end if you are interested. You will also receive a glass of wine as a farewell gift. Our cycling experience begins after the Concha y Toro tour. We will pedal about 18 km (11 miles) along sidewalks and secondary rural streets making several stops along the way to comment or take pictures. Please let us know if you want to make more stops or if you have any special interest. We will try to adjust the route to improve your experience. The second winery to visit is Viña William Fevre. Here we will guide you in detail through the winemaking process. We can also bike through the vineyards if there is no mud (due to rain or irrigation). We will enhance the visit to Viña William Fevre in the early afternoon, after an abundant home-cooked meal. Return to Santiago. Overnight. **(B) (L)** 

#### DAY 19 (Tuesday) SANTIAGO AND ITS PARKS

Breakfast at the hotle. For about 5 hours, we will cycle some of the most interesting parks in the city, making small stops to hear explanations about the geographical environment and architecture. We have included the ascent of a slice of the Metropolitan Park where we will have a light snack and a sumptuous tasting of 2 Chilean wines. **(B)** 

DAY 20 (Wednesday) SANTIAGO Valleys of Casablanca, Tunquén and Quintay We pick you up to take you to the Casablanca Valley, where you will start pedaling along old rural roads flanked by trees and paved with little or no traffic. In a length of approx. 4 miles, we will cycle along Route 68, the main road between Santiago and Valparaiso. will leave Route 68 in Lo Vásquez and take a quiet secondary road to "Las Dichas", where we will stop for an abundant picnic on the route. After lunch, we will continue on our way in a vehicle, to reach the charming town of Algarrobo and immediately follow Tonquén, where we will take our bikes again for an exciting descent. We will visit the deserted beach of Tunquén and have time for a snack before taking our vehicle to head to Quintay, an old whale port that is now a charming tourist town. Our pedaling resumes at Quintay's entrance, where we will stretch our legs and enjoy the view before getting on our vehicle to return to Santiago at night. (B) (L) DAY 21 (Thursday) SANTIAGO Cuesta La Dormida

Today we will travel approx. 1 hour on our bus leaving Santiago to reach Tiltil, a charming little town and an early settlement of colonial Chile, full of history and homeland of delicious olive oils, tunas, goat cheese and various types of olives. Start our cycling experience in the central square of Tiltil and soon we will start touring the steep climbs of Cuesta La Dormida. On our upward path, we will have the opportunity to admire the native Chilean flora and if we enjoy a clear day, from the highest point of our climb we can appreciate the Andes and the Aconcagua, the highest peak in America, and at the same time, we will see the Pacific Ocean. We will enjoy an exciting descent towards the valley of Olmué, where a traditional Chilean lunch awaits us. You will go back to Santiago in the middle of the afternoon. Overnight in Santiago. **(B) (L) DAY 22** (Friday) **SANTIAGO DE CHILE - RETURN FLIGHT** 

Day free for private activities. Possibility of optional excursions. You can also enjoy the city before your departure flight. Early transfer to the airport for your return flight. End of our services (B)









