



## 11 DAY BOLIVIA DISCOVERY

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**Trip Duration:** 11 days

**Trip Difficulty:**

**Destination:** Bolivia

**Begins in:** La Paz

**Activities:** 

### INCLUDED

- Domestic flights (La Paz to Uyuni and Sucre to La Paz)
- Arrival & departure transfers
- Ground transportation
- Accommodations
- Meals where stated
- Excursions & entry fees
- Expert guides

### EXCLUDED

- International Flights
- Tips
- Beverages
- Tips

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### Itinerary

#### DAY 1 La Paz City Tour

We will pick you up from the La Paz airport and transfer you to your hotel. In the afternoon we will enjoy a half-day tour of the bustling city of La Paz. We will visit the Plaza Murillo that includes; the Presidential Palace, National Congress of Bolivia, National Art Museum and the Cathedral of La Paz. As we head south we'll encounter an unusual residential area known as Moon Valley. This fascinating place features stony formations that resemble the moon. We will then enjoy views of the city via Mi Teleferico, an incredible first-class cable-car ride above the city and end our tour by exploring the Witches Market in the vibrant Central La Paz. Overnight Rey Palace.

#### DAY 2 La Paz to Uyuni Salt Lake (Flight)

We will pick you up at your hotel early in the morning for an airport transfer for your flight to Uyuni. The most surreal landscape belongs to Salar de Uyuni at 4,086 square miles; it is the largest salt flat in the world. We will explore its unusual landscape, visit the Train Cemetery and continue to Colchani where we will visit a salt factory. We will enjoy many sights including: the pyramids of salt, the eyes of salt and the big holes in the salt flat, the old salt hotel as well as the Isla Incahuasi which is situated in the middle of Salar de Uyuni. This unique island offers many caves and a host of gigantic cacti that grow up to 33 feet tall. Overnight Luna Salada Salt Hotel (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

#### DAY 3 Uyuni Salt Lake to Laguna Colorada

After an early breakfast we will depart in our four-wheel drive vehicle towards Lake Cañapa, Hedionda, Charcota and Honda. These lakes are home to pink flamencos as well as other various birdlife. We will enjoy views of Volcán Ollagü, a massive stratovolcano that rises more than 19,000 ft. in elevation on our way to Laguna Colorada (Red Lagoon) and the Siloli Desert. Overnight Luna Salada Salt Hotel (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

#### DAY 4 Laguna Colorada to Laguna Verde to Uyuni

Today we will explore the Sunrise Geysers, sulphur vapors and thermal water emanation, as well as the mini fumaroles. We will have time to take a dip in a thermal pond, and then continue to the Dali Desert and Laguna Verde (Green Lagoon). Here we will watch the lake change color, enjoy lunch, visit the Valle of the Rocks, Villa Alota and then return to the town of Uyuni. Overnight Girasoles (Breakfast, Lunch)

#### DAY 5 Uyuni to Potosí (Flight)

After breakfast we pick you up at your hotel and transfer you to Potosí. The 124 mile trip offers views of magnificent landscapes. Potosí is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, full of past splendors, with ornate colonial architecture. Our afternoon city tour will include a visit to the National Mint of Bolivia. Overnight Colonial Hotel (Breakfast).

#### DAY 6 Potosí to Sucre

Today begins with a visit to the silver mines and a walk to the base of Cerro Rico Mountain, where during the 17th century millions of tons of silver were mined and conveyed to Spain. In the afternoon we will travel 3-hours from Potosí to Sucre. Overnight De su Merced Hotel (Breakfast)



**DAY 7 Sucre City Tour**

Sucre is the past capital of Bolivia and is declared a World Heritage Site by the UNESCO. Our full day tour includes a visit to the House of Liberty, Museum of La Recoleta, San Lázaro Church, the Courtyard of the Universidad Mayor de San Francisco Xavier and the Convent of San Felipe Nery. The tour is complete with a visit to the city of Jatun Yampara. Overnight De su Merced Hotel (Breakfast)

**DAY 8 Parque Cretácico (Dinosaur Park and Footprints)**

Sucre is home to one of the largest collections of dinosaur footprints in the world. With over 5,000 footprints set into the Cal Orck'o cliff, just 3 miles from the city center. The park is filled with numerous life-sized replicas of dinosaurs and houses one of the world's largest replica sculptures. Overnight De su Merced Hotel (Breakfast)

**DAY 9 Sucre to La Paz (Flight)**

After breakfast we will transfer you to the airport for your flight back to La Paz. Free afternoon and evening. Overnight Rey Palace (Breakfast)

**DAY 10 La Paz to Lake Titicaca to Copacabana and Sun Island**

We will pick you up at your hotel and drive approximately 3-hours to Copacabana situated on the shore of beautiful Lake Titicaca, located between Bolivia and Peru. Once in Copacabana we will board a private boat and head out to Sun Island (approximately 1-hour). We will arrive in time for a prepared native lunch, then will enjoy a trek around the island visiting Inca's ruins; Pilkokaina Palace, the Inca's Fountain and the 200 stairs of Yumani. After our tour of the island we will return to Copacabana and visit de Basilica (the Dark Madonna). In the afternoon we drive back to La Paz. Overnight Rey Palace (Breakfast, Lunch)

**DAY 11 Depart**

After breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport for flights back home. (Breakfast).

## BOLIVIA

### Best Time to Visit

Bolivia has two primary seasons, dry and wet. The dry season runs May through October (winter), this is the high season and is the best time to visit. Temperatures are fair (during the day) the skies are sunny and road conditions are better, making overland travel easier. The wet season is November through April (summer), December-March are the wettest months which makes travel difficult and dangerous. Bolivia can be visited throughout the year depending on where you plan to visit but be well prepared for extreme weather and possible travel delays.

#### Temperature

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Average High (F)	55	56	56	57	57	55
Average Low (F)	39	39	38	36	32	28

Month	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Average High (F)	55	56	57	58	59	58
Average Low (F)	27	29	32	36	38	38

### Entry Requirements

A tourist visa is required and is valid for 10 years. You can apply for a tourist visa through the Bolivian consulates in the United States. In addition to the visa fee of \$160 USD, you must present a visa application form with a 4cm x 4cm color photograph, a passport valid through the date of departure from Bolivia. Visitors must hold return/onward tickets and all documents required for their next destination as well as evidence of a hotel reservation or a letter of invitation in Spanish, International Vaccination Certificate for yellow fever.

### Vaccinations

It's currently recommended that visitors to have immunizations for hepatitis A, typhoid and yellow fever. You should also make sure your polio and tetanus vaccinations and boosters are up to date. In the case of yellow fever, make sure you get an international vaccination certificate: you may have to show this when entering an infected area or arriving in the Bolivian Amazon from Brazil or Peru, and a certificate is always required when travelling overland to Brazil from Bolivia. Check out the [CDC website](#) for more information.

**High Altitude Health Risks:** The altitude of La Paz ranges from 10,600 feet to over 13,000 feet above sea level. Much of Western Bolivia is at the same altitude or higher, including



Lake Titicaca, the Salar de Uyuni, and the cities of Oruro and Potosi. The altitude alone poses a serious risk of illness, hospitalization and even death, even for those in excellent health.

### Travel Advisories

Make two photocopies of valuables such as your passport, tickets, visas and travelers' cheques. Keep one copy with you in a separate place to the original and leave another copy with someone at home.

Be sure to inform your credit card company as well as your bank you will travel internationally into South America. This will eliminate any credit card holds for fraudulent activity.

### Currency

Carrying cash or traveler's check, also a credit card that can be used for cash advances in case of emergency is advisable. The best places to exchange money are normally bureau de change, which are fast, have longer hours and often give slightly better rates than banks. Local currency is boliviano (BOB), and it is advised to carry hard notes of USD. Better hotels, lodges, and camps will accept credit cards, however it is advised to withdraw cash when visiting remote areas and villages.

### Government

Bolivia government is a framework of a presidential representative democratic republic, whereby the president is head of state, head of government and head of a Diversity multi-party system.

### Religion

The people of Bolivia mostly identify themselves as Roman Catholic at 95%, Protestant (Evangelical Methodist) 5%.