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CANDELARIA TOURS is a family owned Destination Management Company based in Sucre, Bolivia since 1975. Our passion for Bolivia encourages us to improve constantly in providing high standard experiences all throughout our country. We are an experienced and creative company with great knowledge and understanding of our local cultures and sites.

Our journeys match particular expectations and wishes, they are focused on our guests' main interests, such as landscapes and nature, local indigenous cultures, colonial cities and sites off the beaten track, allowing a better understanding of different local cultures and ways of life.

We are a reliable, honest and responsible company that cares about each individual guest, offering the highest quality service at fair prices, maintaining our present reputation and expanding to international markets.

We care for details ... That makes us better.

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Since 1975

MISSION

We are a Bolivian DMC offering personalized services of the highest quality all around Bolivia. We aim to be leaders in providing services in Bolivia, that will translate in unforgettable and unique experiences for our visitors. We work in coordination with touristic service providers in Bolivia to promote or project Bolivia as an exotic and diverse destination, highly valued by locals and foreigners.

VISION

To be a leading company recognized for its high quality standards and its responsibility on providing exclusive experiences where our visitors take active part.

We aim to expand our services to international markets through our high level of satisfied guests and the recognition of our service.

We embrace a company based on a compromised organizational culture of customer service and we aim to become an example on environmental responsibility and consciousness.













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BOLIVIA

Bolivia is one of the most authentic and diverse countries in **South America**, known for its safety and stability. It offers a rich cultural legacy, dramatic topography but above all, the hospitality and warmth that Bolivians have towards their visitors. Bolivia, in the heart of South America, is bordered by Brazil, Paraguay, Argentina, Chile and Peru. Its territory extends from the eternal snow-capped mountains of the Andes to the luxuriant Amazon jungle. Due to its unique attractions and geographical locations it's a country full of contrasts.



BOLIVIA



Length

1.098.541 Km2 (425.807 square miles).



Population and People

Bolivia has over 11 million inhabitants approximately 70% of them live on the bleak plateau in the west.

A large majority of today's population are mestizo, people of Spanish American and American Indian percentage or descent. About 1% of the population is of African heritage. Most of the Bolivia population speaks either Quechua or Aymara as their first language.

Life expectancy is 69 years.



Education

School attendance is theoretically compulsory for children under 12. Bolivia's official illiteracy rate is below 5% and is one of the lowest in Latin America.

There are big differences between the cities and even more with the countryside.



Language

Spanish is the official language. The natives also speak Quechua in the valleys, Aymara in the Altiplano and Guarani and other dialects in the lowlands.



Religion

Law guarantees freedom of worship. Bolivia is a Lay State.



Capita

Sucre is the historical and official capital of Bolivia, being La Paz the seat of government.

BOLIVIA





Economy

Bolivia suffers from a rugged terrain, which make communications difficult, while its landlocked position hinders export development. Bolivia's economy is based mainly on agriculture, mining and the exportation of natural gas and oil. Some fabrics are also produced in the country.

Agriculture employs a large portion of the population. The most fertile area is located in the department of Santa Cruz where soya beans, sunflowers, cotton and sugar are produced. Agroindustry is blooming as processing plants are being built.

Mining is an area of considerable investment but it is not very stable due to the variation of prices in the international market. Tin and silver are still produced and gold is also exploited near Oruro and La Paz.

The oil and gas industry provides the government with its largest single source of income. Bolivia exports natural gas to Argentina, Brazil, Peru, Uruguay and Paraguay.

Lithium has great potential in the Bolivian economy due to the great resource near Salar de Uyuni.



Climate

Bolivia presents a full range of climates: cool in the highlands, mild in the valleys and warm in the flat lowlands. Generally, there are three months of rain (December through February), and nine months of crystal blue skies and sunshine. In the highlands and the valleys, the climate is dry which makes any temperature more comfortable.



Transportation

Major international airlines have offices in Bolivia and almost any flight can be arranged.

On land, most of the main roads are in excellent shape, although there are some minor roads that remain unpaved, and not in great conditions at some seasons.

Some very good water transportation is also available on Lake Titicaca.



Accommodation

A wide variety of comfortable accommodations are available in each hotel category.



Food

Besides international cuisine, Bolivia offers a large variety of national dishes especially of the spicy type. The quality of meat and vegetables is excellent and water is safe.



Shopping

A shopping paradise at fair prices.



Electric Power

Bolivia uses a standard current of 220 volts at 50 cycles except in some places in La Paz.



Office Hours

Shops work from 10:00 to 12:30 and from 15:30 to 19:00 on weekdays. Banks open from 09:00 to 16:00 on weekdays and from 09:00 to 13:00 on Saturday.

Offices open from 09:00 to 12:00 and from 14:30 to 18:00 on weekdays. Most establishments also work on Saturday morning.



Festivals

Besides Carnival, when native dances can be seen all around Bolivia, smaller festivals are scheduled through the year in each city and also in small villages, where even family events are a good reason to celebrate. Bolivia is full of color.

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History

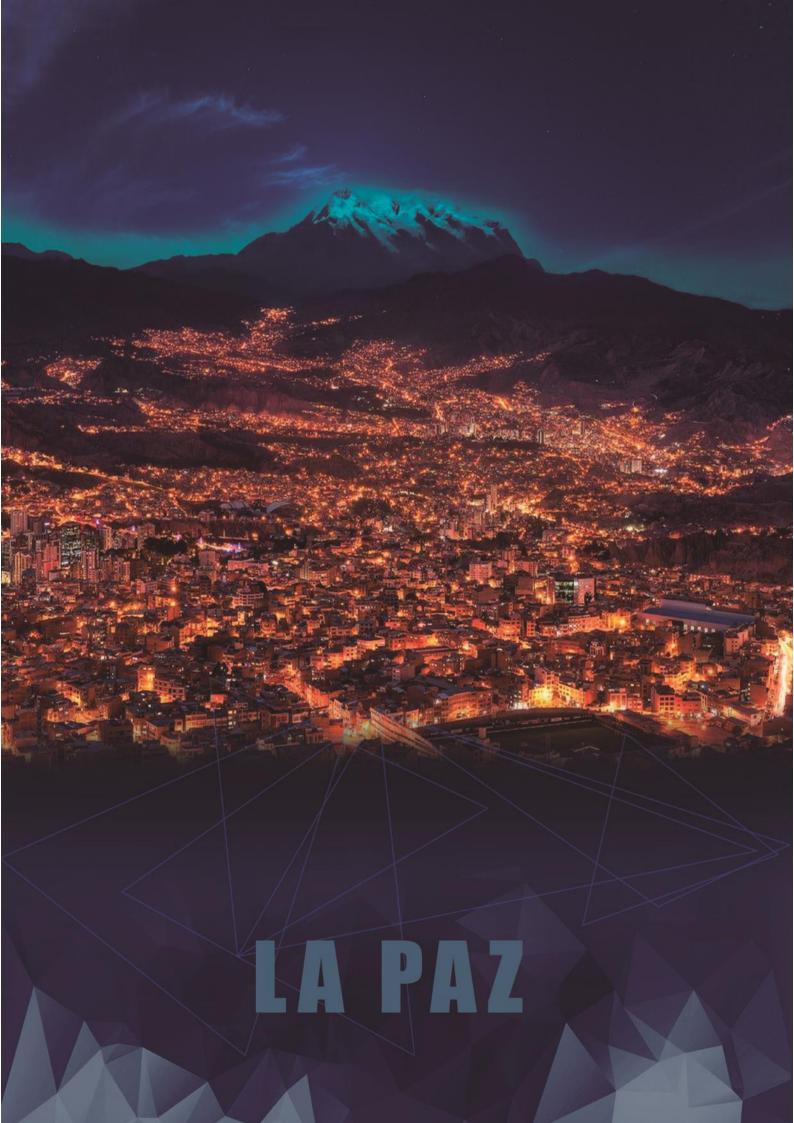
Bolivia was part of the extended Inca Empire until the arrival of the Spanish conquerors and part of the Alto Peru before it became independent in 1825. After the first Indian revolutions which had started in the late 16th. century, Bolivia was finally liberated by Simon Bolivar and Antonio Jose de Sucre.

In the colonial period this region had been the cradle of the silver mines when the city of Potosí was almost as populated as Paris and known throughout the world for its wealth.

The reserves of silver were almost depleted. In the 19th century, in the same regions tin was discovered and it became the mainstay of the Bolivian economy until 1985. Bolivia was more than twice the size that it is today, but international conflicts with neighboring countries ended in the loss of large tracts of land and of its seacoast, so that it has become, since 1879, a landlocked country. Since the beginning of its republican life Bolivia has changed presidents as no other country has, mainly because of the difficult economic and social conditions that developed in the country. It's only a little over 50 years since Bolivia really became a nation where advanced political, economic and social systems were established and at present day Bolivia is a modern country with a fabulous history of culture and traditions.



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LA PAZ

In an irregular landscape, La Paz is a vibrant city, growing and expanding in all directions. With diverse cultures and social levels, La Paz is a city of contrast.

It is one of the most populated urban centers in Bolivia and, being located in the occidental part of the country, it borders Chile and Peru.

It is the most important center of the **Aymara culture** and main access to Lake Titicaca, the highest navigable lake in the world.

In the surroundings are the ruins of **Tiwanaku**, one of the main commercial and cultural centers of Pre Inca times. This legendary site preserves some monoliths, ceramics and constructions that were by some, **the origin of the Incas**.

The northern part of the department shows an **amazing transition from the highlands to the Amazon.** The contrast is really incredible since the highlands have a desert like scenery while the Amazon has many rivers, forests and warm lands where nature shows its generosity.

La Paz has about 1.6 million inhabitants. The main languages spoken in this area are Spanish and Aymara.



LA PAZ



ALTITUDE AND CLIMATE

La Paz has different climate environments according to each zone's altitude. While the center of town is at 3.650 m.a.s.l. (11.975 ft.). Aranjuez is at 3.300 m.a.s.l. (10.827 ft.), El Alto (where the international airport is located) is at 4.082 m.a.s.l. (13.392 ft.).

The average temperature in winter is 15° C (59° F) and 22° C (72° F) in summer. In summer, rain falls most afternoons, while during winter, days are slightly cooler, but the sky is mostly clear and sunny.



HOW TO GET THERE

La Paz has a major International airport.

Local flights are available to most cities in the rest of Bolivia.

By land there is also good transportation to most of the main Bolivian cities.



WHERE TO STAY

There is a variety of Hotels and Hostels, with a wide range in both price and quality.



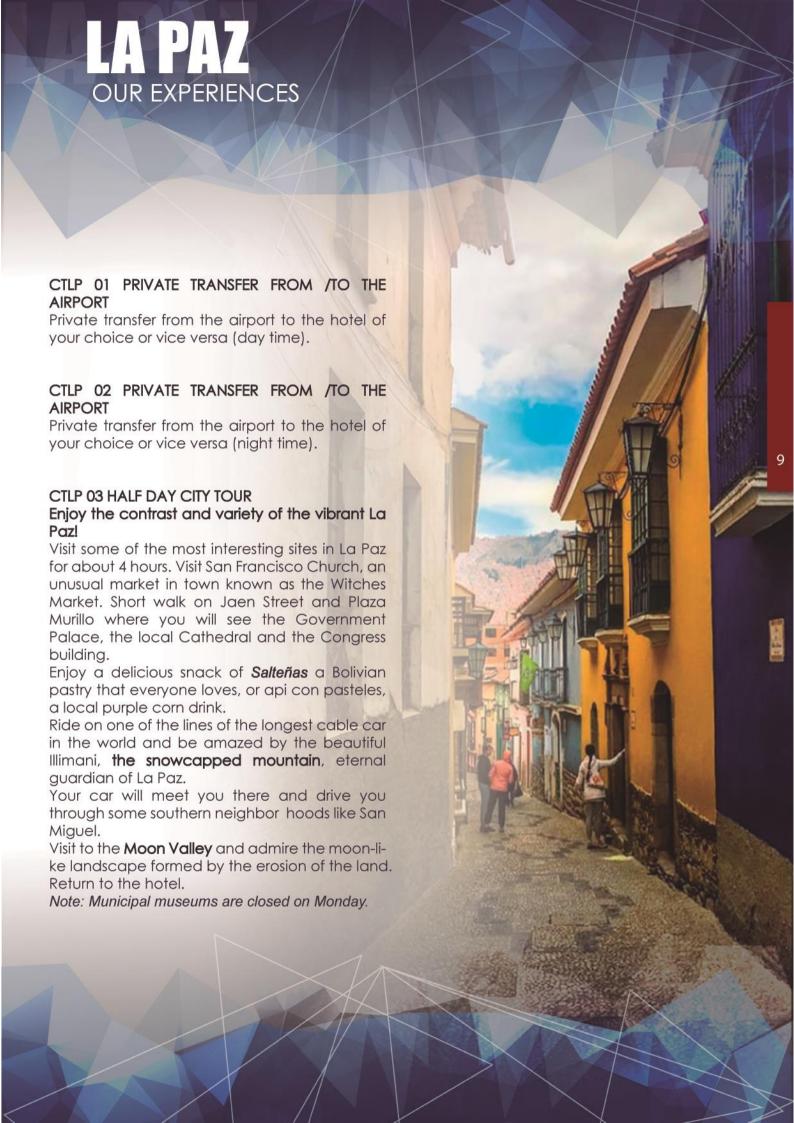
WHAT TO BUY

La Paz offers a wide variety of Bolivian handcrafts, from woven sweaters, to fine textiles and the traditional small souvenirs.



WHAT TO EAT

The Bolivian gastronomy is blooming with new initiatives of gourmet and fusion cuisine. Traditional and international dishes are also available.



LA PAZ OUR EXPERIENCES

CTLP 04 CITY TOUR AND MOON VALLEY WITH CABLE CAR RIDE Live the vibrant and colorful La Paz!

Enjoy the contrast and variety of the most interesting sites in La Paz for about 7 hours. Visit San Francisco Church, the biggest handicraft market in town known as the Witches Market. Short walk on Jaen Street and Plaza Murillo where you will see the Government Palace, the local Cathedral and the Congress building.

Enjoy a delicious snack of Salteñas a Bolivian pastry that everyone loves, or api con pasteles, a local purple corn drink.

Ride on one of the lines of the longest cable car in the world and be amazed by the beautiful Illimani, the snowcapped mountain, eternal guardian of La Paz. Continue to the South of La Paz and drive you through some southern neighborhoods like San Miguel and others.

Choose two of the following activities to complete your special visit in la Paz

- A Visit to the Moon Valley, well known for its eroded surface that resembles an out of this world the landscape.
- A visit to the home and workshop of one of our best known ceramists in Bolivia, Mario Sarabia, who tell us about his inspiration and his work.
- The gallery of Gaston Ugalde, a remarkable Bolivian artist.
- The Ethnography and Folklore museum.
- A workshop where the polleras, traditional women skirts are made.
- Other sites downtown.

Note: Municipal museums are closed on Monday and gallery visits must be booked in advance.



LA PAZ OUR EXPERIENCES

CTLP 05 CHOLET TOURS

Discover the cultural facade of the youngest city in Bolivia

The Cholets are local architectural designs at the city of El Alto. They mix the modern architecture with the local Aymara design, resulting in very colorful tall buildings that represent the wealth of local people in a rather poor environment.

They are a symbol of the new wealthy families of the area, who have built their own castle. The name cholet is formed by the words cholo (mestizo) and chalet. We guarantee you will be amazed by the buildings from outside and even more from the inside.

Pick up from your hotel and transfer to the line of the cable car that will transfer you to El Alto. Short walk on the area and drive to a neighborhood filled with different designs of cholets. Visit one of the buildings from the inside.



OUR EXPERIENCES

CTLP 06 TIWANAKU ON A FULL DAY Back to the origin of the Incas...

Breakfast and departure from La Paz to El Alto. Arrival to Laja, the original site of the foundation of La Paz. Travel through the Altiplano admiring the amazing landscapes.

Arrival to Tiwanaku, seat of one of the oldest American cultures, considered the cradle of the American man and one of the most advanced cultures in development at that time.

Visit the local museums and the archaeological site with the Kalasasaya temple the Gate of the Sun, the monoliths Ponce and Fraile; the Akapana pyramid and the Semi underground temple.

Lunch at a local restaurant.

Before returning to La Paz, visit to Puma Punku, a part of the Tiahuanaco complex. The name means the door of the Puma. The site has an occidental court without walls, a central hall and small area of megalithic stone terraces. There are also a few walls. This is one of the most recent developments in the ongoing work of the Tiwanaku diggings.

Return to La Paz.





CTLP 07 LA PAZ - COPACABANA -LAKE TITICACA - LA PAZ (FULL DAY).

A communion with nature and culture

Private transfer La Paz – Copacabana (or Kasani - Copacabana*).

The trip goes through the highlands of Bolivia, passing by Huarina, the first village on the shore of Lake Titicaca. We then continue on the eastern side of the lake until the strait of Tiquina (2 hours) that connects the minor with the major lake. On route we will visit a workshop where Totora Reed boats are made by the youngest generations of the Limachi's who participated in the world expeditions of Thor Heyerdahl. We cross the strait by boat and then continue driving to Copacabana. The landscape that combines views of Lake Titicaca with the Andean Range is certainly breathtaking (1-hour drive).

Arrival to Copacabana, a very important town for pilgrims, as the patron of the town, the dark skin Virgin of Copacabana is in their impressive colonial cathedral.

Short walk to the shore of Lake Titicaca to board the boats that will transfer us to Sun Island.

Apthapi lunch on Sun Island and visit to the Pilkocaina temple.

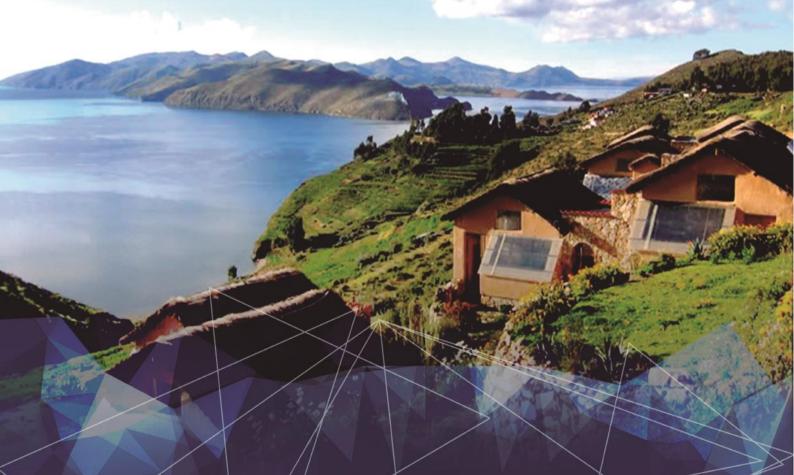
Hike to the village of Yumani, seeing on the way the agricultural terraces.

Descend on the Staircase of the Inca after drinking from the fountain of eternal youth.

Return to Copacabana by boat and drive back to La Paz.

Note: Additional cost for Kasani Copacabana or vice versa applies.

Please make sure you have your passport.





CTLP 08 LA PAZ - COPACABANA - SUN ISLAND- MOON ISLAND Day 1 La Paz Copacabana

The trip goes through the highlands of Bolivia, passing by Huarina, the first village on the shore of Lake Titicaca. We then continue on the eastern side of the lake until the strait of Tiquina (2 hours) that connects the minor with the major lake. On route we will visit a workshop where Totora Reed boats are made by the youngest generations of the Limachi's who participated in the world expeditions of Thor Heyerdahl. We cross the strait by boat and then continue driving to Copacabana. The landscape that combines views of Lake Titicaca with the Andean Range is certainly breathtaking (1-hour drive).

Visit the local village, the local streets the Sanctuary of the dark skin Virgin, the handcrafts markets and the local products market. Lunch in Copacabana.

Short walk to the shore of Lake Titicaca to board the boats that will transfer us to **Sun Island**. Visit the **Pilkocaina temple** and hike to La Estancia Ecolodge. Dinner and overnight at La Estancia del Lago in standard room.

Optional stay in Copacabana.





Day 2 Copacabana – Sun Island – Moon Island – La Paz

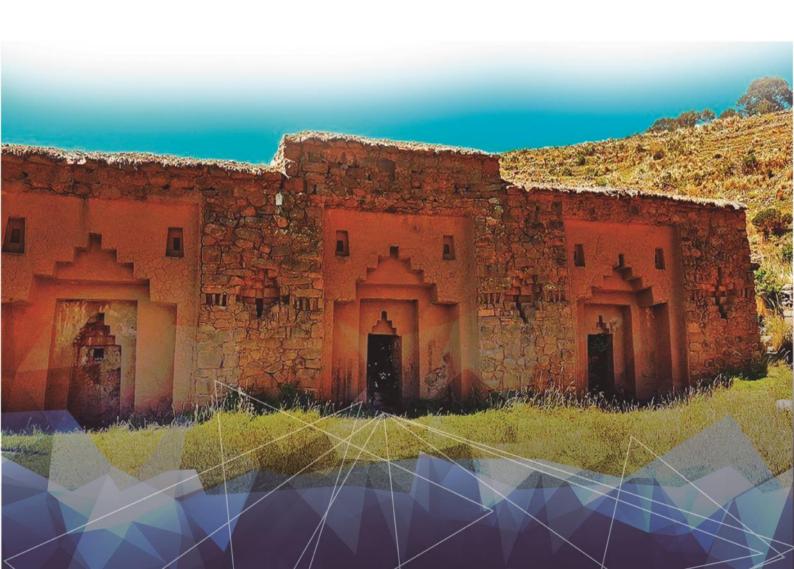
Breakfast and short hike to the village of **Yumani**, seeing on the way the **agricultural terraces**.

Descend on the **Staircase of the Inca** after drinking from the **fountain of eternal** youth.

Boat ride to **Moon Island** to visit the **Sacred Temple of the Virgins of the Sun**. Aphtapi lunch.

The views of Lake Titicaca and the Royal Range are certainly breathtaking. Return to Copacabana and drive back to La Paz or transfer to the Kasani border for connection to Puno in Peru.

Note: Additional cost for Kasani Copacabana or vice versa applies.





CTLP 09 LA PAZ – TIWANAKU -COPACABANA – SUN ISLAND- MOON ISLAND Day 1 La Paz -Tiwanaku -Copacabana

Breakfast and departure to El Alto. Arrival to Laja, the original site of the foundation of La Paz. Travel through the Altiplano admiring the amazing landscapes.

Arrival to **Tiwanaku**, seat of one of the oldest American cultures, considered the **cradle of the American man** and one of the most advanced cultures in development at that time.

Visit the local museums and the archaeological site with the **Kalasasaya temple the Gate of the Sun**, the monoliths Ponce and Fraile; the **Akapana pyramid** and the Semi underground temple.

Lunch at a local restaurant and return to El Alto.

Drive from El Alto to Copacabana.

Visit the local village, the local streets the **Sanctuary of the dark skin Virgin**, the handcrafts markets and the local products market. Optional hike to El Calvario hill.

Dinner and overnight in Copacabana.





Day 2 Copacabana – Sun Island – Moon Island – La Paz

Breakfast and short walk to the shore of **Lake Titicaca** to board the boats that will transfer us to **Sun Island.** Visit the **Pilkocaina temple** and short hike to the **village of Yumani**, seeing on the way the agricultural terraces.

Descend on the **Staircase of the Inca** after drinking from the **fountain of eternal** youth.

Aphtapi lunch on route.

Boat ride to Moon Island to visit the Sacred Temple of the Virgins of the Sun, enjoying the views of Lake Titicaca and the Royal Range, certainly breathtaking. Return to Copacabana and drive back to La Paz or transfer to the border of Kasani for connection to Puno in Peru.

Note: Additional cost for Kasani Copacabana or vice versa applies.



LA PAZ OUR EXPÉRIENCES

CTLP 10 COROICO ON A FULL DAY

Departure from La Paz to "La Cumbre" at 4.650 m.a.s.l. This is the highest point on this journey and the **landscape is truly breathtaking**. Drive for about 2-1/2 to 3 hours through an impressive mountain road between cliffs and rocky walls down to the Yungas rain forest located at 1.700 m.a.s.l.

If you wish you can **walk** a small portion of the famous **death road** and take incredible photos.

Arrival to Senda Verde. Visit the **animal refuge** and continue to Coroico and continue to Munaipata, a cooperative specialized in the growth and blend of high altitude coffee.

On the way, see how coca leaves and some local seasonal fruits are grown. Lunch at Munaipata and explore the cooperative to see **how coffee is grown and processed**. We finish our visit by tasting some of their blends. Degustation of the coffee and return to La Paz.





CTLP 11 COROICO ON A FULL DAY - DEATH ROAD BY BIKE

Pick up from your hotel and drive to the meeting point for the shared basis option. Private option goes directly from the hotel to La Cumbre.

We start the day by driving to the high point, La Cumbre, at dizzying 4.700 m.a.s.l. From here we'll indulge in an adrenaline-filled downhill (mountain biking) adventure along a scenic route which goes from snowy peaks through sharp curves with steep falls, waterfalls, and lush vegetation.

The Yungas Road was built in the 1930s by Paraguayan prisoners during the Chaco War to connect La Paz to the Bolivian Amazon. Christened the most dangerous road in the world by the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB) in 1995, it fell into relative disuse for auto transit but became popular with downhill mountain bikers as the infamous Death Road. Over the next 5 hours we'll enjoy the rush of our 3.500 descent along this infamous route. It will take an hour to reach our first stop, Unduavi. Overall the ride will take approximately 5 hours, with several stops along the way for taking photos of the stunning landscapes, resting, hydrating, and snacking.

The highlight of the trip is the **Curve of Death**, where we **ride through several waterfalls** and along a sharp curve with vertical drop.

After our **unforgettable ride**, we arrive to the small village of Yolosa, a subtropical area at 1.800 m.a.s.l. We visit the **Senda Verde animal refuge** and continue to **Munaipata**, a cooperative specialized in the growth and blend of high altitude coffee.

On the way, see how **coca leaves** and some local seasonal fruits are grown. Lunch at Munaipata and explore the cooperative to see how coffee is grown and processed. We finish our visit by tasting some of their blends. Degustation of the coffee and return to La Paz.

Optional private service at additional cost.







LA PAZ

CTLPX 01 BOLIVIAN ART TOUR

Visit some of the **best and most creative artists of Bolivia** in native painting, ceramic, modern art, jewelry and photography for about 6 hours.

They all, in their own way, interpret the **Bolivian and Andean culture in their art** and with their own unique perspective.

Shopping in each site, directly from the artists is quite a treat.

Along this journey, enjoy a delicious snack of Salteñas, ride on the cable car and see the **diversity** of the streets and neighborhoods in La Paz.

Specific artists and galleries subject to confirmation at the time of booking, depending on their availability.





CTLPX 02 MAKING POLLERAS WITH STYLE

The pollera is the **identity of the Bolivian mestizo women**. They are distinctive to the various regions of the country and also they mark a social status, part of the culture and traditions in Bolivia

Visit the **high couture workshop** of a pollera maker, see the style not only of the polleras but of all of the accessories that will make a unique elegant outfit for a distinguished *cholita*. Polleras are also an everyday garment.... Let's see how the **everyday** *pollera* **is made** in a local workshop!.

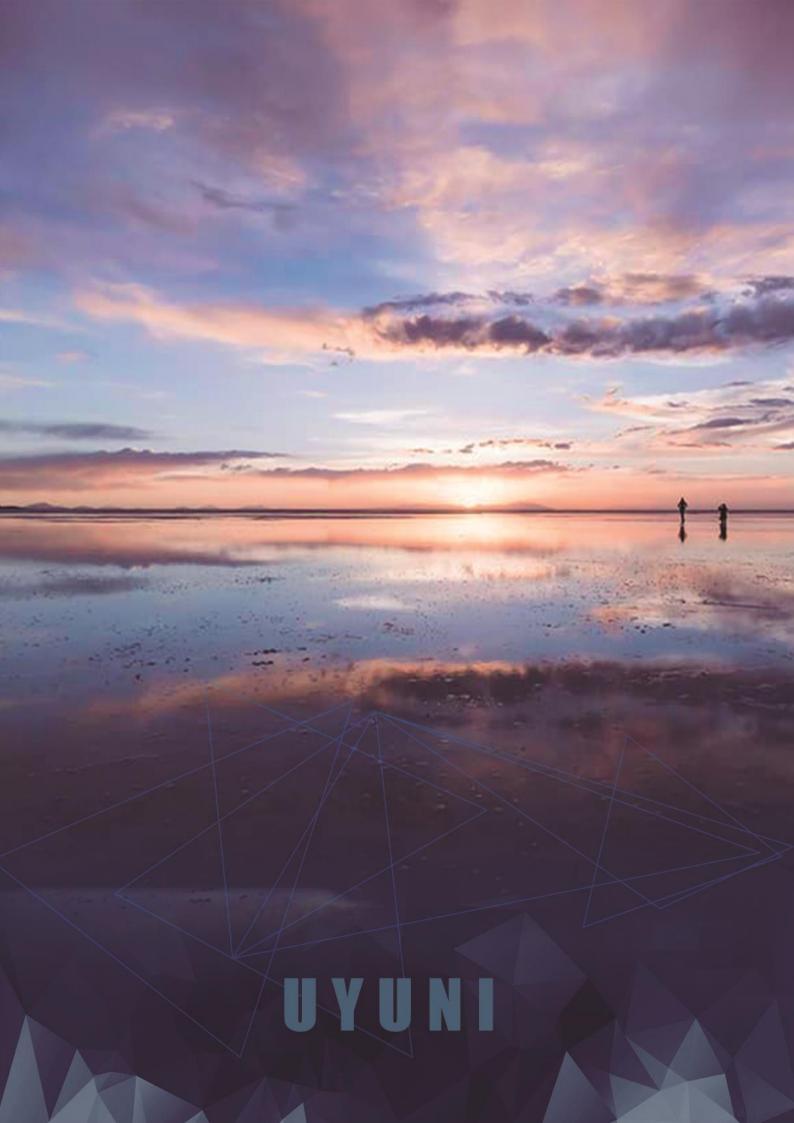
Riding on the cable car and strolling around a busy market are also a part of this experience.

CTLPX 03 FINE DINING

Restaurants like **Gustu**, **Ali Pacha**, **Popular**, **Propiedad Publica** and others, have turned La Paz into a booming gastronomic destination.

We will find the latest trends and prepare a fine dining experience to complete your La Paz and Bolivia visit.





UYUNI

Uyuni was founded mainly as a **train station** and dry port to connect Bolivia with the neighbor countries of Chile and Argentina.

Maps locate Uyuni mainly as a **gateway to one of the most interesting and amazing areas in the country and in the world**: Salar de Uyuni and the Eduardo Avaroa National Park.

Salar de Uyuni, originally named Salar de Thunupa, is 10.582 Km² (4.087 sq. mi.), and it is the **largest and highest Salt Flat in the World**.

It lays at a height of 3.660 m.a.s.l. (12.008 ft.) and the average temperature is between –25° C at night and 20° C during the day.

Its formation, same as the rest of the Salt Plains in the area is due to the high levels of evaporation in the Southern Altiplano.

Eduardo Avaroa National Park is full of surreal landscapes: areas in the Altiplano, fumaroles, salt plains and others that make a trip through this area an unforgettable adventure.

These landscapes are completed by the **local fauna**: vicuñas in the desert and the highlands, 3 varieties of South American flamingoes in the lagoons and other varieties of mammals and birds.

Laguna Colorada, the **main nesting place for flamingoes** and, at the feet of Licancabur Volcano, Laguna Verde with its incredible turquoise color, are certainly outstanding and called the **Jewels of the High plateau** for a reason.



UYUNI



HOW TO GET THERE

The small airport of Uyuni has direct flights to La Paz at least twice a day. It has overnight buses to Potosi, Sucre, Oruro and La Paz. The train station remains in Uyuni connecting the city with Oruro and other border cities such as Villazón (Argentina) and Ollague (Chile).



ALTITUDE

The height of the city of Uyuni is 3.620 m.a.s.l. (12.008 ft.).



CLIMATE

Cold, with an annual average temperature of 3° C. It rains mostly in the months of December – March, and can remain until May.



WHAT TO EAT

There are a few restaurants that feature some International dishes and pizzas. Regional cuisine is based on llama meat and quinoa, the traditional grain of the Andes.



WHERE TO STAY

There are some Hostels and Hotels in the city of Uyuni.

The curious Salt Hotels on the border of the Uyuni Sal Flats are considered amongst the most exotic in the world. There are some small boarding houses in the Salar area and in the Eduardo Avaroa National Park.

There are also luxury domes in the middle of the Salt Flats that are quite an experience and include an innovative culinary proposal.



WHAT TO BUY

Diverse handcrafts and salt statues are available.



CTUY 01 TRANSFER IN / OUT UYUNI AIRPORT

Private transfer from the airport to the chosen hotel or vice versa.

CTUY 02 TRAIN CEMETERY

Only 15 minutes out of Uyuni we find a very **unusual train repair shop**, machines are from the late 1.800 and have stopped working. These trains lay on an isolated flatland where the wind is their eternal companion, becoming an **icon of Uyuni**.

Note: All tours in Uyuni Salt Flats and Colored Lagoons include the visit to the train cemetery.



OUR EXPERIENCES

CTUY 03 UYUNI SALT FLATS – INCAHUASI ISLAND - COQUESA An out of this world day!

Departure from the hotel and visit to Colchani. Walk on a plant where salt with iodine is processed by the locals. Visit to the small market where handcrafts are made on salt. Enter the magnificent Sal Flats, see the way local people gather salt for processing it.

Discover why the eyes of the Salt Flats are boiling. Continue your journey on the Salt Flats and have a unique photo session in a great plain of Salt where perspective is only a theory. Visit Incahuasi Island where gigantic cacti grow making the landscape even more unique. Walk on a petrified coral path and enjoy lunch in the middle of the Salt Flats. Drive to the northern shore of the Uyuni Salt Flats, to Coquesa, where the views of Salar de Uyuni are again different and just as impressive.

Short hike on the hillside, to the entrance of the Cave of the Coquesa mummies. At the end of the day, watch an **amazing sunset**. Return to Uyuni.

Exact route will be adapted to weather conditions at the time of your visit. UYUNI SALT FLATS RAINY SEASON

Breakfast and drive to Uyuni and the **Train Cemetery** where we find a very unusual train repair shop, machines are from the late 1.800 and have stopped working after. These trains lay on an isolated flatland where the wind is their eternal companion, becoming an icon of Uyuni.

Visit to Colchani. Walk on a plant where salt with iodine is processed by the locals. Visit to the small market where handcrafts are made on salt.

Enter the **magnificent Sal Flats**, see the way local people gather salt for processing it. Continue your journey on the Salt Flats and have a unique **photo session i**n a great plain of Salt where **perspective is only a theory.**

Enjoy photographing the white our effect. Lunch on the Salt Flats.

If desired, you can stay and watch an amazing sunset.

Return to Uyuni.



UYUN OUR EXPÉRIENCES

CTUY 04 UYUNI SALT FLATS – INCAHUASI - ISLAND GALAXY AND DEVIL'S CAVE Departure from the hotel and visit to Colchani. Walk on a plant where salt with iodine is processed by the locals. Visit to the small market where handcrafts are

made on salt.

Enter the **magnificent Sal Flats**, see the way local people gather salt for processing it. Discover why the **eyes of the Salt Flats are boiling**. Continue your journey on the Salt Flats and have a unique photo session in a great plain of Salt where perspective is only a theory.

Visit Incahuasi Island, where **gigantic cacti grow**, making the landscape even more unique.

Walk on a petrified coral path and enjoy lunch in the middle of the Salt Flats. Drive to the southern shore of the Uyuni Salt Flats to the Galaxy Cave, called so, because of its resemblance to an out of earth site. This is an underwater cave of remote times and next to it, is the Devil's Cave, and ancient cemetery of pre Incan cultures: The Lipez, that lived in the area. Learn about how these places were discovered and the legends and traditions of the locals.

At the end of the day, **watch an amazing sunset.** Return to Uyuni.

Exact route will be adapted to weather conditions at the time of your visit.



OUR EXPERIENCES

CTUY 05 UYUNI SALT FLATS - INCAHUASI ISLAND- COQUESA

Day 1 Uyuni Incahuasi Island Coquesa Colchani

Departure from the hotel and visit to Colchani. Walk on a plant where **salt with iodine is processed by the locals**. Visit to the small market where handcrafts are made on salt.

Enter the magnificent Sal Flats, see the way local people gather salt for processing it. Discover why the **eyes of the Salt Flats are boiling**. Continue your journey on the Salt Flats and have a unique photo session in a great plain of Salt where **perspective is only a theory.**

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Walk on a petrified coral path and drive to the northern shore of the Uyuni Salt Flats to Coquesa where the **views of Salar de Uyuni** are again different and just as impressive.

Short hike on the hillside, to the entrance of the Cave of the Coquesa mummies. Enjoy **lunch in the middle of the Salt Flats.**

Return to Colchani watching the amazing sunset on the Salt Flats.

Dinner and overnight at a Salt Hotel in Colchani.





Day 2 Colchani Galaxy and Devil's Cave Uyuni Breakfast.

Drive to the southern shore of the Uyuni Salt Flats to the Galaxy Cave, called so, because of its resemblance to an **out of earth site.** This is an underwater cave of remote times and next to it, is the Devil's Cave, and **ancient cemetery of pre Incan cultures:** The Lipez, that lived in the area. Lunch on route.

Learn about how these places were discovered and the **legends and traditions** of the locals.

At the end of the day, watch an amazing sunset. Return to the hotel.

Exact route will be adapted to weather conditions at the time of your visit.

UYUNOUR EXPERIENCES

CTUY 06 KACHI LODGE ADVENTURE IN SALAR DE UYUNI

A 3-day luxury adventure for those that wish to flavor Salar de Uyuni.

Arrival transfer from the airport to Kachi Lodge across the great plain of salt of Salar de Uyuni. In the rainy season drive via the main road to Jirira.

Participate in the "a la carte" activities at Kachi Lodge and enjoy the gastronomy of Gustu by Claus Meyer, handled by Nativa.

There are many options to make the best out of your experience on the Salar. One not to be missed is a **hike** in the morning to nearby "island" covered with giant cacti and offering amazing views on the Salar.

Another option is a **visit to the charming village** of Coquesa and its mummies sheltered in a cave 600 m. over the village, again with beautiful views on the Salar. At about 1h15 driving lies the interesting archeological site of Alcaya, an **old pre Colombian city** near Salinas.

The fit ones can **hike to the lower lip of Thunupa** volcano crater (2 hrs.). When in activity, a visit to the Salinas (where locals collect the salt from the Salar) will help you to **understand how locals collect the salt form the surface.**

You can also borrow one of our **mountain bikes** and experience the flatness of the Salar around the camp.

At night, **a telescope** is at your disposal to observe the starry night of the Altiplano. Spend 2 nights at the **luxury dome**, near Jirira.

At the end of the experience drop off at the Uyuni airport or the Uyuni village. *This tour can be combined and completed with an extension to the Colored Lagoons in Uyuni.



OUR EXPERIENCES

CTUY 07 STARGAZING

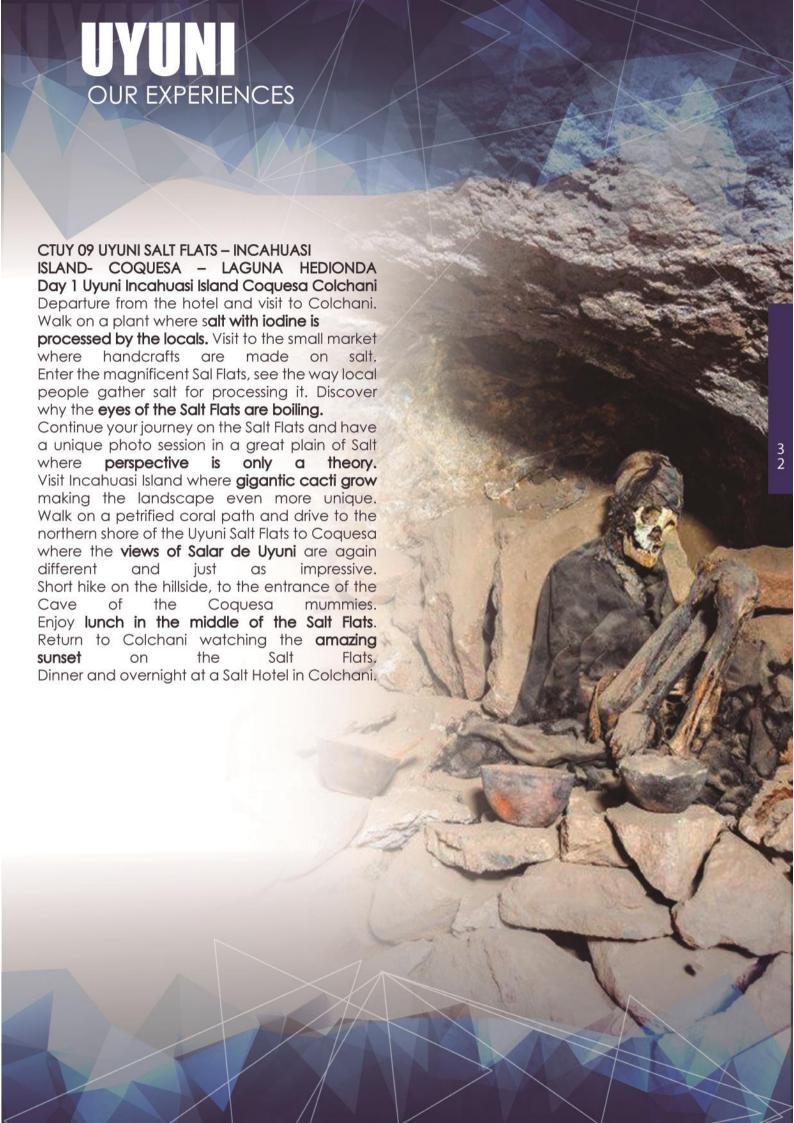
Stargazing on the Salt Flats is a very **special experience**. Stars on the Southern Hemisphere are seen with **magnificent glow and splendor**, and they are most enjoyable with a taste of Bolivian warm wine.

The tour lasts 2 hours and can only be done when the sky is not cloudy and the weather conditions allow it.

CTUY 08 SUNRISE AT THE SALT FLATS

The shine of the early morning sun on a great white plain is a show worth watching. The visit includes a warm snack and lasts 1 to 2 hours.





Day 2 Uyuni - Train Cemetery - Laguna Hedionda - Uyuni

Departure from Uyuni and visit to the train cemetery.

Drive by San Cristobal, a colonial town, now the largest source of silver in the world, where it possible to visit the church that has original frescos on the wall. along the Alota River where we see mainly birds of the region. Walk Visit on route the Valley of the Rocks and Black Lunch on route.

Continue to Laguna Hedionda known for its natural inhabitants: the flamingos that parade company other on the shore on the of smaller Return to Uyuni passing by an Altiplano landscape where we see the small Andean towns. Exact route will be adapted to weather conditions at the time of your visit.





CTUY 10 UYUNI SALT FLATS – COQUESA – RED LAGOON - UYUNI Day 1 Uyuni Incahuasi Island Coquesa Colchani

Departure from the hotel and visit to Colchani. Walk on a plant where salt with iodine is processed by the locals. Visit to the small market where handcrafts are made on salt.

Enter the magnificent Sal Flats, see the way local people gather salt for processing it. Discover why the eyes of the Salt Flats are boiling. Continue your journey on the Salt Flats and have a unique photo session in a great plain of Salt where perspective is only a theory.

Visit Incahuasi Island where **gigantic cacti grow** making the landscape even more unique.

Walk on a petrified coral path and drive to the northern shore of the Uyuni Salt Flats to Coquesa where the **views of Salar de Uyuni** are again different and just as impressive.

Short hike on the hillside, to the entrance of the Cave of the Coquesa mummies. Enjoy **lunch in the middle of the Salt Flats.**

Return to Colchani watching the **amazing sunset** on the Salt Flats. Dinner and overnight at a Salt Hotel in Colchani.



Day 2 Colchani - Laguna Hedionda - Ojo de Perdiz

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure from Colchani. Visit the train cemetery where we find a very **unusual train repair shop**, machines are from the late 1800 and have stopped working.

These trains lay on an isolated flatland where the wind is their eternal companion, becoming an **icon of Uyuni.**

Continue to Laguna Cañapa and Laguna Hedionda, passing by the small Andean towns and the Valley of the Rocks. These Lagoons are known for its natural inhabitants: the **flamingos** that parade on the shore on the company of other smaller birds. Lunch on route.

Enter the vast Desert of Siloli, seeing some of the native animals of the area such as herds of **wild vicuñas feeding**. With a bit of luck, we may also see *vizcachas*, a type of wild long tailed rabbit.

Dinner and overnight at Ojo de Perdiz Desert Hotel.

Day 3 Ojo de Perdiz - Laguna Colorada – Uyuni

Breakfast and departure from Ojo de Perdiz, driving on the amazing Desert of Siloli where the famous Stone Tree stands.

Arrival to the western side of Laguna Colorada, the main nesting place for 3 varieties of South American flamingoes.

Visit the Sol de Mañana Fumaroles, where we see the **earth in activity.** Continue to the Chalviri Lagoon where, if desired, one can take a bath in the **hot springs** of this region.

Drive through Dali's Desert until Laguna Blanca and Laguna Verde, where **the turquoise green of the waters** merge into a surreal landscape.

Lunch on route.

Continue from Green Lagoon to Hito Cajon or return to Uyuni.

Exact route will be adapted to weather conditions and hotel availability at the time of your visit.





CTUY 11 UYUNI SALT FLATS - COQUESA - COLORED LAGOONS - UYUNI Day 1 Uyuni - Incahuasi Island - Coquesa - Galaxy and Devil's Cave Departure from the hotel and visit to Colchani. Walk on a plant where salt with iodine is processed by the locals. Visit to the small market where handcrafts are made on salt. Enter the magnificent Sal Flats, see the way local people gather salt for processing it.

Discover why the eyes of the Salt Flats are boiling. Continue your journey on the Salt Flats and have a unique photo session in a great plain of Salt where **perspective is only a theory.** Visit Incahuasi Island, where **gigantic cacti grow**, making the landscape even more unique. Walk on a petrified coral path and drive to the northern shore of the Uyuni Salt Flats to Coquesa where the views of Salar de Uyuni are again different and just as impressive. Short hike on the hillside, to the entrance of the Cave of the Coquesa mummies. Enjoy **lunch in the middle of the Salt Flats.**

Drive across the great plains of Salt to the southern shore of the Uyuni Salt Flats, to the Galaxy Cave, called so, because of its **resemblance to an out of earth site.** This is an underwater cave of remote times and next to it, is the Devil's Cave, **an ancient cemetery** of pre Incan cultures, the Lipez, that lived in the area. Learn about how these places were discovered and the **legends and traditions** of the locals.

Dinner and overnight at Tayka Stone Hotel in San Pedro de Quemez.





Day 3 Ojo de Perdíz - Colored Lagoons - Uyuni

Breakfast and departure from Ojo de Perdiz, driving on the isolated but at the same time amazing Desert of Siloli where we see **the vicuñas feeding** and where the famous Stone Tree stands.

Arrival to the western side of Laguna Colorada, the most important **nesting place for 3 varieties of South American flamingoes.**

Visit the Sol de Mañana Fumaroles, where we see the earth in activity.

Continue to the Chalviri Lagoon where, if desired, one can take a bath in the hot springs of this region.

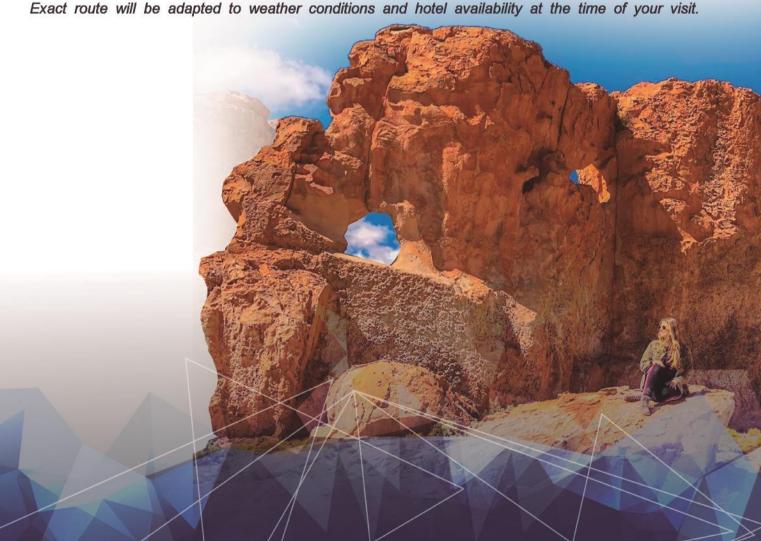
Drive through Dali's Desert until Laguna Blanca and Laguna Verde, where the turquoise green of the waters merge in a surreal landscape.

Lunch on route.

Return to Uyuni passing by the eastern side of Laguna Colorada, where the red water of the lagoons, the **flamingos flying just above the water** and the colored mountains, make landscapes worth enjoying and photographing.

Drive through Villamar and the Andean Villages, passing by the Valley of the Rocks. Arrival to Uyuni.

An option for this tour is to finish in San Pedro de Atacama, where we can continue from Green Lagoon in 1 hour and a half.





CTUY 12 SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA - COLORED LAGOONS - SAN PEDRO DE QUEMEZ- UYUNI SALT FLATS

Day 1 San Pedro de Atacama - Colored Lagoons - Ojo de Perdiz Pick up from your hotel in San Pedro de Atacama and private transfer to Hito Cajon. Meet at the border with our Bolivian guide and driver and start your journey on Eduardo Avaroa National Park.

After clearing the paperwork with immigrations, visit to Laguna Blanca and Laguna Verde, that stands out as the **turquoise green color of the waters** make a surreal landscape that, according to some, has a **Mars like environment**. Drive through Dali's Desert until the Chalviri Lagoon where, if desired, one can take a bath in the hot springs of this region. Lunch on route.

Visit the Sol de Mañana Fumaroles, where we see the earth in activity and continue the trip to the western side of Laguna Colorada, the most important **nesting place for 3 varieties of South American flamingoes.** Drive on the isolated but at the same time amazing Desert of Siloli where we see the **vicuñas feeding** and the famous Stone Tree stands. Dinner and overnight at the Desert Hotel Tayka Ojo de Perdíz.



Day 2 Ojo de Perdiz - Minor Lagoons - Uyuni

Breakfast and departure from Ojo de Perdiz, driving on the vast Desert of Siloli until the Minor Lagoons. One of the most interesting is Laguna Hedionda, known for its natural inhabitants: the **flamingos** that parade on the shore on the company of other smaller birds.

Lunch on route.

Continue the journey of amazing landscapes and visit a **valley of petrified** lava with natural formations that still show the motion of the flowing lava and allow us to imagine the past times in this region. Drive past the small Andean towns and arrive to the **train cemetery**, an icon of Uyuni.

Continue to Uyuni and Colchani.

Dinner and overnight at a Salt Hotel.





Day 3 Uyuni Salt Flats – Incahuasi Island – Colchani - Uyuni

Breakfast at the hotel.

An out of this world day!

Departure from the hotel and visit to Colchani. Walk on a plant where salt with iodine is processed by the locals. Visit to the small market where handcrafts are made on salt. Enter the magnificent Sal Flats, see the way local people gather salt for processing it.

Discover why the eyes of the Salt Flats are boiling. Continue your journey on the Salt Flats and have a unique photo session in a great plain of Salt where perspective is only a theory. Visit Incahuasi Island where gigantic cacti grow making the landscape even more unique. Walk on a petrified coral path and enjoy lunch in the middle of the Salt Flats. Drive to the northern shore of the Uyuni Salt Flats, to Coquesa, where the views of Salar de Uyuni are again different and just as impressive.

Short hike on the hillside, to the entrance of the Cave of the Coquesa mummies. At the end of the day, watch an **amazing sunset**. Return to Uyuni.

Exact route will be adapted to weather conditions at the time of your visit.



CTUY 13 UYUNI SALT FLATS – COLCHANI - COLORED LAGOONS – UYUNI Day 1 Uyuni Incahuasi Island Colchani

An out of this world day!

Departure from the hotel and visit to Colchani. Walk on a plant where salt with iodine is processed by the locals. Visit to the small market where handcrafts are made on salt. Enter the magnificent Sal Flats, see the way local people gather salt for processing it.

Discover why the eyes of the Salt Flats are boiling. Continue your journey on the Salt Flats and have a unique photo session in a great plain of Salt where perspective is only a theory. Visit Incahuasi Island where gigantic cacti grow making the landscape even more unique. Walk on a petrified coral path and enjoy lunch in the middle of the Salt Flats. Drive to the northern shore of the Uyuni Salt Flats, to Coquesa, where the views of Salar de Uyuni are again different and just as impressive.

Short hike on the hillside, to the entrance of the Cave of the Coquesa mummies. At the end of the day, watch an **amazing sunset.**

Dinner and overnight at a Salt Hotel.

Exact route will be adapted to weather conditions at the time of your visit.





Day 2 Colchani Train Cemetery San Cristobal Minor Lagoons Villamar Breakfast and departure to Uyuni and the train cemetery, where we see a very unusual train repair shop. Continue to San Cristobal. Drive on amazing landscapes, such as the Valley of the Rocks, where the formations of petrified lava are quite dramatic. A great spot for photography. Visit the Black Lagoon and continue to Laguna Hedionda passing by the small Andean towns.

Arrival to Laguna Hedionda, outstanding for its natural inhabitants: the **flamingos** that parade on the shore on the company of other smaller birds. Lunch on route.

Drive to the Valley of Catal, an out **of the beaten path** site with a wonderful landscape. Continue to Villamar.

Dinner and overnight at Mallcu Cueva in Villamar.

Day 3 Villamar - Colored Lagoons - Uyuni

Breakfast and departure from Villamar to Laguna Colorada, the most important nesting place for 3 varieties of South American flamingoes.

Visit the Sol de Mañana Fumaroles, where we see the earth in activity.

Continue to the Chalviri Lagoon where, if desired, one can take a bath in the hot springs of this region.

Drive through Dali's Desert until Laguna Blanca and Laguna Verde, where the **turquoise green of the water**, makes a surreal landscape. Lunch on route.

Return to Uyuni passing by the eastern side of Laguna Colorada, where the red water of the lagoons, the **flamingos flying just above the water** and the colored mountains, make landscapes worth enjoying and photographing.

Drive through Villamar and the Andean Villages, passing by the Valley of the Rocks and arrival to Uyuni.

An option with this tour is to finish in San Pedro de Atacama, where we drive from Green Lagoon in 1 hour and a half.





CTUY 14 SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA - COLORED LAGOONS - VILLAMAR -UYUNI- UYUNI SALT FLATS

Day 1 San Pedro de Atacama - Colored Lagoons – Villamar

Pick up from your hotel in San Pedro de Atacama and private transfer to Hito Cajón. Meet at the border with our Bolivian guide and driver and start your journey on **Eduardo Avaroa National Park**.

After clearing the paperwork with immigrations, visit to Laguna Blanca and Laguna Verde, that stands out because of the turquoise green color of the waters make a surreal landscape that, according to some, has an environment similar to Mars.

Drive through **Dali's Desert** until the **Chalviri Lagoon** where, if desired, one can take a bath in the hot springs of this region.

Lunch on route.

Visit the **Sol de Mañana Fumaroles**, where we see the earth in activity and continue the trip to the western side of **Laguna Colorada**, the most important nesting place for 3 varieties of South American flamingoes.

Continue to Villamar passing by the eastern side of Laguna Colorada, where the red water of the lagoons, the flamingos flying just above the water and the colored mountains, make landscapes worth enjoying and photographing.

On route see Capina, a borax mine in activity.

Dinner and overnight at Mallcu Cueva in Villamar.



Day 2 Villamar Minor Lagoons Uyuni

Breakfast and departure from Villamar to Uyuni. Visit on route the Valley of Catal, an off the beaten path site with great views. Continue by the Valley of the Rocks, where the petrified lava creates a dramatic landscape. Walk along the Alota River where we see mainly birds of the region.

Drive to Black Lagoon, an important site to **spot wild ducks.** Lunch on route. Arrival to Laguna Hedionda, outstanding for its natural inhabitants: the **flamingos** that parade on the shore on the company of other smaller birds. Drive by San Cristobal, a colonial town, one of the largest sources of silver in the world. Visit the train cemetery where we see a very **unusual train** repair shop. Continue to Uyuni and Colchani.

Dinner and overnight at a Salt Hotel in Colchani.



Day 3 Uyuni Incahuasi Island Colchani An out of this world day!

Departure from the hotel and visit to Colchani. Walk on a plant where salt with iodine is processed by the locals. Visit to the small market where handcrafts are made on salt.

Enter the magnificent Sal Flats, see the way local people gather salt for processing it. Discover why the eyes of the Salt Flats are boiling. Continue your **journey on the Salt Flats and have a unique photo session** in a great plain of Salt where **perspective** is only a theory.

Visit Incahuasi Island where gigantic cacti grow making the landscape even more unique.

Walk on a petrified coral path and enjoy lunch in the middle of the Salt Flats.

Drive to the northern shore of the Uyuni Salt Flats, to Coquesa, where the views of Salar de Uyuni are again different and just as impressive.

Short hike on the hillside, to the entrance of the Cave of the Coquesa mummies.

At the end of the day, watch an amazing sunset.

Dinner and overnight at a Salt Hotel.

Exact route will be adapted to weather conditions at the time of your visit.





CTUY 15 SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA – COLORED LAGOONS – UYUNI SALT FLATS- SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA

Day 1 San Pedro de Atacama - Colored Lagoons - Uyuni

Pick up from your hotel in San Pedro de Atacama and private transfer to Hito Cajón. Meet at the border with our Bolivian guide and driver and start your journey on Eduardo Avaroa National Park.

After clearing the paperwork with immigrations, visit to **Laguna Blanca and Laguna Verde**, that stands out because of the turquoise green color of the waters make a surreal landscape that, according to some, has an environment similar to Mars.

Drive through Dali's Desert until the Chalviri Lagoon.

Visit the **Sol de Mañana Fumaroles**, where we see the earth in activity and continue the trip to the western side of Laguna Colorada, the most important nesting place for 3 varieties of South American flamingoes. Lunch on route.

Continue to Uyuni passing by the eastern side of **Laguna Colorada**, where the red water of the lagoons, the flamingos flying just above the water and the colored mountains, make landscapes worth enjoying and photographing.

Drive through Villamar and the Andean Villages, passing by the Valley of the Rocks and San Cristobal, a colonial town, one of the largest sources of silver in the world. Continue to Colchani.

Dinner and overnight at a Salt Hotel in Colchani.





Day 2 Uyuni Incahuasi Island San Pedro de Quemez

Departure from the hotel and visit to Colchani. Walk on a plant where salt with iodine is processed by the locals. Visit to the small market where **handcrafts are made on salt.**

Enter the magnificent Sal Flats, see the way local people gather salt for processing it. Discover why the **eyes of the Salt Flats are boiling.** Continue your journey on the Salt Flats and have a unique photo session in a great plain of Salt where **perspective is only a theory.**

Visit Incahuasi Island, where gigantic cacti grow, making the landscape even more unique.

Walk on a petrified coral path and enjoy lunch in the middle of the Salt Flats.

Drive to the southern shore of the Uyuni Salt Flats, to the Galaxy Cave, called so, because of its resemblance to **an out of earth site**.

This is an underwater cave of remote times and next to it, is the Devil's Cave, an **ancient cemetery** of pre Incan cultures, the Lípez, that lived in the area.

Learn about how these places were discovered and the **legends and traditions** of the locals. Continue trip to the village of San Pedro de Quemez, where you can walk on the small Andean town and visit the **ruins of the old burnt town**.

Dinner and overnight at the Tayka Stone Hotel of San Pedro de Quemez.

Day 3 San Pedro de Quemez - Colored Lagoons - San Pedro de Atacama

Breakfast and beginning of a journey of **amazing landscapes** such as the Stone Army, entry point to the Chiguana Salt Flats, a vast extension of borax plains.

Continue the journey and visit a valley of petrified lava with **natural formations** that still show the motion of the flowing lava and allow us to imagine the past times in this region.

From this point, admire the only active volcano of the area, the Ollague Volcano.

Continue trip to the minor lagoons. The most interesting ones are Laguna Cañapa and Laguna Hedionda, for their natural inhabitants: **the flamingos that parade on the shore** on the company of other smaller birds. Enter the vast, isolated but at the same time amazing Desert of Siloli, where we see the **vicuñas feeding** and where the famous Stone Tree stands. Arrival to the western side of Laguna Colorada, the most important **nesting place for 3 varieties of South American flamingoes.**

Visit the Sol de Mañana Fumaroles, where we see the earth in activity.

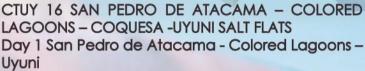
Continue to the Chalviri Lagoon where, if desired, one can take a bath in the hot springs of this region. Lunch on route.

Drive through Dali's Desert until Laguna Blanca and Laguna Verde, where the **turquoise** green of the waters, make a surreal landscape.

Continue to Hito Cajon and meet your Chilean driver. Transfer to your Hotel in San Pedro de Atacama.







Pick up from your hotel in San Pedro de Atacama and private transfer to Hito Cajón. Meet at the border with our Bolivian guide and driver and start your journey on **Eduardo Avaroa National Park.**

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Visit the Sol de Mañana Fumaroles, where we see the earth in activity and continue the trip to the western side of Laguna Colorada, the most important nesting place for 3 varieties of South American flamingoes. Lunch on route.

Return to Uyuni passing by the eastern side of Laguna Colorada, where the **red water of the lagoon**, the flamingos flying just above the water and the colored mountains, make landscapes worth enjoying and photographing.

Drive through Villamar and the Andean Villages, passing by the Valley of the Rocks.

Continue by San Cristobal, a colonial town, one of the largest sources of silver in the world and arrival to Uyuni. Drive to Colchani.

Dinner and overnight at a Salt Hotel in Colchani.

*This is long day due to the distances covered.

Day 2 Uyuni Incahuasi Island Coquesa Colchani An out of this world day!

Departure from the hotel and visit to Colchani. Walk on a plant where salt with iodine is processed by the locals. Visit to the small market where handcrafts are made on salt.

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Short hike on the hillside, to the entrance of the Cave of the Coquesa mummies. At the end of the day, watch an **amazing sunset.**





CTUY 17 VILLAZON TUPIZA SAN PABLO DE LIPEZ QUETENA COLORED LAGOONS SALAR DE UYUNI Day 1 Villazón - Tupiza - Uyuni

Transfer from the Argentinian border to the Bolivian town of Villazón with assistance at immigrations. Continue to the valley of Tupiza, visiting on route the incredible natural rock formations of Palmira, the Devil's Gate and the Tunnel. Stroll around the town where the legendary Butch Cassidy and the Sundance kid spent their last moments. Lunch on route. Dinner and overnight at a Salt Hotel.



Day 2 Uyuni - Incahuasi Island - Coquesa - Colchani

Departure from the hotel and visit to Colchani. Walk on a plant where salt with iodine is processed by the locals. Visit to the small market where handcrafts are made on salt. Enter the magnificent Sal Flats, see the way local people gather salt for processing it. Discover why the eyes of the Salt Flats are boiling. Continue your journey on the Salt Flats and have a unique photo session in a great plain of Salt where perspective is only a theory. Visit Incahuasi Island where gigantic cacti grow making the landscape even more unique. Walk on a petrified coral path and drive to the northern shore of the Uyuni Salt Flats to Coquesa where the views of Salar de Uyuni are again different and just as impressive. Short hike on the hillside, to the entrance of the Cave of the Coquesa mummies. Enjoy lunch in the middle of the Salt Flats.

Return to Colchani watching the amazing sunset on the Salt Flats.

Dinner and overnight at a Salt Hotel in Colchani.

Day 3 Colchani - Laguna Hedionda - Ojo de Perdiz

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure from Colchani. Visit the train cemetery where we find a very **unusual train repair shop**, machines are from the late 1800 and have stopped working.

These trains lay on an isolated flatland where the wind is their eternal companion, becoming an **icon of Uyuni**.

Continue to Laguna Cañapa and Laguna Hedionda, passing by the small Andean towns and the Valley of the Rocks. These Lagoons are known for its natural inhabitants: the **flamingos** that parade on the shore on the company of other smaller birds. Lunch on route.

Enter the vast Desert of Siloli, seeing some of the native animals of the area such as herds of **wild vicuñas feeding**. With a bit of luck, we may also see *vizcachas*, a type of wild long tailed rabbit.

Dinner and overnight at Ojo de Perdiz Desert Hotel.



Day 4 Ojo de Perdiz - Laguna Colorada – Uyuni

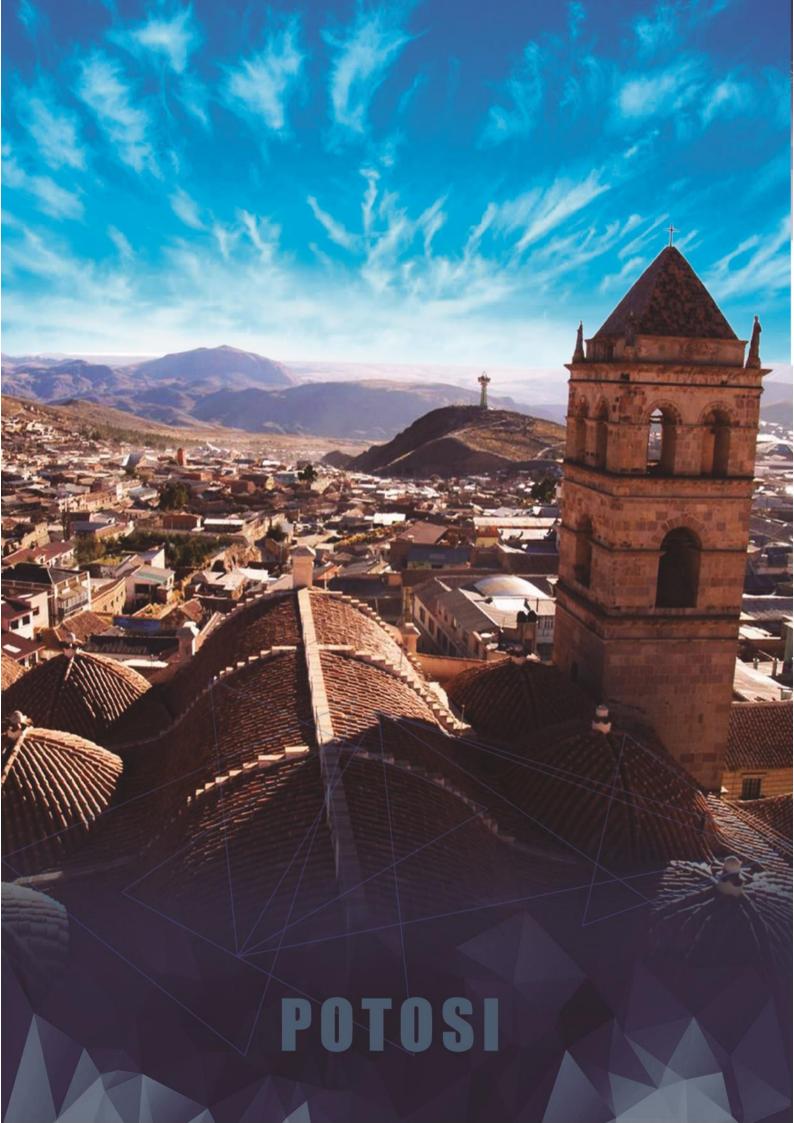
Breakfast and departure from Ojo de Perdiz, driving on the amazing Desert of Siloli where the famous Stone Tree stands. Arrival to the western side of Laguna Colorada, the main nesting place for 3 varieties of South American flamingoes.

Visit the Sol de Mañana Fumaroles, where we see the **earth in activity.** Continue to the Chalviri Lagoon where, if desired, one can take a bath in the **hot springs** of this region.

Drive through Dali's Desert until Laguna Blanca and Laguna Verde, where **the turquoise green of the waters** merge into a surreal landscape. Lunch on route.

Continue from Green Lagoon to Hito Cajon or return to Uyuni. Exact route will be adapted to weather conditions and hotel availability at the time of your visit.





POTOSI

It's worth a Potosi! This was a well-known expression in colonial times to show the great value something could have.

That was Potosi, a city of great value, with so much wealth that it attracted people from all over the world in search of fortune.

The passing of the time in the city of Potosí has left testimonies to each one of the periods that it has seen; these testimonies to its past are jealously guarded to show the world of today and the world of the future, the glory that was Potosí. At 4.050 m.a.s.l. (13.287 ft.), with a cold and dry weather, Potosi was witness of incredible wealth.

Visiting Potosi is like travelling to the past: its mines, still active and using procedures that were used since colonial times; the magnificent National Mint (Casa Nacional de la Moneda) where we see the systems used for minting coins; the churches and convents to understand the importance of religious life through the cloisters and convents, are memorable experiences that one cannot miss.



POTOSI



HOW TO GET THERE

Potosi has a small airport. Very few commercial flights are operated.

The easiest way to get to Potosi is from Sucre, due to the geographical distance and the good conditions of the road (2 hours).

There are buses going regularly to the main cities of the country.



POPULATION

There are about 240.000 inhabitants in the city of Potosi.



ALTITUDE

The height of the city of Potosí is 4.050 m.a.s.l. (13.287 ft.).



CLIMATE

Cold, with an annual average temperature of 10° C. Rain from December to March.



WHAT TO EAT

There are a variety of international and national foods available.

The 'Kalapurka', an Andean soup with a volcanic rock to keep it warm is one of the main dishes in Potosi.

The Salteña Potosina, Fritanga, Chacchu and Laguas (flour soup) are also some of the local specialties.

The confectionery of Potosí is traditional. Sweets such as Chambergos, Sopaipillas and Tawa Tawas are all well worth trying.



WHERE TO STAY

There are a variety of Hotels and Hostels, with a wide range in both price and quality.



WHAT TO BUY

As much as silver is one of the main products in Potosí, there are more Andean Textiles from the North of Potosí and Calcha, than silver handcrafts.

Dolls in traditional costumes also make good souvenirs.

POTOSI OUR EXPERIENCES

CTPT 01 FULL DAY POTOSI

Escape to the glorious past of a colonial town.

Private transfer from Sucre to Potosi. * Visit to the Casa de la Moneda (National Mint), where the procedure used for **minting coins in different periods** is seen (closed on Monday).

Visit to the Miner's market and an active Colonial mine to see the way **miners extract minerals** with the same procedures used in colonial times.

Lunch at a local restaurant including full meal.

Visit to the Convent of Santa Teresa that besides its beauty is a great display of the **religious life in the colonial times.**

Return to Sucre at the end of the day.

*SIC includes public transport.



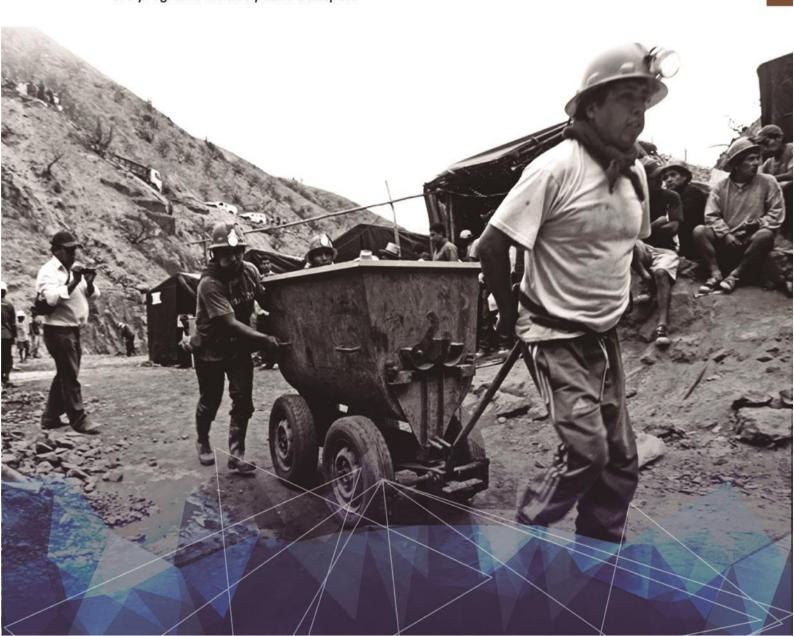
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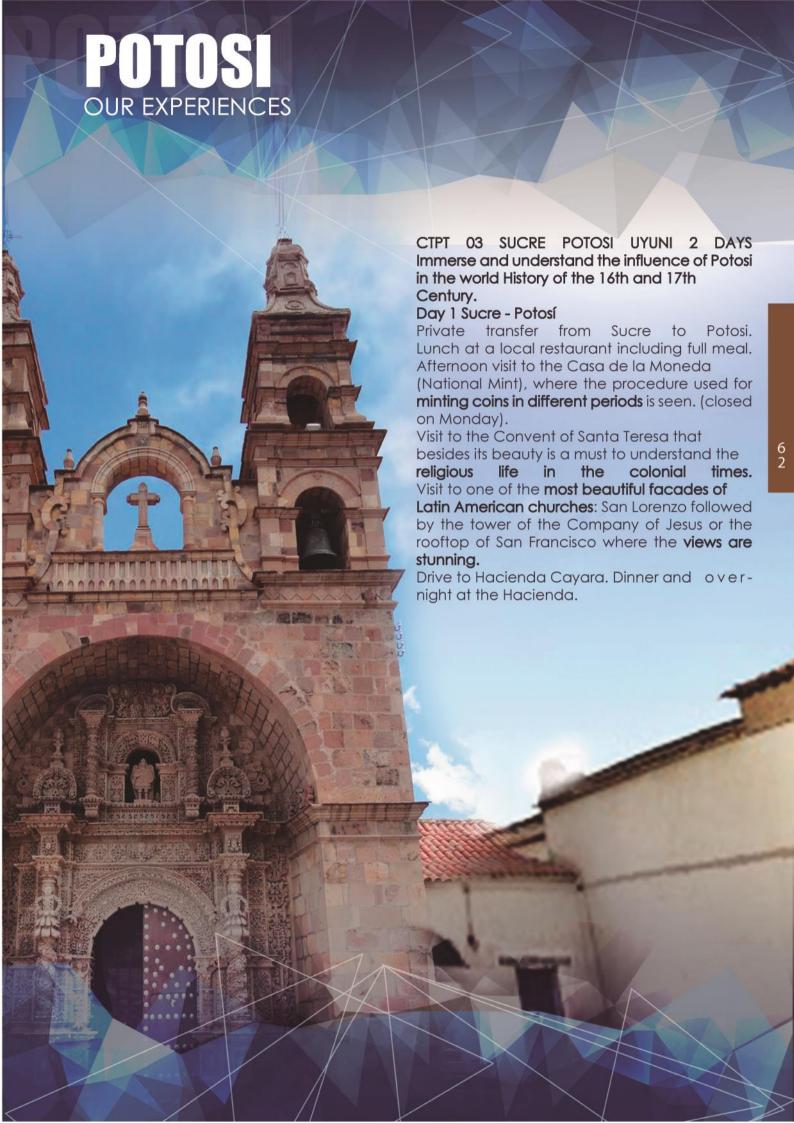
CTPT 02 FULL DAY SUCRE POTOSI UYUNI OR VICEVERSA Private transfer from Sucre to Potosi. Visit to the Miner's market and an active Colonial mine to see the way miners extract minerals with the same procedures used in colonial times.

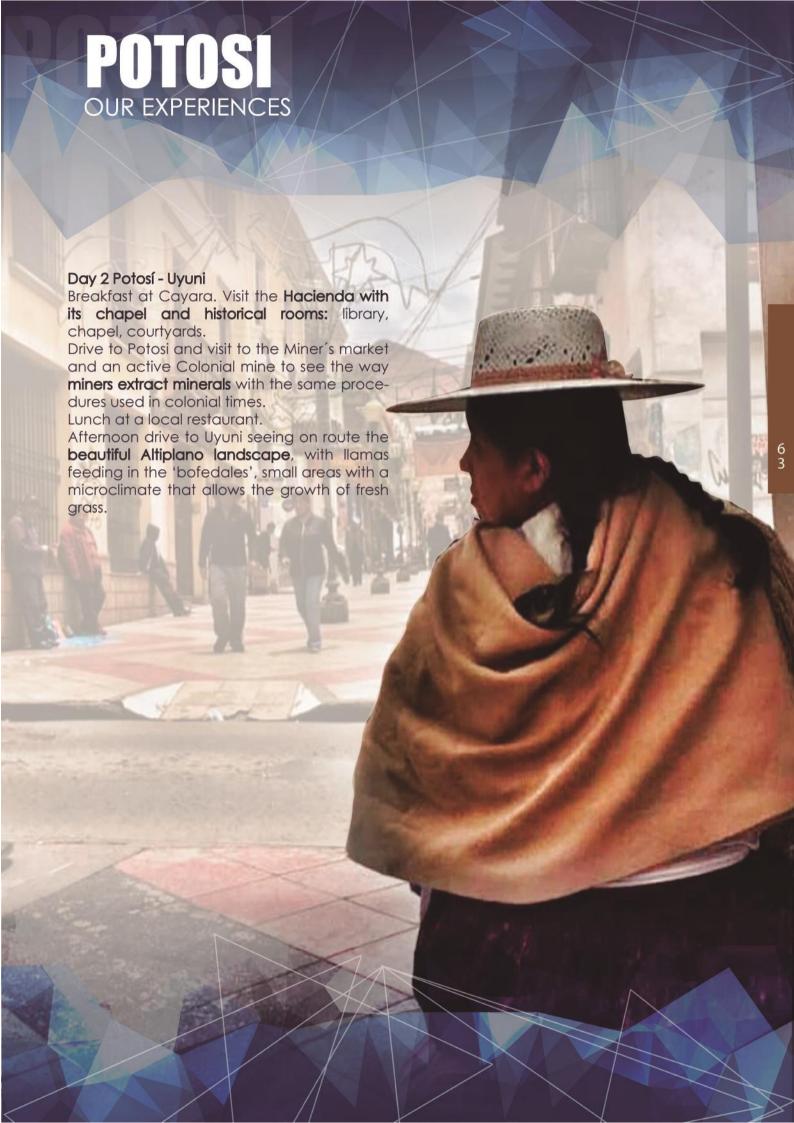
Lunch at a local restaurant including full meal.

Afternoon visit to one of the following:

- Visit to the **Casa de la Moneda** (National Mint), where the procedure used for minting coins in different periods is seen (closed on Monday).
- Visit to the Convent of Santa Teresa that besides its beauty is a must to understand the religious life in the colonial times.
 Afternoon drive to Uyuni. If desired continue to Colchani where the Salt Hotels are.
- *SIC programs include public transport.









Sucre is without any doubt, one of the most beautiful and well preserved colonial cities in America.

Known as the White City of America, due to the White facades in the entire colonial center, is also the cradle of the American Independence, due to the foundation of one of the oldest Universities in America. (1624).

Walking on the streets in Sucre is, alone, a great experience. To admire the influence of colonial and republican times, to see the balance between the colonial preservation and the urban developments, to enjoy the warmth of people and the perfect weather all year round, make Sucre a unique city.

Sucre has many features that can satisfy the various interests of its visitors. In the surroundings is Tarabuco, **one of the purest and most colorful markets in America** where bartering is still practiced.

There are also areas for **hiking** in the mountains where landscapes are full of color. Sucre allows its visitors **to share and interact** with the authentic indigenous communities, descendants of the Quechuas.





HOW TO GET THERE

Sucre has a domestic airport with daily flights to the major cities in Bolivia. Soon an international airport will start operating.

In the city there is also a bus station. Buses run nightly to all major cities on a regular basis.



POPULATION

Sucre has about 300,000 inhabitants.



ALTITUDE

Sucre is at 2.780 m.a.s.l. (9120 ft.).



CLIMATE

The weather is mild, with an annual average temperature of 20° C. It rains mainly from December to March

In Sucre one can enjoy sunny days and the clean, pure and beautiful blue sky.



WHAT TO EAT

There are many welcoming restaurants that serve international and national, and take-away foods, as well as quiet coffee bars and pastry shops.

Chorizos Chuquisaqueños (spicy sausages), Mondongo, Salteñas (spicy pasty), and Ck'ocko de Pollo (chicken cooked in the traditional corn alcohol), are some of the specialties of the region's cuisine.

Sucre is developing a taste for fusion and fine dining with very interesting and delicious options.



WHERE TO STAY

There are many Hotels and Hostels, with a wide range in both price and quality.

Boutique hotels that preserve and resemble the architecture and the furniture of the past are very popular.

Homestays are also offered for periods of at least a week.



WHAT TO BUY

Textiles with pre-Hispanic motifs and designs are the most popular handcrafts. Wooden elements, ceramics, musical instruments, dolls and objects related to traditional celebrations are also popular. Chocolates and hats are typical products from Sucre. They are both made for the local market and for export.





CTSR 04 HISTORY AND TRADITIONS IN SUCRE -FULL DAY

A complete visit to the white city, one of the best preserved and most diverse colonial capital cities in America.

The tour includes sites such as the Textile Museum of Asur, The House of Liberty (closed on Monday), The Monastery of San Felipe Nery, The Monastery of La Recoleta, University Colonial, Anthropological and Modern Art Museums, Bolivar Park, the Museum of Treasures, Bolivar Park and many others off the beaten track.

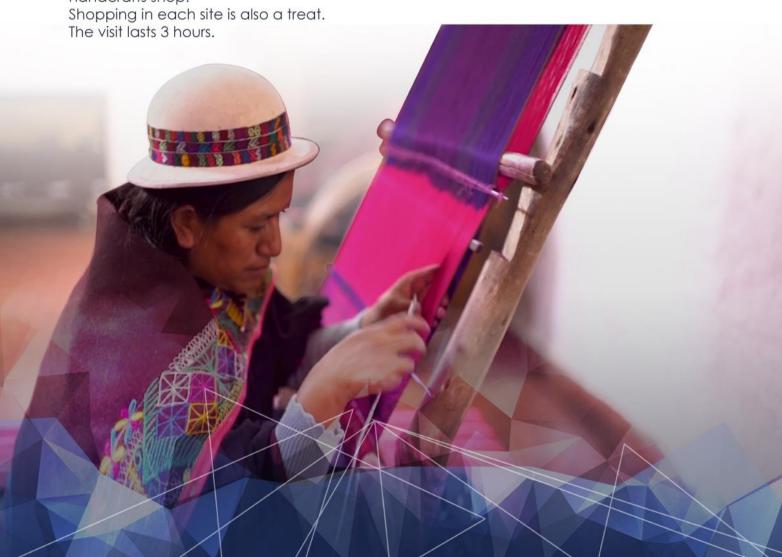
The tour lasts 6 hours visiting the places that interest you most.

CTSR 05 LOCAL HANDCRAFTS AND FACTORIES

Crafts and technology, the other face of Bolivia!

The route includes a visit to the site where the most traditional manufactures of the city are handmade.

This visit includes the Textile Museum of Asur, The Chocolate Factory and a local handcrafts shop.



CTSR 06 BACK TO THE CRETACEOUS CAL ORCKO - DINOSAUR FOOTPRINTS

The largest site with dinosaur footprints in the world.

This area contains an impressive group of different species dinosaur footprints located in the almost vertical calcareous wall of Cal Orcko. Investigations suggest that they are 65 million years old, belonging to the Cretaceous period.

There are examples of both biped and quadruped prints, indicating that the different species co-inhabited the area, including the mighty Rex Tyrannosaurus.

From the Cretaceous Park it is possible to admire these prints, as well as real size models made by experts. The park shows not only the features of the dinosaurs, but also the typical flora of the time.

The visit lasts 2 hours.



CTSR 07 TARABUCO

The indigenous market of Tarabuco, one of the purest and most colorful in the world. Indigenous people, dressed on their traditional garments attend this town every Sunday to buy, sell and still barter their local products and handicrafts. Morning departure to Tarabuco (60 Km./1 hour, 15 min) and attendance to the local Sunday market. Typical Sunday lunch. Afternoon return to Sucre.



CTSR 08 POTOLO or MARAGUA, WITH A HIKE OF YOUR CHOICE

Towards the northwest of Sucre is the Frailes mountain range. This area is remarkable for the **intense colors of the mountains** due to their mineral wealth.

The colors and the mountains create an amazing landscape where one can do hikes that have different levels of difficulty. Choose one of the following hikes.

Incamachay Pumamachay Pictographs.

The area has interesting pictographs that correspond to cultures that existed from 2.500 to 1.500 years ago.

After driving 1 hour, a walk of 4 to 6 hours starts in a fascinating erosion sculpted mountain landscape that presents curious and surprising landforms. The walk covers an area of about 8 Km., ending in the valley of Chaunaca (Picnic lunch included).

After a lunch on route continue to one of the Jalq'a indigenous villages: Potolo or Maragua.



Inca Trail

After driving 1 hour from Sucre, we start descending on the Inca Trail, a road built for transporting obsidian stones. The walk on the trail covers a distance of approximately 6 Km. (3.7 mi.), descending from the summit of the mountains of Chataquila to the Valley of Chaunaca.

The great landscape of Los Frailes mountain range offers amazing views of the area and of the Maragua Crater. It is also a good chance to learn about the native flora of the region. Walking time 2 to 4 hours (easy).

Dinosaur Footprints of Maragua

The hike starts after a lunch on route continue and it lasts 3 to 4 hours, following the footsteps of the first inhabitants of this area: Dinosaurs.

The indigenous communities of Potolo and Maragua, that belong to the Jalq'a ethnical group maintain the elements of their traditional culture in the architecture of the houses, the agricultural techniques and especially in the handmade textile production, which is totally unique.

After a 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hour drive from Sucre and once we have visited the small valley of Chaunaca, we take the road to either Potolo or Maragua. Visit to the indigenous homes in the area, where, besides admiring the textile art they produce, one can shop directly from the weavers.

The village of Potolo is a mestizo town where local women weave the so well-known Jalq'a textiles. This tour visits some homes and it is possible to see a bit of the everyday life in the area (1 hour from Chaunaca).

Maragua is a smaller indigenous town where one can see one of the highlights of the area: the crater of Maragua. The visit includes indigenous homes where women produce their wonderful textile art (30 min. from Chaunaca).

Afternoon return to Sucre.



CTSR 09 POTOLO and MARAGUA

These indigenous communities that belong to the Jalq'a ethnical group maintain the elements of their **traditional culture** in the architecture of the houses, the **agricultural techniques** and especially in the **handmade textile production**, which is totally unique.

After a 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hour drive and 1 we have visited the small valley of Chaunaca, we take the road to Potolo.

The village of Potolo is an indigenous town where local women weave the so well-known Jalq'a textiles. This tour visits the indigenous homes and it is possible to see a bit of the everyday life in the area (1 hour from Chaunaca).

Lunch on route and return to Chaunaca.

Visit to Maragua, a smaller indigenous town where one can see one of the highlights of the area: The **Crater of Maragua**. The visit includes indigenous homes where women produce their **wonderful textile** art (30 min. from Chaunaca). Short walk on the countryside and return to Sucre.



CTSR 10 ORIGENES BOLIVIANOS SHOW

Clothing, music and dances of the different regions of Bolivia display elegantly the cultural and folkloric diversity of the country. The show lasts 2 hours and is available Tuesday through Saturday. Options with and without dinner available.





OUR EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES



CTSRX 01 CANDELARIA TARABUCO FULL DAY

A great chance to learn about the countryside life in Bolivia.

Morning departure to the southeast of Sucre, to the indigenous village of Candelaria, passing by Tarabuco. On Sunday attendance to the indigenous market of Tarabuco, otherwise only a short stopover.

The indigenous market of Tarabuco is one of the purest and most colorful in the world. Indigenous people, dressed on their traditional garments attend this town every Sunday to buy, sell and still barter their local products and handicrafts.

Arrival to Candelaria and visit the indigenous homes where we see the way men and women artisans live and work. A good opportunity to purchase your fine souvenirs directly from the weavers and get your photo with them.

Visit to the Colonial Hacienda of Candelaria (storage rooms, chapel, agricultural museum etc.).

Typical lunch at the Hacienda.

Work with one of our local weavers and learn how to spin wool in a local drop spindle or, if preferred, short walk to the Inca Bridge.







Day 2

Breakfast.

Hands on morning: participate in one of our everyday life activities to choose from:

- Cooking Bolivian food.
- Dying sheep's threads.
- Weaving on a traditional loom with a local teacher.
- Baking bread in an indigenous oven.
- Quechua or Spanish basic lessons.
- Hiking to a nearby Indigenous community.
 Enjoy a typical lunch and after some free time to enjoy the pure countryside air, return to Sucre.



CTSRX 03 CANDELARIA TARABUCO, THREE DAYS WITH COMMUNITY WORK (3 Days) Live like a local, work for the community! Day 1

Early departure towards the southeast of Sucre to the **indigenous village** of Candelaria.

Arrival to Candelaria and visit the indigenous homes where we see the way men and women artisans live and work.

Typical lunch at the Hacienda.

Visit to the Colonial Hacienda of Candelaria (storage rooms, chapel, orchards, kitchen, agricultural museum, etc.).

Participation in one of our everyday life activities to choose from:

- Cooking Bolivian food.
- Dying sheep's threads.
- Weaving on a traditional loom with a local teacher.
- Baking bread in an indigenous oven.
- Quechua or Spanish basic lessons.
- Hiking to a nearby Indigenous community.

Dinner and overnight at basic accommodation in shared rooms at the Hacienda.



Day 2

A day of Mink'a (work with everyone for everyone) and cultural exchange

After breakfast, walk or drive to the place where locals are working on a project that will help their entire community. Upon arrival, introduction to the local workers and full day **community work** with the local people share lunch at the place of work with the community.

After a day of work, the return to Hacienda Candelaria.

Dinner and talk on the history of Candelaria while enjoying the typical hot cinnamon with singani.

Note: This day involves hard work, so it is suggested that people have clothes that can get dirty or damaged and gloves.

Day 3

Breakfast and transfer to Tarabuco. On Sunday, attendance to the local indigenous market of Tarabuco, **one of the purest and most colorful in the world.**

Indigenous people, dressed on their traditional garments attend this town every Sunday to buy, sell and still barter their local products and handicrafts. Lunch and afternoon return to Sucre.

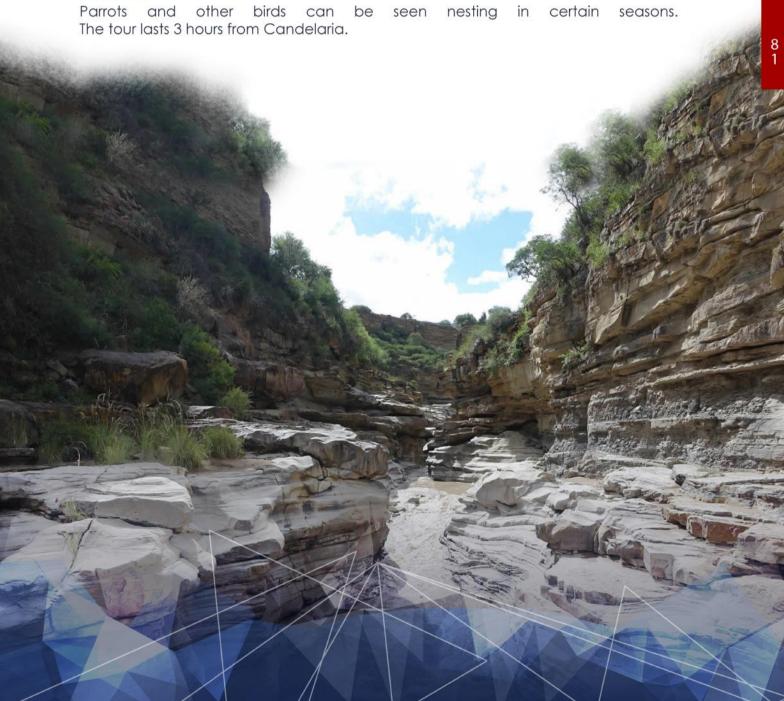
- * On weekdays participate on another of our everyday life activities, including the possibility of a football match against the local school team (groups only).
- ** Program subject to available community activities at the time of travel.





CTSRX 04 EXTENSION TO THE ICLA CANYON Dramatic scenery of changing altitudes.

The valley of Icla, located 15 Km. (30 min.) from Candelaria, goes down from the Puna to the valley town of Icla, (about 1.000 m.a.s.l. /3.281 ft.). The Icla Canyon offers great views followed by a 1-hour hike in this amazing geological failure.





CTSRX 05 ANCIENT TEXTILES DISPLAY AND LECTURE

Bolivian textiles have always been a display of the **ethnical and cultural wealth** of the diverse inhabitants of its territory.

With time, textiles have evolved and changed.

The collection of textiles displayed shows one of the greatest varieties of textiles gathered together in one collection. The lecture is given by an expert in textiles, owner of the collection. To be able to see, touch and hear about these pieces, allows better understanding of Bolivia and the many different cultural groups living in this territory.

The display that has about 300 large pieces from the Andean region lasts 2 hours.

CTSRX 06 TRADITIONAL CLOTHING EXHIBIT (FASHION SHOW) WITH OR WITHOUT DINNER

The beauty of Bolivian textiles, combined with the charm of the locals and the rhythm of the Andean music are appreciated in this show that lasts 1 to 1 ½ hours. Fashionable clothing, made with local textiles as well as a collection of ponchos are displayed.

The scenario for this show is a private home. This is a great opportunity to see the inheritance of colonial times in the architecture of the houses, their decoration and also to taste the local cuisine (for option with dinner).

Only for groups of 8 pax up.

CTSRX 07 SECRET FINE DINING

See places, taste the local flavors, wake your senses. You will be picked up from your hotel and taken to a location that will combine the Bolivian traditions with the local flavors.

Original sites, delicious cuisine and local beverages will create a very personal experience.

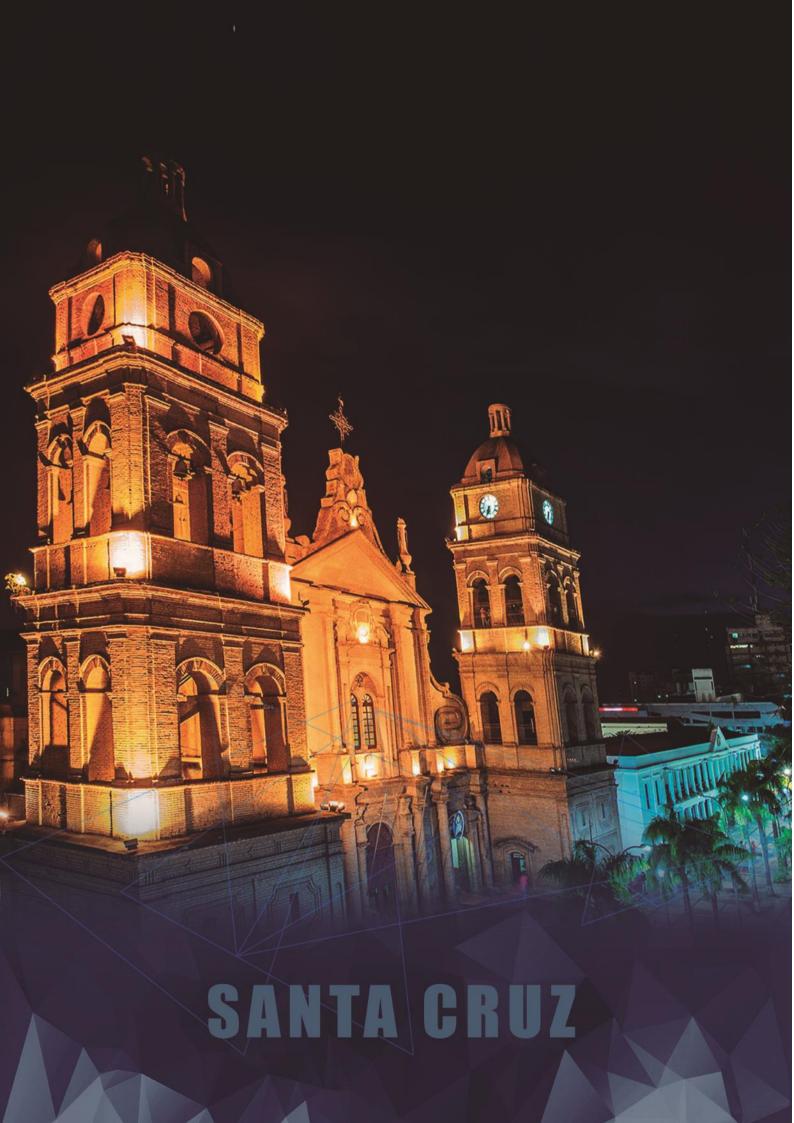
At the end of the experience we drive you back to your hotel. Estimated duration time 3 hours.

CTSRX 08 HOMESTAY

For travelers staying longer than a week a great possibility is to **share with a Bolivian Family**. There are several choices about family preferences and most of the homes are conveniently located in town.

We have contact with certified Spanish schools not only to learn Spanish but also to do Volunteer Work as an optional activity.





SANTA CRUZ

Santa Cruz de La Sierra, commonly known as simply Santa Cruz, is, with a population of roughly 1.5 million residents, the most modern and developed city in Bolivia.

It is the favorite destination for Bolivian travelers because of its **tropical climate** and good infrastructure.

As the city was fairly isolated until the early 20th century, Santa Cruz has quite some **colonial architecture**, including a 16th century cathedral and numerous **Jesuit missions**.



ALTITUDE AND CLIMATE

Located in the eastern part of the country at 416 m.a.s.l., (1.365 ft.) the city, though usually warm; experiences chill winds that blow from the Argentine pampas called 'surazos''.



HOW TO GET THERE

The main airport in Bolivia is located in Santa Cruz. It offers domestic and international connections.

Santa Cruz is connected by railway to Argentina and Brazil, and connected by a road built in the 1.950s to Trinidad. It also has newly constructed paved roads to Camiri-Yacuiba-Argentina and another one to Cochabamba.



WHERE TO STAY

There are a variety of Hotels and Hostels, starting with luxurious five star hotels to modest "residenciales" with a wide range in both price and quality.



WHAT TO EAT

Red meats of good quality are available all through Santa Cruz. There is also a wide range of local food and Asian food, due to the Japanese influence in the region.



WHAT TO BUY

Santa Cruz offers a wide variety of Bolivian handcrafts, mostly carved and hand painted wood, elements woven in natural fibers and ceramics.

SANTA CRUZ OUR EXPERIENCES

CTSZ 01 PRIVATE TRANSFER FROM /TO THE AIRPORT

Private transfer from the airport to the hotel of your choice or vice versa (day time).

CTSZ 02 PRIVATE TRANSFER FROM /TO THE AIRPORT

Private transfer from the airport to the hotel of your choice or vice versa (night time).

CTSZ 03 HALF DAY CITY TOUR

Pick up from your hotel and drive to the Main Square of Santa Cruz. (Plaza 24 de Septiembre), the Religious Art Museum of the Cathedral (open on Thursday and Sunday), the Art Museum and the local handcrafts center known as La Recoba.

Visit to the handcrafts workshop of Artecampo that gathers the artistic expressions of different regions in the surroundings. Visit a local market and return to the hotel.

CTSZ 04 SAMAIPATA

Departure from Santa Cruz to Samaipata, (about 120 Km. / 2.5 hours from Santa Cruz).

The road goes through a **mountain range** called Los Volcanes. Visit to the **pre Inca ruins of El Fuerte**, a mystical and religious site with pre Inca and Inca influence.

After the visit to the **Site Museum** and a walk on the ruins, it is possible to take a bath at the Cascadas de las Cuevas del Choro.



SANTA CRUZ OUR EXPERIENCES

CTSZ 05 JESUIT MISSIONS OF CHIQUITOS

Day 1 San Javier - Concepción

Departure to the Jesuit Mission of San Xavier, passing, along the way, through several little villages such as Cotoca, Pailas, Pailón and Los Troncos, viewing **soybean crops** along the way. Snack along the way.

Arrival to San Javier. Missionary Tour. Visit the **San Xavier Jesuit Church**, the oldest founded by the Jesuits in **1691** and the Missionary Museum.

Lunch at a local restaurant.

Departure **to Concepción** (1 ½ hour trip) seeing on route the Granite Rocks in the middle of the Palms and Jungle Isles.

Arrival to Concepcion and visit the ranch where the herons sleep. Return to Concepción.

Short tour to see the **facade of the Missionary Temple at night** and if desired attendance to Mass service.

Overnight in Concepción.



SANTA CRUZ OUR EXPERIENCES

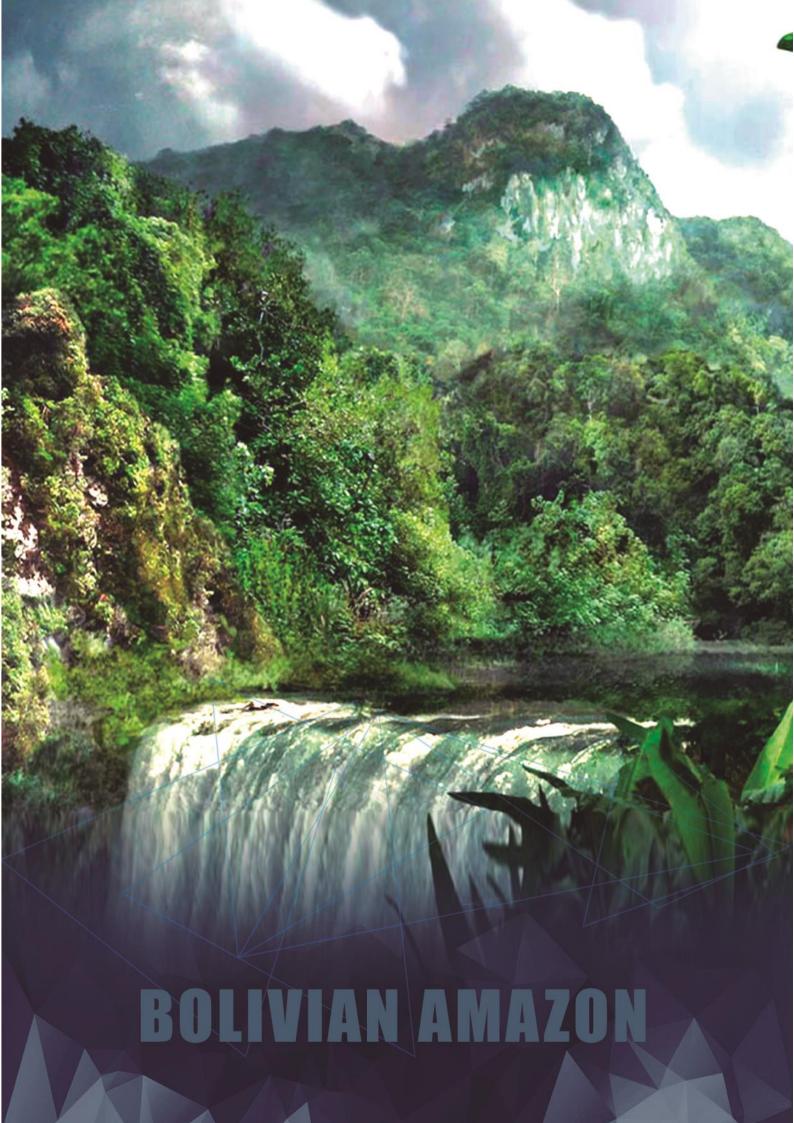
Day 2 Concepción - San Javier - Santa Cruz

Chiquitano Buffet Breakfast with typical pastries.

Morning visit to the **Santa Teresita Stone**, 20 minutes from Concepcion to enjoy a beautiful view of the Chiquitano Valley.

Visit to the Missionary Church of Concepcion, known as the authentic Jewel of the 18th. Century and the Museum and Craft workshops (except weekends), where we observe the different wood sculptures the Chiquitanos made for the support of the church. Walk along the Zapoco damn, admiring a beautiful landscape. Lunch on route and return to Santa Cruz de la Sierra.





BOLIVIAN AMAZON

RURRENABAQUE

The small town of Rurrenabaque, located on the shore of the Beni River, is the entrance point to the **Amazon Jungle and Savanah.**

It is a charming town where one can enjoy a relaxed environment and delicious local cuisine. The specialty is fresh fish.

On the opposite shore of the Beni River is San Buenaventura.

MADIDI NATIONAL PARK

From snow-capped peaks in the Apolobamba range of the Andes to tropical lowland basins in the Amazon, the Madidi landscape encompasses an area of 18.958 Km2, (11.780 sq.mi.), larger than Vermont and New Hampshire combined. The landscape includes an incredible range of ecosystems, from high altitude grasslands to clouds forests, lowland tropical forests to pristine lowland savannas. Madidi is part of a vast wilderness that includes neighboring protected areas in Bolivia and southeastern Peru.

Madidi is one of the most biologically diverse protected areas on the planet. The park is home to over 1.000 bird species, representing a whopping 11% of the world's 9.000 bird species. Madidi contains large populations of Latin America's most charismatic wildlife species: jaguar, spectacled bear, manned wolf, vicuña, giant otter, Andean condor and military macaw, among others. The newly discovered monkey species lives in Madidi and nowhere else.



BOLIVIAN AMAZON



HOW TO GET THERE

A small airport allows the landing of small planes flying from La Paz daily (1 Hour).



ALTITUDE

The average height of the area is 280 m.a.s.l. (919 ft.).



CLIMATE

Warm and humid. Rain is common any time of the year.



WHAT TO EAT

There are a few restaurants that feature some International dishes. Regional cuisine is based on local fish from the river, mandioca and other local products.



WHERE TO STAY

There are some Hostels and Hotels in the city of Rurrenabaque and San Buenaventura.

The Eco lodges are really worth staying at both in the Pampas or in the jungle.

CTAM 01 TAPACARE: 4 DAY JUNGLE TOUR Day 1 La Paz Rurrenabaque Chalalan

Departure transfer from the hotel in La Paz. Flight from La Paz to Rurrenabaque. Arrival transfer from the airport in Rurrenabaque and transfer to Hotel Los Tucanes or similar. Afternoon at leisure to explore the town or to relax by the pool. Dinner at a local restaurant, tasting the local cuisine.

Day 2 Chalalan Eco lodge – Madidi National Park

Breakfast and transfer to the point of the Beni River where we board motorboats and get lifejackets. Start navigating towards Chalalan Ecolodge, the ride takes about 5 hours on the Beni and the Tuichi Rivers. The journey is a great opportunity to watch and enjoy beautiful landscapes like the Bala Gorge and the beautiful landscapes of the tropical jungle.

On route we might see some birds, reptiles and mammals. Box lunch along the way. Arrival to the port of Chalalan and hike for 25 minutes, on the Jaguar trail, to the Chalalan Ecolodge on the shore of the lagoon of the same name.

Welcome and accommodations in the cabins. Welcome lunch.

Afternoon hike on one of the theme paths, where our local guide will show how to interpret the sounds of the forest and the different uses of its resources.

Return by canoe to observe some species of monkeys and birds.



Day 3 Chalalan Eco lodge – Madidi National Park

Breakfast at the Eco lodge. Guided walk for 3 to 4 hours on the Tapacare path or a similar one. During the walk we continue learning on how to interpret the sounds of the forest and the ecological processes. This is a great opportunity to, with a bit of luck; see some species of birds, mammals that live on trees and on the ground. Lunch at the Ecological

In the afternoon, after a rest, visit to the lookout, from where we get an incredible view of all of the area of **Lake Chalalan** and the surroundings that cover an **amazing primary tropical jungle of Madidi National Park.**

Talk on the **history of the community** the Chalalan project and the creation of Madidi National Park.

Buffet dinner with traditional food of the area.

Ride on canoe to observe the shine of the caiman's eyes and other animals. Traditional Quechua Tacana night. Our local guides, according to their traditions and indigenous rituals of the Uchupiamonas, (use of coca leaves) will offer a small farewell gathering with music and dances and a local traditional drink.



Day 4 Chalalan Eco lodge Rurrenabaque

Breakfast at the Eco lodge and early in the morning, hike on one of the theme paths to observe the **wild fauna**. Lunch at 11:00 a.m. and walk to the shore of the Tuichi river to ride the boats back to Rurrenabaque.

During the journey it is recommended to keep eyes open to see some local animals.

After a 3-hour ride, arrival to Rurrenabaque and transfer to the airport for the flight from Rurrenabaque to La Paz.

Arrival transfer in la Paz.



CTAM 02 ESLABON: 5 DAY JUNGLE TOUR

Day 1 La Paz Rurrenabaque

Departure transfer from the hotel in La Paz. Flight from La Paz to Rurrenabaque. Arrival transfer from the airport in Rurrenabaque to the hotel. Informative talk on the trip to Chalalan. Rest of the day at leisure to enjoy the pool at the hotel and to walk around the village.

Dinner and overnight in Rurrenabaque.

Day 2 Rurrenabaque Chalalan

Breakfast and transfer to point of the Beni River where we board motorboats and get lifejackets. Start navigating towards Chalalan Eco lodge, the ride takes about 5 hours on the Beni and the Tuichi Rivers. The journey is a great opportunity to watch and enjoy beautiful landscapes like the Bala Gorge and the beautiful landscapes of the tropical junale.

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Return by canoe to observe some species of monkeys and birds.

After dinner, night walk to observe insects, amphibians, spiders, reptiles and night birds.





Day 3 Chalalan Eco lodge – Madidi National Park

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In the afternoon, after a rest, visit to the lookout, from where we get an incredible view of all of the area of Lake Chalalan and the surroundings that cover an amazing primary tropical jungle of Madidi National Park.

Talk on the history of the community the Chalalan project and the creation of Madidi National Park.

After dinner, night walk to observe insects, amphibians, spiders, reptiles and night birds.

Day 4 Chalalan Eco lodge – Madidi National Park Breakfast at the Ecolodge.

Long walk to the Eslabón River for a full day excursion. (About 6 hours). This time we go deep into the tropical rainforest and we have a chance to see animals such as the spider monkey, wild pigs and many species of birds, learning more on the interpretation of the forest and the ecological processes. Box lunch on the shore of the Eslabón River.

Optional: practice of sport fishing in the river. Return to the Eco lodge.

Optional Activity: Walk to Santa Rosa Lake and return by boat or vice versa. The way the walk goes depends on transportation available on the day of the tour.

The walk takes about 4 hours and a half on a **pristine forest with high presence of mammals.** We visit a **salt deposit**, a place that attracts the **herbivores and frugivorous** in the area.

Box lunch and time to rest on the shore of the Santa Rosa River, one of the most **beautiful and wildest landscapes** in the region. **Canoe ride and sport fishing for piranhas in the lake.** The shore of the lake is an ideal place to **observe birds**, mainly guacamayos (parrots) and monkeys. The boat ride takes about 25 minutes.

Arrival to Chalalan and swim on the lake (optional).

Buffet dinner with traditional food of the area.

Ride on canoe to observe the shine of the caiman's eyes and other animals.

Traditional Quechua Tacana night. Our local guides, according to their traditions and indigenous rituals of the Uchupiamonas, (use of coca leaves) will offer a small farewell gathering with music and dances and a local traditional drink.





Day 5 Chalalan Eco lodge Rurrenabaque

Breakfast at the Eco lodge and early in the morning, hike on one of the theme paths to observe the wild fauna. Lunch at 11:00 a.m. and walk to the shore of the Tuichi river to ride the boats back to Rurrenabaque.

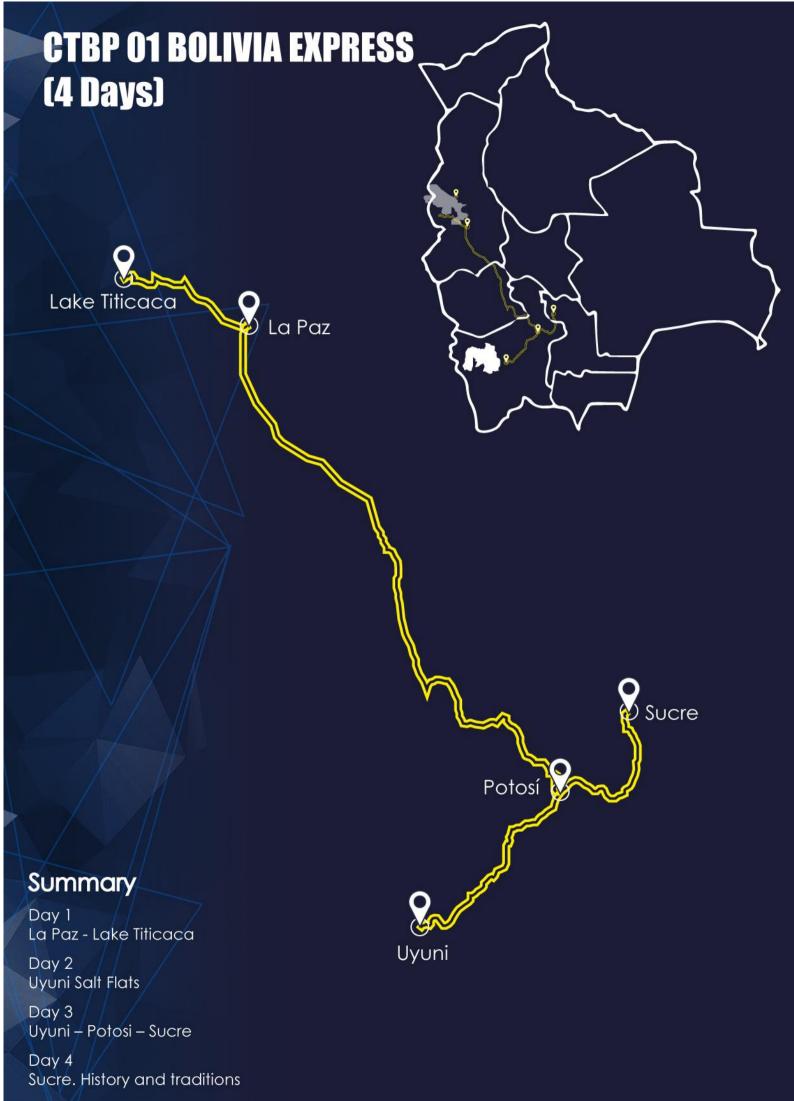
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After a 3-hour ride, arrival to Rurrenabaque and transfer to the airport for the flight from Rurrenabaque to La Paz.

Arrival transfer in La Paz.











Day 1 La Paz - Lake Titicaca

Arrival transfer to La Paz.

A communion with nature and culture

Private transfer La Paz – Copacabana.

The trip goes through the **highlands of Bolivia**, passing by Huarina, the first village on the shore of Lake Titicaca. We then continue on the eastern side of the lake until the strait of Tiquina (2 hours) that connects the minor with the major lake. On route we will visit a workshop where Totora Reed boats are made by the youngest generations of the Limachi's who participated in the world expeditions of Thor Heyerdahl. We cross the strait by boat and then continue driving to Copacabana. The landscape that combines views of Lake Titicaca with the Andean Range is certainly breathtaking (1-hour drive).

Arrival to Copacabana, a very important town for pilgrims, as the patron of the town, the dark skin Virgin of Copacabana is in their impressive colonial cathedral.

Short walk to the shore of Lake Titicaca to board the boats that will transfer us to Sun Island.

Apthapi lunch on Sun Island and visit to the Pilkocaina temple.

Hike to the village of Yumani, seeing on the way the agricultural terraces.

Descend on the Staircase of the Inca after drinking from the fountain of eternal youth.

Return to Copacabana by boat and drive back to La Paz.

Overnight at the hotel of your choice

Please make sure you have your passport.

Day 2 Uyuni. Full day Uyuni Salt Flats

Breakfast at hotel.

An out of this world day!

Departure from the hotel and visit to Colchani. Walk on a plant where salt with iodine is processed by the locals. Visit to the small market where handcrafts are made on salt.

Enter the magnificent Sal Flats, see the way local people gather salt for processing it. Discover why the eyes of the Salt Flats are boiling. Continue your journey on the Salt Flats and have a unique photo session in a great plain of Salt where perspective is only a theory.

Visit Incahuasi Island where gigantic cacti grow making the landscape even more unique.

Walk on a petrified coral path and enjoy lunch in the middle of the Salt Flats.

Drive to the northern shore of the Uyuni Salt Flats, to Coquesa, where the views of Salar de Uyuni are again different and just as impressive.

Short hike on the hillside, to the entrance of the Cave of the Coquesa mummies.

At the end of the day, watch an amazing sunset.

Return to Uyuni.

Exact route will be adapted to weather conditions at the time of your visit.

Dinner and overnight at a Salt Hotel in Colchani.

Day 3 Uyuni - Potosi - Sucre

Breakfast at hotel.

Departure from Uyuni to Potosi.

It's worth a Potosi! This was a well-known expression in colonial times to show the great value something could have.

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Lunch at a local restaurant including full meal.

Visit to the **Miner's market** and an active Colonial mine to see the way miners extract minerals with the same procedures used in colonial times.

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Overnight at the hotel of your choice.

Day 4 Sucre. History and traditions

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The visit lasts 3 hours

Departure transfer to the airport.





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Overnight at the hotel of your choice.

Day 2 Sucre - Candelaria - Tarabuco

Breakfast at hotel.

A great chance to learn about the countryside life in Bolivia.

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The indigenous market of Tarabuco is one of the purest and most colorful in the world. Indigenous people, dressed on their traditional garments attend this town every Sunday to buy, sell and still barter their local products and handicrafts.

Arrival to Candelaria and visit the indigenous homes where we **see the way men and women artisans live and work.** A good opportunity to purchase your fine souvenirs directly from the weavers and get your photo with them.

Visit to the Colonial Hacienda of Candelaria (storage rooms, chapel, agricultural museum etc.).

Typical lunch at the Hacienda.

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Day 4 Uyuni - Incahuasi Island - Coquesa - Colchani

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Day 5 La Paz - City tour and Moon Valley

Breakfast at hotel.

Transfer out. Fliaht UYU/LPB.

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Visit some of the most interesting sites in La Paz for about 4 hours. Visit San Francisco Church, an unusual market in town known as the Witches Market. Short walk on Jaen Street and Plaza Murillo where you will see the Government Palace, the local Cathedral and the Conaress building.

Enjoy a delicious snack of *Salteñas* a Bolivian pastry that everyone loves, or api con pasteles, a local purple corn drink.

Ride on one of the lines of the longest cable car in the world and be amazed by the beautiful Illimani, **the snowcapped mountain**, eternal guardian of La Paz.

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Visit to the Moon Valley and admire the moon-like landscape formed by the erosion of the land.

Return to the hotel.

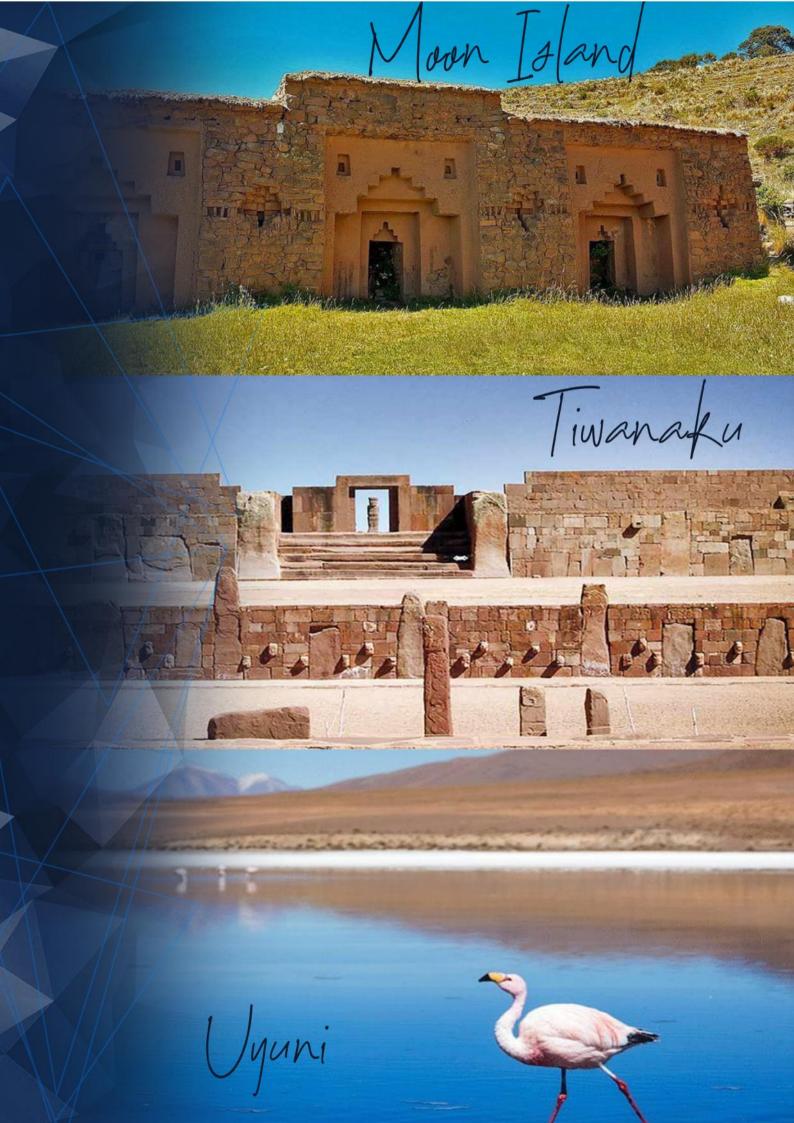
Note: Municipal museums are closed on Monday.

Overnight at the hotel of your choice.

Day 6 Departure transfer

Departure transfer for international flight.





Day 1 La Paz. City Tour and Moon Valley

Transfer in La Paz.

Live the vibrant and colorful La Paz!

Enjoy the contrast and variety of the most interesting sites in La Paz for about 7 hours. Visit San Francisco Church, the biggest handicraft market in town known as the Witches Market. Short walk on Jaen Street and Plaza Murillo where you will see the Government Palace, the local Cathedral and the Congress building.

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Ride on one of the lines of the longest cable car in the world and be amazed by the beautiful Illimani, the snowcapped mountain, eternal guardian of La Paz. Continue to the South of La Paz and drive you through some southern neighborhoods like San Miguel and others. Choose two of the following activities to complete your special visit in la Paz

- A Visit to the Moon Valley, well known for its eroded surface that resembles an out of this world the landscape.
- A visit to the home and workshop of one of our best known ceramists in Bolivia, Mario Sarabia, who tell us about his inspiration and his work.
 - The gallery of Gaston Ugalde, a remarkable Bolivian artist.
 - The Ethnography and Folklore museum.
 - A workshop where the polleras, traditional women skirts are made.
 - Other sites downtown.

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Day 2 La Paz - Tiwanaku

Breakfast at hotel.

Back to the origin of the Incas...

Breakfast and departure from La Paz to El Alto. Arrival to Laja, the original site of the foundation of La Paz. Travel through the Altiplano admiring the amazing landscapes.

Arrival to Tiwanaku, seat of one of the oldest American cultures, considered the cradle of the American man and one of the most advanced cultures in development at that time. Visit the local museums and the archaeological site with the Kalasasaya temple the Gate of the Sun, the monoliths Ponce and Fraile; the Akapana pyramid and the Semi underground temple.

Lunch at a local restaurant.

Before returning to La Paz, visit to Puma Punku, a part of the Tiahuanaco complex. The name means the door of the Puma. The site has an occidental court without walls, a central hall and small area of megalithic stone terraces. There are also a few walls. This is one of the most recent developments in the ongoing work of the Tiwanaku diggings.

Return to La Paz.

Overnight at the hotel of your choice.

Day 3 La Paz - Copacabana

Breakfast at hotel.

The trip goes through the highlands of Bolivia, passing by Huarina, the first village on the shore of Lake Titicaca. We then continue on the eastern side of the lake until the strait of Tiguina (2 hours) that connects the minor with the major lake. On route we will visit a workshop where Totora Reed boats are made by the voungest generations of the Limachi's who participated in the world expeditions of **Thor Heyerdahl**. We cross the strait by boat and then continue driving to Copacabana. The landscape that combines views of Lake Titicaca with the Andean Range is certainly breathtaking (1-hour drive).

Visit the local village, the local streets the Sanctuary of the dark skin Virgin, the handcrafts markets and the local products market.

Lunch in Copacabana.

Short walk to the shore of Lake Titicaca to board the boats that will transfer us to Sun Island. Visit the Pilkocaina temple and hike to La Estancia Ecolodge.

Dinner and overnight at La Estancia del Lago in standard room.

Optional stay in Copacabana

Day 4 Copacabana – Sun Island – Moon Island – La Paz

Breakfast and short hike to the village of Yumani, seeing on the way the agricultural terraces. Descend on the Staircase of the Inca after drinking from the fountain of eternal youth. Boat ride to Moon Island to visit the Sacred Temple of the Virgins of the Sun. Aphtapi lunch. The views of Lake Titicaca and the Royal Range are certainly breathtaking. Return to Copacabana and drive back to La Paz. Overnight at the hotel of your choice.

Day 5 Uyuni - Incahuasi Island - Coquesa - Colchani

Breakfast at hotel.

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Return to Colchani watching the **amazing sunset** on the Salt Flats.

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Breakfast at the hotel. Departure from Colchani. Visit the train cemetery where we find a very **unusual train repair shop**, machines are from the late 1800 and have stopped working. These trains lay on an isolated flatland where the wind is their eternal companion, becoming an **icon of Uyuni.**

Continue to Laguna Cañapa and Laguna Hedionda, passing by the small Andean towns and the Valley of the Rocks. These Lagoons are known for its natural inhabitants: the **flamingos** that parade on the shore on the company of other smaller birds. Lunch on route.

Enter the vast Desert of Siloli, seeing some of the native animals of the area such as herds of wild vicuñas feeding. With a bit of luck, we may also see vizcachas, a type of wild long tailed rabbit.

Dinner and overnight at Ojo de Perdiz Desert Hotel.

Day 7 Ojo De Perdiz - Laguna Colorada – Uyuni

Breakfast and departure from Ojo de Perdiz, driving on the amazing Desert of Siloli where the famous Stone Tree stands.

Arrival to the western side of Laguna Colorada, the main nesting place for 3 varieties of South American flamingoes.

Visit the Sol de Mañana Fumaroles, where we see the earth in activity.

Continue to the Chalviri Lagoon where, if desired, one can take a bath in the **hot springs** of this region.

Drive through Dali's Desert until Laguna Blanca and Laguna Verde, where **the turquoise green of the waters** merge into a surreal landscape.

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Return to Uyuni.

Transfer out Flight UYU/LPB.





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Pick up from your hotel and drive to the Main Square of Santa Cruz. (Plaza 24 de Septiembre), the Religious Art Museum of the Cathedral (open on Thursday and Sunday), the Art Museum and the local handcrafts center known as La Recoba.

Visit to the handcrafts workshop of Artecampo that gathers the artistic expressions of different regions in the surroundings. Visit a local market and return to the hotel.

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Day 2 Santa Cruz - Sucre

Breakfast and departure transfer for flight to Sucre.

Arrival transfer.

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Day 4 Potosi

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Return to the hotel.

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Overnight at the hotel of your choice.

Day 7 La Paz - Tiwanaku - Copacabana

Breakfast and departure to El Alto.

Arrival to **Laja**, the original site of the foundation of La Paz. Travel through the Altiplano admiring the amazing landscapes.

Arrival to **Tiwanaku**, seat of one of the oldest American cultures, considered the **cradle of the American man** and one of the most advanced cultures in development at that time.

Visit the local museums and the archaeological site with the **Kalasasaya temple** the **Gate of the Sun**, the monoliths Ponce and Fraile; the **Akapana pyramid** and the Semi underground temple.

Lunch at a local restaurant and return to El Alto.

Drive from El Alto to Copacabana.

Visit the local village, the local streets the **Sanctuary of the dark skin Virgin**, the handcrafts markets and the local products market. Optional hike to El Calvario hill.

Dinner and overnight in Copacabana.

Day 8 Copacabana - Sun Island - Moon Island - La Paz

Breakfast and short walk to the shore of **Lake Titicaca** to board the boats that will transfer us to **Sun Island**. Visit the **Pilkocaina temple** and short hike to the **village of Yumani**, seeing on the way the agricultural terraces.

Descend on the **Staircase of the Inca** after drinking from the **fountain of eternal youth.** Aphtapi lunch on route.

Boat ride to **Moon Island** to visit the **Sacred Temple of the Virgins of the Sun**, enjoying the views of Lake Titicaca and the Royal Range, certainly breathtaking.

Return to Copacabana and drive back to La Paz or transfer to the border of Kasani for connection to Puno in Peru.

Note: Additional cost for Kasani Copacabana or viceversa applies.

Overnight at the Hotel of your choice.

Day 9 La Paz - Coroico

Departure from La Paz to "La Cumbre" at 4.650 m.a.s.l. This is the highest point on this journey and the **landscape is truly breathtaking**. Drive for about 2-1/2 to 3 hours through an impressive mountain road between cliffs and rocky walls down to the Yungas rain forest located at 1.700 m.a.s.l.

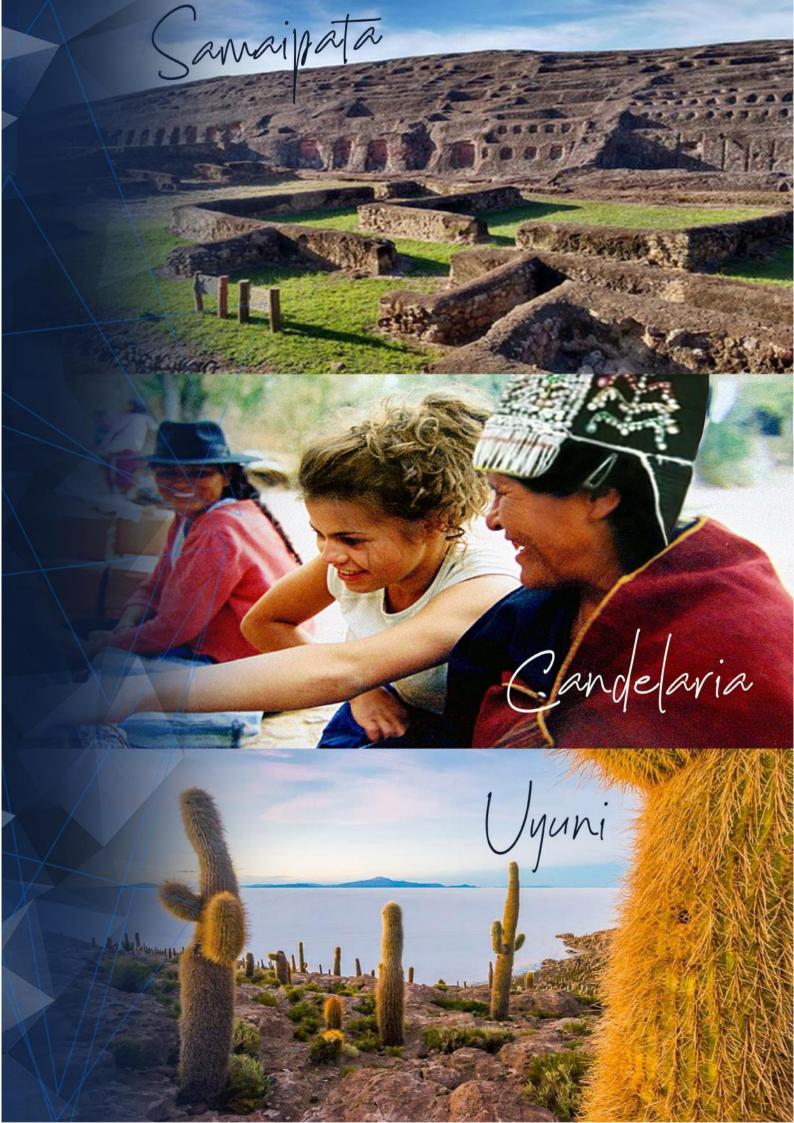
If you wish you can **walk** a small portion of the famous **death road** and take incredible photos.

Arrival to Senda Verde. Visit the **animal refuge** and continue to Coroico and continue to Munaipata, a cooperative specialized in the growth and blend of high altitude coffee. On the way, see how **coca leaves** and some local seasonal fruits are grown. Lunch at Munaipata and explore the cooperative to see **how coffee is grown and processed.** We finish our visit by tasting some of their blends. Degustation of the coffee and return to La Paz. Overnight at the Hotel of your choice.

Day 10 Departure transfer

Breakfast and departure transfer to the airport.

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Day 1 Santa Cruz

Private transfer from the airport to the hotel.

Free Afternoon to rest and relax.

Overnight at the hotel of your choice.

Day 2 Santa Cruz - Samaipata

Departure from Santa Cruz to Samaipata (about 120 Km. / 2 ½ hours from Santa Cruz). The road goes through a **mountain range** called Los Volcanes. Visit to the **pre Inca ruins of El Fuerte**, a mystical and religious site with pre Inca and Inca influence. Typical lunch.

After the visit to the **Site Museum** and a walk on the ruins, it is possible to take a bath at the Cascadas de las Cuevas del Choro.

Dinner at a local restaurant including full meal (drinks not included).

Overnight at El Pueblito or similar.

Day 3 Samaipata – La Higuera. Che Guevara's route

Our journey continues today as we head towards **Vallegrande** and **La Higuera** in the Andean foothills. Not only the scenery in this part of Bolivia is quite charming, it is also home to a darker history in being the place where **Che Guevara** met his end in 1.967. Here is the end of the so-called **Ruta Del Che** and we'll have time to visit the local town and learn about the man himself at the **Museum of Che Guevara**, which has been established in the little school where he was kept prisoner and finally killed.

Typical lunch.

Dinner and Overnight at Casa de los Amigos or similar.

Day 4 La Higuera - Candelaria

A picturesque morning's drive takes us to **Puente Santa Rosa** and on to Villa Serrano, home to the largest **charango** (a traditional Andean instrument) in the world! Later we'll continue to the small village of Candelaria, which will be our home for the next two nights.

Dinner and overnight Hacienda Candelaria at very simple accomodations.

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The indigenous market of Tarabuco, one of the purest and most colorful in the world.

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Morning departure to Tarabuco from Candelaria, attendance to the local Sunday market. Typical Sunday lunch.

Arrive to Sucre.

Lunch at a local Restaurant.

Afternoon visit Dinosaur Footprints.

The largest site with dinosaur footprints in the world.

This area contains an impressive group of different species dinosaur footprints located in the almost vertical calcareous wall of Cal Orck'o. Investigations suggest that they are 65 million years old, belonging to the Cretaceous period.

There are examples of both biped and quadruped prints, indicating that the different species co-inhabited the area, including the mighty Rex Tyrannosaurus.

From the Cretaceous Park it is possible to admire these prints, as well as real size models made by experts. The park shows not only the features of the dinosaurs, but also the typical flora of the time.

The visit lasts 2 hours.

Overnight at Sucre at the hotel of your choice.

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Dinner and overnight at the hotel of your choice.

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Drive through Dali's Desert until Laguna Blanca and Laguna Verde, where the turquoise green of the waters merge into a surreal landscape.

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Return to Colchani.

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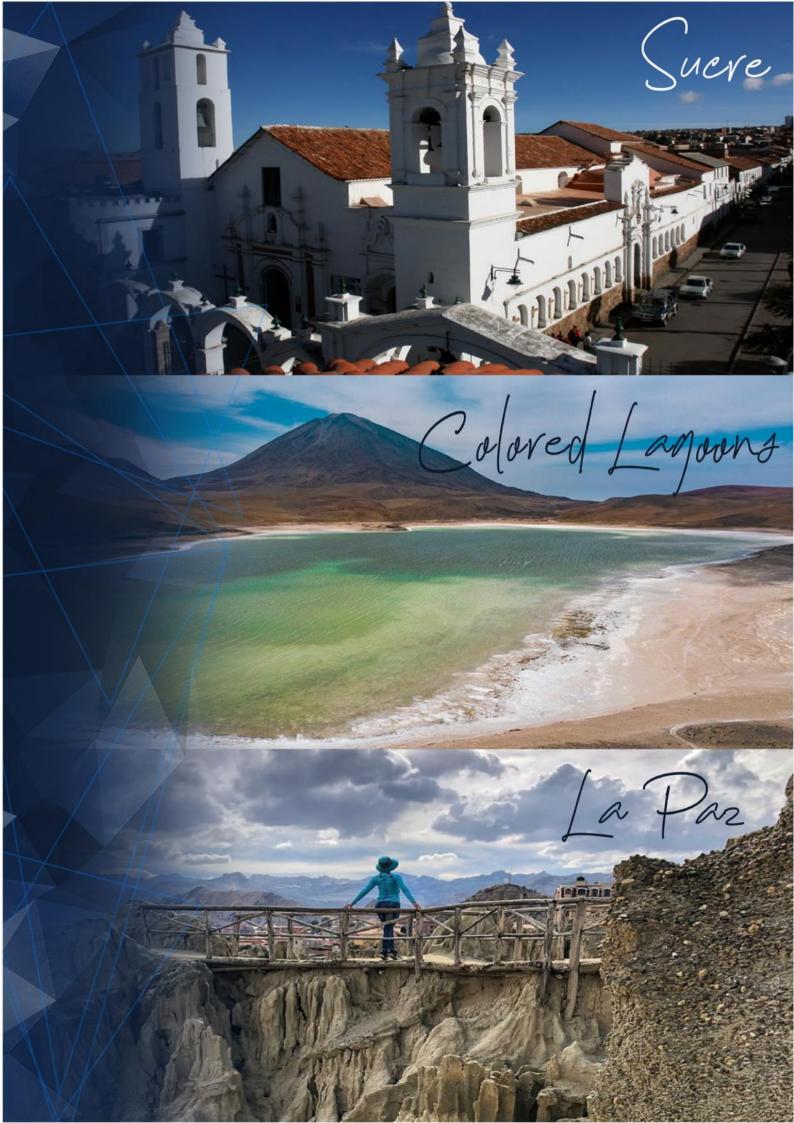
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Day 3 Sucre - Candelaria - Tarabuco

A great chance to learn about the countryside life in Bolivia.

Morning departure to the southeast of Sucre, to the indigenous village of Candelaria, passing by Tarabuco. On Sunday attendance to the indigenous market of Tarabuco, otherwise only a short stopover.

The indigenous market of Tarabuco is one of the purest and most colorful in the world. Indigenous people, dressed on their traditional garments attend this town every Sunday to buy, sell and still barter their local products and handicrafts.

Arrival to Candelaria and visit the indigenous homes where we **see the way men and women artisans live and work.** A good opportunity to purchase your fine souvenirs directly from the weavers and get your photo with them.

Visit to the Colonial Hacienda of Candelaria (storage rooms, chapel, agricultural museum etc.).

Typical lunch at the Hacienda.

Work with one of our local weavers and learn how to spin wool in a local drop spindle or, if preferred, short walk to the Inca Bridge.

Return to Sucre in the evening.

Overnight at the hotel of your choice.

Day 4 Sucre - Potosí

Breakfast at hotel.

Departure from Sucre to Potosi.

It's worth a Potosi! This was a well-known expression in colonial times to show the great value something could have.

That was Potosi, a city of great value, with so much wealth that it attracted people from all over the world in search of fortune.

Lunch at a local restaurant including full meal.

Visit to the **Miner's market** and an active Colonial mine to see the way miners extract minerals with the same procedures used in colonial times.

Visit to the **Casa de la Moneda**, where the procedure used for minting coins in different periods is seen.

Afternoon drive to Uyuni. If desired continue to Colchani where the Salt Hotels are.

Dinner and overnight at the hotel of your choice.

Day 5 Uyuni - Incahuasi Island - Coquesa

Departure from the hotel and visit to Colchani. Walk on a plant where salt with iodine is processed by the locals. Visit to the small market where handcrafts are made on salt. Enter the magnificent Sal Flats, see the way local people gather salt for processing it. Discover why the eyes of the Salt Flats are boiling. Continue your journey on the Salt Flats and have a unique photo session in a great plain of Salt where perspective is only a theory. Visit Incahuasi Island where gigantic cacti grow making the landscape even more unique. Walk on a petrified coral path and drive to the northern shore of the Uyuni Salt Flats to Coquesa where the views of Salar de Uyuni are again different and just as impressive. Short hike on the hillside, to the entrance of the Cave of the Coquesa mummies. Enjoy lunch in the middle of the Salt Flats.

Return to Colchani watching the amazing sunset on the Salt Flats.

Dinner and overnight at a Salt Hotel in Colchani of your choice.

Day 6 Colchani – Train Cemetery - Laguna Hedionda - Ojo de Perdiz

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure from Colchani. Visit the train cemetery where we find a very **unusual train repair shop**, machines are from the late 1800 and have stopped working. These trains lay on an isolated flatland where the wind is their eternal companion, becoming an **icon of Uyuni**.

Continue to Laguna Cañapa and Laguna Hedionda, passing by the small Andean towns and the Valley of the Rocks. These Lagoons are known for its natural inhabitants: the **flamingos** that parade on the shore on the company of other smaller birds. Lunch on route. Enter the vast Desert of Siloli, seeing some of the native animals of the area such as herds of **wild vicuñas feeding**. With a bit of luck, we may also see **vizcachas**, a type of wild long tailed rabbit.

Dinner and overnight at Ojo de Perdiz Desert Hotel.

Day 7 Ojo de Perdiz - Colored Lagoons - Uyuni

Breakfast and departure from Ojo de Perdiz, driving on the amazing Desert of Siloli where the famous Stone Tree stands.

Arrival to the western side of Laguna Colorada, the main nesting place for 3 varieties of South American flamingoes.

Visit the Sol de Mañana Fumaroles, where we see the earth in activity.

Continue to the Chalviri Lagoon where, if desired, one can take a bath in the **hot springs** of this region.

Drive through Dali's Desert until Laguna Blanca and Laguna Verde, where **the turquoise green of the waters** merge into a surreal landscape.

Lunch on route.

Return to Uyuni.

Dinner and overnight at a Salt Hotel in Colchani of your choice.

Day 8 La Paz City Tour, Half Day

Early departure to the airport. Flight Uyuni La Paz.

Arrive to La Paz.

Enjoy the contrast and variety of the vibrant La Paz!

Visit some of the most interesting sites in La Paz for about 4 hours. Visit San Francisco Church, an unusual market in town known as the Witches Market. Short walk on Jaen Street and Plaza Murillo where you will see the Government Palace, the local Cathedral and the Congress building.

Enjoy a delicious snack of *Salteñas* a Bolivian pastry that everyone loves, or api con pasteles, a local purple corn drink.

Ride on one of the lines of the longest cable car in the world and be amazed by the beautiful Illimani, **the snowcapped mountain**, eternal guardian of La Paz.

Your car will meet you there and drive you through some southern neighborhoods like San Miguel.

Visit to the **Moon Valley** and admire the moon-like landscape formed by the erosion of the land.

Return to the hotel.

Note: Municipal museums are closed on Monday.

Day 9 La Paz - Tiwanaku - Copacabana

Breakfast and departure to El Alto. Arrival to **Laja**, the original site of the foundation of La Paz. Travel through the Altiplano admiring the amazing landscapes.

Arrival to **Tiwanaku**, seat of one of the oldest American cultures, considered **the cradle of the American man** and one of the most advanced cultures in development at that time. Visit the local museums and the archaeological site with the **Kalasasaya temple** the **Gate of the Sun**, the monoliths Ponce and Fraile; the **Akapana pyramid** and the Semi underground temple.

Lunch at a local restaurant and return to El Alto.

Drive from El Alto to Copacabana.

Visit the local village, the local streets the **Sanctuary of the dark skin Virgin**, the handcrafts markets and the local products market. Optional hike to El Calvario hill. Dinner and overnight in Copacabana.

Day 10 Copacabana – Sun Island – Moon Island – La Paz

Breakfast and short walk to the shore of **Lake Titicaca** to board the boats that will transfer us to **Sun Island**. Visit the **Pilkocaina temple** and short hike to the **village of Yumani**, seeing on the way the agricultural terraces.

Descend on the **Staircase of the Inca** after drinking from the **fountain of eternal youth.** Aphtapi lunch on route.

Boat ride to **Moon Island** to visit the **Sacred Temple of the Virgins of the Sun**, enjoying the views of Lake Titicaca and the Royal Range, certainly breathtaking.

Return to Copacabana and drive back to La Paz.

Overnight at the Hotel of your choice.

Day 11 La Paz - Coroico on a Full Day

Departure from La Paz to "La Cumbre" at 4.650 m.a.s.l. This is the highest point on this journey and the **landscape is truly breathtaking**. Drive for about 2-1/2 to 3 hours through an impressive mountain road between cliffs and rocky walls down to the Yungas rain forest located at 1.700 m.a.s.l.

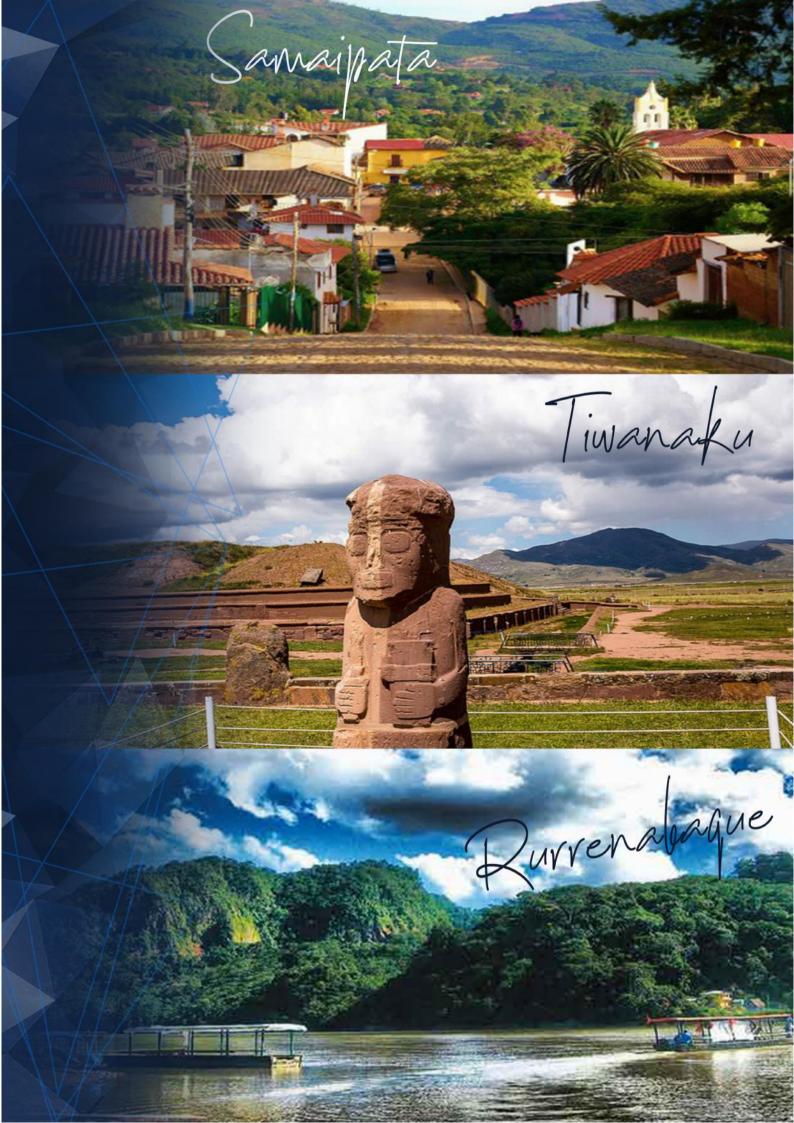
If you wish you can **walk** a small portion of the famous **death road** and take incredible photos. Arrival to Senda Verde. Visit the **animal refuge** and continue to Coroico and continue to Munaipata, a cooperative specialized in the growth and blend of high altitude coffee.

On the way, see how **coca leaves** and some local seasonal fruits are grown. Lunch at Munaipata and explore the cooperative to see **how coffee is grown and processed.** We finish our visit by tasting some of their blends. Degustation of the coffee and return to La Paz. Overnight at the Hotel of your choice.

Day 12 Departure transfer

Breakfast and departure transfer to the airport.





Day 1 Santa Cruz City Tour, Half Day

Pick up from your hotel and drive to the Main Square of Santa Cruz. (Plaza 24 de Septiembre), the Religious Art Museum of the Cathedral (open on Thursday and Sunday), the Art Museum and the local handcrafts center known as La Recoba.

Visit to the handcrafts workshop of Artecampo that gathers the artistic expressions of different regions in the surroundings. Visit a local market and return to the hotel

Overnight at the hotel of your choice.

Day 2 Santa Cruz - Samaipata

Breakfast.

Departure from Santa Cruz to Samaipata (about 120 Km. / 2 % hours from Santa Cruz).

The road goes through a **mountain range** called Los Volcanes. Visit to the **pre Inca ruins of El Fuerte**, a mystical and religious site with pre Inca and Inca influence.

After the visit to the **Site Museum** and a walk on the ruins, it is possible to take a bath at the Cascadas de las Cuevas del Choro.

Return to Santa Cruz.

Overnight at the hotel of your choice.

Day 3 Sucre History and Traditions, Half Day

Departure to the airport. Flight Santa Cruz Sucre.

Arrive to Sucre.

Visit to the charming and beautiful city of Sucre, where the variety of activities match each visitor's interests.

Some places we recommend are the Textile Museum of Asur, The House of Liberty (closed on Monday), the Monastery of San Felipe Neri, the Museum of Treasures, The Monastery and Lookout of la Recoleta, the Charcas University Museum with its Colonial, Anthropological and Modern Art Sections, and some local markets.

The visit lasts 3 hours.

Overnight at the hotel of your choice.

Day 4 Sucre - Potolo or Maragua, with a Hike of your Choice Towards the northwest of Sucre is the Frailes mountain range. This area is remarkable for the intense colors of the mountains due to their mineral wealth. The colors and the mountains create an amazing landscape where one can do hikes that have different levels of difficulty. Combine a visit to one of the indigenous villages of Potolo or Maragua, with one of the following hikes.

Incamachay Pumamachay Pictographs

The area has interesting pictographs that correspond to cultures that existed from 2.500 to 1.500 years ago. After driving 1 hour, a walk of 4 to 6 hours starts in a fascinating erosion sculpted mountain landscape that presents curious and surprising land forms. The walk covers an area of about 8 Km., ending in the valley of Chaunaca, where we enjoy a picnic lunch.

Inca Trail

After driving 1 hour from Sucre, we start descending on the Inca Trail, a road built for transporting obsidian stones. The walk on the trail covers a distance of approximately 6 Km. (3.7 mi.), descending from the summit of the mountains of Chataquila to the Valley of Chaunaca. The great landscape of Los Frailes mountain range offers amazing views of the area and of the Maragua Crater. It is also a good chance to learn about the native flora of the region. Walking time 2 to 4 hours (easy). Picnic lunch at the end of the hike.

Dinosaur Footprints of Maragua

The hike starts after visiting the village of Maragua and enjoying a picnic lunch on route. It lasts 3 to 4 hours, following the footsteps of the first inha bitants of this area: Dinosaurs. The indigenous communities of Potolo and Maragua, that belong to the **Jalq'a** ethnical group maintain the elements of their **traditional culture in the architecture** of the houses, the **agricultural techniques** and especially in the **handmade textile production**, which is totally unique.

After a 1 ½ hour drive from Sucre and once we have visited the small valley of Chaunaca, we take the road to either Potolo or Maragua. Visit to the indigenous homes in the area, where, besides admiring the textile art they produce, one can shop directly from the weavers. The village of *Potolo* is a mestizo town where local women weave the so well-known **Jalq´a** textiles. This tour visits some homes and it is possible to see a bit of the everyday life in the area (1 hour from Chaunaca).

Maragua is a smaller indigenous town where one can see one of the highlights of the area: the **crater of Maragua.** The visit includes indigenous homes where women produce their wonderful textile art (30 min. from Chaunaca).

Afternoon return to Sucre.

Overnight at hotel of your choice.

Day 5 Sucre - Candelaria - Tarabuco. Two Days

Become a local and learn about the ways of life of the Bolivian countryside by interacting with the local community.

Morning departure towards the southeast of Sucre, to the indigenous village of Candelaria, passing by Tarabuco. On Sunday attendance to the indigenous market of Tarabuco, otherwise only a short stopover.

The indigenous market of Tarabuco is one of the purest and most colorful in the world. Indigenous people, dressed on their traditional garments attend this town every Sunday to buy, sell and still barter their local products and handicrafts.

Arrival to Candelaria and visit the indigenous homes where we see the way men and women artisans live and work. Visit to the local community Museum where they display and sell their textiles.

Typical lunch at the Hacienda.

Visit to the Colonial Hacienda of Candelaria (storage rooms, Chapel, agricultural museum etc.).

If desired short walk to the Inca Bridge.

Dinner with a talk by the owners on the history of the Hacienda while enjoying the typical warm cinnamon and singani.

Overnight at very simple accommodations at the Hacienda Candelaria.

Day 6 Candelaria Hands On!

Breakfast.

Hands on morning: participate in one of our everyday life activities to choose from:

- Cooking Bolivian food
- Dying sheep's threads
- Weaving on a traditional loom with a local teacher
- Baking bread in an indigenous oven
- Quechua or Spanish basic lessons
- Hiking to a nearby Indigenous community

Enjoy a typical lunch and after some free time to enjoy the pure countryside air, return to Sucre.

Overnight at the hotel of your choice

Day 7 Sucre - Potosi - Uyuni

Breakfast at hotel.

Departure from Sucre to Potosi.

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Lunch at a local restaurant including full meal.

Visit to the **Miner's market** and an active Colonial mine to see the way miners extract minerals with the same procedures used in colonial times.

Visit to the **Casa de la Moneda**, where the procedure used for minting coins in different periods is seen.

Afternoon drive to Uyuni. If desired continue to Colchani where the Salt Hotels are.

Dinner and overnight at the hotel of your choice.

Day 8 Uyuni - Train Cemetery - Minor Lagoons - Villamar

Breakfast and departure to Uyuni and the **train cemetery**, where we see a very unusual train repair shop. Continue to San Cristobal.

Drive on amazing landscapes, such as the **Valley of the Rocks**, where the formations of **petrified lava** are quite dramatic. A great spot for photography.

Visit the Black Lagoon and continue to Laguna Hedionda passing by the small Andean towns. Arrival to Laguna Hedionda, outstanding for its natural inhabitants: the **flamingos** that parade on the shore on the company of other smaller birds.

Lunch on route.

Drive to the Valley of Catal, an out **of the beaten path** site with a wonderful landscape. Continue to Villamar.

Dinner and overnight at Mallcu Cueva in Villamar.

Day 9 Villamar – Colored Lagoons - Colchani

Breakfast and departure from Villamar to Laguna Colorada, the most important **nesting place** for 3 varieties of South American flamingoes.

Visit the Sol de Mañana Fumaroles, where we see the earth in activity.

Continue to the Chalviri Lagoon where, if desired, one can take a bath in the hot springs of this region.

Drive through Dali's Desert until Laguna Blanca and Laguna Verde, where the turquoise green of the water, makes a surreal landscape. Lunch on route.

Return to Uyuni passing by the eastern side of Laguna Colorada, where the red water of the lagoons, the **flamingos flying just above the water** and the colored mountains, make landscapes worth enjoying and photographing.

Drive through Villamar and the Andean Villages, passing by the Valley of the Rocks and arrival to Uyuni.

Dinner and overnight at the hotel of your choice.

Day 10 Uyuni Salt Flats An out of this world day!

Departure from the hotel and visit to Colchani. Walk on a plant where salt with iodine is processed by the locals. Visit to the small market where handcrafts are made on salt.

Enter the magnificent Sal Flats, see the way local people gather salt for processing it. Discover why the eyes of the Salt Flats are boiling. Continue your **journey on the Salt Flats and have a unique photo session** in a great plain of Salt where **perspective is only a theory.**

Visit Incahuasi Island where gigantic cacti grow making the landscape even more unique.

Walk on a petrified coral path and enjoy lunch in the middle of the Salt Flats.

Drive to the northern shore of the Uyuni Salt Flats, to Coquesa, where the views of Salar de Uyuni are again different and just as impressive.

Short hike on the hillside, to the entrance of the Cave of the Coquesa mummies.

At the end of the day, watch an amazing sunset.

Dinner and overnight at a Salt Hotel.

Exact route will be adapted to weather conditions at the time of your visit.

Day 11 La Paz City Tour Half Day

Breakfast and departure transfer to the airport for flight to La Paz. Arrival transfer in La Paz.

Enjoy the contrast and variety

Visit some of the most interesting sites in La Paz for about 4 hours. Visit San Francisco Church, an unusual market in town known as the Witches Market. Short walk on Jaen Street and Plaza Murillo where you will see the Government Palace, the local Cathedral and the Congress building. Enjoy a delicious snack of Salteñas a Bolivian pastry that everyone loves, or api con pasteles, a local purple corn drink.

Ride on one of the lines of the longest cable car in the world and be amazed by the beautiful Illimani, the snowcapped mountain, eternal guardian of La Paz.

Your car will meet you there and drive you through some southern neighborhoods like San Miguel.

Visit to the Moon Valley and admire the moon-like landscape formed by the erosion of the land.

Return to the hotel.

Note: Municipal museums are closed on Monday.

Overnight at the hotel of your choice.

Day 12 La Paz - Tiwanaku - Copacabana

Breakfast and departure to El Alto. Arrival to **Laja**, the original site of the foundation of La Paz. Travel through the Altiplano admiring the amazing landscapes.

Arrival to **Tiwanaku**, seat of one of the oldest American cultures, considered the **cradle of the American man and one of the most advanced cultures in development at that time.**

Visit the local museums and the archaeological site with the **Kalasasaya temple the Gate of the Sun**, the monoliths Ponce and Fraile; the **Akapana pyramid** and the Semi underground temple.

Lunch at a local restaurant and return to El Alto.

Drive from El Alto to Copacabana.

Visit the local village, the local streets the **Sanctuary of the dark skin Virgin**, the handcrafts markets and the local products market. Optional hike to El Calvario hill.

Dinner and overnight in Copacabana.

Day 13 Copacabana – Sun Island – Moon Island – La Paz

Breakfast and short walk to the shore of **Lake Titicaca** to board the boats that will transfer us to **Sun Island.** Visit the **Pilkocaina temple** and short hike to the **village of Yumani**, seeing on the way the agricultural terraces.

Descend on the **Staircase of the Inca** after drinking from the **fountain of eternal youth.** Aphtapi lunch on route.

Boat ride to **Moon Island** to visit the **Sacred Temple of the Virgins of the Sun**, enjoying the views of Lake Titicaca and the Royal Range, certainly breathtaking.

Return to Copacabana and drive back to La Paz.

Overnight at the hotel of your choice.

Day 14 La Paz - Rurrenabaque - Chalalan

Departure transfer from the hotel in La Paz. Flight from La Paz to Rurrenabaque. Arrival transfer from the airport in Rurrenabaque to the point of the Beni River.

Night at Rurrenabaque.

Early departure where we board motorboats and get lifejackets. Start navigating towards Chalalan Eco lodge, the ride takes about 5 ½ hours on the Beni and the Tuichi Rivers. The journey is a great opportunity to watch and enjoy beautiful landscapes like the Bala George and the **beautiful landscapes** of the **tropical jungle**.

On route we might see some birds, reptiles and mammals. Snacks on route.

Arrival to the port of Chalalan and hike for 25 minutes, on the Jaguar trail, to the Chalalan Eco lodge on the shore of the lagoon of the same name.

Welcome and accommodations in the cabins.

Welcome lunch.

Afternoon hike on one of the theme paths, where our local guide will show how to interpret the sounds of the forest and the different uses of its resources.

Return by canoe to observe some species of monkeys and birds.

After dinner, night walk to observe insect, amphibians, spiders, reptiles and night birds.

Day 15 Chalalan Ecolodge – Madidi National Park

Breakfast at the Ecolodge. Guided walk for 3 to 4 hours on the Tapacare path or a similar one. During the walk we continue learning on how to interpret the sounds of the forest and the ecological processes. This is a great opportunity to, with a bit of luck; see some species of birds, mammals that live on trees and on the ground. Lunch at the Ecolodge.

In the afternoon, after a rest, visit to the lookout, from where we get an incredible view of all of the area of Lake Chalalan and the surroundings that cover an amazing primary tropical jungle of Madidi National Park.

Talk on the history of the community the Chalalan project and the creation of Madidi National Park.

Buffet dinner with traditional food of the area.

Ride on canoe to observe the shine of the caiman's eyes and other animals.

Traditional Quechua Tacana night. Our local guides, according to their traditions and indigenous rituals of the Uchupiamonas, (use of coca leaves) will offer a small farewell gathering with music and dances and a local traditional drink.

Dinner and overnight at the ecolodge.

Day 16 Chalalan Ecolodge - Rurrenabaque

Breakfast at the Ecolodge and early in the morning, hike on one of the theme paths to observe the **wild fauna**. Lunch at 11:00 a.m. and walk to the shore of the Tuichi river to ride the boats back to Rurrenabaque.

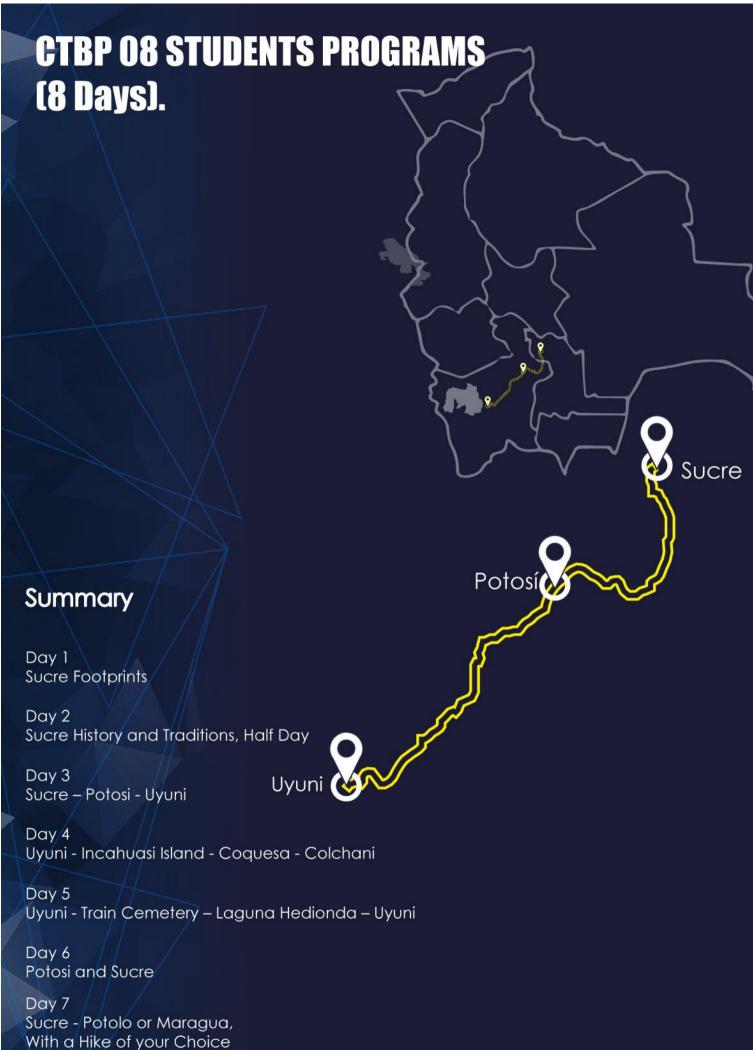
During the journey it is recommended to keep eyes open to see some local animals.

After a 3 hour ride, arrival to Rurrenabaque and transfer to the airport for the flight from Rurrenabaque to La Paz.

Arrival transfer and overnight at the hotel of your choice.

Day 17 Departure transfer

Breakfast and departure to the airport.



Day 8
Sucre Local Handcrafts and Factories



Day 1 Sucre Footprints

Back to the Cretaceous Cal Orcko - Dinosaur Footprints

Transfer in to the hotel of your choice.

Visit to the Cretaceous Park.

The largest site with dinosaur footprints in the world.

This area contains an impressive group of different species dinosaur footprints located in the almost vertical calcareous wall of Cal Orcko. Investigations suggest that they are 65 million years old, belonging to the Cretaceous period.

There are examples of both biped and quadruped prints, indicating that the different species co-inhabited the area, including the mighty Rex Tyrannosaurus.

From the Cretaceous Park it is possible to admire these prints, as well as real size models made by experts. The park shows not only the features of the dinosaurs, but also the typical flora of the time.

The visit lasts 2 hours.

Lunch at a local restaurant.

Afternoon visits to some places in the city, the Textile Museum of Asur, The House of Liberty (closed on Monday), the Monastery of San Felipe Neri, and some local markets.

The visit lasts 2 hours.

Dinner and overnight at the hotel of your choice.

Day 2 Sucre History and Traditions, Half Day

Breakfast at the hotel.

Visit the charming and colonial city of Sucre, the route of museums and churches! Some places we recommend are the Museum of Treasures, The Monastery and Lookout of la Recoleta, the Charcas University Museum with its Colonial, Anthropological and Modern Art Sections.

The visit lasts 3 hours.

Lunch.

Transfer from Sucre to Potosi with a short stop at the Castle of La Glorieta and at Puente Mendez, natural limit between Sucre and Potosí.

Arrival to the hotel in Potosi.

Dinner at a local restaurant and overnight.

Day 3 Sucre - Potosi - Uyuni

Breakfast at hotel.

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Afternoon drive to Uyuni. If desired continue to Colchani where the Salt Hotels are.

Dinner and overnight at the hotel of your choice.

Day 4 Uyuni - Incahuasi Island - Coquesa - Colchani

Departure from the hotel and visit to Colchani. Walk on a plant where **salt with iodine is processed by the locals**. Visit to the small market where handcrafts are made on salt.

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Visit Incahuasi Island where gigantic cacti grow making the landscape even more unique.

Walk on a petrified coral path and drive to the northern shore of the Uyuni Salt Flats to Coquesa where the **views of Salar de Uyuni** are again different and just as impressive.

Short hike on the hillside, to the entrance of the Cave of the Coquesa mummies.

Enjoy lunch in the middle of the Salt Flats.

Return to Colchani watching the amazing sunset on the Salt Flats.

Dinner and overnight at a Salt Hotel in Colchani.

Day 5 Uyuni - Train Cemetery – Laguna Hedionda – Uyuni

Departure from Uyuni and visit to the train cemetery.

Drive by San Cristobal, a colonial town, now the largest source of silver in the world, where it is possible to visit the church that has **original frescos** on the wall.

Walk along the Alota River where we see mainly birds of the region.

Visit on route the Valley of the Rocks and Black Lagoon.

Lunch on route.

Continue to Laguna Hedionda known for its natural inhabitants: the **flamingos** that parade on the shore on the company of other smaller birds.

Return to Uyuni passing by an Altiplano landscape where we see the small Andean towns.

Exact route will be adapted to weather conditions at the time of your visit.

Dinner and overnight in Uyuni.

Day 6 Potosi and Sucre

Breakfast and return to Sucre passing by Potosi. Lunch in Potosi. Afternoon return to Sucre. Overnight at the hotel of your choice.

Day 7 Sucre - Potolo or Maragua, With a Hike of your Choice

Towards the northwest of Sucre is the Frailes mountain range. This area is remarkable for the **intense colors of the mountains** due to their mineral wealth. The colors and the mountains create an amazing landscape where one can do hikes that have different levels of difficulty. Combine a visit to one of the indigenous villages of Potolo or Maragua, with one of the following hikes.

Incamachay Pumamachay Pictographs

The area has interesting pictographs that correspond to cultures that existed from 2.500 to 1.500 years ago.

After driving 1 hour, a walk of 4 to 6 hours starts in a fascinating erosion sculpted mountain landscape that presents curious and surprising land forms. The walk covers an area of about 8 Km., ending in the valley of Chaunaca, where we enjoy a picnic lunch.

Inca Trail

After driving 1 hour from Sucre, we start descending on the Inca Trail, a road built for transporting obsidian stones. The walk on the trail covers a distance of approximately 6 Km. (3.7 mi.), descending from the summit of the mountains of Chataquila to the Valley of Chaunaca.

The great landscape of Los Frailes mountain range offers amazing views of the area and of the Maragua Crater. It is also a good chance to learn about the native flora of the region. Walking time 2 to 4 hours (easy). Picnic lunch at the end of the hike

Dinosaur Footprints of Maragua

The hike starts after visiting the village of Maragua and enjoying a picnic lunch on route. It lasts 3 to 4 hours, following the footsteps of the first inha bitants of this area: Dinosaurs.

The indigenous communities of Potolo and Maragua, that belong to the Jalq'a ethnical group maintain the elements of their traditional culture in the architecture of the houses, the agricultural techniques and especially in the handmade textile production, which is totally unique.

After a 1 ½ hour drive from Sucre and once we have visited the small valley of Chaunaca, we take the road to either Potolo or Maragua. Visit to the indigenous homes in the area, where, besides admiring the textile art they produce,

The village of *Potolo* is a mestizo town where local women weave the so well-known **Jalq'a textiles.** This tour visits some homes and it is possible to see a bit of the everyday life in the area (1 hour from Chaunaca).

Maragua is a smaller indigenous town where one can see one of the highlights of the area: the **crater of Maragua**. The visit includes indigenous homes where women produce their wonderful textile art (30 min. from Chaunaca).

Afternoon return to Sucre.

Disco night with pizzas for dinner.

Overnight at the hotel of your choice.

Day 8 Sucre Local Handcrafts and Factories

Breakfast.

Visit to the Beer and Chocolate Factory.

Crafts and technology, the other face of Bolivia!

The route includes a visit to the site where the most traditional manufactures of the city are handmade.

This visit includes the Textile Museum of Asur, The Chocolate Factory and a local handcrafts shop.

Shopping in each site is also a treat.

The visit lasts 3 hours.

Departure transfer to the airport.

Note: Additional lectures and/or activities can be added to this program.

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This person should be in his/her full legal and mental capacity and be older than 18 years old. The responsibility on the information provided when booking one of our tours, is this persons responsibility, who must also inform all people travelling about the full details of the bookings. When booking a tour, we must have all the accurate information regarding each passenger, this means personal information, any health, diet or other restrictions, special needs or others that we should take into consideration when booking. This will allow us also to provide better services. When booking plane tickets, we must have a copy of the passport of each traveler. Prices for domestic flights are quoted in a range of the minimum and maximum price. This price will be confirmed at the time of issuance which will be 24 hours after the proof of payment has been sent.

Confirmations are subject to availability and prices may suffer changes

It is a condition of your booking with us that you and all other members of your party including infants and children, are adequately insured on holiday, with insurance from your home country. Any person under 18 must be accompanied by an adult on his or her journey.

Specific and special conditions may apply to each tour. Those are detailed on the individual itinerary.

Once the reservation request is received, we will process it; this may take a few days.

As soon as confirmation is received, we will issue a confirmation invoice and we will email this confirmation to you.

Before we issue the confirmation invoice, all changes will be re programmed and re quoted for your approval.

We request you revise your confirmation invoice and details specified on the confirmed itinerary so that in case there are any, we can correct mistakes.

We reserve the right to correct mistakes up to 24 hours before the beginning of the tour.

If any of these corrections is not acceptable you may ask for a refund for that part of the tour In some portions of our tours we may subcontract a local operator; this will not affect in any way the quality of our services. The terms and conditions for these portions only apply between you and us (Candelaria Tours), as it was your choice to book your holiday directly with us.

At present all international airport taxes are included in the airfare, however some domestic airports do not include this tax and they must be paid directly by the person travelling, unless requested to us in advance, to include it as part of your reservation. This domestic airport tax does not exceed USD.5 per person per flight.

Airfares could be modified by the airlines, therefore rates are not guaranteed until the first payment has been made.

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2. - RATES

All of our rates are expressed in U.S. dollars per person, and are guaranteed for the specified periods, however we reserve the right to adjust and modify them periodically.

Our rates are calculated and include the cost of fuel; those costs have been estimated at the date of publication of our rates. We reserve the right to add a supplement for any increase on these costs that affect the already published rates.

When booking a specific tour or package, we will first confirm the rate before confirming the reservation.

We reserve the right to adjust the rate of your trip up to 30 days before the tour starts only because of increases in the cost of transportation, fuel, airport taxes or fees, airline charges, variations on the exchange rate and government actions.

In case this charge is not accepted by the client, we will offer an alternative tour at the price quoted originally considering also the requirements and wishes of our customer.

If this option is not accepted, the tour may be cancelled up to 14 days before it starts and we will refund prepayments discounting only non-refundable charges.

All our rates are net, unless previously specified.

In case of payments with credit card, if our client instructs the credit card company to revert or "charge back" payments made for requested bookings with us, we will charge to your account an administrative fee of USD.15 per incident plus associated costs.

We reserve the right to cancel completely all services without any compensation and/or take legal action against you for all outstanding payments.

Our rates include:

Private touristic transportation

Official bilingual guides on tours

Entrance fees on sightseeing tours

Accommodation/meals as listed in the day-by-day itinerary

Free services and accommodations for a tour leader in groups of 15 pax or more

Our team making sure day by day that you get the best service

Our rates do not include:

Flights (unless specified in the itinerary)

Domestic and international airport taxes (not included in the cost of the flight or not requested at the time of booking)

Meals not mentioned in itinerary.

Personal expenses of any kind (laundry, beverages, communications, etc.)

Excess luggage charges

NOTE

Special rates for children and triple room discounts are available upon request.

3. - CHANGES AND CANCELATIONS

We aim to provide services as they were booked. However there are special conditions that may force us to make changes or cancel our services.

Candelaria Tours will make its best effort to maintain the quality of services in the event of any changes.

If this is the situation, we will inform as soon as possible and offer alternatives, however if they are not accepted we will reimburse all paid monies and pay a compensation based on our compensation chart (see below).

Compensations do not apply in situations totally out of our control such as: weather conditions, social disturbances, wars, revolutions blockades, epidemics, transportation problems and other situations that may imply risk to the safety of our customers and suppliers.

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All charges resulting from changes in 'out of our control' situations will be covered by the client. Flight schedules are mainly indicative; they may change depending on individual and internal airline policies. These changes will not be compensated in any way by Candelaria Tours as they are completely out of our control.

Compensation applies only to passengers paying full rate.

BEFORE DEPARTURE PERIOD OF NOTIFICATION FOR CHANGES	COMPENSATION PER PERSON
56 days or more	0
55-29 days	USD.10
28-15 days	USD.20
14-8 days	USD.30
7-0 days	USD.40

In case of changes made directly by the client, by his or her own choice, those will be made as long as there is availability and they are feasible.

All charges applied in this case will be the ones that are a result of the changes themselves. In case the client is unable to travel, the package or tour may be transferred to a third party covering all the charges that may be generated.

4. - COMPLAINTS

Your comments are very important to us; therefore we appreciate all feedback once your vacation is finished.

In the case of complaints, we have the resources and ability to resolve them immediately, as long as we are informed at the time the incidents or events happen. We have a permanent contact line provided to you with every booking.

In the event of services not covering your expectations, we must be notified immediately via email/telephone or other available resource. We will assist you immediately. If after our intervention you are still not satisfied, you must present a complaint up to 30 days after the end of your tour, so that we can make all proper investigations.

If you do not allow us the opportunity to solve the problem immediately, it is likely that we may not be able to give a positive response to later complaints once our trip is over.

In case we cannot agree, the matter should be solved by the Center of Conciliation and Arbitration according to Bolivian laws.

5. - PERSONAL ACCIDENTS

If you suffer injury, directly as a result of the services provided as part of your holiday we may make a payment to you.

We will not pay any compensation in case this injury was caused by an event or circumstances that could have not been avoided even with the pertinent precaution measurements or when the injury is the affected person's fault.

In case there is compensation, it will be determined by the proper Bolivian law offices.

In cases when we have no responsibility for personal injury or other damages our customers may suffer, we offer our cooperation, as long as it is requested up to 1 month after the event.

6.-PAYMENTS

When making a booking, we will request an initial payment, unless the reservation is made less than 1 month before the tour begins, in which case total payment must be made.

Once services are confirmed, pre payments are not refundable unless changed o cancelled by us. We will not issue any air tickets or confirm services without an initial or total payment as it corresponds.

Once the tour begins, we do not refund tours voluntarily not taken.

Total payment must be made one month before the tour starts.

Payments must be made to Candelaria Tours in US. Dollars. We receive payments in Bolivianos or Euros at the official exchange rate.

Credit cards (Visa and MasterCard) are also accepted with a 3,5% administrative charge over the amount paid.

Bank transfers are also accepted. However all bank charges that result of the transaction must be covered by the client.

7. - CANCELLATIONS

In case of cancellations for anticipated reservations, charges are as follows:

TIME OF RECEPTION OF CANCELLATION BEFORE THE TRIP STARTS	% OF TOTAL BOOKING PRICE
56 days or more	Total loss of initial deposit
55-36 days	30%
35-22 days	50%
21-11 days	70%
10-0 days	100%

Last minute reservations (less than 60 days prior to travel date) must be fully paid 48 hours after the reservation was confirmed and the invoice was sent. They are non-refundable.

Airplane tickets are often non-refundable. In such a case, a 100% charge of the total fare will be charged, independently of the charges mentioned in the chart above.

The same happens for salt hotels, some other hotels and non-refundable services that will be informed to you at the moment of booking.

We suggest you verify your insurance coverage in case of cancellations.

8.-LUGGAGE

We will transport with no charge up to 2 pieces per person, with a weight of 20 Kg. each on ground tours. Each airline has its own luggage regulations; the usual allowance for domestic flights is 1 bag of 20 Kg. per person.

Passengers are responsible for the entire luggage they carry and our company does not respond for their damage or loss.

We suggest you revise your insurance coverage for luggage.

9.- CONDUCT WHILE TRAVELLING

We reserve the right to accept or refuse a customer when their behavior is offensive, inappropriate for the country visited or when it disrupts other clients and/or our staff.

When a client is refused, the reservation will be treated as cancelled by own will and all charges will apply as mentioned before (7.- CANCELLATIONS) and the passenger will be responsible for his or her own arrangements to return to his or her home country.

Transporting or using controlled substances or drugs is penalized by Bolivian laws. Any legal action that happens as a result of breaking any Bolivian laws will be of the passenger's full responsibility.

Any behavior that breaks Bolivian laws will cause the passenger to be refused without the right to make any complaints and without any compensation.

10.-DOCUMENTS

Passengers must have their valid Passport and Visa and are responsible at all times for their personal belongings.

* Please refer to the official site of the Bolivian government to get information on the specific requirements of Visa and others to travel to Bolivia:

http://www.rree.gob.bo/formvisas/.

All passengers must have with them the valid identification document (passport or ID card depending on the country) and all the required Visas.

If required, each passenger must also have all the Vaccinations required depending on the travel itinerary.

If the passenger does not fulfill any of these legal requirements, there will be no refund for any lost or not taken services and all extra charges generated will be covered by the client, including the possible denial of entry to the country.

It is recommended to have a vaccination against Yellow Fever. This is a requirement if travelling to the tropical region of the country but it could be requested upon entry to the country.

11.-ACCEPTANCE

At the moment of booking our services, there is full agreement with our terms and conditions as detailed above.

No contract or signed document will be required in addition for this purpose.

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When planning your Bolivia trip, please get in touch with us, so we can properly assist you and keep you posted on the latest updates and requirements for traveling to Bolivia, taking into account your country of origin and other relevant facts.

Contact us

OUR COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

Candelaria Tours is aware of the changes that COVID-19 has brought to our lives and to the way we flavor everything.

We remain inspired, we want to share with you and to connect you with the Bolivian essence.

It is our priority that you travel safe and that you can still experience our culture our people and our landscapes. That is why, besides making all the proper major arrangements, we have given also special attention to details that we know are important to you and will certainly make a difference.

Below you can find the policies and procedures we have implemented, to give you the maximum assurance of travel flexibility and safety, that we can possibly give.

Candelaria Tours, is aware of the changes that we all had to face with such short notice.

As your representative, we look after your best interest. That is why we can accept changes up to 30 days prior to travel without incurring in penalties or extra expenses. Specific, more flexible rules may apply to certain portions of your trip, however, please see below our general changes and

Cancellations policy. Valid for new bookings only and while COVID-19 persists

Up to 30 days prior to the date of travel your deposit is completely refundable. Only bank charges will be discounted if a cash refund is requested.

For rebooking, no charges apply and these will be subject to availability and seasonality. Airlines and hotels are subject to their own policies; however, we will strive to get the best treatment possible. We cannot guarantee refunds or changes without penalty as they are normally subject to additional costs.

Full payment must be made 30 days prior to departure. In some cases, a confirmation deposit is required. (charter planes, and trips on major holidays for example). We will inform of such a case when the booking is made.

For added peace of mind, all client funds are held in a distinct ring-fenced account, until the service is due.

We strongly recommend you check very carefully your travel insurance policy. It is important that, besides COVID-19 coverage, it includes a good cancellation policy in the event that you or one of your travel companions has a positive COVID result, when cancellation penalties apply (typically 45 to 30 days), or when you take the compulsory PCR test 72 hours prior to departure.

During travel, Medical assistance is at disposition either in person or via web, during our journeys.

We have permanent contact with reputable doctors, that if necessary, will provide proper assistance.

Candelaria Tours has the experience of more than 46 years, arranging tailor made journeys and experiences. Let us know your requirements and wishes are and we will certainly be able to propose an itinerary that matches them and makes you feel comfortable during your journey.

On the meantime, we have made sure that all of our providers, from hotels to transport and guides, are up to date on sanitation, hygiene and distancing policies. As our services are mainly private, we have control on their performance and we can assure that your safety and wellbeing will be a priority.

Furthermore, all our staff and drivers are tested regularly for COVID19.

They will always be wearing the necessary protective clothing. Sanitizing gel will be constantly used and it will be available at all times.

Is travelling to Bolivia safe?

Because Bolivia is less crowded, it is safer to travel within the country. However, it is important to maintain social distancing, to wear a face mask and to constantly wash hands and disinfect them.

Are borders currently open?

All Bolivian borders are currently open.

Who can travel to Bolivia?

International travelers can visit Bolivia as long as they have all the required documents and visas, if applicable.

Travelers coming from the United Kingdom or that have been in the United Kingdom in the last 14 days ARE NOT allowed to travel to Bolivia.

Is a COVID-19 test required to enter Bolivia?

Yes, a RT-PCR test taken by a certified lab is required for all travelers

The test must be taken with the following ranks of advance:

Travelers coming from neighbor countries: 3 days prior to arrival

Citizens coming from South America, Central America and the Caribbean: 3 days prior to arrival.

Citizens coming from Asia, Europe, North America, Oceania: 10 days prior to arrival.

Is a quarantine required upon arrival in Bolivia?

For the moment, there is no requirement for a quarantine upon arrival in Bolivia for travelers coming from most countries.

Visitors coming from Europe **DO** require a home quarantine of 14 days. The same policy applies for Bolivian citizens that come from or have been in the United Kingdom up to 14 days prior to their arrival to Bolivia.

Non-Bolivia residents coming from or that have been in the United Kingdom in the past 14 days ARE NOT allowed to travel to Bolivia.