

INDEPENDENT TRIPS

## Bolivia Highlights Adventure 14D/13N

Nature & Adventure

14 Days / 1 Country

**Bolivia**

Departure city: **La Paz, Bolivia**

End city: **La Paz, Bolivia**



### HIGHLIGHTS

- Hike, bike, and walk in and around La Paz
- Visit ancient pre-Inca ruins at Tiwanaku
- Discover stunning Lake Titicaca & its islands
- Explore the otherworldly Uyuni Salt Flats
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Discover the best that beautiful Bolivia has to offer on this action packed trip through the country's breathtaking highlights. Explore the capital, learn to ice-climb, bike Death Road, discover legendary Lake Titicaca, and traverse the otherworldly salt flats of Uyuni on this unforgettable two-week adventure.

### MAP



## What is included



### Independent Trips

Include all of your accommodation, transport and experiences on a pre-set trip that you can customize to perfectly suit your travel needs.



### Accommodation: 11

- 1 La Paz Junior suite
- 1 La Paz Junior suite
- 5 La Paz Junior suite

### Included in Uyuni Salt Flats & Desert Adventure 3D/2N (Uyuni to Uyuni)

- 1 Night accommodation in Salt Hotel, basic dorm-style rooms w/ shared bathroom (hot shower included in the first night)
- 1 Night shared hostel accommodation

### Included in Lake Titicaca & Isla del Sol Adventure 3D/2N (La Paz to La Paz)

- 2 nights in budget hotels



### Transport: 5

- La Paz Airport Transfer (Day)
- Uyuni to La Paz
- La Paz to Uyuni
- La Paz Bus Station Transfer (Day)
- La Paz Airport Transfer (Day)



### Meals: 20

- 11 Breakfast(s), 7 Lunch(es), 2 Dinner(s),



### Experiences: 6

- Uyuni Salt Flats & Desert Adventure 3D/2N (Uyuni to Uyuni)
- Lake Titicaca & Isla del Sol Adventure 3D/2N (La Paz to La Paz)
- La Paz Highlights by Cable Car
- Tiwanaku Day Trip
- Huayna Potosi Ice Climbing Experience
- La Paz Local City Encounter

## What is not included

- Guide throughout the trip
- Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Travel Insurance
- Tips
- Personal Expenses
- Accommodation pick-up drop-off from Bus Stations

\*Prices for optional activities are subject to change at any time without prior notice. Please confirm these prices before departing on your trip.

# Experiences Included

## La Paz Local City Encounter



Walk to the most interesting sites in La Paz with your local guide who will show you how to hop on a local bus, talk to locals, eat at local markets and visit the best street stands. Discover the real witch market and wander into neighbourhoods rarely visited by tourists so you can see the real way of life in La Paz.

### INCLUDED

- Local transportation
- English-speaking local guide
- 1 typical snack

### NOT INCLUDED

- Lunch (between 30-70 Bs = \$4-10 USD)
- Evening refreshment (7 Bs = \$1 USD)
- Personal expenses
- Tips for guide

## Huayna Potosi Ice Climbing Experience



Enjoy a full day ice climbing experience on the old Huayna Potosi glacier. Learn the basic mountaineering and cramponing techniques, how to walk on ice and snow, and the use of the ice axe and ropes.

### INCLUDED

- Trip transfers La Paz-Base Camp
- English speaking climbing guide
- Box lunch
- Water & snacks
- Climbing equipment

### NOT INCLUDED

- Other meals/drinks
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance
- Tips for guides

## Tiwanaku Day Trip



Discover Tiwanaku, one of the most important archaeological sites in Bolivia and one of the oldest in the world. Explore the ancient ruins and enjoy amazing views of the Andes on this amazing day trip from La Paz.

### INCLUDED

- Accommodation pick-up (within city center)
- City center (San Francisco church) drop-off
- All transportation
- Bilingual guide
- Tiwanaku tour
- Typical lunch
- Museums entrance fees
- Ruins entrance fee

### NOT INCLUDED

- Tips for guides
- Personal expenses

## La Paz Highlights by Cable Car



Visit the highlights of the city, enjoy spectacular views, and experience the local life of La Paz on this exciting daytrip!

### INCLUDED

- Local guide
- City tour
- Snack
- Cable car

### NOT INCLUDED

- Personal expenses
- Other meals and drinks
- Tips
- Travel insurance

## Lake Titicaca & Isla del Sol Adventure 3D/2N



Explore Lake Titicaca and mystical Isla del Sol on a 3-day trip from La Paz stopping through Copacabana on your way to Isla del Sol. Spend a night on this beautiful island before returning to La Paz.

### INCLUDED

- 2 nights in budget hotels
- Pick-up, tour transfers
- La Paz accommodation pick-up
- Shared Transfer La Paz to Copacabana to La Paz
- Sun Island & Tiquina ferry crossing
- 2B / 2L
- Cultural & walking activities
- Hike to the top of Isla del Sol
- Walk

## Uyuni Salt Flats & Desert Adventure 3D/2N



Embark on an unforgettable expedition in a 4x4 Toyota land cruiser through the vast and blinding-white salt flats of Uyuni and into the desert of southwest Bolivia. Along the way, visit tiny villages, multi-colored lakes with flamingos, geysers, and thermal

### INCLUDED

- 1 Night accommodation in Salt Hotel, basic dorm-style rooms w/ shared bathroom (hot shower included in the first night)
- 1 Night shared hostel accommodation
- Pick-up available from Uyuni bus station or Uyuni accommodation (must be booked in advance, transfer from airport to accommodation have an



# Itinerary

## Day 1: La Paz, Bolivia



### La Paz Airport Transfer (Day)

Type: **Transfer**

DepartureTimes: **07:00 to 19:00 Daily**

Duration: **hrs.**



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## Day 2: La Paz, Bolivia



### La Paz Local City Encounter

DepartureTimes: **09:00**

Duration: **4 hrs.**

Get into the heart of La Paz with your experienced local guide who will take you around to the best highlights of the city and show you what real life is like for most Paceños (La Paz residents). Begin the day at Plaza Murillo with its beautiful architecture for a perfect introduction into Bolivia's history and culture. Learn about the current social and political situation in Bolivia as we walk by Murillo Square with the Presidential Palace and House of Parliament. We will be stopping to sample a traditional mid-morning snack.

Next, we will visit the outside of San Pedro Prison from the book "Marching Powder" with your local guide who will explain why this prison is so famous and will also share a few strange bone-chilling stories about this infamous prison. After walking by the prison walls we will then head towards several local markets to learn about Bolivian staple foods and exotic fruit from the rainforest which you will get to taste.

Next, you will jump into a local transportation to head towards an unknown, but spectacular viewpoint. Take a moment here, to enjoy the life happening below you in La Paz, enjoy the slow rhythm of the place you are at the moment. And once you have taken all the photos you want you will jump back in the local transport to reach the local witch market. Take a walk through the market and maybe you can find a magic spell you have been longing for!

You will have an exciting return back to La Paz on a cable car; be sure to capture the views! We will be stopping by another market where you will have time to buy last minute souvenirs if you wish. Your exploration of La Paz will end upon our return to Plaza Murillo (around 12:30pm). We wish you safe travels onwards!



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## Day 3: La Paz, Bolivia



### Huayna Potosi Ice Climbing Experience

DepartureTimes: **08:30**

Duration: **9 hrs.**

Huayna Potosi (6088m) is northeast of La Paz in the Cordillera Real, and is known as one of the easiest 6000m plus mountains in the world to climb. After being transferred to Base Camp (4700m), enjoy a box lunch before training on the old glacier, where you will learn basic mountaineering and cramponing techniques, how to walk on ice and snow, and the use of the ice axe and ropes. This tour is perfect for people who have no experience climbing and plan to trek more advanced routes in the future. After training you will trek back to Base Camp, where you will be met and transferred back to La Paz.



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## Day 4: La Paz, Bolivia



Tiwanaku Day Trip

DepartureTimes: **08:30**

Duration: **7 hrs.**

Tiwanaku is a pre-Inca civilization site located in the highlands of Bolivia. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is considered by most archaeologists as one of the key development sites that led to the Inca Empire. The artistic style of Tiwanaku is quite unique, with fascinating pieces that feature exaggerated heads. Tiwanaku is more than 4000 metres above sea level, in an absolutely magnificent section of the Andes not far from Lake Titicaca, offering beautiful views and wonderful walks.

Today you will be picked up at approximately 8:30 am to be transferred to Tiwanaku, about 72 kilometers from La Paz, a 2hr drive. Along the way you will stop at Lloco Lloco, a lookout spot where you will have the opportunity to enjoy amazing views of the Altiplano and part of Lake Titicaca. Upon arrival in Tiwanaku, you will visit two handicraft museums with archaeological pieces from ancient Tiwanaku culture, the Ceramic Museum and the Lytic Museum.

Next we will visit the ruins and temples of the Tiwanaku archaeological complex. Among them, you can see the Puerta del Sol (Sun Gate), which captures the first rays of sun on the Summer Solstice to bring down all the cosmic energies from the upper world, and the Puerta de la Luna (Moon Gate). See the spectacular Semi-Subterranean Temple, which has the oldest samples of carved heads, the Kalasasaya Temple (4,070m), which was used as a ceremonial ground during the Aymara New Year, and the Akapana Pyramids. After the visit enjoy a local lunch before returning to La Paz, where you will be dropped off and this amazing cultural adventure will come to an end.



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## Day 5: La Paz, Bolivia



La Paz Highlights by Cable Car

DepartureTimes: **9:00, 14:00**

Duration: **3.6 hrs.**

Begin the tour at the beautiful Plaza Murrillo. See the Presidential Palace and House of Parliament while you learn about city's social and political situation. Stop for a local snack and continue to the south of the city. There you will board the cable car, which will take you from 2900 to 4090 meters above sea level. Make sure to enjoy the view!

Visit El Alto slums to see how most of the population lives. Your guide will tell you about the importance of the coca plant to the Bolivian culture, its uses, its illegal production and much more. Take the cable back to Plaza Murillo.



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## Day 6: Copacabana, Bolivia



Lake Titicaca & Isla del Sol Adventure 3D/2N (La Paz to La Paz)

DepartureTimes: **07:00**

Pick up at your accommodation in La Paz at approximately 7:00 a.m. for a shared bus transfer to the lakeside town of Copacabana. Check-in your accommodation and have the rest of the day to walk around Copacabana and see the main sites of the town. Overnight in Copacabana.

## Day 7: Isla del Sol, Bolivia



### Lake Titicaca & Isla del Sol Adventure 3D/2N (La Paz to La Paz)

DepartureTimes: 07:00

Enjoy breakfast at your accommodation and have the morning at leisure before making your way to the provider office to begin the tour with a delicious traditional lunch and a short guided visit of the church and main plaza. Later jump on a boat to Isla del Sol (Sun Island) where you will hike to the top of the island on a traditional Inca stairway, the "Escalinatas de Yumandi". Pass by the fountain of eternal youth natural spring and drink fresh water from the mountain. As you reach the top of the island, you will be rewarded with spectacular views from either side with the snow-capped Bolivian Andes in the distance. Have dinner (not included) and get a good night's rest on this peaceful island in the middle of Lake Titicaca.

## Day 8: La Paz, Bolivia



### Lake Titicaca & Isla del Sol Adventure 3D/2N (La Paz to La Paz)

DepartureTimes: 07:00

After enjoying a delicious breakfast, go on a 2-hour guided walk to reach Pilkokaina Temple. Take a boat ride back to the Copacabana town for lunch, and then take a bus transfer back to La Paz bus terminal, where this amazing adventure will come to an end around 17:30 hrs.



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## Day 9: La Paz, Bolivia



### La Paz Bus Station Transfer (Day)

Type: **Transfer**

DepartureTimes: 7:00 - 21:00

Duration: hrs.



### La Paz to Uyuni

Type: **Transfer**

DepartureTimes: 21:00

Duration: 10 hrs.

## Day 10: Villa Candelaria, Bolivia



### Uyuni Salt Flats & Desert Adventure 3D/2N (Uyuni to Uyuni)

DepartureTimes: 10:30

Uyuni - Colchani - Incahuasi Island - Pia Pia Island - Candelaria (L/D)

Your tour will begin at 10:30 am, at the meeting point. The first stop will be Uyuni's 'train graveyard', to see the first locomotives in Bolivia. You'll visit the small settlement of Colchani (salt miners' workshops next to the salt flats). Here, you'll see handicrafts made of salt, and textile art made of llama and alpaca fiber. The tour will continue onto the Great Salt Flats of Uyuni. Take photos as you cruise along the vast white expanse of salt, see Los Ojos de Agua Salada ('salt water eyes') and then visit a hotel made completely of salt! This amazing place currently serves as a museum.

Following this jam-packed morning, after lunch, you'll carry on to "Isla Incahuasi" (Fish Island), where you will have time to take a hike to the top of the island to see giant cacti, and rock formations made of petrified coral. Make sure you and your group pose for some fun perspective- and proportion-distorted photos, taken against the backdrop of the striking white surface of the salt flats.

Then, you'll head to Pia Pia island, to see the beautiful sunset over the salt flats. Finish off at the village of Candelaria, and enjoy the unique experience of spending the night in a hotel made almost entirely of salt.

Accommodation: Salt hostel "La Escondida" in VILLA CANDELARIA - double rooms. For Rainy season ( from January to April): Hotel in Culpina or other location (No access to the Salt Hostel during these months). If you want a private room for the 2 nights you have to pay an extra cost of 250 BS/36 USD per person, and it's subject to availability, we recommend you to pre-order.

## Day 11: Polques, Bolivia



### Uyuni Salt Flats & Desert Adventure 3D/2N (Uyuni to Uyuni)

Departure Times: **10:30**

Chiguana Desert - Lagoons - Eduardo Avaroa National Reserve - Red Lagoon Sol de Mañana Geyser (B/L/D)

Start the morning off at 7:00 am with breakfast, before going to visit the Chiguana Desert, located on the south side of the Uyuni salt flats. It is surrounded by volcanoes, such as the Ollague Volcano (5840m), one that is still active, and that can be seen from the lookout.

Continue along a rocky road - Pasito Tuntun - to the beautiful Andean lagoons, inhabited by 3 species of Andean flamingos. Marvel at three lagoons on the way: 'Cañapa' where you'll spot the first pink flamingos, 'Hedionda' where lunch will be served, and 'Chiarcota' where you'll see a wider variety of birds and altiplanic fauna.

Enter to the Eduardo Avaroa National Reserve, and visit the Desert of Siloli, at 4550m (the highest and driest desert in the world). Make sure you take a photo next to the 'Rock tree', a lava rock formation. Before arriving to your final destination of the day, make a stop at the viewpoint by the Red Lagoon, where you can spot more pink flamingos in their natural habitat, and admire this intense, red-colored lake. Stay the night at a shared family lodging, "HAYLLAJARA".

Accommodation: "HUAYLLAJARA" basic lodge (dorm of 6 beds shared bathroom. If you want a private room for the 2 nights you have to pay an extra cost of 250 BS/36 USD per person, and it's subject to availability, we recommend you to pre-order). There is no electricity (only for 3 hours, 18:00 hrs to 21:00 hrs)

## Day 12: Uyuni, Bolivia



### Uyuni to La Paz

Type: **Transfer**

Departure Times: **20:00**

Duration: **11 hrs.**



### Uyuni Salt Flats & Desert Adventure 3D/2N (Uyuni to Uyuni)

Departure Times: **10:30**

Dali Desert - Green Lagoon - Uyuni (B/L)

At 5 a.m. (depend on the season), you will have an early breakfast and start your tour day with a visit to Sol de Mañana Geyser. You'll walk alongside fumaroles, and steaming craters filled with boiling pots of mud at 150-200 C°. Continue to the open air hot springs, and take a bath in 35°C water.

The first place to visit is the Dali Desert, where Salvador Dali found inspiration for his work from the scattered boulders in the middle of the desert. See the Green Lagoon - toxic copper water at the foot of the big Licancabur volcano, which sits at 6000m, a few kilometers from the Bolivia-Chile border.



Finally, you'll head back to Uyuni, passing beautiful scenery along the way, and eating a picnic lunch next to the roadside. You'll go by the Valley of the Rocks, the Alota settlement, and the San Cristobal Village.

We'll get back to Uyuni by 6:30 pm.

## Day 13: La Paz, Bolivia

### ● Free Day

Explore on your own, or add an optional extra experience



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## Day 14: La Paz, Bolivia



La Paz Airport Transfer (Day)

Type: **Transfer**

DepartureTimes: **07:00 to 19:00 Daily**

Duration: **hrs.**

