

GROUP ADVENTURES

## Authentic Backpacker Peru & Bolivia Group Adventure 14D/13N

Bamba Authentic Backpacker

14 Days / 2 Countries

**Bolivia & Peru**

Departure city: **Cuzco, Peru**

End city: **La Paz, Bolivia**



### HIGHLIGHTS

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- Bond with like-minded travellers on the ultimate small group tour
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- Bike, zipline, river raft, and trek your way to legendary Machu Picchu
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- Discover natural wonders at Lake Titicaca
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- Take an epic journey through the Uyuni Salt Flats
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Experience the best of Peru and Bolivia and create incredible memories with new friends. Explore from Cuzco to La Paz, visiting legendary Machu Picchu, the blinding white Uyuni Salt Flats, and world famous Lake Titicaca. Join a small group of like-minded travellers for a journey you'll never forget, with adrenaline pumping adventures like ziplining, mountain biking, white water rafting, and more!

### MAP



## What is included

### Group Adventures

Group Adventures are designed to forget about all the travel logistics and let our guides take you to the best places with a group of like minded travelers

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#### Accommodation: 13

- 13 Nights in hostel accommodation
  - 5N in Cuzco
  - 1N overnight bus Cuzco to Puno
  - 1N Isla de Sol
  - 1N La Paz
- 1N overnight bus La Paz to Uyuni
  - 2N in Salt Hotel
  - 1N overnight bus Uyuni to La Paz
  - 1N La Paz
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#### Transport: 1

- All Transport
  - All transport during itinerary
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#### Meals: 18

- 10 Breakfast(s), 5 Lunch(es), 3 Dinner(s),
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#### Guides:

- English-speaking tour leader throughout itinerary
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## What is not included

- \*Hot Springs in Santa Teresa
- \*Uyuni bus station transfers
- \*Entrance fees to Isla Incahuasi and Reserva Eduardo Avaroa
- \*Meals and drinks not stated
- \*Personal expenses
- \*Travel insurance
- \*Tips

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

# Itinerary

## Day 1: Cuzco, Peru

Cuzco Airport Pick-Up

Welcome to Peru! Today you will be picked up at Cuzco airport upon arrival and transferred to your accommodation for check-in. Overnight in Cuzco.

## Day 2: Cuzco, Peru

Cuzco Free Day (B)

Today you will discover the magic and beauty of Cuzco, the former capital of the Incan Empire, once considered the navel of the world. You'll have the day free to explore the city at your own pace. Walk through the cobblestone streets built atop ancient Inca pathways and imagine yourself walking among the ancient Inca roads that once led to the modern-day Plaza de Armas from faraway lands. Stroll around town in the evening with your fellow travelers in search of flavourful Peruvian treats (a fresh ceviche, perhaps?) for dinner (not included). Overnight in Cuzco.

## Day 3: Cuzco - Santa Maria, Peru

Cuzco to Malaga High Pass, Mountain Biking to Santa Maria Village (1,400m), Rafting (L/D)

Your day starts at 6:30 am with a 1.5 hours drive to Ollantaytambo, where you can take a quick breakfast and buy some snacks for the rest of the road to the Malaga High Pass. When you arrive, your guide will provide you a safety briefing before you begin an adrenaline-pumping 2.5-hour bike ride down into the lush Peruvian jungle, you will see the stunning and remote Huamanmarca archaeological site while cruising through fruit plantations and over rivers before arriving to Santa Maria village. Then you will start a 2-hour rafting adventure down the Urubamba River, enjoy the beauty of this down class III & IV rapids. Your day will finish with a drive to Santa Teresa where you will rest at a rustic guesthouse.

Note: Accommodation options are very limited along the trekking route for the first 2 nights in Santa Maria & Santa Teresa villages. Most places have very basic, rustic facilities. Rooms often share a bathroom and sometimes do not have hot water. However, we always choose the best available option.

## Day 4: Santa Maria - Aguas Calientes, Peru

Canopy Zip-Line and Trek to Aguas Calientes (B/L/D)

This morning you begin the day in the best way possible, flying through the treetops on a 2-hour canopy excursion on South America's highest canopy zip-line. You will do the longest ride, over 2,500 meters of cables covering 400 meters, and the highest at 150 meters, giving you unforgettable views. Continue your canopy adventure with a ride to the Hydroelectric Station where you will take lunch. Take a breathe, and get prepared for 3 more hours of foot walking by the train tracks on beautiful green lush forest to reach Aguas Calientes. In town, you will find plenty of places to relax. Spend the night in Aguas Calientes, enjoy a hot shower and a good night's sleep.

## Day 5: Aguas Calientes - Cuzco, Peru

Explore Machu Picchu & Return to Cuzco (B)

Take the 5:30am bus to Machu Picchu and get prepared for a 2-hour walking tour, after this, you can explore the mysterious city on your own. You can choose one of the optional activities like climb the Huayna Picchi Peak (to be booked in advance at an extra cost) before you take the bus for your return to Aguas Calientes. If time allows, visit the local marketplace next to the train station and shop until the train whistle blows, signaling your return to Ollantaytambo. From Ollantaytambo, you will take a bus back to Cuzco arriving around 08:00pm. Overnight in Cuzco.

## Day 6: Cuzco, Peru

Cuzco Free Day - Optional 4x4 Quadbike Adventure, Rainbow Mountain, or Rafting & Overnight Bus to Puno (B)

Today you'll have the option of participating in some exhilarating activities. Feel the adrenaline rush of having total control of a 4x4 quad bike as you drive yourself along dirt roads in the mountains, splashing through mud puddles, passing fields and villages and enjoying the fresh crisp Andean air. You also have the option of river rafting to experience Peru's natural beauty by river. If thrill-seeking isn't for you, you can visit the magnificent Rainbow Mountain and marvel at the striking colors of the mountain. Make the return trip to Cuzco, where you'll catch an overnight bus to Puno.

## Day 7: Puno, Peru - Isla del Sol, Bolivia

Lake Titicaca - Uros Floating Islands - Isla del Sol

After an early arrival in Puno, we'll head out to discover Lake Titicaca, one of the most beautiful lakes in the world. Start your visit at 06:30am of the Uros floating islands. Stepping on these incredible islands feels very much like walking on a waterbed (but don't worry, it's quite safe). There are more than 90 Uros floating islands, but you will only visit two of them today to see the local way of life. At 08:30am, cross the border from Peru to Bolivia and enjoy the scenic route along the way. Arrive in Copacabana, take a boat to Isla del Sol (Sun Island) and explore this mythical place. Enjoy the rest of the day exploring the island and have dinner (not included) as you make your way to your accommodation. Overnight on the Island.

## Day 8: Isla del Sol-La Paz, Bolivia

Copacabana - La Paz (B)

Explore Isla del Sol before heading back to Copacabana to take a ferry across the Strait of Tiquina. Enjoy the impressive views from the water before catching the 18:00 bus to La Paz which leaves from the White Anchor in Copacabana port. Upon arrival around 22:30, you will have free time to venture around town on your own or take a good night's sleep. Overnight in La Paz.

## Day 9: La Paz - Uyuni, Bolivia

La Paz Free Day - Optional Death Road Adventure (B)

Enjoy a free day to partake in nearby activities. If you're an adventure lover, ride the Most Dangerous Road to get your adrenaline pumping. Cruise along this infamous dirt track, navigate hair-raising curves with sheer vertical drops and witness sweeping views of the valley below. Begin the adventure in La Cumbre (4,700m) and descend 3,500 meters in approximately 4 hours, passing high altitude snowy peaks, beautiful waterfalls, and lush jungle scenery. Get ready to get picked up from your accommodation to catch your overnight bus to Uyuni.

## Day 10: Uyuni - Ajencha, Bolivia

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

Get ready for an adventure! The first stop will be Uyuni's 'train graveyard', where you will see the first locomotives in Bolivia. Then visit the small settlement of Colchani (salt miners' workshops next to the salt flats), see handicrafts made of salt, and textile art made of llama and alpaca fiber. Continue your tour in the Great Salt Flats of Uyuni, cruise along the vast white expanse of salt where you can see Los Ojos de Agua Salada ('saltwater eyes'). After lunch, you'll carry on to "Isla Incahuasi" (Fish Island), here you will start a hike to the top of the island, here you will discover giant cacti and rock formations made of petrified coral. Go ahead to Pia Pia island, to see the beautiful sunset over the salt flats. Finish your day adventure at the village of Ajencha, and enjoy the unique experience of spending the night in a hotel made almost entirely of salt, called "Santiago Jukil".

Note: Accommodation: Salt hostel "Santiago Jukil" in Agencia - double rooms. During rainy season ( from January to April): Hotel in Culpina or other location (No access to the Salt Hostel during these months).

## Day 11: Ajencha - Polques, Bolivia

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

Start the morning off with a local breakfast, and get ready to visit the Chiguana Desert on the south side of the Uyuni salt flats. Enjoy the beauty of this place which is surrounded by volcanoes. Continue along a rocky road - Pasito Tuntun - to the beautiful Andean lagoons, where you will see 3 species of Andean flamingos. Discover three incredible 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 altiplano fauna. After lunch, you will visit the Eduardo Avaroa National Reserve, and the Desert of Siloli, which is the highest and driest desert in the world. Before arriving at your final destination of the day, make a stop at the viewpoint by the Red Lagoon, to admire this intense, red-colored lake. Stay the night at a shared family lodging.

## Day 12: Polques - La Paz, Bolivia

Dali Desert - Green Lagoon - La Paz (B/L)

Have early breakfast before a visit to Sol de Mañana Geyser, at 5,000m. Walk alongside fumaroles, and steaming craters filled with boiling pots of mud. Take a bath in the 35°C water of the open-air hot springs. Your adventure continues with a visit to 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 transfer to Uyuni to catch an overnight bus to La Paz.

## Day 13: La Paz, Bolivia

La Paz Free Day (B)

Upon arrival in La Paz check into your accommodation and enjoy a free day at your leisure to recover from the incredible adventure you've just had in one of the most unique natural landscapes in the world. Discover La Paz with your guide, head out to sample Bolivian cuisine, and hang out with your new friends. This evening have dinner (not included) to say goodbye to all your friends that you've experienced so much with in the past weeks. Enjoy traditional Bolivian fare, sip some Piscos, and maybe even spend the night on the town after dinner to make the most out of your last night.

## Day 14: La Paz, Bolivia

La Paz Accommodation Check-Out (B)

All good things must end. Make sure that you exchange contact information with your new friends, you'll have a lot to reminisce about! Your adventure will end upon after checking out of your accommodation. We wish you a safe journey onward!

