



GROUP TRAVEL

SAE 1843



# ACTIVE BOLIVIA

16 days/ 15 nights USD 2.990.- EUR 2.566.-  
Half board

## DAY 1 (Friday) ARRIVAL IN BOLIVIA

After a long flight from home, arriving in Santa Cruz, the second most important city in Bolivia. At the airport, our partner is waiting for us for transfer into the city center to Los Tajibos Hotel or similar.

The rest of the day is at leisure.

## DAY 2 (Saturday)

### SANTA CRUZ - JESUIT MISSIONS

Breakfast at the hotel. Drive towards the Chiquitania, east of Santa Cruz, and one of the largest areas of the rainforest in Santa Cruz. The Chiquitania area is very famous because of the Jesuit missions built by the Spanish conquerors to convert the Indians to the Catholic religion. On the way we visit the villages Cotoca, Pailas and San Ramon before we reach our first mission at San Javier. We will cross the Rio Grande, one of the main tributaries of the Mamore River, tributary of the Amazonas River. We will monitor the large agricultural and cattle-breeding Pampas. After a journey of about 5 hours, we reach San Javier.

After lunch visit the Jesuit church on the first mission and the Casas de Artesania, houses of handicrafts. Continue to Concepción, about 60 km. away. On route we stop at Piedras del Paquío where we can see a Buffalo-drive livestock. Nearby we can also see a beautiful lagoon, full of natural beauty and lush. Arrival at the Gran Hotel Concepción. Dinner. **(B) (L) (D)**

**OPTIONAL:** Depending on the program, you can book a concert of Baroque music. The baroque music has been promoted by the Jesuits among the Indians, and since the discovery of old scores in the 80s, is supported and taught by a foundation within the youth.

## DAY 3 (Sunday)

### CONCEPCION-SANTA CRUZ

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning we visit the Jesuit church of Concepción, the museum and the handicrafts workshop. After lunch we explore the backwaters of Concepción where it can take a short walk or swim. Timely ride to Santa Cruz. Arrival at the hotel. **(B) (L)**

## DAY 4 (Monday) SANTA CRUZ - SUCRE

After breakfast, early transfer to the airport for your flight to Sucre (about 40 min). Arrival at the airport Juana Azurduy de Padilla. Reception and transfer to the Hotel Parador Santa María la Real, your accommodation in Sucre, the official

capital of Bolivia. City tour of this unique city known as Ciudad Blanca (White City) and one of the jewels of the Hispanic architecture of the colonial America. Sucre was declared by UNESCO a cultural World Heritage. Among others, we will visit the main square, Casa de la Libertad (Freedom House), the Cathedral, the University of San Francisco Xavier, one of the oldest in America. Then we will visit the Palace of the Supreme Court of Justice and the convent of La Recoleta. Dinner. **(B) (D)**

## DAY 5 (Tuesday) SUCRE

Breakfast at the hotel. Today we visit the dinosaur park where dinosaur tracks were found a few years ago. Your imagination will return about 68 million years ago when dinosaurs once lived. In the afternoon we will visit the colonial part of the city, the church of the Virgin of Guadalupe, San Felipe Nery, University Museum, the Castle of La Glorieta and the ethnographic museum. Overnight at the Hotel Parador Santa Maria la Real. **(B) (D)**

## DAY 6 (Wednesday) SUCRE - POTOSI

Journey towards Potosi after breakfast. The trip takes about 3 hours. Arrival and transfer to the Hotel Coloso. Lunch. In the afternoon we will visit the Cerro Rico de Potosi. The mountain was once the richest silver mine in the world in those days when Potosi was one of the biggest cities in the world, also known as Sumac Orcko. Because of the reputation of that fact, is the famous saying "Vale un Potosi" (it's worth a Potosi) arose when it talks about a valuable thing. The tour includes the entrance to the mine where we can see "El Tio", the patron saints of the mountain. Then city tour of the colonial city, founded in 1554 "Villa Imperial de Carlos V". Overnight at the Coloso de Potosi Hotel **(B) (L)**

## DAY 7 (Thursday) POTOSI - UYUNI

Breakfast at the hotel. Potosi was declared World Heritage by the UNESCO. Today we will visit La Casa de la Moneda, a former Mint Institution that can be seen today as Museum. The Casa de la Moneda was an important center of the Spanish colonial trade in South America in the 16th Century. The building is now considered one of the finest examples of Spanish colonial architecture. After lunch, we will go to Uyuni with a 4WD. On the way we visit the villages

Chaquilla, Tica Tica and Pulacayo, famous mining center of the time of Simon I. Patino, the Tinn King. Arrival in Uyuni and accommodation at Uyuni Gardens Hotel. **(B) (L)**

## DAY 8 (Friday) UYUNI - UYUNI SALT LAKE - COQUESA

(E-bike-tour: 57 km - 35 ml)

Breakfast at the hotel. Today you will start your active adventure in Bolivia. Our guide and vehicles pick you up from your hotel in Uyuni and take you to our meeting point. At 8:30 a.m. we start with an explanation of the qualities of the E-bikes and their handling as well as tips for the tour. The guide will tell you the route to be defined according to the weather conditions of the day. Since the distances are relatively large, the route to be covered is defined by the group according to the suggestion of the tour guide. Departure at 9 a.m. On the way we will visit the train cemetery and after a short break we will continue to the indigenous village of Colchani, where we will see the elaboration of iodized salt in its rustic form. You will enter the white desert in its fullness with typical extraction landscapes like pyramids of salt, salt eyes and the first hotel built entirely from salt, which is now a local museum. Our guide will look for the ideal place to enjoy a typical community lunch called "ajtapi", aymara word for picnic. After lunch, we visit the island of Sajchilla with thousand-year-old cactuses, an unexplored place. We continue towards Coquesa at the foot of the volcano Thunupa. Accommodation in "Tambo Coquesa Lodge". After a short break, you will visit the Museum of the Chantani mummies and stony clusters. At the end of the afternoon we will find the ideal place to watch the sunset accompanied by a Coca cocktail as a welcome drink. Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight. **(B) (L) (D)**

## DAY 9 (Saturday)

### COQUESA- LAGOONS - LOS FLAMENCOS

(E-bike: 45 km-28 ml)

After breakfast at 8.00 am, we leave the hotel driving south, we return with the E-bikes to the Salar with paradisiac landscapes, towards the island of Incahuasi, whose translation of Quechua is "House of the Inca". The island is completely surrounded by the huge salt surface of the Uyuni Salt Flat and its



relief is steep. It contains a large number of giant cacti (*Echinopsis atacamensis*), which can reach more than 10 meters high. Afterwards, we continue our journey towards the municipality of San Juan, natural view of volcano Ollague (active), with visit of the "comunarios", continuation to Laguna Cañapa and finally Laguna Hedionda. Accommodation in Los Flamencos Echohotel. After the accommodation and a short break, walk along the shores of the lagoon where you can see the three species of flamingos just a few meters away. Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight. **(B) (L) (D)**

**DAY 10 (Sunday) LOS FLAMENCOS – AVAROA NAT'L PARK – UYUNI**  
(E-bike-Tour: 46 km – 29 miles)

Breakfast in the hotel. Departure before dawn towards Eduardo Abaroa Reserve National Park with visit to Laguna Honda, Charcota, Siloli Desert, Stone Tree, Laguna Colorada with geysers and hot springs, Dali Desert and Laguna Verde. After returning to the city of Uyuni we visit the Valley of the Rocks, and authentic villages like Villa Alota, Culpina K and the mining town of San Cristóbal with its church. Arrival at the Uyuni Airport on time for your flight to La Paz. After a short flight, arrival in La Paz and reception through your guide. Transfer to downtown La Paz. Overnight at Hotel Europa. **(B) (L)**

**DAY 11 (Monday) LA PAZ**

After breakfast, half day city tour with the colonial district and Indian markets, including the Valley of the Moon, beautiful geological formations of limestone not far away from the city. Today we will use the modern cable car system visiting La Paz in a very special way. Cars are highlighted with colours and every route is defined on these colours. Lunch on the way. Afternoon is at your free disposal. **(B) (L)**

**DAY 12 (Tuesday)**

**LA PAZ – COPACABANA**

Breakfast at the hotel. Excursion to Copacabana, the Bolivian most important pilgrimage site. The drive takes about 3 hours, crossing the Staright of Tiquina,

the arrowest part of the lake. Once in Copacabana, registration at the hotel. After lunch, we will visit the Basilica of the Virgen Morena (the dark virgin) and the main square. Accommodation at the Hotel Rosario del Lago. **(B) (L)**

**DAY 13 (Wednesday) COPACABANA – ISLA DEL SOL – LA PAZ**

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning we will start a soft trekking to Sampaya, an Aymara community that has preserved its customs and traditions since ancient times. It is located 18 km north from Copacabana and on the way, you will see many small towns full of tradition and living testimony of a culture that has its roots in ancient times. Sampaya presents houses with stone walls and roofs with paja brava. Its tortuous streets are tiled with flat stones and small trees of kantutas (national flower) are found everywhere. After visiting Sampaya, we will take a boat to Sun Island. Lunch overlooking the mountains of the Cordillera de los Andes. At the sun island we visit the Inca Steps of Yumani and the Fountain of Eternal Youth. Short hike to Pilkokaina Palace. Back to Copacabana and then continue to La Paz. Arrival and transfer to Hotel Europa or similar. **(B) (L)**

**DAY 14 (Thursday) LA PAZ – COROICO**

Departure after breakfast towards Coroico. The drive takes us to 4750 meters above sea level, first to pass "La Cumbre". From there we can see the snowy mountains of the Cordillera. Then, we descend down to 1100 m in the rain forest. Arrival and registration at the hotel Viejo Molino in Coroico. Lunch. The afternoon is at leisure. You can enjoy the swimming pool of the hotel or take a short walk through coffee, coca and orange plantations. Dinner and overnight **(B) (L) (D)**

We offer you a sensational option for today. Los Yungas was since the 19<sup>th</sup> century a center of development and a

road was built in the 1930´s to link this subtropical region with La Paz. The road was literally carved on the volcanic rock of the Andes, resulting in a very narrow passage from no more than 3 meters wide. Because of the difficulty to drive along and the risk involved with many deadly accidents, this road is known as the Dead Road. Since the new highway was built in the last decade, intrepid travellers started to go down this road with mountain bikes from 4800 m. above sea level to 1500 meters. Spectacular scenes and curves full adrenaline will



accompany you on this active tour to the bolivian jungle. If you decide to do this activity, at the end of the tour you will meet the others from your group to enjoy Coroico together.

**DAY 15 (Friday) COROICO – LA PAZ**

Breakfast. Hike through the rainforest. Enjoy the lush vegetation of the area, and see now and then a coca plantation. After lunch we head back to La Paz. Arrival in the city and transfer to your hotel. **(B) (L)**

**DAY 16 (Saturday) LA PAZ – AIRPORT**

Breakfast at the hotel. Early transfer to the airport for your flight back home. End of our services. **(B)**

**(B)** Breakfast **(L)** Lunch **(D)** Dinner

**PRICE PER PERSON IN DOUBLE OCCUPANCY**

**USD 2.990.- EUR 2.566.-**

**INCLUSIONS**

- ✚ Private transfers, sightseeing tours and connection.
- ✚ 15 nights in selected hotels (bath or shower/WC)
- ✚ 15 breakfasts, 12 lunches and 6 dinners included
- ✚ All excursions and transfers mentioned in the program.
- ✚ Local english-speaking tour guide in all excursions
- ✚ All entrance fees to national parks, museums and excursions
- ✚ Travel money security certificate

**NOT INCLUDED**

**International and local flights**, local airport taxes, tips for Guides, drivers and Porters, personal expenses, optional tours, other services not mentioned in the program.

**GROUP TRAVEL DEPARTURES:**

- 07 September 2018
- 19 October 2018
- 02 November 2018
- 05 April 2019
- 26 April 2019
- 10 May 2019
- 19 July 2019