

Dream of Bolivia

A photographic journey to the best regions of the country in company of a professional photographer

Santa Cruz - Sucre - Potosí - Uyuni - La Paz
10 days / 09 nights

NEXT FIXED DEPARTURES

April 11, 2019

May 09, 2019



With extension to the Madidi National Park



DAY 01 Thursday SANTA CRUZ
Highlights of the day: the historic center and the handicraft center La Recova.

After your international flight, arrival in Bolivia and reception at Viru Viru Airport. Private bus transfer to the hotel and accommodation. Check in and short break. In the afternoon, city tour. Our first visit is The Basilica of San Lorenzo, the Cathedral Museum, the Prefectural Palace, the Art Museum and the House of Culture. All in the historic center of the city, in addition to a handicraft center La Recova and Art field, where we find regional handicrafts, textiles, ceramics, carvings and others. Finishing with a snack on the Boulevard de Monseñor Rivero. Return to the hotel. Overnight at the Aparthotel Premium Suites. **(D)**

DAY 02 Friday
SANTA CRUZ – SUCRE
Highlights of the day: The best of the 17th Century's colonial architecture

Breakfast at the hotel and early transfer from the hotel to the Viru Viru airport for your flight to the city of Sucre. Upon arrival reception at the Airport and transfer to your hotel. Accommodation at the Hotel Parador Santa María Real. The day stay at leisure for private activities and specially for acclimatation before you continue your trip into the high regions of Bolivia. Our local guide will help you to plan the day or book an

optional tour in the surroundings, like for instance the Cretaceous Park with dinosaurs' footprints and other surprises, or to take a trip to Tarabuco where you will see the locals wearing their typical dresses and visiting their market. Back to Sucre for welcome dinner and get together. Your guide will point out the highlights of your trip from now on. **(B)(D)**

DAY 03 Saturday SUCRE
Highlights of the day: Photographic session at Casa de la Libertad and La recoleta Church and Convent

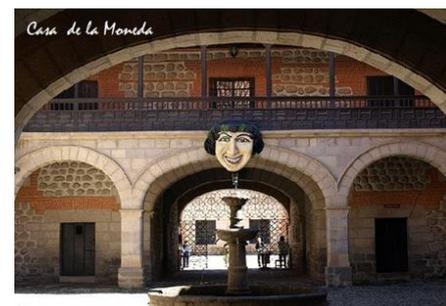


Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning we have planned a city tour for you with special locations for photo shootings. Visit the Casa de la Libertad, where the Bolivian Independence Act was signed in 1825; Bolívar Park, to see examples of the aristocratic tradition of Sucre, with small replicas of the Eiffel Tower and the Arc de Triomphe from Paris; the church and museum of the Recoleta, and the Museum of Indigenous Textiles of ASUR. Back to the hotel, accommodation and overnight at the Parador Santa María Real. **(B)**

DAY 04 Sunday SUCRE - POTOSI
Highlights of the day: Colonial architecture and Mint.

Breakfast at the hotel and departure from the hotel towards the city of Potosí. You will drive on board of the private bus on a very good maintained

paved road for around three hours until you reach the silver city of Potosi (156 km). Upon arrival, check in at the Coloso Hotel and short break including lunch. In the afternoon, city tour with the visit to the historic center of the colony, including the Casa de la Moneda (Mint), as well as colonial streets and artisan markets, the Church of San Lorenzo that has carved stone sculptures in the Mestizo baroque style and the church of San Francisco highlighted for its remarkable roofs. Overnight in Potosi. **(B) (L)**



DAY 05 Monday POTOSI - UYUNI

After breakfast, visit a private mine operated by the miners themselves allowing us to see their way of life, their beliefs and working conditions, similar to those during the Spanish colony. You will be provided with protective clothing and helmets for entry. Afterwards we continue with the trip to the city of Uyuni, driving our same bus for around 3 hours on a good paved road. Check in and overnight at the Uyuni Gardens Hotel. **(B) (L)**

DAY 06 Tuesday UYUNI - SALAR – ECHO LODGE TAMBO COQUESA.

Highlights: Photographic session at the world's largest Salt Lake

Today we will be changing our mean of transportation and drive on 4WD jeeps (up to 4 persons per vehicle). The route is now an unpaved road, mixture of

gravel and salt. The ride will take us around 3 hours. At 9:30 a.m. departure to visit the cemetery of trains, we continue to the indigenous community of Colchani, observing the production of iodized salt in rustic form, salt crafts, entrance to the white deserts in their fullness, typical landscapes of extraction as Salt pyramids, salt eyes and first salt hotel now a museum. Arrival at the Coquesa Echo Lodge. Lunch after accommodation. In the afternoon we continue with a soft trek to Isla SAJCHILLA, an island with millenary cacti, still unexplored site, followed by the visit of the Chantani Museum with mummies and stone forms. At the evening, return to the salt flat to observe the sunset, accompanied by a welcome coca cocktail. Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight at Tambo Coquesa Lodge **(B) (L) (D)**



DAY 07 Wednesday **TAMBO COQUESA - LAGUNAS - FLAMENCOS**
Highlights of the day: Salt, desert and wildlife

Another day driving jeeps on the unpaved roads and entering on the Lipez Region until we reach the Eduardo Avaroa National Park, It will take us around 5 hours to cover the 250 km. After breakfast at 08.00 am We left the hotel heading south, we enter back into the salar with paradisiacal landscapes, stop visiting the island Incahuasi, typical place with the presence of giant cacti in a habitat of volcanic rock. On the way, visit the community of San Juan, natural viewpoint of Ollague volcano (active), Cañapa lagoon and finally Hedionda lagoon.

Accommodation at Los Flamencos Eco-hotel, thereafter walk along the banks of the lagoon, where you can see the three varieties of flamingos just meters away. Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight at Los Flamencos Eco-hotel. **(B) (L) (D)**

DAY 08 Thursday **LOS FLAMENCOS - LAGUNAS DE COLORES - UYUNI.**

Highlights of the day: Photographing colorful deserts and lagoons.

Unpaved road until we reach Uyuni, around 240 km away from Laguna Hedionda. Without stops it would be necessary around 3 hours, but we are driving with no time pressure visiting the area and making lots of stops to make pictures. Departure at 6:30 a.m. visiting the Eduardo Abaroa National Park with Laguna Hedionda, Charcota, Siloli Desert, Stone Tree, Laguna Colorada, Geysers, hot springs, Desierto de Dali and Laguna Verde. Return to Uyuni visiting the Rock Valley, passing authentic villages such as Villa Alota, Culpina K, mining town of San

Cristóbal and its church. Arriving in Uyuni directly to the airport to take a local flight to the city of La Paz. Reception at El Alto International Airport and transfer to the hotel located at the shores of Lake Titicaca. We will take a paved road to get to Huatajata, around 76 km from the airport, 1 hour and 30 minutes drive on a private bus. Dinner and overnight at Inca Utama Hotel. **(B) (L) (D)**



Day 09 Friday **LAKE TITIKAKA - Highlights of the day: Photographing Lake Titicaca, Copacabana and Sun Island**

Breakfast at the Hotel. After visiting the Altiplano Museum-Complex, departure with a hydrofoil towards Moon and Sun Island. We will visit the ruins of the Pilkokaina Temple, the stairs of Yumani, the agricultural terraces. Soft trek to Yumani to visit an Inca Agricultural Terrace and enjoy a fantastic view of the lake and the cordillera de los Andes. After a while, boat ride to Copacabana at main land, where we will visit the indigenous and the handicraft markets as well as the 16th century cathedral in which the Virgin Mary was enthroned. After lunch, overland drive to the city of La Paz with many spectacular photo stops on the way. The road is paved, and we need around 3 and a half hours to get to La Paz, located at 147 km of distance. Upon arrival, transfer to the hotel. Meet the peculiar and modern cable car of the city, literally flying above houses and buildings of the city. Overnight at the Rosario Hotel **(B) (L).**

DAY 10 Saturday **LA PAZ**
Highlights of the day: Photographing the city of La Paz from above

After breakfast, walking tour through craft markets of clothing, musical instruments, souvenirs, and in addition sorcery artifacts until you reach the Church of San Francisco, continuing to the Plaza de Armas "Murillo", surrounded by the Palace of Government, the Parliament and the Metropolitan Cathedral. Continue to Calle Jaén for a sample of colonial architecture. Drive to the south district and to the impressive Valley of the moon with its peculiar formations produced by erosion. During the day, we will be using the cable cars from one district to the other, including the Killi Killi Mirador. Return to the hotel and overnight at the Rosario Hotel. **(B)**

DAY 11 Sunday **LA PAZ - AIRPORT**

Breakfast at the hotel. Pick up from your hotel at the agreed time for your transfer to the international airport of El Alto for your international flight. We offer you the possibility of an extension of your trip to the Madidi National Park, your rendezvous with the Jungle and the Amazonas Basin. **(B)**



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

INCLUSIONS

- + National flights SANTA CRUZ/SUCRE and UYUNI/LA PAZ
- + Transfers IN/OUT in Santa Cruz, Sucre, Uyuni and La Paz
- + 09 nights in selected boutique hotels incl. Breakfast
- + 5 lunches and 5 dinners according to program.
- + City tour in Santa Cruz, Sucre, Potosi and La Paz
- + Ground transportation and excursions/visits according to program
- + Uyuni package as mentioned above
- + Lake Titicaca Package as mentioned on the itinerary
- + Local english speaking guides for the visits
- + Tips and suggestions for the best shooting locations.



NOT INCLUDED

- International flights
- Beverages at restaurants when meals are included
- Tips for guides and drivers
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance and others

**NET PRICE PER PERSON
DOUBLE OCCUPANCY**
EUR 2130.- USD 2514.-
Surplus Single Room
EUR 560.- USD 660.-

EXTENSION MADIDI NATIONAL PARK

The Madidi National Park is featured by large number of watersheds, especially headwaters, located in areas of high rainfall and high soil fragility for the steep slopes. It consists of the rivers Tuichi Quendque Madidi and Beni basin and rivers Heat and Madre de Dios basin. One of the main rivers in the plains is the Madidi, for the sediments which from the mountains forms an extensive alluvial fan, which averages about 400 meters above sea level. The climate is diverse, ranging from the cold in the Andes, temperate lands intermediate to warm in the northern lowlands with highest temperatures ranging 31- 33 ° C between October and January and 20 °-29 C between March and September.

The National National Park is mainly characterized as one of the most biodiverse parks of the planet for its flora and fauna and ecoregions as it goes from the perpetual snow to the tropical lowlands , harboring ethnic communities in its territory.

It was declared by National Geographic as one of the most biodiverse areas on the planet and one of the 20 most interesting destinations worldwide.



DAY 11 Sunday LA PAZ – RURRENABAQUE (415 km – 8h 55m)
Highlights of the day: From high snowcapped Mountains to the tropical region

After breakfast, departure with private car to Rurrenabaque heading first up to 4800 m. above sea level where we will perform a blessing ceremony to the "achachilas", the soul of our ancestors. After that, we will start descending down to 600 m. passing by spectacular natural sceneries where you can challenge your photographic skills. The road is at the beginning paved until you reach Santa Barbara; from there, the road is a dirt road until you arrive to Rurrenabaque (the distance from La Paz to Rurrenabaque is about 415 km. Registration at the Madidi Jungle Echolodge **(B) (L) (D)**

On this day there is the possibility to bike the so-called deadly Road, the old dirt road to the Jungle now close partially to the traffic since the paved road was built and used from bikers to experience the pure adrenaline going down this road. It is an optional tour, only for those who wants to do it, the other will drive on the bus until you meet the bikers in Santa Barbara, to continue the journey together. Length of the program: around 3 hours. If you prefer, you can fly from La Paz to Rurrenabaque, which it takes around an

hour to cross the Andes Cordillera and get to the Jungle at Madidi National Park. Upon arrival, our guide will pick you up and take you to your hotel. After registration, you will have the day at leisure, waiting for the rest of the group who comes with a bus.



DAY 12 Monday RURRENABAQUE – MADIDI NATIONAL PARK

Highlights of the day: Nature Photography

After breakfast with local products, we will start our tour driving to the town of Santa Rosa del Yacuma. Visit this Protected Area, created with the main purpose to preserve endemic species as pink dolphins, Lucachis monkey and the Blue throated Macaw among other species. You will also see a variety of birds, aquatic and semiaquatic species such as caiman, turtles, amphibians and the bolivian pink dolphin. These plains, kingdom of the anaconda, hide a range of natural wonders. Lunch in a local restaurant. After Lunch, transfer to Rio Yacuma where we will start a relaxing boat trip where you can see birds, monkeys, caimans, turtles, capybara and beautiful views of landscapes of the Pampas. The boat ride is a perfect opportunity to take pictures of animals and landscapes. Back to the Lodge. Later on, departure by boat to enjoy the sunset. Back to the Lodge for dinner. Afterwards, night boat ride. Equipped with flashlight we will go for searching caiman's eyes. You can also experience the night wildlife at Pampas and then return to the lodge to rest. Overnight at the Pampas Echolodge **(B) (L) (D)**



DAY 13 Tuesday MADIDI NAT L PARK
Highlights of the day: Nature Photography, contact with wildlife

For those willing to wake up early, we will go on a short walk to watch the sunrise, bird watching and listening to the birdsong and the cry of howler monkeys. Back to the lodge for breakfast. Then walk 3 hours in the Pampas of Yacuma in search of the famous anaconda, the activity is an opportunity to learn about medicinal plants, ecological processes, and behavior of animals in this fragile ecosystem. Return to the lodge for lunch and rest. Later on, departure

by motor boat in search of pink dolphins. During this activity you will have the chance to swim with dolphins, a relaxing and refreshing activity in the Pampas del Yacuma. During the activity, you can also observe animals, many species of birds, monkeys, alligators and turtles. Return to the lodge for a traditional dinner and rest. Overnight at the Pampas Echolodge **(B) (L) (D)**

DAY 14 Wednesday MADIDI NAT L PARK – RURRENABAQUE – LA PAZ

Highlights of the day: Nature Photography, contact with wildlife

Breakfast at the Lodge. We will start a boat ride for piranha fishing. This activity is optional and if you prefer, you can stay at the lodge and enjoy photographing the neighbouring area. After lunch at the lodge journey back to Rurrenabaque. Upon arrival, transfer to the airport and flight back to La Paz. Overnight at the Rosario Hotel. **(B) (L)**

DAY 15 Thursday LA PAZ - DEPARTURE

Breakfast at the hotel. Early transfer to the airport for your flight back home. End if our services

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

INCLUSIONS FOR THE EXTENSION

- + National flight RURRENABAQUE/LA PAZ or RETURN FLIGHT LA PAZ - RURRENABAQUE
- + Overland transfer to Rurrenabaque with private vehicle.
- + Transfer out at Rurrenabaque airport
- + Transportation by car to the Pampas del Yacuma at Madidi National Park
- + 1 night accommodation at Madidi Jungle Echolodge
- + 2 night accommodation at Pampas Lodge.
- + 1 night accommodation at Rosario Hotel in La Paz
- + All meals (regular & vegetarian) while at the Lodge.
- + Mineral water during your stay at the Lodge
- + Bilingual local guide (English & Spanish) expert in rainforest appreciation.
- + Guided activities through the pampas.
- + Rubber boots and rain poncho will be provided during your stay at pampas.

NOT INCLUDED

Entry fee to the Pampas Sanctuary (Foreigner Bs150 – Locals Bs 50)
 Carbonated and alcoholic beverages.
 Other services not considered in the program.

**NET PRICE PER PERSON
 DOUBLE OCCUPANCY**

EUR 807.- USD 952.-

Surplus Single Room

EUR 200.- USD 236.-