

Discover La Paz, lake Titicaca and the rugged beauty of the Southern Bolivian Andes, with its remote, colored high-altitude lagoons and the magnificent Salar de Uyuni

BOLIVIA HIGH-ALTITUDE ADVENTURES 8 DAYS – La Paz to La Paz

HIGHLIGHTS

ITINERARY

- Day 1 - arrive at La Paz
- Day 2 - fly to Uyuni
- Day 3 - Salar de Uyuni, Incahuasi Isle
- Day 4 - Red Lagoon, volcanoes
- Day 5 - Green Lagoon, Colored Lagoons, Uyuni
- Day 6 - fly to La Paz, La Paz
- Day 7 - Titicaca Lake
- Day 8 - La Paz, departure

An all-nature tour.

Explore the magnificence of nature in the high Andes: the blinding whiteness of the Salar de Uyuni, the surprising colors of lagoons surrounded by mountains and desert, home to flocks of pink flamingoes; the calmness and vastness of Lake Titicaca.

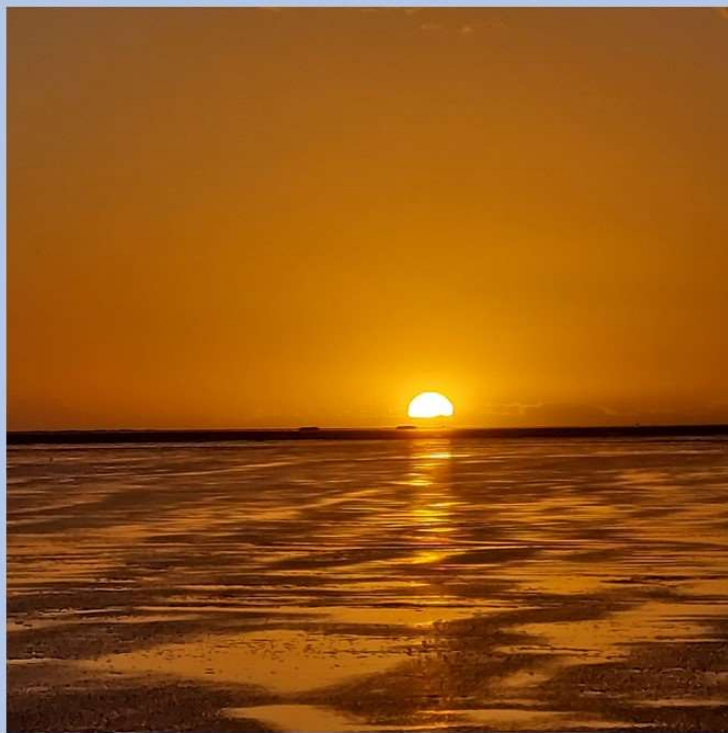


DAY 1 – LA PAZ

Arrive in La Paz at any time, hotel check-in and free time to acclimatize to the altitude. We will have a group welcome meeting to review the trip's itinerary and provide last-minute details and updates.

DAY 2 – UYUNI

Today we catch a flight to Uyuni, the starting point for tours of the Salar and the Eduardo Avaroa Natural Reserve. Depending on the time of our flight, we will either spend some time earlier in the morning sightseeing La Paz or spend some time later in the afternoon catching our first glimpses of the Salar from its shores.



Salar de Uyuni... if we are lucky with the weather, a spectacular sunset seen from its shores could welcome us..

Meals included: Breakfast (at hotel in La Paz), lunch, dinner
Transportation: Local taxi or microbus to airport in La Paz and from airport in Uyuni
Lodging: Three-star hotel in Uyuni

DAY 3 – SALAR DE UYUNI

This is it. Today, we start a three-day immersion in a high-altitude, rugged adventure through some of the most spectacular natural wonders of the planet. No exaggerating... we really are about to visit incredible places! The first day is devoted to the Salar de Uyuni, the largest salt lake in the world and a Unesco World Heritage. We will drive into this white, immense, empty space where the horizon, the sense of distance and proportions get confused. Even our cameras seem unable to sort out what is close and what is far. We will visit the Incahuasi island, in fact a rock formation that seems to emerge from the whiteness like an island. During the day, we will also stop at the salt crossway, the abandoned salt hotel and a ghostly train cemetery.



Salar de Uyuni... Over 10,000 square kilometers of pure white and blue incredible wilderness



Meals included: Breakfast (at hotel in Uyuni), lunch, dinner
 Transportation: Private 4x4 car
 Lodging: Basic hotel in San Juan



DAY 4 – AVAROA NATURAL RESERVE, LAGUNA COLORADA, DESERT ROCK FORMATIONS

The second day of the high-altitude adventure gives us another sequel of natural wonders. We enter the Eduardo Avaroa Reserve (REA) and we border the Ollague volcano, travel through lava formations and the Siloli Desert. We see large flocks of pink flamingoes feeding in mirror-like lagoons and we visit the Laguna Colorada (Red Lagoon) with its incredible colors.



If you thought that after the Salar de Uyuni nothing could surprise you... well, think again. At the border between Bolivia and Chile, the remote Reserve Eduardo Avaroa (REA) hosts immense spaces and unforgettable views and colors.

High altitude (between 4,200 and 5,400 mts) and extreme weather conditions do not discourage a rich and varied fauna. Condors, small nandus, andean foxes, vicuñas occasionally show up, and pink flamingos can be seen in the lagoons.

Meals included: Breakfast (at hotel in San Juan), lunch, dinner
Transportation: Private 4x4 car
Lodging: Basic hotel in San Juan?

DAY 5 – LAGUNA VERDE, GEYSERS,

Another full day of unique natural sights. We drive to Sol de Manana volcanic fields where we can almost touch active geysers, followed by hot thermal springs. In we visit the Dali Desert, another area packed with spectacular rock formations and finally the Laguna Verde (Green Lagoon). After a long day and countless photo opportunities, we drive back to Uyuni.



The Avaroa Reserve is rich in geothermal and volcanic activities, including active geyser fields.



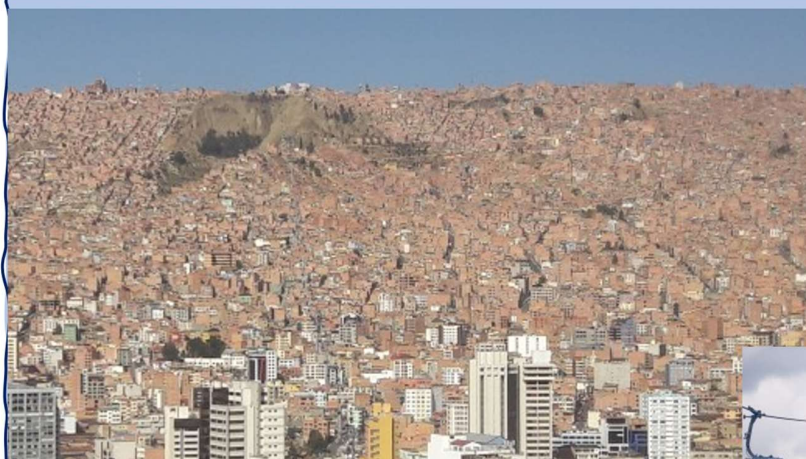
The high-altitude desert offers spectacular rock formations, some of which recall surreal paintings (Salvador Dalí desert)



Meals included: Breakfast (at hotel in xxx), lunch
 Transportation: Private 4x4 car
 Lodging: Three-star hotel in Uyuni

DAY 6 – UYUNI, LA PAZ

We fly from Uyuni to La Paz, and we still have time for a guided city tour. After three days spent above 4,000 meters, we are well acclimatized to high altitudes and it will not be a problem to wander through the historical downtown to see Plaza Murillo, the San Francisco cathedral and the witches' market. We will also enjoy great views travelling in La Paz' famous cable cars system.



La Paz: la Ciudad Maravilla (the "Marvellous City") sits on a canyon, where the High Plateau transitions into the Yungas región. Standing between 3,500 and 4,000 mts, it is one of the highest large cities in the world.



Meals included: Breakfast
 Transportation: Flight Uyuni to La Paz, taxi from airport to hotel
 Lodging: Three-star hotel in La Paz

DAY 7 – LAKE TITICACA

The last day of our itinerary is again packed with spectacular natural views. We leave La Paz to Lake Titicaca, the cradle of pre-Incan Andean civilizations and the highest navigable lake in the world. We visit San Pedro de Tiquina, on the east side of the lake, and the local totora (lake reeds) craftsmanship workshops on the lake shores. We enjoy views of the Tiquina strait and the snow-capped Cordillera Real. And with all these images in our memory (and cameras), we head back to La Paz.



Lake Titicaca is shared between Bolivia and Perú. Its dark-blue, mostly still deep waters are a sharp contrast with the dry surroundings and the snow-capped Andean peaks in the horizon.



Meals included: Breakfast (at hotel in La Paz)
Transportation: Private car to/from Titicaca lake
Lodging: Three-star hotel in La Paz

DAY 8 – LA PAZ

Depart at any time.

Meals included: Breakfast (at hotel in La Paz)
Transportation: public transportation (bus) from hotel to airport
Lodging: N/A