

# 10 Days Bolivia's Natural Wonders

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(La Paz – Uyuni – Tahua - Siloli Desert - Green Lagoon - Rurrenabaque - San Miguel Del Bala)

## Day 1: La Paz

At your arrival to La Paz, we will be waiting at the airport to welcome you and take you to your hotel. (early check-in not included)

At 14:00 we will pick you up from your hotel to start the city tour, it begins at one of the most commercial and popular street market: "El Mercado Rodriguez" walking around the street of this food market knowing about local products and gastronomy and learning about local customs and practices. And then continue at the "Witches market" where you will find traditional remedies and witchcrafts to offer to "Pachamama" (Mother Earth).

We continue visiting the exteriors of the San Francisco Basilica, the most representative religious temple of the Baroque-Mestizo style in Bolivia and then we address ourselves to Murillo Square, in its surroundings there are: the Presidential Palace, the headquarters of the Congress of the Republic and the Cathedral.

We end our trip very close to the sky, in the highest urban cable car of the world, we depart from the panoramic station, which allows us to know this beautiful city from a whole new perspective; we enjoy the wonderful view of the Andes Range and a city whose houses and streets "hang" from the mountains.

Return to hotel

*Includes: 1 night of accommodation at La Casona Hotel Boutique or similar, Private transportation, Bilingual guide service (English-Spanish), Entrance tickets to cable car, Transfer airport-hotel*

*Meals: None*

## Day 2: Uyuni – Uyuni Salt Flat – Tahua

Early in the morning, transportation to the airport to take the flight to Uyuni

Flight La Paz- Uyuni (not included)

At your arrival to Uyuni, we will be waiting for you at the airport to give you the first instructions for the tour, you will have free time to visit the town and have breakfast on your own. .

Around 10:00 we will begin our tour from our office, first we will visit the Train Cemetery and the town of Colchani where you can learn more about Uyuni's mining past and its artisanal salt production present, later we will enter to the amazing Uyuni Salt Flat, and arrive to the "Salt Hotel-Museum", the first of its kind that nowadays works only as a museum. On our way we will be able to see fantastic optic illusions, able to see in raining season (December- March), and also we will visit "Ojos de Agua" (Eyes of water), small salt eruptions which help us to explain the development of this huge salt lake.

At noon, you will reach the "Incahuasi Island" in the middle of the Salt flat; there are extraordinary calcareous rocks, large populations of Cactus, local fauna and spectacular 360 grades panoramic views of the Salt Flat from the summit.

We will continue our tour to the north part of the salt flat, there we visit a local museum, where we will be able to see pre-Columbian mummies and later we will get to the Salt Flat viewpoint at the foot of the Thunupa volcano.

*At the end of the afternoon, arrival to the town of Tahua to overnight.*

*Includes: 1 night of accommodation at "Hotel Tayka de Sal", Private transportation 4x4, Bilingual guide service (English-Spanish), Entrance tickets to the attractions, Transfers according to itinerary*

*Meals: Lunch, Dinner*

## Day 3: Tahua – Siloli Desert

Leaving the salt flat behind we will travel along the volcanoes range with their eternal snow going to Lipez, there we will find the Ollagüe Volcano that we will observe at the distance. Then we restart the trip to the Eduardo Avaroa National Reserve, on our way we will appreciate the lagoons called "Joyas Altoandinas" (Jewels from the High lands): Cañapa, Hedionda, Chiarcota and Honda where you will have the chance to see different kinds of local birds, later we get to the Siloli Desert where we will make some stops to take pictures of this magnificent desert landscapes, overnight at the desert in an exotic rustic hotel "in the middle of nowhere"

*Includes: 1 night of accommodation at "Hotel Tayka del Desierto", Private transportation 4x4, Bilingual guide service (English-Spanish), Entrance tickets to the attractions*

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

## Day 4: Siloli Desert – Green Lagoon – Uyuni

This day we need to get up very early in order to start the tour at 5:30 approximately, our first activity is the visit to the Stone Tree, later we will get to the Eduardo Avaroa National Reserve, arriving to the Geysers of "Sol de Mañana" smoky and noisy geysers, boiling mud stewpot where red and grey mud is boiling. Later we will enjoy a bath in the hot springs before we continue our trip in the reserve, on our way we will enjoy the panoramic view of the Dali Desert, there are

columns of stones sculpted by the wind that resemble this famous painter work. After that, we will also appreciate the Laguna Verde (Green Lagoon), at the foot of Licancabur volcano.

It's time to take the road back, we will visit the Laguna Colorada (The Red Lagoon), an impressive water source, the algae and plankton give the lagoon brown or intense red colors, this is the main flamingos nesting site and there it is possible to observe three kinds of flamingos of the region: James, Andino and Chileno

We continue our journey, in the afternoon we will take a walk around the Rocks Valley, giant volcanic rocks between 8 to 15 meters high. Our last stop is at San Cristóbal village which has been moved from its original site to the actual one for the needs of one of the biggest mines in Bolivia.

Arrival to Uyuni at 18:00 approximately.

*Includes: 1 night of accommodation at Jardines de Uyuni Hotel or similar, Private transportation 4x4, Bilingual guide service (English-Spanish), Entrance tickets to the attractions*

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch*

#### **Day 5: Uyuni - La Paz – Rurrenabaque - San Miguel Del Bala**

Early in the morning, transfer to the airport to take the flight to Rurrenabaque. (only transportation)

Flight Uyuni - La Paz –Rurrenabaque (not included)

At your arrival to Rurrenabaque, one person of our staff will assist you to go walking to the center of the town, from where you will go to the port to get on board of a motor boat. We will begin a 45 minute trip by the Amazon rivers, mainly Beni River which leads us to the San Miguel del Bala Ecolodge located in the attenuation zone of the Madidi National Park. You will have some free time to get installed in your cabin.

At night, your local guide will take you for the first exploration hike in the jungle for your initial contact. *Includes: 1 night of accommodation at Ecolodge San Miguel del Bala (shared room and bathroom), Transfers according to itinerary, Boat transportation, Programmed hike*

*Meals: Dinner*

#### **Day 6: San Miguel Del Bala**

In the morning, the guide will take you into the jungle and show you the antique hunting methods of the Tacanas (indigenous ethnic group of the zone). In the afternoon we will visit San Miguel Canyon, it is a 3 hour walk far from the Ecolodge, the Canyon offers a cold and humid environment; it measures approximately 150 meters large, there we can also find some small unique frogs, hummingbirds and bat species.

Return to Ecolodge in a motor boat and get ready to enjoy your dinner and the remaining evening.

*Includes: 1 night of accommodation at Ecolodge San Miguel del Bala (shared room and bathroom), Boat transportation, Programmed hikes, Local guide service, Entrance ticket to Madidi National Park*

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

#### **Day 7: San Miguel Del Bala – Madidi National Park**

After breakfast, we go back to the boat to begin our trip in the Beni River towards Madidi National Park (3 to 4 hour trip), it is a trip inside the marvelous Madidi Park, after some trip time we will enter through the Tuichi river, a smaller river, which gives us the chance to observe closely mammals and birds of the park.

Arrival to the Caquiahuara lodge inside the great Madidi Park, there are seven trails to hike by many beautiful places away from the cabins and each one has different hiking levels and distances, according to the visitor preference.

At night we will have a quick walk to see the Amazon jungle from a whole new perspective, jungle becomes a never-ending show to pay tribute to the wonderful nature which is still in a great conservation status.

*Includes: 1 night of accommodation at Ecolodge Caquihuara (shared room and bathroom), Boat transportation, Programmed hikes, Local guide service*

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

#### **Day 8: Madidi National Park – Rurrenabaque – La Paz**

We begin going down by the Amazon rivers which have been accomplices of our best adventures. On our way back to Rurrenabaque, we will make a quick stop to take a walk to a hill from where you will be able to see the beautiful guacamayos (parrots) endemic specie which prepares its nests on the cliffs all along the Tuichi river.

Arrival to Rurrenabaque to get your flight back to La Paz.

Flight Rurrenabaque – La Paz (not included)

At your arrival to La Paz, transfer to the hotel

*Includes: 11 night of accommodation at La Casona Hotel Boutique or similar, Boat transportation, Programmed hikes, Local guide service, Transfers according to itinerary*

*Meals: Breakfast*

#### **Day 9: La Paz - Copacabana - Sun Island - La Paz**

At 08:00 we will pick you up from your hotel and we are ready to begin our trip to the Titicaca Lake, we will travel through the Altiplano (High Plateau). After a 2 hour trip we arrive to the narrower section of the lake: the Strait of Tiquina, we will

cross it at a rudimentary local ferry along with local people and later we continue towards Copacabana through the road, before arriving to our destination we will enjoy the view of Major (Huyñay Marca - Perú y Bolivia) and Minor Lake (Chucuito- Bolivia).

Arrival to the town Copacabana at 11:30, from its port we will get on board of a boat that will take us through the Titicaca Lake to the Sun Island, at its south part we will visit the Inca's archaeological site of "Pilocaina Palace" an ancient palace built exclusively for the Inca. Later we continue to Yumani, there we will visit "Escalinata Del Inca" (Inca's stairs) which leads us to the "Fuente de las 3 aguas" (the Fountain of the 3 Watersheds), the tradition dictates that if you drink from its water you will have eternal life.

You will have some time to take pictures and enjoy a breath-taking view of the lake and the astonishing Royal Range of the Andes at the back-ground, we will go back to our boat to return to Copacabana and there we will make a quick visit to the town enriched by the combination of the Andean and the Christian points of view, we will visit the religious sanctuary in honor of Candelaria Madonna, an important pilgrimage site for Bolivians. Finally we will walk by the town and its handicraft stores.

Return to La Paz city, arrival to your hotel at 21:00 approximately

*Includes: 1 night of accommodation at La Casona Hotel Boutique or similar, Private transportation La Paz-Copacabana-La Paz, Shared touristic boat, Bilingual guide service (English-Spanish), Entrance tickets to archeological site*

*Meals: Breakfast, Typical lunch*

### Day 10: LA PAZ

At the proper time, transfer to the airport to catch the flight to Lima

*Includes: Transfer hotel-airport*

*Meals: None*

### End of program

\* The itinerary can be changed without previous notice because of the weather condition

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Total Price per Person	2 Pax	3 Pax	4 Pax
	<b>\$3.188</b>	<b>\$ 2.789</b>	<b>\$ 2.313</b>

\*Price in USD,

\*SGL Sppl: 601 USD per Person

### CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

**Operations during rainy season (from November to April) under consultation**

**Accommodation takes place in locally managed cabins to keep the environment harmony, they have basic services but the might be rationed sometimes. Hot water not available**

**The itinerary can be adapted to your specific requirements for example bird watching, amphibious or some other species of flora or fauna.**

Our price includes

- ✓ Accommodation with breakfast at selected hotels.
- ✓ Tours in Private Service.
- ✓ Transfers from / to airports in private.
- ✓ Meals specified in the program.
- ✓ Service Bilingual Spanish English Guide

Our price does not include

- Flight tickets
- Taxes and fees at land or air terminals
- Extras and services not specified

- Meals and beverages not specified
- Travel insurance
- Personal expenses and tips

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