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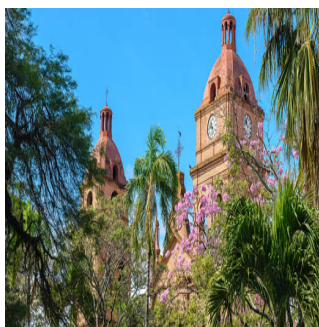
INTRODUCTION

Enjoy your holidays in Bolivia with this tour that includes some of the best destinations of the country!

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DAY 1: Arrival in Santa Cruz

Private transfer from Viru Viru International airport to hotel. Afternoon 3 hour tour to the most attractive and affluent sites of our city: visit to the zoo where regional fauna and various endangered species can be seen. Museums, principal monuments, residential neighborhoods, and La Recoba handcraft market. Overnight in hotel.



DAY 2: Santa Cruz / Samaipata / Santa Cruz

Trip through the Amazon plains and last branches of the Andes range. Visit the Samaipata ruins, majestic and mysterious pre-Inca ruins, located in the top of a hill with a big ceremonial center carved in the stones. Finally to Samaipata, a stroll of town and its local museum. Return to Santa Cruz. Overnight in hotel.



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13 Days

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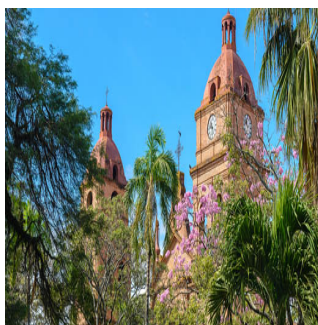
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DAY 3: Santa Cruz / Sucre / Afternoon City Tour

Flight to Sucre (colonial city, declared Cultural Heritage site by UNESCO) with both transfers. Pm city tour. This tour includes the visit of: Casa de la Libertad, where the Act of Independence of Bolivia was signed in 1825; Bolivar Park, to see examples of the aristocratic tradition of Sucre, with small replicas of the Eiffel Tower and the Arc of Triumph of Paris; the church and museum of La Recoleta, and the museum of Indian Textiles ASUR. Overnight in hotel.



DAY 4: Full day Tarabuco

Tarabuco is 78 km/48 miles - 1 hour from Sucre. This colorful village has without a doubt the best traditional Indian Market of South America. They have a big fair every Sunday that had become the primary economic and social activity of the local people. The clothing of the Tarabuqueño men and women (quechua speaking) has not changed since Inca times. Their weavings are among the best in technique, quality and color. Overnight in hotel.



DAY 5: Sucre / Potosi - Cerro Rico Mines

Trip in bus following different valleys to ascend through the highlands to the city of Potosi, declared a Cultural and Natural Heritage site by the UNESCO. Pm Cerro Rico Mines. This excursion allows the visitors to experience an unforgettable trip thousands of meters underground, to see the living and working conditions of the Bolivian miners (protective clothing and helmets are provided). The silver mine is in the famous Cerro Rico, once the richest of the world.



DAY 6: Potosi - City Tour / Uyuni / Colchani

Morning visit of the Mint House, traditional colonial streets, San Francisco and San Lorenzo churches. Lunch or Box Lunch included. Afternoon Bus trip to Uyuni, crossing branches of the Andes range, old mining centers and villages, with nice landscapes and Indian communities. Arrival and transfer to Colchani. Overnight in a salt hotel.



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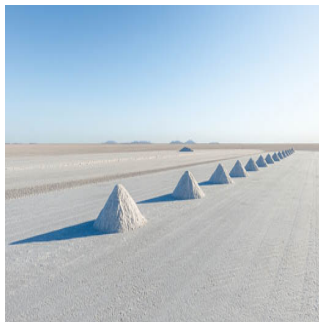
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DAY 7: Uyuni Salt flats / San Juan

Trip to the Great Salt Flats, on the way you'll see the village of Colchani, where we are going to visit an artisanal salt processing plant, also you'll watch the salt extraction methods. Continue the trip to Incahuasi Island (also known as Fish Island) where you will see the amazing giant cactus. Lunch. Visit the Coquesa Mummies and continue to San Juan. Overnight in hotel.



DAY 8: San Juan / REA / Villamar

LONG DAY! Early morning trip entering the REA (National Reserve Eduardo Abaroa), visiting Laguna Colorada (2 hours), declared a RAMSAR site due to the nesting of over 30,000 flamingos at 4,278 m. Then up to geysers "Sol de Mañana", pass alongside Challviri lagoon, with its hot spring in the shores of Polques. Cross through the high desert of Pampas de Dali, with amazing views, to finally reach Laguna Verde (3 hours), in the foothills of the Licancabur Mountain. After that, all the way back north to Villamar, overnight in hotel.



DAY 9: Villamar / Alota / Uyuni / La Paz

After breakfast visit the Cave Paintings and Fort of Tomás Lakjas. Continue to Uyuni, visiting on the way the Rocks Valley and going through Alota and San Cristobal villages. Lunch and transfer out to the airport for your flight to La Paz. Arrival in La Paz and transfer to your hotel.



DAY 10: Tiwanaku / City Tour

Trip to Tiahuanaco (72 km) passing the highlands, one of the oldest American cultures, considered the cradle of the American man. Visit the temple of Kalasasaya, Gate of the Sun, monoliths Ponce and Fraile, Akapana pyramid and Semiunderground temple, as well as the local museums. Lunch. Return to La Paz. City tour including street markets, rich in handicrafts, weavings and witchcraft artifacts. Then San Francisco church, Murillo square with the Congress, Government palaces and Cathedral.



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DAY 11: La Paz / Copacabana / Boat to Island of the Sun

Transportation going north through the highlands and parallel to the Andes Royal Range to Copacabana (3 ½ hours), a nice town in the shores of Lake Titicaca. Visit the famous Virgen Morena and its church, have a stroll of town. Take the boat to the Island of the Sun (1 hour), land in Huacani port, have a typical lunch “Aptapi”. Hike for about 45 min to overnight in Ecolodge La Estancia.



DAY 12: La Chincana - Island of the Moon - La Paz

We recommend that you get up early to see the sunrise. This morning after breakfast, we hike down through Yumani visiting the Inca stairs and the Water of the Eternal Youth. We then head north by boat for 1 hour to visit Chincana ruins and the Sacred Rock. We continue by boat for an hour to the Island of the Moon. Here we visit the ruins of Ñak Uyu Inca temple, returning by boat to Copacabana (1 ½ hours). Lunch is included at a local restaurant. From Copacabana you will be taken by private transport to La Paz (3 ½ hours).



DAY 13: Transfer to the airport for onward destination

Transfer to El Alto Airport.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS	
Accommodation	Standard

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Inclusions	Services and meals included as mentioned in the program Include all the entrances fee and contributions Shared services with binlingual guide Accommodation as mentioned in the program Domestic flights: Santa Cruz - Sucre and Uyuni - La Paz
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Available upon request
Notes	Contact us for more details
Price Dependent upon	Season and availability

SUSTAINABILITY

Chimu Adventures undertakes a number of sustainability measures within its operations including:

- 1) Only using local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprints. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you're visiting.
- 2) Where possible, using locally owned and operated boutique hotels to maximise the return to the local community.
- 3) Chimu's "Pass it on" programme has provided funding to hundreds of local community projects in Latin America. Our aim is to empower local communities, helping them to develop their own infrastructure for the future. Since 2006, we have been working with Kiva (a well-known Non-Governmental Organisation), providing hundreds of loans to local businesses all over South America.
- 4) In our pre tour information we provide a range of tips and advice on how to minimise your impact on both local environments and communities.
- 5) Chimu Adventures' offices also take a number of sustainability measures including carbon offsets for company vehicles and most staff travel. Chimu Adventure's internal processes are also structures to create a paperless office and to reduce waste. There are also internal programmes to help staff minimise their carbon footprint such as our staff bike purchase assistance plan which encourages office staff to commute to work via bicycle. Currently almost half of our office based staff commute to work via bicycle.

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