

BOLIVIA - CHORO TREK



INTRODUCTION

Immerse yourself into the incredible scenery and varied vegetation, climate and wildlife as you hike the trail between La Cumbre and Coroico on the Choro Trek, one of Bolivia's premier treks. Traversing the Cordillera Real and Cotopata National Park, this trek takes you from beautiful Andean landscapes to the lush Bolivian Amazon. An unmissable trek that unveils breath-taking scenery and leads you through charming and picturesque villages.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: La Paz - Challapampa

Leaving La Paz, we travel by private transport, ascending up to La Cumbre (1 hour), the starting point of El Choro trek and the highest point on the La Paz-Coroico Highway at 4,725m. The Choro trek is along mainly paved stone trails that date back to pre-Inca times and that were used to transport food and other goods from the lower subtropical Yungas region to the larger towns and cities in the mountains. The trek begins in La Cumbre, high up in the snow-capped mountains, and from there climbs up to the summit of Chucura (1 hour - 4,850 m/15,900 ft). There is then a downhill decent along a well-preserved pre-Inca trail, through an impressive valley setting of the Cordillera Real, surrounded by coca leaf plantations and waterfalls as we head towards the more humid Yungas region. After passing through the Indian village of Chucura (3,600 m - 3 hours) we reach the village of Challapampa where the first camp will be set up (2,800 m/9,184 ft. - 2 hours). The vegetation here is green as we are now in amongst the rainforest. Lunch and dinner are included, and we overnight in tents.



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DAY 2: Challapampa - Sandillani

Today's undulating trek takes us from Challapampa to Sandillani, with stunning views of the Yungas cloud forest area. The day starts along a steep trail through the jungle and brings us to Choro (2,300 m/7,545 ft. - 3 hours). As the day progresses, the vegetation becomes denser and the climate becomes more tropical. We cross the Chairó River, where you can take a cold but refreshing swim. The trail then traverses many hillsides, crossing Pabellonani (2 hours) before reaching the small village of Sandillani (2,100 m/6,890 ft. - 1 hour) where we camp up for the night. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are all included and we overnight in tents.



DAY 3: Sandillani - Chairó - Coroico

This morning the trek begins with a descent along a winding path to El Chairó (1,300 m/4,264 ft. - 3 hours), a village on the shores of the Huarinilla River, surrounded by tropical agriculture. The trek ends at the Rio Selva Resort (1,050 m/3,443 ft. - 1 hour). From here the road continues to Yolosa and Coroico where we overnight in a hotel. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are included today.



DAY 4: Coroico - La Paz

This morning is free to relax and enjoy the resort facilities. In the afternoon we return to La Paz by private transport (2 hours). La Paz has a spectacular setting in a deep bowl surrounded by snow-capped mountains of the Altiplano. It lies in the shadow of the towering 6,438m high Mt. Illimani, always snow-covered and visible from many parts of the city. The city (from the main square) is 3,636 metres above sea level but the neighbouring city of El Alto where La Paz International Airport is located lies at over 4,000 metres. Some of the highlights of La Paz itself include Plaza Murillo, San Francisco Church and the "Witches Market" where vendors sell dried llama foetuses and frogs, dried llama dung, herbs, remedies and other ingredients used in Aymara traditions and rituals.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation

Standard

Inclusions

Transportation (Round Trip)
Professional tour guide (English speaking guide)
Full meals breakfast, lunch and dinner
Two person tents, foam mattress

Not included:
Personal equipment
Sleeping bag (at request \$5 per night)
Walking poles

Difficulty Rating

4 (average fitness required).

Single Surcharge

Available Upon Request

Notes

Extra porter: US\$ 90

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.

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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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