

SOUTH AMERICA - UYUNI SALT FLATS



TRIP CODE

BOTSUYUY

DEPARTURE

Every Tuesday & Friday

DURATION

3 Days

LOCATIONS

Bolivia



INTRODUCTION

Set eyes on the staggering Uyuni salt flats, among the vastest in the world. Enter the Coquesa Caves to witness the remarkable and haunting ancient mummies and ceramics found within!

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Uyuni Salt flats – San Juan

Visit the train cemetery and after that road 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.



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DAY 2: 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 3: Villamar – Alota – Uyuni

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 return to Uyuni.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Standard
Inclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services and meals included as mentioned in the program • Include all the entrances fee and contributions • Shared service • Accommodation as mentioned in the program
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Available upon request
Notes	Contact us for more details
Price Dependent upon	Season and availability

SUSTAINABILITY

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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 structured 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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