

BOLIVIA - SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA TO PUNO



TRIP CODE

LATSHCP

DEPARTURE

Every Thursday & Sunday

DURATION

6 Days

LOCATIONS

Bolivia, Chile, Peru



INTRODUCTION

Join this exciting small group tour with likeminded individuals from San Pedro de Atacama to Puno. Start your journey visiting the Lagoons of the REA Reserve. Cross the impressive Salt Flats of Uyuni, explore the Tiwanaku ruins in La Paz and enjoy a city tour through the colonial part of the city. Travel to Copacabana to visit the famous Virgen Morena and take the boat to Isla del Sol. Visit the Chincana ruins and the Sacred Rock in La Paz before you end your trip in Puno.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: San Pedro de Atacama to Hito Cajon

This morning you will be transferred from San Pedro de Atacama to Hito Cajon, the mountain pass on the border between Chile and Bolivia. You will be met at the border by your Bolivian guide.



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DAY 1: Hito Cajón / REA / Villamar

Pick up in the Bolivian border of Hito Cajon to enter the REA Reserve, visiting the Green Lagoon in the foothills of Licancabur Mountain, the highest desert in the Pampas de Dali. Continue onto Chalviri Lagoon and the hot springs of Polques and the Geysers of Sol de Mañana. Through to the Red Lagoon, declared a RAMSAR site due to the nesting of over 30,000 Andean flamingos (approx. 3 hours travel) before we finally reach Villamar (approx. 2 hours travel). Lunch is included in today's services. Dinner is included at tonight's hotel.



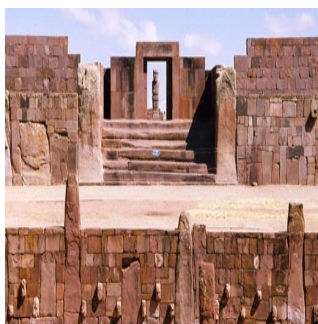
DAY 2: Villamar / Uyuni Salt flats / Colchani

Morning trip north through nice areas of stone formations done by the erosion to Alota (1 hour) and then north passing the villages of San Agustin and San Juan, continue then through the highlands to enter Uyuni salt flats, this natural wonder with over 10.000 km2 at 3.692 m of salt in Chuvica, (3 hours), cross it north to visit Isla Incahuasi, a special habitat of giant cactus and volcanic rocks. Continue east to village of Colchani (2 hours), where the locals produce salt in the shores of the salt flats. Overnight in a salt hotel.



DAY 3: Flight Uyuni to La Paz + Tiwanaku Ruins

Morning flight from Uyuni to La Paz with both transfers. 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. Return to La Paz. Afternoon free. Overnight in hotel. Note: Optional tours available.



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DAY 4: Half Day City & Moon Valley tour

Experience a city tour of La Paz, elected as one of the New 7 Wonder Cities of the world. Located in a valley at the foothills of the Andes Range, at 3,632m (11942 ft) above sea level. The tour goes through the street markets rich in handicrafts, weavings, and witchcraft items, followed by a visit to the colonial section of the city, San Francisco Church, Gold Museum, Murillo Square also visit to the viewpoint 'Mirador de Killi Killi'; and the outdoor replica of Tiwanaku temple. Then descending to the more modern, southern part of La Paz, visit the Valley of the Moon, where a clay mountain has been impressively shaped by erosion. Conclude the tour with a cable ride aboard Mi Teleferico, the world’s highest cable car system and offering spectacular views of the city.



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DAY 5: La Paz / Copacabana / 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 6: Island of the Sun / Copacabana / Puno

DON'T MISS AN EARLY SUNRISE! Take the boat north to visit the Chincana ruins and the Sacred Rock (1 hour), then boat to the Island of the Moon and its Iñak Uyu ruins (1 hour), to finally reach Copacabana (1 ½ hours). Lunch or box lunch included. Transportation to Puno (3 ½ hours).



INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Standard
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Inclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services and meals included as mentioned in the program • English speaking guides • 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

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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