

BOLIVIA - PUNO TO SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA



TRIP CODE

LATSPHC

DEPARTURE

Every Saturday &
Tuesday

DURATION

6 Days

LOCATIONS

Peru, Bolivia, Chile



INTRODUCTION

Join this exciting small group tour with likeminded individuals from Puno to San Pedro de Atacama. Start your journey travelling to Copacabana to visit the famous Virgen Morena and take the boat to Isla del Sol. Explore the Chincana ruins and the Sacred Rock in La Paz and enjoy a city tour to the colonial part of the city and treat yourself to a handicraft from one of the street markets. Cross the impressive Salt Flats of Uyuni, go to the high Andean valley of Alota and visit Laguna Colorada before you arrive at the end of your trip.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Puno – Island of the Sun

This morning you will be collected from your hotel and transferred by road to Copacabana located on Lake Titicaca, Bolivia. Stroll around the town before boarding a boat to Sun Island. On arrival at Huacani Port enjoy a typical Aptaapi lunch in the highlands before hiking to Ecolodge Estancia. Dinner included.



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DAY 2: Island of the Sun – La Paz

Don't miss an early sunrise. After breakfast, board the boat and cruise north to visit the Chincana ruins and the Sacred Rock and continue to the Island of the Moon and see the Iñak Uyu ruins. Lunch included Enroute. Return to Copacabana and continue by road to La Paz.



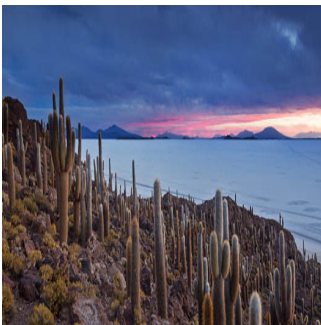
DAY 3: Half Day City & Moon Valley tour


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.



DAY 4: Uyuni, Salt Flats to Colchani

On arrival at Uyuni, you will be met and transferred to Colchani, located on the shores of the Uyuni Sat Flats. Visit the village and its surroundings to see locals producing salt. Travel through the salt flats to Isla Incahuasi (known as Fish Island), this is an oasis with a unique and isolated ecosystem that is populated by giant cacti which are up to 10mtrs high. Lunch will be served here in the middle of the Salt Flat. Continue north to visit the mummies in Pucara de Ayque at the foothills of the Tunupa Volcano. After witnessing an amazing sunset over the Salt Flat, you will be transferred to your unique hotel for the evening. Lunch is included in today's service. Dinner is included at your hotel this evening.



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DAY 5: Colchani – Uyuni – Villamar


Departing from Uyuni this morning heading to Villamar Village. On route visit the cemetery of old trains, San Cristobal Church, the Villages of Culpina K and the rich and high Andean Valley of Alota. Also stopping at The Stone Valley, where there is a group of famous rock formations, caused by wind erosion. From here you will continue to Catal and Vinto Lagoons where you can witness more impressed rock formations, called Italia. Upon arrival to Villamar Village, we will visit ruins near Tomas Lakjas where you can explore some cave paintings, before arriving to your hotel for the evening. Lunch is included in today's service. Dinner is included at the hotel this evening.



DAY 6: Villamar – Hito Cajon Border

Departing this morning for San Pedro Atacama you will visit REA (Reserva Eduardo Abaroa), Bolivia’s most visited national park and home to Laguna Colorada, Laguna Verde, Geysers, Hot Springs and over 30,000 Andean flamingos and rare wildlife. Continue to Hito Cajon, the border crossing from Bolivia to Chile where your services with Bolivia will end and your services with Chile will begin. Lunch is included in today's services.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Standard
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

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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 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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