

BOLIVIA - BOLIVIA AND ATACAMA DISCOVERY



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Chile, Bolivia



INTRODUCTION

Journey to Chile and Bolivia to discover some of the highlights of these two spectacular countries. Starting in Santiago, visit the UNESCO Heritage Town of Valparaíso, and sample the wines of the Casa Blanca Valley. Fly to La Paz, the capital of Bolivia. Discover the thrilling landscapes and ancient civilisations in a journey that encompasses rich cultural and scenic attractions. Stay in an ecolodge on Lake Titicaca, the world's highest navigable lake in the world. Travel to the spectacular landscapes of Uyuni to the edge of the Salar de Uyuni, the largest salt lake in the world. The salt flats are stark yet stunningly beautiful. Continue the journey overland and cross the border into Chile to San Pedro de Atacama, an oasis in the world's driest desert, the Atacama Desert. Spend the last few days of this journey at the luxurious Alto Atacama Desert Lodge and Spa.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrival transfer in Santiago

On arrival at Santiago Airport, please make your way through Customs and Immigration and only exit from the green doors marked 'Meeting Point'. Our representative will be holding a sign with your name on it and waiting for you outside this exit. Please only make contact with our representative. This service includes a driver and local English speaking guide who will provide you with any useful information needed for your stay.




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DAY 2: Santiago Panoramic City Tour

You will be collected from your hotel for your tour of Santiago. Visit both the old and new areas of the city. Highlights include the Plaza de Armas, the city's central square and the heart of the city's old colonial core. The Plaza de Armas is home to the beautiful 18th century Metropolitan Cathedral, the early 19th century Royal Court Palace that houses the Natural History Museum and the Central Post Office completed in 1882. The Chess Club of Chile also meets here most days, a great opportunity to watch the locals immersed in a game of chess. Visit Cerro Santa Lucia, the hill on which Santiago was founded in 1541, now a park with fountains and stairs leading to a fort and panoramic viewpoint across the city. On completion of your tour, you will be taken to your hotel. Please note this is private tour.



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DAY 3: Valparaiso & Casablanca valley


This morning, you will be collected from your hotel and travel west towards the Pacific Ocean. Our first stop will be in the Casablanca Valley, famous for its many wineries and towns full of Chilean traditions. Vines were first planted here in the mid 1980's and the area is known for its cool climate white wines, most notably Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay, as well as Pinot Noir. The region's world class wineries are mostly located along the road and we will visit one of them to enjoy a premium wine tasting before continuing on to Valparaiso. Valparaiso is a historic port and is known as the "Jewel of the Pacific" and the cultural capital of Chile with festivals every year and a number of street artists and musicians. Its charming, picturesque and colourful houses are set on cobblestone alleyways in the hills that surround the city, creating a natural amphitheatre. In the 19th century, Valparaiso saw an influx of European immigrants. The historic quarter of Valparaiso was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 2003 based on its unique architecture and urban design. The city's system of funicular lifts was declared one of the world's most endangered historical treasures by the World Monuments Fund in 1996. A short drive along the coast will allow us to have a perfect view of the hills and the city. We walk around the town to discover hidden treasures such as art galleries, small cafes and breweries. Lunch is not included however restaurants will be recommended to you with time allowed for you to enjoy lunch. In the afternoon, return to Santiago and you will be taken to your hotel. Please note this is a private tour.



DAY 4: Transfer to the airport for onward destination

You will be collected from your hotel at the appropriate time and transferred to the airport for your onward flight. This service includes a Spanish speaking driver only.



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DAY 4: Arrival transfer in La Paz


On arrival, please make your way through to the Arrivals Hall where our representative will be waiting for you to transfer you to your hotel. He/she will be holding a sign with your name on it. Please note this service is with a driver only. El Alto airport is the highest International airport in the world at 4,080 metres above sea level.



DAY 5: Full Day La Paz and Moon Valley Tour

A unique visit to the popular neighborhoods and markets of La Paz, guided by a “lustra bota” or “shoeshiner” will provide a different impression of this chaotic city. The walking tour starts with a short visit to the cemetery, continuing to the “Fish Street Market”, the “Flower Market” and the “Uruguay Market” where various species of birds and animals and food can be seen. The tour continues to Eloy Salmón Street, lined with shops and stalls selling the latest technology and to the “Cholitas Market” where Cholitas can be seen shopping for traditional skirts and blankets. Next, a visit to the popular “Belen” dining room and “Rodriguez Market”. The tour concludes at San Pedro Square, where the well-known San Pedro prison is located. Following the tour is a Teleférico (cable car) ride, from which there is an excellent and beautiful view of La Paz, it’s a great way to discover the city!. After the Teleferico ride, there is a visit of a traditional street market, rich in handicraft shops and stalls selling alpaca or llama wool, jewelry, leather goods, musical instruments, weavings and witchcraft artifacts. There is also a visit to the colonial part of the city, San Francisco Church, Gold Museum, Murillo Square and the outdoor replica of the Tiwanaku temple. Lastly, a descend to the more modern, southern part of La Paz to reach and visit the Valley of the Moon, where a clay mountain has been impressively shaped by erosion



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DAY 6: La Paz – Puno – Copacabana – Sun Island

An agreeable trip by private transportation from Puno or La Paz until Copacabana (3 ½ hours), a pleasant town in the shores of Lake Titicaca. Visit to its church and the famous 'Virgen Morena', have a stroll around. Trip by motorized boat to the legendary Island of the Sun (1 hour), until Huacani to have an Aptapi (typical lunch in the highlands), this trip continues by boat up till to the ruins of Pilkokaina Inca temple. Finally hike to La Estancia with a wonderful view of Lake Titicaca (1 hour approximately).



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DAY 7: La Chinkana in Sun Island

DON'T MISS AN EARLY SUNRISE! Hike down through Yumani visiting the Inca stairs and the Water of the Eternal Youth, then have a trip north by boat to visit Chincana ruins and the Sacred Rock (1 hour); short hike (45 minutes) to Challapampa, then Return to Ecolodge La Estancia with an optional hike up (2 ½ hours). Afternoon free to enjoy the peace and beauty of this mystical place.



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DAY 8: Sun Island to Puno

Hike down through the village of Yumani in the Garden and stairs of the Incas, to take the boat to the Island of the Moon, visit the ruins of Iñak Uyu Inca temple, trip by boat to Copacabana (1 ½ hours). To finally take a private transportation to La Paz or Puno (3 ½ hours).



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DAY 8: Flight La Paz - Uyuni

Early this morning you will be transfered to the airport for your onward flight to Uyuni. On arrival, please make your way through to the Arrivals Hall where our representative will be waiting for you to transfer you to your hotel. He/she will be holding a sign with your name on it. Should you not be able to locate them, please refer to the front of your itinerary for emergency contact details of our representative office. Transfer to your hotel located in nearby Colchani on the shores of the Uyuni Salt Flats. This afternoon visit the village and its surroundings to see locals producing salt, enter this natural wonder with over 10.000 km2 at 3.692 m of salt is something really special. Travel through the salt flats crossing to Isla Incahuasi, a special habitat of giant cactus and volcanic rocks. Then head north to see Pucara de Ayque at the foothills of the Tunupa volcano. Return to Colchani and enjoy a nice sunset and overnight in a unique salt hotel. Dinner included this evening.



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DAY 8: Arrival in Colchani

Transfer from Uyuni’s airport to Colchani. Dinner at Palacio de Sal Hotel.



DAY 9: Colchani- Uyuni salt flats

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. Enter the great Uyuni salt flats to “Isla Incahuasi” (2 hours), a special habitat of volcanic rocks and giant cactus. Continue north to see the pre-Columbian Pucara de Ayque fort and the nearby chullpares Trip back to Colchani. Enjoy the sunset.



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DAY 10: Colchani – Villamar

Trip south visiting first the cemetery of old trains, then through the highlands, passing the villages of San Cristobal, Culpina K until the high and rich valley of Alota (3 hours), then areas with great stone formations done by the erosion. Continue through high valleys until the village of Villamar (1 hour).



DAY 11: Villamar – Coloured Lagoons (REA) – Hito Cajón

Early departures to la REA reserve, visiting Laguna Colorada (4,278 m – 2 hours), geysers “Sol de Mañana”, Chalviri lagoon and its natural hot springs of Polques. Continue through the high desert of Pampas de Dali until “Laguna Verde” (3 hours), a beautiful green lagoon at the foothills of the Licancabur Mountain; continue until the Bolivian border Hito Cajon.



DAY 11: Hito Cajón - Hotel Alto Atacama


Once border formalities at Hito Cajon are completed, you will be met by a representative from Alto Atacama and transferred to San Pedro de Atacama. Journey time will be approximately two hours.



DAY 12: Explore the Atacama Desert

Alto Atacama has created a program so you can enjoy as much of the local area as you want, in any way you want. There is something for everyone, from visiting museums to volcano climbing. The excursions are designed for people who love nature and extraordinary landscapes, but the vast majority do not require any special physical training or abilities. All are classified by type (on foot, vehicle or bicycle), length (half or full day) and difficulty. Each night, meet with the guides in the bar to discuss options for the following day. There are eight choices per day out of 23 total outings.



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DAY 14: Departure Hotel Alto Atacama

After breakfast, you will be transfered to Calama Airport for your onward flight.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS	
Accommodation	Standard
Inclusions	13 nights accommodation Meals as specified Guided tours and entrance fees as stated in itinerary Airport transfers and private transportation Internal flights Santiago to La Paz and La Paz to Uyuni EXCLUSIONS: International flights Visa Tipping Items of a personal nature
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Available upon request

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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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