SOUTH AMERICA - LA PAZ IMMERSIVE STAY



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BOMALPI
DEPARTURE
Daily
DURATION
6 Days
LOCATIONS
Bolivia, South America

INTRODUCTION

This 6-day immersive itinerary gives you time to properly explore La Paz and its surrounding landscapes, combining authentic local encounters, wildlife, ancient history, and contrasting scenery. Set in a valley surrounded by the snow-capped peaks of the Andes, La Paz sits approximately 3,650m (11,975 ft) above sea level, making a little extra time to acclimatise and explore well worthwhile. You'll discover the city's main sights and historic streets, including the famous Witches' Market, and experience a ride on the world's highest urban cable car system. A particularly unique experience is a guided tour with a local Lustracalzado (shoe shiner), offering insight into everyday life while supporting a social initiative that provides employment and education opportunities. An evening of traditional Bolivian music and dance, accompanied by a local dinner, adds another wonderful cultural dimension.

Venturing beyond the city takes you to the striking Valley of the Moon, where centuries of erosion have sculpted unusual clay formations. You'll also visit La Senda Verde Wildlife Refuge, nestled in the subtropical forests of Los Yungas. The refuge is a sanctuary for more than 450 rescued animals, including monkeys, Andean bears, turtles, and colourful birdlife. On the way back to La Paz, stop at a local coffee plantation to learn about its sustainable farming practices. Another highlight is an excursion to the ancient pre-Inca archaeological site of Tiwanaku, where monumental stone temples and fascinating archaeological remains offer insight into Bolivia's ancient civilizations.

ITINERARY

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DAY 1: Arrival in La Paz



Arrive in La Paz, dramatically set in a vast basin beneath the snow-capped peaks of the Altiplano and dominated by 6,438m Mt Illimani. Sitting at 3,636 metres above sea level, the city is known for highlights such as Plaza Murillo, San Francisco Church, and the fascinating Witches' Market, where traditional Aymara remedies, herbs and ritual items are sold. The remainder of the day is free to explore at your leisure.

DAY 2: Full Day La Paz and Moon Valley Tour



This insightful private tour offers a unique perspective on La Paz, guided by both a local bilingual guide and a Lustracalzado (shoe-shiner) guide. Supporting a community social initiative, the experience provides valuable opportunities for local shoe shiners while offering an authentic introduction to everyday life in the city. Travel aboard La Paz's famous cable car network and explore bustling local markets, colourful neighbourhoods and cultural landmarks, including the Witches' Market, San Francisco Church, Plaza Murillo and the fascinating Valley of the Moon, a striking landscape shaped by centuries of erosion. Along the way, gain an insight into local traditions, history and contemporary life from those who know the city best. Lunch is included. (B) (L)

DAY 3: Los Yungas & La Senda Verde Wildlife Refuge



Discover the remarkable diversity of Los Yungas, a lush subtropical region where cloud forests, rivers and abundant wildlife form the gateway to the Amazon Basin. On the scenic two-hour journey from La Paz, descend from the snow-capped peaks and glaciers of La Cumbre (4,650m) to the rainforest foothills of Yolosa (1,150m). Visit La Senda Verde Wildlife Refuge, home to more than 450 rescued animals, including monkeys, colourful birdlife, turtles and Andean bears. After the included Aruma Bear Tour, continue to Café Munaipata near Coroico for lunch, where you'll learn about locally grown organic coffee and sustainable farming practices. Following a brief visit to the coffee plantation, return to La Paz.. (B) (L)

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DAY 4: Tiwanaku Ruins & Dinner Folk Show

This morning, travel 1.5 hours from La Paz to Tiwanaku, the spiritual and political centre of one of South America's most advanced pre-Inca civilisations. Located on the Altiplano near Lake Titicaca, this UNESCO-listed site flourished between 500 and 900 AD and is renowned for its achievements in agriculture, engineering and architecture. Explore the ceremonial centre, including the Kalasasaya Temple, Gate of the Sun, Akapana Pyramid, semi-subterranean temple and impressive stone monoliths. The tour also includes visits to two local museums showcasing ancient pottery, stonework and the history of the Tiwanaku culture. This evening, enjoy a vibrant performance and dinner celebrating Bolivia's rich cultural heritage through traditional music and dance. Featuring colourful regional costumes, lively choreography and handcrafted instruments such as zampoñas and charangos, the show highlights the distinct traditions of the Andean highlands, valleys and tropical lowlands in an entertaining and memorable cultural experience. (B) (D)



DAY 5: La Paz

Today is yours to enjoy this fascinating city at your own pace. If you would like to make the most of your free day, your Destination Specialist can arrange a range of optional experiences tailored to your interests. Discover Bolivia's colourful Cholets in El Alto, the striking Neo-Andean creations of renowned architect Freddy Mamani, or enjoy a coffee-tasting experience at The Moon, home to the world's highest coffee mill, where you can learn about the coffee-making process and sample its unique flavours. For something a little different, consider the Miner for a Day experience, exploring the historic Milluni Mine and gaining insight into Bolivia's rich mining heritage. Whatever your interests, we can help arrange the perfect experience to make the most of your time here. (B)



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DAY 6: Depart La Paz

You will be transferred to the airport to depart for your next destination. (B)



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Hotel
Inclusions	**Inclusions** Private airport transfers Accommodation with breakfast daily Other meals where stated Sightseeing with local English-speaking guide as detailed in the itinerary **Exclusions** International and internal flights not indicated Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable) Travel Insurance Beverages Personal expenses Gratuities for tour guides/drivers Any items not mentioned as included
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	A single supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please contact us for more information.
Notes	Prices are based on per person, twin share. Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time. All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice.
Price Dependent upon	Seasonality and availability at time of booking.

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