

Bolivia - Signature Salt Flats & Highlands of the Andes

Trip Code

MCFMKSF2

Departure



Introduction

Enjoy the unparalleled scenery of Chile, Bolivia and Peru on this 10 day itinerary. Start your journey in the small oasis town of San Pedro de Atacama, located in the world's driest desert - the Atacama Desert, before crossing to Bolivia passing volcanoes and colourful lagoons until you reach the world's largest salt lake, the Salar de Uyuni. This vast salt desert has a landscape that is unforgettable, stark yet awe-inspiring, a dazzling white that stretches to the horizon, interspersed with geysers and coloured mineral lagoons. Continue through to the highlands of La Paz and finish at Lake Titicaca, the highest navigable lake that covers both Bolivia and Peru.

This itinerary is also offered in reverse - [Signature Highlands of the Andes & Salt Flats](#)

On this all-encompassing personalised itinerary, Chimu will provide travel logistics for your travel party for the duration of your journey, plus expert guides for all the major sightseeing as per itinerary. Each night you will stay in superior accommodation, handpicked by our experienced team for their creature comforts, convenient locations, and impeccable service.

Itinerary

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Departs Daily: Pedro de Atacama

Duration

10 Days

On arrival at Calama Airport, your driver

will be waiting for you in the arrivals hall to

transfer you to the small bus town of San

Pedro de Atacama, the gateway tourist

centre for the Atacama Desert. Overlooking

the Licancabur Volcano, its dramatic

surrounding landscape ranges from desert,

salt flats, steaming geysers and hot springs

to fascinating rock formations. The rest of

the day is free to enjoy at your leisure. This

evening you will be collected from your

hotel for Astronomy in the Desert, one of

the best places in the world to observe

stars, planets, and constellations.



DAY 2: San Pedro de Atacama

Start your day with a tour of San Pedro de

Atacama, the archaeological capital of

Chile. Located near the mouth of the main

river that feeds the salt flat, this tour will

orientate you and give you an

understanding of the history, the town, and

the surrounding areas. In the afternoon,

travel across the Salt Mountain Range to

reach the Valley of the Moon in time for

sunset when the sun brings out the best of

the valley's incredible colours. (B)



DAY 3: San Pedro de Atacama

There are no activities planned for the

morning, allowing time to wander the

streets of San Pedro de Atacama and

browse the local stores at your leisure. In

the afternoon, you'll visit the Salar de

Atacama, one of the world's largest salt

lakes, home to a variety of bird species,

including the three types of flamingos, and

one of the most important lithium reserves

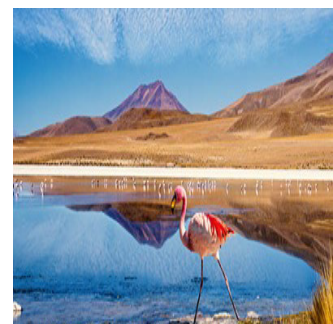
in the world. En route you will stop at the

picturesque village of Toconao, built from

white volcanic stone and then on to Chaxa

Lagoon, where you will have the chance to view

another dramatic sunset. (B)



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Duration San Pedro de Atacama to the

10 Days Bolivian Altiplano

Locations

South America - Chile, Bolivia, Peru

This morning you will be transferred from San Pedro de Atacama to Hito Cajon, the mountain pass on the border between Chile

and Bolivia. After clearing Bolivian

immigration, make your way to the village

of Villamar. Along the way you will be

rewarded with some of the most dramatic

and beautiful landscapes in the world,

stopping off for plenty of photo

opportunities. This high-altitude desert

environment is home to dozens of colourful

lagoons, snow-capped mountains, llamas,

flamingos, hot springs, and geysers.

Tonight, your accommodation is unique as it

has been built into a rock and offers a

warm, cosy and comfortable refuge from the

desert night. (B, L, D)



DAY 5: Bolivian Altiplano to Uyuni Salt Flat

Today is packed with jaw-dropping scenery.

Pass through the Valley of Rocks, stopping

off to view famous rock formations caused

by wind erosion. Villages like Culpina,

where the houses have been built from

natural materials and San Cristobal, which

was relocated from its original location

because of the zinc and silver deposits in

the vicinity. From here we will set off across

the Great Salt Flats to Colchani village,

where we observe the methods of salt

extraction and salt processing. We continue

to Incahuasi Island, an oasis covered with

giant cacti up to 10 metres high. Continuing

north to visit the pre-Colombian ruins of

Pucarade de Ayque fort on the foothills of

Thunupa volcano. After a long day of

exploration, finally arrive at your

accommodation - the luxurious Palacio de

Sal Hotel. Made from salt bricks and located

on the shores of Salar de Uyuni, the perfect

place to rest easy for the night. (B,L,D)



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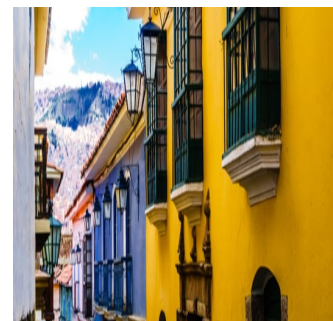
Departure

Departs Daily Salt Flat to La Paz

Duration

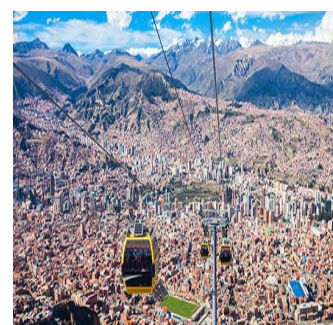
10 Days

Today you will fly from Uyuni to La Paz, which is the highest international airport in the world at 4,000 metres above sea level. La Paz has a spectacular setting in a deep bowl surrounded by snow-capped mountains of the Altiplano. It lies in the shadow of the towering 6,438m high Mt. Illimani, always snow-covered and visible from many parts of the city. There are no other activities planned for the rest of the day. (B)



DAY 7: La Paz Shoeshiners City Tour with Moon Valley

Embark on a city tour through La Paz, wandering through the street markets rich in handicrafts, weavings, and witchcraft items, followed by a visit to the colonial section of the city. Then, descend into 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. Ride by cable car for an excellent and beautiful view of La Paz. Your tour will be conducted by a local English speaking guide and you will be joined by a 'Lustracalzado' or a shoeshiner, who can found on most street corners of the city. Often the lustras will wear a balaclava or face covering to hide their identities and the social stigma and discrimination that their profession attracts. We work with a social project, that helps to employ the lustras as tour guides. This allows them additional income and the project has even paid for some of them to pursue further study and learn English. We hope that by you taking a tour with a lustra guide that this will help break down the social stigmas in place and give them a better future. (B,L)



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Depart La Paz and head for the Peruvian

border and the lakeside town of Puno.

South America, Chile, Bolivia, Peru

Traveling along the Pan American Highway

Through the Bolivian highlands, you will

stop off and temples, ruins, and historical

sites. Arrive in Puno and the rest of the

afternoon is free for you to explore the city

at your leisure. (B,L)



DAY 9: Puno and Lake Titicaca Uncovered

You will be transported to the port to board

a speedboat to spend a full day visiting Lake

Titicaca's communities, with onboard

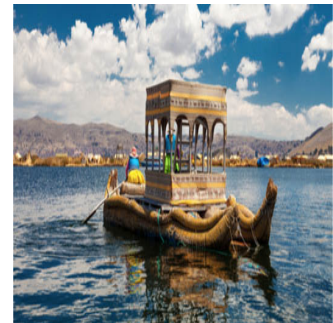
service to visit various islands on Lake

Titicaca, including the Uru people and a

visit to the last authentic floating islands.

There are optional tours in reed boats

before we depart back to Puno. (B,L)



DAY 10: Depart Puno

You will be collected from your hotel at the

appropriate time and transferred to the

airport for your onward flight. (B)



Inclusions & Details

Accommodation Hotels (Including Salt Hotel)

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Transfer from Calama Airport to Atacama Hotel
Transfer from Puno Hotel to Juliaca Airport
Internal flights as part of this itinerary
Accommodation with breakfast daily
Sightseeing with local English-speaking guide as detailed in itinerary
2N/3D Private Salt Flats Package - travelling with a local English speaking guide in a 4WD
Other meals where stated

Inclusions

Exclusions

International flights
Visa & reciprocity fees (if applicable)
Travel insurance
Beverages
Personal expenses
Gratuities for tour guides & drivers
Any items not mentioned as included
2 (Light Adventure - High Altitude, Unsealed Roads & Basic Accommodation)
A single supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please [contact us](#) for more information.
During the rainy season (Nov-Mar) the visit to Uyuni salt lake & Isla Pescado will be possible only if weather conditions permit it.
We recommend packing clothing suitable for a mountain environment, including sun protection and sunglasses.
Weather at high altitude can change very quickly and the sun reflected off the Salt Lake is particularly strong.
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.

Difficulty Rating

Single Surcharge

Notes

Price Dependent upon Seasonality, currency fluctuation and availability at time of booking.

Sustainability