

**Bolivia Lake & Desert**  
**8 days – 7 nights**  
**La Paz, Moon Valley, Uyuni, Colchani, Salt Flats, Tunupa Volcano, Chantani Community,**  
**Copacabana, Sun Island, Cerro Calvario**  
**Adventure, Discovery, Culture, History, Relaxation**

**This program is fully customizable and may be operated for individuals, pods and groups**

*There are few places in the world that will be as dreamlike or make you feel like you are walking on another planet. The world's largest salt flat in the Bolivian altiplano, high up in the Andes, is located in Uyuni. The Salar de Uyuni is a pure white expanse of the greatest amount of nothing...imaginable! On a sunny day it is just the blue sky and white ground for as long as the eye can see. It makes for one of the most unique and enjoyable photo shoots due to the flat landscape. When there is just a bit of water on the ground, it feels like you are flying while driving. The flats are actually a part of salt extraction and processing, especially around the Colchani area. The extracted amounts can add up to almost 20,000 tons a year, mostly for human consumption.*

#### **Day 1: La Paz**

After immigration and customs formalities at El Alto International Airport you'll be met and transferred to your selected hotel in La Paz. This is the highest international airport in the world with an altitude of 13,320 feet above the sea level. The airport is located in the city of El Alto, just 30 minutes from La Paz.

#### **Day 2: La Paz (City tour & Moon Valley)**

When you visit the highest capital city of the world, La Paz, you are welcomed by extreme geography, fragrant markets, chaotic streets and colorfully dressed Bolivians roaming around the city. Compared to the countryside, La Paz is an urban jungle where you will be totally blown away by its dynamic and its character. During the city tour you will visit the Plaza Murillo, where the Bolivian government is based, as well as an important and immense cathedral and the Presidential Palace. There are also very interesting markets to visit such as the "Mercado de las Brujas" where community healers will offer an array of medicinal plants as well as potions, powders, incense, amulets and talismans that ensure good health, luck, beauty and fertility and see locals practicing traditional rituals such as reading people's fortune in coca leaves. Then, we drive to a special location with a 360-degree view of the city and visit Moon Valley. Aptly named, this site is unique for its features of lunar-like landscapes and bizarre geological formations. The Moon Valley is not actually a valley but a maze of canyons and giant spires where strong winds and rains eroded the clay and created sandstone formations. After, you will be driven to the cable car station to enjoy breathtaking views of the city. [B/L]

#### **Day 3: La Paz, Uyuni (Colchani, Salt Flats)**

After breakfast you'll be transferred to La Paz International Airport to board your flight to Uyuni where you'll be met and driven to your hotel. Then, you will visit one of the most remarkable places on earth: The Uyuni Salt Flats! The first stop in your itinerary will be the Train Cemetery where you will be able to see the remains of very old wagons and trains from the late 19th and the beginning of the 20th century. After, visit the hand-made salt factories and traditional handicrafts made exclusively of salt. Uyuni's Salar is the world's largest salt flat consisting of more than 2.5 million acres of the Altiplano. The site offers one of the most incredible landscapes ever imagined. On the road, along the salt flats you will see the popular "Ojos de sal" that are natural outlets for subterranean rivers flowing under the flats. At midday, you will visit Incahuasi Island located in the middle of the salt flats coated with the ancient Cactus and a rare ecosystem that has survived over the years. In the afternoon, contemplate the sunset in the middle of the salt lake before returning to your hotel. [B/L/D]

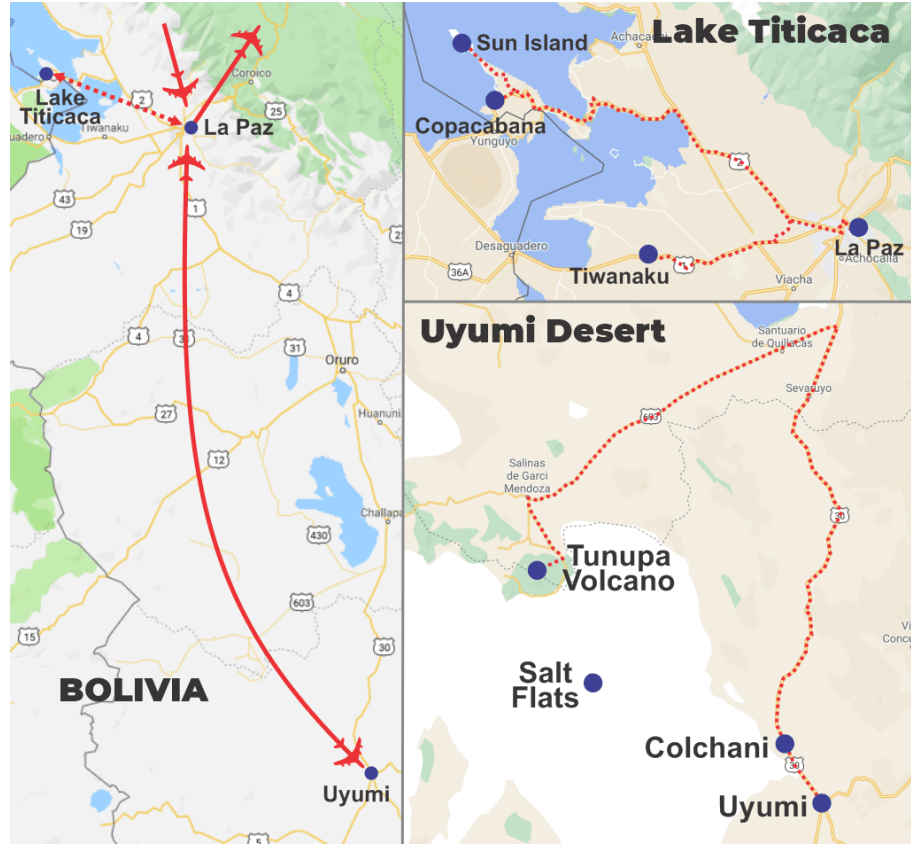
#### **Day 4: Uyuni (Colchani, Tunupa Volcano, Chantani Community)**

Today we drive to Tunupa Volcano to start an interesting trekking uphill the volcano until a viewpoint that provides a fantastic view of the magnificent "Salar de Uyuni". Later on, visit the Chantani

community to see the "Chullpares" or pre-Hispanic mummies. Later, watch the sunset behind the salt flat before returning to your hotel. [B/L/D]

### Day 5: Uyuni, La Paz, Copacabana

After breakfast you'll be transferred to the airport for your flight to La Paz and, again, from El Alto International Airport to your selected hotel in Copacabana on the shore of Titicaca Lake. Today, visit the nearby ruins of Tiwanaku. Listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2000, Tiwanaku is an ancient archeological site named after one of the most important civilizations prior to the Inca Empire. The ruins are made up of impressive architectural structures such as palaces, temples and pyramids,



as well as giant monoliths and figurative representations. Tiwanaku remains an enigma for science as much of the stone creations defy explanation, posing more questions to archaeologists than giving answers. For example, the site has enormous strewn blocks of stone weighing up to 25 tons that no known pre-Colombian culture had the technology to transport. Over 28 centuries, the Tiwanakus created some of the most impressive stone monoliths in the world, engineered an ingenious irrigation system and gained advanced understanding of astronomy. Return to Copacabana for overnight across the Tiquina Strait. [B/L]

### Day 6: Copacabana, Sun Island

This morning, we'll explore Isla del Sol, or Sun Island, off the coast of Copacabana. The small, but enchanting town of Copacabana, is considered to be a long-time religious Mecca for both locals and indigenous. The Sun Island you are visiting is home to what is believed to be a fountain of youth. The fountain represents the 3 pillars of the Aymara Culture: Ama Sua, Ama Llulla and Ama Quella, which means, you shall not steal, you shall not lie and you shall not be lazy. During the day absorb an incredible amount of treasured and ancient history. [B/L/D] Boat

### Day 7: Sun Island, Copacabana, Cerro Calvario, La Paz

Today, we take the boat to return to Copacabana, on the Bolivian mainland, to visit the Cerro Calvario, which throughout the years became a popular tourist attraction with phenomenal views on the Lake Titicaca. After the visit we drive 4 hours to La Paz for overnight. [B]

### Day 8: La Paz

At the appointed time you'll be picked-up for your transfer to the airport to board your flight back home. [B]

[B] = Breakfast | [B/L] = Breakfast and Lunch | [B/L/D] = Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

**Your Tour includes:**

- Airfare New York/La Paz/Uyuni/La Paz/New York
- Private transfers as required by itinerary
- 7 nights' accommodation:
  - La Paz 3 nights
  - Uyuni 2 nights
  - Copacabana 1 night
  - Sun Island 1 night
- Meals
  - Breakfast daily
  - 5 lunches
  - 3 dinners
- La Paz city tour
- Excursion to Moon Valley
- Excursion to Uyuni Salt Flats
- Visit Cholchani pre-Hispanic mummies
- Visit Incahuasi Island

- Discover Tiwanaku Ruins
- Boat ride on Lake Titicaca
- Visit Sun Island
- Tour Cerro Calvario
- Entrance fees for sites visited
- Transportation by A/C vehicle
- English-speaking guides
- All local taxes

**Tour does not include:**

- Airfare taxes and fees
- Travel Insurance
- Visa charges if applicable
- Early check-in or late check-out at hotels
- Services and food not listed in the itinerary
- Beverages during the meals
- Hotel extras, and personal expenses.
- Tips for guides, drivers and in restaurants

**Hotels in your Tour:**

City	Hotel Name	Tripadvisor
<b>Superior Tourist Class</b>		
La Paz	Hostel Naira	4
Uyuni	Hotel Samay Wasi	3.5
Copacabana	Hotel Estelar del Lago	3.5
Sun Island	Hotel Casa de la Luna	4
<b>First Class</b>		
La Paz	Hotel Rosario La Paz	4.5
Uyuni	Hotel Jardines de Uyuni	4
Copacabana	Hotel Gloria Copacabana	3.5
Sun Island	Hotel Casa de la Luna	4
<b>Deluxe</b>		
La Paz	Hotel Casa Grande	4.5
Uyuni	Hotel Palacio de Sal	4.5
Copacabana	Hotel Rosario Lago	4.5
Sun Island	Hotel La Estancia Ecolodge	4.5

Hotels will be confirmed at time of booking

**Tour Prices:**

Room	2-3 Pax	4-5 Pax	6-9 Pax
<b>Superior Tourist Class</b>			
Double	\$2,569	\$1,959	\$1,939
Single	\$2,719	\$2,105	\$2,085
<b>First Class</b>			
Double	\$2,729	\$2,105	\$2,079
Single	\$3,079	\$2,455	\$2,429
<b>Deluxe</b>			
Double	\$3,269	\$2,619	\$2,609
Single	\$3,979	\$3,329	\$3,319

Rates are minimum per person sharing a room and may change without notice.

Rates may change depending on the date of travel.

These programs can be customized for individuals and for groups

Changes to this program may be requested by phone (1855-55-TOURS) or using the web FIT Quote Request

- **Airfare**

We also be glad to add the necessary airfare from your gateway so you take advantage of our special discounted leisure fares

- **Program**

You may add or remove;

- Trip days
- Cities and sites
- Meals

- **Other options**

- The program was designed with private services, however, we may substitute shared sightseeing where available
- If you prefer deluxe services we may operate this program including private driver, private guide and concierge service.

- **Quotation**

Once we have designed the program the way you want we'll give you a quote within 2 business days.

Prices are minimum for low season. Please call for other periods

**Tour Code:** BO01LPB21PU

**Options:**

- Lunches and dinners can be arranged for individuals, families and groups at top restaurants or any restaurant requested by you.
- We can revise the itinerary to spend more time and provide more depth in those areas that you are interested on.
- Any other changes to the itinerary will be accommodated depending on the facilities available in the area.
- Car can be upgraded upon request

**Group Quotations**

- If you wish to use these programs for your group or as the basis for a customized journey please either call us (1-855-55-TOURS or use the web Group Quote Request.
- In either case our specialists will work with to refine all the details and they will get you a quote with 2 business days. Quotes may be obtained for the air and land portions of just for the land journey.
- Booking both air and land with us will represent savings for you because of our buying power and longtime relationship with the airlines.

We will also may have the choice between regular fares and special leisure fares not available to the public.