

UYUNI

3 Days 2 Nights

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CLASSIC TOUR UYUNI 3 DAYS 2 NIGHTS

Feel the Real Bolivia

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DAY 1:

UYUNI - COLCHANI - INCAHUASI ISLAND - PIA PIA ISLAND - AJENCHA

Your tour will begin at 10:30 am, at Perla de Bolivia's office. The first stop will be Uyuni's 'train graveyard', to see the first locomotives in Bolivia. You'll then visit the small settlement of Colchani (salt miners' workshops next to the salt flats). Here, you'll see handicrafts made of salt, and textile art made of llama and alpaca fiber. The tour will continue onto the great Salt Flats of Uyuni, which are at an altitude of 3650m. Take photos as you cruise along the vast white expanse of salt, see Los Ojos de Agua Salada ('salt water eyes') and then visit a hotel made completely of salt! This amazing place currently serves as a museum.

Following this jam-packed morning, after lunch you'll carry on to "Isla Incahuasi" (Fish Island), where you will have time to take a hike to the top of the island to see giant cacti, and rock formations made of petrified coral. Make sure you and your group pose for some fun perspective- and proportion-distorted photos, taken against the backdrop of the striking white surface of the salt flats.

Lunch will be served on "Isla Incahuasi" (fish island) where you will have time to take a hike to the top of the island to see giant cactus and rock formations made of petrified coral. Take time to organize your group for fun perspective and proportion-distorted photos on the blinding White Surface of the salt flats. Then head to Pia Pia island for the unique experience of seeing a beautiful sunset over the salt flats. Have dinner and spend the night at Ajencha town at night enjoy star gazing from an amazing look out point through a telescope before going to bed (not possible on foggy nights).

Accommodation: Salt hostel "Santiago Jukil" in Ajencha - double rooms.

DAY 2:

CHIGUANA DESERT - CAVES - LAGOONS - EDUARDO AVAROA NATIONAL RESERVE - RED LAGOON

Start the morning off at 7:00 am with breakfast, before going to visit the Chiguana Desert, located on the south side of the Uyuni salt flats. It is surrounded by volcanoes, such as the Ollague Volcano (5840m), one that is still active, and that can be seen from the lookout.

Next, we'll stop to visit the Cueva del Diablo (Devil's Cave), and the Cueva Galaxia (Galaxy Cave), where you can see mummies, stalagmites and stalactites. After the caves, we'll continue along a rocky road - Pasito Tuntun - to the beautiful Andean lagoons, inhabited by 3 species of Andean flamingos. Marvel at three lagoons on the way: 'Cañapa' where you'll spot the first pink flamingos, 'Hedionda' where lunch will be served, and 'Chiarocota' where you'll see a wider variety of birds and altiplanic fauna.

We'll then enter the Eduardo Avaroa National Reserve, and visit the Desert of Siloli, at 4550m (the highest and driest desert in the world). Make sure you take a photo next to the 'Rock tree', a lava rock formation. Before arriving to your final destination of the day, we will stop at the view point by the Red Lagoon, where you can spot more pink flamingos in their natural habitat, and admire this intense, red-coloured lake. Stay the night at a shared family lodging, "Los Lipés".

Accommodation: Shared family lodging, "Los Lipés" (dorm of 6 beds)

DAY 3:

SOL DE MAÑANA GEYSER - DALI DESERT - GREEN LAGOON - UYUNI

Get off to an early start at around 5:00 am to visit the Sol de Mañana Geyser, at 5,000m. You'll walk alongside fumaroles, and steaming craters filled with boiling pots of mud at 150-200 C°. Continue to the open air hot springs, and take a bath in 35°C water, before enjoying breakfast. The next place to visit is the Dali Desert, where Salvador Dali found inspiration for his work from the scattered boulders in the middle of the desert. You'll then see the Green Lagoon - toxic copper water at the foot of the big Licancabur volcano, which sits at 6000m, a few kilometres from the Bolivia-Chile border.

Finally, you'll head back to Uyuni, passing beautiful scenery along the way, and eating a picnic lunch next to the roadside. You'll go by the Valley of the Rocks, the Alota settlement, and the San Cristobal Village, where you'll visit the church, and see the exquisite colonial paintings.

We'll get back to Uyuni by 6:30 pm.

For those that wish to finish at San Pedro de Atacama in Chile instead of coming back to Uyuni: Guides will assist with your border crossing, and you should arrive to San Pedro at 12:00 pm on the third day of the tour. The drop off is at San Pedro de Atacama's main square.

Important: During the rainy season (from January to April), it is not possible to access Incahuasi Island. However, there is the possibility of visiting the island if on the day of your tour it does not rain.

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- 1 night in Hostel (double room), 1 night at a shared family lodging
- Transportation in a 4WD with a rooftop luggage rack
- Oxygen tank and satellite cell phone
- Local driver & English-speaking guide
- Cook and cooking equipment
- Meals: 2 breakfasts / 3 lunches / 2 dinners / snacks
- Sleeping bag
- Airport pickup

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Entrance fees: Isla Incahuasi (30 Bs*), Reserva Eduardo Avaroa Protected Area (150 Bs*)
- Galaxy cave (20 Bs)
- Natural hot springs (7 Bs)
- Toilets on the way (20 Bs)
- Tips for guide, driver and cook (please keep in mind that tipping is common in Latin America, and would be greatly appreciated)
- Transfer to San Pedro de Atacama, Chile (\$10USD)
- Personal expenses

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

IMPORTANT INFO:

During the rainy season from January to April, the Salt Flats fill up with water so it is not possible to cross them in the same way as during dry season. As a consequence, the itinerary is modified during that period. The main changes are usually as follows:

- Instead of stopping at the Inca Wasy (Fish Island), we stop at a place where the water reflects the sky and where it seems that the sky and the ground merge into one.
- The bicycle activity will most probably not be available.
- On day 1, we might sleep at another location.
- We visit the Sol de Mañana Geyser and hot springs at the end of day 2 instead of in the morning of day 3.

SUGGESTED PACKING LIST:

Sun hat, sunglasses (to protect your eyes from the bright glare off the salt panes), sunblock, coat, gloves, wool hat, trekkin shoes, warm socks, swimsuit and towel for hot springs at sol de Mañana. Geysers, extra bottles of water (we recommend bringing a 5 liter bottled water so you can have enough water for the whole trip, snacks, personal medication. Flashlight/torch, camera, extra batteries and memory card, charger (electricity available in most hotels), hand sanitizer, personal first aid kit. You will be sleeping up to 4300 meters above sea level and depending on the season, temperatures can drop well below zero (reaching less than -15 degrees Celsius in the winter months of June and July) and the wind chill can be harsh, so bring plenty of warm clothes like a scarf and wool hat for the chilly evenings.

ACCOMMODATION/FACILITIES ON TOUR:

The accommodation on the Uyuni Salt Flats tour will be bare-bones basic with basic cots in shared rooms. On occasion there may not be electricity or running water due to lack of infrastructure and services in the national park. You will be travelling in the middle of the desert - toilet facilities will only be available on the first day of Uyuni tour and might have a small local cost.

Note: as you will come back to your departure point, please ONLY BRING the necessary material and clothes during the tour.

REMEMBER: it can get very cold especially during the Winter months of June and July so bring extra extra warm clothes along like a scarf and wool hat to keep warm. We also recommend bringing an extra 5 liters of water so you can have enough water for the whole trip

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