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Spectacular Moon Valley



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BOLIVIA

Discover the stunning scenery, rich culture, bustling markets and unexplored realms of Bolivia. Explore the breathtaking Lake Titicaca, the world's highest capital city of La Paz, the colourful Sunday Market at Tarabuco, near to Sucre, the medieval mines at Potosi, and Salar de Uyuni, the world's largest salt lake.

The dry season (May-Oct/Nov) is the best time to visit.

LA PAZ CITY STAY

3 days/2 nights

Departs daily ex La Paz

La Paz is the highest capital city in the world and home to the snow-capped mountain of Illimani (6402m). Explore this fast paced city on foot and take time to wander through the many lively markets.

Tour cost per person to 31 Dec:	Twin	Single
Europa Hotel	\$290	\$472
Radisson Hotel	\$269	\$459
Presidente Hotel	\$253	\$406

Price per person includes: Private return transfers airport/hotel, 2 nights at selected hotel with breakfast, sightseeing as per itinerary including entrance fees.

Day 1 La Paz

Transfer from La Paz airport to your hotel. Remainder of the day at leisure.

Day 2 La Paz

Enjoy a city tour including the Witches Market and Moon Valley. Overnight in La Paz. B

Day 3 Tour ends

Today you will be transferred to the airport. B

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La Paz



Witches Market, La Paz



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Isla del Sol (Island of the Sun)

PUNO TO LA PAZ

2 days/1 night
Departs daily ex Puno

Tour cost per person:	Twin	Single
01 Jan-31 Dec	\$505	\$597

Price per person includes: Return transfer from hotel in Puno to the Catamaran Cruise, transfer from Copacabana to La Paz, 1 night in lake view cabin with private facilities, meals, and sightseeing as per itinerary.

Explore mysterious Lake Titicaca (3827m), a sacred place for the Incas, and according to Incan mythology the birthplace of the first Inca King, Manco Capac. Enjoy the history and scenic beauty as you sail across the lake, visiting Sun Island, the legendary birthplace of the Inca Empire and indigenous villages.

Day 1 Lake Titicaca

Transfer from Puno hotel to the Catamaran and embark on a full day cruising Lake Titicaca. Highlights include the birthplace of several revered entities Sun Island, Inti Wata Cultural Complex, Museum and Challapampa Village, the most isolated and unspoiled village on the lake. Overnight onboard the catamaran. LD

Day 2 Tour ends La Paz

Enjoy the morning sailing across Lake Titicaca. Road transfer to La Paz. Tour ends. B



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SUCRE & POTOSI

4 days/3 nights
Departs daily ex Sucre

Tour cost per person to 31 Dec:	Twin	Single
Option A	\$527	\$778
Option B	\$510	\$748
Option C	\$502	\$707

- A** Parador Santa Maria La Real/ Coloso Potosi Hotel
- B** Capital Plaza Hotel/ Colonial Hostal
- C** De Su Merced Hotel Sucre/ Cima Argentum Hotel

Price per person includes: Return airport transfers in Sucre, 3 nights at selected hotels in Sucre & Potosi with breakfast, sightseeing as per itinerary including entrance fees.

Visit the central highlands of Bolivia and immerse yourself in the UNESCO World Heritage cities of Sucre and Potosi, with their rich history, colonial architecture and quaint cobblestone streets.

Day 1 Sucre

Arrive in Sucre, transfer to your hotel. Enjoy an afternoon city tour to Recoleta, including the Convent of La Recoleta Museum, San Lazaro and Santo Domingo church facades, Bolivar Park and a colourful local market. Overnight at your hotel.

Day 2 Potosi

Depart for Potosi, the highest city in the world, famous for its preserved baroque style churches, monuments and grand colonial architecture. Afternoon tour visiting the highlights of this world heritage city including the Casa de la Moneda and San Lorenzo Church and the Artisans market. Overnight at your hotel. B



Potosi

Day 3 Sucre

Morning sightseeing trip to a private mine in Potosi before return drive to Sucre. B

Day 4 Tour ends

Enjoy a leisurely morning before transferring to Sucre airport. Tour ends. B

SALT FLATS OF UYUNI & LAGOONS

5 days/4 nights
Departs Wednesday, Friday and Sunday ex La Paz

Tour cost per person:	Twin	Single
01 Jan-31 Dec	\$1361	\$2162

Price per person includes: Return bus to Oruro, return train Oruro to Uyuni, 4WD transport, 4 nights hotel/lodge and meals and sightseeing as per itinerary.

Witness the surreal landscape of Salar de Uyuni at 3653m, the world's largest salt lake covering 12,000 sq km. A journey off the beaten track is certainly worth the effort to experience this phenomenal natural wonder.

Day 1 Uyuni

Transfer from La Paz hotel to bus station. Regular bus trip to Oruro (3.5 hours). Continue by train to Uyuni (6.5 hours). Overnight Uyuni.

Day 2 Ojo de Perdiz

Enjoy a full day trip to Uyuni Salt Flats and Incahuasi Island. Overnight in hotel at Ojo De Perdiz. BLD



Flamingoes at the Laguna Colorada (Red Lagoon)



Stunning Laguna Verde (Green Lagoon)

Day 3 Villamar

Enjoy a full day trip visiting the Red and Green Lagoons and viewing the wildlife of the area including llamas, vicuñas and flamingo. Overnight in lodge at Villamar. BLD

Day 4 Uyuni and overnight train

Depart for Uyuni, visiting Valley of the Rocks, and small villages on the way. Use of hotel in Uyuni until departure for overnight train. BL

Day 5 Tour ends

Arrive Oruro and transfer to bus station to board regular bus to La Paz. Arrive La Paz, transfer to hotel. Tour ends.



Valley of the Rocks

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explora 'TRAVESÍAS'

Luxury adventure travel company explora operate a number of Travesías (meaning "crossings") between Bolivia and Chile or Chile and Argentina. These are guided explorations by vehicle and on foot into remote areas of spectacular beauty. In true explora style they focus on the journey rather than the destination, exploring remarkable archaeological, scenic and cultural areas and staying in unique accommodation. These are active adventures with some challenging treks offset by relaxed vehicle sightseeing, delicious meals and comfortable lodgings. Groups range from 2-10 travellers accompanied by an expert guide, a chef and support personnel. All travesias leave from or end at one of explora's lodges in Atacama or Patagonia.

Accommodation enroute will be in special "campsites" consisting of double rooms with camp beds, mattresses, sleeping bags and separate bathrooms with hot and cold water. Construction varies from insulated shipping containers to hundred year old stone and wood buildings. Each campsite will have a kitchen and dining area.

See pages 36 and 53 for more explora Travesias.

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A quiet drink on the salt flats

TRAVESÍA FROM UYUNI

8 days/7 nights
Potosi (Bolivia) to San Pedro (Chile)
Hotel/explora Camps/Lodges

Departures ex Potosi: 10 Apr, 10 May, 10 Jun, 10 Jul, 10 Aug, 10 Sep, 10 Oct & 10 Nov

Tour cost per person to 10 Nov:	Twin	Single
Catur Suite	\$6584	\$9554
Yali Room	\$5631	\$8184
Tulur Room	\$5457	\$7931

Price per person includes: All meals, excursions and transfers plus accommodation throughout at explora's own camps and lodges, and 3 nights at Hotel de Larache.

Travel with explora from historic Potosi, the world's highest city, to the deserts of San Pedro de Atacama. Passing through remote regions of natural beauty and authentic local culture you will discover the mysterious salt flats of Salar de Uyuni, ancient archaeological sites, volcanoes and deserts. The tour ends with 3 nights at explora's magnificent Hotel de Larache in San Pedro.

Day 1 Salar de Uyuni

Depart early from Potosi, and drive to the town of Uyuni. Enter the solitude of Salar de Uyuni, the world's largest and highest salt flats (3,665m). Trek across the salt flats and climb the highest "island" with panoramic views. Overnight at Tahua.

Day 2 Salar de Uyuni

Set off early for a 3 to 4 hour trek to the foot of the Tunupa volcano. Choose either to climb the volcano or visit some interesting sites nearby. Explore small towns bordering the salt flat. Overnight at our campsite in Tahua.

Day 3 Chituca

Morning trek exploring geological formations and caves with archaeological remains. Continue to the Bolivian altiplano reaching our second campsite, Chituca, at 3,750m. Afternoon trek to see cultivated terraces and cactus forest.

Day 4 Cañapa

Set out on foot to the Turquiri Lagoon with lunch on the shore. Continue to Cañapa, our highest camp at 4,300m. Trek to see flamingos and vicuñas.

Days 5-7 San Pedro Chile

Trek to some salt flats, wetlands and lakes where we hope to see flamingos. Then travel across the Sol de Mañana geothermal plain to the Hito Cajón border pass into Chile. Arrive at the Hotel de Larache in Atacama for 3 nights. On days 6 and 7 choose from a variety of explorations (from easy to challenging) on foot, by bicycle, or on horseback. When not exploring, enjoy the facilities of the hotel with its spacious rooms, fine dining, outdoor pool and Turkish bath.

Day 8 Tour ends Calama

Transfer to the airport in Calama for your onward flight. Tour ends.



Salar de Uyuni and Tunupa Volcano in the background



Travesia stone and wood building accommodation



Incredible lagoons of the Altiplano

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