



BOLIVIA TRIP:
SALAR DE UYUNI + COLORED LAGOONS
3 DAY SHARED TOUR AT RUSTIC HOTELS

TYPE	LENGTH	CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS
Shared	3D2N	Tour begins and ends in Uyuni (it is possible to drop-off some passengers in Hito Cajon on the 3rd day around noon) Departures Wednesday and Friday Itinerary can change during rainy season (from November to April) Entrance ticket to Isla Incahuasi costs 30 Bs (5 USD approx) and to Eduardo Avaroa Reserve costs 150Bs (22 USD approx) , we advise you to additionally take 10 USD in local currency for other expenses

ITINERARY

DAY 1	UYUNI – SALAR DE UYUNI – COQUESA (only Wednesday and Friday)
	<p>We begin the tour at 10 am approximately from the meeting point. Our first visit will be the Train Cemetery (also called Train Graveyard), it is possible to observe a great number of antique steam locomotives and rail wagons of the early railroad days, built mainly in France and England. Then we arrive to Colchani whose residents extract the salt using rudimentary tools.</p> <p>Now we are inside the magnificent Salar de Uyuni, on our way we will observe the "Ojos de Agua" (Water Eyes), are holes on the surface of the salt plain, inside which the brine (salt saturated water) located under the superficial crust bubbles up. Arrival at the Playa Blanca Hotel which is built of salt blocks, the general construction is very rustic and since it's settled in the middle of the Salar it has a unique attractiveness.</p> <p>We will drive towards Incahuasi Island located 102 Km. from Uyuni village. It stands in the center of the salt flat, and it is the highlight of today's trip due to the stunning flora and fauna unique in the world, we will make a short hike to the top of the island to enjoy the wonderful landscape. Then we will have some time at the Salar de Uyuni to take beautiful pictures and if you want some funny ones too.</p> <p>Later we continue our trip driving north towards the hotel to enjoy the natural spectacle of colors of the sunset. We will overnight in Tambo Coquesa Hotel, located in the town of the same name.</p> <p><i>*During rainy season, due to the flood of the salt flat:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- the accommodation will be in Uyuni or San Pedro de Quemes- the visits to the attractions inside the salt flat might be suspended without previous notice <p>Includes: Accommodation at "Hotel Tambo Coquesa", Shared transportation 4x4 (4 passengers per vehicle), Audio guide in English</p> <p>Meals: Picnic lunch, Dinner.</p>



DAY 2	COQUESA – JOYAS ALTOANDINAS – HEDIONDA LAGOON
<p>After breakfast we will continue driving at the north part of the salt flat towards Thunupa volcano, we arrive to a panoramic viewpoint from where we will observe the Salt Flat. We will also visit a local community museum in the town of Coquesa where we will be able to see pre-Columbian mummies.</p> <p>Leaving the salt flat behind we begin going south, we get to a viewpoint to observe Ollagüe Volcano at the distance, this volcano remains a natural border with Chile is, it has smoke near the top because is an active volcano.</p> <p>Now it is time to go to the “Joyas Andinas” a group of beautiful lagoons, the first one is Cañapa Lagoon is surrounded by mountainous terrain and extinct volcanoes, its green color water contrasts majestically with the flamboyant colored flamingos that inhabit the area. Then Laguna Hedionda (Smelly Lagoon) is a rather strange lagoon, the sulfur saturated waters give off an odor, this lagoon is also home of flamingos and variety of wild ducks and partridges.</p> <p>Overnight at our ecolodge “Los Flamencos” at 4500 masl, located in a place in which landscape has colors combined magnificently.</p>	
<p>Includes: Accommodation at “Los Flamencos Ecolodge”, Shared transportation 4x4 (4 passengers per vehicle), Audio guide in English</p> <p>Meals: Breakfast, Picnic lunch, Dinner</p>	

DAY 3	HEDIONDA LAGOON – EDUARDO AVAROA RESERVE – UYUNI
<p>Departure around 6 am, today we will visit Eduardo Abaroa National Reserve, on the way we will visit the Árbol de Piedra (Stone Tree), a very particular eolic formation in the heart of Siloli Desert at 4.600 m.a.s.l.</p> <p>We get into the Eduardo Abaroa National Reserve, to get close to the highlight of the day, the color lagoons, we begin the visit at the beautiful Red Lagoon (Laguna Colorada), which receives its name from the reddish colored waters (especially in winter), caused by the presence of “plankton”, a microscopic algae of the specie called Dunaliella Salina.</p> <p>We continue to Sol de Mañana, where we can observe the bubbling mud “fumaroles” emerge from the depths of the earth. Then we drive through Dali’s Desert (the name was given because it resembles a painting of Salvador Dali, the Spanish painter). Later we stop again at Laguna Verde in the foothills of Licancabur Volcano, this lagoon has a surface of more than 17 Km2 of salt water with an elevated content of magnesium, arsenic, lead and calcium carbonate, giving this lagoon a brilliant emerald green color.</p> <p>We are very close with the Bolivian-Chilean border of “Hito Cajón”, we will wait a few minutes until our trip partners which continue to San Pedro de Atacama-Chile make the migration procedures (the transfer Hito Cajón – San Pedro de Atacama is not included in the price).</p> <p>Before we start our return drive to Uyuni we will enjoy a quick refreshing bath at the Polques hot springs. The return trip to Uyuni takes around 6 hours, we will pass by the great Valley of the Rocks and the nice town of “San Cristobal”. Arrival to Uyuni at 6 pm approximately.</p>	
<p>Includes: Shared transportation 4x4 (4 passengers per vehicle), Audio guide in English</p> <p>Meals: Breakfast, Picnic lunch (except passengers that continue to San Pedro de Atacama)</p>	

* The itinerary could change without previous notice because of the weather conditions

END OF OUR SERVICES

Our program does not include: Transportation to and from Uyuni, Accommodation in Uyuni or Colchani, Entrance tickets to attractions, Meals and services not specified, Beverages in restaurants and hotels, Extra expenses, Insurance, Tips