



PUMAMAKI EXPEDITIONS, INC.

ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME

Adventure Tour to Bolivia

Nestled between Peru in the west, Chile and Argentina in the south, and Brazil in the north, Bolivia is home to the Uyuni Salt Flats, 4,085 square miles of the remains of a giant prehistoric lake leaving beautiful green, red, and blue lakes!!! Cruise on Lake Titicaca, the highest navigable lake in the world!!!

Meander around the streets of La Paz, a bustling city full of corners of indigenous market places with small eateries.

Bolivia offers you a once in a lifetime trip!!!

DAY 1 - Chicago - La Paz, Bolivia

We gather our things and head off for our overnight flight from Chicago's O'Hare airport to Miami (or another city - subject to change) and then on to La Paz, Bolivia. The flight is approximately 14 hours total.

DAY 2 - La Paz - Tiwanaku - La Paz (Culture)

We arrive early in the morning in La Paz, the world's highest airport sitting at close to 11,000 ft. After our arrival at our hotel, we are picked up from the hotel to visit the epic city of Tiwanaku, the capital of an ancient civilization, located 72 m away from the city of La Paz and near the southeastern shores of Lake Titicaca. During its greatest times, the capital of Tiwanaku was the largest in the world and considered to be the Cradle of all American civilizations. This pre-Inca ruins started endless archeological debates as the most recent radiocarbon 14 tests show that these edifications date back to 1580 B. C. In this ancient breath-taking city we visit the Kalasasaya (Sun) Temple, Semisubterranean (Earth) Temple, Akapana Pyramid and the legendary Sun Gate. The tour also takes us to the museum filled with ceramic objects and tools from previous civilization prior to the Incas. **B,L,D.**

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DAY 3 - La Paz - Lake Titicaca - Copacabana - Catamaran Cruise - Challapampa

At 06:00 a.m. we have an early land transfer to Titicaca lake. Breakfast included. We board the Catamaran Cruise Ship to Sun Island, the legendary birthplace of the Inca Empire. We have a buffet lunch on board. On our boat cruise, we visit Challapampa Village and enjoy of the small shops and local scenery. We are able to have the opportunity to interact with one of the most unspoiled indigenous Titicaca villages through an innovative program organized with the local community visiting their own museum, chapel, school, a typical house, sailing in their vessels to an Inca holy temple, Andean ritual and walking through Inca trails. For dinner we enjoy a beautiful candle light dinner and overnight on board the Catamaran in lake view cabins with private facilities.

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DAY 4 - Lake Titicaca - Catamaran Cruise - Pilkokaina

The Catamaran Cruise Ship sails across the lake enjoying breakfast and the overwhelming panorama visiting the Pilkokaina Inca Palace. The boat continues traveling to the Inti Wata Cultural Complex including the Ekako Underground Museum, the traditional medicine and the Titikaka Reed Shipbuilders display centers, the Pachamama agricultural Inca terraces, a handicraft center, the Intica lounge and at the Manco Kapac look out the largest variety of Andean camelids. We have some snacks in the complex. We, then, visit the Inca Garden steps and the Inca fountain. Also, the Inti Wata Complex at Sun Island includes a unique sailing experience aboard a huge Titikaka traditional vessel.

Buffet lunch on board while sailing to Chua harbor. Land transfer to La Paz city. Arrival back to our hotel is around 7:30 p.m..

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DAY 5 - La Paz - Uyuni - Pulacayo - Socavon (3 days/2 nights)

After an early breakfast we take a flight to Uyuni, and visit the city surroundings, the town of Pulacayo, where we visit the train museum where the first train that arrived

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to Bolivia remains. This is the place where Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid was filmed. We also visit Socavon and Pulacayo surroundings. We have lunch back at Uyuni at a local restaurant. In the afternoon we continue to the town of Colchani where we visit some ruins and appreciate Chullpas remains and its offerings. We, then, arrive to the Salt Flat shores to enjoy the sunset.

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DAY 6 - Colchani - Salt Flats

After our buffet breakfast we are picked from our hotel and visit the town of Colchani, where we understand and view some of the salt handicrafts, the piles of sale, the Salt Eyes and we enter the Uyuni Salt Flats until it is possible. We have a box lunch during the tour and we return to Colchani and transfer to the hotel.

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DAY 7 - Colchani - La Paz (Cultlure)

After breakfast we take a flight from Uyuni back to La Paz. After lunch we take a $\frac{1}{2}$ day city tour with the Moon Valley. We visit the famous Witch Doctor's Market, San Francisco Colonial Church and the typical handicrafts of the Sagarnaga Street. The tour continues to Plaza Murillo where the cathedral, the government palace and the National Congress Buildings are located. We then continue to see the colonial street, Jaen, where there are interesting museums are clustered together and then visit the replica of the semi-subterranean temple of the Tiwanaku culture. The scenery then changes as the tour continues to the residential areas of Obrajes, Calacoto and La Florida. We end the tour with a visit to the unique Moon Valley, where we have the opportunity to walk around and view these unusual stalagmites.

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Day 8 - La Paz - Artist's Studio - Global Giving - Culture

After an early breakfast, we go to the studio of the world re-known ceramicist Mario Sabaria, to see a demonstration of how he makes some of his famous vases and designs. He takes some of the native art and incorporates it into his own designs. After lunch, we visit a local school to donate our clothing/goods, meet the students and teachers and tour the school. In the evening we will have the opportunity to partake in a Folk Show dinner. While enjoying more Bolivian cuisine, we will see the various music and dances from the various indigenous Bolivian tribes.

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Day 9 - La Paz - TeleferiQo

After breakfast, we have several hours for last minute shopping and a trip on the TeleferiQo before we take our afternoon flight and board our plane for the US.

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Day 10 - La Paz - USA

We arrive in the morning to Miami, go through customs and are on our way to Chicago by the afternoon. (City of arrival in US subject to change)

ADVENTURE TRIP DETAILS

Included:

- Round trip airfare from U.S. to La Paz, Bolivia
- 1 round trip domestic flight - La Paz to Uyuni
- Local airport taxes (about \$4/flight - subject to change)
- Services of English-speaking, licensed guide/coordinator throughout the trip
- ALL transportation in comfortable Tourism coaches
- ALL meals, as indicated in itinerary, **excluding** drinks at meals

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- Accommodations in double-occupancy hotels/boat in La Paz, Catamaran boat cruise on Lake Titicaca, and Uyuni
- All tours and activities, as described in itinerary
- Local service and value added taxes (VAT or IVA in Spanish)

- **NOT Included:**
- MANDATORY Trip Insurance (about \$125 per student/participant)
- Items of a personal nature (i.e., phone calls, souvenirs, laundry, etc.)
- Beverages at meals in restaurants and at airports during our transport
- **MANDATORY**
- Yellow Fever shot - Make sure that you have written verification.
- Bolivian VISA - \$160 per person (subject to change)
- Gratuities for Guide, Driver and Waiters, Activity Guides

Climate

The Andean area of Bolivia has a very pleasant temperature all year. November to April is the rainy season. It's summer in the southern hemisphere and it tends to rain in the afternoons. Highs will typically be in the upper 60's to low 70's (especially on the Salt Flats) and cool in the evening where the temperature can drop to the low 50's. On Lake Titicaca during their summer months, the weather can be warm during the day (70's - 80's) and cool during the evening (50's). One has to be prepared for rapid changes of temperature throughout the day.

Clothing

The seasons in most of South American are reversed from our seasons in the US. Layering is a great idea. If traveling during their summer, light layers are recommended. If traveling during the months of May to October, layered clothing is recommended. A lined outdoor jacket, hats and gloves are useful. Hiking boots/shoes are appropriate for some of our hikes. Don't forget plenty of mosquito repellent for lake activities.

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Altitude

All travelers to Bolivia must take into consideration that La Paz is the highest airport in the world at about 11,000 ft above sea level. Areas in and around Uyuni are also quite high. It is normal to feel short of breathe and/or a headache the first day; drink plenty of liquids and do not overexert yourself. Consult your doctor regarding altitude medication. Protect yourself with lots of sun block!

Currency

The Bolivian currency is the Bolivar (BOB) and the exchange rate is about 7 BOB to \$1 US dollar.

Terms and Conditions

Pumamaki Expeditions, Inc., and its cooperating agents make every effort to select reliable suppliers and contractors to provide transportation, hotels, guides and other travel-related services; but we do not assume responsibility directly, or indirectly, for any loss, damages or injury to property or person in connection with such services. Each traveler agrees not to hold Pumamaki Expeditions, Inc., it's owners, employees, agents or representatives liable, in the absence of their own gross negligence, for any loss or injury, expense or damage which results directly or indirectly from any act or omission of any person or firm which is to or does provide goods or services in connection with the trip or with any available option.

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Safety and Trip Enjoyment

Your Bolivian trip is planned in areas where the environment can sometimes lead to unpredictable conditions. Your safety is our first concern. It is important to remember that this trip will take place in wilderness environments, often far from hospital services. To avoid possibly dangerous situations, it is extremely important that all travelers obey the rules and regulations set forth by the organizers and/or local guides. We reserve the right to prohibit any traveler from continuing on a planned activity if, in our opinion, that traveler's actions pose a threat to the safety of himself/herself, others or to the wildlife; or if that traveler's actions or behaviors are seriously jeopardizing the enjoyment of the trip for others.

Cancellation and Refund Policy

We understand how disappointing it can be for participants in the event they are forced to cancel their adventure. But we too plan for these adventures for quite a long period prior to your departure and must continuously send non-refundable payment to hotels and suppliers of transportation. Therefore, we must adhere to our cancellation policies. The "initial non-refundable deposit" is non-refundable.

The "balance amount" may be refundable as follows:

- For all cancellations processed more than 46 days prior to trip departure, the "balance amount" shall be refunded subject to a \$100 cancellation fee
- For cancellations processed 30-45 days prior to trip departure, 50% of the "balance amount" shall be refunded.
- For cancellations processed less than 30 days prior to trip departure, no portion of the "balance amount" shall be refunded.
- If a participant doesn't participate in a schedule activity, **NO REFUND IS APPLICABLE.**

PLEASE NOTE: The information here noted is prepared well in advance of the trip departure date. Due to the nature of your Bolivian Adventure Trip, hotels, modes of transportation and in some cases, itineraries may change. If this does occur, we will

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attempt to provide similar facilities, but are not always able to do so. We hope you understand.

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