

GASTON SACAZE BOLIVIA
TAILOR MADE PROGRAMS:

ADVENTURE UN THE ANDES: Bolivia

14D/13N | Santa Cruz / La Paz | All year round

SANTA CRUZ | SUCRE | POTOSÍ | LA PAZ | UYUNI | TAHUA
TUNI CONDORIRI | COPACABANA | MON & SUN ISLANDS



BASE CIRCUIT

ITINERARY - 14 days / 13 nights

- DAY 1: Santa Cruz
- DAY 2: Santa Cruz – domestic flight to Sucre – Sucre
- DAY 3: Sucre – Maragua
- DAY 4: Sucre – Potosí
- DAY 5: Potosí – Uyuni
- DAY 6: Uyuni – Salt Flat - Tahua
- DAY 7: Tahua - Tunupa Volcano – Uyuni
- DAY 8: Uyuni – domestic flight to La Paz – La Paz
- DAY 9: La Paz – Tuni Condoriri
- DAY 10: Tuni Condoriri - Copacabana
- DAY 11: Copacabana – Moon & Sun Islands
- DAY 12: Sun Islands – Copacabana – La Paz
- DAY 13: La Paz – Coroico – La Paz
- DAY 14: La Paz - OUT

HIGHLIGHTS in this program:

The Uyuni salt desert and the Incahuasi Island with its giant cactus. Also Tahua and Tunupa Volcano.

Titicaca Lake: Copacabana and Mon & Sun Islands

The Moon Valley in La Paz

Nor Yungas Province: Coroico

Potosí & Sucre: colonial cities

High altitude trekking in Tuni Condoriri



HOTELS

The category of hotels is based on national standards, and the below are listed for reference purposes only. Availability will be confirmed at the time of booking, and in case of no availability, they will be replaced by hotels of equivalent standard

HOTELS: STD CATEGORY STD (3*)		
Santa Cruz	Cosmopolitano	www.cosmopolitano.com.bo
Sucre	Villa Antigua	www.villaantiquahotel.com
Uyuni	Jardines de Uyuni	www.jardinesdeuyuni.com
Tahua	Tayka de Sal	www.taykahoteles.com
La Paz	Ritz	www.ritzbolivia.com
Tuni Condoriri	Albergue Tuni	not web
Copacabana	La Cúpula	www.hotelcupula.com
Sun Island	Albergue Jacha Inti	not web
HOTELS: SUP CATEGORY (3* superior / 4*)		
Santa Cruz	Cortez	www.hotelcortez.com
Sucre	Mi Pueblo Samary	www.samaryhotel.com
Colchani	Luna Salada Palacio de Sal	www.lunasalahotel.com www.palaciodesal.com.bo
Tahua	Tayka de Sal	www.taykahoteles.com
La Paz	Stannum	www.stannumhotels.com
Tuni Condoriri	Albergue Tuni	not web
Copacabana	Rosario del Lago	www.gruporosario.com
Sun Island	Wiñay Inti Lodge	not web

SERVICES INCLUDED AND NOT INCLUDED

INCLUDED:

- 13 hotel nights with breakfast in double room.
- The lunch meal Days 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 12.
- The dinner Days 5, 6, 7, 9, 10 and 11.
- All mentioned transfers in private services.
- All excursions in private service with English speaking guide. In Uyuni Salt Flat on 4x4 Vehicle
- Entrance fees.
- Pre-checking for domestic and international flights.
- Permanent assistance from our local offices.

NOT INCLUDED:

- International flights.
- Flight Santa Cruz / Sucre (approx. USD 90.00 per flight per person).
- Flight Uyuni / La Paz (approx. USD 185.00 per flight per person).
- Meals not mentioned in the program.
- Drinks.
- Tips, extras and personal expenses
- All elements that are not mentioned as included in the description.

ITINERARY ADVENTURE IN THE ANDES

14 days / 13 nights

D 1 Santa Cruz

Private transfer from the International airport of Santa Cruz to your hotel. Departure to the small city of Cotoca, Home of the Sanctuary of the Virgin of Cotoca, deemed "Patroness of Eastern Bolivia". Cotoca is considered important for its traditional crafts and its restaurants that boast typical food. In fact, you will have the opportunity to discover clay handicrafts which are manipulated and transformed into pots and decorative pieces: a delight for the eyes!

Standard HOTEL: Cosmopolitano, Superior HOTEL: Cortez

D 2 Santa Cruz – domestic flight to Sucre – Sucre

After breakfast, a transfer takes us back to the airport in order to board a flight to Sucre. Upon arrival, we make our way directly to Recoleta Lookout, where you can enjoy a panoramic view of the city. Visit Museum of Indigenous Textile Art. The ASUR Museum of Indigenous Art was created with the intention to organize and promote the confounding and graceful textiles of the Jalq'a and Tarabuco people. Visit the Convent of San Felipe Neri, enjoy a walk on top of these colossal structures for a finer view of the blissful white city.

Standard HOTEL: Villa Antigua, Superior HOTEL: Mi Pueblo Samary.

D 3 Sucre

After breakfast, departure to reach the Town of Maragua, which rests in the heart of the mountains that belong to the Cordillera de Frailes. A true geological gem, Maragua rises to an astronomical altitude of 5,438 meters above sea level and symbolizes the extension of the Eastern Cordillera of the Andes. This excursion will lead you a few meters from Maragua, where you will discover the Devil's Cave, a place that houses an elegant waterfall. Afterward admiring these falls, embark on a walk to enjoy this peaceful rural landscape to arrive at the town of Irupampa. On the way to Sucre, stop at the Mirador de Maragua. Return to your hotel.

Standard HOTEL: Villa Antigua, Superior HOTEL: Mi Pueblo Samary

D 4 Sucre – Potosí

After breakfast, Departure in a private vehicle to Potosí. Arrive in Potosí an UNESCO World Heritage Site. Depart towards the Cabanias community. On the way, stop at the Tarapaya Lagoon that rests on the hill of Tarapaya. The lagoon has an impressive perfect shape of 50 meters in diameter and is renowned for its interior hot springs and the high-temperature it emanates. Continue your journey to observe the "Chullperios" (tombs from the pre-Columbian era) and the ancient ceramics that are still to this day fully intact. Continue on to the Mondragon Hacienda. Return to your hotel.

Standard HOTEL: Santa Mónica, Superior HOTEL: Coloso de Potosí

D 5 Potosí - Uyuni

After breakfast, visit the "Real Casa de Moneda" (Mint of Potosí) this institution was instrumental in the development and sustainability of the Spanish Crown. Enjoy the main plaza, Plaza 10 de Noviembre, where you can have a great view of the Cerro Rico, mountain situated at 4,800 m above sea level. Departure for Uyuni.

Standard HOTEL: Jardines de Uyuni, Superior HOTEL: Luna Salada or Palacio de Sal

D 6 Uyuni – Tahua

After breakfast, departure to Uyuni. The Salt Flats of Uyuni were once part of a prehistoric inland sea called Lake Minchin, which included most of southwestern Bolivia. Visit and observe the process of extraction and refinement of salt. Visit the Incahuasi Island (Home of the Inca in Quechua) the most important Island in the Salt Flats. Depart for Tahua, a village that rests on the coast of the Salt Flats.

Standard & Superior HOTEL: Tayka de Sal

D 7 Tahua – Tunupa Volcano - Uyuni

After breakfast, departure for the village of Coquesa, home to ancient ruins and sacred burial grounds that contained precious ceramic gold and copper artifacts which have been stolen by treasure hunters. Continue onto Tunupa, a dormant volcano situated at 5,321 meters above sea level. Hike the Tunupa volcano until you reach its highest possible viewpoint which is situated at 4,700 meters above sea level. Ponder the vastness of the Salt Flats of Uyuni and the dreamy ambience that radiates through the entire atmosphere from this beautiful view. Private transportation back to Uyuni.

Standard HOTEL: Jardines de Uyuni, Superior HOTEL: Luna Salada or Palacio de Sal

D 8 Uyuni – domestic flight to La Paz – La Paz

After breakfast, a transfer takes us back to the airport in order to board a flight to La Paz. Upon arrival, we make our way directly to visit a selection of beautiful viewpoints and lookouts of the city will allow you to observe these infamous landscapes of the serene and chaotic city of La Paz from different elevations and regions. Departure to Jach'a Apacheta (Great Belvedere in Aymara), Killi Killi (named after a native bird), Plaza Murillo and Cathedral of La Paz.

Standard HOTEL: Ritz hotel, Superior HOTEL: Europa Hotel



D 9 La Paz – Tuni Condoriri

After breakfast, Departure to the Condoriri National Park, the heart of the Cordillera Real that demonstrates its colossal and sharp mountain peaks that were shaped during different glacial periods. This Park is home to one of the most beautiful mountains near the La Paz, the Tuni Condoriri. Arrival at Tuni Laguna then continue hike to the Chiarkota Lagoon (4670m above sea level) which can be reached after 3 hours of walking. Free time to enjoy the spectacular beauty of the landscape and to get carried away with photography. Return to the village of Tuni. Accommodation in the community ecolodge

Standard & Superior Albergue Tuni (comfort simple)

D 10 Tuni Condoriri - Copacabana

After breakfast, depart to Copacabana passing by the Tiquina Strait. The Tiquina strait is a body of water of the Lake Titicaca between two masses of land that is crossed by boat. Arrive in Copacabana. The city is called Kota Kawana in Aymara, which means view of the lake) considered the most important catholic sanctuary in the country. Visit the Copacabana Cathedral. The church was built in 16919 and offers visitors an example of rare Moorish architecture. Inside the cathedral, visitors can observe the historical Virgen Morena (Brown Virgin).

Standard HOTEL: La Cúpula, Superior HOTEL: Rosario del Lago



D 11 Copacabana – Moon & Sun Island

After breakfast, departure to Moon Island (Koati Island) on private motorboat on the blue waters of Lake Titicaca. Visit the ruins of the ancient Inca temple Iñak Uyu, also referred to as the Palace of the Virgins of the Sun, tell the story of a place occupied only by women of the noble caste of the Incas who were dedicated to different artisanal and ceremonial tasks. Depart on boat towards Island of the Sun.

Standard: Small Family Hostal Jacha Inti, Superior HOTEL: Wiñay Inti Lodge

D 12 Sun Island – Copacabana – La Paz

After breakfast, visit to the Pilkokaina (place where the bird rests) an archaeological site that was once an Incan palace where the Inca would reside. Visit the Sacred Source of Three Waters: This fountain is considered proof of the advanced level of understanding of hydraulics that the Incan civilization possessed. Enjoy an Apthapi, a traditional Aymara ceremony for a collective meal, on the bay Lake Titicaca. Return to Copacabana and La Paz.

Standard HOTEL: Ritz hotel, Superior HOTEL: Europa Hotel

D 13 13 La Paz – Coroico – La Paz

After breakfast, departure in the morning to Coroico, based in Nor Yungas, which is about 3 hours from the city of La Paz. Along the journey, one can appreciate the diversity and multifaceted ecosystems that are in between 5000 and 1750 meters above sea level. Arrival in Coroico and subsequent trip towards a coffee cooperative and its facilities of production. Bolivia is internationally recognized as harvesting, producing, and brewing world-class coffee due to effect the altitude has on the harvest. Visit to the coffee processing plant. Return to La Paz.

Standard HOTEL: Ritz hotel, Superior HOTEL: Europa Hotel

D 14 La Paz

Breakfast at the hotel. At time indicated, transfer to airport for your flight. Baggage check and passenger boarding.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

UYUNI SALT FLAT

Best season: October to December (least cold)

Intermediate season: April to September (the coldest and driest: few risks of rain)

Most random season: December to March: rainy season.

Climate: The Salar has a dry winter from May to October and a rainy summer from December to March. It is very cold and the wind is icy. During the night, the temperature often drops to -25°C in June (the coldest months are June, July and August).

Health: Good physical condition recommended due to altitude and climatic variations. Altitude (and therefore lack of oxygen) can be a major problem.

Altitude: Uyuni: 3660m

Communication routes: land road in a variable state from correct to bad (this also depends on the season).

Individual equipment: the days are usually sunny with wind in the afternoon; the nights could be very cold.

Do not forget to bring sunglasses, sunscreen, warm clothing (wind and fleece, hat, gloves, socks, etc.), walking shoes, hat, and personal pharmacy.

Note: From December to March is the rainy season in the Salar region. During this season it is not always possible to reach the island of Incahuasi by car because the Salar can be flooded. Nevertheless, the landscape is still beautiful, with the sky reflected in the water. During the months from June to August temperatures can drop very sharply, expect very warm clothes.