

**GASTON SACAZE BOLIVIA
TAILOR MADE PROGRAMS:**

SALAR DE UYUNI AND COLORED LAGOONS

7D/6N | La Paz / La Paz | All year round

LA PAZ | UYUNI | LIPEZ | TAHUA



BASE CIRCUIT

ITINERARY - 7 days / 6 nights

DAY 1: La Paz

DAY 2: La Paz - domestic flight to Uyuni – Tunupa - Tahua

DAY 3: Tahua – Salar & Incahuasi Island – San Pedro de Quemez

DAY 4: San Pedro de Quemez – North Lipez – Siloli Desert

DAY 5: Siloli Desert – South Lipez - Uyuni

DAY 6: Uyuni - domestic flight to La Paz

DAY 7: La Paz



HIGHLIGHTS in this program:

The Uyuni salt desert

The Siloli desert and its incredible geological formations

Colourful lagoon populated by pink flamingos

The geysers of « Sol de Mañana »

The village of Coquesa with its Indian mummies

La Paz markets and historic center



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*)		
La Paz	Apart hotel Ritz	http://www.ritzbolivia.com
Tahua	Tayka de Sal	https://www.taykahoteles.com
San Pedro de Quemez	Tayka de Piedra	https://www.taykahoteles.com
Desierto de Sololi	Tayka del Desierto	https://www.taykahoteles.com
Uyuni	Jardines de Uyuni	https://www.jardinesdeuyuni.com
HOTELS: SUP CATEGORY (3* superior / 4*)		
La Paz	Europa	www.hoteleuropa.com.bo
Tahua	Tayka de Sal	https://www.taykahoteles.com
San Pedro de Quemez	Tayka de Piedra	https://www.taykahoteles.com
Desierto de Sololi	Tayka del Desierto	https://www.taykahoteles.com
Colchani	Luna Salada	www.lunasaladahotel.com

SERVICES INCLUDED AND NOT INCLUDED

INCLUDED:

- 6 hotel nights with breakfast in double room.
- The early check-in Day 1.
- The lunch meal Days 2, 3, 4 and 5.
- The dinners Days 2, 3, 4 and 6.
- All mentioned transfers in private services.
- All excursions in private service with English speaking guide.
- Entrance fees.
- Pre-checking for domestic and international flights.
- Permanent assistance from our local offices.

NOT INCLUDED:

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

ITINERARY SALAR DE UYUNI AND COLORED LAGOONS

7 days / 6 nights

D 1 La Paz

Welcome to the international airport of La Paz, located at 13,313 ft. altitude. Transfer and hotel installation.
Lunch on your own. Visit to the city: the Killi Killi overlook, and the Moon Valley. Visit to the City: Colonial Republican Circuit.
Transfer to the hotel. Dinner on your own. Night in La Paz.

Standard HOTEL: Ritz hotel, Superior HOTEL: Europa Hotel

D 2 La Paz - domestic flight to Uyuni – Tunupa - Tahua

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the international airport to catch our flight to Uyuni (duration: 1 hour).
Arrival at Uyuni. Departure north towards the Uyuni salt desert to reach the Tumupa Volcano. Arrival at the village of Coquesa and visit the Indian mummies. Then climb to the « Mirador » (about 3 hours), an overlook from which the view is breathtaking. Box lunch included during the excursion. Continue to the village of Chilliquilla to hike to Pukara Chillimana (about 1 ½ hours). Afterwards, climb back down and leave for Tahua. Arrival and hotel registration. Dinner included at the hotel. Night in Tahua.

Standard & Superior HOTEL: Tayka de Sal

D 3 Tahua – Salar & Incahuasi Island – San Pedro de Quemez

Breakfast at the hotel. Depart for the Salar and walk through the middle of this incredible whiteness.
Observation of the process of extraction and refinement of salt. Visit Incahuasi Island which is home to huge cactus (over 26 feet tall).
Box lunch during the excursion. Continue on to San Pedro de Quemez. Arrival and hotel registration. Dinner included at the hotel. Night at San Pedro de Quemez.

Please note: San Pedro de Quemez the Hôtel de Piedra (Hotel of the Rock): Very lovely boutique hotel, rooms with private baths, hot water, heating, electricity and a restaurant. The hotel was constructed from the stone and volcanic sands that surround the site. It has a solar heating system to heat the rooms.

Standard & Superior HOTEL: Tayka de Piedra

D 4 San Pedro de Quemez – North Lipez – Siloli Desert

Breakfast at the hotel. Depart for the « Paseo del León », a tan and beige canyon with many shelters under the rocks.
To the west we can see the fumaroles of Ollagüe, the only active volcano in the region, on the Chilean border. Passage through the Jewels of the Andes: the lagunas (small lakes) of striking colors, situated between 13,000 and 13,700 feet above sea level. Named Cañapa, Hedionda, Chiar Khota, Honda and Ramaditas, each of these lagoons have different colors. Box lunch included during the excursion. Continue to the Siloli Desert. Arrival and hotel registration. Dinner included at the hotel. Night at Siloli Desert.

Please note: Ojo de Perdiz (Eye of the Partridge) in the Siloli Desert the Hotel Del Desierto (Desert Hotel): unique boutique hotel: rooms with private bathrooms, hot water, heating, electricity and a restaurant.

Standard & Superior HOTEL: Tayka del Desierto

D 5 Siloli Desert – South Lipez - Uyuni

Breakfast at the hotel and early departure to reach the Eduardo Avaroa Reserve (REA), located in the South Lipez region.
Arrival at Sol de Mañana to view the active geysers. Stop at Polkes Laguna for a swim in the thermal waters, a mineral rich bath in a dreamlike setting. Continue on to the « Dalí Desert », whose strange rock formations resemble the paintings of the Spanish artist, and then on to Laguna Verde. Box lunch included during the excursion. Arrival to the Laguna Colorada, one of the greatest natural wonders of Bolivia. In the afternoon, return to Uyuni.

Standard Category: Arrival and register at the hotel.

Dinner on your own. Night in Uyuni.

Standard HOTEL: Jardines de Uyuni

Superior Category: transfert to Colchani from Uyuni. Arrival and register at the Salt hotel.
Dinner included in your hotel. Night in Colchani.
Standard HOTEL: Luna Salada

D 6 Uyuni - domestic flight to La Paz

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the airport to catch your flight to La Paz (duration: 1 hour).
Arrival at La Paz. Transfer and hotel installation. Lunch on your own. Free afternoon in order to do your last minute shopping.
Dinner show with music and dance typical of Bolivia. Night at hotel.

Standard HOTEL: Ritz hotel, Superior HOTEL: Europa Hotel

D 7 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.