



BOLIVIA SALT FLATS SHORTSTAY

Extension | 4 Days | Physical Level 1

La Paz (1N) - Siloli Desert (1N) - Uyuni (salt hotel) (1N)

Discover the otherworldly landscapes of Bolivia's Salar de Uyuni, exploring endless stretches of salt flats and pink hued lagoons full of flamingos all under the watchful eye of the peaks of the snow-capped Andes. Top off your trip with the unique experience of staying overnight at a salt hotel on the salt flats.

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- Accommodation
- Meals as stated
- Daily tours and entrance fees
- Transportation and transfers as stated
- English speaking guide
- Domestic flights La Paz to Uyuni return economy class

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Day 1: Arrive La Paz

Meals: L

Upon arrival at La Paz airport this morning, you will be met and transferred by private vehicle to your hotel.

This afternoon embark on a La Paz city tour, beginning at the famous Witches' Market. As we wander through the many stalls of the Witches' Market, you'll notice women wearing black hats and carrying coca pouches. These are the yatiri, some of the last witch doctors in South America. Next we'll head to San Francisco Colonial Church and the traditional artisanal crafts sold along Calle Sagarnaga.



Next we'll visit Calle Jaen, a famous colonial street with a cluster of interesting museums. It's a magical place, the walls of each building painted in various bright colors, from reds to blue green and everything in between. Walking down the narrow cobblestone street feels like stepping back in time, and is one of the most photogenic places in the city. We will also stop to see the replica of the semi-subterranean temple of the Tiwanaku Culture. Shifting locations, next we will go to the residential areas of Obrajes, Calacoto and La Florida, located in a lower section of La Paz. This is where the most affluent business and the richest neighborhoods of the city are found, and today it's now the second commercial and financial center of the city.

Today's tour ends with a visit to the unique Valle de la Luna (Moon Valley), where you can explore this fascinating site and visit a ceramic workshop for a demonstration of the art of pottery. You'll have time to explore one of the two trails located at Valle de la Luna. One leads to Devil's Point, the most spectacular view point, located at the end of a 45-minute trail. The second trail is much shorter and can be walked in about 15 minutes. Make sure you bring comfortable walking shoes: the terrain isn't physically demanding, but the trails can be narrow with loose scree and rocks underfoot.

Destination Information

La Paz – La Paz is the capital of Bolivia and the world's highest capital city, standing at over 11,000 feet above sea level. Here the rich blend of indigenous traditions meet colonial charm and dramatic mountain scenery thrives alongside vibrant culture. You can find colorful markets, scenic cable cars, and discover nearby wonders like Moon Valley and Lake Titicaca.

Yatiri - Yatiri are some of the largest witch doctors in South America and are iconic figures in the world of Bolivian traditional medicine. It is said they have the power to contact the paranormal world and its denizens, and they deal in spiritual matters as much as they do in physical ones. Bolivia is predominantly Catholic, especially in La Paz, but the yatiri often wait outside Catholic churches on Sundays. Here, they offer ceremonies to Bolivians who want to supplement their Catholic faith with traditional pagan rituals, just to be safe. Many of the yatiri's customers are now tourists, but Bolivians still seek them out for specific tasks: to have their fortunes read, their illnesses cured, and for the administration of various spells that might help them financially, with fertility issues, or with love and luck.

Moon Valley – Moon Valley, or Valle de la Luna, isn't a valley at all, but rather an otherworldly maze of canyons, strange rock formations and giant spires. This peculiar landscape was created by rain and wind erosion, which slowly cut away at the clay and sandstone of the local mountains. The result was this strange, craggy landscape, which wouldn't look out of place in a science fiction movie.

Day 2: La Paz to Uyuni

Meals: B, L, D

After you've had your breakfast, we will pick you up from your hotel in La Paz and take you to the airport for your flight to Uyuni. On arrival at Uyuni you will be met and begin touring the area.

Begin with a drive towards the Siloli Desert to see the impressive Stone Tree, a unique rock formation in the form of a tree. Continue to the impressive Cordillera de los Frailes, home to colourful mountains and impressive volcanic lagoons, each varying in colour from greens and light blues to deep reds. Touring will include visits to the Red Lagoon, the geysers "Sol de Mañana", or Morning Sun, the hot springs of Polques and the Green Lagoon. After lunch you will be transferred to your hotel for the rest of the evening at leisure.

**Destination Information**

Salar de Uyuni – The largest salt flat on Earth and one of South America's most surreal natural wonders. This otherworldly landscape offers breathtaking photo opportunities like nowhere else on the planet. Beyond the salt flats, visit vibrant high-altitude lagoons dotted with flamingos, and marvel at geysers, hot springs, and dramatic volcanic terrain in the Eduardo Avaroa Reserve.

Day 3: Uyuni Salt Flats

Meals: B, L, D

Begin with an early rise to enjoy your full day tour of the Salt Flats. We will begin the day with the visit to the "Joyas Andinas", or Andean Jewelry, which are small lagoons. Then enjoy the beautiful and diverse landscapes of the salt flats, including the salt hexagons, geometric shapes on the salt flats surface created by piles of salt.

Next we will visit the Incahuasi Island, it is located in the heart of the salt flat and it is the biggest of a group of islands that represents an isolated ecosystem. The island is populated with giant cacti species that measures up to 12 meters high (26.25 feet), providing an impressive overview.



After a picnic lunch on the salt flats you will be transferred to your salt hotel for a unique experience.

Please note: Due to the flooding of the salt flat in the rainy season the vehicles will only drive to the safest flooded places. From April to November, dry season, the salt flats surface gives the opportunity to play with photography and perspective. December to March the entire salt flats surface is covered with water and becomes a huge white mirror where the sky is perfectly reflected on the salt flats surface. This scenery is a paradise for photography lovers due to the mirror effects that they can get.

Day 4: Uyuni to La Paz**Meals: B**

Transfer to the airport early this morning for your flight to La Paz. On arrival at La Paz airport your arrangements with Wendy Wu Tours ends.



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