

# SALAR DE UYUNI



## SALT FLATS AND DESERTS

Salt mining



On this trip you will experience a range of incredibly varied scenery, from the bleakly beautiful Salar de Uyuni to the stunning multi hued lakes found in the region. The Salar must be one of the world's great wonders, a vast white emptiness which depending on the season can appear like a mirror for the heavens or an unending sea of snow. This is a very remote part of Bolivia, a series of pristine natural environments. There are also great opportunities to see wildlife, including flamingos, guanacos and vicunas.



# PROGRAM DETAILS

**Type of activity:** Touring with some small walks at altitude

**Difficulty:** 1 – easy traveling

**Number of days:** 5 days, 4 nights

**Tour starts** in La Paz

**Tour ends** in La Paz

**Best time of year:** May to November

**Season:** Dry season: days are mild and nights are cold

**Highlights:** Visiting the Salar de Uyuni and the surrounding area, including, Laguna Colorada, Laguna verde, Laguna Canapa, Laguna Hedionda, Laguna Chiar Khota, Laguna Honda, Sol de Manana, Arbol de Piedra, Polques hot springs, visiting the small towns of Uyuni, Jirir, Coqueza mummies, Wildlife including Llamas, Vicuñas, Flamingos, La Gruta de Galaxias, Lago Macaya, Inca Tombs of, salt hotel, salt mining and train cemetery



Laguna Verde

## PHOTOS FROM THE AREA



# PROGRAM

## Day 1: La Paz (3600m) – Jirira (3670m)

We will pick you up from your hotel and drive southeast of La Paz, initially heading up into El Alto and then across the Altiplano (4000m). We will pass through the mining city of Oruro as well as making some stops along the way including at a carter. From here we can see the towering heights of the active Volcano Tunupa (5432m) in the distance. Jirira is right on the edge of the Salar de Uyuni and at the base of Volcano Tunupa

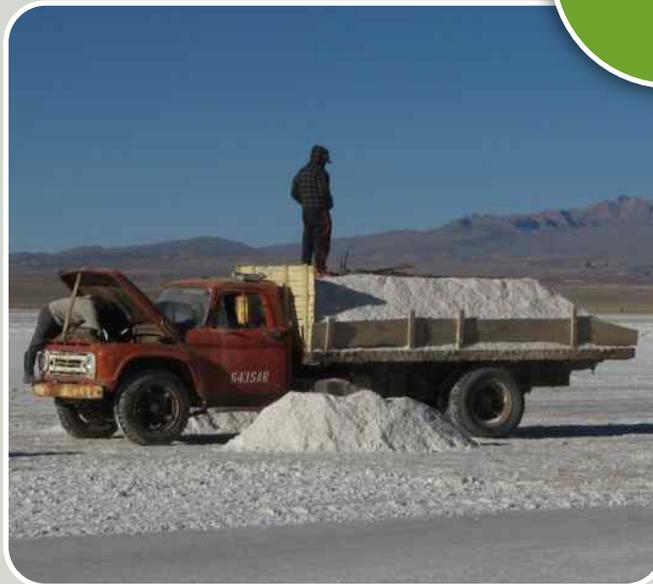
8 – 9 hours of driving (LD) Hostel

## Day 2: Jirira (3670m) – Uyuni Salt Flats (3653m) – Isla de Incahuasi – San Pedro de Quemez (3669m)

Today is perhaps the most spectacular. We visit the salt flats of the Salar stopping first at Coquesa where we make a short walk to some caves and visit some mummified remains. Next is Isla Incahuasi in the middle of the salt flats where you can explore the island by foot. We will stop for lunch here, so there's plenty of time to take photos of this natural wonder. Later we head to La Gruta de Galaxias, a fascinating formation of rock in a large cave. From there we head to the village of San Pedro de Quemez, where we spend the night.

5 – 6 hours driving (BLD) Hotel de Piedra 3\*

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### **Day 3: San Pedro de Quemez – Laguna Colorada (4278m)**

Today we pass lots of lakes with different shimmering hues and we see a variety of wild life including elegant and brightly coloured flamingos. Throughout the valleys of this arid area are vast rock formations with colors of reds, yellows and whites, exposed by the massive up thrust of the Andes over millions of years. We make a visit to the famous wind sculpted “Arbol de Piedra” or tree of stone. In this area we can see the cultivation of Quinoa, a native cereal to the region which is very high in protein and is recognized by the UN as a superfood for humanity. Heading down some dusty roads we enter National park Eduardo Avaroa.

7 – 8 hours driving (BLD) Hostel

### **Day 4: Laguna Colorada (4278m) – Laguna Verde (4400m) – Uyuni (3656m)**

Today we make an early start to visit Sol de Manana Geyser and then onto laguna verde at the base of Volcano Licancabur (5916m). On the way back we will stop at Tremas de Polques for breakfast. We pass Villa mar a small village here we can see ancient rock art and old Inca tombs. Next stop is Villa Lota and then onto San Cristobal were they moved the church stone by stone to its new location to make room for a new mine. Last stop for the day is at the old train cemetery, a monument to nostalgia in it’s beautiful and wild setting.

7 – 8 hours of driving (BLD) Hotel

### **Day 5: Uyuni – La Paz (3600m)**

We leave early in the morning for a long drive back to La Paz. We stop for lunch at Challapata, before our last stretch back to the capital city. Drop off at hotel.

8 – 9 hours driving (BL)

**End of Services**

**NOTE: Times include stops for photos and small walks**

# PRICES

## Prices include:

Professional English speaking guide  
Meals as mentioned, including Drinks in camp and restaurants  
(B - breakfast, L - lunch, D - dinner)  
2 night's hotel accommodation (San Pedro de Quemez and Uyuni)  
2 night hostel (Jirira and Laguna Colarada)  
All private transport for 5 days (4 people maximum in one 4x4)  
Entrance fees to archeological sites and National Parks

## Extras:

Bottle oxygen  
Pulse oximeter

## Not Included:

Tips  
Extra services not mentioned in the program  
Personal gear  
Personal insurance

## Prices:

1 person \$2355 US  
2 people \$1295 US each  
3 people \$1005 US each  
4 people \$985 US each



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