

Bolivia

JANUARY 2027

Day 0 – Thu, 14 January > Santa Cruz de la Sierra - arrival

Arrive at Santa Cruz de la Sierra (VVI), either directly or likely from São Paulo in Brazil (sensible to do a return flight from Europe/US to São Paulo and just add on the leg to VVI, particularly if you finish the trip at Iguazu Falls, making for a quick domestic flight back to São Paulo).

Grab a SIM card at the airport. Cheap and easy.

Transfer to hotel.

Afternoon/evening at leisure.

Overnight: Santa Cruz de la Sierra

*** TRIP STARTS ***

Day 1 – Fri, 15 January > Samaipata day trip – vistas and carved rocks

Visit [Samaipata](#), (the “Little Switzerland” of Bolivia), a small town to the West of Santa Cruz de la Sierra, featuring the largest pre-Hispanic [rock carvings](#) in South America, as well as stunning mountain scenery and cooler weather.

Overnight: Samaipata

Day 2 – Sat, 16 January > Sucre – elegant architecture and great food

Back to Santa Cruz for our flight to [Sucre](#) (45 minutes), a quick jump from the tropical lowlands to the colonial highlands. Sucre, known as the “White City” (La Ciudad Blanca), is the constitutional capital of Bolivia and widely considered its most beautiful city. While La Paz is the bustling seat of government, Sucre is the refined, historic heart of the nation.

Overnight: Sucre

Day 3 – Sun, 17 January > Potosi – gaining elevation

Do a [walking tour](#) in Sucre in the morning to absorb the architecture, including a walk up the hill for a [vista](#) over the city. Learn about this [history and birth of modern Bolivia](#).

After lunch, we drive to [Potosi](#), gaining some real elevation up to 4 000m above sea level.

Overnight: Potosi

Day 4 – Mon, 18 January > Uyuni – desert experience

Explore [Potosi](#) on foot in the morning, after lunch we drive to [Uyuni](#), a 4-hour trip through beautiful Andean landscapes, to position ourselves for the adventures of the next few days.

Overnight: Uyuni

Day 5 – Tue, 19 January > Salt flats, island

Our tour around the [Salar de Uyuni](#) is a journey through one of the most otherworldly landscapes on Earth. At over 10,000 square kilometers, it is the world's largest salt flat, sitting at an altitude of approximately 3,650 meters. We have lunch (possibly on [an island](#) in the middle of the salt lake if not too heavy rains) – we shall see how weather behaves.

Later on we continue our tour exploring the magical and tranquil [Salt Lake](#), for the rest of the afternoon and [a magical sunset](#).

Overnight: Uyuni

Day 6 – Wed, 20 January > Andean lagoons

Visit to some [lagoons](#) around Salar de Uyuni.

[Laguna Hedionda](#), also known as the "Stinking Lagoon", named for its sulfurous smell. It is one of the best places to see flamingos up close from the shore.

[Laguna Cañapa & Laguna Honda](#): These offer deep blue and cyan waters framed by yellow pajonal grass and sometimes snow-capped peaks.

Overnight: Uyuni

Day 7 – Thu, 21 January > La Paz, cable car tours, Valley of the Moon

Morning flight to [La Paz](#), the world's highest capital and one of the world's strangest looking cities with a 900m elevation difference between the top and the bottom.

[City tour](#), which includes riding on the cable car metro system which gives a great aerial view of the city, exploring the dramatic blend of colonial history, vibrant street life and otherworldly geography.

Visit [Valley of the Moon](#), a sandstone geological wonder resembling a kind of moonscape.

Overnight: La Paz

Day 8 – Fri, 22 January > Day trip down Yungas Road of Death

[Biking downhill](#) from La Paz is one of the most famous adventure activities in South America, primarily centered around the legendary "[Road of Death](#)" (North Yungas Road). It is a dramatic 3,500-meter descent that takes you from the icy peaks of the Andes down into the lush, tropical Amazonian jungle. ([Optional extra if you are brave](#) 😊)

Overnight: La Paz

Day 9 – Sat, 23 January > Road trip to Copacabana

A trip from La Paz to Copacabana (the real one) is one of the most [scenic journeys](#) in Bolivia, taking you from the rugged Andes to the deep blue shores of [Lake Titicaca](#). The journey covers about 155 km (96 miles) and typically takes 3.5 to 4.5 hours, depending on traffic and the ferry crossing. Copacabana is more than just a transit point; it's a spiritual and natural hub.

Overnight: Copacabana, Lake Titicaca

Day 10 – Sun, 24 Jan > Island of the sun, Island of the moon

The legendary birthplace of the Inca Empire. We take our [boat on Lake Titicaca](#) (world's highest navigable lake) from the main pier (approx. 1.5 – 2 hours) to the [Island of the moon](#) to visit the Ajllawasi temple and later on we get the [Island of the Sun](#) (Yumani) to see the Inca Stairs and the Fountain of Youth.

Overnight: Copacabana, Lake Titicaca

Day 11 – Mon, 25 Jan > Transfer to Santa Cruz

Head back to El Alto airport in the morning. Flight to Santa Cruz, where you will come to appreciate how wonderful oxygen really is.

[City tour](#), [souvenir shopping](#) and [farewell dinner](#).

If you would like to leave earlier, you can fly out on this day in the evening.

Overnight: Santa Cruz de la Sierra

Day 12 – Tue, 26 Jan > Departure

Airport transfer and departure, either home or on to Asunción if continuing on the Paraguay tour.

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