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Uyuni: 3D2N Salt Flats & Surrealistic Deserts

Tour code: CU3DS1

Overview

All year long

Availability

Uyuni

Departure and arrival place

+3 years old

Minimum age

Low

Physical difficulty

5-6 people per driver

Max group size

Basic

Service level



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Itinerary

Day 1 - Starts at 10:30 - ends at 20:00

Meals: Lunch and dinner

Accommodation: Overnight at Villa Candelaria (salt hostel)

Train Cemetery

We start the tour visiting the cemetery train, where there are remains from the wagons from the Bolivian Railway Company.

Colchani and micro salt factories

Heading to the Salt Flats we will stop in Colchani town where local shops offer handicrafts and wool clothes. Here we'll learn about the salt production of Bolivia.

Eyes of salt

Entering the Salt Flats, we'll see a very unusual geological effect. Aquifers formed by underground rivers of the big Salar.

Flags square and Salt Hotel

We head to Flags square, where we can find many flags from countries all over the world. Here we will see the Dakar Monument as well as the first hotel made out entirely of salt where we'll enjoy our lunch.

Salar de Uyuni

Photo session time! We'll spend time taking panoramic, perspective, and mirror reflection (if available) photos.

Incahuasi Island

In the afternoon, we'll arrive at Incahuasi Island, the largest island in the salt flats. Here we can find fossils of corals, giant cacti and we can observe the Tunupa Volcano.

Sunset view

Later we will observe the sunset in the pink blurred horizon of the salt flats, a unique sunset in the world. Then, we head to our salt-made accommodation.



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Day 2 - Starts at 06:30 - ends at 19:00

Meals: Breakfast, lunch, and dinner

Accommodation: Overnight at Huayllajara (shared basic accommodation)

San Juan Town

After having breakfast, we drive towards San Juan, a small village where we will have a moment to buy snacks for the day and use toilets.

Ollagüe Volcano

As we enter the desertic region and the plants slowly vanish, we will observe the Ollague Volcano (still active) which is a sacred place and protector of the indigenous communities.

Lagoons

Salty lagoons ahead! We continue driving towards the Andean lagoons; Cañapa, Hedionda, Chiarcota, and Honda. Wildlife such as pink flamingos, Andean ducks, and seagulls are easy to photograph here. Lunch will be served near Laguna Hedionda.

Siloli Desert and Stone Tree

After lunch, we will enter one of the driest deserts on earth. The Siloli desert is at 6000 m.a.s.l. of elevation. This place is home to the famous Stone Tree and other gigantic stones.

Eduardo Avaroa National Reserve

We will drive through the National Park with most visitors in Bolivia. The day doesn't end until we visit the Red Lagoon and see the pink flamingos living there. After this, we head to our accommodation in Huayllajara town to end the day.

Day 3 - Starts at 04:30 - ends at 17:30

Meals: Breakfast, and lunch.

Accommodation: None.

Geysers and Hot Springs

We begin early with our breakfast and quickly move to Sol de Mañana Geysers, we can see them actively sending jets of water and steam into the air. Then we'll drive to Polkes Hot Springs for our group relaxing moment.

Dali Desert

We head to Dali desert, a surrealistic destination that resembles the iconic paintings of Salvador Dalí.



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Green Lagoon and Licancabur Volcano

We continue driving south, we'll stop by the Green Lagoon, which is also located next to the Licancabur Volcano, a natural border with Chile. Here's where we depart our travel mates that follow their journey into Chile.

Valley of the Rocks

After we say good-bye to our friends at the border checkpoint of Hito Cajones, we'll start our way back to Uyuni. We will stop by a small town for lunch, and then visit the Valley of the Rocks, which is an astonishing place of rock formations.

San Cristobal and Uyuni Town

Later we drive to San Cristobal Village, the last village before Uyuni, where there is a church from the XVI century and some toilets. We'll arrive in Uyuni at around 17:30.

Inclusions

- 4WD transportation with driver
- English speaking guide (only if specified on your final purchase)
- All described meals (2 breakfasts, 3 lunches, and 2 dinners)
- Accommodation x2 nights (shared)
- Water during the meals
- Pick up from local hotels, bus, or train station.

Not included

- x English speaking guide (unless specified on your final purchase)
- x Entrance fees
- x Toilets and showers on the way (Bs20.00 approx.)
- x Tips for the guide (Bs 100.00 per person suggested)
- x Sleeping bags or rubber boots
- x Any personal expenses
- x Transfer to San Pedro de Atacama, Chile.
- x Others not detailed



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Suggested packing list

- Bolivian cash (Bs500-Bs900 suggested)
- Warm clothes
- Swimsuit
- Hygiene kit
- Passport
- Sunscreen, hat, and sunglasses
- Comfortable clothes and shoes (waterproof during the rainy season)

Additional notes

1. The itinerary is subject to changes without prior notice due to circumstances beyond the control of the company.
2. Hotel pick up service is only available inside the urban area of Uyuni.
3. Daily end hours are approximate and will be coordinated with the guide or driver in charge.
4. First night accommodation will be at a basic salt hostel with dorms for 2 and 3 people, shared toilets and showers (depends on availability).
5. Second night accommodation will be at a basic shared family lodging with dorms for 5 to 6 people with shared toilets and showers (depends on availability).
6. Travelers who booked a transfer to San Pedro de Atacama (Chile), will miss Valley of the Rocks and San Cristobal.