

Bolivian Adventure (M-ID: 2282)

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from €3,590.00

Dates and duration (days)

On request

19 days

05/01/2024 - 05/19/2024 19 days

08/28/2024 - 09/15/2024 19 days

Incredible Motorcycle Tour through the Wild West of Bolivia

It's like riding through the history of Bolivia when we start with La Ruta del Che, the area on the eastern side of the Andes where the Argentine guerrilla Che Guevara wanted to spark a revolution. Through the mountains, we ride to Sucre with the beautiful white city center. It is the actual capital of Bolivia. Our caravan will also visit the local market of Tarabuco. Then we continue to Potosi, the highest city in the world and famous for its silver mines.

Another highlight of the trip is Salar de Uyuni, the largest salt pan in the world, and not forget the nearby railway cemetery. After the white desert, we follow the hoof tracks of Butch Cassidy and The Sundance Kid, the Gringos Pistoleros who came to their glorious end in the small town of San Vicente. From Tupiza, a city on the border with Argentina, we ride to Tarija, a beautiful city with beautiful squares and wonderful wines.

We ride 2300 kilometers, of which 40% are offroad. The Wild Wild West Tour is a challenging motorcycle adventure for those who are not afraid to leave the asphalt. The offroad part is challenging, but never too long and good for any experienced motorcyclist to ride.

Trip Summary:

Arrival: Santa Cruz - Samaipata
Samaipata: day tour
Samaipata - La Higuera (175 km)
La Higuera - VillaSerrano (120 km)
Villa Serrano - Sucre (190 km)
Sucre - Potosi (155km)
Potosi: day tour

Potosi - Uyuni (205 km)
Uyuni - day tour Salar de Uyuni (195 km)
Altiplano desert: by 4x4*
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Uyuni - Tupiza (185 km)
Tupiza - Tarija (230 km)
Tarija: rest day
Tarija - Villamontes (245 km)
Villamontes - Abapo (321km)
Abapo - Samaipata (260km)
Samaipata - Santa Cruz
Santa Cruz: Departure

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Itinerary:

DAY 1: DEPARTURE GERMANY
departure

DAY 2 - ARRIVAL SANTA CRUZ - SAMAIPATA
We pick you up from Viru Viru airport in Santa Cruz and ride to the wonderful town of Samaipata which is 1600 meters above sea level and has a wonderful climate. There we check into a comfortable hotel and spend the rest of the day there to recover from the long journey. If your flight's too late, you'll be staying in Santa Cruz.
Height 1650 M

DAY 3: SAMAIPATA - DAY TOUR
We start the day in Samaipata with a briefing. There we will introduce ourselves and discuss things like safe riding, the route, local traffic rules, etc. To get used to the motorcycles we ride to the remains of the old Inca city El Fuerte, which belongs to the UNESCO world cultural heritage.

DAY 4: SAMAIPTA - LA HIGUERA (175 km)

At a quiet pace, we ride the 175 kilometers to the mountain village La Higuera, situated at 1900 meters. There is much to see on this day, so we will leave early in the morning, stopping first in Vallegrande to visit the laundry of the Señor de Malta Hospital. There the body of Ernesto Che Guevara was shown like a trophy to the world press. After the lunch break, we ride on to La Higuera, the place where Che was captured and later executed. With a little luck, we will see condors, the largest birds on earth, high up in the air. At the end of this beautiful ride, we arrive in La Higuera in the late afternoon.

Height 1900 m - 50 % Offroad

DAY 5: LA HIGUERA - VILLA SERRANO (120 km)

Today's ride takes us to Villa Serrano, a village at 2100 meters above sea level. The whole day we ride off-road leaving the Rio Grande, to the left of us. First, we visit the old school building where Che was executed and which is now a small museum. In the middle of the bridge over the Rio Grande, we will picnic and if it is possible we can also swim there in the Rio Grande. In the afternoon we arrive at Villa Serrano where the biggest Charango in the world is exhibited. The Charango is a small double guitar with 5 strings. It's very difficult to play with.

Height 2100 M - 100 % Offroad

DAY 6: VILLA SERRANO - SUCRE (190 km)

The caravan rides towards Sucre, which is located at 2700 meters altitude. One-third of the 190-kilometer day trip is off-road. We leave early from Villa Serrano to visit the Sunday market in Tarabuco. This is the only place in Bolivia where we can photograph the traditionally dressed Indigenas without getting angry. After the lunch break, we ride to Sucre, the capital of Bolivia. For the rest of the afternoon and evening, we will take time to explore this wonderful colonial city. The white-painted city center is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Height 2700 m - 300 % Offroad

DAY 7: SUCRE - POTOSI (155 km)

We ride the 155 kilometers from Sucre to Potosi exclusively on asphalt roads, Potosi is 4100 meters above sea level. After lunch we ride off, we climb up to the Altiplano, the plateau. The mining town of Potosi is the highest city in the world and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Height 4090 M - 0 % Offroad

DAY 8: POTOSI - MINES VISIT

The silver mines of Potosi are the main attraction, but first, we visit the miners' market where we can even buy dynamite and light it there. Then we ride down into the "belly of Mother Earth" (Pacha Mama) to visit the 500-year-old and still working silver mines. As the tunnels are very narrow this trip is not suitable for people who do not feel comfortable in small rooms. After lunch we will visit the Casa de la Moneda Museum, the coins that were once used in the Western world have been designed in Potosi.

DAY 9: POTOSI - UYUNI (205 km)

The destination today is Uyuni, a town at 3700 meters altitude. We ride the 205 kilometers along almost exclusively paved roads, which lead us along canyons and picturesque villages while we can see Vicunas (kind of camel), Emus (kind of ostrich), and thousands of Lamas in the stretched-out fields. We take a break in the miners' village Pulacayo, here we look at the old station and mine

entrance. We also climb onto the wagon which, according to tradition, was robbed by Butch Cassidy and Sundance Kid. The next destination is Uyuni where we will visit the railway cemetery. It is a surrealistic landscape with sand and old locomotives, the place to make beautiful pictures. Height 3700 m - 5 % Offroad

DAY 10: UYUNI - WHEREABOUTS

Salar de Uyuni, a ride of 195 kilometers and to see there is only salt, salt, and salt again. Salar Uyuni is a dried-up salt sea and is 11000 square kilometers. The view is especially unreal when some water is on the surface, then the sky is projected on the ground which makes for a beautiful effect. On the way, we will visit the cactus island Inka Huasi, the salt market, the flag monument, the salt hotel, and the Dakar monument.

Altitude 2700 meters - 90 % offroad.

DAYS 11 AND 12: ALTIPLANO

For two days we exchange the motorcycles for four-wheel drives and we head off into the desert. We choose the car because of the high altitude we are in a highly difficult riding area. We stop at lagoons, home to hundreds and sometimes thousands of flamingos. We will also see llamas, alpacas and vicunas. Memorable are the Laguna Colorada, Laguna verde and El arbol de piedra, the stone tree. What you will never forget are the stars in the evening. Without the backlight of the earth, the sky is like a translucent black cloth with a bright lamp behind it. The overnight stay is simple but unique. On the second day, we drive back to Uyuni where we arrive at the end of the afternoon. October and November is the best time to visit the Altiplano, in May it is not possible. Altitude 3500 meters - 5010 meters.

DAY 13: UYUNI - TUPIZA (185 km)

In the morning we leave Uyuni on a newly paved road and at a quiet pace we bridge the 185 kilometers to Tupiza, which is at an altitude of almost 3000 meters. We will be surprised to find a huge espresso machine in the café "Alamo" in the small mining village of Atocha, where we have lunch. Before we ride into Tupiza, we visit the Bolivian Valley of Monuments. This area was the hunting ground of Butch Cassidy and The Sundance Kid, with a little imagination you'll see the "pistoleros" - galloping gringos through the rugged landscape. Height 2950 m - 20 % Offroad

DAY 14: TUPIZA - TARIJA (230 km)

We set course for Tarija at an altitude of 1860 meters, a ride of 205 kilometers of which 40% will be off-road. The landscape quickly changes into picturesque country roads with deep gorges. The trip to Tarija, the wine capital of Bolivia, is very varied, soon after the last mountain a fantastic panorama opens up over the Tarija valley. The dinner is served in the restaurant El Marques, a gastronomic highlight. Height 1860 M - 90 % Offroad

DAY 15: TARIJA - REST DAY

To recover from all the final rides we are planning a rest day in Tarija today. Tarija is a beautiful city with beautiful squares. The Plaza Principal is a jewel. Opportunities for those who don't want to rest: Visit Casa Dorada and Castillo Azul, wine tour with a local tour operator, and visit the Palaeontological Museum.

DAY 16: TARIJA - VILLAMONTES (245 km)

We descend to 390 meters above sea level, and the city we visit is called Villamontes. The 245-kilometer-long journey consists of 20% sandy paths. We leave the hilly landscape of Tarija and ride to the dry Chaco area. The last part of this way is seen as one of the most dangerous bus rides in Bolivia. With the motorcycle, however, this is good to ride. Here you can also take great pictures and we will take time for that. Height 390 m - 20 % Offroad

DAY 17: VILLAMONTES - ABAPO (321 km)

Today we go to Abapo, a 321 km long ride. After all the off-road stages it is pleasant to feel asphalt under the wheels again. The path leads us through the gas fields of Bolivia. We visit a monastery and cross an abandoned very narrow railway bridge. An exciting ride but not suitable for people with a fear of heights. Height 445 m - 10 % Offroad

DAY 18: ABAPO - SAMAIPATA (260 km)

We ride 206 km back to Samaipata, the way leads along the Pirai river bank, over sand roads and asphalt roads. We say goodbye to the motorcycles and dive into the swimming pool of the hotel. Height 1650 m - 0-20 % Offroad

DAY 19: SAMAIPATA - SANTA CRUZ

In the early morning, we take you back to Santa Cruz where you can spend the day. In the evening is the farewell dinner.

DAY 20: SANTA CRUZ - DEPARTURE

To the airport, too bad, the journey of your life is over!

- Changes to the route can be adapted to the current local conditions -

Countries	Bolivia
Category	Motorcycle Tour
Terrain	Combo On-/Offroad
Vehicle	motorcycle rent incl.
Tourguide / Coach	yes (guided)
Accommodation	Hotel / B&B or similar
Flight to / from	no, not incl.
Ferry	no, not incl.
Support vehicle (luggage/service)	yes
Level of difficulty	medium difficult
Customer payment protection	yes
* PRICING	Minimal without optional extras, see pricing

Pricing

Prices for the date:

01. May 2024 - 19. May 2024

per rider in shared twin/double room incl. rental motorcycle Suzuki DR 650 ccm (Only available for a booking of two persons. Single travelers need to choose the single room surcharge.) €3,590.00

per pillion passenger in shared twin/double room (pillion passengers can only book along with an accompanying rider) €2,290.00

per person single room (surcharge, only available with an additional selection of the basic price "per rider in shared twin/double room") €490.00

Prices for the date:

28 Aug. 2024 - 15 Sep. 2024

per rider in shared twin/double room incl. rental motorcycle Suzuki DR 650 ccm (Only available for a booking of two persons. Single travelers need to choose the single room surcharge.) €4,150.00

per pillion passenger in shared twin/double room (pillion passengers can only book along with an accompanying rider) €2,490.00

per person single room (surcharge, only available with an additional selection of the basic price "per rider in shared twin/double room") €490.00

Included

Transfers Santa Cruz Airport - Hotel and back

All hotel nights in the excursion Altiplano plain

4x4 Excursion Altiplano (The October and November tour itinerary includes an additional 2-day 4WD excursion to the Altiplano)

Rental motorcycle

Petrol

Multilingual tour guide on a motorcycle

Support vehicle and luggage transport

Mechanic/repair service

Travel insurance certificate

Travel Handbook

Not included

Everything that is not specified under services

Scheduled flight Germany - Santa Cruz and back, we can be of assistance

Entrance fees

Optional excursions

Food and drink

International health and accident insurance incl. repatriation

Travel cancellation insurance

More details

Motorcycles: During this trip we ride Suzuki DR 650 ccm motorcycles.

Tour character: We ride 2300 kilometres, of which 40% off road. The tour is a motorcycle adventure for those who are not afraid to leave the asphalt. During the trip through Bolivia we ride varied routes. Sometimes it's via good tar roads, over sand, through hot flat country, over stones, or over 4000 meters height mountains. The day trips are easy to do and there is usually enough time and opportunity to stop on the way, take pictures or visit villages. These tracks are sometimes difficult to ride without offroad experience. Offroad experience is therefore necessary. An offroad basic training is very useful as preparation. You learn how best to handle a motorcycle in the country. It will certainly increase your riding pleasure. The motorcycles are handy Enduros, perfect for the unpaved roads. This tour is not suitable for beginners. But we start the tour slowly and on asphalted roads. The first day is a learning and adaptation day.

Climate: The climate in Bolivia varies according to the region and has different climate zones. Temperatures and precipitation vary depending on the location and altitude of the region. The weather in Bolivia can be quite unpredictable. We tour in the dry season from April to November. The best month for tours into the desert of the high plateau (Altiplano 4.200 - 5.800 m altitude) is November.

Clothing: A helmet is mandatory, as is protective clothing with protectors, good gloves and boots or sturdy footwear. It can get very warm in the low regions. At the same time it is much colder in the high mountains. A motorcycle jacket with removable lining is very suitable here. In colder parts of the mountains you can also wear extra clothes under your jacket. Furthermore, a good pair of sunglasses and a helmet with visor or an open enduro helmet with protective glasses against dust is useful. It is advisable to have waterproof clothing with you.

Travel documents / Visa: For this trip you need a valid international driving license and a passport that is valid for 6 months after the trip. German citizens do not need a visa for a purely tourist stay in Bolivia. In principle, all travellers may be required to present a yellow fever vaccination certificate when entering the country.

Insurance: The motorcycle has a basic liability insurance called SOAT. This only covers medical costs and no material costs. In the event of damage to the vehicle caused by the user, the material costs must be borne by the party responsible. Foreign health and accident insurance including return transport is compulsory.

* The October tour itinerary also includes a 2-day 4WD trip to the Altiplano, in May this tour is not available.