

Bolivia: Andes to Amazon (M-ID: 3312)

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from \$2,523.50

Dates and duration (days)

On request

14 days

We start by taking the "old road" to Cochabamba, the culinary capital of Bolivia. From there, it's all up hill as we climb up to the "altiplano" before dropping down into the valley, home to the city of La Paz, where we'll spend the night just a few blocks from the current Presidential Palace.

We then climb up out of the city until we reach "La Cumbre" which sits at an elevation of 4,700 meters/15,500 feet, before turning off on to "The Death Road" where we start our decent down towards the jungle below. We then spend a few days exploring the pampas at an eco-resort near Rurrenabaque. From there we head across the flood plains towards the city of Trinidad, the capital city of the Beni department, along the way we ferry the bikes across a river. To cap it off we slow it down a bit as we make our way back home, skirting around the city of Santa Cruz as we go.

DAY TO DAY GUIDE:

DAY 1 (SUNDAY) - WELCOME TO SANTA CRUZ!

We'll personally pick everyone up at the airport and settle you into a hotel in Santa Cruz. After dinner we have an informal orientation & prep session and a good night's sleep.

DAY 2 (MONDAY) - TO THE GARDEN OF EDEN (185KM/115MI)

We take the bikes on a 70km (43 mile) round-trip practice run up to the "Jardin de las Delicias," where we'll encounter a series of breathtaking waterfalls on the edge of Amboró National Park. Hanging bridge, dirt roads, stream crossings, hiking, swimming, and a picnic lunch are just part of today's adventure. We'll cap off the riding portion of the day with a ride up some curvy new slab to mountain village of Samaipata where we'll spend the night.

DAY 3 (TUESDAY) - JUMPING OFF DAY: SAMAIPATA TO COCHABAMBA (360KM/225MI)

We leave our quaint hotel in Samaipata and take the mountain route 360km up to Cochabamba, central Bolivia's green farming valley. We'll maneuver our way up a

picturesque older highway with a mix of dirt and pavement riding.

DAY 4 (WEDNESDAY) - COCHABAMBA TO LA PAZ (380KM/235MI)

A Mountain highway will wind us through the Andean valleys up to the Altiplano (high plains), then down into the surprising urban canyon of La Paz, one of Bolivia's capital cities.

DAY 5 (THURSDAY) - DEATH ROAD AND BEYOND: LA PAZ TO CARANAVI (160KM/100MI)

We climb to the summit pass at an elevation of nearly 3 miles (4,700m/15,500ft.) and then plunge down the infamous "death road" to sub-tropical Caranavi (975m/3,200 ft.) to enjoy a great meal and an evening of relaxation at a comfortable hotel. Along the way we'll try our hand at zip-lining high above the valley floors.

DAY 6 (FRIDAY) - CARANAVI TO RURRENABAQUE (255KM/160MI)

We drop more elevation today, all the way down to the Amazon jungle at the foot of the Andes.

DAY 7 (SATURDAY) - EXPLORING THE PAMPAS

We exchange the bikes for canoes as we explore the jungle and tropical plains near Santa Rosa. Expect to see an abundance of pirañas, pink river dolphins, crocodiles, sloths, ant eaters and maybe even an anaconda, amongst other local wildlife. Lodging is at an eco-lodge located on the banks of the Yacuma River.

DAY 8 (SUNDAY) - DAY 2 IN THE WETLANDS

There's a lot to see in the Bolivian wetlands, we'll continue our explorations until mid-day, then have lunch at the eco-

lodge before heading back to Rurrenabaque.

DAY 9 (MONDAY) - RIDE THE RUTS: RURRENABAQUE TO SAN IGNACIO DE MOXOS (295KM/185MI)

We ride again – this time through the cattle-rich flood plains of the Beni Department. It will be a challenging ride as we attempt to cover a lot of distance following the ruts across the plains, it may even make you wish you were back on “Death Road” again.

DAY 10 (TUESDAY) - SAN IGNACIO TO TRINIDAD (95KM/60MI)

A much shorter ride today in terms of distance. One of the highlights will be a ferry crossing... it's definitely an adventure-rider kind of day!

DAY 11 (WEDNESDAY) - TRINIDAD TO SAN RAMON (370KM./230MI.)

We hit pavement again! From the Beni flood plains to the red dirt of San Ramon in the department of Santa Cruz, it's a relaxing day on 2 wheels.

DAY 12 (THURSDAY) - LAST DAY ON THE ROAD: SAN RAMON TO SANTA CRUZ (200KM/125MI)

We follow the highway across the fertile plains of Santa Cruz and reach “home” once again back at our hotel in Santa Cruz where our journey began.

DAY 13 (FRIDAY) - CITY STREETS OF SANTA CRUZ

It's a decompress day before returning to life as usual, so we relax the pace. We'll spend the day exploring the city, it's day of sight-seeing –last minute souvenir shopping, open markets and good food are a few of the options. To cap off the day and the tour we'll celebrate with a “farewell” dinner in the evening.

DAY 14 (SATURDAY) - DEPARTURE DAY

We'll take you from the hotel to catch your flight home at the airport. You'll want to stretch out your sore backside before you board your flight and flip through your pics as you grin (and groan) thinking of all the fun that was had. From here it's time to start planning your next adventure!

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

Pricing

per rider in a shared twin/double room, with own motorcycle (the booking of a double room is only available for a booking of two people. All single travelers are asked to choose the single room surcharge or choose to share a twin room with another tour participant)	\$2,523.50
per rider in a shared twin/double room, incl. rental motorcycle (the booking of a double room is only available for a booking of two people. All single travelers are asked to choose the single room surcharge or choose to share a twin room with another tour participant)	\$3,965.50
per pillion passenger in a shared twin/double room (pillion passengers cannot book without an accompanying rider)	\$2,523.50
per person single room (surcharge, only available with an additional selection of the basic price "per rider in shared twin/double room")	\$288.40

Included

Motorcycle rental (depending on booking): Kawasaki KLR650 (low-milage, meticulously maintained, with a medium-sized, waterproof case on the rear rack)

Lodging

English and Spanisch speaking tourguide

Meals

Fuel

Fees for activities during the tour

Tolls

Ferry crossings

Airport transfers
Support-truck with parts
First aid kit
Auxiliary bike

Not included

International flights
Visas
Alcoholic beverages
Snacks
Riding gear
Vaccinations
Traffic citations
Souvenirs (personal expenses)

More details

Distance: 2350 km /1450mi

Minimum number of participants: 3 riders. The tour can take place with less riders and without the support vehicle. Please enquire.

Maximum number of participants: 9 riders. If you are a group with more riders, please enquire.

Arrival:

When you arrive we'll be waiting to pick you up at the airport with a clearly marked sign. If another participant will arrive soon after you, we'll wait for them as well, otherwise we'll head straight to your hotel near our base in El Torno, about an hour's drive from the airport. The rest of the day is simply for resting and shaking off the jet lag before the adventure starts the following morning. The hotel is equipped with a nice pool or you could take a walk outside if you'd like, to help unwind after the long trip.

Luggage/What to Bring:

Feel free to bring full-sized checked baggage, however when we depart on the tour, we have space in the support truck to accommodate one carry-on size piece of luggage per participant. Whatever you decide not to take we'll store it for safekeeping until we return. Keep in mind that all of our bikes come equipped with a medium-sized, waterproof case located on the rear rack of the bike, which participants can use to carry items such as rain gear, extra gloves, snacks, and the like. Here's a good starter list of important things to bring:

- adventure motorcycle riding gear – preferably Hi-Viz (minimum: helmet, gloves, boots)
- backpack-style hydration pack
- rain gear
- sunglasses
- sunblock/screen
- bathing suit

- warm/hot weather clothes is a must, likewise cool weather clothing is also a good idea in the case of our higher elevation tours where it can get chilly at night

- pain reliever and anti-diarrhea meds

- for liability purposes, tank bags are not permitted

Insurance:

All of our bikes are insured according to the requirements of Bolivian law. This means that the rider (and passenger) and third parties are covered for medical costs up to \$3,500 per person. That being said, we also require proof of insurance from each participant that covers the participant in the event of an accident or emergency while traveling abroad, specifically riding a 650cc motorcycle. If your insurance provider doesn't cover you for such activities, you'll need to purchase traveler insurance.

In the event that a motorcycle is damaged by the participant, while on tour, we offer our participants a direct insurance agreement, which can be purchased before the start of the tour at an additional cost of \$15 per riding day, which provides coverage up to \$3,500 of accidental damage. Damage to a motorcycle not caused by a participant is our responsibility.

Responsibility waiver:

Before you receive your motorcycle you will need to sign a responsibility waiver form where you will agree that we will not be held responsible for any accidents, illnesses, or the loss, theft, or damage of any personal items.

Legal requirements for participants:

- be at least 18 years old (except for passengers)

- possess a passport that upon entering Bolivia has at least 6 months of validity

- possess a valid motorcycle driver's license/endorsement from your country (except for passengers)

- possess an international driving permit with a motorcycle endorsement to accompany your motorcycle driver's license/endorsement (except for passengers)

Medical:

For the most up-to-date information regarding vaccinations for traveling in Bolivia, contact your local health clinic for recommendations. Additionally, some people could experience symptoms of altitude sickness in the higher elevations of some of our tours. Symptoms can take on a variety of forms, some of the most common being headache and nausea. Due to the nature of our location in the foothills of the Andes Mountains, altitude sickness is not a concern upon arrival. Likewise, on our tours that include spending some time up in higher elevations, we will work our way up gradually, allowing our bodies to become acclimated as we travel, which will help in minimizing the symptoms. For participants that experience an uncomfortable level of altitude sickness, drinking lots of fluids, including coca tea oftentimes proves helpful in combatting the symptoms, which typically last no longer than 24 hours. For slightly more severe cases, almost all pharmacies carry an over-the-counter pain reliever, used especially for cases of altitude sickness.

Safety & Security:

With a land size of 1,098,581 km² (424,164 mi²) and a population of close to 12 million people, most of which are concentrated in the principal cities, comparatively speaking Bolivia is scarcely populated. For that reason, in addition to cell phones, which will inevitably be without service during stretches of our tours, both guides are equipped with two-way radios. Furthermore, we also carry a satellite-based "Personal Location Beacon" (PLB) device, meaning that we're never further away from help than the click of a button. We also carry a well-stocked 1st aid kit, however, we do ask that participants with diabetes, severe allergies (of any kind), or that react adversely to stings or bites, would bring the necessary medicine or treatments they would need to counteract those conditions. We also ask that you would inform us of these conditions pre-tour so that we may be of assistance if the need were to arise.

Patience & Flexibility:

As a developing country Bolivia still experiences many of the pains that go along with that status, which in turn gives it a rustic and adventurous feel. Sometimes things happen that are out of our control, like changes in weather that can deteriorate road conditions or the sudden discovery that our hotel reservations disappeared, etc. We might find it necessary to adjust our route or schedule slightly due to a number of unforeseen circumstances that in the end will just add to the adventure. For these reasons being patient and flexible are important.

Note: Our bikes are not available for use on scheduled non-riding days, we often use these times to conduct routine bike maintenance.