

## Salt & Wine - Charity Tour (M-ID: 4111)

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**from \$3,000.00**

Dates and duration (days)

On request

13 days

01/20/2024 - 02/01/2024 13 days

**Bolivia will amaze you. From the southern deserts and Tarija's wine country to the Jesuit Mission circuit and the Ruta del Che, over to the lush jungles and wildlife of the Amazon basin, and up to the Altiplano and the Salt Flats – nowhere else on earth competes with the diversity of Bolivia.**

MOTOURISMO supports this tour run by a social enterprise created to generate funds for a local drug & alcohol residential rehabilitation center, run by Novō Communities, a registered charity in the UK, US, and Bolivia. 100% of their profits go to rehab, and their managerial team works as volunteers and does not draw salaries from the business. Their goal is to help people have the best experience of Bolivia they can while ensuring their money is going toward changing lives.

The expert-guided motorcycle tour will set you free to explore Bolivia's outstanding natural beauty, cultural diversity, and incredible roads.

The tour blends together dirt roads, back-country trails, intense city streets, salt pans, and first-world asphalt roads with stunning curves and zero traffic. We stay in quality hotels and eat at a great variety of restaurants.

Highlights include:

- Option to stay an extra day in Potosi
- Riding on the Salar de Uyuni, the world's largest salt flats
- Optional stop at El Fuerte, Spanish ruins built on Inca ruins, built on ancient pre-Inca ruins
- Optional horseback riding in Tupiza
- Wine bodega tours in Tarija

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Itinerary:

Day 1: Santa Cruz/Arrival - NO RIDING DAY

Arrival day in Santa Cruz. We arrange to have you picked up from Viru Viru airport and transported to your hotel, where

you can rest, relax, or explore the city.

Total riding: 0km

Altitude: 400m

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Day 2: Santa Cruz - Samaipata

We meet for a morning orientation at the Quinta Totaices in Santa Cruz, home of the rehabilitation center where we have our base. You'll get to inspect your bike, make any adjustments needed, and explore the center if you like. Then we ride from the city, through the surrounding towns, and finally into the jungle mountains as we begin our ascent to the highlands. This first day is a great way to get used to the motorbikes before we hit more challenging terrain.

Total Riding: 120km - tarmac

Altitude: 1049m

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Day 3: Samaipata - La Higuera

The red mountains of Samaipata give way to craggier, grey rocky outcrops, as we make our way through Vallegrande to La Higuera, the small town where Che Guevara made his last stand before being killed. Our hotel this night is Casa Del Telegrafista, the old telegraph station used by both the authorities and Che himself.

Total Riding: 161km - 75% tarmac, 25% dirt

Altitude: 2160m

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#### Day 4: La Higuera - Villa Serrano

We press further through the rugged mountains as we make our way from La Higuera to Villa Serrano. You'll be able to put the bikes to the test as you make your way through wild mountain roads, across spectacular jungle bridges, and one step closer to Sucre and the altiplano.

Total Riding: 108km - dirt  
Altitude: 2122m

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#### Day 5: Villa Serrano - Sucre

Continuing the ascent, today we make our way towards Sucre, the white city. The jungle landscapes long behind us now, we begin to experience the stark beauty of the Altiplano, as we make our way through the rolling hills towards Sucre.

Total Riding: 174km - 50% tarmac, 50% dirt  
Altitude: 2810m

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#### Day 6: Sucre - Uyuni

Pristine roads with twists and turns enough to satisfy any rider await as we leave Sucre for Uyuni. We ascend yet farther, stopping for lunch in the mining city of Potosi, across the sweeping plains of the Altiplano, through herds of llamas, finally ending the day overlooking the incredible planes of the salt flats as we descend towards Uyuni.

Total Riding: 359km - tarmac  
Altitude: 3700m

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#### Day 7: Uyuni - Salt Flats - Uyuni

This is the day you won't want to miss. The morning begins with an excursion to the train graveyard, a unique site great for photos. Then we spend the rest of the day riding on the Salar de Uyuni, all 4085 square miles. The area was part of a giant prehistoric lake, Lake Minchin, which dried-up leaving behind a couple of seasonal puddles and several salt pans, including the Salar de Uyuni. Play around with perspective shots and enjoy the freedom of riding on nothingness, an entirely unique experience you won't forget. Lunch will be beside Isla Incahuasi, a submerged historic volcano peak lined with gigantic cacti over 1000 years old. When we're ready, we return to Uyuni to prepare for the next day.

Total Riding: all day on salt flats  
Altitude: 3700m

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#### Day 8: Uyuni - Tupiza

We say goodbye to Uyuni and turn South as we head towards the Argentinian frontier. The landscape changes

from the Altiplano to red mountains and dusty valleys, as we make our way towards Tupiza. Our hotel this night is the Casa del Baron, once owned by a rich baron who was at one point robbed by Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid. We also have the opportunity to go horseback riding; prepare to immerse yourself in the wild west.

Total Riding: 197km - 50% tarmac, 50% dirt  
Altitude: 2850m

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#### Day 9: Tupiza - Tarija

Stunning and challenging roads await between Tupiza and Tarija, Bolivia's wine country. As we slowly descend into the valley of Tarija on the wild dirt paths of the southern Bolivian Andes, you will feel miles away from civilization – until we emerge into the lovely city of Tarija, with its laid-back, 'food-and-wine' attitude.

Total Riding: 234km - 90% dirt, 10% tarmac  
Altitude: 1854m

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#### Day 10: Wine tours/No riding

Prepare to relax and enjoy yourselves as we park the bikes for a day and explore Bolivian wineries. Experience the hidden gem that is Bolivia's wines, and prepare to be amazed by the stunning landscapes, as well as Bolivia's best-kept secret: Singani, a distilled alcohol made from Muscat grapes.

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#### Day 11: Tarija - Villamontes

With regret we depart from Tarija, but get set for one of the most stunning roads of the entire journey, as we weave down mountains back to the lowlands, under jagged outcroppings of rock, alongside rushing rivers. We end the day in the small town of Villamontes, where we can once again enjoy the warmth and humidity of the lower half of Bolivia.

Total Riding: 212km - 60% tarmac, 40% dirt  
Altitude: 388m

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#### Day 12: Villamontes - Santa Cruz

Our last big push to Santa Cruz takes us through the foothills of the Andes, finally setting down into the long, flat lands to our journey's end. We park the bikes back at the Quinta, get to our hotels to clean up, and then meet for our final supper together.

Total Riding: 452km - tarmac  
Altitude: 400m

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#### Day 13: Santa Cruz/Departure

Enjoy your final morning in Santa Cruz, as we arrange

transportation for you to the airport as needed. Or feel free to extend your trip and spend some more time in South America!

Total Riding: 0km  
Altitude: 400m

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
Customer payment protection	yes
Special	Winter escape
* PRICING	Minimal without optional extras, see pricing

## Pricing

per rider in a shared twin/double room (Only available for a booking of two persons. Single travelers need to choose the single room surcharge.)	\$3,000.00
per pillion passenger in shared twin/double room (pillion passengers can only book along with an accompanying rider)	\$1,500.00
Single room (surcharge) - Please note: Single rooms cannot be guaranteed throughout and may not be available at individual stops on the tour. However, this happens only in a few exceptional cases. (Only available with an additional selection of the basic price "per rider in shared twin/double room")	\$300.00

## Included

Accommodation

Motorcycle Rental (Royal Enfield 2021 Himalayan BS6s)

Fuel

Full support truck with mechanic

3 meals per day (Days 1 and 13 excluded)

English and Spanish speaking tour guide

## Not included

International flights

Alcohol (unless your guide is feeling generous)

Personal spending

Optional extras (eg. horseback riding in Tupiza, etc.)

Food is not included on days 1 & 13

Refundable security deposit for motorcycles (\$750 per motorcycle)

Everything that is not listed under features

## **More details**

Maximum number of riders: 7

Minimum number of riders: 3. The tour can also take place for 2 people. Please note, the price will increase. Please enquire for an offer.

If you wish to continue your South American adventures from Santa Cruz, please let us know and we will adjust the price accordingly, and do our best to help you beyond the end of the trip.

The trip includes 13 days, 12 nights of accommodation, & 10 days of riding. If something occurs that causes us to end up behind schedule, we will adjust our itinerary accordingly to ensure everyone can make it back to Santa Cruz in time for flights.

Food is not included on days 1 & 13, other than what is provided by the hotel. The logistics are simply too difficult to coordinate with people arriving and leaving at different times.

In winter months (June-Sept) please bring warmer gear, especially when visiting the highlands.

Offroad experience is helpful but not required.