

# Lifebound Tours



## BOLIVIA

Come to a land of majestic snow-capped peaks, vast canyons, and tropical jungles. Llamas and condors vie for existence in the high country where fish, quinoa, and potatoes are the staple diet. Tropical fruit and sugar cane fill the valleys where rivers meander northwards towards the Amazon. Come to Bolivia.

Our 19-day excursion will include the Island of the Sun in Lake Titicaca, the Pumapunka at pre-Inca Tiahuanaco, the silver mines of Potosi, the wildlife in Chapare, and the forest-dwellers along the Mamore River. We'll visit Santa Cruz, Cochabamba, Oruro, Sucre, and La Paz. Blue skies, native food, Andean panpipes, highland markets, and tropical scenery combine to make this a wonderful sortie.

Bolivia is said to contain "the greatest unexploited tourist resources in the world." This *Lifebound Tour* offers the adventurous traveler a chance to see Bolivia's colorfully-dressed, hard-working people in their fields, in their markets, and in their festivals as well as visiting some of Bolivia's uninhabited natural habitats.

The cost from most US cities is only \$3750 including air fare, hotels, sightseeing

excursions, tips, and all meals. Bring a friend (new to *Lifebound*) and receive a \$100 discount.

To join our fully escorted tour call Rick at (760)742-3455 or write: <[lifebound@hotmail.com](mailto:lifebound@hotmail.com)> or PO Box 700 / Fallbrook, CA 92088 USA.

### *Specifics*

Group size: 10-16 (first come, first served)  
Tour conductor: Rick Marin [CST# 2057883-40]  
Required documents: Valid Passport  
Contingencies: 6 days over 10,000 ft altitude generally 3-star hotels

Payment schedule:

Reservation: \$250 (non-refundable)  
4 months prior to departure: \$1500  
2 months prior to departure: remainder  
Discounts: \$100 if you apply before Feb. 28, 2012  
\$100 for each new friend you bring  
\$100 for *Lifebound* repeat travelers

Single room (if desired) supplement: \$500  
Pre-trip cancellation fee: \$750  
Departure date: **Sep. 9, 2012**

### *Daily Highlights*

#### Day    Activity

- 1 S** Fly to Miami where we will rendezvous for a night flight to Santa Cruz, Bolivia.  
**2 M** Take in some local markets, Chaco scenery, and ride in a horse-drawn buggy through a Mennonite settlement near Santa Cruz.  
**3 T** Visit Santa Cruz' zoological gardens before traveling overland by motorcoach through plantations, mountains, & jungle to Villa Tunari.  
**4 W** Explore the Carrasco National Park where we hope to see the elusive, orange cock-of-the-rock. with an afternoon visit to Repechón Caverns in search of echo-navigating oil birds.  
**5 T** Wend our way up Andean Canyons to the fertile Cochabamba valley and its nearby artisan villages of Tarata and Huayculi

**6 F** Celebrate Cochabamba's 14th of September festival with local dances and native color as well as tour the Simon Patino mansion.

**7 S** Enjoy a free day in Cochabamba with a visit to the Cathedral built in 1571 and finish with an evening folklore festival of Andean music.

**8 S** Drive on up to the tin mining city of Oruro for its daily market and mining museum before crossing the altiplano to La Paz, the world's highest capital.

**9 M** Tour the witches' market, the Prado, the palace, & Calle Buenos Aires with an afternoon visit to the Valley of the Moon.

**10 T** Ascend to one of the world's oldest archeological sites at Tiahuanaco and a night on the shores of Lake Titicaca.

**11 W** Sail to the Island of the Sun for glorious views and a walking visit to the temple, fortress, and spring of the first Inca.

**12 T** Fly to Sucre, Bolivia's colonial capital, to see its plaza, cathedral, & the Jatun Yampara weaving center.

**13 F** Take a day trip to Potosi, the fabled silver city of 17th century Spanish wealth, where we'll visit the mines & the Casa Real de Moneda.

**14 S** Relax in Sucre, take a walk in its hilly countryside, and enjoy its evening entertainment.

**15 S** Fly to Trinidad in the north for a jungle river adventure on a floating hotel.

**16 M** Venture into little known waters where we'll moor at deserted beaches, visit scattered river dwellers and take a horseback ride beneath the green canopy of trees.

**17 T** Sip a cool drink on deck; take pictures of giant capybaras, herons, & alligators; or just enjoy a hammock as we sail the Mamore.

**18 W** Paddle a dugout canoe, go fishing, or take a swim before we steam down to Trinidad and our flight back to civilization.

**19 T** Catch our flights to Miami and home having our senses loaded with the sights, smells, and sounds of Bolivia.