

# Lifebound Tours



## TRANS-CONTINENTAL

Across South America from Arica to Rio

Follow Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid to South America – not to rob the train but rather, to ride it!

Join **Lifebound Tours** on its second transcontinental adventure across the great southern land mass. We will begin at the Pacific Ocean in Arica, Chile; transect the Andes through the Lauca National Park; dine on the massive Uyuni salt flats; straddle southern Bolivia's wastelands; descend the impressive Pilcomayo gorge; cross the Chaco scrubland by rail; explore the Pantanal wetlands; and race through Brazil's central plateau before settling down on beautiful Ilha Grande in the Atlantic just south of Rio.

Our 19-day tour will include five national parks, four World Heritage sites, three countries, two oceans, and one continent. Train buffs, Andean enthusiasts, and wildlife lovers should especially appreciate our overland expedition (designed for serious travelers who are physically fit).

The total cost per person for this **fully escorted** tour including air fare from most US cities; hotels; tours; tips; and meals is only \$4950.

Bring someone new to **Lifebound Tours** and receive a \$100 discount.

Call Rick at (760) 742-3455 or write <[lifebound@hotmail.com](mailto:lifebound@hotmail.com)> or PO Box 700, Fallbrook CA 92088, and reserve your seat!

### Specifics

Group size: 10-20 (first come, first served)

Tour conductor: Rick Marin [CST# 2057883-40]

Required documents: Valid Passport & visas

Contingencies: some dirt roads; 5 days over 10,000 ft.

Payment schedule:

Reservation: \$250 (non-refundable)

4 months prior to departure: \$2500

2 months prior to departure: remainder

Discounts: \$100 if you reserve by Apr. 30, 2016

\$100 for each friend new to **Lifebound**

\$100 for payments by check

Single room (if desired) supplement: \$750

Pre-trip cancellation fee: \$950 + purchased airfare

Departure date: **September 19, 2016**

### Daily Highlights

#### Day Activity

1 M **Fly** south over Central America to Tacna, Peru and our transfer to Arica Chile for a well-deserved rest.

2 T **Visit** fruitful valleys, some of the world's oldest mummies, the El Morro hill, and the mighty Pacific surf.

3 W **Ascend** the Andes observing ecological changes as we enter the land of sheep, vicuñas and viscachas.

4 T **Marvel** at the beauty of Parinacota Volcano reflected on lake Chungará in Chile's Lauca National Park.

5 F **Experience** breathtaking views of rivers, lakes, & volcanoes in Bolivia's Sajama National Park.

6 S **Enjoy** a free day in Bolivia's capital, La Paz, with its switches market, its spectacular cableway, and its valley of the Moon.

7 S **Board** the train past Oruro & Lake Poopo as we travel on to Uyuni in the sky.

8 M **Dine** on earth's only landmark visible from space, the great Uyuni salt flat.

9 T **Descend** through barren Butch Cassidy country & settle in to "out of the way" Tupiza.

10 W **Search** for fossils, prehistoric battle fields and fertile wineries en route to delightful Tarija.

11 T **Cross** giant mountain ranges and their river valleys as we move on through the spectacular Pilcomayo gorge to Villamontes.

12 F **Stop** for lunch in little known Boyuibe as we travel by ferrobús past the Palmar dunes north to Santa Cruz.

13 S **Find** your favorite pastime in Santa Cruz on this free day in Bolivia's commerce center.

14 S **Roll** east on "the railway of death" visiting the UNESCO World Heritage Jesuit church in San José de Chiquitos.

15 M **Observe** alligators, storks, capybaras, and piranhas on a wildlife, photo-safari in Brazil's Pantanal wetlands.

16 T **Race** across Brazil's pasture plains to the impressive Ilha Solteira hydroelectric dam and a Brazilian barbecue.

17 W **Traverse** Sao Paulo state for a visit to Itatiaia National Park observing strange rock formations and a variety of wildlife.

18 T **Settle** in to a sandy, beach-front hotel on Ilha Grande in this Atlantic Ocean paradise.

19 F **Arrive** home with vivid memories of towering volcanoes, tasty tropical cuisine, vibrant cities, glassy lakes, monstrous alligators, and pristine beaches.