

# SERVICE VOUCHER AND TRIP ITINERARY

#### **TOUR'S NAME**

## "CUSTOM BOLIVIA TOUR 05-2023"

LOCATION: Bolivia: Beni, Santa Cruz, Cochabamba, La Paz.

**FROM:** 16/Nov/2024 **To:** 07/Dec/2024

DAYS: 22 Days GUESTS: 04

TOURISM SPECIALITY: Birdwatching
TOURISM AGENCY: Bird Bolivia

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# **SERVICES INCLUDED AND ITINERARY**

## **Services included:**

- Transfers in/out.
- 02 night Hotel Aguahí, Trinidad city.
- 01 night Hotel Cortez, Santa Cruz city.
- 01 night Hotel Las Tinajitas, Camiri, rural área of Santa Cruz.
- 02 nights Refugio Los Volcanes Lodge, rural area of Santa Cruz.
- 01 night La Posada del Sol in Samaipata, rural area of Santa Cruz.
- 02 nights Red fronted Macaw Reserve, rural area of Cochabamba.
- 02 nights Las Brisas in Comarapa, rural area of Santa Cruz.
- 02 nights Hotel Aranjuez, Cochabamba city.
- 01 nights Las Hortensias simple place on old Coroico road, rural area of La Paz.



- 02 night Hotel Inca Utama, Titicaca Lake, rural area of La Paz.
- 02 nights simple place in Charazani, rural área of La Paz.
- 03 nights at the nuns' guesthouse in Apolo.
- Domestic flights: Santa Cruz Trinidad (vía Cochabamba), Cochabamba La Paz.
- 1 local guide.
- Transportation with a minivan (car rental, experienced driver, gasoline, road taxes).
- All the meals B, L, D, from Nov 16 until the last lunch in Titicaca on Dec 7.
- Snacks (water, sodas, fruits).
- Insurance against accident
- Printed bird list

# **Services not included:**

- Extra hotel reservation
- Hotel room consumption
- Laundry service
- Drinks (alcohol)
- Tips
- Any other service not mentioned.

# **Altitudes/climate general information**:

- Santa Cruz city: Altitude 450m could be very hot climate.
- Samaipata Tucuman and dry forest, Red fronted Macaw reserve dry valleys 1650m.
- Comarapa: 1000-3000m, nice temperature to cold in la Siberia.
- Beni area: Altitude 200m very hot and humid climate.
- La Paz altiplano area: Altitude 4000 3600, cold climate and nice weather.
- Coroico road area: 1500m nice climate.
- Rural area of La Paz, Yungas and Rainforest 200-1400m (Sadiri Lodge is located at 900m)

## **Recommendations:**

- For the high areas we recommend bringing some light jackets and sweaters. Also if you suffer from altitude sickness the drug Acetazolamida has helped people in the past. Speak to your doctor on dosage and medicine combinations.
- We recommend bringing well-used shoes, repellent, solar protector, hat, light shirts, and flashlights.
- The currency for US Dollars exchange is Bs6,85 in the airport, but we can change for a better rate. Please don't exchage in the streets, use ATM's or currency exchange in the airport if necessary.
- If the custom service agent will ask you if you have dollars and they will tell you to change it in the airport, you can tell them you are going to change your dollars later.
- If the custom agent will ask you about your binoculars or cameras, tell them that they are of your personal use, not for sell.
- You can purchase a SIM card in the airport at your arrival.
- For commercial flights and charter flights 20 Kg per person is allowed. For hand-carry bags is allowed 7 Kg.
- At your arrival, we will require you to sign a form to activate the insurance against accidents.



- Fragile electronic devices and batteries are not allowed in the luggage. Also as usual, you can't carry big quantities of liquids, creams, scissors, sprays, or any similar in the handbag.
- The electricity plugs in Bolivia are two round prongs, but many are adapted to take US flat plugs. There is no grounding prong. Best to bring a couple of simple adaptors.



# Requirements to entry Bolivia:

- Fill out a form to declare if you are bringing money or products that are more than USD10,000 value (this form will be provided in the plane or at your arrival in the custom agent area).
- If you will get the visa at your arrival, please let us know to provide you with the hotel reservation confirmed, as this is a requirement, as well your round trip plane ticket (bring all this printed for each person), credit card under your name, pay USD160 with in cash, but better to bring new bills, as they won't accept torn bills.

**NOTE**: We will take the hotels breakfast where is possible, but most of them will be in the field, as well the lunches; and dinners in hotels or local restaurants. Our local guide and driver are highly experienced in the route, sites and spots to see birds. However, some places could be switch according to some inconvenient that can occur, or to enrich the tour requirements.

## **ITINERARY**

**Day 1: Nov 16,** Sandro Valdez (our guide), and our administrative staff will be at the airport at your arrival time with Iberia at 04:00AM, in case you will need some help with the currency exchange, and to make you sign the form to activate the insurance against accident. Then you will make checking for flight with BOA 935 at 07:50AM to Trinidad, via Cochabamba. From Cochabamba the flight will be 442 at 09:15AM with arrival time 10:10AM to Trinidad (Cod. Locator: 35SA5R). Breakfast will be at the airport. At your arrival to Trinidad you will go to hotel Aguahí, after that, for lunch to Brasileiriño restaurant, then for the afternoon and next morning in the Trinidad Varzea forest to pick up four Beni Endemics and other savannah birds: Grey-chested Greenlet, Unicoloured Thrush, Great-billed Seed Finch. Meals will be served in local restaurants. Overnight at Aguahí hotel.



**Day 2: Nov 17,** Day: Loreto, look for Blue-throated Macaw, Long-billed Antwren. Meals will be in the field and dinner at local restaurants. Overnight hotel Aguahí.

**Day 3: Nov 18,** Morning Varzea (Unicolored Thrush -hard), Aft: flight to Santa Cruz. Lunch at a local restaurant or in the field, depends on the tour needs. Then transfer to the airport for flight OB 447 at 16:55 via Cochabamba with arrival to Santa Cruz at 19:20 (Cod. Locator 35SA5R). Dinner will be in the hotel or at a local restaurant. Overnight at Hotel Cortez at Av. Cristóbal De Mendoza 280, Santa Cruz de la Sierra, phone number 3-3331234.

**Day 4: Nov 19,** Morning birding at Jardín Botánico (White-bellied Nothura, Bolivian Slaty Antshrike, Chotoy Spinetail, Fawn-breasted Wren). Lunch in Cazarao restaurant, and departure to Camiri, birding in some spots in the route. Overnight at hotel Las Tinajitas.

**Day 5: Nov 20,** Morning in Chaco (Black-legged Seriema, Cream-backed Woodpecker. Afternoon drive back to go to Los Volcanes.

Day 6: Nov 21, At Los Volcanes.

Day 7: Nov 22, After early breakfast, depart to Samaipata, birding in the route. Overnight at La Posada del Sol.

Day 8: Nov 23, Morn: dry Andes, drive to Red-fronted Macaw lodge.

**Day 9: Nov 24,** Dry Andes- Red-fronted Macaw, Bolivian Earthcreeper, Cliff Parakeet, Bolivian Blackbird. Overnight at Red Fronted Macaw Reserve.

**Day 10:** Nov 25, Morn: Dry Andes, Aft: drive to Comarapa. Overnight at the simple place Las Brisas.

Day 11: Nov 26, Siberia Yungas day (Black-hooded Sunbeam). Overnight at the simple place Las Brisas.

**Day 12: Nov 27,** Morn: Siberia, Aft: drive to Cochabamba. Overnight at Hotel Aranjuez Overnight and Hotel Aranjuez, located at Calle Buenos Aires #E563, Cochabamba, Bolivia. Phone numbers: +591 (4) 428-0076 /+591(4) 424-0158.

**Day 13:** Nov 28, Drive through the Yungas. The drive up and down the Andes here will give access to middle Bolivia Treeline, Upper and Middle Yungas. (Black-throated Thistletail, Rufous-faced Antpitta, and Fruiteaters). Overnight at Hotel Aranjuez.

Day 14: Nov 29, This day we will have a different transportation, as Herman has to go very early in the morning to wait for you in La Paz.

Morning Polylepis- Maquis Canastero, Cochabamba Mountain-Finchthen. Then you have to be at the airport at 13:00PM for checking for flight BOA 616 to La Paz at 15:30PM with arrival time at 16:15PM (Cod. Locator: 35SA5R). At your arrival drive to Coroico road. Overnight at the very simple place Las Hortensias.



**Day 15: Nov 30,** Morning drive to La Paz High Andes, Pongo (Scribble-tailed Canastero. Afternoon drive to Titicaca Lake. Overnight at Inca Utama hotel.

**Day 16: Dec 01,** Altiplano and Puna species; Also, a drive to Sorata for the Berlepschi Canestero-Titicaca Grebe, Rock Earthcreeper, Puno Antpitta, Citron-headed Yellow Finch, Puna Yellow Finch, Boulder Finch, Andean Flamingos, Andean Avocet. Titicaca (Titicaca Grebe). Overnight at Inca Utama Hotel.

**Day 17: Dec 02,** Morning depart to Charazani. As our staff has found on recent trips to Apolo, the road to Apolo is under construction, so we will look for locations/communities to have breakfast and lunch. Overnight in Charazani simple place.

**Day 18: Dec 03,** Early drive to Apolo, with meals in the route. Arrival for dinner at the nuns hospedería. This place is managed by nuns to help orphan kids to have a home there, so we support them using their hospedería. Overnight at nuns hospedería.

**Day 19: Dec 04**, Birding around Apolo according to the tour plan. However, during recent trips by our staff with other tours, we have found that unfortunately the forest area for the Inti Tanager is suffering severe disturbances due to mining activity, human settlements, and deforestation. But we will visit the places where other groups will go before you. We are informing you of these conditions in the area for your awareness. Breakfast and lunches will be in the field. Dinner and overnight at the nuns hospedería.

Day 20: Dec 05, Birding around Apolo looking for Palkachupa cotinga.

Day 21: Dec 06, Early drive back to Charazani, with meals in the field.

Day 22: Dec 07, Early transfer to La Paz, to El Alto airport. End of the tour. Flight out.

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