**GEOGRAPHY**

**Area**
- Total: 1,098,581 sq km
- Land: 1,083,301 sq km
- Water: 15,280 sq km

**Climate**
-Varies with altitude; humid and tropical to cold and semi-arid

**Natural Resources**
- Tin, natural gas, petroleum, zinc, tungsten, antimony, silver, iron, lead, gold, timber, hydropower

**GOVERNMENT**

**Chief of State**
- President Juan Evo MORALES Ayma

**Head of Government**
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**Government Type**
- Presidential republic

**Capital**
- La Paz

**Legislature**
- Bicameral Plurinational Legislative Assembly or Asamblea Legislativa Plurinacional consists of the Chamber of Senators or Camara de Senadores (36 seats) and the Chamber of Deputies or Camara de Diputados (130 seats)

**Judiciary**
- Supreme Court or Tribunal Supremo de Justicia (consists of 12 judges or ministros organized into civil, penal, social, and administrative chambers)

**Ambassador to US**
- Ambassador (vacant); Charge d’Affaires Rafael Pablo CANEDO Daroca

**US Ambassador**
- Ambassador (vacant); Charge d’Affaires Bruce WILIAMSON

**ECONOMY**

**Economic Overview**
- This resource-rich country remains one of the least-developed countries in Latin America; state-oriented investment policies hurt foreign investment interest

**GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)**
- $83.72 billion (2017 est.)

**GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)**
- $7,600 (2017 est.)

**Exports**
- $7.746 billion (2017 est.)
- Partners: Brazil 17.9%, Argentina 16%, US 7.8%, Japan 7.3%, India 6.6%, South Korea 6.3%, Colombia 5.8% (2017)

**Imports**
- $8.601 billion (2017 est.)
- Partners: China 21.7%, Brazil 16.8%, Argentina 12.6%, US 8.4%, Peru 6.5% (2017)

**PEOPLE & SOCIETY**

**Population**
- 11.3 million (July 2018 est.)

**Population Growth**
- 1.48% (2018 est.)

**Ethnicity**
- Mestizo (mixed white and Amerindian ancestry) 68%
- Indigenous 20%, white 5%, Cholo/chola 2%, black 1%, other 1%
- Unspecified 3% (2009 est.)

**Language**
- Spanish (official) 60.7%, Quechua (official) 21.2%, Aymara (official) 14.6%, foreign languages 2.4%, Guarani (official) 0.6%, other native languages 0.4%, none 0.1% (2001 est.)

**Religion**
- Roman Catholic 76.8%, Evangelical and Pentecostal 8.1%, Protestant 7.9%, other 1.7%, none 5.5% (2012 est.)

**Urbanization**
- Urban population: 69.4% of total population (2018)
- Rate of urbanization: 1.97% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

**Literacy**
- 92.5% (2015 est.)