

Bolivia

Travel Facts

US State Department Travel Advisory

The US State Department currently recommends US citizens exercise increased caution in Bolivia due to civil unrest. Some areas have increased risk.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the US State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html>

US Embassy/Consulate

[591] (2) 216-8000; US Embassy in La Paz, Avenida Arce 2780, Casilla 425, La Paz, Bolivia; <https://bo.usembassy.gov/>;

ConsularLaPazACS@state.gov

LGBTQIA+, Women, and Special Needs Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the US State Department's International Travel page.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html>



Telephone Code

591

Local Emergency Phone

911

Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Bolivia: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, typhoid, yellow fever, rabies, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia, influenza, COVID-19.

<http://www.who.int/>

Climate

Varies with altitude; humid and tropical to cold and semiarid

Currency (Code)

Bolivianos (BOB)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

230 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): A, C



Type A



Type C

Major Languages

Spanish, Quechua, Aymara, Guarani

Major Religions

Roman Catholic, Protestant, Believer, other

Time Difference

UTC-4 (1 hour ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

Potable Water

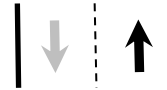
Opt for bottled water

International Driving Permit

Suggested; additionally, if you plan to drive in Bolivia, you will need an Inter-American Driving Permit issued by the AAA

Road Driving Side

Right



Tourist Destinations

Sajama National Park; Oruro Carnival; Jesuit Missions of the Chiquitos; La Paz (includes the Metropolitan Cathedral of Our Lady of Peace); Torotoro National Park; Tiwanaku; Yungas Road cycle route ("Death Road"); Qhapaq Nan/Andean Road System

Major Sports

Soccer, trompo (top game with attached string)

Cultural Practices

It's normal to greet everyone you talk to with a formal "good morning/afternoon/evening" ("buenos dias, buenas tardes/noches") before starting conversation; failure to do so can be taken as rude.

Tipping Guidelines

In restaurants, a tip of 5-10% is in order if you are happy with the service. Taxi drivers do not expect tips unless you hire them for the day, in which case 10% is appropriate.

Souvenirs

Native pottery and handicrafts, paper mache and copper decorations, llama and alpaca woolen items, woven ponchos, jewelry and "good luck" charms

Traditional Cuisine

Salteñas (empanadas) — savory pastries filled with beef, pork, or chicken mixed in a sweet, slightly spicy sauce containing olives, raisins, and potatoes

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