

Bolivia

Travel Facts

US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State 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 U.S. 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 Travelers with Special Needs

When venturing abroad, LGBTQ+ travelers can face unique challenges since laws, attitudes, and legal protections vary from country to country. Consult the website via the link below to learn what precautions to take before and during your trip.

<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

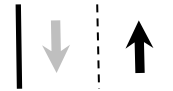
Opt for bottled water

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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