

# The Archaeology of **BOLIVIA**

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## Archaeological Wonders, Vibrant Indigenous Cultures, Historic Colonial Cities, and All Six of Bolivia's UNESCO World Heritage Sites

Join Far Horizons on a captivating 14-day journey through Bolivia, where most inhabitants embrace their indigenous roots, with many donning traditional attire. Our itinerary unfolds against breathtaking landscapes and unveils the striking colonial legacy of Spanish conquests. We'll explore all of Bolivia's six UNESCO World Heritage Cultural Sites:

- Potosí, with its silver-rich mountain
- Sucre, boasting splendid colonial architecture
- Samaipata, known for its temple and unique rock art
- Tiwanaku, an Andean spectacle
- The Jesuit Mission Churches of Chiquitos
- Qhapaq Ñan, the ancient Inka Road network connecting their vast empire

Additionally, we'll journey to Inkallaqta, a testament to Inka architectural prowess often overlooked by tourists. At Lake Titicaca, discover the sacred Island of the Sun, the believed birthplace of Inka gods and civilization, and witness mesmerizing sunsets over the shimmering waters set two miles high.

# Daily Itinerary



## Day 1

### Arrive in Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz Anthropology Museum

Our early morning arrival brings us to Santa Cruz, with the morning free to rest after the long flight. The city of Santa Cruz de la Sierra was founded in the 15<sup>th</sup> century in honor of a city in Extremadura, Spain. It is perhaps the liveliest city in Bolivia and completely different from the highlands both in population and climate.

Today, Santa Cruz is a bustling modern city, but it still retains a bit of a frontier feeling. Here, find people from all occupations and areas of the world. In the afternoon, enter the Santa Cruz Anthropology Museum for our first glimpse of the country's unique cultures.

Our welcome dinner party will be in one of the city's finest restaurants. Overnight for two nights at Hotel Los Tajibos in Santa Cruz. (D)

## Day 2

### Samaipata

Drive three hours west to Samaipata, Bolivia's largest pre-Inka settlement and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Known to have been occupied and used as a ritual and residential center by people belonging to the Mojocoyas culture as early as 300 AD, Samaipata bears extraordinary witness to the existence in this region of a political culture with highly developed religious traditions, illustrated dramatically by its ceremonial temple and immense rock sculptures.

Return to Santa Cruz for the night. (B/L/D)

## Day 3

### Chiquitos, San Javier Mission

Around Santa Cruz lie the Bolivian tropical lowlands, holding a unique and fascinating history and precious heritage. In the province of Chiquitos, the vast, sparsely populated tropical area northeast of Santa Cruz, we encounter the finest examples of religious architecture in the country.

Six delightful Jesuit Missions, all of them UNESCO World Heritage Sites, are true Colonial jewels and a testimony of the Spaniards' obsession to convert the indigenous people to Catholicism. They are the finest example of colonial religious art in the country, magnificent and grand yet intimate and personal works of art featuring massive hand-carved wooden altars often covered in gold, wall paintings, wooden pulpits, and impressive wooden columns.

Today's drive will take us to one of these missions – San Javier, the first mission town established in 1691 by the Jesuits. Overnight for one night at the Gran Hotel Concepción. (B/L/D)



## Day 5

### Concepción, Jesuit Museum, Fly to Cochabamba

The city of Concepción boasts a beautiful mission as well as a museum that exhibits photos of the restoration process of the Jesuit Missions. It also features pieces of the church's giant hand-carved wooden columns and fragments of murals and other ornamental pieces.

We visit the Jesuit Museum and Workshop before returning to Santa Cruz. In the late afternoon, we board a short flight to Cochabamba.

Overnight for two nights at the Gran Hotel in Cochabamba. (B/L/D)

## Day 5

### Inkallaqta

Today's all-day journey takes us to the little-known and seldom-visited ruins of Inkallaqta, the most important Inka site in Bolivia. Surrounded by steep hills with flowing mountain streams and bordered by a lovely waterfall, the location of the city is stunning. Emperor Tupa Inka Yupanqui, the son of Pachacuti, founded this frontier outpost on the easternmost edge of the Inka Empire, most likely between 1463 and 1472. It is an enormous complex made of stone with close to forty buildings and a defensive wall. (B/L/D)



## Day 6

### Fly to Sucre, ASUR Indigenous Art and Textiles Museum

Board a morning flight to Sucre, Bolivia's constitutional capital and location of the Supreme Court. Sucre, a [UNESCO World Heritage Site](#), is a charming city with a wealth of historical architecture highlighted by beautiful white colonial buildings topped by red-tiled roofs and distinctive balconies hanging over the narrow streets. Home to a large Indigenous population who maintain their traditional clothing and customs, we will visit the ASUR Indigenous Art and Textiles Museum to learn about each group's distinctive dress.

Overnight for three nights at the Mi Pueblito Samary Hotel. (B/L/D)



## Day 7

### Potosi, La Casa de la Moneda, Return to Sucre

Our all-day tour takes us to Potosí, famed for its Cerro Rico, or 'rich hill'. Besides plundering the gold of the Inkas in Peru and the Aztecs in Mexico, in 1544 the conquistadors discovered this mountain of ore and quickly turned it into the major supply of silver for Spain. It is estimated that 70,000 metric tons of silver were produced over a 400-year period. The population reached almost 200,000 in the silver boom times of the 17<sup>th</sup> century when the city was larger than London or Paris. At that time more than 86 churches were built, opulent homes were created to house the prosperous, water reservoirs were built to fulfill the growing population's needs, and, in 1672, a mint was established to coin the silver. The city has been declared [a UNESCO World Heritage Site](#) in recognition of its rich history and the wealth of colonial mansions and religious buildings sitting picturesquely along its narrow streets.

Here, we will see several important buildings. Begin with La Casa de la Moneda, the 18<sup>th</sup>-century mint constructed on the site where silver was extracted, to view its exhibits on gold and silver coins, modern artworks, and religious paintings. Dominated by two huge towers, the 16<sup>th</sup>-century cathedral is supported by massive columns and vaults. Among the many churches, San Benito Church is topped by spectacular Byzantine domes, and San Lorenzo Church contains elaborate Baroque carvings by 16<sup>th</sup>-century artisans.

In the afternoon, return to Sucre and the Parador de Santa Maria. (B/L/D)

## Day 8

### Sucre tour, House of Liberty Museum

Spend the morning with a walking tour of Sucre, including a visit to the House of Liberty Museum, where we take a journey of exhibits that will take you through Bolivian history, with artifacts from the time of the independence movement to modern day.

Lunch and the afternoon are free to enjoy this charming town on your own or relax at the hotel. (B/D)



## Day 9

### Fly to La Paz, National Museum of Ethnography and Folklore

Transfer to the Sucre airport for the return flight to La Paz. Upon arrival, we will enjoy stunning vistas as we use the city's aerial cable car, or Mi Teleférico, to travel from the airport's plateau to the city center.

After lunch, explore the National Museum of Ethnography and Folklore. Housed in the 18th-century Marquis de Villa Verde Palace, this museum showcases the regional particularities and unique characteristics of Bolivia's independent cultures; it features a vast array of textiles, pottery, and festival masks.

Overnight for three nights at the Atix Hotel, a 5-star boutique property in the city's southern district. (B/L/D)

## Day 10

### Tiwanaku

Travel to Tiwanaku, the ritual and administrative capital of a mighty pre-Hispanic empire that dominated a large area of the southern Andes and was one of the great centers of native Andean cultures. From around 100 AD to 1000 AD, this [UNESCO World Heritage Site](#) was the seat of power for a vast empire and the architecture bears striking witness to its power. Located on the southern shores of Lake Titicaca, the city is filled with megalithic monuments, temples, and plazas. The impressive stone Puerta del Sol, or Sun Gate, is covered with incised figures and has become a symbol of Bolivia.

Return to La Paz (NOTE: travel to and from Tiwanaku will take a minimum of 2.5 hours each way). (B/L/D)

## Day 11

### La Paz tour, Coca Museum, El Alto

Today, we explore La Paz, including several interesting and curious sites. Located inside the tourist handicraft market, the Witches Market displays a variety of fascinating ingredients used to influence the many spirits that populate the Aymara world – herbs, folk remedies, soapstone figurines, as well as aphrodisiac formulas. But probably the most disconcerting is the llama fetuses, purchased to be buried in the foundations of new constructions or businesses as challah (offering) to the goddess Pachamama. This sacrifice encourages the goddess to protect the workers from accidents and to bring good luck.

Time permitting, we will also visit the Coca Museum, which is devoted to this controversial plant that plays a huge part in the culture and history of the Andean people.

This afternoon, we drive through El Alto, a suburb of La Paz, to see several striking cholets buildings created by the architect Freddy Mamani Silvestre. Painted in dazzling bright colors and with bold geometric designs, these private homes are like none other in the world.

Dinner tonight is on our own to discover one of the city's fine restaurants. (B/L)



## Day 12

### Copacabana: Basilica of Our Lady of Copacabana, Qhapaq Ñan

Drive to Copacabana, built in Spanish Colonial times on the foundations of an earlier Inka shrine. The Basilica of Our Lady of Copacabana dominates the town with its gleaming white exterior, Moorish-style domes, and colorful azulejos, or Portuguese-style blue ceramic tiles. Kotakawana was the god of fertility in ancient Andean mythology, and the basilica was erected where the main temple of the god once was located. It now houses a 16th-century statue of the Virgin Mary carved from black wood and is a pilgrimage site for the entire region, famous for miracles attributed to the Black Madonna.

A network more than 20,000 miles long, crossing mountains and tropical lowlands, rivers, and deserts, the Qhapaq Ñan, or Road of the Inka, linked Cusco, the administrative capital and spiritual center of the Inka world, to the farthest reaches of its empire. A vast complex of roads, bridges, and other structures, the Inka road system stretches over 24,000 miles through six modern-day countries: Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Argentina, and Chile.

We will drive to see a portion of the Qhapaq Ñan, Bolivia's newest UNESCO World Heritage Site still used by remote communities today.

Overnight for two nights at Hotel Rosario del Lago in Copacabana. (B/L/D)

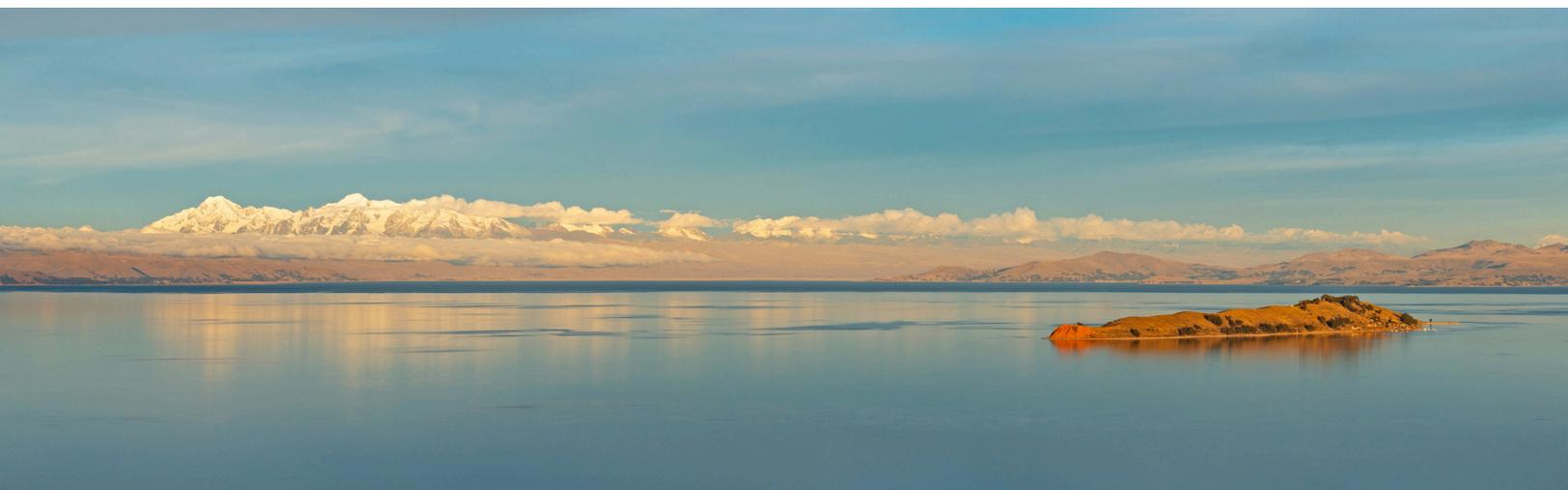


## Day 13

### Boat to Isla de la Luna, Pilkokaina Inka Palace

Travel by boat in Lake Titicaca to the Isla de la Luna, or Island of the Moon, known in earlier times by its Quechua name of Koat. This was the place where Viracocha, the white-bearded god of the Inka, commanded the moon to rise into the sky.

Also, explore the Isla del Sol, Island of the Sun, the location known as the sacred rock where it was believed the sun and the gods were born. Many present-day Aymara and Quechua peoples still hold these beliefs. The Isla del Sol preserves extensive evidence of prehistoric settlement reflecting the sacred nature of the place, as well as the Pilkokaina Inka Palace. (B/L/D)



## Daily Itinerary *(cont'd)*

### Day 14

#### Return to La Paz, Reed Boat Museum

As we journey back to La Paz, stop at a museum to see how the reed boats used on Lake Titicaca are made. Upon return to La Paz, the afternoon is on our own to rest and pack for tomorrow's early morning departure.

Gather this evening for our final dinner party in a local restaurant. (B/L/D)

### Day 15

#### Depart Bolivia

Depart Bolivia or continue to our post-trip extension. (B)

PLEASE NOTE: This is a sample itinerary that is typical of our trip offerings. In general, you can expect a very similar program, though days may be swapped depending on availability, opening hours, and other affecting factors.

### Pre and Post Trip Extensions

Far Horizons offers pre or post extensions for many of our trips. We can also arrange extra nights at the arrival and departure hotel should you wish to arrive early or depart later. Please contact us for details.



# Why Take This Tour?

See all six of Bolivia's stunning UNESCO World Heritage Sites

Travel with an archaeologist who has worked in Bolivia for more than a decade

Visit the ASUR Indigenous Art and Textile Museum, where weavers from nearby villages are creating hand-loomed creations

Optional 2-day extension to the Uyuni Salt Flats

Explore the Witches Market in La Paz

Limited to a maximum of 14 participants



# Tour Information

## Pricing

For current pricing, please visit [farhorizons.com](http://farhorizons.com) and navigate to our trip page.

## Inclusions

### Price based on double occupancy and includes:

- Internal flights during the trip (if applicable/unless otherwise noted)
- The accompaniment of your scholar throughout the entire trip
- Local English-speaking guide
- Hotel accommodations (3 or 4 stars; or best available based in the area)
- Ground transportation
- Airport transfers for arrivals and departures
- Most meals as noted in the itinerary
- Entry fees to all included sites and museums
- Gratuities to guides, drivers, and restaurant and hotel staff
- Coordination for any private presentations or tours

*Trip prices are based on a minimum number of participants. If this minimum number is not met, trip prices are subject to change. Should the prices need to change, Far Horizons will reach out to registered guests to discuss directly.*

## Single Supplement

Should a roommate be requested and one not be available, the single supplement will be charged.

## Exclusions

- International round trip airfare
- A separate donation check of \$150.00 per person to a designated donation project
- Passport or visa fees
- Required vaccines or tests
- Airport or departure taxes
- Alcoholic drinks, beverages or food not included on set menus
- Excess baggage charges
- Personal tips and hotel incidental expenses
- Laundry or other items of a personal nature

## Donation Checks

As a tour company that benefits from the cultural and natural riches of our destinations, we have a policy of donating to the scientific and cultural sites and projects which we visit. This has created a bond between Far Horizons and the academic and local communities that has helped us establish an extensive list of lecturers and contacts in each of our destinations. We ask that each participant donate to the noteworthy project we designate. The donation amount is \$150.00 per person. Note that the donation is required as part of your registration for the trip and that it is non-refundable.

## Exchange Rate Fluctuations

Prices are based on currency exchange rates keeping below a projected level. While it is unlikely, if the exchange rates should change substantially, Far Horizons reserves the right to charge an additional amount to the trip cost.

## Registration

A deposit of \$1000 per person is required along with your registration & health forms, which will be linked in the email confirmation you receive once you pay your deposit on our booking platform. Final payment is due 120 days before departure. Prior to departure, you will be sent a reading list and a tour bulletin containing travel information.



# Tour Information *(cont'd)*

## Cancellation

Cancellations received in writing at least 120 days before departure will receive a refund less a \$500 per person administrative fee.

Cancellations received less than 120 days before the departure date will not receive a refund. If for any reason you are unable to complete the trip, Far Horizons will not reimburse any fees.

Upon registering for the tour, the purchase of travel protection with both trip cancellation and emergency evacuation is strongly advised. Links to recommended insurance policies will be included in the email you receive confirming receipt of your deposit.

## Expectations During Travel

Our trips are designed for flexible, energetic people who like to be active, have a spirit of adventure and a positive attitude. We have designed this trip to be as comfortable as possible, while also aiming to visit some remote or unique sites that other companies do not attempt to include in their itineraries. There may be days where we have very long drives and the conditions of the roads may vary. Hotels and transportation in some remote areas may not be up to western standards. There may be times when no bellhops are available; please pack with the understanding that you need to be able to handle your own luggage at times. Sometimes we may be walking over uneven trails for a mile or more; hiking boots are strongly recommended. Not every meal will be haute cuisine and several lunches may be picnics or box lunches. By maintaining a flexible attitude we will soon be captivated by the beauty of the natural scenery, the hospitality of the local people, and the fascinating sites we will see. Your flexibility and patience will be appreciated.

## Air Ticketing

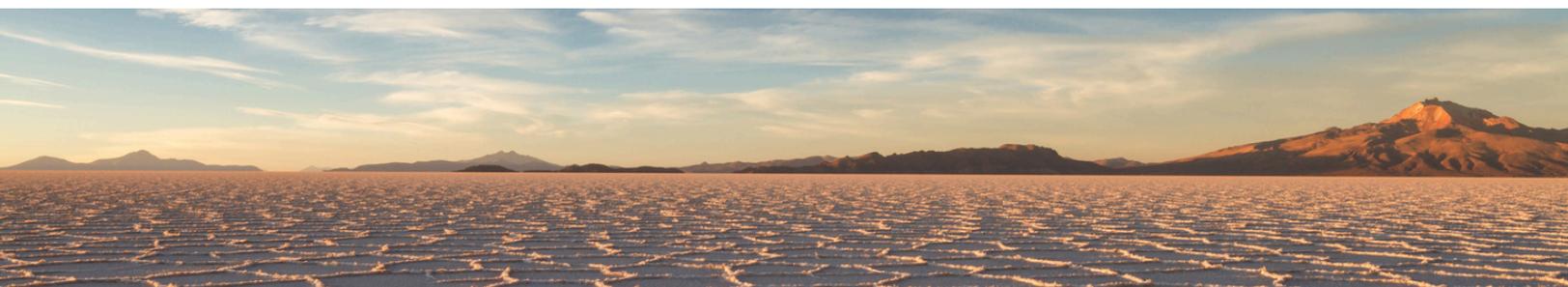
International round trip flights are not included in the cost of the trip. If Far Horizons must change the trip dates or cancel the trip for any reason, Far Horizons is not responsible for any air ticket you may have purchased. Please send your complete air schedule as soon as you have it. NOTE: Please contact Far Horizons if you would like for us to handle your air ticketing.

## Private Tours and Talks

The private tours of archaeological sites and talks by specialists are scheduled in advance and include a donation to each. Specialists working at these sites are excited about showing their work to interested enthusiasts. However, please be aware that there may be times when the director or a member of the staff may not be on site when our groups arrive due to other commitments.

## Walking and Standing

Far Horizons expects all participants to be physically active and able to walk and climb independently throughout the full touring days. This includes walking over uneven terrain (uphill and downhill) for 2 miles or more at each site. You should expect to be on your feet for much of each day, averaging as much as 5 miles of walking per day. **As such, each participant should be able to walk unaided at a pace of 3 miles per hour for at least an hour at a time, and to stand unsupported for at least 60 minutes.** Bearing this in mind, we suggest that, if you have not already done so, you begin walking several miles every day, ideally including stairs and hills. If you have questions about your ability to keep up with the group or the strenuous nature of this trip, please contact the Far Horizons staff.



## Travel Insurance

We strongly recommend that you consider purchasing travel insurance. Should illness or an unforeseen event force you to cancel your travel plans after your final payment or during your trip, it would be doubly unfortunate to incur a significant financial loss. Trip cancellation protection will enable you to be reimbursed for the loss of your payment if you are unable to travel for any of the covered reasons in the "Outline of Coverage" section, or should you have an accident or suffer from any medical conditions during the trip.

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- Emergency Medical Expenses and Emergency Medical Evacuation
- 24-Hour Accidental Death & Dismemberment
- 24-Hour Travel Assistance & Concierge Services
- Option to upgrade to 'Cancel for Any Reason (CFAR)

We recommend reviewing the language in detail so you are aware of specific parameters; Depending on the policy, to waive the Pre-Existing Medical Condition Exclusion or to upgrade to CFAR coverage, the plan must be purchased within 14 to 21 days of the initial trip deposit, full trip cost must be insured, and traveler is medically fit at time of plan purchase. Otherwise, coverage may be purchased at any time prior to departure.

To obtain a personalized quote and/or purchase a plan through Far Horizons/Travel Insured International, simply click [HERE](#). For specific questions regarding the Worldwide Protector Plan, please contact Travel Insured International's Customer Care Center at 1-800-243-3174 or by email at [customercare@travelinsured.com](mailto:customercare@travelinsured.com), and refer to Far Horizons' account number: 54070.

## Itinerary Changes

Changes in our itinerary, accommodations, and transportation schedules may occur while traveling. While we are committed to keeping as close to the published details as possible, sometimes it is simply not possible. Weather events, government affairs, or other factors out of our control sometimes come into play. A good book to read as well as patience, flexible attitude, and a sense of humor are essential.





Meet Your Study Leader...

# Dr. Andrew Roddick

**Andrew Roddick received his BA and MA in anthropology from the University of British Columbia, and his PhD in anthropology from the University of California, Berkeley. He is currently Assistant Professor at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.**

Dr. Roddick has worked in the Bolivian highlands for 15 years, conducting archaeological research principally focused on the Tiwanaku civilization and its precursors. He was co-Principal Investigator (with Dr. John W. Janusek) for the Challapata Project. Fluent in Spanish, he has been doing ethnoarchaeological work with highland Bolivian contemporary potters for the past three years. From 2013-15, he was the program chair for the Institute of Andean Studies, the primary non-profit organization in North America dedicated to the study of the Andean past.

Dr. Roddick has published many publications and articles, and is the editor (with Ann B. Stahl) of *Knowledge in Motion: Making Communities and Constellations of Practice across Time and Place*, which brings together archaeologists, historians, and cultural anthropologists to examine communities engaged in a range of learning practices around the globe, from Africa to the Americas. His edited volume, *Constructions of Time and History in the Pre-Columbian Andes*, was published in 2016.

He is an exceptional teacher with a special talent for displaying the distant past in ways that make it seem vividly present.





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