



Salar de Uyuni, Flamingo Lagoons and Tunupa volcano 4x4 overland tour with a volcano climb

Arrival in Uyuni

Arrival with night bus

If you arrive with a night bus, you will arrive early in the morning and we recommend you to take a breakfast at «Nonis Café», which lays 100 meters right from the train station. At this coffee shop is where Doña Gladys (cel: +591 72422140) will meet you and bring you to the spot, where the tour will start.

Arrival with the plane

If you arrive by plane, a driver holding a little sign with your name written on it, will pick you up at the small airport in Uyuni. The driver will take you to the spot, where the tour will start.

Description of the Tour

The tour starts at approximately 10:00 oclock in the morning from Uyuni.

Day 1 - Salar de Uyuni

During the first day of the tour, you will visit the «Train Cemetery», the salt extraction site of «Colchani», the huge Salar itself and the cactus Island called «Incahuasi». You will have enough time to hike to the top of the «Fish» Island, while lunch is prepared. In the afternoon there will be one more stop in midst of the salt flat to take the optical illusion pictures. You'll spent the night in a salt hotel in the San Juan village living from Quinoa farming and Lamas. There is electricity for sure (220V) in San Juan, to charge batteries.

Day 2 – Flamingos and Lagoons

In the morning you will start by crossing the less impressive «Chiguana» salt flat, before you reach out to the outlook point with views on the active «Ollagüe» volcano. Then come 2 different lagoons: «Laguna Cañapa» and «Laguna Hedionda». This two lagoons are a little oasis of Avifauna, where you will be able to spot some flamingos. The most common flamingo in this region is the «James flamingo», but Andean and Chilean flamingos might be spotted as well. In the afternoon you will slowly return to Uyuni, visiting an eroded lava field on the way, where your imagination might recognize all sorts of shapes in the stone formations. Night in Uyuni.

Day 3 – Tunupa Volcano

After an early start from Uyuni, you will cross the salt flat once more (aprox 1h30), before you reach the little village of «Coqueza» on the northern shore of the Salar. From there, you will start your hike, first through the Quinoa and Lupine fields surrounded by the centuries old stone walls. Once you reach the first outlook point, the trail flattens out a little and you might spot some of the Vizcachas (*Lagidium viscacae*). Around 4500m the ascent towards

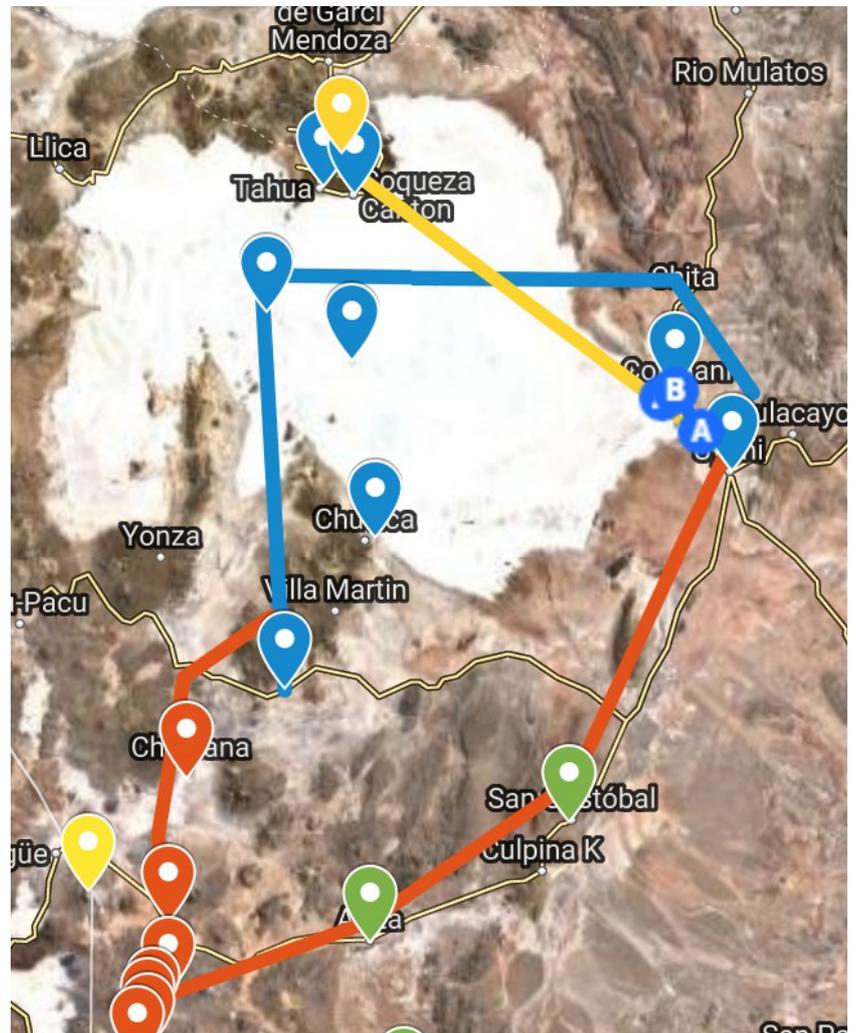


the crater starts to get steeper, and you will reach the craters ridge at 4900m. From these spot you will continue your ascent until you reach one of the summits of the crater at 5150m. At this viewpoint you will enjoy an outstanding view towards the salt flat and the Sajama volcano (only on clear days), which is the highest volcano and mountain in Bolivia. Count 5-6 hours for the ascent. On the way down you can take profit of a loose scree slope, but we recommend it only for people experimented in such terrain. Once you reach the parking, you can visit the «Lipez Lords mummies». You'll be back in Uyuni for sunset (depending a little on your time spent at the volcano).

Route during the Salar de Uyuni and Tunupa volcano tour

Legend for Map

- **Blue** = 1st Day
- **Red** = 2nd Day
- **Yellow** = 3rd Day



Link to the shown map above:

<https://drive.google.com/a/andes2amazonas.com/open?id=1jGZk7rh3GQjCskq5frmzBn1JGR9uHaXs&usp=sharing>



Important notices

For travelers that are traveling very long time – Luggage Note

It is welcome and safe to leave unnecessary items of your luggage at the office of Doña Gladys.

Following items are included:

- Instruments like Guitars, Violins, etc.
- Equipment like tents, camping dishes and utensils, mountains equipment, etc.
- In general big things

Temperatures at the Salt desert, the south Lipez region and the volcano Tunupa

The best time to travel is from March till November. Because from December till February it is the rain season and intense precipitations can occur. The temperatures at the Uyuni Salt flat, the south Lipez region and the Tunupa volcano vary during seasons of the year, the height differences and the time of the day.

In general you can say that the temperatures should be in the following ranges:

- March – May and October – November
During the day: between 15 – 20 degree Celsius warm.
At night: between 3 and -10 degree Celsius cold.
- June – September
During the day: between 12 -15 degree Celsius warm.
At night: between -8 and -20 degree Celsius cold.

Here you can inform yourself daily about the weather:

https://www.meteoblue.com/en/weather/forecast/week/uyuni_bolivia_3901903

Heights

At the Salar of Uyuni and the south Lipez region you will sleep at different heights during the tour.

- During the 4 days Tour
1st Night in San Juan: 3700 m
2nd Night in Uyuni: 3671 m

Meals

In the prices the meals during the tour are included (3x breakfast, 4x lunches, 3x dinners including beverages during the meals).

Important note: Special meal preferences have to be indicated prematurely (for example if you are vegetarian or vegan).



Entrance fees

Entrance fees for the Incahuasi island and the Avaroa national park are included in the price.

Electricity

In all the simple accommodations you will have electricity provided (220V) for your equipment or devices (phones, laptops, cameras, etc.). It can occur that all sockets are occupied, by other travelers. Please charge your devices in due time.

Items we recommend you to take along

- cat. 4 sunglasses
- sun cream (SPF 50+)
- camera
- headlamp
- Sleeping bag
- Ankle supporting hiking shoes
- sandals / crocs / flip flops
- warm socks
- long sleeved thermal underwear
- jeans
- gloves
- polar fleece jacket
- down jacket
- hard shell jacket
- 2L liquid container
- buffs
- warm hat
- small day pack to take inside the vehicle and for the Volcano climb
- trekking poles
- backpack/duffel/suitcase (will be stored on the roof of the vehicle)