

CHG Healthcare Expedition - BOLIVIA May 28- June 3, 2017

A landlocked nation of South America, Bolivia radiates a charming culture that sweeps across eastern lowlands, western highlands, and endless salt flats. Generous natives await each CHOICE expedition in the famed Altiplano region amidst Andean peaks at 13,000 feet above sea level.



DAY 1 Sunday, May 28

Arrive in La Paz \rightarrow Copacabana/Lake Titicaca

- *participants must arrive at El Alto International Airport (LPB) in La Paz before 8:00AM on DAY 1. AA arrives at 6am.
- · Official expedition activities will begin this morning. CHOICE will arrange group transportation from the airport to Copacabana (3.5 hr distance) for overnight accommodations (shared Double Rooms). Nestled on the banks of Lake Titicaca, the highest navigable lake in the world at over 12,000ft, Copacabana offers the chance to tour island ruins, explore local markets and enjoy a leisurely afternoon adjusting to the altitude. CHOICE staff and expedition leaders will provide a group orientation in the evening to discuss trip details. Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be served.

DAY 2 Monday, May 29

Copacabana → Village/Altiplano Region

· Breakfast served. Time to enjoy the morning in Copacabana. Group transportation will be provided to the Altiplano village/community (4-hour distance) where participants will be greeted with a warm welcome from native villagers. Dinner will be served. Time available to unpack, rest, and interact with local residents. Overnight accommodations provided inside the schoolhouse with straw mattresses provided.

DAY 3 Tuesday, May 30 – DAY 6 Friday, June 2

· Breakfast served in village. Development projects scheduled throughout the week (construction of library and computer room). Lunch will be served in the afternoons with a brief rest provided. Dinner will be served in the evenings. Village activities and interactions will be provided to promote powerful intercultural exchanges between participants and native villagers. Overnight accommodations provided inside the village church and/or schoolhouse.

DAY 7 Saturday, June 3

- Village/Altiplano Region \rightarrow La Paz · Breakfast served in village. Ceremonious village farewell scheduled in the morning. Group transportation will be provided back to La Paz (3-hour distance). Upon arrival to the capital, participants will check-in to Hotel Presidente for overnight accommodations (shared Double Rooms). Possible time at leisure to explore La Paz and its cultural surroundings. With the snow-capped peaks of Illimani in the distance, La Paz is a "breathtaking" site to explore resting at an altitude of more than 12,000 feet above sea level. First established in 1548 as part of the Spanish conquests, world travelers come here to admire the government palaces, peculiar museums, and vibrant handicraft markets.
- · Group dinner will be scheduled in the evening to conclude the expedition and discuss overall experiences and impressions.

DAY 8 Sunday, June 4

- Breakfast served at hotel. Early AM departure.
- *transportation will be provided to El Alto Airport (LPB) for international flight departures. AA departs at 6am.

\$1800 per person (airfare not included)

*rates include hotel accommodations, certified group leaders, village lodging, village meals, and local transportation.

A significant portion of each expedition fee is utilized for rural village development: project costs, construction materials, leadership building, and other elements leading to high-impact sustainable development.

Village/Altiplano Region

La Paz/Return home