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BOLIVIA: HUAYNA POTOSÍ



- Day 01** Depart the US for La Paz, Bolivia
- Day 02** Upon your arrival at the La Paz airport, a Mountain Link representative meets you outside of the customs area. Keep in mind that the airport is at 13,000 feet. Therefore, plenty of hydration on the flight is highly recommended. Ground transportation takes you to the hotel in the city. The remainder of the day is spent relaxing, hydrating, and acclimatizing. An evening orientation meeting takes place in the hotel lobby followed by a welcome dinner your lead guide will determine the time once all climbers have arrived. (D Only)
- Day 03** An early morning departure to Lake Titicaca starts the day. Our journey takes us across the Altiplano (high plateau) where we get our first view of the Cordillera Real and Huayna Potosí. Our group visits Suriki Island, home of the reed boat builders. This island was made famous by Thor Heyerdahl's RA Expedition, which attempted a transoceanic voyage in a reed boat constructed on Suriki Island. Here we have an acclimatization hike and take in the beautiful views of the lake and surrounding countryside. (B, L, D)
- Day 04** We leave La Paz to train and climb in the nearby Cordillera Real. We use burro support for our trek into a beautiful alpine lake located near the base of Condoriri. We spend the next two nights at a campsite (15,000 feet.) overlooking a lake. This site is a few hours from a great training area on a glacier. (B, L, D)
- Day 05** Today, the team reviews basic mountaineering techniques. We learn more advanced skills such as fixed line travel, ice climbing, and crevasse rescue. Most of the day is spent training, the extra time allows for more personalized hands-on experience. The evening is spent relaxing or possibly trout fishing. (B, L, D)
- Day 06** We head for Zongo Pass (15,000 feet.) located at the base of Huayna Potosí. After our morning trek, we enjoy a picnic lunch before boarding our private transportation for the journey to the pass. The evening is spent preparing for the climb that awaits us. (B, L, D)
- Day 07** Today we begin our ascent of the mountain Huayna Potosí. We climb through the lower moraines to the glacier at 16,300 feet. We rope up to begin our glacier travel to high camp at 17,500 feet. We use high-altitude porters to assist us in carrying group gear to high camp. The campsite is located in a beautiful basin. (B, L, D)
- Day 08** An early alpine start and light breakfast begin our summit day. Our ascent is both physically and technically challenging. The upper slopes and summit ridge are steep and demanding; fixed line travel may be involved in the final push to the summit. Upon reaching the summit, we may have time for photos, beautiful views, and reflection. Being attentive, we carefully descend to high camp where we spend the night. (B, L, D)

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- Day 09** Today, we break camp, pack up, and descend to Zongo Pass. Our private transportation meets us at the pass to take us to La Paz for much needed rest and celebration! Join the Mountain Link guides for a celebration dinner. The rest of the evening is free for festivities of your choice. (B, D, L)
- Day 10** Transportation is provided from the hotel to the airport for outbound flights. No meals included on this day.

**Itinerary subject to change*

***B: Breakfast; L: Lunch; D: Dinner. Initials note where meals are included. Lunches are snack style on the mountain.*