



Country Profile: Bolivia

Bolivia is a constitutional democracy and one of the least-developed countries in South America. Tourist facilities are generally adequate, but vary greatly in quality. The capital is La Paz, accessible by Bolivia's international airport in El Alto. Read the Department of State [Background Notes](#) on Bolivia for additional information.

COUNTRY OVERVIEW



Country Name:	Bolivia
Continent:	South America
Capital City:	La Paz
Boundary Countries:	Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay, Peru
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	Centro Medico – CEMES (La Paz) Centro Medico Quirurgico Boliviano – Belga (Cochabamba), Clínica Alemana (La Paz), Clinica Angel Foianini (Santa Cruz), Clinica Lourdes (Santa Cruz), Clinica ProSalud (Santa Cruz), Clínica Santa María (Santa Cruz), Clinica Sirani (Santa Cruz), Hospital Japones (Santa Cruz)
Main Cities:	La Paz, Sucre, Cobija, Trinidad, Puerto Aguirre, Tarija, Cochabamba, Oruro
Country Size:	1,098,580 sq km
Population:	9,119,152

COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language:	Spanish (official), Quechua (official), Aymara (official)
Currency:	Boliviano (BOB)
Predominant Religions:	Roman Catholic 95%, Protestant (Evangelical Methodist) 5%
National Holidays:	Independence Day, 6 August (1825)
Economic Status:	Bolivia is one of the poorest and least developed countries in Latin America. Following a disastrous economic crisis during the early 1980s, reforms spurred private investment, stimulated economic growth, and cut poverty rates in the 1990s. A decline in commodity prices that began in late 2008, a lack of foreign investment in the mining and hydrocarbon sectors, a poor infrastructure, and the suspension of trade benefits with the United States will pose challenges for the Bolivian economy in 2010.
Security:	Bolivian Armed Forces: Bolivian Army (Ejercito Boliviano), Bolivian Navy (Armada Boliviana; includes marines), Bolivian Air Force (Fuerza Aerea Boliviana, FAB)

US Presence:	U.S. Embassy in La Paz Avenida Arce 2780 Casilla 425 La Paz, Bolivia Phone: (591) 2-216-8000 Fax: (591) 2-216-8111
Major Airports:	Airports: 1,084, Airports with paved runways: 16 La Paz - J F Kennedy International Airport (LPB/SLLP) La Paz Airport, Bolivia, Casilla No 4382, Av Montes No 716, La Paz, BOLIVIA La Paz Airport, Bolivia, Km 13.5 Carretera Transpeninsular, La Paz, CP 28090, BOLIVIA Tel: +591 (010)2 281 0022, +591 (010)2 281 0240, (ATC) +591 (010)2 281 0203 Fax: +591 (010)2 281 1465, (ATC) +591 (010)2 281 0203 Email: eduardo.canelas@sabsa.aero or dqacnav@caoba.entelnet.bo Website: www.sabsa.aero Cochabamba - Jorge Wilstermann Airport (CBB/SLCB)Cochabamba Airport, Bolivia, Cochabamba, BOLIVIA Tel: +591 (010)4 459 1730 Fax: +591 (010)4 459 0106

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