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INTRODUCTION

Bolivia is the Andean country par excellence. The natural regions that are located there are only 2; the highlands (the Andes) and the jungle zone (Tropical). Both have very different climates and are due to special geographical factors. However, we can say that Bolivia is a country that can be enjoyed all 12 months of the year, depending on the area you want to visit.

That is why the Machu Travel Peru team is happy to give you all the information you need to know what is the perfect time to visit Bolivia and enjoy the Andean country to the fullest. We invite you to continue reading.

BEST TIME TO VISIT BOLIVIA



The best time to visit Bolivia is between May and October, the dry season. The climate is cool, with clear skies, bright sunshine, and no rain. Although nights can be chilly and the temperature can drop as low as 5°F, the country's hotel infrastructure has air-conditioned systems in rooms for comfortable nights.

The months of May, September, and October, in other words, the beginning and end of the dry season, are perfect for visiting Bolivia. This is because you will find fewer crowds in the attractions with all the goodness of the weather in this season.

Therefore, wearing a padded jacket, a thick windbreaker, as well as comfortable clothing such as trekking pants and a long-sleeved polo shirt is always recommended.

Despite being close to the equator, Bolivia is a country with a cold climate in most of its territory. This is due to its location in the central part of South America, where the Andes cross it from north to south. Precisely the Andes, also called the Andes mountain range, makes Bolivia at an altitude between 1500 to 6000 meters above sea level.

WHAT IS THE BEST TIME TO VISIT UYUNI?

The best time to visit the Uyuni salt flat is during the rainy season. That is, between December to April, the rainwater pours over the immense salt flat, creating a thin crystalline layer that reflects the sky and creates an impressive mirror effect with the sky. **The negative factor is that during this rainy season, the access roads to the salt flat are often flooded making it difficult to access Uyuni**, and you can find the skies completely cloudy.

On the other hand, the dry season runs from May to October and the absence of rain means that the access roads to Uyuni are firm. You can also find clear skies and starry nights, perfect for stargazing. **However, the mirror effect of the rains in the Salar will be absent this season.** Likewise, we recommend wearing warm clothes, even if you are visiting during the dry season, as the weather is usually extremely cool throughout the year.



2 BOLIVIAN REGIONS

As indicated above, Bolivia has two well-defined natural regions: the Andean mountain range, which includes the altiplano, and the jungle or tropical zone. Both have different climatic factors and it will depend a lot on which area you wish to visit to prepare yourself adequately. Below, we detail each of these zones.

A. THE ANDES AND THE ALTIPLANO

Generally, this area is located between 2500 to 6000 m.a.s.l. In the middle of the Andes mountain range and presents the most visited attractions by both foreign and domestic tourists, Lake Titicaca, the city of La Paz, and the Salar de Uyuni (in the altiplano area). The fresh air flows moderately throughout the year in these areas, being November the coldest month, it can even snow. The dry season from May to October is perfect to visit, as the absence of rain, clear skies, and imposing sunshine make the days more pleasant.

However, the rainy season, from November to April, makes the skies cloudy, the roads muddy and the atmosphere humid from the rains. This season is not for trekking or climbing enthusiasts.

B. THE JUNGLE AND LOW ZONES

The lowlands are located between 1500 to 2500 m.a.s.l. and clearly have a tropical climate all year round. Temperatures can reach 86°F. Of course, the eastern part of the country is predominantly green, and cities like Santa Cruz are located in this area. During the dry season, the climate is warm and shares the clear days, bright sunshine, and clear skies of the Andes. In contrast, the rainy season affects it with torrential rains, cloudy skies, and muddy roads. In addition, during this season the natural phenomenon called Surazo usually occurs. During this phenomenon, gelid winds from the south usually settle in the lowlands of Bolivia for up to 5 days.

Therefore, even if you are visiting tropical areas of Bolivia, it is always recommended to bring warm clothes.

THE DRY SEASON (MAY TO OCTOBER)



The dry season coincides with the winter season. As mentioned above, skies are clear and sunny, with cool winds during sunny hours. Precisely the days are shorter and the nights are colder, reaching even 5°F. The general characteristic of this season is that temperatures are slightly lower and there is less humidity in the jungle zone.

June to August is the high season for tourism, as it coincides with the mid-year vacations in Europe, the United States, and Canada. Reaching its peak in August. In this season the prices of tourist services such as hotels, restaurants, and travel agencies tend to become more expensive.

THE RAINY SEASON (NOVEMBER TO APRIL)

The rainy season coincides with the summer season worldwide. During this season, heavy rains fall constantly and many roads in the rainforest and mountainous regions are muddy and impassable.

For this reason, it is not recommended to visit Bolivia during this season. However, the prices of tourist services are usually cheaper, and river trips increase, due to the increased flow of water due to the rains.



BOLIVIA WEATHER MONTH BY MONTH

1. JANUARY (HAPPY NEW YEAR)

With rain falling across most of the nation, January is the wettest month of the year. Summertime temperatures are here! La Paz and Lake Titicaca have comfortable temperatures of 60°F, whereas the Santa Cruz area has temperatures in the mid to high 80s.

2. FEBRUARY (CARNIVAL)

It's muggy and rainy, even though there hasn't been much rain. The temperature is about the same as it was in January. Sucre and the southern Altiplano display daytime values in the range of 68°F - 72°F.

3. MARCH (HOLY WEEK)

It is the last month of the rainy season in Bolivia. The entire month is still experiencing extreme humidity levels. The Sucre region has high 60°F temperatures, the Santa Cruz area has high 80°F, and La Paz has low 60°F temperatures.

4. APRIL (GREENERY AND JOY)

April is regarded as a shoulder season for travel to Bolivia. The country becomes lush and green as the rains begin to lessen. Santa Cruz experiences a modest drop in temperature, reaching mid-80°F.

5. MAY (SAINT CROSS FESTIVITY)

The start of the dry season and winter occurs in May. This is one of the greatest seasons to visit Bolivia since hiking and trekking paths open up after the rains. In contrast, Santa Cruz experiences daily highs below 80°F, while La Paz and Lake Titicaca maintain comfortable temperatures around 60°F.

6. JUNE (CORPUS CHRISTI FESTIVITY)

June is regarded as one of the most favorable months to visit Bolivia. Everywhere in the nation, there is abundant sunshine during the day and a dry climate. La Paz experiences nightly lows of almost freezing and daily highs of about 60°F. Though typical maximum temperatures are only in the mid 50°F range and average minimum temperatures are below freezing, the Uyuni salt flats are a popular trip during this time of year.

7. JULY (VIRGEN DEL CARMEN PROCESSION)

Travelers flock here in July when the weather is dry and the sky is blue. It is a popular season to visit La Paz, the world's highest capital, even though it is one of the coldest months. Below-freezing temperatures are not unheard of.

8. AUGUST (INDEPENDENCE HOLIDAYS)

In Bolivia, August is among the busiest months of the year. Salar de Uyuni temperatures begin to gradually rise into the upper 50°F. La Paz, Lake Titicaca, and Potosi have daytime temperatures of about 60°F. Sucre has comfortable temperatures of 73°F.

9. SEPTEMBER (COCHABAMBA HOLIDAYS)

Even if there is a little bit more rainfall and fewer tourists.





This is still a great month to travel to Bolivia.

All around the nation, temperatures are trending upward, with the Southern Altiplano region maintaining a comfortable 65°F.

10. OCTOBER (RAINS BEGIN)

Increased rainfall signals the arrival of summer and the rainy season! The majority of other regions see higher rainfall than they did the previous month, with the exception of the Southern Altiplano region. It's expected that this trend will last until April.

11. NOVEMBER (ALL SOULS DAY)

The month is known for its gloomy mornings and rainy evenings. Rainfall amounts are much higher than in previous months. It is one of the warmest months of the year, nevertheless.

12. DECEMBER (CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR)

In Bolivia, December is one of the wettest months of the year. In Santa Cruz, the temperature is about 88°F, and it is hot and muggy. La Paz and Lake Titicaca are in the low 60°F, Sucre is in the low to mid-70°F, and the southern altiplano is around 70 degrees.



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As we come to an end, we realize that our words cannot adequately express the beauty and abundance of Bolivia. All the same, we guarantee that your life will change the instant you step foot in this magical Andean country. The team of **Machu Travel Peru** awaits you for another adventure.