

# CHALALÁN 5 DAYS 4 NIGHTS



**Route:** Live culture, ecotourism  
**Duration:** 5 days / 4 nights  
 Starts and ends in La Paz  
**Guide:** Spanish-speaking  
**Difficulty:** Average



## PROGRAMME

The flight from La Paz to Rurrenabaque takes 50 minutes. During the flight you will overfly the wonderful Tropical Andean Cordillera mountain range and the Amazon forest. We will wait for you at the Rurrenabaque airport and you will be accommodated in a first class hotel. Enjoy your free afternoon and visit the Rurrenabaque Amazon town.

After breakfast you will board the boat that will take you to Chalalán. That boat trip offers you the opportunity to watch the Bala Canyon on river Beni, afterwards you enter the Madidi on river Tuichi watching the Bolivian Amazon fauna and spectacular landscape. The outward trip takes around 5.30 hours. We get to the Chalalán port at 14.00. After the welcoming lunch you can have a nap in our hammocks or a swim in Lake Chalalán. At 4.00 p.m. we go for a short walk on which you will learn about building plants, useful timber, palms and natural resource traditional and sustainable use. We will reach the Lake mirador from where you can view the wonderful Chalalán lagoon landscape and the vast tropical primary Madidi forest. After that we get on a canoe trip along the shores of the Chalalán lagoon where you will view the sunset and local fauna: monkeys, birds, insects, bats, etc. After dinner we invite you to a night canoe trip to watch amphibians, nocturnal birds, fishing bats and alligators that are easily sighted because of the stunning glittering of their eyes.

After third day breakfast we go for a walk through the woodland (a 3 to 4 hour trek) where you will learn about the close forest and wildlife. In the afternoon we go for a short walk during which you will learn about medicinal plants and other interesting issues. Back at the hostel you can make your choice among the following activity options: handicraft activities, canoe trips on the lake and others. Later our traditional river fish-based "dunucubí" dinner is served. Then we go back to the forest for a night walk to watch amphibians, reptiles, insects, tarantulas, rodents, birds and nocturnal monkeys. Back in the hostel you can enjoy the traditional Quechua - Tacana night show with local music and dances from the San José de Uchupiamonas village community.

All along the fourth day we will have a long (6 hour) walk through different paths until reaching river Eslabón. There you can do some fishing or swimming in the natural river pools. Characteristics of the Eslabón area make it an ideal site to learn about local history. This trekking is fit for all visitors and offers a major possibility to watch wildlife such as spider monkeys, tapir, venison, wild pigs and if you are very lucky maybe a jaguar or a leopard. After dinner you can make your choice among optional activities such as a canoe night trip to watch the nocturnal fauna.

After fifth day breakfast we are going to walk until Chalalán port and board the boat for the return trip to Rurrenabaque. That return trip by boat only takes 3 hours. We reach Rurrenabaque before noon and take the return flight to La Paz.

## ADVICES

We recommend our visitors to carry fresh clothing, insect repellent and a small rucksack for your personal belongings.



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