

CHALALÁN 6 DAYS 5 NIGHTS



Route: Live culture, ecotourism
Duration: 6 days / 5 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 (5.30 hours) boat trip offers you the opportunity to watch the Bala Canyon and the Bolivian Amazon fauna and spectacular landscape..After the welcoming lunch at the hostel 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 go back 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 “*dunucuabi*” 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.

Along the fourth day we will have short and long walks towards Raya Mayu or Eslabón rivers. These walks include all the provided thematics such as fauna watching, ecological processes, interpreting of the different primary forest habitats and finally it is possible to do some piranha fishhook fishing on Raya Mayu River. At night you can go back to the woodland in order to watch more animals.

The fifth day we'll have a long (5 hour) trek to Salitral, an area where animals gather in order to feed on mineral clay. It is an ideal site to watch wildlife and talk about animal behaviour. Then we take the return trip by boat along river Tuichi. This trek is suitable for all visitors. The total duration of the journey is around 8 hours. This route provides a major watching possibility as to wildlife such as spider monkeys, howling monkeys, capuchin monkeys, tapir, venison, wild pigs, sloths, different kinds of parrots and if you are very lucky maybe jaguar.

After sixth 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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