



COMMUNITY-BASED TOURISM

KAWSAY WASI AND LA CHONTA TROPICS

Route:	Ecotourism
Duration:	5 days / 4 nights
	Starts in Cochabamba and ends in Santa Cruz
Guide:	Spanish-speaking
Difficulty:	Average

DAY 1 KAWSAY WASI

We leave Cochabamba in the morning at 08:30 and head to the Tropics. After lunch in Villa Tunari town we visit Carrasco National Park, located at a 20 minutes ride from Villa Tunari. There the Kawsay Wasi community guides will lead us along a path that reaches the bat and enigmatic oilbird caves, nocturnal birds that are endemic in the park. Then we'll enjoy the River San Rafael's crystalline water. After that, we return to Villa Tunari for dinner and accommodation.

DAY 2 PARQUE MACHIA

Early in the morning we head to the rock cocks-of-the-walk, after breakfast we visit "Parque Machia" that is a shelter for ill-treated wild animals – spider, capuchin and squirrel monkeys, badgers, *jochis*, pumas, bears, sloths, parrots. You certainly will have the chance to watch a wide range of monkeys and parrots. At 12:00 o'clock we have lunch in Villa Tunari and leave to Buena Vista where we spend the night.

DAY 3 LA CHONTA

During the morning we have a short coffee break in that coffee-growing village. Then we continue our trip to River Surutú where we take our ecological transportation to La Chonta hostel for accommodation. Free morning, lunch prepared by the local village women. During the afternoon we go for a walk to River Saguayo along a path where we enjoy the local fauna and flora, especially birds and mammals. You can have a refreshing swim in the crystalline water natural pools. After that we go back to the hostel, after dinner accommodation at La Chonta hostel.

DAY 4 SENDERO HELECHOS (FERN PATH)

Early in the morning we go for a bird-watch walk near *Lagunita del Serere*, a swampy area that captivates local animals. We go back to the hostel for breakfast and afterwards we head for another walk along the Fern Path where our guide explains us about the endemic flora of that primary forest. We return to the hostel for lunch and during the afternoon we can make our choice among several options: daily village activities, typical meal cooking, making of some characteristic local handicraft or others. Dinner and accommodation at the hostel and if you like we can still go for another night walk in order to watch the footprints of nocturnal animals that live in the Park.

DAY 5 SENDERO MARIMONOS (SPIDER MONKEY PATH)

After breakfast we go for a final walk along the *Sendero Marimonos* (Spider Monkey Path). Then we go back to La Chonta and head to Buena Vista village in order to get the transportation that will take us to Santa Cruz or Cochabamba cities.