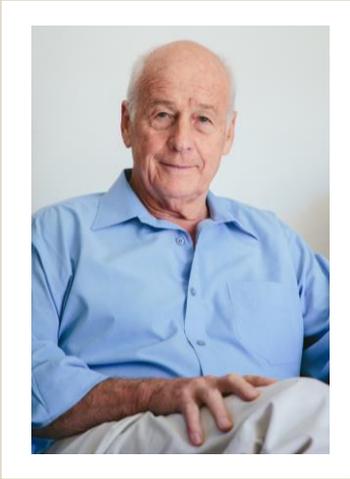




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Bolivia is both fascinating and alluring, offering contrasts and extremes. Join us as we tour from La Paz to Copacabana, Lake Titicaca, Yumani, Oruro, Uyuni, Villamar, Siloli Desert, San Pedro de Quemez, Colchani and Potosi.

Meet your Titch Tour Leaders



Tour leading for his favourite tour company, Titch Tours is Michael's main retirement hobby and fun, assisting his daughter Mandi Aliverti.

Titch Tours offers regular, fully-escorted tours to exotic destinations, catering for the "mature traveller". Michael has been leading tours for over 40 years, starting as early as his University days; that passion is still with him. He is fortunate to have his partner Linda Godlonton accompanying him, assisting him on most of the tours.

Michael loves life and seeks at all times to share his love of travel, as well as his travel brand of *joie de vivre*, with his fellow travellers, who become lifelong friends.



Mandi was born practically with a backpack on her back and a head filled with dreams of adventure. Given both her parents working in the industry, it's no surprise that Mandi went on to complete studies in travel and marketing before jetting off to explore the world.

She later returned to South Africa where she worked in the family travel businesses Titch Travel & Titch Tours for 12 years before being appointed as MD of Titch Tours back in 2008. In addition she holds the appointment as MD of Travel Concepts, as part of the Concepts Collection Group.

Mandi is married to her Italian husband Federico and they have 2 children, Gabriella and Claudio. Mandi promises to share her love of travel and all places foreign!

Information & Costs for Bolivia



Includes:

All accommodation, guided touring & entrance fees.
Train ticket : Oruro-Uyuni
Domestic airfare : Sucre-La Paz
Meals as indicated with Breakfast **(B)**, Lunch **(L)**, Dinner **(D)**

Excludes:

Airfare estimate :
From R18 500 ex Johannesburg
From R19 500 ex Cape Town
South Africa - Sao Paulo – Lima - La Paz Return

Per person sharing **R 42 000**

Single Supplement **R 8 500**

Based on 15 passengers

You will visit all the places included in the following itinerary. However, Titch Tours reserves the right to amend the itinerary according to conditions before, or at the time of, travel.

Estimated costings & Itinerary as at August 2017.

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03 JUNE 2018 | DEPART SOUTH AFRICA

Overnight flight from South Africa to **La Paz**, Bolivia.

04 JUNE 2018 | ARRIVE LA PAZ | (2 NIGHTS) | L D

On arrival we will be met and transferred to our hotel for lunch and check in. Dinner and overnight. Descending from the Altiplano, **La Paz** is a busy metropolis at the foot of the majestic snow-capped summits. Rivaling Rio or Hong-Kong, more than one and half million people inhabit the **highest capital in the world**, situated at an altitude of over 3200 meters. A distinguished city full of contrasts, busy La Paz presents a mix of the **ancient and the modern**.

05 JUNE 2018 | LA PAZ | BLD

Today we will enjoy a full-day tour exploring the city from the best viewpoints and into the **Moon Valley**. **La Paz** is the world's highest capital and one of the **New 7 Wonder Cities**, surrounded by the high picks of the Andes. From many parts of the city, we can admire the white summits of the **Cordillera Real** and the imposing Illimani, protector of the city. From the K'illi K'illi mirador and the Laykakota Park we will enjoy a panoramic view over the capital. The Montículo, in the bohemian Sopocachi is the classical meeting point of lovers and newlyweds for romantic pictures. Since 2014 La Paz is proud of its new gondolas. From the sky the panorama over the city and the mountains is unique and we can get an impression of the social gaps while flying over different neighborhoods. We will drive south, crossing the rich "Zona Sur" out of the city and in to the Moon Valley. Here we can enjoy the quiet and walk among the **lunar rock formations**. We will return to the historical center and wander around its colorful markets.

Rest of the day is at leisure. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

06 JUNE 2018 | LA PAZ – COPACABANA - YUMANI | (1 NIGHT) | BLD

Today we will depart the city and travel to **Lake Titicaca** and the **Cordillera Real**, until we reach Copacabana (3 ½ hours). We will have a boxed lunch en route. The bright town of **Copacabana** on the southern shore of **Lake Titicaca** was established around a splendid bay between two hills. Lake Titicaca... A name that evokes our childhood dreams, a true symbol of South America and has fascinated explorers and conquerors alike through the ages. The Titicaca is certainly the lake most sacred of Andean culture, situated in a truly privileged position, between the mysterious Peru and the dizzying heights of the Royal Cordillera, it takes in the magnificent panorama of these mountain ranges. Observed from the tranquil water of the lake, the peaks are genuinely like magnets. Aligned to each other, they form an extraordinary wall, an uninterrupted continuation of snowy heights reaching more than 6000 metres in altitude. Discover traces of ancient times on the islands: the **Temple of Chinkana**, the famous Temple of the Sun or the Virgin Temple on the Island of the Moon. Local beliefs here mix with the legends and it is not uncommon to hear of them from a wise person in one of the villages of Kalahuta or Tiquira.

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A **boat** will take us to the **Isla del Sol** (Island of the Sun), where we disembark at the old **Inca Palace of Pilkokaina** and enjoy a 40-minute walk to the village of **Yumani**, from where we will have magnificent views over the lake. **Yumani** is a small village located at the south of the Sun Island and offers fabulous views over the water to Moon Island.

Dinner and overnight.

07 JUNE 2018 | YUMANI – COPACABANA – LA PAZ | (1 NIGHT) | BLD

After breakfast a short **motorboat ride** will take us to the **Pilkokaina temple**, south of the island. This palace was built by Inca Tupac Yupanqui for its pilgrimages on the island. We then head to Isla de la Luna where we visit the temple of the Ñustas, The Inca virgins, before returning to Copacabana.

In the afternoon we will return to **La Paz** for overnight. (3 ½ hours) We will have a boxed lunch en route. Dinner and overnight.

08 JUNE 2018 | LA PAZ – ORURO - UYUNI | (1 NIGHT) | BLD

After breakfast we will transfer to **Oruro**, this will take a full morning. In the afternoon, we will then depart on the **train** called the Expreso del Sur, for **Uyuni**. We will arrive in Uyuni in the evening and be met and transferred to our hotel. This is a long day, so we will embrace it and enjoy watching the scenery change as we cross from the north of the country, to the south. The **Oruro** landscape goes from the big volcano peak, to the lakes and desert. The local economy is based on mines exploitation, farming and llamas cattle. Oruro called itself the folkloric capital of Bolivia and famous for its carnival, the most important in South America after Rio de Janeiro.

Uyuni has 20 000 inhabitants and located at an altitude of 3669m, the starting point of all the 4x4 expeditions towards the salt flat lake and Sud Lipez area.

The **Salars & Lipez region** is the end of the world, a deeply remote place in the most southern point of Bolivia. The only thing that disturbs this quiet environment are the rare volcanic eruptions, every millennium or so. The Uyuni **salt deserts** (Salars) are an immense rocky area from which emerge islands populated by giant cactuses, proves that even here life can survive. Further south, we truly penetrate the **desert of Lipez**, where the **multicolored lagoons** punctuate our journey to the Chilean border. Surrounding these islets of life one meets the true owners of the region: the **flamingos** !

Lunch and dinner will be enjoyed on **the train**.

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09 JUNE 2018 | UYUNI - VILLAMAR | (1 NIGHT) | BLD

We begin our journey across the **Sur Lipez area**, an elevated region of **colorful landscapes and lagoons, rock formations and volcanoes**. We will visit a collection of old **rusted train engines** from the glorious mining past of the region. We continue south, making various stops to visit villages, in particular the model urbanization of Culpina K. Here the population has decided to waive working in mines and organized to ensure that the whole community can live from the culture of **quinoa** and from community based tourism. We will have lunch in the village of **San Cristobal**, where we can visit a beautiful colonial church if we are lucky (it is not always open). We continue across the region of **Rio Grande** to reach the village of **Villamar** (4022 m.a.s.l.) at the end of the afternoon. 190 km distance covered today in a jeep. Villamar is a small village located in the Sud Lipez area and at an altitude of 3600 meters.

Dinner and overnight.

10 JUNE 2018 | VILLAMAR – SILOLI DESERT | (1 NIGHT) | BLD

During our second day in the Sur Lipez we will discover the most famous highlights of the region. We start the day with the **Laguna Colorada**. This immense **lake of pinkish water** owes its name to the presence in its waters of light sensitive phytoplankton, which also attracts **thousands of flamingos** for parts of the year. We will then visit the **geysers Sol de Mañana**, a **volcanic crater** with sulphur springs and boiling mud. Next stop: the **Polques thermal springs**. You are almost 4200 m.a.s.l. but get ready to **jump into hot water** (86° F/30° C), surrounded by an **amazing frozen landscape!** We will then jump back into the jeeps and ride along the Laguna Salada and the **Dali Desert**. Here the strong wind has created surprising rock formations that reminds the work of the Spanish master. At midday we will reach the **Laguna Blanca and Laguna Verde** at the foot of **volcanoes Juriques and Licancabur**. After having driven around 170 km, this is the very south of Bolivia, close to the Chile border. From here we will drive 90 km back to the Laguna Colorada and 70 km more to the north to reach the Siloli Desert, where we will spend the night. Just before arriving we will discover the famous **“Stone Tree”**.

Dinner and overnight.

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11 JUNE 2018 | SILOLI DESERT – SAN PEDRO DE QUEMEZ | (1 NIGHT) | BLD

This morning we head north along the Chilean border on the scenic “Route of the Jewels”, which owes its name to all the **lagoons** along its way: Honda, Ch’arkota, Hedionda, Cañapa, home to **three species of flamingos**. We stop at the view point of **volcano Ollagüe**, an **active volcano** that shelters one of the world’s highest open pit **copper mines**. We then cross the small Salar de Chiguana located at the foot of volcano Tomasamil. After riding 170 km we will reach the village of Pedro de Quemez, where we will spend the night.

Dinner and overnight.

12 JUNE 2018 | SAN PEDRO DE QUEMEZ - COLCHANI | BLD

Today we leave the Sur Lipez and drive across the **world’s largest salt plain**, stopping first at the **Galaxy Cave**, famous for its very finely **sculpted stalactites**. After a two hour ride we will reach the famous Salar de Uyuni and ride on the salt desert to reach the Island of Incahuasi. This **surprising island** lost in the middle of the salar, offers an incredible view over the Salar and the several volcanos that surround it. Of volcanic origin, it is covered with **stromatolites and giant cacti** (stromatolites are fossilized bacterial colonies, first traces of life on earth). In the afternoon, we continue in the **white desert** until arriving at Colchani. Just before leaving the Salar, we will visit a salt exploitation and the **only salt hotel** built on the Salar (closed since 2001).

Dinner and overnight.

13 JUNE 2018 | UYUMI - POTOSI | (1 NIGHT) | BLD

We will depart Uyuni and cross the Cordillera de los Frailes to reach **Potosí**. The so-called “**Imperial City**” had a time of international glory in the 16th and 17th century when it sheltered the world’s **largest silver mine**. Nowadays the Cerro Rico (“Rich Hill”) is still exploited but the glory in memory. On the way, we will stop in **Pulacayo**, a village famed for being the second largest silver mine in South America in the 17th and 18th century. It is now almost a ghost town, but the museum shows its heyday past. We will arrive in **Potosí** and visit the **Casa de la Moneda**, one of the most important historical buildings of the city, a **World Heritage Site** by the UNESCO. Until the 19th century the coins of the Spanish crown were minted here.

Dinner and overnight.

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14 JUNE 2018 | POTOSI - SUCRE | (2 NIGHTS) | BLD

This morning we will visit a **mine in Cerro** and see the miners at work. This encounter can be overwhelming since the miners (of all ages) work in very hard conditions.

We depart for **Sucre**, a lovely small colonial city. We will leave behind the Altiplano and descend to the **Chuquisaca Valley**. Here we will cross the Pilcomayo River on the Sucre Bridge; an interesting structure that looks like a medieval construction, even if built in the 19th century. We will arrive in Sucre after around 3 hours on the road.

Sucre, the **first capital of Bolivia**, resembles today a quiet provincial capital. Its architectural wealth is unequalled. Here, no skyscrapers disturb the harmony of the stone bleached by the sun, or the skilful terracing of the red roofs and the clear understated silhouettes of the numerous steeples of the city.

Dinner and overnight.

15 JUNE 2018 | SUCRE | BLD

Today we spend the day in the beautiful “**white city**” of Sucre, another **World Heritage Site** by the UNESCO and also constitutional capital of Bolivia, famed for its beautiful colonial architecture and its numerous churches. We will start our city tour with the Convento de la Recoleta, **monastery** of the Franciscan order build in 1601, continuing to the Museum of Indigenous Art and The Casa de la Libertad, where the Independence Act was signed in 1825. We will end the day visiting the Monastery of San Felipe Nery, enjoying a beautiful view over the city from its terrace.

Dinner and overnight.

16 JUNE 2018 | SUCRE – EL ALTO AIRPORT – LA PAZ | (1 NIGHT) | BLD

After breakfast we will transfer to the airport. **Fly Sucre-La Paz**. On arrival in La Paz we will transfer to our hotel. Afternoon at leisure.

17 JUNE 2018 | DEPART LA PAZ | B

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for our flight home.

18 JUNE 2018 | ARRIVE SOUTH AFRICA

Map of Bolivia



Titch Tours Booking Form | Bolivia | June 2018

Please complete this booking form and return it with your deposit of R 10,000 and photo-copy of your passport to Travel Concepts.

Tour (please tick if you are interested in the extension):		India:		Sri Lanka:	
Name as per passport:					Title:
Name you wish to be called:		Maiden name (if applicable):			
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If you have two passports, which one will you be travelling on:					
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Please note that we can only request your choice of seating and cannot confirm it.					
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In the case of passengers travelling alone who wish to share twin accommodation, we endeavour to fulfil these requests. However, should this not be possible, a single room supplement will be payable.					
Name of next of kin /friend:		Relationship:			
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<p>I enclose my cheque for the deposit of R 10,000 (or will do so, or have done so by eft) to secure a place on the tour. Furthermore I confirm I have read, understood and accept the terms & conditions (as overleaf) of travelling on tour with Titch Tours, a division of Travel Concepts. I also note that the balance of the cost of the tour is payable 6 weeks before departure; costed January 2017, based on 15 full paying passengers. Please contact us if you are 85 years or older at time of travel before booking.</p> <p>Signed this.....day of.....2017 Signature</p> <p>Method of payment: tick applicable one</p> <p>Air ticket: Bank transfer <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Credit card <input type="checkbox"/> No. _____ Expiry date: _____ 3 digit code: _____</p> <p>Card type: _____ Bank name: _____</p> <p>Land & Deposit (no credit card): bank transfer <input type="checkbox"/> cheque <input type="checkbox"/></p>					
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Accommodation | In specially chosen hotels with private facilities; 4 star hotels in cities and 2-3 star hotels in the Uyuni / South Lipez (the best accommodation provided in the desert).

Airline Clause | The carrier(s) concerned will not be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time the passengers are not aboard the aircraft or conveyance. The passenger ticket in use by the airline concerned, when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the airline(s) concerned and the purchaser of this tour and/or the passengers.

Baggage | One piece of luggage per person not exceeding 20 kilograms (on an exceptional basis this may be increased to 23 kilograms) plus one piece of cabin luggage/carry-on, not exceeding a total length of 115cm.

Cancellation | All cancellations must be made in writing. Titch Tours reserves the right to claim all or a portion of the fares paid by passenger(s) who cancel(s) reservations. In accordance with standard procedures adopted by tour operators worldwide, Titch Tours reserves the right to cancel the tour prior to departure without any further liability to Titch Tours, other than making an appropriate refund, at the discretion of Titch Tours, of amounts paid to Titch Tours in respect of the tour.

Fares/Flights | The tours are generally costed excluding international airfares. Accordingly Titch Tours recommends the air carrier, according to the destination of the tour, based on convenience of the flights/connections recommended and competitive pricing.

Gratuities | Tips for personal services are not included. Tips for the guides and drivers are not obligatory, but are customary and are left to the discretion of the travellers; ideally these are collected by the tour leader at the beginning of the tour.

Insurance | Comprehensive insurance cover is strongly recommended and is obtainable through Titch Tours, which constitutes an additional expense. Please note if you are 85 years or older at the time of travel to contact us regarding your insurance.

Itinerary | The itinerary is subject to alteration, without notice, where necessary, according to the conditions en route.

Meals | Breakfast, Lunch and/or Dinner daily shall be supplied, as specified in terms of the itinerary and subject to clause 8 above, by the symbol B, L or D.

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Liabilities | Titch Tours, its employees, the Tour Operators and/or their agents, in making arrangements for the tour, act as agents only and on condition that they shall not be held liable for injury, damage or any loss arising in respect of their services. Participation in the tour is strictly undertaken at the traveller's own risk. Titch Tours warrants that whilst it will use its reasonable endeavours to ensure that the services are carried out timeously, and accordingly it cannot warrant such services and cannot be held liable for any claims of whatsoever nature by any person whosoever, arising directly or indirectly out of, or in consequence of its services.

Not included in tour price | The tour specifically excludes all entertainment not shown in the itinerary, insurance cover, flights/fares, gratuities, meals or food purchased over and above the tour menus, morning and afternoon teas, beverages, wines, spirits, laundry, optional tours, additional portorage, telephone calls or any other incidental expense etc.

Passport and Visas | Travellers will be advised of visa requirements, if any, in relation to the destination(s) of the tour. Travellers are furthermore requested to ensure that their passports are valid for at least 6 months after the end of the tour, and that there are a minimum of 2 (two) blank and consecutive pages in the passport still unused for the purpose of applying for a visa, if required.

Payment | A deposit of R10 000 is required at the time of booking. The cost of the tour in question will be based on the advertised minimum full-paying passengers. In the event that less than the minimum number of full-paying passengers are on the tour, the tour cost may change, in which event the traveller will be entitled to withdraw from the tour if desired, and will be refunded any monies paid for the tour, provided the payment for the tour has not already been remitted to the destination country/countries in question.

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