

SITE HEALTH AND SAFETY SHEET



Background Information:

1. Date Updated: October 9, 2019
2. Country: Bolivia
3. Community: Cochabamba
4. Main Partners: CEOLI, OESER, IFFI Parque Aves Agroflori, Caramarca Otavi School
5. Year Began Operating in Country: 1996

Emergency Contacts:

1. Amizade 24 Hour Line: 412-444-5166
2. Local Site Director Number: Jean Carla Costas: 591-774-18060
3. Local Police: 422-6632
4. US Embassy: 591-2-216-8000

Transportation Information:

1. Vehicles Up-to-code (y/n)?: Yes
2. Driver with Proper License (y/n)?: Yes
3. Notable Road Hazards: Rural mountainous roads can be very windy, in poor condition, and generally dangerous. Caution should be taken when travelling outside of Cochabamba.

Housing Logistics:

1. Location of Lodging:

Cochabamba

Hostal Cobija

Calle Tumusla (plaza cobija) 368

Cochabamba, Bolivia

+591 4 4259701

A small hostel with private rooms.

Hotel Anteus

Potosi 1365

Cochabamba, Bolivia

+591 4 4485278

A larger, slightly nicer hotel on the north side of town near the shops and restaurants of Av. America.

Vinto

Casa de Retiros

Across from the Plaza

Vinto, Cochabamba, Bolivia

A retreat center in the small town of Vinto. Casa de Retiros offers several basic private rooms, meals, and classroom space. They also have a large garden and patio, the entire complex is gated.

La Paz

Hotel Madre de la Tierra.

Av. 20 de Octubre Nro. 2080, casi esq. Aspiazu (Sopocachi)

La Paz, Bolivia

Santa Cruz

Hotel K Misional

(a frente a la ampliación de la Plaza 24 de Septiembre)

Manzana 1 de Santa Cruz de la Sierra

2. Notable Lodging Concerns: There are a number of suitable hotels and hostels in the area, but booking must be made in advance to secure at particular price levels.
3. Emergency Evacuation Plan: Meet in lobby/ gathering place and await further instructions.

Health/Medical:

1. Closest Advanced Medical Facility:
Centro Médico Boliviano Belga
Calle Antezana, entre Venezuela y Paccieri N-0455
Phones: 422-9407/423-1403/425-0928
2. Notable Local Health Concerns: The water in Bolivia is unsafe to drink. Intestinal and stomach bugs are common. Altitude is also a concern, especially in La Paz.

Classroom/Admin Space:

1. Location of Classroom Space: Some hotels/ hostels have meeting/ classroom space available. If additional classroom space is required, it can be booked in advance at one of the universities or another location.
2. Notable Space Concerns: none.

Technology/Communication:

1. Internet Access (Non-Existent, Unreliable, Sporadic, Reliable, Good, Excellent): Reliable- WiFi is widely available at all accommodation sites and at cafes around town.
2. Ability for Video-Chat (y/n)?: Yes
3. Cell Network (Non-Existent, Unreliable, Sporadic, Reliable, Good, Excellent): Good
4. Electrical Conversion: 115V, 220V, 230V

Country Profile:



US State Department Country Page:

<http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/country/bolivia.html>

2. Visa/Permit Information:
US Citizens are required to get a visa for Bolivia, visa can be obtained upon arrival in Bolivia.

Notable Country-wide Health, Safety, and Security Risks:
Cochabamba and La Paz are both major cities and therefore have the same safety and security risks as any large city. Volunteers are advised to stay aware of their surroundings at all times and to take taxis (rather than walking or using public transportation) in certain areas after dark. Please see *Armada Global and Amizade's Bolivia Security Brief*