

Follow Up

We hope that this immersion experience will touch your heart and that the connections you make with the Bolivian people will last a lifetime. Maryknoll Lay Missioners offer opportunities for follow-up reflection, continued growth and action in global solidarity – and for spiritual discernment and discovery of God's call to mission and service.

Roundtrip airfare is not included. Airfare cost from Miami is approximately \$ 844.

Make sure your passport is valid through February 2020!

Sign Up Now

Deadline: May 7, 2019

Logistics and Costs

Total: \$ 1,865 (ground cost plus registration fee). Program fees cover all lodging and meals, all transportation within the country, English-Spanish speaking guides, medical insurance with medical evacuation, cultural activities, and tourist fees.

Contact Us Today!

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BOLIVIA
Andean Pilgrimage
August 7 – 17, 2019



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To make a reservation, please request a registration form by e-mailing or calling (see contact information on back cover).

Submit it to *Friends Across Borders* with a copy of your passport and your \$250 deposit.

We look forward to welcoming you to Bolivia!



*Deepen
Your
Faith!*

Experiential Education

The focus of the trip is meeting and making friends with Bolivians and learning about their socio-political realities, culture, faith, and history. By accompanying the Maryknoll lay missionaries in their daily ministries, you will gain unique insights into the contemporary struggles of the oppressed in Bolivia.

Bienvenido, Bienvenida a Bolivia - Welcome to Bolivia!



Come to Bolivia, one of the most impoverished nations in the western hemisphere. Your pilgrimage will occur at a fascinating time. For the first time in history, the people of Bolivia have elected an indigenous president – Evo Morales Aima. After centuries of oppression, the people of Bolivia have renewed hope and strength in their struggles for equality, justice and dignity.

You will have a firsthand opportunity to see how a country made up of over 40 different ethnic groups (approximately 65% of the population is indigenous) is struggling to fully incorporate these historically oppressed peoples into society. You will be a witness to the on-going change in daily life. The Bolivia pilgrimage with these incredible people will stir your heart, inspire your faith, and deepen your desire for peace and justice in the world.

Preparation

Prior to leaving Friends Across Borders will provide an orientation which will include a detailed presentation about the program and cross-cultural education and important cultural norms to follow during the experience.

You will explore important issues such as immigration, use of natural resources, and the empowerment of historically marginalized sectors of society; you will also learn about the history of mission to the Bolivian people.



What We Will Do There

The trip will focus on the following activities:

1. Accompany Maryknoll Lay Missioners in their ministries, including education, immigration, health service, youth groups, children and elderly ministries and criminal justice.
2. Learn about the history and the future of mission in Bolivia at the Maryknoll Mission Center in Cochabamba.
3. Participate in Indigenous celebrations of Virgen of Urkupiña, the Feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary.
4. Experience the wide diversity of Bolivia's national cuisine and dance to the indigenous music.
5. Buy crafts such as pottery, weavings, indigenous musical instruments and the highest quality hand knit Alpaca.
6. Visit Villa Tunari and experience a retreat surrounded by nature and wildlife.

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