

# Bolivia Child Refuge

*Provide children with a safe environment in which they can grow – work to keep them off the street, prevent them from dropping out of school, and give them hope.*

Discover the secrets of the landlocked heart of South America. Behold the marvels of magically surreal salt flats, lofty cities perched on canyon sides and the juxtaposition of Amazonian and Andean landscapes. Bolivia has one of the most fascinating and varied cultures of the continent. The echoes of ancient civilizations resonate throughout the ruined cities, busy markets overflow with rainbow coloured textiles and chicken buses navigate their way along winding mountain roads. With such an abundance of experiences to offer, your time in Bolivia is sure to be unforgettable.

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- Bring light & laughter to disadvantaged children
- A unique view of this mystical part of the world
- Discover the local culture and delicacies

## PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum age of 18 years
- Basic Spanish recommended
- Please check availability when applying for this project!

## FAST FACTS

<b>Location</b>	La Paz, Bolivia
<b>Activities</b>	Educational support Light manual labour Playing games & sports Tutoring
<b>Transport</b>	Transport from the airport
<b>Accommodation</b>	Private Apartment or social hostel

## WHAT DOES THE PROJECT DO?

Approximately 500,000 children between the ages of six and nineteen work in the informal sector and are poorly paid and often exploited. These children can be orphans, children who live or work on the streets but maintain contact with their families, or children who live with relatives because their parents have migrated elsewhere. This project seeks to provide children with a safe environment in

which they can grow. You will be working to keep children off the street, preventing children from dropping out of school, and raising academic levels.

## **WHAT WILL I BE DOING?**

Your work will focus on educational support and general interaction with the children. You will also encourage the children to strengthen their characters and expand their practical skills by participating in small projects involving light manual labour.

All children are required to complete one hour of chores each day including such tasks as cleaning, taking care of the orchard, washing up, mowing the lawn, cooking and general maintenance. Children and volunteers frequently engage in sports and other games that aid in the development of motor skills and physical fitness. Children who excel in their academic studies are rewarded with such activities as camping, mountain climbing, hiking, and cycling.

## **WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I ARRIVE?**

You will be met upon arrival by a friendly Frontier representative from La Paz airport, and after a period of briefing and familiarisation you will be escorted to your project location in the centre of La Paz.

## **WHERE WILL I BE STAYING?**

Throughout the duration of your project you will be staying at a centrally located popular hostel, in a large mixed sex dorm room. The hostel will be a social hub where you will have the opportunity to meet other volunteers and travellers. The accommodation will be basic but of course clean and comfortable. You will also have the opportunity to upgrade your accommodation to a clean and comfortable private apartment situated in the city centre – an exciting chance to live like a true Bolivian! The apartment option includes a private bathroom, TV and Wifi and access to a shared kitchen and laundry. You will have your own room, flushing toilet, shower, bed linen and internet is available locally.

## **WHAT WILL I BE EATING?**

If staying at the hostel you will be provided with a continental breakfast at the start of the day. All other meals will be your own responsibility. If you opt to upgrade to the private apartment then this project will be entirely self catered. Sourcing food in the capital is relatively easy with typical dishes including rice or potatoes, meat, plantains and eggs. Bolivian food is generally not very spicy but if you like a little extra kick, you may like to try la llajwa – a spicy chilli and tomato sauce! Based centrally you will be able to venture out into the bustling markets, or enjoy a more relaxed meal in one of the many local restaurants.

## **COSTS**

2 weeks	US\$ 945
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Extra week	US\$ 345
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## DEPARTURE DATES

The project runs year round, departing every Saturday.

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## DURATION

You can join this project for a minimum of 2 weeks to a maximum of 6 months

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

### Before you go

- Pre-departure support
- Travel & medical advice & documentation
- Equipment advice
- Discounted medical kit
- Free Frontier t-shirt (UK only)

### In-country

- Food (hostel option)
- Accommodation
- Local orientation
- Project training
- In-country emergency support
- 24-hour international HQ backup

## AIRPORT INFORMATION

Nearest airport(s): La Paz (LPB)

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Call us on 020 7613 2422 (UK) / 1 949 336 8178 (US)

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