



TRAVEL ADVISORY

Weather

Santa Cruz de la Sierra has a hot and humid climate characteristic of Amazonian cities.

Fall weather in Bolivia is mildly hot and fairly rainy but not as rainy as the summer. The fall season in Santa Cruz goes from March 21st to June 21st with an average High of 27 C (84.3 F) and an average Low of 16.7 C (66 F). Please bring appropriate clothes.

Currency

The official currency is the **Bolivian Boliviano (BOB)**. The safest way to change foreign currency into Bolivianos is through a bank or at the hotel. Payments in U.S. Dollars are accepted in most of the shops and restaurants.

Current exchange rate: 1 USD= 6,9 BOB and 1 BOB= 0,14 USD

Health and Security

Foreign citizens must present their International Certificate of Vaccination against yellow fever upon arrival in Bolivia.

As in any other big city, we strongly recommend for your safety that you don't leave your bag or belongings unattended. Always keep your passport, air ticket and other valuable items in a safe place and avoid carrying high amount of money.

NB: please notify us by email on any dietary restriction you may have

Visas

For those who need a visa to enter Bolivia, you are entitled to receive a visa upon arrival at the airport in Santa Cruz.

Please **print** the **migration letter** that the PEP secretariat sent to you along with **all the other documents** that have been sent to you and present them to the Immigration authorities once in Bolivia.

You will have to pay the amount of **55 USD (360 Bs)** **by cash** for visa fees. In case of any problem when boarding, transiting or at your arrival please immediately contact Natalia Zegarra at **591 70750824** email: nzegarra@inesad.edu.bo (cc to the PEP secretariat).

NB: A 25 USD fee is to be paid as airport tax to exit Bolivia.

Airport Transfers

Upon your arrival at the airport in Santa Cruz, please look for the Hotel Cortez Representative at the arrival area with a sign board of the conference and you shall be assisted to your airport shuttle to Hotel Cortez.

Airport pick up arrangements are already paid by PEP and have been made based on the flight details that you have provided the conference secretariat. In case there are changes in the details of your flight, please make sure to advise the conference secretariat immediately.

PEP Secretariat

Participants may register at the secretariat room "Paraba Azúl" at Cortez Hotel from April 28th, 9:00 AM. Conference kits and badges will be provided.

Meals

Breakfast and lunch will be served in "**La Poza del Bato Tahuichi Urubichá**" restaurant inside the hotel.

There are many other restaurants outside the hotel for the days PEP is not offering the meals.

Social events

May 4th City Tour around Santa Cruz- Departure from the hotel: 10:00 AM – 17:30 PM

May 7th all the conference delegates are invited to a cultural dinner to be held at “Jardín de Asia”. Departure from the hotel at 7 PM. There will be buses outside the hotel.

For any assistance you may need, please contact the Conference secretariat from April 28th in Hotel Cortez, Santa Cruz:

1.- Aissatou Diop/Awa Diop/Marie Celeste Diouf e-mail: info@pep-net.org
Hotel Cortez: +591 3 3331234

2.- Natalia Zegarra (INESAD- Local organizer) email: nzegarra@inesad.edu.bo
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3.- Anne Bernadette Mandap, bernadette.mandap@benilde.edu.ph
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Assistance

- Emergency number: **70750824**
- Police in Santa Cruz: **110**
- Hotel Cortez: +591 3 3331234
- Tourist assistance: Sandra Rivera: sandra.rivera@magriturismo.com
Tel (591 – 3) 3344559

Disfrutes Bolivia! Enjoy Bolivia!

