Mission Trip
To
Cochabamba, Bolivia
June 29 – July 7
Overview

**Cochabamba** or **Quchapampa** is a city of over 630,000 people in central Bolivia, in the Cochabamba Valley. The name is derived from 2 words in the indigenous language of Quechua, qucha meaning “lake” and pampa meaning “open plain.” Cochabamba is also known as the “City of Eternal Spring, and “The Garden City,” because of its spring like temperatures year round. The Cochabamba Valley has been inhabited for over a thousand years by numerous indigenous groups prior to the Spanish. Cochabamba was originally named Villa de Oropesa and was founded in 1571. It was renamed Villa de Cochabamba in 1786.

Amistad Mission provides housing and a familial atmosphere for the orphaned and abandoned children of Cochabamba, Bolivia. La Villa is comprised of 8 houses, each with its own dedicated, full-time “Mama” and “Tia” (aunt). These houses create a family unit that is stable and consistent throughout each child's early years. The Amistad “mamas” are supported in their work by social workers, counselors, educators and doctors who work together as a team to address each child’s unique needs. In addition, from daily chapel to our Catecheses of the Good Shepherd program, our children learn the love of Christ.

This is a deeply relational mission to work and play alongside the children of the family-centered Amistad Mission orphanage. The highlight for all attendees will be facilitating the annual Olympic Games for children from Amistad and neighboring orphanages. The trip also will include an overnight visit to the mountain village of Arimasi. For more information on Amistad Mission: [http://www.amistadmission.org](http://www.amistadmission.org).

For more information on Bolivia: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cochabamba](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cochabamba)

For more information on the Diocese of Bolivia: [http://www.episcopalchurch.org/anglican-diocese/bolivia](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/anglican-diocese/bolivia)
Fees and Travel

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Per person - $700.00
The above cost covers lodging, most meals included in the itinerary, except for a few nights out, tours and land transportation. You will need to make your own flight arrangements. You will need to book travel to be in Santa Cruz, Bolivia by 8:00 AM, Sunday, June 30. We will be flying from Santa Cruz to Cochabamba midday on June 30. We will be completing the mission trip on Thursday, July 7 but you can extend your trip if you wish to experience more of Bolivia or travel elsewhere. Round trip airfare averages about $1,300. Flights are filling up, so it is important to make flight arrangements soon.

Recommended Flights:

6/29/-6/30/2016
American Airlines Flight 5727 Leaves Houston Intercontinental 12:25 PM arrives Dallas/Ft. Worth 1:35 PM
Transferring to:
Transferring to:
American Airlines Flight 922 Leaves Miami International 10:21 PM Arrives LaPaz, Bolivia 4:54 AM, then continues to Santa Cruz, Bolivia leaving 6:00 AM arriving Santa Cruz 7:20 AM

7/7/2016
American Airlines Flight 922 Leaves Santa Cruz, Bolivia 8:50 AM arrives Miami International 3:45 PM
Transferring to:
American Airlines Flight 1588 Leaves Miami International 6:46 PM arrives Dallas/Ft. Worth 8:48 PM
Transferring to:
American Airlines Flight 5759 Leaves Dallas/Ft. Worth 10:00 PM arrives Houston Intercontinental 11:08 PM

**All internal flights in Bolivia will be arranged by St. Martin’s World Missions. Any additional travel should be arranged out of Santa Cruz.**

Visas

Visas are needed to travel in Bolivia, if you do not have a current visa, it can be obtained at the airport in Santa Cruz. Cost is approximately $160 US Dollars (this will be an additional out of pocket expense if you need a visa). For more information on visas and travel: http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/country/bolivia.html.

Weather in Bolivia

June and July is Winter in Bolivia, however, Cochabamba has a mild climate, with days averaging mid 60’s to low 70’s F and nights averaging mid 30’s – mid 40’s F. Plan to dress in layers. Aramasi is up in the mountains, so will be colder than in Cochabamba.
Mission Trip Contacts

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In Case of Emergency, Contact the U.S. Embassy in La Paz, Bolivia:
http://bolivia.usembassy.gov/emergency-contact.html
During business hours call: [011] (591-2) 216-8246
After business hours call: [011] (591-2) 216-8500
## Itinerary (Tentative)

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*Subject to Change*

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<td>Wednesday, June 29</td>
<td>Depart U.S., with connections in Dallas/Ft. Worth and Miami</td>
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<tr>
<td>Thursday, June 30</td>
<td>Arrive Santa Cruz, Bolivia by 7:30 AM to make connecting flight to Cochabamba by 9:30 AM Lunch, settle in (i.e. nap)</td>
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<td>Friday, July 1</td>
<td>At La Via Orphanage/Amistad</td>
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<td>Take Youth House to dinner</td>
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<td>Saturday, July 2</td>
<td>San Martin House play day; Los Globos lunch and park</td>
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<td>Sunday, July 3</td>
<td>Olympics at Amistad!</td>
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<td>Monday, July 4</td>
<td>Depart for Aramasi</td>
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<td>Tuesday, July 5</td>
<td>Return from Aramasi</td>
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<td>Youth House dinner</td>
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<td>Wednesday, July 6</td>
<td>Final visit to La Via</td>
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<td>Leave for Santa Cruz, stay at Hotel Cortez</td>
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<td>Thursday, July 7</td>
<td>Return to Houston</td>
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