



Logistics and Costs

The total ground cost is \$1225 + \$200 non-refundable (unless program is cancelled) registration fee per person. Program fees cover all lodging and meals, all transportation within the country (including national air travel), medical insurance with medical evacuation, English-Spanish speaking guides, cultural and tourist activities.

International airfare, taxes, and visa are not included. Friends Across Borders will provide information on obtaining a visa and immunizations, and will help you make the international flight arrangements. Participants are required to arrive and leave Bolivia on predetermined dates.

Make sure your passport is up-to-date through August 2012!



To make a reservation,

please request an application form at www.friendsacrossborders.org or by calling 914-762-6364 ext. 207, fill it out and send it to **Friends Across Borders** with a copy of your passport and your \$200 deposit. We look forward to welcoming you to Bolivia! See contact information on back cover.

Follow Up

We hope that this experience will touch your heart and that you will make personal connections with MKLM missionaries and Bolivian people that will last a lifetime.

Maryknoll Lay Missioners offers opportunities for spiritual discernment and for the ongoing discovery of God's call to serve. After your trip, **Friends Across Borders** can offer concrete recommendations for continued service and active participation in mission.



Sign Up Now

Deadline: January 30, 2012

Group size: 15 (maximum), 10 (minimum)

Contact Us Today!

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BOLIVIA

Andean Pilgrimage

March 30 – April 14, 2012



*A shared journey
 of faith through
 a cross-cultural
 immersion experience*

Friends Across Borders

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 moment in Bolivian History. In December of 2005, the people of Bolivia elected their first 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 13 different ethnic groups (approximately 65% of Bolivia's population is indige-



nous) is struggling to fully incorporate these historically oppressed peoples into society.

You will be a witness to the ongoing revolution in daily life. You will have the unique opportunity to meet with social activists, church workers, and Aymara and Quechua spiritual community leaders.

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

1. Accompany Maryknoll Lay Missioners in their ministries, including education, immigration, health service, water projects, youth groups, and criminal justice.
2. Meet with Bolivian activists, community and spiritual leaders.
3. Participate in the Holy Week activities of Bolivia, in a brief retreat guided by an Aymara Catholic Deacon.
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 tourist sites: Lake Titicaca, Natural hot water springs, Indigenous villages, Plaza de San Francisco of La Paz, and several Cathedrals.

Expand Your Horizons!

Preparation

Prior to leaving, Friends Across Borders will provide an orientation which will include education about important cultural norms to follow during the trip.

We will do this in the most convenient way. The manner will depend on the proximity of the participants.



Experiential Education

Deepen Your Faith!

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

missioners in their daily ministries, you will gain unique insights into the contemporary struggles of the oppressed in Bolivia.

