

Hiking Tour “Walking in the clouds” (4 days, 3 nights)

➤ Attractions

The Carrasco National Park is a nature reserve located in the northeast of the department of Cochabamba and offers great nature and high biodiversity. That's the reason why the Carrasco National Park is part of the Conservation Corridor Vilcabamba-Amboró (Bolivia – Peru).

➤ Description

In cooperation with the communities of the Kawsay Wasi Project, Bolivia-Online offers you this guided tour “Walking in the clouds”. This tour consists of a three days hike on the old road between Cochabamba and Villa Tunari (Chapare), which hasn't been used any more since more than twenty years due to the construction of a new highway. Today this road is more like a path that the nature is recovering, which leads us from the peaks of the Cordillera of an altitude of 4300m through a region which is rich in fauna and flora as well as changing landscapes, till we reach the vast lowland regions of the Amazon basin with its lush vegetation of tropical rain forest. This tour is classified as the route with the highest diversity of giant ferns and orchids in Bolivia.

➤ Program

First day: Before sunrise we leave Cochabamba in a 4WD till we reach an altitude of 4200m in the Cordillera. Here we will enjoy a fantastic view over the different peaks of the Cordillera mountain range, as well as we will find the entrance to the Carrasco National Park. After 4 hours in the car we will start our hike in the cloud forest. Our hiking of the first day will take approximately 6 hours.

Second day: Today we will descend the whole day, passing through the different ecological zones of the park. This will take us about 8 hours. The more we get down the more the path gets covered by tropical plants, and we will have to pass several landslides, fallen rocks and trees, as well as we need to bypass waterfalls and rivers.

Third day: After breakfast we will start hiking to reach in the afternoon the village of El Palmar, which hold the record being the second most humid place of the Americas. After having a rest in El Palmar we will keep on walking till we will arrive at the entrance of the Carrasco National Park (lower part) close to the village of Villa Tunari, where we will find our hotel to relax and having dinner.

Fourth day: Today we will hit the road back to Cochabamba where we will arrive before midday.

➤ Characteristics

- Level: Intermediate to advanced
- Duration of the walk: 3 days or 65 km (Most of the time descend)
- Time to do the walk: April to October
- **NOTE: Depending on the people signed in for the tour and the condition of the path the trekking can take a day longer: 4 days instead of 3 days**

➤ Included in the package

- Private transport from Cochabamba
- Public transport from Villa Tunari to Cochabamba
- Guide (Spanish speaking)
- Optional: Tour guide English/German speaking (On request)
- 2 nights overnight stay in tents, 1 night in Villa Tunari, double room with private bath room (based on double room occupancy)
- Full board & Drinks

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Sunrise in the mountains



Above the clouds



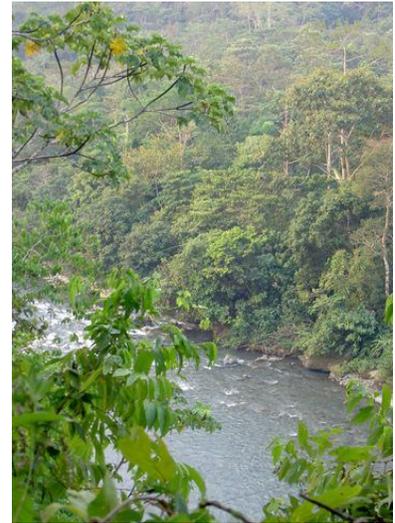
Clouds covering the Amazon Basin



Giant fern



Cascades above the road



Cloud forest



Orchid



Cloud forest



Sunset in the Amazonia (Villa Tunari)