



Bolivian Quaker
Education Fund

QUAKERS in BOLIVIA

Climate Change: Impact and Adaptation

BQEF's QUAKER STUDY TOUR (QST)

July 10-25, 2024

Thank you for submitting your pre-registration questionnaire. Please read the following instructions and then print and fill out the registration form and waiver located below.

QST 2024 Registration

1. Please print, fill out, sign, and return the completed Registration Form and Waiver with your \$700 deposit per person made payable to "BQEF".
2. Include a copy of the information page/picture page of your passport. Please feel free to scan and email your forms and passport if that's easier for you. You can email us a photo of your passport page.
3. Registration forms, waivers, and deposits must be received by **April 15th**, 2024, at BQEF, POB 6847, Ithaca, NY 14851, Attn: QST 2024
or by Email: qst.bolivia@gmail.com.

Tour Fee and Payment Schedule

Registration deadlines - please contact us if you have trouble meeting these extended deadlines.

The cost for the Quaker Study Tour is \$2,200.00. This price includes double occupancy lodging with a private bath for 14 nights, complimentary breakfasts at the hotels, all land and water travel, site entry and tour guide fees, and the flight from Sucre to La Paz. Most meals are paid for by participants, with complimentary hotel breakfasts. Lunch and dinner prices are modest. This fee does not include airfare to and from Bolivia or the in-country connecting flight to Sucre.

-Completed registration forms and a deposit of \$700 are due by April 15th, 2024.

-The 2nd payment of \$750 is due by May 1st.

-Final payment of \$750 is due by June 1st for a total of \$2,200 for the tour.

Payments are non-refundable unless we can fill your spot from the wait list or if BQEF cancels the trip. Please contact registrar Jim Morgan with questions: +1(412) 535-2078 (EST), qst.bolivia@gmail.com.



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Three Ways to Pay

1. Network for Good [Online Payment Link](#) - Please designate your payment to QST 2024 Deposit, QST 2nd Payment or, QST Final Payment.
2. Mail a check payable to BQEF with the designation QST 2024 Deposit, QST 2nd Payment or, QST Final Payment. Mail to: BQEF P.O. Box 6847, Ithaca NY 14851 USA
3. Bolivian Quaker Education Fund Inc. can accept payments using [Wise](#), a global payments platform. This link specifically requests USD 700. If you choose to use Wise, we will send you an updated link for the next two payments.

Registration Confirmation

We will email each applicant to acknowledge receipt of your registration form and deposit. Within 7 days, we will confirm your participation status. If we have more applicants than spaces, we will create a waitlist. Please wait for registration confirmation before reserving flights.

CONTACT: registrar Jim Morgan, 412-535-2078 (EST), qst.bolivia@gmail.com

Flight Information

Important - Please wait for registration confirmation before making any travel reservations.

We recommend that participants fly into Sucre (9,154' / 2790m) via the Viru Viru Santa Cruz International Airport (VVI) (1,224' / 373m). Boliviana de Aviación (BoA) has a direct nonstop night flight from Miami to Santa Cruz, with a transfer to Sucre. We will meet that flight in Santa Cruz and help you catch your flight to Sucre. Let us know if you have a different arrival time.

Starting our trip in Sucre before flying to La Paz (14,000' / 4267m) will give us time to adapt to the higher altitudes.

We have a noon shuttle scheduled from the Sucre airport to the hotel on July 10th for the BoA flight (above) and other morning arrivals to Sucre airport.

The tour ends in La Paz, so you should book your trip home from La Paz's El Alto International Airport (LPB) if you are not continuing independent travel.

Please note that the international flights and the flight from Santa Cruz to Sucre are the responsibility of the participant. The flight from Sucre to La Paz is included in the tour fee.



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Please contact us with questions about flights. Other Latin American airlines fly from different US cities with connections through Peru or Ecuador. In Europe, BoA has flights to and from Madrid. BoA does not have connections with other airlines, so flights have to be booked on the [BoA site](#). Other airlines also have overnight flights from Miami.

We encourage you to consider making arrangements for a climate offset.

Trip Insurance

The cost of the trip is not refundable unless we can fill your space with someone on the wait list or unless BQEF has to cancel the trip. We encourage you to purchase airline travel insurance to cover unforeseen trip disruptions, as well as medical evacuation insurance. One well-respected source for such insurance is <https://www.diversalertnetwork.org/insurance/>.

Other Nuts and Bolts

1. You should allow about \$30 a day for meals and expenses. Folks often want to purchase alpaca items from the Gregorias weaving co-op. Most of the towns we visit have only modest lodging available, but participants have found that the hotels are comfortable with helpful and friendly staff.
2. Most travel is by minivan or small tour buses. The longest intercity trip is about 2 ½ hours with breaks.
3. The political situation is variable and Bolivia like other countries has been affected by the pandemic. In addition to flight insurance, we also recommend medical evacuation insurance, which is fairly inexpensive.
4. Passport and Visa requirements: A passport valid for at least another six months is required for entry. With a visitor visa, you may stay 30 days per trip, not to exceed 90 days per year. A Bolivian visitor visa for U.S. citizens costs USD 160 and must be paid in U.S. or local currency upon arrival. For EU citizens and others, a visa is not required for visits of less than 30 days.
5. Vaccinations: The CDC recommends that you are up-to-date on all routine vaccines, including Chickenpox (Varicella), Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis, Flu (influenza), Measles-Mumps-Rubella (MMR), Polio, Shingles, COVID-19, Hepatitis A, and Hepatitis B. See <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/bolivia#travel-notice> for additional information.
6. If you are interested in country or regional tours before or after we can recommend a local tour agency, or if you are interested in a longer stay to volunteer, we can help find volunteer opportunities. Some previous participants have visited the Bolivian Amazon, the Salar de Uyuni, and Machu Picchu.



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2024 Quaker Study Tour Bolivia

First/Middle Name (as on passport): _____

Last Name(s) (as on passport): _____

Date of Birth: _____

Complete Address: _____

Phone: _____

Do you use WhatsApp or Signal for Wi-Fi calls? If so please share the numbers:

WhatsApp: _____ Signal: _____

E-Mail: _____

Passport No. _____ Nationality: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Check all that apply:

I am registering for the 2024 Bolivian Quaker Study Tour.

I will make my \$700 deposit online.

I have enclosed a \$700 check payable to BQEF - Please note on the check: QST 2024

Do you have any dietary restrictions? YES / NO (Circle one) If "Yes," please specify.

Do you have a preferred roommate? YES / NO If Yes, name of roommate:

I accept the double occupancy lodging that's included in the trip fee.

I will pay an additional \$185 for single-occupancy lodging.



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Do you have any access requirements? For example, recovering from surgery, hearing impaired, anxiety, seizures, or have any condition that might impair your mobility, particularly at high altitudes? YES / NO If yes, please explain:

Do you have any allergies? YES / NO Please specify.

Current medications:

Current health status:

Health Insurance Plan: _____

Subscriber Identification Number: _____

Primary Physician Name and Phone: _____

Please list two Emergency Contacts (Family, Close Friend, or Physician):

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone with country code and area code: _____

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What else would you like to share with us?



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PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT, RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

In consideration of the services of Bolivian Quaker Education Fund, their agents, owners, officers, volunteers, participants, employees, and all other persons or entities acting in any capacity on their behalf (hereinafter collectively referred to as "BQEF"), I hereby agree to release, indemnify, and discharge BQEF, on behalf of myself, my children, my parents, my heirs, assigns, personal representative, and estate as follows:

1. I acknowledge that my participation in service work, travel and hiking entails known and unanticipated risks that could result in physical or emotional injury, paralysis, death, or damage to myself, to property, or to third parties. I understand that such risks simply cannot be eliminated without jeopardizing the essential qualities of the activity. The risks include among other things: slipping and falling; falling objects; motor vehicle accidents; water hazards; exhaustion; exposure to temperature, altitude and weather extremes which could cause: altitude sickness, hypothermia, hyperthermia, (heat related illnesses), heat exhaustion, sunburn, dehydration; and exposure to potentially dangerous wild animals, insect bites, and hazardous plant life; equipment failure; and improper lifting or carrying. Furthermore, BQEF employees and volunteers have difficult jobs to perform. They seek safety, but they are not infallible. They might be unaware of a participant's fitness or abilities. They might misjudge the weather, the elements, or the terrain. They may give inadequate warnings or instructions, and the equipment being used might malfunction.
2. I expressly agree and promise to accept and assume all of the risks existing in this activity. My participation in this activity is purely voluntary, and I elect to participate in spite of the risks.
3. I hereby voluntarily release, forever discharge, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless BQEF from any and all claims, demands, or causes of action, which are in any way connected with my participation in this activity or my use of BQEF's equipment or facilities, including any such claims which allege negligent acts or omissions of BQEF.
4. Should BQEF or anyone acting on their behalf be required to incur attorney's fees and costs to enforce this agreement, I agree to indemnify and hold them harmless for all such fees and costs.



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5. I certify that I have adequate insurance to cover any injury I may cause or suffer while participating, or I agree to bear the costs of such injury myself. I further certify that I am willing to assume the risk of any medical or physical condition I may have.

6. In the event that I file a lawsuit against BQEF, I agree to do so solely in the state of New York, and I further agree that the substantive law of that state applies in that action without regard to the conflict of law rules of that state. I agree that if any portion of this agreement is found to be void or unenforceable, the remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

By signing this document, I acknowledge that if anyone is hurt or property is damaged during my participation in this activity, I may be found by a court of law to have waived my right to maintain a lawsuit against BQEF on the basis of any claim from which I have released them herein.

I have had sufficient opportunity to read this entire document. I have read and understood it, and I agree to be bound by its terms.

Signature of Participant _____

Date _____ Printed Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Cell _____ Email _____

Signature of Witness _____

Date _____ Printed name _____

Email or mailing address _____

Please scan and email these forms to: qst.bolivia@gmail.com

Or print and mail them to:

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Ithaca, NY
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