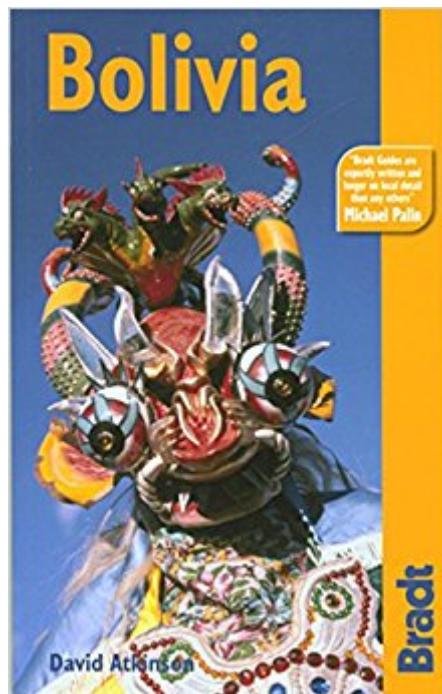


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Synopsis

Bolivia retains its pre-Columbian traditions more than any other country in South America. This full-length country guide explores every aspect of Bolivia with a strong focus on the natural history and culture--hallmarks of the Bradt range. David Atkinson provides an insider's selection of the best Bolivia can offer: a country which is a haven for hikers and trekkers, possesses a bustling streetlife of traditional markets and modern nightclubs, and is also an ideal place to soak up some Latin American culture before the onset of mass tourism. Features include:
*Insider's tips and perspective, by an experienced travel writer residing in Bolivia
*Full suggested itineraries and excursions, even for the short-stay visitor
*A special section on the best treks
*In-depth coverage of the travelers' hubs: La Paz, Santa Cruz, and Sucre

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Travel guide writer David Atkinson originally spent six months working and living in La Paz as an editor for an English-language magazine. After a hectic sojourn where he (among other activities) retraced Che Guevara's final footsteps and copresented a Bolivian community radio show, he has finally settled in Santa Cruz.

Bolivia, named after Simon Bolivar, Latin America's greatest Liberator, is an undiscovered gem and David Atkinson's guide on Bolivia has a wealth of background information and his cultural, economic and ecological commentaries are excellent. Bolivia is one of the top ten nations in the world for bio-diversity and Bolivia is the home for 22 national parks and 60 protected areas -

Atkinson's coverage of these areas is exemplary. David has a great descriptive writing style and the sidebars throughout the book are gems. He provides good background information on the standard "must visit" locations: La Paz, Sucre, Potosi, Uyuni, Santa Cruz, Rurenabaque, Lake Titicaca and Copacabana. However, if you are going to travel to more remote locations; or if you are going overland into Brazil; or if you seek to journey into the Bolivian then this guide falls short. No Coverage. Also the guide's "health" section is paltry and it skims over the health problems that you could encounter in Bolivia. The maps are sophomoric and the city maps are cluttered and difficult to use (however, this is true of all Bradt guides). Finally, this guide could have been a strong contender among Bolivia Guides, however Atkinson's accommodation and restaurant recommendations are dismal. Some of the properties I checked out were closed, and, I found far too many of the hotels/hostels listed in this guide to be hovels, dumps or worse. A guide MUST give its readers reliable and accurate recommendations. Though there is enough in this guide to make it a nice addition to another guide, if I had to buy just one guide, I would select "Lonely Planet: Bolivia 2007 (highly recommended - see my review). Conditionally recommended

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