

# Chapter III

## Hotels



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This section of **Instant Bolivia** contains lists of hotels in the following cities, towns, and regions of Bolivia:

Amazonas and Beni  
La Paz  
Santa Cruz  
Tupiza

Cochabamba  
Oruro  
Sucre  
Uyuni

Lake Titicaca Area  
Potosí  
Tarija  
Yungas

Amazonas is the *Oriente* or eastern lowland areas of Bolivia and includes the Departments of Pando, Beni, and the Chiquitania area of Santa Cruz. Several rural hotels are listed under their nearest major cities such as Cochabamba, La Paz, or Santa Cruz.

### Types of Accommodations

Surprisingly, the majority of lodgings in Bolivia tend to be of the budget variety. This is primarily because many Bolivians prefer and can only afford this class of accommodation. Also, until recently, the numbers of international tourists to Bolivia had been so modest that there was not much demand for more elaborate lodgings. Thankfully the situation has changed. Now visitors have a wide range of lodging choices ranging from luxurious, to standard, to budget, to basic and below.

## Titles of Establishments

The different titles used to denote various types of lodgings usually refer to the size, type, and, to some degree, the overall quality of the property. The term "hotel" sets the standard yet this title is sometimes bestowed on very humble properties. Rarely will a lodging other than a hotel receive a rating of three stars or more.

The Bolivia Hotel and Restaurant Association ranks lodging establishments from five to zero stars. Five stars is considered luxurious. In the same category as hotels are Apart Hotels and Suites Hotels. These properties invariably provide apartment or suite like accommodations. Usually smaller than a hotel is a *hostal* or hostel. Then come *residencias*, *alojamientos* and *pensiones*, each progressively smaller and more humble in nature.

In a standard hotel of three stars or more, a traveler can expect a modern, comfortable room with private bath, telephone and cable television. Hot water will be provided in most rooms via a *calefón*, or hot water tank. Heating or air conditioning is provided centrally or by portable units. And guests should expect a complimentary, American buffet breakfast served in the hotel's dining room. This is contrasted with the services provided in much more humble *hostals* where rooms tend to be small and Spartan with a shared bath, the provision of lukewarm water is via electric coil showers, and there is rarely any heating or air conditioning. Breakfast in these establishments is usually continental style or may be purchased separately by the guest.

## Making Hotel Reservations

For the best rates, usually contacting the hotel directly by telephone is the best strategy. When you call the hotel, ask to speak to a clerk who knows English and then bargain for a rate that is equal to or better than the one listed in this directory. Make sure you ask for an e-mail or FAX confirmation. (You may want to obtain a telephone calling card with discount rates to Bolivia before making your reservation. Cards with rates as low as \$.05 USD cents are available. Check out the **Enjoy Prepaid Cards** by Nobel Calling Cards at [www.nobel.com](http://www.nobel.com).

Alternatively, if the hotel already offers a great rate online, you can send an e-mail message and request the rate and a confirmation. Ditto for contacting the hotel via FAX.

A third approach is to use the hotel's Web page. If the price is acceptable, this will work since almost all hotels do not require clients to guarantee the reservation with a credit card. Finally, consider using a hotel consolidator's Web site. Based on our observation Contact Bolivia ([www.boliviacontact.com](http://www.boliviacontact.com)) and Expedia.Com offer reasonable prices. Sometimes selection is limited however.

## Useful Hotel Vocabulary

Some useful Bolivian terms associated with hotels include:

<i>Acensor</i>	Elevator	<i>Galería</i>	Shops
<i>Baño Privado</i>	Private Bathroom	<i>Gradas</i>	Stairs
<i>Caja de Seguridad</i>	Safe	<i>Guardaequipaje</i>	Luggage Storage
<i>Calefacción</i>	Heating	<i>Habitación</i>	Room
<i>Calefon</i>	Hot Water Tank	<i>Huesped</i>	Guest
<i>Canchas</i>	Courts	<i>Lavandería</i>	Laundry
<i>Centro de Negocios</i>	Business Center	<i>Lujo</i>	Luxury

<i>Departamento</i>	Apartment	<i>Piscina</i>	Swimming Pool
<i>Desayuno</i>	Breakfast	<i>Rerservas</i>	Reservations
<i>Discado Directo</i>	Direct Dialing	<i>Salón</i>	Multipurpose Room
<i>Doble</i>	Double Room	<i>Simple</i>	Single Room
<i>Estacionamiento</i>	Parking	<i>Tarifas</i>	Rates

## Amazonas and Beni

For the purposes of this directory, Amazonas refers to the tropical areas of Bolivia consisting of the Amazon River basin and its tributaries. This region extends along the northern and eastern borders of Bolivia, from the Andes to the Chaco. The Beni is located between the tropical Amazonas and the Andes valley areas (e.g., Yungas and Cochabamba). It consists primarily of expansive savannas, considered to be the pampas of Bolivia.

### **Campanario**                      **Rating [4]**

Avenida 6 de Agosto, a block from the main plaza, Trinidad  
Tel. 591-3-462-4622, FAX 591-3-462-2502

E-mail: [reservas@hotel-campanario.com](mailto:reservas@hotel-campanario.com), Web: [www.hotel-campanario.com](http://www.hotel-campanario.com)

Description: A small tourist class hotel with 16 rooms and two suites. Rooms are air conditioned with cable TV and telephones. Room charge includes American breakfast, Internet access, local newspaper, and airport transportation. \$40 USD single and \$60 USD double.

### **Chiquitos**

Avenida Killian Final, Concepción  
Tel. 591-3-964-3153, FAX 591-3-964-3153

E-mail: [chiquitos@hotmail.com](mailto:chiquitos@hotmail.com), Web: Not Available.

Description: Rural resort style hotel near Concepción. Rooms have private baths and a continental breakfast is included in the room charge. The hotel has a restaurant. Price not available.

### **El Pantanal**                      **Rating [4]**

Arroyo Concepción near Puerto Suárez  
Tel. 591-3-355-9583, FAX 591-3-978-2054

E-mail: [marketing@elpantanalhotel.com](mailto:marketing@elpantanalhotel.com), Web: [www.elpantanalhotel.com](http://www.elpantanalhotel.com)

Description: The El Pantanal is a luxury resort hotel with 86 comfortable rooms with private baths near the Rio Paraguay in Bolivia's eastern tropical lowlands. Rooms have air conditioning and mini-fridges. Breakfast is included in the room rate. \$60 USD single and \$70 USD double.

### **El Tucunare**                      **Rating [3]**

Bella Vista, Beni  
Tel. 591-3-886-9100, FAX 591-3-886-9100

E-mail: [claudes@amazon-tours.com](mailto:claudes@amazon-tours.com), Web: [www.amazon-tours.com](http://www.amazon-tours.com)

Description: Located in an area of amazing flora and fauna where the Beni meets tropical Amazonia, El Tucunare is a rustic but comfortable ecological tourist complex. Request a

private cabin with bath. Most booking is done as part of one of several tour packages that include meals. Negotiate with Amazon Tours for prices.

**Jacaranda** **Rating [3]**

Avenida Simón Bolívar #229, Trinidad

Tel. 591-3-462-1659, FAX 591-3-462-3990

E-mail: [hoteljacaranda@yahoo.es](mailto:hoteljacaranda@yahoo.es), Web: Not Available.

Description: Rooms have air conditioning and private baths. Rooms also have telephones and cable TV. Internet access is available. An American breakfast is included. Price not available.

**Jacaranda Suites** **Rating [4]**

Calle La Paz, between Calle Pedro de la Rocha and 18 de Noviembre, Trinidad

Tel. 591-3-462-2446, FAX 591-3-462-2033

E-mail: [hoteljacaranda@yahoo.es](mailto:hoteljacaranda@yahoo.es). Web: Not Available.

Description: An all suites hotel. Upscale compared to its sister property, the Jacaranda Hotel. Price not available.

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## Cochabamba

Finding a nice hotel is absolutely no problem in Cochabamba. There are an excellent variety of properties and very reasonable prices. Service is usually superior in this city, which is a bit more tranquil than La Paz or Santa Cruz.

**Ambassador** **Rating [4] – Value in tourist class**

Calle España #0349, near Esquina Colombia

Tel. 591-4-425-9001, FAX 591-4-425-7855

E-mail: [abassrv@supernet.com.bo](mailto:abassrv@supernet.com.bo), Web: [www.hotelambassador.netfirms.com](http://www.hotelambassador.netfirms.com)

Description: The Grand Hotel Ambassador is one of the best known and respected hotels in Cochabamba. Over the years, the hotel's more than 100 rooms have been expanded and remodeled many times. Breakfast is not included in the room charge. \$30 USD single, \$40 USD double, and \$70 USD suite.

**Americana Hotel** **Rating [3] – Value in tourist class**

Calle Esteban Arce #S-788, Esquina Calle Aroma near the bus terminal

Tel. 591-4-425-0552, FAX 591-4-425-0484

E-mail: [americanahotel@email.com](mailto:americanahotel@email.com), Web: [www.americanahotel.net](http://www.americanahotel.net)

Description: Modern and comfortable hotel in central Cochabamba. Rooms are spacious and well furnished. The Americana Hotel has 54 rooms, the Cafetería Americana where a complimentary American buffet breakfast is served, and the Restaurant Patapi. \$25 USD single and \$35 double.

**Aranjuez** **Rating [4] – Best overall value in Cochabamba**

Avenida Buenos Aires #E-0583 near Calle Potosí and the Palacio Patiño

Tel. 591-4-424-1935, FAX 591-4-424-0158

E-mail: [reservas@aranjuezhotel.com](mailto:reservas@aranjuezhotel.com), Web: [www.aranjuezhotel.com](http://www.aranjuezhotel.com)

Description: A superior tourist class hotel in a park like setting on a quiet residential street. The rooms are large, nicely furnished, and exceptionally comfortable. A full American breakfast is served in the Los Espejos dining room. The Aranjuez is Bolivia Today's

recommendation as the best hotel deal in Cochabamba. \$59 USD single, \$69 USD double, and \$105 USD suite.

**Cesar's Plaza** **Rating [3]**

Calle 25 de May #S-210, Esquina Bolívar  
Tel. 591-4-425-4032, FAX 591-4-425-0324  
E-mail: [cph@entelenet.bo](mailto:cph@entelenet.bo), Web: Not Available.

Description: This is a downtown hotel with an excellent but noisy location. Rooms have heating and air conditioning. They are well furnished and spacious. \$48 USD single and \$58 USD double.

**Diplomat** **Rating [4]**

Avenida Ballivián #0611, Esquina Paseo El Prado  
Tel. 591-4-425-0687, FAX 591-4-425-0897  
E-mail: [reserva@diplomat.comm](mailto:reserva@diplomat.comm) Web: [www.hdiplomat.com](http://www.hdiplomat.com)

Description: The Diplomat is a very solid tourist class hotel in an excellent location just off the Paseo El Prado. Rooms are average size with adequate furnishings. Breakfast is served in the El Marador Terrace or the La Cascada Restaurant. The hotel also houses Duke's Bar. \$63 USD single and \$73 USD double.

**Portales** **Rating [5]**

Avenida Pando #1271  
Tel. 591-4-428-5444, FAX 591-4-424-2071  
E-mail: [reserves@portaleshotel.com](mailto:reserves@portaleshotel.com), Web: Not Available.

Description: The Portales has long been recognized as one of Cochabamba's finest hotels. Located on the grounds of the Portales Palace, the hotel complex includes many amenities for both business and tourist travelers. An American buffet breakfast and welcome drink are included in the room price. \$77 USD single and \$95 USD double.

**Regina** **Rating [3] – Value in tourist class**

Calle Reza #359 between Calle España and Avenida Ballivián  
Tel. 591-4-425-4629, FAX 591-4-411-7231  
E-mail: [hregina@netbol.com](mailto:hregina@netbol.com), Web: [www.reginacadenahotelera.com](http://www.reginacadenahotelera.com)

Description: The Regina is a standard tourist class hotel with budget prices. Located in one of the best areas in central Cochabamba, this is the flagship hotel of the Regina chain, which operates three properties in the city. The 60-room Regina has a cafeteria, restaurant, and a *whiskería* or bar. A complimentary American breakfast is provided. \$21 USD single and \$30 USD double.

**Regina Apart Hotel** **Rating [4] – Value in superior class**

Calle España #636 between Calle Reza and Avenida Ballivián  
Tel. 591-4-423-4216, FAX 591-4-411-7205  
E-mail: [hregina@netbol.com](mailto:hregina@netbol.com), Web: [www.reginacadenahotelera.com](http://www.reginacadenahotelera.com)

Description: The Apart Hotel is Regina's upscale property in Cochabamba but it still offers a great value for the accommodations offered. The hotel has 20 rooms and 17 apartments with a variety of one, two, and three bedroom choices. An American breakfast is included in the room price. \$21 USD single, \$33 USD double, \$35 USD one bedroom apartment, and \$48 USD two bedroom apartment.

**Regina 2** **Rating [3] – Value in budget class**

Calle Nataniel Aguirre #718, near the corner of Calle Uruguay  
Tel. 591-4-450-9482, FAX  
E-mail: [hregina@netbol.com](mailto:hregina@netbol.com), Web: [www.reginacadenahotelera.com](http://www.reginacadenahotelera.com)

Description: Even though the Regina 2 has budget prices, it has all of the features of a standard tourist class hotel. Located near Cochabamba's renown La Cancha market place, the Regina 2 is a backpacker's dream, fully furnished, clean rooms with plenty of hot water. A continental buffet breakfast is included. \$11 USD single and \$17 USD double.

**Santa Rita** **Rating [5]**

Avenida Buenos Aires #866

Tel. 591-4-428-0305, FAX 591-4-428-0512

E-mail: [turismosantarita@hotmail.com](mailto:turismosantarita@hotmail.com), Web: Not Available.

Description: The Santa Rita is a high-rise apartment hotel in a residential neighborhood. Long considered to be the best apart-hotels in Cochabamba, the hotel offers large rooms and apartment suites with full kitchens and serves an American buffet breakfast. The hotel also operates an on-site tour agency and restaurant. A folkloric *peña* is presented on weekend evenings. \$50 USD double room, \$75 USD one bedroom apartment, and \$110 USD USD two bedroom apartment.

**Violetta's** **Rating [3] – Value for Apart Hotel**

Calle Lanza #464, between Calle Paccieri and Calle Venezuela.

Tel. 591-4-452-0257, FAX 591-4-452-3386

E-mail: [apart@violettas.com](mailto:apart@violettas.com), Web: [www.violettas.com](http://www.violettas.com)

Description: A delightful small apartment hotel that is located across from a new plaza and park. Violetta's is also new and therefore has modern amenities. The kitchenettes are fully equipped. The apartments are well designed, furnished, and clean. Violetta's accommodations are categorized as Executive or Standard. \$35 USD one-bedroom apartment and \$40 USD two bedroom apartment.

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## Lake Titicaca Area

Adequate lodging is plentiful and affordable on the Bolivian side of the Lake. Most hotels are located in Huatajata and Copacabana, embarkation points for tourism around the Lake as well as for travel to and from Peru.

**La Estancia** **Rating [3]**

Isla del Sol, Lake Titicaca

La Paz Contact Information: Magri Turismo

Tel. 591-2-244-2727, FAX 591-2-244-3060

E-mail: [info@ecolodge-laketiticaca.com](mailto:info@ecolodge-laketiticaca.com), Web: [www.ecolodge-laketiticaca.com/](http://www.ecolodge-laketiticaca.com/)

Description: La Estancia is an eleven cottage eco-lodge complex near the community of Yumani on the Isla del Sol. The lodge has a lobby, meeting hall, and restaurant. Cottages are comfortable and have private baths with solar heated hot water. The Estancia is operated by Magri Turismo in La Paz. You can negotiate the price of a room but most reservations are made as part of a tour package. Price is approximately \$125 USD per day per person as part of tour.

**Gloria** **Rating [3]**

Calle 16 de Julio S/N, Copacabana

Tel. 591-2-240-7070, FAX 591-2-240-6622

E-mail: [gloriatr@ceibo.entelnet.bo](mailto:gloriatr@ceibo.entelnet.bo), Web: [www.hotelgloria.com.bo](http://www.hotelgloria.com.bo).

Description: The Hotel Gloria at Lake Titicaca is part of the Gloria Hotel chain. Telephone and FAX numbers are for the La Paz central office. Rooms and suites are clean, spacious, and most have excellent views of the Lake. American breakfast is served between 7:00 and



9:30 and is included in the room price. This three-story hotel has a number of public areas including an inviting lobby, large game room, and a cozy television lounge. There is no elevator. \$28 USD single, \$35 USD double, and \$42 USD triple.

**Inca Utama**                                      **Rating [4] – Value for superior class**

Located in Huatajata on highway to Lake Titicaca

La Paz Contact Information: Crillon Tours, Avenida Camacho #1223

Tel. 591-2-233-7533, FAX 591-2-211-6482

E-mail: [titicaca@entelnet.bo](mailto:titicaca@entelnet.bo), Web: [www.titicaca.com](http://www.titicaca.com)

Description: A five star hotel run by Crillon Tours of La Paz. The hotel is located on a tourist complex in Huatajata which includes excellent restaurants and bars. Crillon offers some of the best tours and excursions available for Lake Titicaca. The agency also offers the Posada del Inca, a rustic but comfortable eco-lodge on the Isla del Sol. Although Crillon services are a bit pricey, they are also of very high quality. To facilitate hotel reservations and tour bookings, Crillon has an office in Miami: Crillon Tours Enterprises, Inc, 1450 South Bayshore Drive # 815, Miami, Florida 33131, Tel. (888) 848-2222, FAX (305) 372-0054, E-mail: [darius@titicaca.com](mailto:darius@titicaca.com). \$93.50 USD single and \$124 USD double including full American breakfast.

**Rosario del Lago**                                      **Rating [3] – Value in tourist class**

Avenida Costanera S/N, Esquina Rigoberto Paredes, Copacabana

Tel. 591-2-862-2141, FAX 591-2-862-2140

E-mail: [reservaslago@hotelrosario.com](mailto:reservaslago@hotelrosario.com), Web: [www.hotelrosario.com/](http://www.hotelrosario.com/)

Description: Arguably the best hotel and best deal in Copacabana. The Rosario del Lago offers superior rooms with private baths. Water is heated by solar panels. A continental breakfast is included. For just \$1 USD you can upgrade to a full American breakfast. Rooms are well furnished and have cable TV. The hotel boasts two nice restaurants, the Kota Kauhaña serves national and international dishes and the Terrazas Grill for mid-day meals outdoors. \$25-\$33 USD single, \$43-\$48 USD double.

**La Cúpula**    **Rating [3] – Value in budget class**

Final Calle Michel Pérez 1-3, Copacabana

Telephone and FAX 591-2-862-2029

E-mail: [Bolivia@hotelcupula.com](mailto:Bolivia@hotelcupula.com), Web: [www.hotelcupula.com](http://www.hotelcupula.com)

Description: A quirky little hotel atop a high hill on the edge of Copacabana. Predictably, the Cúpula has the best views of any hotel in the area. Most rooms are comfortable but be attentive to selection. Upon check in, ask for the *tarifario*, which diagrams all rooms along with corresponding prices. A few rooms are very small or impractically shaped. The hotel has a fine international restaurant with superior dishes and fair prices (approximately \$5.00 for an entrée). The provision of hot water is via solar panels. Breakfast is not included in the room rate. An American breakfast will cost approximately \$2.50 USD. \$10-\$20 USD single, \$20-\$32 USD double, and \$28-\$40 USD triple.

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## La Paz

Hotels in the city center are convenient to restaurants and most tourist attractions. Those in the partially residential Sopocachi district tend to be a bit quieter. Sopocachi has some of the nicest eateries in La Paz. The Zona Sur neighborhoods such as Calacoto and San Miguel are nearly 1000 feet lower than the city center. This means that the area is somewhat warmer and the altitude slightly less taxing than in La Paz proper.

An important consideration in La Paz is the provision of hot water and heating. Most of the year, days are cool and nights are cold at this altitude. Travelers, including backpackers may want to splurge a bit on a hotel to insure that they have a sanctuary against the cold and high altitude. Hotels with ratings of [3] or higher have heating (at least portable units) and provide hot water from heated tanks.

**Alcalá Hotel                                  Rating [4] – Value for apart hotel**

Victor Sanjinés #2662, Plaza España, Alto Sopocachi

Tel. 591-2-241-2336, FAX 591-2-241-1121

E-mail: [alcalapt@zuper.net](mailto:alcalapt@zuper.net). Web: Not Available.

Description: A nice find on the Plaza España. The Alcalá Apart Hotel is about 10 years old and has 18 spacious and well-furnished apartments at very reasonable prices. A continental breakfast is served in the adjoining restaurant, La Castellana, where lunch and dinner are also available. \$50 USD single, \$60 USD double.

**Calacoto    Rating [3] – Value in tourist class**

Calle 13 #8009 – Esquina Sánchez Bustamante, Calacoto, Zona Sur

Tel. 591-2-241-2524, FAX 591-2-278-9334

E-mail: [info@hotel-calacoto-bolivia.com](mailto:info@hotel-calacoto-bolivia.com), Web: [www.hotel-calacoto-bolivia.com](http://www.hotel-calacoto-bolivia.com)

Description: Standard hotel with regular rooms, suites, and apartments. American breakfast included. Nice garden area. Complimentary airport transportation. \$38 USD double room, \$40 USD one bedroom apartment, and \$45 USD two-bedroom apartment.

**Camino Real    Rating: [4] – Value for superior hotel**

Calle Capitán Ravelo #2123, near the corner of Calle Montevideo, Centro

Tel. 591-2-244-1515. FAX 591-2-244-0055

E-mail: [aparthotel@caminoreal.com.bo](mailto:aparthotel@caminoreal.com.bo). Web: [www.caminoreal.com.bo](http://www.caminoreal.com.bo)

Description: The Camino Real is a superior apartment hotel located between the city center and the Sopacachi neighborhood. Nice apartments with fully functioning kitchenettes. Good restaurant and bar. American buffet breakfast. \$98 USD double.

**Camino Real - Suites                                  Rating [5]**

Avenida Ballivián #369 – Esquina Calle 10, Calacoto, Zona Sur

Tel. 591-2-279-2323, FAX 591-2-279-1616

E-mail: [suites@caminoreal.com.bo](mailto:suites@caminoreal.com.bo), Web: [www.caminoreal.com.bo](http://www.caminoreal.com.bo)

Description: A Luxurious and modern suites hotel located on the main avenue of the Zona Sur. The Camino Real has 70 suites and houses the excellent La Tranquera Restaurant and the Terraza Real Café Bar. American buffet breakfast. \$130 USD double.

**Casa Grande    Rating [5] – Value for a luxury apart hotel**

Avenida Ballivián #1000 – Esquina Calle 17, Calacoto, Zona Sur

Tel. 591-2-279-5511, FAX 591-2-771-1044

E-mail: [info@casa-grande.com.bo](mailto:info@casa-grande.com.bo), Web: [www.casa-grande.com.bo](http://www.casa-grande.com.bo)

Description: Ultra modern luxury hotel along the main avenue of the Zona Sur. The hotel consists of 36 spacious apartments with all the latest amenities. The excellent Mezzo Café serves a complimentary American buffet breakfast as well as lunch and dinner. \$110 USD King suite/double.

**Columbus Place    Rating [4] – Value for tourist class**

Avenida Illimani #1990, Between the Centro and Miraflores district

Tel. 591-2-224-4244, FAX 591-2-224-5367

E-mail: [reservaciones@hotel-columbus.com](mailto:reservaciones@hotel-columbus.com), Web: [www.hotel-columbus.com](http://www.hotel-columbus.com)



Description: Newer full-service, medium-sized hotel in the upper central district between Plaza Murillo and the Miraflores neighborhood, near Hernando Siles Stadium. The hotel is very well maintained, clean, with many modern amenities. American buffet breakfast served in the El Conquistador Restaurant. \$29 USD single and \$43 USD double.

**El Dorado** **Rating [3]**

Avenida Villazón across from the University Mayor de San Andrés  
Tel. 591-2-236-3403, FAX 591-2-239-1438

E-mail: [eldorado@ceibo.entelnet.bo](mailto:eldorado@ceibo.entelnet.bo), Web: [www.hoteleldorado.net](http://www.hoteleldorado.net)

Description: Standard tourist class hotel with basic services and reasonable prices. Located on the busy and noisy Avenida Villazón at the underpass across from the University. Continental breakfast served in the international restaurant. \$32 USD single and \$40 USD double.

**El Rey Palace** **Rating [4]**

Avenida 20 de Octubre #1947, Centro  
Tel. 591-2-241-8541, FAX 591-2-241-8521

E-mail: [hotelrey@entelnet.bo](mailto:hotelrey@entelnet.bo), Web: [www.hotel-rey-palace-bolivia.com](http://www.hotel-rey-palace-bolivia.com)

Description: Nice boutique hotel just off the city center. Caters to business travelers. Clean and spacious rooms. The Rey Arturo Restaurant and piano bar is very nice. The hotel serves an American buffet breakfast.

**España** **Rating [2]**

Avenida 6 de Agosto #2074, Centro  
Tel. 244-2643, FAX 591-2-244-1329

E-mail: [hostalespana@hostalespana-bo.com](mailto:hostalespana@hostalespana-bo.com), Web: [www.hostalespana-bo.com](http://www.hostalespana-bo.com)

Description: Basic backpacker hostel in the central district, just a block from the university. Rooms are spacious and clean. Some rooms have a private bath with telephone and television. \$17 USD single and \$26 USD double.

**Europa** **Rating [5] – Value for luxury class**

Calle Tiahuanacu #64 just off the Prado, Centro  
Tel. 591-2-231-5656, FAX 591-2-211-3930

E-mail: [reserves@hoteleuropa.com.bo](mailto:reserves@hoteleuropa.com.bo), Web: [www.hoteleuropa.com.bo](http://www.hoteleuropa.com.bo),  
[www.summithotels.com](http://www.summithotels.com)

Description: Considered to be the most luxurious hotel in downtown La Paz. The hotel has 110 rooms and several restaurants with an additional piano bar. Free Internet connection. The Europa has an excellent location just off the main street of El Prado. Part of International Summit chain. The hotel's Web pages are a bit quirky. The reservation process is more straightforward on Summit's Web site. \$140 USD double.

**Gloria** **Rating [3]**

Calle Potosí #909, across from the Hotel Presidente, Centro  
Tel. 591-2-240-7070, FAX 591-2-240-6622

E-mail: [gloriatr@ceibo.entelnet.bo](mailto:gloriatr@ceibo.entelnet.bo), Web: [www.hotelgloria.com.bo](http://www.hotelgloria.com.bo).

Description: Standard tourist hotel with economical prices and an excellent downtown location. The hotel boasts one of the better vegetarian restaurants in La Paz. Some rooms are small and several facing the main street are a bit noisy. The hotel also boasts a travel agent, Gloria Tours. This hotel chain also has properties in Copacabana, Coroico, and Urmiri. \$36 USD for a single and \$47 USD for a double including a buffet breakfast.

**Libertador** **Rating [3+] – Value for tourist class**

Calle Obispo Cárdenas #1421, Centro

Tel. 591-2-231-3434, FAX 591-2-231-8924

E-mail: [libertad@ceibo.entelnet.bo](mailto:libertad@ceibo.entelnet.bo), Web: Not Available.

Description: A high rise gem hidden in the city center. Rooms have a private bath and are clean and comfortable. Furnishings are a bit dated but in good condition. Meals, including a continental breakfast are served in the hotel's restaurant. \$50 USD double.

**Naira** **Rating [3] – Value in budget class**

Calle Sagárnaga #161, Near Plaza San Francisco, Centro

Tel. 591-2-235-5645 or Tel.: +591-2- 71463854 (cell), FAX 591-2-231-1214

E-mail: [naira@boliviahostels.com](mailto:naira@boliviahostels.com), Web: <http://www.hostalnaira.com/>

Description: The Naira is a small, multi-story, budget hotel in an old Spanish colonial building. Many rooms, while small, are very comfortable and clean with private, fully functional bathrooms. Hot water is provided from a centralized tank. A continental breakfast is served in the adjacent Café Banais. The Naira is located in the heart of the tourist district. \$25 USD single and \$32 USD double.

**Presidente** **Rating [5]**

Calle Potosí #920, Centro

Tel. 591-2-240-6666, FAX 591-2-240-7240

E-mail: [contacto@hotelpresidente-bo.com](mailto:contacto@hotelpresidente-bo.com), Web: [www.hotelpresidente-bo.com](http://www.hotelpresidente-bo.com)

Description: Touted as the highest modern hotel in the world, the Presidente is a five star offering in downtown La Paz. An American buffet breakfast and other meals are served in the Cafetería Kantuta. The hotel also boasts the excellent Bella Vista restaurant. \$115 USD single and \$135 USD double.

**Radisson Plaza** **Rating [5] – Best overall value in La Paz**

Avenida Arce #2177, Centro

Tel. 591-2-244-1111, FAX 591-2-244-0593

E-mail: [Radisson@hn.radissionbolivia.com.bo](mailto:Radisson@hn.radissionbolivia.com.bo), Web: [www.radisson.com](http://www.radisson.com)

Description: The Radisson is arguable the best value in La Paz. This five star establishment is part of a USA chain but offers superior rooms, service, and dining. This is a very comfortable and enjoyable hotel. If reservations are made through Radisson's main Web site, a first class, double room can be booked for around \$80 USD plus taxes (\$16 USD). Travelers from Asia, Australia and New Zealand can call Tel. 61-2-9333-8681.

**República Hostal** **Rating [2+]**

Calle Comercio #1455, near the corner of Calle Bueno

Tel. 591-2-220-2742, FAX 591-2-220-2782

E-mail: [consultas@hostalrepublica.com](mailto:consultas@hostalrepublica.com), Web: [www.hostalrepublica.com](http://www.hostalrepublica.com)

Description: Better than the average backpacker hostel with basic but clean rooms and a continental breakfast. The República has a nice location in the old colonial part of the city center. Shower water is heated with coils. Sinks have only cold water. Rooms with private bath run \$16 USD for a single and \$25 for a double. A two-bedroom apartment costs \$35 USD.

**Ritz Hotel** **Rating [4]**

Avenida Arce, Plaza Isabel la Católica, Sopocachi

Tel. 591-2-243-3131, FAX 591-2-243-3080

E-mail: [reservas@hotel-ritz-bolivia.com](mailto:reservas@hotel-ritz-bolivia.com), Web: [www.hotel-ritz-bolivia.com](http://www.hotel-ritz-bolivia.com)

Description: A nice apartment (all suites) hotel located on the Plaza Isabel la Católica in the Sopocachi district of La Paz. One and two bedroom units are available. The room price includes an American buffet breakfast. Adjacent to the hotel is Duke's Restaurant, which

serves fine continental cuisine. Airport vans leave from the plaza every fifteen minutes during the day and evening. \$121 USD for a double suite.

**Rosario** **Rating [3] – Value in tourist class**

Avenida Illampu #704, Alto San Pedro

Tel. 591-2-245-1658, FAX 591-2-245-1991

E-mail: [reserves@hotelrosario.com](mailto:reserves@hotelrosario.com), Web: [www.hotelrosario.com](http://www.hotelrosario.com)

Description: The friendly Rosario is a mid-sized, tourist class hotel with 41 rooms, most of them with private bath. Located in the “backpacker” district, this hotel is very popular with young European travelers, especially the British crowd. Housed in an old colonial building, the Rosario’s guest rooms vary in size and comfort. The Restaurante Tambo Colonial is very good and is known for its British buffet breakfasts. The hotel also boasts Ayni, a nice indigenous handicrafts store, free Internet access, and one of the better tour operators, Turisbus. \$29 USD single and \$49 USD double.

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## Oruro

Located in the middle of the bleak Altiplano, Oruro typically has cool days and cold nights. Lodging is limited year-round but is especially scarce during carnival week.

**International Park** **[NR]**

Call Rajka Backovic S/N at the bus station

Tel. 591-2-527-6227, FAX 591-2-527-5197

E-mail: Not Available. Web: Not Available.

Description: High rise tourist class hotel located in the same building complex as Oruro’s bus terminal. The International Park is rated three-stars by the Bolivian hotel association. Price not available.

**Samay Wasi** **[NR]**

Avenida Brasil #232, Esquina Aroma near the Terminal de Autobuses

Tel. 591-2-527-6737

E-mail: [samaywasioruro@hotmail.com](mailto:samaywasioruro@hotmail.com), Web: Not Available.

Description: A modern four-story tourist class hotel. Rooms have private baths and hot water. A continental breakfast is included in the room charge. This hotel is rated three stars by the Bolivian hotel association. Prices run \$150 BS for a single and \$210 BS for a double. This includes a private bath, cable TV, garage, and a semi-buffet breakfast.

**Villa Real San Felipe** **[NR]**

Calle San Felipe #678, between Calle La Plata and Calle Soria Galvararo

Tel. 591-2-525-4993

E-mail: [sanfelipe@coteor.net.bo](mailto:sanfelipe@coteor.net.bo), Web: Not Available.

Description: Considered to be one of the better accommodations in Oruro, the Villa Real San Felipe is a modern three-story structure. A buffet breakfast and tea service is provided to guests at no charge. This property is given four stars by the Bolivian hotel association. Price not available.

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## Potosí

Potosí is the highest altitude and coldest city in Bolivia. Make sure to look for accommodations with heating and hot water.

### **Cima Argentum**

**Rating [4]**

Avenida Villazón #239

Tel. 591-2-622-9538, FAX 591-2-612-2603

E-mail: [info@hca-potosi.com](mailto:info@hca-potosi.com) , Web: [www.hca-potosi.com](http://www.hca-potosi.com)

Description: The Cima Argentum is one of the finer hotels in Potosí. Very practical and comfortable rooms with private bath, radiators for heating, cable TV, and telephone. \$33 USD single and \$43-\$46 USD double.

### **Libertador**

**Rating [3]**

Calle Millares #243

Tel. 591-2-622-7877, FAX 591-2-622-4629

E-mail: [libertador@entelnet.bo](mailto:libertador@entelnet.bo), Web: [www.hostal-libertador-potosi.com](http://www.hostal-libertador-potosi.com)

Description: This is one of the oldest and most respected hostals in Potosí. The Libertador is a tourist class hotel in an old colonial building in the city center. There is central heating, cable TV and Internet access. Rooms are spacious and adequately furnished. \$30 USD single and \$40 USD double.

### **Macuquina Dora**

**Rating [3]**

Avenida Camacho #243

Tel. 591-2-623-0257, FAX 591-2-623-0276

E-mail: [reservaciones@macuquinadorahotel.com](mailto:reservaciones@macuquinadorahotel.com), Web: [www.macuquinadorahotel.com](http://www.macuquinadorahotel.com)

Description: Basic but adequate tourist class hotel. The hotel has hot water, heating, cable TV, and telephone. Both American and continental breakfasts are available. \$20 USD single and \$30 USD double.

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## **Santa Cruz**

Much of the year (spring, summer, and fall) Santa Cruz can be hot and humid. This means that travelers should make sure that their hotel provides air conditioning. Even in the winter (June-August), some days can be uncomfortably warm and sticky. Because of its climate and booming economy, Santa Cruz offers a number of resort hotels within the city limits. A few of the resort hotels are pricey but even in this category, with some searching, a traveler can find fair values.

### **Camino Real**

**Rating [5]**

4to Anillo near Avenida San Martín in the Equipetrol Norte district

Tel. 591-3-343-3535, FAX 591-3-343-1515

E-mail: [reserves@caminoreal.com.bo](mailto:reserves@caminoreal.com.bo), Web: [www.caminoreal.com.bo](http://www.caminoreal.com.bo)

Description: The Camino Real is Santa Cruz is a luxury all suites hotel. Rooms and other facilities are air-conditioned. As in La Paz, the Camino Real offers good eating and drinking including the La Tranquera dining room, a terrace restaurant called Los Mangeles, the Café Bar Irupe, and the Tapeque Bar in the pool area. Included in the room price is an excellent American buffet breakfast. \$128 USD single and \$138 USD double. Promotional rates are frequently offered.

### **Córtex**

**Rating [4]**

Avenida Cristóbal Mendoza #280, second *anillo*, near the statue of Cristo Redentor

Tel. Toll Free: 800-10-4940, Tel. 591-3-333-1234, FAX 591-3-335-1186

E-mail: [hotelcortez@hotelcortez.com](mailto:hotelcortez@hotelcortez.com), Web: [www.hotelcortez.com](http://www.hotelcortez.com)

Description: The Córtez is one of the better-known hotels in Santa Cruz. The service here has a reputation for being excellent. This hotel has all of the comforts without a big price tag. A buffet breakfast is included in the room price and served in the Goyta Restaurant. Rooms are air-conditioned. Free airport shuttle is offered between 7:00 and 23:00 daily. \$65 USD single and \$75 USD double. Weekend promotional prices: \$40 USD double.

**House Inn and Suites Rating [5] – Best overall value in Santa Cruz**

Calle Colón #643 near Avenida Irala in the city center

Tel. 591-3-336-2323, FAX 591-3-1113, Toll Free USA: Tel. 800-372-7836

E-mail: [reserves@houseinn.com.bo](mailto:reserves@houseinn.com.bo), Bolivia Website: [www.houseinn.com.bo](http://www.houseinn.com.bo).

USA Website: [www.bestwestern.com](http://www.bestwestern.com)

Description: The House Inn is perhaps the best hotel deal in Santa Cruz. Run by the Best Western chain, this hotel offers 46 rooms and 37 suites that are very clean, pragmatically designed, and well-furnished. Most suites have kitchenettes. Non-smoking floors are available. Among the hotel's amenities are the Garden Restaurant and a Coffee Shop where a complimentary American breakfast is served. To obtain the best rates, you must make reservations via the USA toll free telephone number or the USA Website. \$67 USD deluxe single and \$80 USD deluxe double.



**[Best Western House Inn, Santa Cruz]**

**La Siesta Rating [3] – Value budget class**

Calle Vallegrande #17, between Ayacucho and Ingavi, three blocks from Plaza 24 de Septiembre

Tel. 591-3-334-9775, FAX 591-3-333-0146

E-mail: [reservas@hotel-lasiesta.com](mailto:reservas@hotel-lasiesta.com), [lasiesta@infonet.com.bo](mailto:lasiesta@infonet.com.bo), Web: [www.hotel-lasiesta.com](http://www.hotel-lasiesta.com)

Description: The comfortable and economic La Siesta offers 44 rooms with a continental breakfast included. Rooms have private baths, cable TV, air-conditioning, Frigobar, room service, and safes. The amenities include a restaurant, a pool, laundry service, private garage, money exchange, Internet connection, fax service, and a rental car stand. Rooms come in three classes: *Ejecutivo* (executive), *Económico* (budget), and *Estandar* (standard). Note the standard rooms are not air-conditioned. \$22-26 USD single and \$26-30 USD double.

**Las Palmas Rating: [4] – Value in tourist class**

Avenida el Trompillo #604, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anillo

Tel. 591-3-352-0366, FAX 591-3-352-0533

E-mail: [operaciones@laspalmashotel.net](mailto:operaciones@laspalmashotel.net), Web: [www.laspalmashotel.net](http://www.laspalmashotel.net)

Description: The mid-sized Las Palmas is rated four stars and offers 38 bright and airy rooms. It has a central location near the former Santa Cruz airport of El Trompillo, now used primarily for private aircraft. Rooms are air-conditioned and comfortable. Dining is available in the hotel's restaurant. Rooms are reasonably priced. \$45 USD for a single, \$55 USD for a double, and suites are \$50 USD to \$60 USD.

### **Urbari** **Rating [4]**

Calle Igmiri #506, in the residential neighborhood of Urbari

Tel. 591-3-352-2288, FAX 591-3-352-2255

E-mail: [grupo\\_urbacruz@yahoo.com](mailto:grupo_urbacruz@yahoo.com), Web: [www.urbariresort.com](http://www.urbariresort.com)

Description: The Urbari is an apartment resort hotel. It uniquely offers efficiency rooms and apartments, all of which are air-conditioned. There are two restaurants on the premises, El Horcón and Los Arcos. Breakfast is not included in the room rate. The Urbari offers daily, weekly and monthly rates. A single costs \$59 USD daily and \$330 weekly. A double room costs \$60 USD daily and \$380 USD weekly.

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## **Sucre**

Sucre is Bolivia's legal capital and its best colonial gem. It is often called the White City since many adobe buildings have white stucco and red tile roofs. Lodging is a bit limited in Sucre but prices are modest.

### **Glorieta** **Rating [4]**

Calle Bolívar #128, Esquina Calle Urcullo

Tel. 591-4-644-3777, FAX 591-4-644-3777

E-mail: [hglorieta@cotes.net.bo](mailto:hglorieta@cotes.net.bo), Web: [www.hotelglorieta.com](http://www.hotelglorieta.com)

Description: Superior tourist class hotel with 28 rooms in a modern high rise building. Rooms have a private bath, telephone, and cable TV. An American style breakfast is included. The hotel has a restaurant and a terrazzo. \$44 USD single and \$59 USD double.

### **La Posada** **Rating [3]**

Calle Audiencia #92, just a block from Sucre's central plaza

Tel. 591-4-646-0101, FAX 591-4-691-3427

E-mail: [laposadahostal@entelnet.bo](mailto:laposadahostal@entelnet.bo), Web: [www.laposadahostal.com](http://www.laposadahostal.com)

Description: Basic but nicely inviting small hostel in mid-town Sucre. The hostel has a cafeteria and restaurant. Internet connection is available. \$25 USD single and \$40 USD double.

### **Paola Hostel** **Rating [3]**

Calle Colón #138, between Calle Junín and Call Bustillos, just two blocks from the main plaza.

Tel. 591-4-644-3437, FAX 591-4-643-7454

E-mail: [villantigua@pelicano.cnb.net](mailto:villantigua@pelicano.cnb.net), Web: [www.paolahostal.com](http://www.paolahostal.com).

Description: Courtyard rooms in a colonial building. Comfortable rooms with private baths, frigobar, and cable TV. Airport shuttle and breakfast buffet included. \$25 USD single and \$35 USD double.



**Premier** **Rating [4]**

Tel. 591-4-645-2097, FAX 591-4-644-1232

E-mail: [premierhotel@hotmail.com](mailto:premierhotel@hotmail.com), Web: Not Available.

Description: Rated four stars by the Bolivian hotel association, the Premier offers comfortable rooms with private bath.

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## Tarija

Tarija is a beautiful town near the Argentine border. This is Bolivia's wine region. Lodging is a bit limited but economical.

**Los Ceibos** **Rating [4]**

Avenida Paz Estenssoro (Carretera Panamericana), Esquina Calle La Madrid

Tel. 591-4-663-4430, FAX 591-4-664-2461

E-mail: [info@hotellosceibos.com](mailto:info@hotellosceibos.com), [losceiboshotel@hotmail.com](mailto:losceiboshotel@hotmail.com), Web: [www.hotellosceibos.com](http://www.hotellosceibos.com)

Description: Modern three-story hotel with all the amenities in the El Molino district of old Tarija. The hotel is just across the street from the Gualdalquivir River. Rooms have all the amenities including wireless Internet access. \$35 USD single and \$45 USD double.

**Los Parrales** **Rating [4]**

Urbanización El Carmen de Aranjuez, Km 3,5

Tel. 591-4-664-8444, FAX 591-4-664-8444

E-mail: [reserves@losparraleshotel.com](mailto:reserves@losparraleshotel.com), Web: [www.losparraleshotel.com](http://www.losparraleshotel.com)

Description: A resort and spa hotel on the outskirts of Tarija. The hotel has 36 rooms and suites, as well as a restaurant, bar, and cafeteria. Large comfortable rooms with private baths. Most rooms have nice view of the Guadalquivir River. You must negotiate with the desk to get prices quoted here. \$70 USD single and \$80 USD double.

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## Tupiza

Tupiza is quite small with only a few hotels. Most establishments here are budget class.

**Mitru** **Rating [3]**

Avenida Chicas #187

Tel. 591-2-694-3001, FAX 591-2-694-4816.

E-mail: [hmitru@entelnet.bo](mailto:hmitru@entelnet.bo), Web: [www.tupizatours.com](http://www.tupizatours.com)

Description: Tourist class hotel managed by local tour company. A surprisingly comfortable establishment for its isolated location in Bolivia's southern highlands. The Mitru provides travelers with the expected amenities. Meals are served in the hotel's restaurant, Los Helechos. The Mitru offers various types of accommodations from standard rooms, to suites, and even a rustic cabin in the country. There is an adjacent annex that offers cheaper and of course more basic rooms. \$18 USD for a single and \$25 USD for a double in the main hotel. \$8 USD for a single and \$15 for a double with private bath in the annex.

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## Uyuni

Uyuni is the primary gateway to the salt flats and Educardo Avaroa National Park. There is a good variety of hotels in this small town. There are several nice resort type establishments in the rural areas around Uyuni.

### **Jardines de Uyuni/Palacio de Sal**                      **Rating**                      **[2+]**

Hidalgo Tours

Calle Bolivia, Esquina Junin

Tel. 591-2-622-5186, FAX 591-2-622-9512

E-mail: [hidalgouyuni@etelnet.bo](mailto:hidalgouyuni@etelnet.bo), Web: [www.salardeuyuni.net](http://www.salardeuyuni.net)

Description: Hidalgo Tours, which operates out of Potosí offers travelers a variety of lodging choices around Uyuni and the Salt Flats. The most interesting property is the Palacio de Sal, a small, rustic inn that sits on the edge of the Uyuni Salt Flats. The entire construction, except for the roof, is made of salt blocks. Singles run \$120 USD and doubles \$160 USD. This includes breakfast. Add \$10.00 USD to add dinner. A budget hotel run by Hidalgo Tours is called Jardenes de Uyuni which offers economical singles for \$35 USD and doubles for \$55 USD. These prices include breakfast and for another \$7.50 USD you can add dinner.

### **Mongo's Tahua**    **Rating [3]**

Uyuni

Tel. 591-2-244-0714 or Cel. 7208-1397 (La Paz)

E-mail: Not Available, Web: Not Available.

Description: New tourist class hotel in the Tahua area. Operated by Mongos, owners of Mongo's Rock Bottom Café in La Paz and the Café Isla Incahuasi in the Uyuni area.

### **Tonito**    **Rating [3]**

60 Avenida Ferroviária near the train station

Tel. 591-2-693 3186, Tel/Fax 591-2-693 2094

Email: [tonitotours@yahoo.com](mailto:tonitotours@yahoo.com), Web: [www.bolivianexpeditions.com](http://www.bolivianexpeditions.com)

Description: Operated by Tonito Tours, which has offices in La Paz and Uyuni. The agency also has an eco-lodge in Bella Vista. The Tonito Hotel is a tourist class lodging with continental breakfast and basic but inviting rooms. Some staff members are bilingual. \$20 USD single and \$30 USD double.

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## Yungas

The Yungas is not a town but a subtropical mountainous region in Bolivia that separates the western highlands from the eastern lowlands. Major towns include Coroico, Caranavi, and Chulumani.

### **Cerro Verde**    **Rating [3]**

Calle Ayucucho #5037, Coroico, Nor Yungas

Tel. 591-2-215-3270.

E-mail: [info@ceturbolivia.com](mailto:info@ceturbolivia.com), Web: [www.ceturbolivia.com](http://www.ceturbolivia.com)

Description: A unique hotel experience in the Yungas. The Cerro Verde Hotel is operated by a vocational hotel school based in the La Paz, CETUR. This tourist class establishment provides excellent service and standard accommodations for an exceptional price. Approximately \$6 USD single and \$12 USD double.

**Gloria Coroico****Rating [3]**

Coroico, Nor Yungas

Tel. 591-2-240-7070 (La Paz), FAX 591-2-240-6622 (La Paz)

E-mail: [gloriatr@ceibo.entlenet.bo](mailto:gloriatr@ceibo.entlenet.bo), Web: [www.hotelgloria.com.bo](http://www.hotelgloria.com.bo).

Description: Operated by the Gloria lodging chain that has hotels in La Paz, Lake Titicaca (Copacabana), and Umiri, Hotel Springs. The Gloria is located on the property of the former Hotel Perfectural. Transportation is provided for \$7.50 USD between the hotel and La Paz if there are at least ten passengers. Meals (breakfast, 2 lunches, and a dinner) can be provided for \$12 USD upon request. \$33 USD single and \$40 USD for a double room with private bath and continental breakfast.

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