

Chapter V

Shopping and Entertainment

This chapter focuses on two important aspects of shopping and in addition, contains a section on various types of entertainment. First, we provide a listing of the major handicraft stores called *artesanías*. These stores sell native items ranging from alpaca, vicuña, and llama blankets and clothing, to silver and brassware, to musical instruments, woodcarvings, ceramics, and other handicrafts.

Whenever possible, the stores listed in *Instant Bolivia* are those that directly benefit *campesino* organizations, cooperatives and associations established to assist native Aymara, Quechua, and Guaraní artisans from rural communities. We recommend these shops as part of its overall effort to promote responsible tourism.

Secondly, this chapter contains a listing of shops and stores of special interest to travelers. These shops tend to carry practical items often sought out by travelers and foreign visitors. Some of the categories covered include:

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| Bicycle Shops | Book Stores & Maps |
| Camping and Mountaineering | Clothing Stores |
| Jewelry | Locksmiths & Keys |
| Music (Tapes and CDs) | Stationary |
| Supermarkets | Wine & Liquor Shops |

Finally, the chapter ends with a directory of entertainment venues. We list for example, *peñas folklóricas*, dinner theaters that feature Bolivian folkloric music and dance. Also listed are cinemas as well as public auditoriums, coliseums, arenas, opera houses, and theaters that provide fine arts and popular public performances. Also included in this section are museums and suggestions for urban walks.

The sections in this chapter are organized first by cities and then by the three major topics, handicraft shops, travelers' shopping, and entertainment. In the case of handicrafts, almost all of the major cities and towns of Bolivia are represented. The section on travelers' shopping focuses primarily on CBBA, LPZ, and SCZ. Ditto for entertainment.

HANDICRAFT SHOPS

Cochabamba – CBBA

Arte Andino

A newer organization that produces traditional textiles from the countryside around CBBA. More than 250 members participate in the coop. With support from the European Union, the association has trained more than 1,500 artisans. Pasaje Cathedral between Calle Esteban Arce and Nataniel Aguirre. Tel. 450-8367.

Arte Tropic

From Bolivia's principal coca growing region the Chaparé, this coop provides work to 664 indigenous families. Some of the coop's products are sold in the **Arte Andino** store near the Cathedral. The other outlet, **Raices**, is located at Avenida América Este #571.

Asarti

High quality alpaca and other handicraft items. Edificio Colón, Calle Paccieri – Esquina 25 de Mayo, Tel. 425-0455.



[Artwork Courtesy of Ananay]

Comunidad Wiñay

Founded in 1988 Wiñay now employs 27 women full time and provides daycare to approximately 50 children. Seasonally, up to 100 women are employed at the workshops. This coop has many types of *artesanías* and is especially known for their ceramics, mobiles, miniatures, candle lamps, and nativity scenes. Location: Carretera a Sacaba, Km 5, Norte Calle Max Fernandez S/N. Tel. 429-9754.

Cerámica Cochabambina

An association of approximately 15 artisans produces many types of ceramics including table and kitchen accessories. Avenida Ayacucho between Calle Colombia and Calle Ecuador. Tel. 452-2518.

Filipo

A family run business open for more than 40 years. The main specialties are leather products. There are two locations in CBBA:

- Avenida Villazón, Km 2, Urbanización Los Huertos #28
- Nataniel Aguirre #456 between Calle Jordán and Calle Calama

Fotrama

An *artesanía* coop run by the progressive Maryknoll order of Catholic missionaries from New York. Fotrama has several outlets. The main store is located on Calle Bolívar #0439, Tel. 422-2890, while the slightly cheaper factory store is at Circunvalación #0413, Tel. 424-0567. Closed on Sundays.

Gamboa

Carries handicrafts but specializes in music and musical instruments. Avenida Manco Capac #541.

MACAWS

Through the provision of financing and vocational training, MACAWS has become a seller and exporter of fine leather products. Avenida Arquimedes #4800, Zona la Maica Norte. Tel. 443-0454.

Mamani Mamani

Paintings by one of Bolivia's most famous native artists. Open 9:30 to 12:30 and 15:00 to 20:00 weekdays. Calle España #219. Tel. 7066-0527 (cell).

Maya MacLean Casa

Features export quality lamps and other decorative accessories. Upscale products. Calle Beni #329.

Mosojyan

This store carries handicrafts from the Comunidad Wiñay and Tierra y Fuego coops. Calle Boivar #818.

Tierra y Fuego

A Cochabamba-based group that features ceramics, both utilitarian and decorative. The group has two locations in CBBA:

- Avenida Reducto – Esquina Canal de Riegos S/N
- Avenida Heroínas – Esquina Lanza

Vicuñita

A handicrafts store that of course carries clothing and other articles made from vicuña wool. Located on Calle Rafael Pabón #777 near the airport. Tel. 425-5615.

Wari

Textiles made of pure alpaca wool. Calle Potosí #2043.

Winay Warmis

Women's coop since 1997. There are two chapters with 36 women in CBBA and 20 in La Paz. Calle Jesús Awayo #1743 between Maracaibo and Calle Valencia in the Cala Cala area.

La Paz – LPZ

Artecampo (www.artecampo.com)

Although based in Santa Cruz, this group has maintained a store in La Paz for more than 20 years. Most of the handicrafts are typical of Bolivia Amazon region. Calle 21, Galería Centro de Moda #8240, Local 49, Zona Sur: San Miguel.

Art Gallery Andy

Paintings and handicrafts. One shop on Calle Sagárnaga #177 and two stores on Calle Linares #888 and #945. Centro. Tel. 231-5134.

Asarti

Located in the Hotel Radisson on Avenida Arce #2177, Sopocachi. Tel. 244-2726.

Ayni

Calle Illampu #707 in the Hotel Rosario, Centro.

C.I.E.P. (www.ciep.1go.dk/)

The Centro de Investigación de Energía y Población has an *artesanías* outlet in the Gala Center on Calle Sagárnaga #1777, first floor, Centro. Another store is located in the Zona Sur at Avenida Ballivián #1426 – Esquina Calle 21 in Local 4A of Shopping 2000, San Miguel. Tel. 212-1396.

COMART (Comunidad de Productores de Artesanías Para Todos) - Tukuypaj

COMART is an association made of up more than 30 artisan groups. There are two stores in La Paz.

- Calle Linares #958, Centro. Tel. 231-2686.
- Galería Centro de Moda, Local 4B-5A, San Miguel.

Fotrama

A long-standing Cochabamba-based cooperative. Upscale handmade clothing for both men and women. Calle 21, Centro de Modas, Local KB, Zona Sur: Calacoto.

Fundación Quipus

Quipus is a prominent non-profit group that, besides its handicrafts efforts, supports other cultural activities such as a children's cultural museum in the Laikakota complex of La Paz. There are two stores in La Paz:

- Curva ExParque Zoológico, Museo Kusillo
- Calle Sagárnaga – Esquina Calle Murillo, Galería Dorian, Local 10, Centro.

Galería Toque

This group produces carved and painted household furniture in a baroque style. Calle Illampu #632, interior of the patio of the Hotel Continental.

Inpel

Family micro-enterprise that produces pewter household and decorative accessories. The metals that the workers use in the products are safe for kitchen use. Calle 21 #2, just before Ketal Market, Zona Sur: San Miguel.

Inca Pallay

Artisans and weavers from the Quechua regions of Tarabuco and Jalq'a near Sucre. Inca Pallay is part of the ASUR Foundation. Calle Linares #958, 2nd Floor (same building as COMART), Centro.

JOART

Leather goods. Open 9:00 to 12:30 and 14:00 to 19:30 Monday through Friday and 9:00 to 12:00 noon on Saturdays. Closed Sunday. Calle Sagárnaga #272-280, Centro, Tel. 237-5726.

Kunturi

Calle Nicolás Acosta #832, Centro. Tel. 249-4350.

L.A.M.

Alpaca goods. Many outlets in La Paz. Calle Linares #972. Centro. Tel. 231-6970.

Llauri and Mayja

Llauri is a coop of poor women from El Alto, mostly wives of unemployed and disabled miners. Mayja specialize in wood decorative accessories. The two groups share a store in Plaza Kantuta, Local 2, in San Miguel, Zona Sur. Tel. 279-4640 or Tel. 243-0035.

Maya MacLean Casa

Upscale home decorations. Calle H. Ferrecio #1173, Bloque C, San Miguel, Zona Sur. Tel. 214-5931.

Mother Earth

All natural and organic cultivations and pastures. Speciality is alpaca sweaters. Calle Linares #870. Centro. Tel. 239-1911.

Sayari

An association of textile producers specializing in beautifully designed hand-woven clothes. Calle Sagárnaga, Galería Gladis, 2nd Level. Centro.

Termitas

Wood carvings and paintings. Nice collection and insects and animals plus much more. Calle 22 de Agosto #6, Zona Vino Tino, La Zarsuela.

Tierra y Fuego

A Cochabamba-based group that features ceramics, both utilitarian and decorative. Calle Sagárnaga #237, Centro.

Wali Jutawi

Various types of weavings, clothwork, and other handicrafts. Calle Linares #858. Centro. Tel. 246-1820.

Wari

Features textiles from 100 percent alpaca wool. Calle Sagárnaga – Esquina Calle Murillo. Galería Dorian, Local 1, Centro. Tel. 231-0786.

Zona Boliviana

Calle Mercado #1080 near the corner of Calle Socabaya. Centro. Tel. 240-9107.

Oruro

ARAO-Oruro

Calle Galvarro #5999, Tel. 525-0331.

Artesanías Oruro

Associated with U.S. Peace Corps project, Calle Ayacucho #855.

Artesanias Riguerín

Calle 6 de Agosto #6001, Esquina Móntes.

Potosí

Arte Nativo

Calle Sucre #30, Tel. 622-3544.

Artesanias Cisne

Calle Padilla #17.

Artesanias El Chasqui

Calle La Paz #1649. Tel. 7183-6701 (Cell).

Artesanias Killay

Mercado Artesanal.

Santa Cruz – SCZ

Artecampo (www.artecampo.com)

Handicrafts of indigenous origin from the SCZ region. Calle Monseñor Salvatierra #407 – Esquina Vallegarande, Tel. 334-1843 or Tel. 355-9133.

Artesanías Camba

Local wood, pelt, and metal artworks, Calle Junín #273, Tel. 334-3964.

Artesanías Fotrama

If you missed this store in CBBA, check out the branch at Calle Seoane #13 – Esquina 14 de Septiembre, Tel. 333-2039.

Artesanías Pewter Place

Pewter goods as well as traditional handicrafts. There are two locations in Santa Cruz:

- Avenida 24 de Septiembre #76. Tel. 333-8916.
- Calle Bolívar, Shopping Bolívar, Locales 2A to 4A. Tel. 336-0174.

Chiquitanos Piedras Bolivianas

Stonework for home and office, Calle Fray del Pilar #74, Tel. 333-5637.

Ecotrading S.R.L.

Avenida Santos Dumont between the 5th and 6th *Anillos*, Leterero de Urbanización Urucu.

Horizonte

Avenida Virgen de Cotoca #1565. Tel. 346-8343.

Manos Indígenas

Native textiles from indigenous groups such as Guarayo, Chiquitano, Ayoreo, and Guaraní. Calle Cuéllar #16, Tel. 337-2042.

Sin Fronteras S.R.L.

3er Anillo, between Avenida De La Barranca and Calle San Aurélio, Tel. 354-7901.

Stel Import Export

Avenida Cañoto – Esquina Calle Montero.

Uni Arte

Ecological *artesanías*. Calle Charagua #37, between Avenida Cañoto and Cordillera. Cell 7088-6942.

Vicuñita Handicrafts

Large selection and fair prices. Vicuñita will ship goods overseas. The main store is at Calle Independencia #14 – Esquina Ingavi, just a block off the main plaza. Tel. 334-0591. Vicuñita's other outlets are adjacent to the main store except for the branch on Calle René Moreno #150.



[Painting of Countryside – Santa Cruz by Marina Suarez]

Sucre

Ananay Craft Store (www.artesaniasdebolivia.com)

One of the classiest *artesanias* stores with possibly the most extensive selection in Sucre. Plaza de la Recoleta, Tel. 644-0299.

Ajllay Wasi

Local women's cooperative. Calle Audiencia #17.

Artesanias Calcha

Good variety of local artifacts. Calle Arce #103.

Artesania Bolivia

Weavings from the Tarabuco area. Calle Argentina #31.

ASUR (www.bolivianet.com/asur/)

A major non-profit foundation in Bolivia. The store is located in the Museo de Arte Indígena (Casa Capellanica) on Calle San Alberto #413. Tel. 645-3841.

Inca Pallay

Artisans and weavers from the Quechua regions of Tarabuco and Jalq'a near Sucre. Inca Pallay is part of the ASUR Foundation. Calle Murillo #25 in Tarabuco.

Turismo Sucre

Provides Jatun Yampara shopping tours on a half and full-day basis to various *artesanias* coops in villages around the Sucre area. See listing under Tour Agencies.



TRAVELERS' SHOPPING SECTION

Cochabamba – CBBA

Book Stores & Maps - CBBA

Los Amigos del Libro

With stores in the major cities, Los Amigos del Libro has a monopoly in Bolivia when it comes to English, German, and other foreign language books and magazines. This bookstore also carries interesting literature about Bolivia and a few local guidebooks.

Web: www.librosbolivia.com. Los Amigos has three locations in Cochabamba:

- Avenida Ayacucho S#0156, Tel. 425-4114.
- Torres Sofer on Calle Oquendo E#654.
- Jorge Wilsterman Airport Terminal.

Camping, Mountaineering & Sports - CBBA

These stores carry basic but not overly extensive lines of camping and mountaineering equipment.

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Avenida Heroínas #2585.

Nanos Sports

Calle Lanza – Esquina San Martín.

Sports Shop

- Calle Esteban Arce #1343, Local 169, Tel. 455-4481.
- Call San Martí #199 – Esquina Bolívar. Tel. 450-7809.

Clothing Stores - CBBA

SOFER Shopping Center

Avenida Oquendo #654 in the Muyurina district. Tel. 422-1688.

Stationary, Postcards, and Photocopies - CBBA

For most stationary supplies, you will want to go to a store called a *librería*. A library is called *biblioteca*. A *librería* is not always a bookstore either, although some of these stationary stores may carry schoolbooks.

CBBA Post Office

Postcards are sold in stalls and shops adjacent to the post office. There are also several stationary and photocopy stores in this area.

Copyland

Photocopies, stationary, and other office supplies. Avenida Salamanca #935.
Tel. 452-3494.

Supermarkets - CBBA**Hipermercados IC**

Full service, American-style supermarkets. Good for stocking up for excursions, tours, and trekking. Web. www.icnorte.com.

- Avenida América E#0817 at the corner of Avenida Pando. Tel. 424-0575 or Tel. 424-7951.
- Avenida Dorbigny – Esquina Melchor Pérez de Olguín, Tel. 440-3040 or Tel. 440-1684.

Q'BARATO

Avenida Melchor Pérez de Olguín #1197 in the Sarco neighborhood. Tel. 428-6461.

SMART Supermercado

Calle Libertador – Esquina Calle Tarija in the Cala Cala area. Tel. 448-7576.

Super Ecológico

Health food store. Avenida Pano #1270. Zona Recoleta. Tel. 448-5040.

SuperHaas

Avenida Heroínas E#585, a well-stocked mini-market. Tel. 423-4253.

Supernatural

Supermarket that also carries health food products. Avenida Pando #1270.

Wines & Liquors - CBBA**La Concepción**

Considered by some to be Bolivia's best winery. Calle Nataniel Aguirre #577,
Tel. 412-1967.

La Paz – LPZ

Bicycle Shops - LPZ

Before purchasing bicycles or bicycle equipment, it is wise to check with your tour operator for advice.

Bicicar

Carries trek and mountain bikes. Avenida Montenegro and Calle 18, Zona Sur.

Casa Daco

Two locations in La Paz:

- Calle Pedro de la Gasca #520, Centro, Tel. 245-0576.
- Avenida Montenegro #1247, Zona Sur. Tel. 279-7830.

Massa

Reported to carry Raleigh and Nishiki brands. Calle 21 #8341 in the Zona Sur. Tel. 279-7820.

Nosiglia Sport

This is the franchise for Cannondale and other brands. Avenida Costanera #29, Calacoto, Zona Sur. Tel. 279-4904.

Book Stores & Maps - LPZ

Gisbert & Co.

A large bookstore that also carries maps and stationary supplies. Gisbert will ship to international destinations. Calle Comercio #1270, Centro.

Librería Olímpia

Stationary store with books and maps. Galería Handal, Local 14, Avenida Mariscal Santa Cruz, Centro. Tel. 235-3833.

Librería Plural

Stocks an array of books on science, ecology, culture, and sociology in Spanish. Calle Pedro Salazar #489 at Plaza Avaroa, Sopocachi.

Los Amigos del Libro

Carries a selection of books, maps, and magazines in English and German, in addition to an excellent collection in Spanish. Has books about Bolivia as well as literature and poetry written by Bolivians. There are three locations in the La Paz area:

- Calle Mercado #1315 near Calle Loayza, Centro.
- A small outlet on the Prado (Avenida 16 de Julio), Centro.
- A small kiosk at El Alto Airport. Tel. 220-4321.

Camping & Mountaineering & Sports – LPZ

Adolfo Andino

Carries waterproof and resistant supplies. Calle Sagárnaga #380, Centro.
Tel. 231-7151.

Andean Summits

Tour operator as well as camping and climbing shop. Galería Comercial Doryan, Calle Sagárnaga near the corner of Calle Murillo, Centro.

Condoriri

Sells new and second hand equipment. Also rents and makes repairs. Calle Sagárnaga #343, Centro, Tel. 231-9369.

Camping Caza y Pesca

New and somewhat expensive supplies. Galería Handal, Avenida Mariscal Santa Cruz, Esquina Calle Socabaya, Local 9, Centro. Branches are located in CBBA and SCZ.

Kaypí Artesanías

Bolivian made backpacks as well as imports. Calle Sagárnaga #189, Galería Comercial Dorian, Local 18. Centro.

Sarañani

Aymara for "Let's Go" is located in the Galería Comercial Dorian, Local #15, on Calle Sagárnaga #189, Centro. Tel. 237-9806.

Clothing Stores – LPZ

If you've lost or forgotten an article of clothing, one of the following shops can help you replace an item or complete your wardrobe.

Atelier

Fine clothing for men. Tel. 240-9336.

Centro Comercial Cristal

Calle Potosí – Esquina Yanacocha, Centro.

Shopping Centers, North & South

- Norte: Calle Potosí, Esquina Socabaya. Centro.
- Sur: La Florida, Zona Sur.

Jewelry Stores – LPZ

Supposedly, Bolivian jewelers tend to use 12 carats instead of 14 carats for most gold pieces. You can custom order a 12, 14, or 16-carat gold or other precious stone item and usually pick it up in a day or two. In Bolivia, precious stones and metals are usually sold at international market prices. The labor is where the savings are found.

Joyería Cosmos

Handal Center, Local 13, Avenida Mariscal Santa Cruz near Calle Socabaya, Centro.

Joyería King's Store

Open from 9:45 to 12:30 and 15:00 to 19:30 on weekdays and 10:00 to 13:00 on Saturdays. Closed Sunday.

- Calle Loayza #235, Local 1Z, between Avenida Camacho & Calle Mercado, Edificio Mariscal de Ayacucho. Centro, Tel. 220-1331.
- Calle 15, Calería Torre Ketel, Calacoto, Zona Sur. Tel. 277-2542.

Joyería Illimani

Long established and well known jeweler in La Paz. Reasonable prices. Calle Potosí #1330. Tel. 220-4432.

Tourist Shop

Open 10:30 to 12:30 and 15:30 to 18:30 on weekdays. English, German, and Yiddish spoken. Calle Sagárnaga #235, Centro Tel. 233-4144.

Music, Tapes & CDs - LPZ

Centro de Música Lauro

Calle Evaristo Valle s/n – Esquina Tiquina. Centro.

Discolandia

- Calle Evaristo Valle #239, Centro.
- Avenida 16 de Julio, Edificio Alameda, Centro.
- Plaza Muriillo next to Cine Plaza, Centro.

Féria de la Música

Calle Jenaro Sanjinés #345. Centro.

Galería Herba

Calle Evaristo Valle #144. Centro.

Su Música

Sells tapes and CDs as well as other types of *artesanías* including musical instruments. Calle Sagárnaga #189 – Esquina Murillo. Galería Comercial Dorian, Local 17, Centro. Tel. 7198-3365 (cell).

Stationary, Postcards & Photocopies - LPZ

LPZ Post Office

Vendors can be found inside and to the rear of the main post office lobby and along the side of the post office building on Calle Oruro off Avenida Mariscal Santa Cruz. There is a wide selection of cards many with shots of spectacular landscapes, captivating flora and fauna, and fascinating people.

The vendors also sell envelopes including airmail envelopes and a few other stationary items such as pens, paper, and tape. Inside the post office there are a couple of long tables that can be used to assemble and organize your mail.

Copy Bol LTDA

Photocopy shop with many locations around La Paz:

- Calle Ingavi #1051, Centro, Tel. 240-8665.
- Avenida 6 de Agosto-Esquina Campos, Edificio Iturri, Local 1, Sopocachi, Tel. 243-4868.
- Avenida Arce #2355, Edificio Cobija, Locales 4 & 5, Sopocachi, Tel. 244-2567.
- Avenida Camacho #1485, Edificio La Urbana, 1st floor, Centro, Tel. 220-4544.

Copimundo

Photocopy shops:

- Calle Federico Zuazo #1717, Centro, Tel. 237-0081.
- Calle Jorge Carrasco #27, Zona Sur.
- Calle 12 de Octubre, El Alto, Tel. 281-4544.

Full Office

Stationary supplies. Calle Loayza #178, Centro, Tel. 231-4370.

Gisbert y Cia. SA

Stationary supplies and books. Calle Comercio #1270, Centro, Tel. 220-2626.

Olímpia

Stationary supplies and copy service. There are four locations in La Paz:

- Calle Ingavi #1051, Centro, Tel. 240-8665.
- Calle Socabaya –Esquina Mariscal Santa Cruz, Edificio Handal Center, Local 14, Centro, Tel. 220-4106.
- Calle 15, Torre Ketal, Locales 21-42, Calacoto, Zona Sur, Tel. 277-0782.
- Calle Isaac Tamayo #780, Centro. Tel. 245-0982.

Pru-Robin SRL

Stationary supplies. Web: www.pru-robin.com.bo. Four locations in La Paz:

- Plaza del Estudiante on the Prado #1923, Centro, Tel. 244-0152.
- Calle Cisneros #1864, Miraflores. Tel. 224-5140
- Calle 21 #8265, San Miguel, Zona Sur. Tel. 279-6507
- Avenida Arce #2618, Edificio Columbia, Sopocachi/San Jorge. Tel. 243-0957.

Supermarkets - LPZ

Arco Iris Market

A well stocked mini-market across from Mercado Sopocachi, Calle Guachalla #554, Sopocachi.

Hipermaxi

Said to be the largest supermarket with the best prices in LPZ.

- Calle Cuba #1406 at the corner of Calle Brasil in Miraflores. Tel. 224-4151.
- Avenida Ballivián #1185 in Calacoto, Tel. 279-8571.

Ketal Supermarkets

There are several Ketal Supermarkets in the LPZ area. They carry groceries, drug store merchandise, soaps and related items. As expected, the express version of Ketal is actually a mini-mart. Tel. 279-9516.

- Avenida Arce – Esquina Calle Macario Pinilla, Sopocachi Bajo.
- Avenida Ballivián – Calle 15, Calacoto, Zona Sur.
- Calle 21 in San Miguel, Zona Sur.
- An Express Ketal is located in Plaza España in Alto Sopocachi.

Supermercado Gava

Well stocked store. Avenida Ballivián – Esquina Calle 10 Calacoto, Zona Sur, Tel. 278-6512.

Super Ecológico

Health food store. Avenida Brasil #1519 – Esquina Panamá. Miraflores, Tel. 222-2676.

Zatt Supermercados

A small chain with the main branch on Calle Sánchez Lima, near esquina Calle Belisario Salinas in the Plaza Avaroa area, Sopocachi.

Wine and Liquor Shops - LPZ

Bodega La Concepción

Carries excellent Bolivian wines from the Tarija region. Cañada Strongest #1620 at Calle Otero de la Vega in San Pedro, Centro. Tel. 248-4812.

Campos de Solano

One of the finest wines in Bolivia. Try the red Malbecs or white Reislings. Calle Estados Unidos #1427 in Miraflores, Tel. 222-8364.

Supermercado de Licor

Discount liquor store. Avenida Ballivián – Esquina Calle 9, Calacoto, Tel. 278-7883.

Santa Cruz – SCZ

Bicycle Shops - SCZ

Visal Import Export S.R.L.

Calle Ballivián #110 – Esquina Potosí, Tel. 334-7145.

Book Stores & Maps - SCZ

ABC Librería y Papelería

Calle René Moreno #56, Tel. 333-8830.

Bolivian Center S.R.L.

Calle Ingavi #80, Tel. 333-1420.

El Ateno

Some books in English. Calle Cañoto – Esquina Avenida 21 de Mayo, Tel. 333-3338.

Lewy Libros

Small selection. Calle Junín #229. Tel. 336-0709.

Librería Lectura

General books in Spanish, Avenida Monseñor Rivero #355, Edificio Milenio, 1st floor, Local 8, Tel. 337-6782.

Libería Mundo Intelectual

Technical books in Spanish, Calle España #383, Tel. 334-5486.

Libros Nelly

Used books, Calle Ingavi #84, Tel. 336-5371.

Los Amigos del Libro

Foreign language books in German, French, and English. Good collection of Bolivian titles. Calle Ingavi #114, Tel. 332-7937.

Papelería Schnieder

Small selection of books as well as stationary store. Calle Sucre #36, Tel. 334-5837.

Camping and Mountaineering - SCZ

Before buying camping or mountaineering equipment and supplies in Bolivia, it is probably wise to check with a tour operator. They may suggest alternatives (renting or buying used for example) or they may advise you about the best deals and most reliable vendors.

América Home Center

Department store with a camping and hunting section. Avenida Santa Cruz #2065 – Esquina Rio de Janeiro, Tel. 346-4672.

Armagedon Importadora y Exportadora

Calle Puerto Suarez #313, almost to the 2nd *Anillo*, Tel. 332-5305.

Camping Casa y Pezca – El Aventurero

Wide selection available. Calle Florida #126-130.

El Cazador

Avenida Centenario #93, Tel. 336-2343.

Importadora Daher

Calle Florida #221, Tel. 332-7159.

La Jara Caza y Pesca

Calle Bolívar #458. Tel. 335-0491.

Safari Camping

Avenida 21 de Mayo – Esquina Calle Seoane. Tel. 337-0185.

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| Clothing Stores - SCZ |
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The stores listed in this section carry street and sports wear for those travelers who have forgotten or need to replace some items in their wardrobe during their trip.

Alquimia Alta Costura

Women's wear, Calle Melgar #8, Tel. 345-4259.

Boutique El Varón Elegante

Men's Clothing, Calle Suárez Figueroa #417, Tel. 332-1481.

Boutique Fersil

Family clothing, Calle Ingavi #220, Local 3. Tel. 334-8396.

Boutique Jenny & Carina

Women's street and sports wear. Centro Comercial Camba, Local 8, Tel. 337-5447.

Boutique Ropero

Clothes from the USA, Calle Manuel Ignacio Salvatierra #413, Tel. 334-7287.

Distribuidora 184

Men's Clothing, Calle 24 de Septiembre #184, Tel. 332-9343.

Importadora Katya

Sports wear. Avenida Paraguá, 3rd *Anillo*. Tel. 346-0416. Two additional branches include:

- Branch at Avenida Landívar #61, Tel. 32-7969.
- Avenida Cañoto #792, Tel. 352-0266.

Vertigo's Modas

Women's clothing, Calle Libertad #176, Tel. 333-3975.

Jewelry - SCZ

Unlike LPZ and CBBA where the jewelry shops favor *artesanías*, those in SCZ specialize mainly in precious stones that are mined in the Department of SCZ. Several jewelers and *artesanías* shops also sell fine stonework articles for the kitchen, bathroom, and even the office made by indigenous peoples from the Chiquitania missions.

Anahí Joyerías

Calle Guermes #5, Barrio Equipetrol, Tel. 335-4054.

Birn Baumer

Calle Junín – Esquina 21 de Mayo, Casco Viejo #30, Tel. 346-0614.

Eurochronos

Avenida Velarde #113, Tel. 336-0993.

Gemas de Bolivia

Bolivian gemstones by trained, English-speaking jeweler. Casco Viejo, 2nd Floor.
Tel. 357-3623.

Joyería Andrea

Jewelry made with precious stones from Bolivia such as bolivianite, ametrine and quartz. Calle Junín #177, Tel. 334-2435.

Joyería Carrasco

Calle Velasco #23, Tel. 336-2841.

Joyería Paris

Calle Ballivián - Esquina Chuquisaca, Edificio Oriental, Locales 2, 3, and 16.
Tel. 334-9002.

R.C. Joyas

Bolivian precious stones. Calle Bolívar #262, Tel. 333-2725.

Music, Tapes, and CDs – SCZ

Besides the stores listed here, a number of *artesanías* shops also carry folkloric music.

Discolandia

Large selection of all sorts of music. Calle 24 de Septiembre, Shopping Bolívar #3A,
Tel. 337-6569.

Discos Escobar

Primarily popular Latino music. Calle Libertad #210, Tel. 335-1693.

Sporting Goods - SCZ

América Sport

Calle Colón #130, Tel. 336-1855.

Gimsal LTDA. Y/O Penalty

Calle Colón #27, Tel. 343-1299.

Irda Casa Los Claveles

Calle Prolongación Buenos Aires #691, Esquina Calle Ichilo, Tel 336-7080.

Mundo Deportes

Avenida Cañoto in the Comercial Cañoto, Local 53, Tel. 334-6986.

- Branch at Avenida Viedma #648. Tel. 336-0264.

Security Bolivia LTDA

Avenida San Martín #150, Barrio Equipetrol. Tel. 334-8689.

Stationary, Postcards & Photocopies - SCZ

Remember, in Bolivia, a stationary store is referred to as a *librería*. These stores sell office supplies as well as school textbooks and related materials. A *biblioteca* is a library where books are loaned out to registered members.

Grupo Paladín

Stationary store. Calle España #383, Tel. 336-4838.

Klinger

Stationary supplies. Avenida Escuadrón Velasco, Tel. 353-0343.

Librería y Fotocopias E&M

Calle Warnes #194, Tel. 337-1150.

Librería y Papelería Alemania

Stationary store. Avenida Alemania – Esquina Avenida Japón – 3rd Anillo.
Tel. 345-2117.

Copias Mita

Avenida Centenario #87, Tel. 332-8476.

Copicenter Silvestre

Calle Bolívar #647, Tel. 337-8476.

Copy Center Minolta

Calle Florida #47, Tel. 333-2904.

Copy Centro Roma

Calle Beni – Esquina Calle Bolívar, Tel. 333-3250.

Fotocopiadora

Calle España #390, Tel. 337-2322.

Fotocopiadora Bibi

Calle Sucre #66, Tel. 336-1214.

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| Supermarkets - SCZ |
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Hipermercado Sur

Avenida 3rd Anillo – Esquina Avenida Santos Dumont, Tel. 355-6868.

Hipermercado

Calle 24 de Septiembre #480.

Slan

Chain of supermarkets located throughout the city. Slan specializes in imported goods. Locations include:

- Avenida Piraí #174. Tel. 352-0626.
- Avenida San Martín #1000. Tel 342-0623.
- Avenida Santa Cruz – Esquina Paragua. Tel. 347-7745.

SuperAmericano

Avenida Alemana #2035, Tel. 342-4957.

Supermercado

Calle Florida #193, between Avenida 21 de Mayo and Calle Libertad.

- Another outlet is located at Calle Monseñor Salvatierra #174.

Supermercado Fidalga

There are four locations in Santa Cruz:

- Avenida René Moreno #212, Tel. 333-4141.
- Macro Fidalga, Avenida Uru – Esquina Velasco, Tel. 336-5757.
- Ekko Fidalga, Avenida Cañoto #203, Tel. 332-1838.
- Reyes Fidalga, 2nd Anillo – Esquina Avenida Piraí, Tel. 332-1838.

Supermercado La Naturalia

Carries health food items. Calle Independencia #452.

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| Wines & Liquors - SCZ |
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D&M LTDA.

Avenida Cristo Redentor, behind SACI. Tel. 343-3462.

Licorería Brasil

Avenida Brasil, 1st Anillo, Tel. 334-2870.

ENTERTAINMENT

Cochabamba – CBBA

Casino - CBBA

Hotel Portales

Avenida Pando #1271.

Cinemas - CBBA

Most theaters schedule three performances daily, matinee (15:30), *tanda* (18:30), and *noche* (21:30). Check with theaters or the local newspaper for exact times.

Cine Astor

Calle Sucre E#0419.

Cina Avaroa

Avenida 25 de Mayo S#0435, Tel. 422-1285.

Cine Heroínas

Avenida Heroínas E#0347.

Comedy Theaters - CBBA

Tra La La

Not a folkloric presentation but rather a Bolivian-style slapstick comedy show. Your Spanish proficiency and cultural awareness have to be pretty sharp to capture the punch lines. Plazuela 4 de Noviembre, Tel. 428-5030.

Champagna

More Bolivian stand up comedy. Calle Ballivián #0658.

Performing Arts and Galleries - CBBA

Casa de la Cultura

Museum with salons for lectures and other events. Avenida Heroínas – Esquina 25 de Mayo.

Casa del Artista

Art gallery with permanent as well as temporary exhibits. Avenida América #397 near the Plazuela 4 de Noviembre.

Centro Portales

Besides the hotel, there is a casino, dance hall, and a theater for various types of performances. Calle Pando.

Espacio Patiño

A presentation center for fine arts. Plays and concerts and other events are scheduled in the Salón Principal and the Sala de Exposiciones among other spaces at the Centro Simón Patiño.

Galería Internacional de Herencia y Cultura

Art gallery and other exhibitions. Calle San Martín #147.

Teatro Achá

Ballet, opera, plays, concerts and other fine arts. Calle España near Avenida Heroínas. Tel. 422-1166.

Peñas Folklóricas - CBBA

Show Folklórico

Presented on Saturday nights at the Apart Hotel Santa Rita, Calle Buenos Aires #886. Tel. 428-0305.

Show de las Américas

Weekend evening performances at the Temporal in the Cala Cala district.

Totos

Friday and Saturday evening performances. Calle Mayor Rocha – Esquina Avenida Ayacucho, Tel. 452-5030.

Museums & Galleries - CBBA

Museo Casona Santiviáñez

This is the National Library of Science and Technology. Calle Santiviáñez E#0156 between Avenida Ayacucho and Calle Junín. Open Monday through Saturday but closed during siesta hours (12:30 to 15:00). Tel. 425-9788.



[Graffiti as Contemporary Art]

Museo Arqueológico

Open weekdays from 8:30 to 18:30 and on weekends until noon. Closed on Tuesdays. Avenida Nataniel Aguirre – Esquina Jordán. Guides give free tours in English, Spanish, French, etc.

Urban Walks - CBBA

Except for vehicle fumes and traffic congestion on some avenues during certain parts of the day, walking in CBBA is a real pleasure. The mild climate and gentle slopes of the CBBA valley make most urban walks easy. You can pretty much create your own routes but here are a few suggestions:

Laguna Alalay

Located along Avenida Rubén Darío and Avenida 9 de Abril there is a paved path and bike trail around the Laguna that then circles a significant portion of the city parallel to the Circunvalación. The path is not heavily used and so it is a great place to casually stroll or ride a bike. For the most part, except at street crossings, you avoid the nuisances caused by motor traffic.

Plazuela 4 de Noviembre to the Plaza Principal

A nice downhill jaunt, first through quiet suburbs, then increasing urbanization, until you reach the city center. Take Avenida 25 de Mayo or Calle Pando in a gentle downhill direction until you reach the Rio Rocha. Cross the river at any convenient bridge and continue your walk to the city center.

La Coronilla or Railroad Station to the Plaza Principal

Take a taxi to either the Monumento de Las Heroínas on Colina San Sebastián or the old Railroad Station (currently closed) and then walk back to city center. Not a particular exciting walk but you will see how traditional business is conducted in CBBA in shops, stores and the open air La Cancha marketplace. Conveniently you'll pass by many Internet and Entel outlets on this walk.

La Paz – LPZ

For many visitors, attending a performance at a *peña folklórica*, ends up being one of the more cherished memories of their Bolivia trip. If however, you are in LPZ for several evenings, given the cold weather, you also may also be interested in going to a cinema or attending a play, opera, or concert. In this section we will provide you with information on all of these options and several more.

Cinemas - LPZ

There are usually three performances each day: mid-afternoon, early, and late evening. The price for a ticket is around \$3.50 USD. Select a seat in the mezzanine by indicating to the clerk the row and seat number desired.

If a line forms before the box office opens, remember, Bolivian and western queuing protocols differ greatly. Be patient and behave.

Cine 16 de Julio

A nice theater on the Prado, near the Plaza del Estudiante, Avenida 16 de Julio #1807. Centro. Tel. 244-1099 or Tel. 237-6099.

Cine 6 de Agosto

This art deco theater is one of LPZ's oldest. It is located on the avenue of the same name in Sopocachi, Avenida 6 de Agosto #2284. Tel. 244-2629.

Cine Monje Campero

LPZ's most modern and most commercial movie house. Located on the Prado at 16 de Julio #1495, Esquina Calle Bueno, Centro. Tel. 233-0192 or Tel. 232-3333.

Cinemateca Boliviana

This is Bolivia's center for independent film. The *Cinemateca* shows international art house films, as well as Bolivian productions not usually shown outside Bolivia. Calle Capitán Ravelo – Esquina Calle Rosendo Gutiérrez, Sopocachi. Tel. 232-5346.

Other movie theaters in La Paz include:

- **Cine Plaza**. Plaza Murillo #1143. Centro. Tel. 7724-3445.
- **Cines Manfer 1 & 2**. Calle Comercio – Esquina Genaro Sanjinés. Centro. Tel. 240-6429.
- **Cinas Hollywood 1 & 2 & 3**. Calle Mercado Edificio Sáenz. Centro. Tel. 240-9647.

DVD and Video Rentals - LPZ

LPZ has a number of video stores where you can pick up classical as well as recent international releases on VHS or DVD formats. Unfortunately, very few Bolivian films are released for the Video market. Errols and Euforia are among the more popular rental locations although there are a number of smaller mom and pop stores in residential neighborhoods. You will need to show identification, leave a deposit, or have a Bolivian friend vouch for you.

Errols

- Avendia Ballivián #1305 – Esquina Calle 20, Calacoto, Zona Sur, Tel. 7723-7274 (cell).
- Avenida Arce. Edificio Santa Isabel, Local 2. Tel. 7723-7281 (cell).

Euforia

Calle Sánchez Lima – Esquina Plaza Avaroa, Sopocachi.

Museums and Galleries - LPZ

During your first day in LPZ, it might be a good idea to visit several museums and galleries, and do a little shopping as one way of acclimatizing to the high altitude. LPZ has a considerable number of interesting venues that are generally open from Tuesday through Friday. A few venues are also open on Saturday mornings and still fewer on Sundays.

Entrance fees are usually just a few pesos per person. Our recommendations of the most interesting museums are indicated by a box around the name of the museum.

Museo Nacional del Arte

Closed Monday, Calle Comercio at Calle Socabaya, Centro, Tel. 240-8600.

Museo Nacional de Arqueología

Pasaje Tiwanaku #93, just off the Prado, near the Plaza Hotel, Tel. 231-1621.

Museo Tambo Quirquincho

Displays of indigenous cultures and colonial life. Closed Monday, Calle Evaristo Valle at Plaza Alonzo de Mendoza.

Museo de Etnografía y Folklore

Exhibits highlighting Bolivia's ethnic diversity. Calle Ingavi at Calle Sanjinés, Centro. Tel. 235-5905.

Museo de Arte Contemporaneo

Housed in a building designed by Gustav Eiffel of the Paris tower fame, Avenida 16 de Julio #1698, Centro, Tel 233-5905.

Museo de Instrumentos Musicales

Calle Jaen #913, Centro, Tel. 233-1075.

Museo de Textiles Andinos Bolivianos

Closed Monday, Plaza Benito Juárez #488, Miraflores.

Museo de la Revolución Nacional

Closed Monday, Plaza Villarroel at the end of Avenida Busch, Miraflores.

Museo Costumbrista

The fascinating story behind Bolivia's indigenous folkloric costumes. Purchasing a ticket to this museum gives you access to all the museums along Calle Jaen. Plaza Riosino at the end of Calle Jaen, Tel. 237-8478.

Museo de Coca

Learn the difference between coca and cocaine. Calle Linares #906, Centro.

Kusillo Cultural Complex

Culture museum and children's center. Closed Monday. Avenida del Ejercito adjacent to Mirador Laicacota between the Centro and Miraflores, Tel. 222-6377.

Museo Marina Nuñez del Prado

Paintings and other works by famous Bolivian artists. Calle Ecuador #2034, Tel. 232-4906.

Peñas Folklóricas - LPZ**Casa del Corregidor**

El Horno Restaurant has excellent food. The *peña* is located in the bar El Bodegón de Cinti, where dinner shows are held on week nights and late shows on weekends. Calle Murillo #1040, Centro. Tel. 236-3633.

El Calicanto

The restaurant Las Tres Parrillas serves mainly barbecued meat dishes including llama. In addition to the *peña*, there is also the Café El Molino and adjoining bar. This *peña* offers traditional and contemporary folk music. Calle Genaro Sanjinés #467, between calles Potosí and Comercio. Tel. 240-8008.

Fluvio Piano Bar

Weekend shows. Avenida 20 de Octubre #2172. Centro. Tel. 241-2821 or Tel. 7150-0097(cell).

El Parnaiso

This *peña* is definitely aimed at the tourist market but provides surprisingly good shows. The food is good too! Calle Sagárnaga #189, Esquina Calle Murillo, Centro. Tel. 231-6827.

Marko Tambo

Arguably LPZ's most authentic *peña* with superior music but just ordinary restaurant fare. Shows several times a week at 22:00. Located on historic Calle Jaén #710, Centro. Tel. 228-0041 or Tel. 240-7752.

Peña Huari

A good *peña* with an adequate restaurant that serves several excellent Andean dishes. \$10 USD cover charge per person. Calle Sagárnaga #339, Centro. Tel. 231-6827 or Tel. 231-6225.

Peña Naira

The oldest and best known *peña* in LPZ. The restaurant has improved recently. Shows are primarily by arrangement. Visit or call to make reservations. Calle Sagárnaga #161, Centro. Tel. 232-5736.

Performing Arts - LPZ

Casa Municipal de la Cultura "Franz Tamayo"

This cultural "space" is sometimes used for presentations, but most often houses fine art exhibitions, such as paintings, *artesanias*, sculptures, and photography. Located across from the Plaza San Francisco on Avenida Mariscal Santa Cruz, Centro. Tel. 237-4668.

Teatros Municipales

This complex consists of two theaters, the main auditorium and the Teatro de Cámara. The complex is used for a variety of presentations including plays, ballet, opera, symphony orchestra, poetry readings, and choir performances. Located across from the Plaza San Francisco on Avenida Mariscal Santa Cruz, Centro. Tel. 237-4668 or Tel. 237-5275.

Palacio Chico

A performance center that schedules the same type of presentations as the *Teatros Municipales* but focuses on events expected to draw smaller audiences. Calle Ayacucho at Calle Potosí, Centro.

Teatro Raúl Salmón

Often shows popular folkloric shows. This theater is located on the Ceja in El Alto.

Urban Walks & Treks - LPZ

LPZ is a wonderful place to take walks. Every street is filled with the sights, smells, and sounds of Andean activity. Each neighborhood has its own character. In addition, LPZ offers serious hikers and trekkers the opportunity to condition themselves to the high altitude before venturing outside the city.

Most of the walks suggested here are downhill and moderate in nature. Of course, once acclimated, those seeking more of a challenge may consider taking a hike in the reverse direction, making it an uphill climb at 12,000 plus feet. Levels of difficulty are estimated from 1-10 with 10 being the most difficult.

Avenida Busch - Miraflores

This is a great walk in a relatively quiet suburb of LPZ. Start at Plaza Villarroel and walk down Avenida Busch or a parallel street such as Tejada Sorzano until you reach the Plaza San Martín (Parque Triangular). Take a rest in the park and have a delicious vanilla or cinnamon flavored ice cream. Downhill 2/Uphill 3.

At this point, those who have had enough walking should veer left on Calle Litoral and cross the beautiful Puente de la Americas into Sopocachi. A block further and you will reach Plaza Isabela La Católica in Sopocachi.

If instead you have the energy for a bit more walking continue down Busch, which is now called Avenida Saavedra, through the end of Miraflores. Here you will enter a canyon and the avenue is now named Los Leones. Finally, after another kilometer, Los Leones connects with the main boulevard at Obrajes. There is too much traffic and smog here to continue so flag a taxi or bus back to the center or down to the Zona Sur. Downhill 3/Uphill 5.

Cementerio to the Centro

Another great downhill walk is from the General Cemetery in the 14 de Septiembre zone, down Calle Baptista and Calle Max Paredes through the Mercado Negro or Indian Quarter. You can continue down Max Paredes until it turns into Zoila Flores, or a bit further, Heroes del Chaco. It finally ends at Calle Landaeta where you can head down hill until you reach the Prado. Downhill 2/Uphill 4.

An interesting detour is Calle Tumulsa, which intersects Calle Baptista at the point where it becomes Max Paredes in the Plaza 14 de Septiembre. The Tumulsa area is home to one of the most interesting and intense street markets in LPZ. Take a detour on Huyustus and you will experience one of the most interesting, contemporary indigenous marketplaces in the world. After Tumsla ends at Plaza Equino, continue downhill until you reach Avenida M6ntes.

Estadio Bolivar to the Prado

A relatively short stroll downhill. Take a taxi to the football stadium and then walk down Calle Landaeta toward the city center. You will pass through the neighborhoods of Alto Sopocachi and Sopocachi. Downhill 3/Uphill 6.

Country to City

Here you have a choice between simple meandering or a full fledge trek. One option is to have a taxi driver take you through the Zona Sur to the Laguna Cota Cota and then walk back along the Avenida Mu6noz Reyes/Avenida Ballivi6n to Plaza Humbolt. Stop in San Miguel for lunch, a snack, or a cold or warm drink. Downhill 2/Uphill 4.

If you seek a more rigorous hike, tell the cab driver to pass through the Zona Sur and take the road towards Ovejuyo. Once out of the suburban area, tell the driver to let you off whenever you feel the walk represents the distance desired. Downhill 3/Uphill 5.

El Alto to City Center

This long distance trek will take a good part of the day and will require a lot of commitment. Take a taxi to El Alto. Ask the driver to leave you on the "Ceja" or edge at the point of a downhill road or trail. The old road to the Alto was the main route before the toll road was built and unfortunately, still has a lot of auto traffic. There is another network of streets that pass through unnamed barrios and descend into neighborhoods such as Tembladerani. A third route descends from El Alto to Villa F6tima. Downhill 7/Uphill 10+.

Miradores Walks

For shorter but very scenic walks, consider going to any of the *miradores* and walking down to the Centro. Most *miradores* are attractions in themselves, offer photo opportunities, are surrounded by interesting neighborhoods, and are reasonably close to the city center. Downhill 3/Uphill 8.

Santa Cruz – SCZ

Cinemas - SCZ

Theaters have performances scheduled three times daily usually a matinee between 15:30 and 16:30 hours, a *tanda* presentation between 18:30 to 19:30 hours, and finally the *noche* screening around 21:30 hours. Check the local newspaper for current films and exact times.

Cine Bella Vista

Avenida Ana Barba, in front of the Tahuichi Aguilera Stadium. Tel. 353-3909.

Cine Arenal

Calle Beni #520, across from El Arenal Park. Tel. 335-0123.

Cine Palace

Plaza 24 de Septiembre, Tel. 332-2617.

Cine René Moreno

Calle René Moreno, #448, Tel. 334-7448.

Gran Cine Santa Cruz

Avenida 21 de Mayo #247, Tel. 332-4503.

Peñas Folklóricas - SCZ

El Rincón Salteño

This peña expands on traditional Bolivian themes to include Cuban and Argentine music. Shows are scheduled intermittently on Friday and Saturday nights at 20:00 hours. Calle Antenor Vásquez #257, Tel. 333-4443.

Tapekua

Calle Ballivián – Esquina Calle La Paz. Tel. 334-5905. Presentations are scheduled Wednesdays through Saturdays between 19:30 in the evening to 1:00 in the early morning.

Chaplin Show

Avenida Marcelos Terceros #202. Tel. 342-0060. Bolivian slapstick and stand up comedy. Your Spanish has to be very good to pick up on the punch lines and cross-cultural innuendo.

Performing Arts - SCZ

Casa Municipal de la Cultura

Located on the west side of Plaza 24 de Septiembre on Calle Independencia, this is the location for musical performances and art exhibitions sponsored by city government of SCZ. Open from 9:00 to 12:00 and 15:00 to 19:00 on Monday through Friday and occasionally for special weekend events.

Casateatro

Located in the Museo de Historia on Calle Junín just one block from the main square.

Paraninfo Universitario

Calle Junín – Esquina Libertad, University auditorium.

Museums & Galleries - SCZ**AECI**

AECI stands for Agencia Española de Cooperación Internacional, the Spanish Government's binational agency that sponsors periodic exhibits. Calle Arenales #158.

Catedral, Basílica Menor de San Lorenzo

This church museum has artifacts from the Jesuit missions in Chiquitania. Plaza 24 de Septiembre, Tel. 332-4683.



[Young violinist, Chiquitania]

Galería del Banco de Credito

General art gallery, Calle 24 de Septiembre #158.

Museo de Arte

Contemporary art. Avenida Sucre – Esquina Potosí, Tel. 334-0926. Located in the same building as the Tourist Office.

Museo de Arte Sagrado

As the name implies, a museum featuring religious artifacts, some from the Jesuit missions. Located adjacent to the cathedral. Open 8:20 to 12:00 and 15:00 to 18:00 on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Museo Etno-Folklórico

Located in the Parque El Arenal. Open daily.

Museo de Historia

Small history museum with interesting exhibits about the indigenous peoples of Chiquitania. Calle Junín, just one block from the main plaza. Open Monday through Friday.



[Indigenous Group Yarituses]

Museo de la Hist3ria Natural

Focus on the flora, fauna, and geography of the Oriente of Bolivia. Open Monday-Friday, 8:00 to 12:00 and 15:00 to 18:30. Calle Irala #565, Tel. 336-6574.

Urban Walks - SCZ

Except for winter mornings (June-August), evening is the best times to take city walks. Many streets in SCZ are narrow and during a good part of the day and early evening, congested with traffic. Exhaust fumes can be a problem for walkers.

Los Anillos

One approach to seeing SCZ on foot is to walk the circle of avenues created by the *anillos* (rings or belts) layout of the city. The best walks are the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd *Anillos*. Once you get beyond the 4th *Anillo*, the scenery becomes less interesting and the walks a bit long for a simple morning or evening outing. Remember, the avenues that make up the concentric circles change names at approximately each quarter. For instance, the 4th *Anillo* consists of Avenida Ant3nio Vaca Diez, Avenida Nicol3s Su3rez, and Avenida Dr. Udalrico Zambrana.

SCZ Quarters and Slices

An alternative to circling city center via the *anillos* is to take any "radial" or outgoing avenue from the Plaza 24 de Septiembre and walk straight out to any *anillo*. Once you reach the desired distance from the city center, go left or right on the *anillo* until you come to another radial. Turn inward on the radial and head back to the main plaza. This walk can be repeated until you have covered the entire inner city.

As an example, you can take Calle 24 de Septiembre north from the Plaza 24 de Septiembre until you reach the 1st *Anillo* (Avenidas Cañoto & Uruguay). Then take a right turn on Avenida Uruguay and go east by southeast until you reach the next quarter of the city marked by Avenida Barr3n. Turn right on Barr3n and continue west until you return to the main plaza. Along the way, within a block of your route, you will pass by the Parque Arenal, Plaza del Estudiante, and the Cementerio General, each of which deserves a brief stopover.
