



Ricardo

► 2 Hello, my name's Ricardo. I'm nine years old. It's my birthday soon and I'll be ten! I live in Bolivia in a village called Postrevalle, in an area called Santa Cruz. It's in the heart of South America.

Salar de Uyuni

This is the largest salt desert in the world. People come from all over the world to see this fantastic place. I haven't been to Salar de Uyuni, but when I'm big, I want to go there, too!

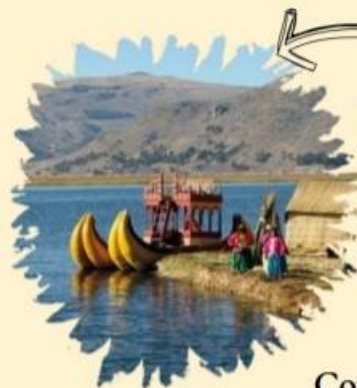


Jesuit Missions

The Jesuits came from Europe and arrived in South America in the 16th and 17th centuries. Here they built the first churches. They are very big and beautiful. Inside you can see great works of art.



Mission church of San Miguel de Velasco



Lake Titicaca

Here you can see Lake Titicaca. It's the largest navigable lake in the world. It's situated 4,000 metres above sea level.

Tourists usually take a boat from Copacabana to the Isla del Sol (*Island of the Sun*). On the Isla del Sol there are communities that speak Aymara, a native American language.

Fuerte di Samaipata

This is an important archaeological site from Chané culture. In 1998 it became a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It's on the top of a high mountain. There's a stone hill where you can see a variety of geometric and animal shapes like jaguars, snakes and cats. 'El fuerte' means 'fort'.



Santa Cruz de la Sierra

This is my favourite city. It's a modern city next to the Piraí River. Lots of my friends and family live here. They call it the city of rings because the main roads are like rings. ◼

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