

HYDROGRAPHY OF BOLIVIA

Bolivia has three river systems or basins:

- ✓ **Drainage basin Norte or Amazon.** From east to west is constituted mainly by rivers Madre de Dios, Orthon, Abuná, Beni, Yata, Mamoré e Iténez or Guaporé.
- ✓ **Drainage basin Central Lacustre.** Formed by lakes Titicaca y Poopó, Desaguadero River and great salt flats Coipasa and Uyuni.
- ✓ **Drainage basin Sur or de La Plata.** Formed by rivers Paraguay, Pilcomayo and Bermejo.

MAIN LAKES AND SALT FLATS OF BOLIVIA

Name	Department	Area	Average height
Lake Titicaca*	La Paz	8 030 km ²	3 810 meters
Lake Poopó	Oruro	1 337 km ²	3 686 meters
Lake Huaytunas	Beni	360 km ²	200 meters
Lake Rogagua	Beni	350 km ²	200 meters
Lake Rogaguado	Beni	324 km ²	200 meters
Lake Uru Uru	Oruro	214 km ²	3 692 meters
Salt Flat Uyuni	Potosí	10 582 km ²	3 656 meters
Salt Flat Coipasa	Oruro	2 218 km ²	3680 meters

(*) - 3,690 km² corresponds to Bolivia and the rest to Peru

MAIN RIVERS OF BOLIVIA

Name	Drainage basin	Source	Mouth
Abuná River (400 km)	Amazon	Rivers confluence Ina Mercier Tahuamanu (Pando)	Manoa (Pando)
Acre River (100 km)	Amazon	Bolpebra (International boundary Bolivia-Peru-Brazil)	Cobija (Pando Department)
Apere River (250 km)	Amazon	Serranías Eva Eva (Beni)	Río Mamoré (Beni)
Concepción River (520 km)	Amazon	Concepción (Santa Cruz)	Río Iténez Guaporé (Santa Cruz)
Beni River (980 km)	Amazon	Nevado Chacaltaya (La Paz)	Río Mamoré, Villa Bella (Beni)
Bermejo River (120 km)	La Plata	Mecoya (Tarija)	Juntas de San Antonio (Tarija)

Name	Drainage basin	Source	Mouth
Chapare River (380 km)	Amazon	Pop. Espíritu Santo (Cochabamba)	Ichilo River (Cochabamba)
Desaguadero River (360 km)	Central Lacustre	Lake of Titicaca (La Paz)	Lake of Poopó (Oruro)
Iténez River (Guaporé) (600 km)	Amazon	Verde River (Brazilian border)	Mamoré River (Beni)
Ichilo River (280 km)	Amazon	Santa Cruz	Chapare River (Cochabamba)
Itonomas River (820 km)	Amazon	San Ramón (Santa Cruz)	Mapocho River (Beni)
Madre de Dios River (1 700 km)	Amazon	Heath Port, Peru border (La Paz)	Riberalta, Beni River (Beni)
Mamoré River (2 000 km)	Amazon	Tiraque (Cochabamba)	Villa Bella (Beni)
Madidi River (320 km)	Amazon	Serranía Jatumari (La Paz)	Cabinas Port, Beni River (Beni)
Tahuamanu River (390 km)	Amazon	Confluence of Tahuamanu and Manuripi Rivers (Pando)	Beni River (Pando)
Paragua River (380 km)	Amazon	San Ignacio de Velasco (Santa Cruz)	Guaporé River, Engaño Port (Beni)
Parapetí River (200 km)	La Plata	Irenda (Choreti) (Santa Cruz)	Bañados de Izozog (Santa Cruz)
Pilcomayo River (700 km)	La Plata	Prov. Avaroa (Oruro)	Esmeralda (Tarija)
Piraí River (280 km)	Amazon	Mairana (Santa Cruz)	Grande River or Guapay River (Santa Cruz)
Yacuma River (260 km)	Amazon	Serranía del Pilón (Beni)	Mamoré River (Beni)
Yata River (480 km)	Amazon	Lake of Rogaguado (Beni)	Mamoré River, Yata (Beni)

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