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Find awe-inspiring salt flats, world-class art and a thriving food scene in Bolivia's capital of culture. By SARAH DICKINSON

Take the long road less traveled to the epicenter of South American culture:
Bolivia is a nomad's paradise of desolate off-road drives, Inca trails and alpaca sightings atop the snow-capped Andean mountains. Plan a trip in early November – the 9th, to be exact – to experience the colorful celebrations of the sacred Día de las Natitas (Day of the Skulls). Weird and wonderful in equal measure.



WHERE TO STAY

The exquisite Atix Hotel showcases Bolivia's burgeoning cultural scene and breathtaking terrains. It houses the works of native artist Gastón Ugalde (aka "the Warhol of the Andes") to boost the mind, and a luxurious infinity pool to do the same for your body. designhotels.com

WHERE TO EAT

With wooden interiors, intimate lighting and bold splashes of color, Gustu, from Noma's Claus Meyer, is minimal in every sense – except the menu. Push your palate with Ilama, lizard or Amazonian fish stew. gustubo.restaurantgustu.com



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