




# COSALFA 51

51st Ordinary Meeting of the South American Commission  
for the Fight Against Foot-and-Mouth Disease

 April 03-04, 2025 – Los Tajibos Hotel

## INTERNATIONAL PRE COSALFA SEMINAR

The final year of the Plan of Action 2021-2025 of the PHEFA

 March 31 – April 01, 2025 – FEXPOCRUZ



## Participant Guide

 Santa Cruz de la Sierra – Bolivia | 2025

Organization



**PAHO**

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Pan American Center for Foot-and-Mouth  
Disease and Veterinary Public Health

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MINISTERIO DE  
DESARROLLO RURAL Y TIERRAS



Dear participant to COSALFA 51,

The Pan American Center for Foot-and-Mouth Disease and Veterinary Public Health of the Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PANAFTOSA/VPH-PAHO/WHO) and the Plurinational State of Bolivia, through the National Service of Agricultural Health and Food Safety (*Servicio Nacional de Sanidad Agropecuaria e Inocuidad Alimentaria [SENASAG]*) and the Ministry of Rural Development and Lands of Bolivia, welcome you to the **51<sup>st</sup> Ordinary Meeting of the South American Commission for the Fight Against Foot-and-Mouth Disease** and the International Pre COSALFA-Seminar “**The final year of the Plan of Action 2021-2025 of the PHEFA**” from March 31 to April 4, 2025. We are confident that your participation will be extremely enriching to achieve the objectives set during both events.

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## ARRIVAL AT THE AIRPORT

Viru Viru International Airport is the largest in the Plurinational State of Bolivia and the second most important with the highest passenger traffic. It is located in north of the city of Santa Cruz de la Sierra, in the municipality of Warnes, and serves as a hub for several flights to and from Bolivia. It is 13 km north of the city center. Webpage: [naabol.gob.bo](http://naabol.gob.bo)

Taxis painted in white and blue and public buses are available to travel from the airport to the city.

**Transfer Service:** \*Exclusive taxi: capacity for 3 passengers- 18 USD per trip (Bs. 120). Contact: Marcia Coímbra. Phone number: (+ 591)77662831

## VENUE

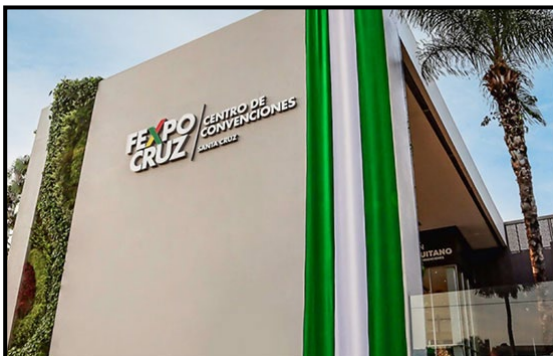
51<sup>ST</sup> Ordinary Meeting of the South American Commission for the Fight against Foot-and-Mouth Disease (COSALFA)

### LOS TAJIBOS HOTEL



Los Tajibos hotel:  
Address: Av. San Martín, 455 (Equipetrol),  
in the city of Santa Cruz, Bolivia.  
CEP: 22450-220 | Teléfono: +55 21 2274-1122

### Pre-COSALFA International Seminar: “The final year of the Plan of Action 2021-2025 of the PHEFA FEXPOCRUZ



FEXPOCRUZ:  
Address: Av. Roca y Coronado, 3<sup>rd</sup> external ring,  
Ferial Grounds.  
Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia  
CEP: 22450-220 | Teléfono: +55 21 2274-1122

## ACCOMMODATION

Hotel options at: <https://www.paho.org/en/panaftosa/cosalfa-51/hotel-options-cosalfa-51>

## VISA

In order to enter Bolivia, it is necessary to have a passport with a minimum validity of 6 months. Depending on the country of origin, a visa may be required, granted according to agreements with the country of origin. Before starting your trip, please check with the Bolivian consulate in your country in advance.

It is required to have a valid yellow fever vaccination certificate if you plan to visit high-risk endemic areas. The yellow fever vaccine must be administered at least 10 days before the trip.

Check [immigration information](#).

## CURRENCY

The *boliviano* (symbol: Bs, ISO code 4217: BOB) has been the legal currency of the Plurinational State of Bolivia since 1987. It is divided into 100 cents and entered national circulation, replacing the former Bolivian peso. Currency can be exchanged at airports, exchange offices and banks.

Exchange rates for the day according to the [Central Bank of Bolivia](#).



### HEALTH SERVICES NEAR THE VENUE OF THE EVENT

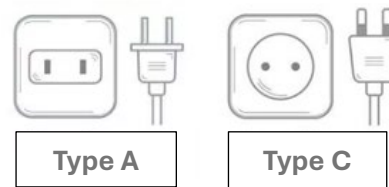
Centro de Salud San Luis	Av. Roca y Coronado esquina calle Bermejo (entre segundo y tercer anillo)	
Centro de Salud La Madre	Calle Enin esquina Av. El Palmar	Tel. 3 3510641
Clínica Incor	Av. Roca y Coronado esquina calle Roboré (entre segundo y tercer anillo)	Tel. 3 3520444
Consultorio Medi Global RX	Av. Roca y Coronado esquina calle Roboré (entre segundo y tercer anillo)	
Farmacia Farmacorp	Rotonda Av. Roca y Coronado y Av. Noel Kemp Mercado (tercer anillo interno)	
Farmacia Lebenfarma	Av. Roca y Coronado y Av. Noel Kemp Mercado, calle 5	
Farmacia Rubi	Av. Roca y Coronado y Av. Noel Kemp Mercado, calle 11	

### EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

Institution	Phone number
Patrol Car	110
Emergency network	118

### ELECTRICITY

In Bolivia, the standard voltage is 220 V. The frequency is 50 Hz (Hertz). Plugs and sockets are of type A or C. In the following image, you can see the type of plug. Visitors are advised to bring an adapter to avoid difficulties.



## RESTAURANTS NEAR THE EVENT VENUE

Type of food	Name	Address	Phone number
Gourmet	Chalet La Suisse	Calle Los Gomereros nº 98 Sirari, Santa Cruz 2160, Bolivia	591 3 3436070
Gourmet	Jardin de Asia Restaurant & Lounge	Hotel Los Tajibos 3er Anillo Externo	591 3 3421000
Vegetarian	La Rinconada	Km 7 Camino a Porongo, Zona del Urubo	591 3 3221622
Vegetarian	Vegana la Vega	Calle Bolivar 370, entre Calle Quijarro y Aroma	591 3 3456780
Italian pasta	Michelangelo Ristorante	Chuquisaca 502 esq. Monsenor Salvatierra	591 3 3348403
Steakhouse	El Arriero	Avenida San Martin Calle 4 Este	591 3 331694
Steakhouse	La Cabrera	Calle La Plata nº 1	591 78010900
Restaurant	El Aljibe Comida Tipica	Calle Potosi esq. Ñuflo de Chavez	591 70288881
Restaurant	La Casa del Camba	Av. Cristobal de Mendoza 1355	591 3 3427864
Restaurant	Los Hierros	Av. San Martín esq. Calle 9	591 3 3371309
Restaurant	La Gaira	Calle Pasage 1 Este nº 2	591 3 76007475
Restaurant	El Hornero	Av. Alemana nº 3390 Frente al colegio San Jorge	591 77008602
Restaurant	G77 + China	Calle Ayacucho 175 Santa Cruz, Bolivia	591 3304512
Restaurant	Boulevard Plaza	Calle Sucre Esq. Beni	591 71317025
Bar Coffee shop	Hard Rock Café	Anillo, Ventura Mall, Boulevard Gastronómico 4to	591 3 3888777
Coffee shop	Librería Café Ateneo	Anillo y Av. Busch nº3 Casa Design Center	591 3575414
Coffee shop	Café 24	Calle Rene Moreno, esq. Sucre	
Coffee shop	Planificación del Oriente	Calle 24 Septiembre 521	591 3 3336417
Fast food	Baracus Burger	Calle Sucre, esq. Beni s/n, Planta Alta Patio de Comidas Boulevard Plaza	591 75511251
Fast food	El Tomate Pizza Gourmet	Barrio Sirari, tercer anillo externo, nº 198, entre calles Flamboyanes Y Gomero	591 3434544
Fast food	Pollos Copacabana	Cuarto anillo, Ventura Mall	591 3 3705070
Fast food	Burger King	Av. Cristo Redentor, entre 3er. Y 4to. Anillo, esq. Manuel Marco	591 3 3393490
Fast food	Subway	Av. Monseñor Rivero y D'orbigni entre 1er y 2do anillo	

## WELCOME TO SANTA CRUZ DE LA SIERRA, BOLIVIA!



### THE CITY

**Santa Cruz de la Sierra** is the capital of the Santa Cruz Department and is located in the eastern lowlands of Bolivia. It is a vibrant commercial and cultural hub, considered the economic and industrial engine of the country. Its metropolitan area gathers a significant number of agro-industrial, forestry, mining, and hydrocarbon industries. The city has the highest human development index in the country.

It was founded in 1561 and is located on the right bank of the Pirai River and has an average altitude of 416 meters above sea level.

Throughout history, ancient pre-Columbian cultures such as Tiahuanaco, the hydraulic culture of las Lomas, the Inca Empire and the Spanish Empire developed in the current Bolivian territory and dominated the land until the country became independent in 1825. Since that year, the country adopted the name of Bolivia. Having inherited the traditions of colonial mestizaje and pre-Columbian cultures, Bolivia is a multi-ethnic and multi-cultural country, rich in the blend of traditions and folklore from mestizos, indigenous communities, white people descendants from criollos, Afro-Bolivian populations and, to a lesser extent, European and Asian migrants.

Important information to make your stay more comfortable and safer:

### WEATHER AND TEMPERATURE

The weather in the city of Santa Cruz de la Sierra is tropical, with very hot and humid summers and dry and warm winters. The average daily temperature ranges between 23 °C and 33 °C (73.4°F - 91.4°F)

## TOURIST ATTRACTIONS



### 24 DE SEPTIEMBRE SQUARE

Undoubtedly the heart of the city, this historical place is fascinating, surrounded by colonial buildings, and houses the magnificent San Lorenzo Cathedral, the House of Culture, the Departmental Prefecture, the Municipal City Hall, museums, and exhibition halls.



### METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL BASILICA MENOR DE SAN LORENZO

Built by Fray Diego de Porres during the time of the Spanish viceroy Toledo in 1770, this building is a symbol of the city that can be seen from afar due to its two imposing brick towers.



### LA RECOVA CRAFT WALK

Located half a block from the 24 de Septiembre Square, it is an open gallery with small shops that sell crafts. It offers typical souvenirs from Eastern Bolivia and the whole country, such as leather handcrafted creations and fashion jewelry made from seeds and wood. The site features a stage where folk music events (“peñas”) and other artistic expressions are performed.

**Thank you for your visit and happy stay in Santa Cruz de la Sierra!**