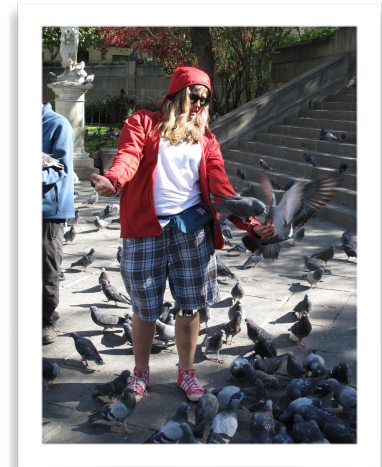


Day 21 Friday 3rd August

Positively refreshed and excited for the day's activities we toured the city taking in the famous square, feeding Bolivian pigeons, entered a spectacular catholic church and the presidential palace. The president was in situ as the flags indicated his presence. Many of us had our photos with the equivalent of the Bolivian beef eater guards!



Josh Gr sums up the rest of the day...

The witches market was really good because when we walked down the road we saw all of the dried llama foetuses and then we all got together and got told how long we had for shopping and where the boundaries were. We also got told where the toilets were and where to meet after the hour of shopping we all got back into the coach and traveled to the moon valley where we all worked together to go around. It was fun because before we started going around there was a man who started singing and playing the



ukulele. When we finished looking around we when got into the coach again and traveled two minutes down the road to a place where we were having our lunch.

After our lunch we went back into the coach, we went to the zoo and afterwards traveled to a mall where we got into groups of three or more and then the jolt leaders gave us 80 Bolivians each so we could get some food within the two hours of shopping. We then all met up at the same place and then we all went back into the coach and travelled back to

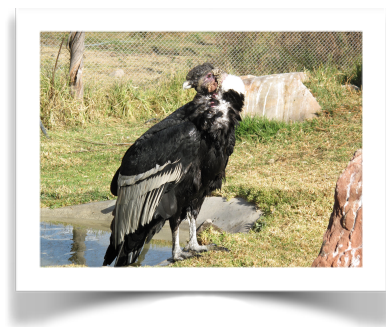
the hotel. We then got told we were having an early start tomorrow so we made sure we took our bags down stairs so we could leave early for the 14 hour coach ride.

Zaki gives us more details about the market...

The La Paz witches market presented the JoLters with a vast array of clothing and souvenirs for us to engross ourselves in. We were given an hour to explore what the different stalls had to offer. The stripy pyjamas emerged at the top of most of our shopping lists after the exploits of Jade and Maria in Cusco. A lot of us started to properly try our hands at haggling with the stall keepers to see if we could shave off a couple of Bolivianos from the starting prices of some of the items. Lisa tapped into this substantially by amazingly obtaining a blanket for half of the provisional price! The market sported a rainbow of colours which added to an overwhelming effect on shoppers. With amulets, key rings among other things around the market, it was hard for most of us not to leave with our money belts considerably lighter than they were before we arrived.

Rebecca writes about the zoo...

I was in a group with Daniel, Joe Me, Josh Gr and Jamie-lee. Me and jamie were a tad bit overexcited as we both love animals, so we kinda ended up setting the pace (sorry guys). I think my favourite bit was seeing the "kitty's" as Jamie calls them. There were many different animals from pumas, jaguars, the spectacle bear, to an animal which looked like a huge guinea pig with a snout and a long tail. We also saw the condors which was one of the incas sacred animal which represented the trail to the after life. I have to say that was the biggest bird I have ever seen there wings were like the size of me ha. We also spoke and danced with the parrots (well tried to) they kind of just stared at you.... The last bit we visited was the snakes:) although throughout the whole section I could only think about Harry potter when Harry speaks to the snakes in "snake language" Thanks Joe R haha..I swear I didn't try and speak the language mwhahaha, there were many different types from rattle snakes,boa constrictors and a tiny grass snake which we couldn't see as it was camouflaged. The only down side was that we only had a hour to visit the whole zoo as I could have spend the whole day there. Thanks guys :D



Theo gives us his overall impression of La Paz...

Once we had arrived at the city, I was quite impressed there were lots of statues and monuments to people important to Bolivia's history, there were a lot of impressively architected squares dotted through the city, after looking at the main political and religious buildings of La Paz we arrived at a market which I have to say was very vibrant. Overall la Paz was fantastic and I'd love to visit again.

As you can see we had a great day and the JoLters thoroughly enjoyed their experience of La Paz, the highest city of the world.

