



After a decade of work as a bike mechanic and guide, Travis first came to South America to work as an downhill mountain bike guide in La Paz. Later he moved on to open his own small mountain bike agency in the freeride wonderland of Sorata, Bolivia. Running his own trips and for Climbing South America he has explored the depths of this country, pioneering epic routes throughout the cordilleras, to find the best free riding trails in Bolivia. He has discovered new circuits, like the 'Bike and Boat Trip,' organized mountain bike races, and developed the 'Paso Chuchu Freeride Funpark'. Travis knows the riding better than anyone and he'll take you to his favourite places to ride. We would have to say that Travis is one of the best free ride mountain bikers in Bolivia and a lifelong devotee to mountain biking.

## **Adventure Curriculum Vitaé**

### **Personal Data**

<b>Name:</b>	Travis Yossarian
<b>Address:</b>	Sorata, Bolivia and Telluride, Colorado
<b>Date of Birth:</b>	28 May 1978, Durango, Colorado
<b>Nationality:</b>	U.S.A.
<b>Languages:</b>	English, Spanish, Aymara
<b>Education:</b>	Durango High School, 1996 Western Washington University's Huxley College of Environmental Sciences, degree in Geography
<b>Marital Status:</b>	Single
<b>Interests:</b>	Mountain biking, skiing, jungle river trips, wildland exploration, maize cultivation.

# **Biking History**

## **1984-1988**

- riding trails on my st racer

## **1989-1992**

- Moved on to mountain biking and began exploring the epics of southwest Colorado

## **1993-2000**

- Worked as a bike mechanic at Durango Cyclery in Durango, Colorado, raced in Colorado, Utah, Washington, Oregon and British Columbia and rode like crazy throughout western North America.

## **2000-2001**

- Worked as a bike mechanic instructor and mountain bike guide at Western Washington University's Outdoor Center in Bellingham, WA.
- Built Bellingham's test piece freeride trails, Snakeonia, Hidden Dragon and Mercury Falls.
- Spent months tasting the gravy of the freeride paradises of Western Canada.

## **2002**

- Moved to Bolivia and guided around 100 trips down the World's Most Dangerous Road as well as singletrack trips in the Cordillera Real for Gravity Assisted Mountain Biking.
- Began racing downhill, won the Copa Bolivia, the La Paz series, and the Bolivian National Championships. Represented Bolivia in the Panamericano downhill race in Santiago, Chile.
- Moved to Sorata, ran the spider bar, and began exploring the vast potential of the area.

## **2003-present**

- Started the Ciclismo Andino/Andean Biking cooperative in Sorata, Bolivia and began building trails in Sorata and exploring new routes from scree chutes to Inca roads in the Cordilleras Real, Muñecas, Apolobamba, Quimsa Cruz, Chichas and Frailes.
- Developed the Bike and Boat trip from Sorata to Rurrenabaque and variations thereof.
- Invented and organized the annual Jach'a Avalancha competition, a 2,000 meter mass start Super D race in Sorata. 2004-1<sup>st</sup> place, 2005-2<sup>nd</sup> place, 2006-1<sup>st</sup> place

- Sponsored local riders and organized Caravanas of integration.

## **Other Adventures**

### **2002**

- Worked as a lift operator at Mt. Baker Ski Area, Glacier, WA
- numerous backcountry telemark expeditions in British Columbia and the North Cascades, and alpine ascent of Mt. Baker (10,300 ft.)

### **2003-present**

- Lift Operations Foreman at Telluride Ski Resort, telemarking like mad in the Bear Creek backcountry and other stashes in the San Juans.
- 10 day trans Cordillera trek in Bolivia's Cordillera Real.
- 10 day rio Tuichi expedition in Bolivia's Madidi National Park.