

Potosi, Bolivia, source of silver of the Spanish Empire

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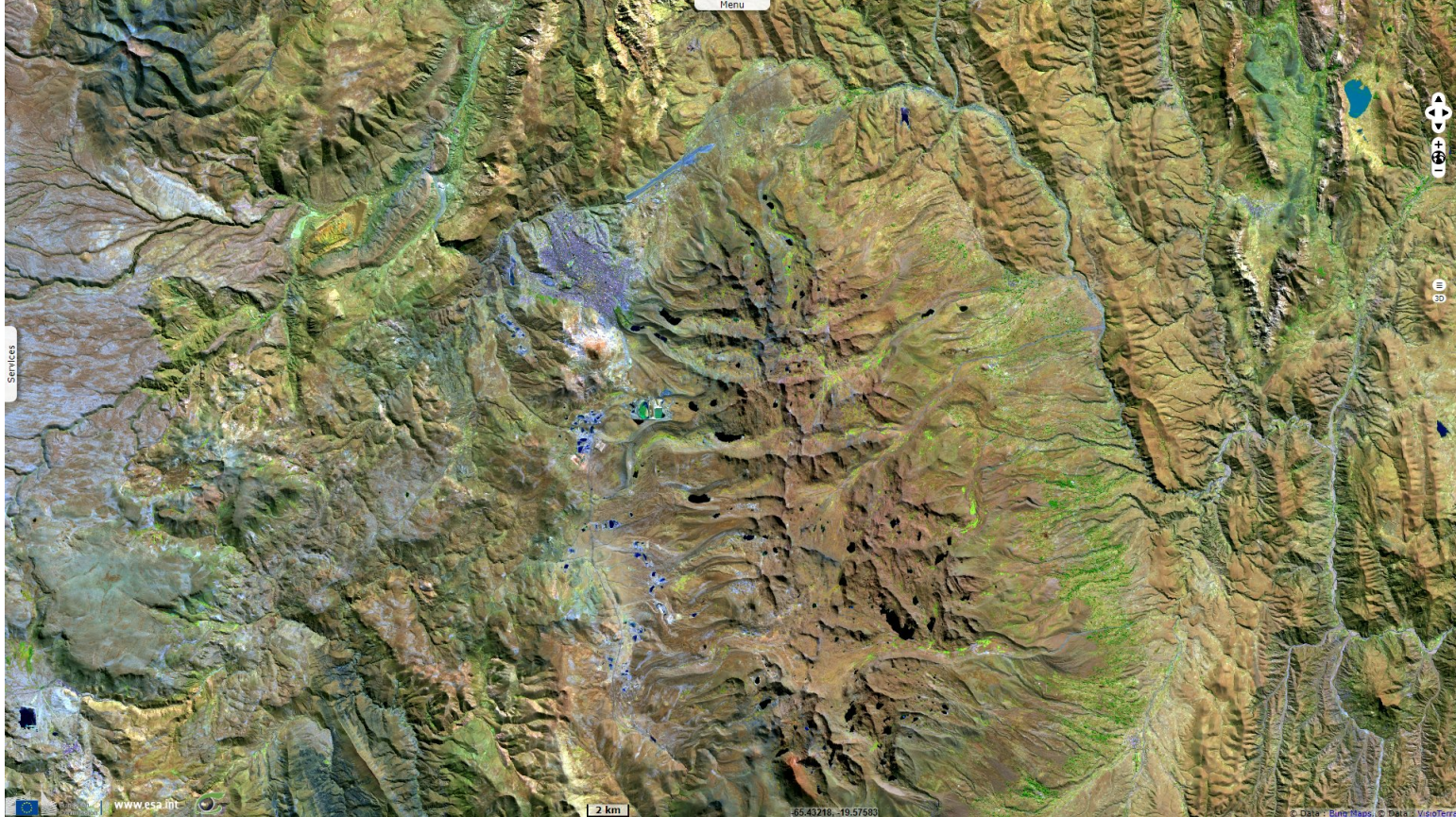
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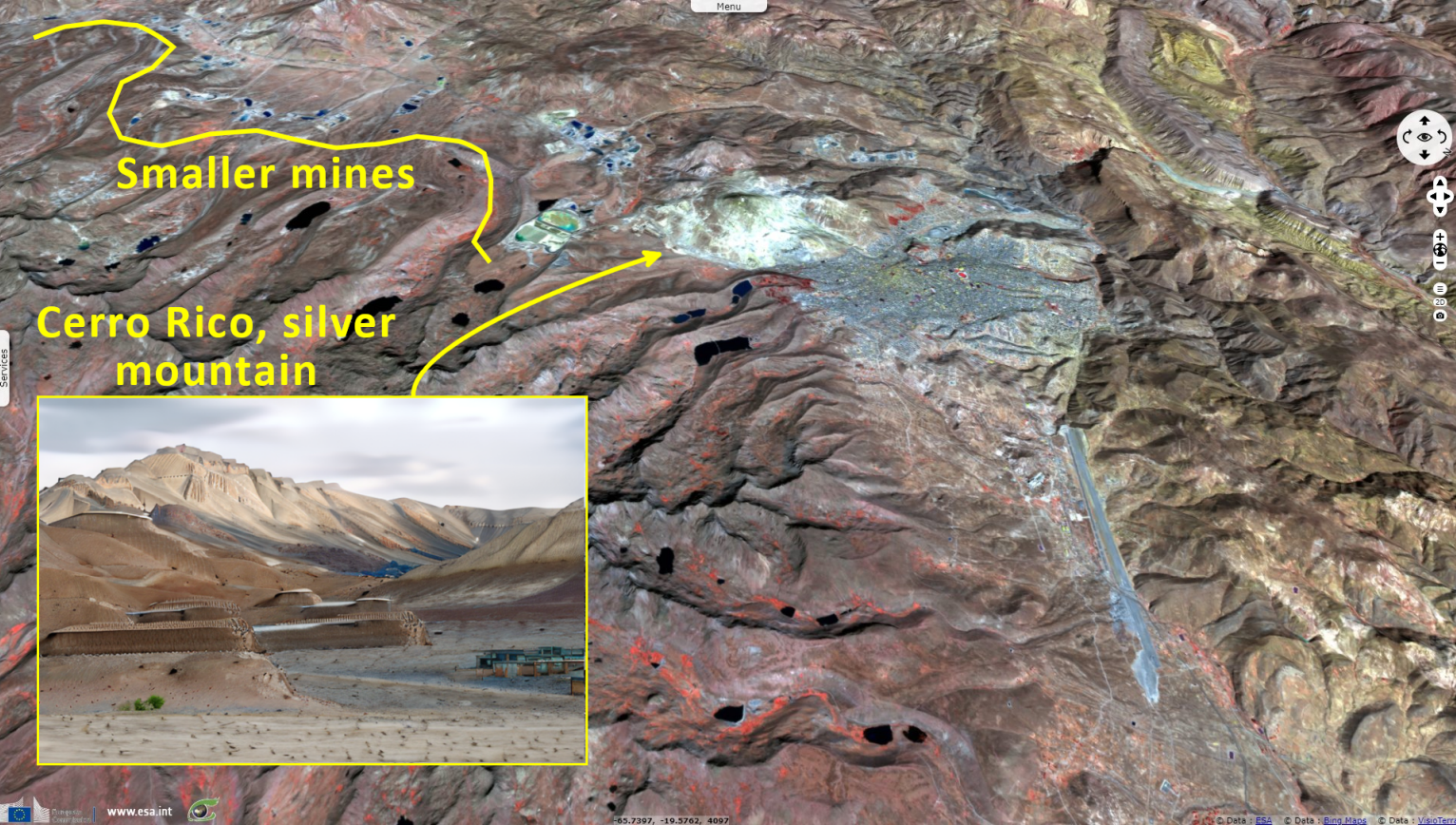
Fig. 1 - S2 (29.06.2022) - Located in the Bolivian Andes, Potosi is one of the highest cities in the world at a nominal 4090 m.

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Cerro Rico, produced an estimated 60% of all silver mined in the world during the second half of the 16th century, when the ore contained up to 40% silver. It was the location of the Spanish colonial silver mint.

Fig. 2 - S2 (29.06.2022) - It produced up to 60 000 T by 1996, much silver may still remain in the mines. [3D view](#)



A considerable amount of the city's colonial architecture has been preserved in the historic center of the city, which are part of a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site.

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