



GRAND TOUR OF SOUTH AMERICA

This complete tour of South America will take you to many of the wonderful highlights that this vibrant and exciting continent has to offer. Your tour starts in Peru, be amazed by the mysterious ruins of Machu Picchu, Lake Titicaca and Cusco, the heart of the Inca Empire, not forgetting the wonderful wildlife in the Amazon Rainforest. In Ecuador enjoy a cruise around the famous Galapagos Islands and visit the colonial city of Quito. Your journey then takes you across to the other side of the Continent, starting in Rio de Janeiro, before heading to the incredible Iguazu Falls and discover Buenos Aires, the Paris of the Americas. A flight to Bariloche which lies on the southern shores of Lake Nahuel Huapi in the foothills of the Andes.

Enjoy a wonderful overland crossing in to Chile, arriving at Puerto Varas, where you will visit the iconic Osorno Volcano. Finally, your trip ends in Santiago, Chiles bustling capital city.

Join us on this once in a lifetime experience!

(B = Breakfast, BL = Boxed Lunch, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)

Day 1: Arrival in Lima

Lima, the capital of Peru, sits on the country's arid Pacific coast. Founded in 1535, its colonial centre is well preserved, but today Lima is a bustling metropolis and one of South America's largest cities. The city is home to the various museums including the Museo Larco that houses a collection of pre-Columbian art and the Museo de la Nación, tracing the history of Peru's ancient civilizations. Lima is known as the "gastronomical capital of the Americas", encompassing specialties from ceviche and traditional coastal cooking to refined global fare. It even boasts several of the top restaurants in the world.

Arrival Transfer: - On arrival into Lima you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Guided assistance is included.

Overnight in a Standard Room at Casa Andina Standard Miraflores Centro (or similar).





DAY 2: Gastronomic Tour with lunch & City Tour

We will introduce you to the history of Peruvian gastronomy. Our culinary adventure begins at a typical “Peruvian market”. There, you will be able to appreciate a wide variety of Peruvian product and enjoy and taste exotic fruits. Be amazed by the huge variety of fish and seafood in our ocean, considered one of the richest in the World. We will also visit an exclusive Peruvian restaurant, where you will have the opportunity to prepare your own “Pisco Sour” and the famous “Ceviche”. Later you will enjoy a delicious lunch, consisting of the most symbolic dishes of Peruvian cuisine.



This Afternoon is spent touring Lima, the Colonial ‘City of Kings’. On the city tour, you will visit a

number of well-known sites including the Cathedral, the Presidential Palace, the Plaza de Armas as well as the Catacombs located beneath the San Francisco Convent. This is a chance to appreciate Lima's magnificent Colonial architecture as well as vignettes of its pre-Colombian past.



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Overnight in a Standard Room at Casa Andina Standard Miraflores Centro (or similar).

DAY 3: Lima to Amazon

Departure Transfer: - You will be collected from your hotel and transferred to the airport for your outward flight from Lima.

You will be met on arrival at Puerto Maldonado Airport to transfer by road and a two-and-a-half-hour boat journey to Refugio Amazonas, located in a 200-hectare private reserve. The boat ride from the Tambopata River Port to Refugio Amazonas takes us past the Infierno Community and the Tambopata National Reserve checkpoint and into the buffer zone of this 1.3 million hectare conservation unit. A boxed lunch is provided to eat along the way.

On arrival, you will be welcomed to the lodge and given a brief orientation.

After dinner at the lodge there is the option to join a night walk when most of the animals are active but sometimes difficult to see. The frogs are easier to see with their fascinating shapes and colours and fascinating sounds.

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Overnight in a Refugio Amazonas - (or similar)





DAY 4: Amazon

After breakfast, venture out onto the lake by canoe or catamaran, looking for wildlife such as hoatzin, caiman, horned screamers, macaws and otters that are sometimes seen in the area. Back on land, a 30-minute walk from the lodge takes you to the 25 metre scaffolding canopy tower, complete with staircase running through the middle and providing safe access to the platforms above. The tower has been built on high ground to give views of the primary rainforest extending out towards the Tambopata National Reserve. Enjoy excellent views across the canopy and look for toucans, macaws and raptors.

After lunch, you will visit a farm to learn about local agriculture and Amazonian crops before an ethnobotanical tour to learn about the medicinal uses of the various plants and trees of the region. In the evening, Refugio Amazonas staff offer lectures covering topics such as conservation threats, opportunities and projects in the Tambopata National Reserve.

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Overnight in a Refugio Amazonas - (or similar).



DAY 5: Amazon

Witness the audio and visual spectacle of a clay lick, watching vibrant coloured macaws, parrots and parakeets feast on clay. Species such as dusky-headed and cobalt-winged parakeets are often seen and with luck we may also see mealy and yellow-crowned Amazons, blue-headed pionus, severe macaw and orange-cheeked (Barraband's) parrots.

Later, a short hike from the lodge brings us to a beautiful Brazil nut forest that has been harvested for decades. Here you can learn about the whole process of the rainforest's only sustainably harvested product, from collection through transportation to drying. You will also see the remains of a camp used by the Brazil nut gatherers for 2 months each year.

In the afternoon, there will be a visit to a peccary clay lick, this time to see mammals. Wild rain forest pigs show up in herds of up to twenty to eat clay, alongside deer, guan and parakeets.

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Overnight in a
Refugio Amazonas -
(or similar)





DAY 6: Amazon to Cusco

After breakfast, return to Puerto Maldonado for your departure flight. Depending on airline schedules, this may require a dawn departure.

Arrival Transfer: - Arrival into Cusco and transfer to hotel.

Cusco, set at an altitude of 3,400 metres in the Peruvian Andes, was once the capital of the Inca Empire. It is known for its Spanish colonial architecture and Incan remains. Narrow, cobble-stoned streets lined by Inca walls stretch out from the main plaza in every direction. Many of the colonial buildings were built on top of Incan foundations and the stonework is unparalleled in its precision and beauty.

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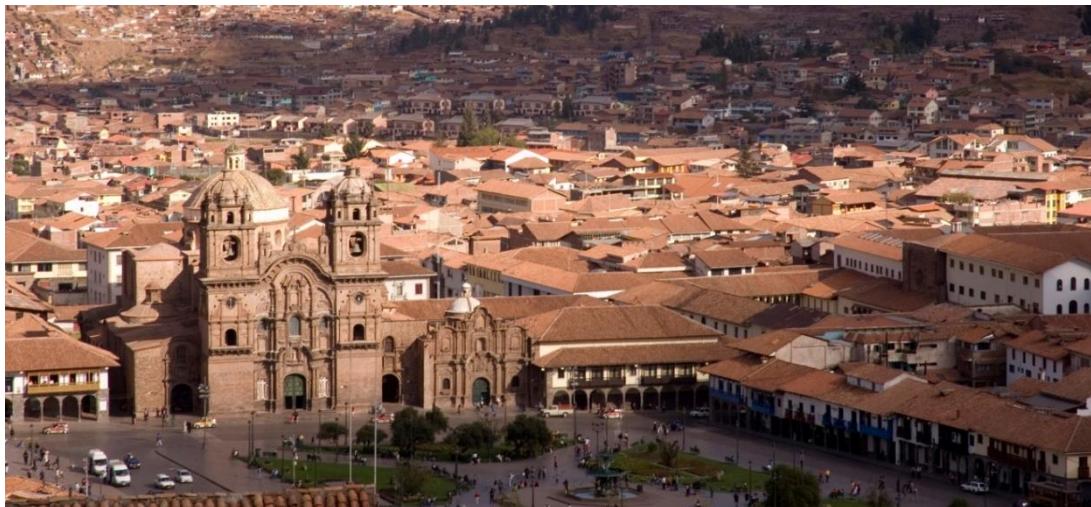
Overnight in a Standard Room at Casa Andina Cusco Catedral (or similar).



DAY 7: Cusco City Tour

Today, explore the Sacred Valley of the Incas. This fertile river valley was home to many important sites for the Incas, both strategic and religious. The first stop is the village of Pisac, with its famous market. The colonial village of Pisac sits at the base of the spectacular Pisac Ruins – a hilltop Inca citadel and fortress with impressive agricultural terracing. On market days Pisac comes alive with locals from nearby hillside villages in traditional dress selling local fruit and vegetables as well as handicrafts. There is free time to wander the colourful market stalls before a typical Andean lunch at a local restaurant.

Continue your journey along the River Urubamba, to Ollantaytambo. The town, which is dominated by a giant Inca fortress, is perhaps the best surviving example of Inca town planning and was the scene of a rare Inca victory over the invading Spanish. Lunch is included





Overnight in the Sacred Valley
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DAY 8: Sacred Valley Full Day Tour

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Overnight in a Standard Room at Hotel Pakaritampu (or similar).

DAY 9: Machu Picchu to Cusco

Transfer: - This morning you will be transferred from your hotel to Ollantaytambo train station.

Travel from Ollantaytambo in the Sacred Valley to Aguas Calientes in the comfort of the modern Vistadome train. Take advantage of the train's panoramic windows to soak in the incredible views of the Andes mountain range.

Includes hotel transfers.

*Due to limited space for luggage storage on trains, luggage restrictions apply: one bag or backpack (carry-on luggage) with a maximum weight of 5.0 kg/11 lb, measuring no more than 62 linear inches/157 linear cm (height + length + width)

You will be astonished by your first view of Machu Picchu, a stunning display of ancient architecture with incredible surroundings. Machu Picchu is a 15th century Inca site, located 2,430 metres above sea level on a mountain ridge above the Sacred Valley. It is the most famous of all Inca sites, but it was not until 1911 that it was brought to the world's attention by the American historian Hiram Bingham. The Incas abandoned the city just prior to Spanish colonisation, the city was never pillaged and as a result the ruins are still in fantastic condition. With its location on a dramatic ridgeline



surrounded by sheer cliffs and the Urubamba River on three sides, the city of Machu Picchu is a remarkable place to visit. Machu Picchu was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1983 and in 2007 it was voted one of the new Seven Wonders of the World.

Enjoy a guided tour of the ruins and monuments, such as the Main Square, the Circular Tower, the Sacred Solar Clock, the Royal Quarters, the Temple of the Three Windows and the Cemeteries. The tour includes guided tour and return bus from Aguas Calientes village. Please be aware that your tour of Machu Picchu does not include an entry permit to Huayna Picchu (the iconic hill behind the Machu Picchu ruins). If you want to climb Huayna Picchu then you need to pre-book your permit at least 3 months in advance. Please contact your sales consultant if you would like to do this.

After exploring Machu Picchu, you will travel from Aguas Calientes to Ollantaytambo in the comfort of the modern Vistadome train. This superior tourist class train features very comfortable semi-reclining seats and large expansive panoramic windows that immerse you in the scenery that surrounds the train. There are 48 seats in each car, with 54 in the Macosas AutoWagon. A varied selection of snacks is on offer during the journey.

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Transfer: - Transfer from Ollantaytambo train station in the Sacred Valley to Cusco.

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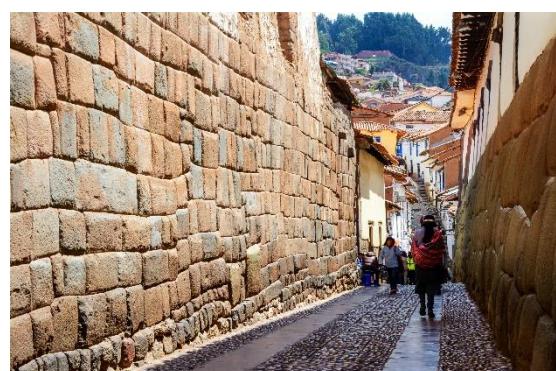
Overnight in a Standard Room at Casa Andina Cusco Catedral (or similar).

DAY 10: Cusco Free Day

Today is at leisure allowing you to spend time wandering the cobble-stoned streets of the ancient Inca capital. With treasures around every corner, Cusco is a wonderful city to explore on foot. Vibrant markets and stores give the traveller a plethora of shopping opportunities set amongst fine Inca and Spanish colonial architecture. The UNESCO World Heritage city is lined with history and ancient monuments, a truly enthralling city to spend time in.

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Overnight in a Standard Room at Casa Andina Cusco Cathedral including breakfast (or similar)





DAY 11: Cusco to Puno

Departure Transfer: - Transfer from your hotel in Cusco to the bus station.

After breakfast, you will be driven across the Altiplano to Puno. This drive will take you through sleepy Andean villages, past spectacular snow-capped mountains, sheer cliffs and rampaging rivers. Stops along the way include the atmospheric towns of Pucara and Andahuayllas, and the pre-Inca ruin of Raqchi. Arrive in Puno in the early evening. Includes lunch.

Upon arrival, we transfer you to your hotel.

Arrival Transfer: - On arrival in Puno, you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

Puno lies on the shores of Lake Titicaca, the highest navigable lake in the world. It is the largest city in the Southern Altiplano and an important agricultural and livestock (llamas and alpaca) region. It sits at an altitude of over 3,800 metres and is a picturesque hillside city and a melting pot of the Aymara and Quechua culture.

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Overnight in a Standard Room at La Hacienda Plaza De Armas (or similar).



DAY 12: Puno Uros & Island of Taquile Semi-Speed

The excursion begins at 6:30am with a transfer from your Puno hotel to the port. We travel by motorboat (35 feet long with 25 individual seats and a covered section in case of rain or cold weather) to the floating reed islands of Uros, situated four kilometres from Puno. Here the locals continue to practice their traditional way of life, living by fishing. The original inhabitants of these floating islands are said to descend from one of the oldest cultures of the Americas. The Uros Islands, as well as the houses on them and the boats used by their inhabitants, are all made from the totora reeds that grow in Lake Titicaca. Optional rides on traditional reed boats can be arranged. We visit two of the 60 islands before continuing on to Taquile Island.

The journey to Taquile Island takes 2.5 hours, giving you the chance to enjoy the spectacular views offered by Lake Titicaca. On arrival at Taquile, we hike for around 45 minutes along a long path that gradually ascends to a village with a unique community. The views along the way are incredible. We visit the communal cooperative where there are craft textiles of a high quality.

Lunch is served at one of the many local restaurants.

After lunch, we descend down 500 steps to the main port of the island in time for a 2:30pm departure back to Puno City. We arrive into

Puno at 5.30pm and on arrival you will be transferred to your Puno hotel.

Lunch is included on the tour.

Approximate duration of tour: 10 hours.

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Overnight in a Standard Room at La Hacienda Plaza De Armas (or similar).





DAY 13: Puno to Quito

Departure Transfer: - Transfer to the airport for your outward flight from Puno.

Quito Transfer Airport – Hotel

Sitting at 2,850 metres above sea level high in the Andean foothills lies Quito, the capital of Ecuador. The city, a short distance from the Equator and with an amazing backdrop of snow-capped mountains, is known for its stunning colonial architecture and artwork. Founded in the 16th century on the ruins of an Inca city, Quito has one of the largest, least-altered and best-preserved historic centres in the Americas. It was declared a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Site in 1978.



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Overnight in a Standard Room at Patio Andaluz (or similar).

DAY 14: Quito to Galapagos

Quito Transfer Hotel - Airport

Take a morning flight to the Galapagos from Quito Airport. The flight from Quito to the Galapagos is approximately 2 ½ hours and from Guayaquil it is approximately 1 ½ hours.

Please note that before taking the flight you must pay the INGALA Tourist Control Card Fee at the Galapagos Government Council counter. This is currently US\$20 per person but subject to change.

On arrival at Baltra Airport, travellers pass through an airport inspection point to ensure that no foreign plants or animals are introduced to the islands and to pay the Galapagos Islands National Park Entrance Fee. This is currently US\$100 per person but subject to change.

EXAMPLE ITINERARY - Cruises have set departures, vary in standard & durations from 4-15 days

Guides will meet you, collect your luggage and escort you on the short bus ride to the harbour. Motorized rafts, called 'pangas' will transport you to the M/C Seaman Journey and our crew will welcome you on board. After departure and lunch, we make our first island visit.

PM: Interpretation Centre

Opened to the public in 1998, the Interpretation Centre is set in exuberant gardens with stunning ocean views. The Interpretation Centre presents a complete and documented history of the Galapagos, its flora, fauna and ecosystems. It focuses on the history of the archipelago from its volcanic origins to the present day with information on both the geological and human history as well as conservation facts and natural history.

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Overnight Galapagos Cruise





DAY 15: Galapagos

EXAMPLE:

AM: Galapaguera

The Galapaguera was built to increase the population of the Galapagos tortoise that is under threat from introduced species such as wild goats and cats. It is a breeding station and sanctuary for giant tortoises and provides a good place in which to observe Galapagos tortoises in their natural habitat.

San Cristobal Island is the easternmost island in the Galapagos archipelago. It has some endemic species including the San Cristobal mockingbird, San Cristobal lava lizard, leaf-toed gecko and turtles. The beach is large and serves as a nesting site for sea turtles. The females lay their eggs in the sand dunes between January and May.

PM: Cerro Brujo

Cerro Brujo is a beautiful white coral sand beach, with good swimming and snorkelling in the turquoise waters. It is home to a colony of sea lions and blue-footed boobies and there are great egrets and great blue herons in the lagoon behind the beach. Nazca boobies, frigate birds and shore birds can also be observed. This is the first coast where Charles Darwin went ashore in 1835.

The salt water pools behind the sand dunes were used by the fishermen as a salt mine in order to preserve food for the local population.

Here you may see the Chatham mockingbird and the San Cristobal lava lizard, both species being endemic to the island and unique to this area. You may also spot Galapagos turtles and with luck the small bird known as the Pájaro Brujo in Spanish, an endemic species from San Cristobal Island. The vegetation on the island includes candelabrum cacti and carob trees.

Located on the north coast of Isla San Cristobal, Cerro Brujo is a peaceful place with white sand and crystal water, a perfect combination for an incredible visit.

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Overnight Galapagos Cruise.





DAY 16: Galapagos

EXAMPLE

AM: Gardner Bay

España Island is the southernmost of the Galapagos Islands and one of the oldest, and due to its isolation, it has a large number of endemic species including the España mockingbird, España lava lizard and the waved albatross.

Located on the north-eastern coast of España Island (or Hood Island as it was named by the English), Gardner Bay provides an excellent beach for relaxing, swimming, snorkelling and kayaking. The beach attracts many sea lions and you may see sharks as well as green sea turtles in the crystal clear ocean waters.

PM: Suarez Point

This beautiful site on the ocean front is great for spotting blue-footed boobies, albatrosses and Nazca boobies. The large waved albatrosses breed on the island and use the cliff as a launching pad. The famous attraction is the magnificent blowhole, where waves crash into a lava fissure, creating a blowhole that spouts water 30-50 metres into the air. Suarez Point presents wonderful photographic opportunities.

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Overnight Galapagos Cruise



DAY 17: Galapagos

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AM: Cormorant Point

Cormorant Point on Floreana Island probably offers one of the largest and best flamingo lagoons in the Galapagos. It is situated between two tuff lava cones that give the area a special atmosphere. There are various other species of shorebirds to observe including common stilts, white-cheeked pintail ducks, largebilled flycatchers, finches and other migratory birds. There are two distinct beaches: "Green Beach" (due to its high percentage of olivine crystals in the sand) and "Flour Beach" which is made up of fine, pulverized coral. Green sea turtles nest on Flour Beach and several species of rays can be seen in the waters.





PM: Post Office Bay & Baroness Lookout

Historically, this site is the location of a wooden barrel that was placed here by the crew of a whaling ship in the 18th century. It has been used since this time by mariners and tourists as a post office. The idea is to carry letters or postcards to their destination by hand. This area was also the site of a failed colonization effort by Norwegians in 1926. At the north of the island we ascend an elevated slope to enjoy a beautiful vista at Baroness Lookout. It is said that Baroness Eloisa Von Wagner loved this place and spent several hours watching the horizon. Within walking distance (30m) are the ruins of what is known as her house. From this lookout, you can see the landscape from the coastline at Enderby Islet to Post Office Bay, as well as Cerro Pajas, the pool of flamingos and the wide forest of Palo Santo.

Overnight Galapagos Cruise

DAY 18: Galapagos to Quito

AM: Charles Darwin Station

Although the great majority of Galapagos visitors come here to observe and appreciate natural wonders, it is also interesting to learn how the protection and conservation of the islands are carried out. One of the main attractions are the National Park information center, the Van Straelen Exhibition Hall, the Breeding and Rearing Center for young tortoises, Lonesome George (turtle from Pinta), and adult Galapagos tortoises in captivity.

After the morning excursion, you will be taken to the airport for your flight to the mainland.

Transfer to Baltra Airport & fly to Quito

Arrival Transfer: - Upon your arrival to Quito you will be greeted and transferred to your hotel.

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Overnight in a Standard Room at Patio Andaluz (or similar).



DAY 19: Quito: City Tour and Middle of the World

Commence a colonial city tour of Quito exploring the bustling streets and squares of the largest historical old town in the Americas. Visit some of its most important churches such as the majestic La Compañía and iconic San Francisco which have stunning multi-ethnic designs and cultural heritage. We then take you to the Ethnographic Museum, which shows the great diversity of Ecuador's native groups.

Here you will see The Equatorial Monument which marks the exact middle of the World, Latitude 0°. You can stand with a foot on each hemisphere. A certificate for having crossed the Equator is issued to each guest! The surrounding, volcanic scenery is stunning. Beside the monument is a Colonial-style town, complete with main square, church, post office, bullring, cafeterias, restaurants and gift shops.

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Overnight in a Standard Room at Patio Andaluz (or similar).





DAY 20: Otavalo Market Excursion

This morning you will leave Quito with your tour guide, heading to Otavalo, the town famous for its weekly artesian market.

On route on the Panamerican Highway we will stop at Calderon, a town where the famous masapan dolls are made, continuing on through Guayllabamba town where you can sample its typical fruit the cherimoyer.

We will also stop on the highway to admire the beautiful landscape and snow-capped mountains in the area.

We continue on, making a short stop at San Pablo Lake before arriving in Otavalo. Here we will visit the textile market located at the "Plaza of Ponchos"; this is one of the most famous markets in South America.

You will find all kinds of handcrafts including tapestries made on the Spanish weaving loom as well as the indigenous backstrap loom.

After which you will enjoy some free time for bargaining and buying with the friendly Otavaleños.

After a full day spent in Otavalo we will return to Quito late afternoon/ early evening and you will be taken to your hotel.

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Overnight in a Standard Room at Patio Andaluz (or similar).



DAY 21: Quito to Rio de Janeiro

Departure Transfer: - At the appropriate time, you will be collected from your hotel and transferred to the airport for your outward flight from Quito.

Arrival Transfer: - On arrival into Rio de Janeiro you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

Known as the "Cidade Maravilhosa", or Marvellous City, Rio never fails to amaze with its sandy beaches, carefree lifestyle and unparalleled natural beauty. As the capital of Brazil until 1960, Rio is today one of the most culturally and economically prominent cities in the country, receiving more tourists than any other part of Brazil.

Overnight in a Standard Room at Windsor Palace (or similar).





DAY 22: Corcovado & Sugarloaf with Lunch

After an early pick up from the hotel between 7:00 & 7:30am, the tour makes its way to the bottom of Corcovado Hill, where we ascend the mountain by vehicle. Climbing 4km through the Tijuca Forest, the world's largest urban National Park, we will arrive at the statue of Christ the Redeemer. After taking in the panoramic views we continue to the Maracana Stadium. We also pass the Sambadrome and the Metropolitan Cathedral, before passing through the bohemian neighbourhood of Lapa and its famous arches en-route to Copacabana. We have a traditional Brazilian BBQ lunch before visiting the famous Sugarloaf Mountain with views across the entire city. After descending the mountain, you will be dropped off at your hotel.



Included: All transport, tickets and entry fees, lunch (beverages not included).

Approximate duration of tour: 8 hours.

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Overnight in a Standard Room at Windsor Palace (or similar).

DAY 23: Rio : Free Day

Today is a free day for you to relax on one of Rio's famous beaches such as Ipanema or Copacabana, or explore the city further at your leisure.

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Overnight in a Standard Room at Windsor Palace (or similar).





DAY 24: Rio to Iguazu

Departure Transfer: - Transfer from your hotel to the airport in a private vehicle.

Today we see the falls from the Brazilian side of the border. After arriving at the visitor centre, we board buses for a tour of the park. Equipped with panoramic windows, the buses are designed to maximize your views of the falls, while the walkways and steps allow you to get up close to the spray. Views of the Floriana Falls, the Devil's Gorge Canyon and the Iguazu River are spectacular and are guaranteed to impress. National Park fees included.

Arrival Transfer: - Arrival at Foz do Iguazu airport and transfer to your hotel. Includes Guide.

*Please note the Iguazu Tourist Tax will now be charged on check out at all Iguazu hotels. The amount is currently ARS50 (USD3.40) per person per stay. Please note this tax is subject to change without prior notice.

The spectacular Iguazu Falls that straddle the Argentine-Brazil border, are made up of 275 individual waterfalls lining a 2.7km wide horseshoe-shaped gorge. The Falls are located where the Iguazu River cascades over the edge of the Paraná Plateau. The Falls can be viewed from both the Argentinian and the Brazilian sides, the Brazilian side offering a broader, panoramic view, with the Argentinian side offering a series of catwalks that allow you to experience the Falls from close range.

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Overnight in a Standard Room at Jardin del Iguazu (or similar).



DAY 25: Iguazu Argentinean Falls

In the early morning, we will visit the Iguazu Falls on the Argentinian side. We will ride the Rainforest Ecological train and then explore panoramic views from above and below the waterfalls. We will visit the Devils Falls, which is said to be one of the most spectacular falls and you have the option of taking a boat ride under the Falls.

National Park fees included.

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Overnight in a Standard Room at Jardin del Iguazu (or similar).





DAY 26: Iguazu to Buenos Aires

Departure Transfer: - Transfer to the airport for your outward flight from Iguazu.

Arrival Transfer: - On arrival into Buenos Aires you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

Buenos Aires, Argentina's elegant, historic and cosmopolitan capital, is known as the "Paris of the South" due to its European atmosphere with glamorous avenues lined with fashionable shops and Parisian-style restaurants and cafes. Located on the western shore of the estuary of the Río de la Plata, Buenos Aires has many fascinating neighbourhoods to explore including the colourful and lively La Boca, home to art galleries and tango shows; San Telmo with its restored mansions and antique stores and Recoleta, the city's most exclusive area.

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Overnight in a Standard Room at Dazzler Recoleta (or similar).



DAY 27: Highlights of Buenos Aires - Dinner & Tango Show

This morning at 0900 hours, you will be collected from your hotel for your 3 hour tour of Buenos Aires visiting the most important highlights of the city. At the first stop, discover the history of the Plaza de Mayo Square, the site of Argentina's most important historical events - see its surroundings and the most emblematic buildings and learn all about them.

Then enjoy Mayo Avenue and wonder in awe at the oldest residential neighborhood in Buenos Aires: San Telmo. Live and feel the original Tango in the neighborhood of La Boca: walk along Caminito Street and enjoy the dancers and souvenir shops. See the mythical Boca Juniors soccer stadium. Contemplate the modernization of the city whilst traveling along Puerto Madero and its exclusive docks, full of excellent restaurants and large offices.

Pass through the Retiro neighbourhood and move on to see Palermo and its most exclusive residential area before finally arriving at Recoleta. Once there, discover the final resting place of Eva Peron, "Evita" and wander through Recoleta Cemetery where she is to be found.

Afternoon at leisure

This evening enjoy an intimate & passionate tango show, housed in a cosy wood-panelled 19th century building in the heart of Buenos Aires's historic centre. The building has a colourful history as it was once a meeting point for poets and students. After being abandoned in the late 1970s, the bar was beautifully restored and reopened in July 1992 as El Querandí Tango Hall. The show, directed by Claudio Campos with musical arrangements by Ado Falasca, smoothly charts the history of Argentina's most authentic artistic expression from its origins to the modern day. With one of the most varied à la carte menus you will find at a tango show, the dinner is very good, and the show, at just over an hour long, is the perfect length. The three house singers, six dancers and four musicians put on a great show.

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Overnight in a Standard Room at Dazzler Recoleta (or similar).





DAY 28: San Isidro & Tigre Delta Tour

Our small group tour to Tigre is unique within the market as you travel from the heart of Buenos Aires to the Tigre Delta in a catamaran, offering one of the best views of the city skyline (a view that surprisingly few people see, even locals). At the start of the tour you will head to the city's port to board a modern catamaran which will take you to the Tigre Delta. During the one and a half hour trip you will be able to admire Buenos Aires from the Rio de la Plata (River Plate), its northern areas and the channels of the Delta, whilst enjoying refreshments on board. After the boat rip, a minibus will pick you up at the pier in Tigre, and take you to visit Paseo Victoria, the most important neighborhood in Tigre and then the Puerto de Frutos. You will soon find yourself in San Isidro where you will visit the town's historical center and Cathedral on foot while having a snack, and then finally you will see the city's northern areas and the Presidential Residence in Olivos, before returning to the City.

Notes: Everyday at 09hs only. Duration 5.5 hours. Max 12 pax per vehicle, pick up in no more than 3 other hotels. Highly trained, professional guides.

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Overnight in a Standard Room at Dazzler Recoleta (or similar).



DAY 29: Buenos Aires to Bariloche

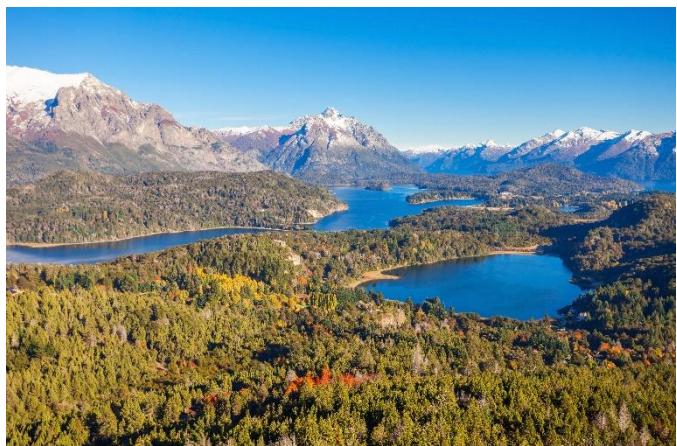
Departure Transfer: - At the appropriate time you will be collected from your hotel and transferred to the airport for your outward flight from Buenos Aires.

Arrival Transfer: - Arrival into Bariloche airport and private transfer to your hotel.

San Carlos de Bariloche lies on the southern shores of Lake Nahuel Huapi in the foothills of the Andes surrounded by mountains and forests. Its location is stunning, surrounded by the Nahuel Huapi National Park, the oldest National Park in Argentina. With its Alpine-styled architecture, its picturesque lakeside setting overlooked by mountains and forests as well as numerous boutique chocolate shops and St. Bernard dogs, the city has a Swiss-like atmosphere.

(B)

Overnight in a Standard Room at Cacique Inacayal (or similar).





DAY 30: Half Day Llao Llao Peninsula - Soft Hiking

This traditional trip along the southern shore of Lake Nahuel Huapi is the most popular tour in Bariloche, and is a quick and easy way to get an overview of the Nahuel Huapi Lake. There is a great viewpoint of the Llao Llao Hotel and the lakes, as well as attractions like the Saint Edward Chapel, near Port Pañuelo. 17 kilometres away from Bariloche you will find Mount Campanario, where you can take a chairlift and enjoy the incredible views.

(B)

Overnight in a Standard Room at Cacique Inacayal (or similar).



DAY 31: Full Day Andean Lake Crossing: Bariloche to Puerto Varas

From Bariloche, your journey across the border today will be a combination of scenic bus rides and lake crossings. Set off from Bariloche at 09.00am, travel by bus to Puerto Pañuelo along the shores of Lake Nahuel Huapi, taking in the lovely flower gardens and Swiss-style architecture that characterizes the area. Continue by boat to Puerto Blest and board the bus to Puerto Alegre. Sail from there to Puerto Frías, complete the Customs procedures to exit Argentina, and cross the Andes (altitude 976m) passing through Pérez Rosales National Park, to Peulla, completing Chilean Customs formalities on route. There'll be time for lunch (not included) in Peulla, before the onward cruise to Petrohué on Lake Todos Los Santos, widely considered to be one of Chile's most beautiful lakes with spectacular views of Osorno Volcano and the Puntiagudo and Tronador mountain peaks when the weather is clear. The final leg of the journey is a scenic bus ride to Puerto Varas, arriving in the evening to your hotel.

*NB This schedule is for guidance only and may change according to weather conditions and the number of passengers. National Park fee is not included, payable in Argentinean pesos only (\$37.25).

(B)

Overnight in a Standard Room at Hotel Cabana del Lago (or similar).



DAY 32: Puerto Montt: Osorno Volcano

Today we visit the iconic Osorno Volcano which stands on the south eastern shore of Lake Llanquihue towering over Todos los Santos Lake. Despite its low altitude, the upper slopes of the volcano are covered in glaciers and the views from the top are truly spectacular. There is plenty of time to explore the mountain and the Osorno volcano ski center, located at 1200 meters above sea level. We return to your hotel late in the afternoon.

Includes snack.

(B)

Overnight in a Standard Room at Hotel Cabana del Lago (or similar).





DAY 33: Puerto Montt to Santiago de Chile

Departure Transfer: - You will be collected from your hotel at the appropriate time for the transfer to the airport for your outward flight from Puerto Montt.

Arrival Transfer: - On arrival into Santiago you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

Santiago, Chile's capital and largest city, lies in a valley surrounded by the snow-capped mountains of the Andes and the Chilean Coastal Range. Founded in 1541, Santiago has been Chile's capital since colonial times. It is a vibrant and cosmopolitan city and although it features many colonial buildings, it has grown into a modern metropolis and the cultural centre of the country.

Overnight in a Standard Room at Hotel Providencia including breakfast.



DAY 34: Santiago Panoramic City & Wine Tour

Take a tour of the charismatic Santiago, visiting both the old and new areas of the city. Highlights include the Plaza de Armas, the city's central square and the heart of the city's old colonial core. The Plaza de Armas is home to the beautiful 18th century Metropolitan Cathedral, the early 19th century Royal Court Palace that houses the Natural History Museum and the Central Post Office completed in 1882. The Chess Club of Chile also meets here most days, a great opportunity to watch the locals immersed in a game of chess. Visit Cerro Santa Lucia, the hill on which Santiago was founded in 1541, now a park with fountains and stairs leading to a fort and panoramic viewpoint across the city.

Today we head to Maipo Valley, Chile's oldest and most famous wine producing area. Just south of Santiago, this is predominately red-wine country, with cabernet sauvignon the most celebrated and widely planted variety.

Our expert guide takes us to one of the most famous vineyards, Concha y Toro winery, producing excellent wines from the noblest French vines. After the visit you will finish with a wine tasting and will be able to buy more wines if you want.

Duration: approximately 4 hours. Time of tours: Morning or afternoon (depending on the winery availability)



(B)

Overnight in a Standard Room at Hotel Providencia (or similar).

DAY 35: 09 Oct 2017 (Monday) - Depart Santiago

Departure Transfer: - In the morning, you will be collected from your hotel and transferred to the airport for your outward flight from Santiago.



Pricing information

Included: Accommodation, internal flights, (subject to availability & changes), daily breakfast, other meals where stated, tours with professional English speaking guide on a shared service basis unless otherwise stated, airport transfers where stated, most entrance fees and local taxes (some exclusions apply).

Excluded: Any meals not mentioned in the above itinerary. Travel Insurance and tips. Any flights or services not mentioned in this itinerary.

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Hotel information

Casa Andina Standard Miraflores Centro

Standard Category Accommodation

Casa Andina Standard Miraflores Centro's rooms spacious and tastefully decorated with pine furnishings and a work desk. They also have air conditioning Wi-Fi and cable TV. This contemporary hotel is located in the heart of Miraflores.

The front desk at Standard Miraflores Centro is open 24 hours a day. Guests can also make use of the hotel's laundry services. Lima's famous handicrafts markets and many nice restaurants are just steps from the hotel. It is a short taxi ride to Lima's major museums, shopping mall and Lima international Airport.



Casa Andina Cusco Catedral

Standard Category Accommodation

The hotel is located about as close as you can get to Cusco's Cathedral and beautiful Plaza de Armas without actually being on the busy square.

Intimately identified with the Cusco's illustrious history, the hotel occupies a colonial building with iconic green balconies and red tiles, and features an exposed Inca stone wall in the hotel lobby. Several rooms have coveted views of the Plaza de Armas and Compania de Jesus church.



Hotel Pakaritampu

Standard Category Accommodation

Pakaritampu Hotel is built on a large nicely landscaped area and offers accommodation with warm hospitality. It is located in the town of Ollantaytambo, in the heart of the Sacred Valley, an hour and a half drive from the city of Cusco, close to the railway and fifteen minutes to Machu Picchu. in the Sacred Valley in the village of Ollantaytambo to 2 minutes from the train station with direct connection to Machu Picchu.



La Hacienda Plaza De Armas

Standard Category Accommodation

La Hacienda Plaza de Armas has balconies with unobstructed views of the city and during the festival makes the stands with the best view of Puno making guests more upscale viewers across the city.

These reasons make this the flagship hotel of the city with immediate access to all the shops in the city, including the best restaurant located within their facilities.





Patio Andaluz

Superior Category Accommodation

Hotel Patio Andaluz, an elegant Boutique hotel located in the heart of the historic 'Quito Antiguo' and declared as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1978, is surrounded by churches, museums and national monuments. The hotel is an official National Treasure and holds centuries of history within its walls. Revolutionary actors, historic figures, presidents and thinkers had passed through its patios and corridors.

Experience the hotel yourself and enjoy the elegance and comfort that this boutique hotel gives you, with its great arches, balconies and attics.

Experience the colonial times through its corridors that have witnessed Ecuadorian history since the end of the XVI century.



Windsor Palace

Walk the streets of Copacabana and be near one of the most famous beaches in the world while in Rio de Janeiro. Stay at the Windsor Palace Hotel where you find comfort, convenience and assistance.

The hotel is the ideal accommodation for those wishing to experience the beauty of Rio de Janeiro, whether on holidays or on business trips in a pleasant, comfortable, and friendly atmosphere.

With several attractions around, including beaches, bars and restaurants, shops and much more, the Windsor Palace Hotel mixes the renowned Windsor quality with all Rio can offer, which ensures a fantastic stay.



Jardin del Iguazu

Standard Category Accommodation

Jardin del Iguazu is located in the heart of Puerto Iguazu, 2kms from the Three Borders Monument and within easy access of the Iguazu Falls. The comfortable, modern rooms have large windows overlooking the inner terrace and are equipped with plasma TV's and air-conditioning. The hotel also features a garden with swimming pool and hydro-massage tub, a bar, restaurant, 24-hour front desk and Wi-Fi. Unwind on the sun loungers by the pool or maybe request a relaxing massage session.



Dazzler Recoleta

Standard Category Accommodation

The modern 4-star Dazzler Recoleta is located in an old elite area of the city, the district of Recoleta, surrounded by quaint mansions and beautiful wide tree-lined streets with small boutique restaurants offering al fresco dining. The hotel offers a wide variety of services including 24-hour desk, Wi-Fi throughout the hotel, room service, central air-conditioning and heating, business centre, outdoor pool, solarium, sauna and gym. The rooms have double paned soundproof windows and are equipped with Wi-Fi, cable TV, telephone, electronic safe, magnetic card door lock, private bathroom, work desk and chair.





Cacique Inacayal

Superior Category Accommodation

Cacique Inacayal Lake & Spa Hotel is located in a preferential place in the center of the city of San Carlos de Bariloche, on the shores of Lake Nahuel Huapi. Providing its guests wonderful views of the lake. The hotel has 67 class rooms. 21 standard rooms, 34 superior rooms, 10 rooms and 2 Junior Grand Comfort Suites.



Hotel Cabana del Lago

Superior Category Accommodation

There are 130 guestrooms at Cabana Del Lago Hotel all with city or lake views. Beds come with signature bedding while bathrooms feature shower/tub combinations, bidets, makeup/shaving mirrors, and complimentary toiletries. Wireless Internet access is complimentary. In addition to complimentary newspapers and in-room safes, guestrooms offer direct-dial phones, cable televisions, and complimentary TV Internet access.

The air-conditioned rooms also include minibars, remote lighting/drapery/curtain control, and blackout drapes/curtains. A turndown service is available nightly, housekeeping is offered daily, and guests may request wake-up calls.



Hotel Providencia

With a swimming pool and convenient access to public transportation, Providencia Hotel is less than a 10 minute walk from Pedro de Valdivia and a subway station.

The modern rooms are tastefully furnished and spacious. They include an LCD TV with cable, air conditioning and free Wi-Fi access.

Providencia offers room service until 11pm each night. Alternatively, La Terraza Restaurant serves authentic Chilean dishes



Cabin Accommodation

Refugio Amazonas - Traditional 3 Nights

Refugio Amazonas is a charming 32 bedroom lodge, well located immediately adjacent to the Tambopata National Reserve. It is located 4 hours upriver from Puerto Maldonado in the buffer zone of the Tambopata National Reserve. Refugio Amazonas is ideal for those looking for a three night stay to experience culture and nature in the Amazon. All rooms in Refugio Amazonas have an exposed wall facing the jungle, for that true jungle experience. The rooms are built using local materials such as wood, bamboo, adobe mud and palm trees. Each bed is equipped with its own mosquito net and each room has a spacious private bathroom with hot water. Numerous kerosene lamps and candles provide the lighting. Electricity and internet access are available in the common areas of the lodge.



[Address: 3 hours by boat from the nearest town, Puerto Maldonado, Puerto Maldonado 084, Peru
Tel: (0051) 17196422]

**Seaman - 5 Days - Standard Ocean View**

The M/C Galapagos Seaman is a first class Boutique Yacht catamaran offering superior comfort, size, style, and stability. The Galapagos Seaman Journey makes it possible to enjoy several cruises in the Galapagos island with different itineraries that include amazing land tours throughout most of the Galapagos Islands.

During the Galapagos Cruises, guests will encounter many endemic species like the Galapagos Giant Tortoises, Penguins, Land and Marine Iguanas, Frigate Birds, Blue Footed Boobies, and much more!

Throughout one of the cruises, each guest can enjoy the well-furnished areas offering comfort and privacy. The Galapagos Seaman has a maximum capacity of 16 passengers allowing both intimacy and camaraderie at the same time. There are several resting areas which include, the spacious sundecks, and on board mini library, and a bar and lounge area. All 8 cabins have A/C, private bathrooms with a full shower, hot water and ocean view windows. All rooms are above water level.

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