

Spectacular South America



Day 1: Arrive at Lima:

Upon arrival at Rio airport, complete customs and immigration formalities. Meet and greet by our local representative, and transfer to your hotel for check in.

Since its foundation on the 18th of January 1535 by the conqueror of Peru, Francisco Pizarro, Lima, or the "City of Kings" (the name was given to the city because of the proximity of the date of its foundation to January the 6th, the day of the three kings) has been the capital of Peru. Its magnificent colonial architecture led UNESCO to declare the Historic Centre of Lima a World Heritage Site.

Overnight at hotel.

Day 2:Lima:

Breakfast at the hotel. Today, you will be taken on a Lima City Tour. This tour includes points of interest such as the Main Square (Plaza Mayor) founded in 1535 by Francisco Pizarro, conqueror of Perú, Government Palace, City Hall, the Cathedral, San Francisco Convent, built in the 17th century, and its "Catacombs" ancient underground cemetery of Lima, and finally the House of El Oidor. During the tour, you will see other colonial architectural jewels, such as Torre Tagle Palace, a beautiful mansion dating back to the 18th century and the Osambela House. The tour continues to the new residential and commercial areas of San Isidro and Miraflores. Overnight at hotel.

Day 3:Lima-Cuzco :

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the airport to board flight to Cuzco. Arrival at Cuzco and transfer to your hotel. Afternoon tour of this magnificent city and the nearby ruins, a blend of Inca and Spanish Cultures, visiting the Korikancha or Temple of the Sun and the Cathedral, continuing from there to the nearby ruins of Tambomachay (Inca fountains), Puca-Pucara (the Red Fortress), Kenko (sacred site) and finally Sacsahuaman Fortress. Overnight at hotel.

Day 4:Cuzco-Sacred Valley-Cuzco:

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning you will visit Pisac, famous for its Mass and market. The Mass is attended by the 'mayors' of the neighboring villages, complete in typical dress and carrying their traditional 'varayoc' or staff of office. You will also enjoy the colorful Indian market. Lunch is included. In the afternoon you will tour the remarkable Inca fortress of Ollantaytambo with its magnificent mountain stairway. Among other things, you will be intrigued by six enormous pink stones, each weighing some 50 tons. These came from the other side of the river, but nobody knows how they were transported, since the Incas did not use the wheel. NOTE: Pisac Market is held on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday, but Mass is only on Sunday. Overnight at hotel.

Day 5:Cuzco-Machu Picchu-Cuzco:

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to train station. The train goes through Urubamba Valley, the Sacred Valley of the Incas, to the fabulous mountaintop ruins of Machu Picchu. Full day tour to Machu Picchu Citadel. Buffet lunch included. Framed by spectacular Andean peaks and surrounded by verdant jungle, MACHU PICCHU is an eye-tantalizing tribute to man in harmony with nature. Located high above the clouds, the city's streets, temples, and staircases spread across a jungle ridge that eventually plunges more than 300 meters into the treacherous waters of the Río Urubamba below. Everything within this city, from the intricate terraces and delicate gardens to the complex system of aqueducts, was designed to both promote and preserve the sacred relationship between man and nature. Natural phenomena like the sun, moon, water, and earth, were sacred to the Incas and were the inspiration for much of the city's layout. Besides its awe-inspiring architecture and spiritual atmosphere, perhaps the most enchanting aspect of Machu Picchu, is its relative historical ambiguity. In the afternoon train back to Cuzco. Transfer from train station to Hotel. Overnight at hotel.

Day 6:Cuzco-Puno :

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the station. Bus travels along the Andes range, passing through picturesque villages up to the town of Juliaca and visiting Andahuaylillas, Racchi ruins, Pucara, La Raya. You will be and transferred by road to your hotel in Puno, on the shores of Lake Titicaca. Overnight at hotel.

Day 7:Puno:

Breakfast at the hotel Morning visit to the Uros Islands. These islands are made of reeds, rising six meters above the lake level. They are anchored by logs and connected to each other by ropes. The main activities of the people who live here are fishing and handcrafting several items that they sell to visitors. Continue to Taquile Island which has two essential characteristics; its geography, offering a spectacular view from its hills, and its standing as a first-rate textile center. Taquileños live on their textile activities. This can easily be seen in the men walking about in rubber sandals ('ojotas' in quechua), wearing black pants, white flannel shirts and beautiful, finely woven chumpis (belts), covering their heads with finely knitted warm 'chullos' (caps with ear flaps). Box lunch included. Overnight at hotel.

Day 8:Puno-Lima-Buenos Aires:

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the airport to board flight to Lima. You will be assisted on Lima Airport to connect with your flight to Buenos Aires. Arrival at Buenos Aires Airport and transfer to your hotel. Buenos Aires is a complex, energetic, and seductive port city, which stretches south-to-north along the Rio de la Plata; it has been the gateway to Argentina for centuries. Porteños, as the people of Buenos Aires are known, possess an elaborated and rich cultural identity. They value their European heritage highly, and the lifestyle and architecture are markedly more European than any other in South America. But the city has also spawned its own art forms, notably the tango, for which Buenos Aires is famous. Overnight at hotel.

Day 9:Buenos Aires :

After breakfast at the hotel enjoy 3 hrs city tour of fascinating Buenos Aires In this tour we invite you to discover Buenos Aires considered the “Reina del Plata”. Starting the tour around the center of the city where the most attractive places are located: Av. 9 de Julio, Colón Theatre and the Obelisk “the symbol of Buenos Aires”. We will continue towards Plaza de Mayo and later to the south of the city passing through San Telmo with its “tanguerías”, La Boca and Caminito. Continuing to Puerto Madero, the renewed port of the city and important gastronomic area. We will also visit the biggest green space of Buenos Aires, Palermo, with its parks and buildings and last Recoleta, a neighborhood where culture and elegance live together. On Sunday the tour ends at the Flea Market of San Telmo. 01 hour Free Tango lesson at Tango Porteño 19.30-20.30 Evening Tango Show & Dinner at Magnificent Tango Porteño Vegetarian Indian Menu Available Tango Porteño recovers that spirit crystallized in a unique place. Magically it recreates the best and most transcendental time ever in the history of tango framed within a luxurious building of those days that used to be a movie theater of the Metro Goldwyn Meyer. The old and beloved Metro, just a few steps away from the Obelisk today becomes Tango Porteño, a place blending the most refined environment and pure golden days’ deco with great artists, unbeatable productions, and first class cuisine paying home to the represented time. It could not be otherwise because Tango Porteño is the image of Buenos Aires, the “City of Tango.” Overnight at hotel.

Day 10:Buenos Aires :

Breakfast at Hotel. Half day excursion to the northern districts, Tigre and Delta. (4 hours) 30 kms away from the City of Buenos Aires, Tigre and its delta leads us deep into a natural scenery where the thickness of the shrub land is embraced by various channels of reddish waters. Our delta is the third in the world as regards size, following the famous Nile River Delta (in Africa) and the Amazonas River Delta (in the North of Latin America). Nevertheless, its 27 thousand square kilometres have been hardly exploited. Enjoy one hour boat ride on the Delta. Overnight at hotel

Day 11:Buenos Aires :

Breakfast at Hotel. Transfer to Airport to board flight to Iguassu. Arrival at Iguassu Airport and transfer to your hotel. Iguassu Falls are located at the border with Brazil and Argentina. The Iguassu

Falls are the highlight of the Argentine/Brazilian rainforest. The falls are the widest and most imposing water falls on Earth. Their name in the native tongue, guaraní, means Big Waters and this is, undoubtedly, the perfect name for them. Later, experience the Argentinean Side of the Falls. The Argentine Falls tour takes longer since the inauguration of the new facilities for the Upper, Lower and the Devil's Throat Circuits. Visitors first arrive to the New Visitors Center where you walk the Nature's Interpretation Center. From the Visitors Center you can board the train that goes first to Cataratas Station in about 8 minutes or take a short walk through the "Green Trail" that leads to the beginning of the path towards the Upper and Lower trails. Otherwise the same train goes on to Garganta Station. Once you have finished the circuits, you must go back to the Visitors Center where the vehicles are waiting for the transfer to the hotels or the Airport. UPPER CIRCUIT: The 800 meters of catwalks are detached from the jungle's surface so as to protect the fauna by preventing disruption of their natural trails. From this circuit you have an upper view of the falls, enjoying their magnificence with a panoramic view. LOWER CIRCUIT: 1.600 meters of catwalks, also detached from the jungle's surface, enjoying a view from below and around the falls. This circuit provides a unique experience of feeling part of the natural surroundings, watching and sensing their magnitude from close. DEVIL'S GORGE: Departing from Cataratas Station, the train goes up to Garganta Station in about 18 minutes. Then a walk along the catwalks, Some 1200 meters over the islands, take you to enjoy the most spectacular sight from the most important balcony: the Devil's Gorge. Today you will enjoy a panoramic view of the falls during a walking tour through the passages that connect the different observation points. Overnight at hotel.

Day 12: Buenos Aires-Rio De Janeiro:

Breakfast at Hotel. Half day excursion to Brazilian Falls. The Brazilian Park also offers new facilities that complement their tour. On arriving to the Visitors center, we get on the panoramic buses that begin the tour of the park, then we descend to start walking the paths. From the first balcony we meet a panoramic view of the Argentinean falls. Then after 950 meters with stunning views over the Iguazu river we get to the falls on the Brazilian side. The walkway entering the river next to the Floriano fall gives the visitor a refreshing reception and a gorgeous panoramic view of the lower Iguazu river and the Devil's gorge Canyon. The elevator and the stairs lead to the shopping and restaurant area upstairs. Return to the portal on panoramic buses. Some degree of difficulty, the path includes many stairs. Followed by transfer to airport to board flight to Rio de Janeiro. Arrival at Rio Airport and transfer to your hotel. Rio de Janeiro, was the capital of the Portuguese empire and of the country up until 1960. Nicknamed A Cidade Maravilhosa – "The Marvelous City" is world renowned for its breathtaking landscapes and location, nestled between steep, green mountains and crystal clear seas. Rio is one of the most important cultural and economical cities in Brazil and features some of country's most famous attractions such as the Pão de Açúcar, the Corcovado, and Copacabana and Ipanema beach. The city is full of energy and Cariocas, the locals of Rio, are known for their care free spirit and charm. Whether you are looking to experience Carnival, relax in a natural environment, or enjoy all the luxuries of a cosmopolitan city, Rio de Janeiro has it all! Overnight at Hotel.

Day 13: Rio De Janeiro:

Today, after breakfast at Hotel, you will head off for a Sugar Loaf Excursion. This tour begins with a city panoramic view through downtown Rio, passing by the Maracana Stadium, the Sambodrome, the Metropolitan Cathedral, in pyramid form, with internal diameter of 96 meters and height of 80 meters. Get to know the traditional Cinelandia square with the historical buildings, the Municipal Theater, the National Library and the National Museum of Fine Arts. By taking the Aterro do Flamengo, you will be taken to the neighborhood of Urca where one of the largest symbols of the city is located: the Sugar Loaf. Over a million tourists a year visit the world famous Pão de Açúcar or Sugar Loaf Mountain in English, which has become an iconic symbol of the city of Rio de Janeiro. Rising up from small peninsula at the entrance of Guanabara Bay, its name is said to refer to its resemblance to the

traditional shape of concentrated refined sugar loaf. The tour is done in two steps by glass cable-cars. The first cable-car takes passengers to the top of Urca Hill, which rises 215 meters above sea level and offers spectacular views of the entire bay its islands. From Urca Hill, passengers continue in a second cable car to the top of Sugar Loaf which rises 395 meters above sea level and offers a 360 degree view of the entire city including Botafogo and Copacabana Beaches, the Corcovado and downtown Rio. Time for Lunch. In the afternoon, we will visit Corcovado Mountain and the beaches. Drive to one of the older parts of Rio called Cosme Velho, from where we take the train to the Corcovado Mountain with the gigantic statue of Christ the Redeemer (2.300ft above sea level). A modern swiss-made cogwheel rail climbs the mountain from its base at 15meters almost to the summit at 710 meters. The trip up takes 17 minutes aprox, at a maximum speed of 15km/h. The trip down takes 22min., at a speed of 12km/h. Overnight at hotel.

Day 14:Rio De Janeiro:

Breakfast at Hotel. Day free to enjoy on your own. Evening Plataforma Samba Show No visit to Rio de Janeiro is complete without experiencing the glamor and rhythm of a colorful samba show. Enjoy an evening at the Plataforma Show and you'll be entertained by brilliantly costumed dancers and musicians, with the option to enjoy a delicious buffet dinner at a Brazilian steakhouse. Rio means Carnival, symbolized by the exciting music, exotic costumes and rhythmic dance of the samba, a fusion of Portuguese, native and African influences. You'll be caught up in the excitement of this cultural journey, with a spectacular light show and a stage full of beautiful dancers. Overnight at hotel

Day 15:DEPARTURE:

After breakfast, the rest of the day is free on your own. Later, checkout from your hotel and transfer to Singapore Changi Airport for your flight back to India.



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