



# Ultimate South American Adventure

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## The Offer

Say "hola!" to South America with this ultimate adventure package that will take you to iconic destinations in Brazil, Argentina, and Peru on an unforgettable 24-day itinerary on a small-group tour.

Start your experience by flying into Lima, where you will get acquainted with the city on a half-day guided tour. Next, catch a plane to Puerto Maldonado for an Amazonian Jungle experience, with an unforgettable journey to Lake Sandoval along the Madre de Dios River. Choose to climb a lookout tower, 20 or 42 meters high, for breathtaking jungle views at sunset. Leave the Amazon behind and fly to Cusco, the Inca Empire's former capital, where you'll discover sacred sites such as Koricancha, Sacsayhuaman and Tambomachay. Optional trips to the salt terraces of Maras or a trek to Rainbow Mountain are also available. Head into the Sacred Valley of the Incas along the Urubamba River, into the village of Pisac and the cultural site of Ollantaytambo. Witness breathtaking views of the Andes onboard the Peru Expedition Train to the thermal oasis of Aguas Calientes, to then reach the iconic citadel of Machu Picchu. Experience the House of the Guardian, Intihuatana, the Temple of the Sun, the Sacred Plaza and other key locations. Reach Lake

Titicaca, up in the Andean Altiplano, and step into the fantastic Uros Floating Islands, man-created atolls where entire villages reside, made for centuries by hand using only totora reeds.

Fly from Lima to Buenos Aires, Argentina, where you get acquainted with 'Evita' Peron and the beloved First Lady's dramatic story in the government palace, La Casa Rosada (The Pink House). Later, enjoy a dinner and tango show before moving on to Iguazu Falls. Located on the border between Brazil and Argentina, this stunning site includes 275 cascades fed by the Iguazu River. The most popular is Garganta del Diablo (Devil's Throat), the biggest fall of the complex at 80 metres high.

Tour both sides of the falls to find yourself in Brazil, and soon in your next destination: Rio de Janeiro. In Rio, say 'bom dia' (Portuguese for "G'day") to Christ The Redeemer atop the iconic Corcovado Hill. Some time at leisure means you can laze at Ipanema Beach while listening to some samba before flying back home.

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With return international full-service flights and all other international and domestic flights within South America, 19 nights of hotel accommodation and 2 nights of lodge accommodation in the Amazon Jungle, plus 28 meals and a return train trip in Peru, this package includes the most iconic South American cultural experiences in one unforgettable experience.

**Want more? Itinerary 2 includes an 8-day pre-tour experience in the Galapagos Islands, Ecuador, before starting the main tour.**

**Do you love the tour but fancy a private guide, driver and vehicle? This tour can run exclusively with a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 10 people, from an additional \$800 per person. Call us to book this package as a private tour.**

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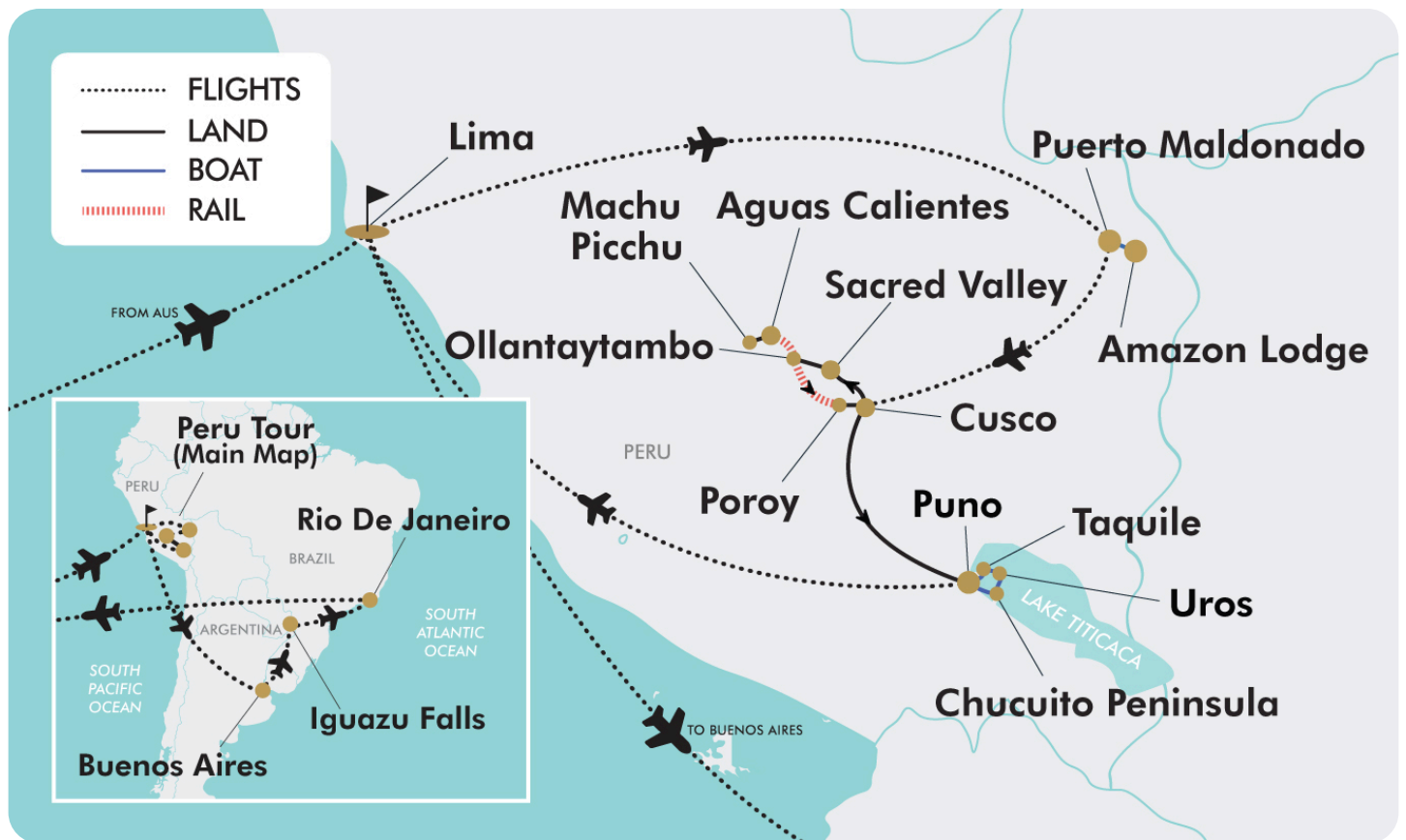
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# The Itinerary

### Itinerary 1

#### Day 1 Australia (or New Zealand) - Lima, Peru

Today depart from Australia (or New Zealand) to Lima, Peru. Upon arrival in Lima, be welcomed and transferred to the hotel.

Lima is a huge and fascinating city, a melting pot of all things Peruvian, where world-famous restaurants sit alongside ancient archaeological sites. Known as The City of Kings, the Peruvian capital is packed with stunning colonial architecture, huge religious buildings, government seat, and other important structures.

#### Please note:

- Due to flight scheduling and availability, some departures may occur on day 0. Affected customers must be at the airport the day before. Flight times will be indicated on your final documentation which you will receive prior to departure.
- For those departing from Perth, you may depart on day -1 (two days earlier). Flight times will be indicated on your final documentation, which you will receive prior to departure.
- Some customers may experience an extended layover. Lounge passes may be purchased at your own expense

**Overnight:** Hotel Jose Antonio Executive or similar

**Meals included:** In-Flight

#### Day 2 Lima City Tour

This morning, after breakfast, set off on a city tour of Lima, starting with a brief stop at the Huaca Pucllana Archaeological Site, an ancient pre-Inca ceremonial centre, before continuing to Lima's UNESCO World Heritage-listed historic centre. Explore the Plaza de Armas, the heart of the city, surrounded by grand colonial and Republican-era buildings with their signature carved wooden balconies. Iconic landmarks border the square, including the Government Palace, Lima Cathedral, Archbishop's Palace, Municipal Palace and the Palace of the Union.

From the square, walk to the Convent of San Francisco, one of Peru's most important religious sites. Founded in the 1530s and completed in 1766, this remarkable complex has withstood centuries of earthquakes. Inside, its historic library preserves over 25,000 rare volumes in Spanish, English and Quechua – some dating back to the 16th century. The convent is built around a tranquil courtyard planted with mango and lucuma (yellow sapote) trees, while its walls feature striking murals of St Francis of Assisi. Among the highlights are a golden Baroque altarpiece and Diego de la Puerto's famous 1696 painting of The Last Supper – notably featuring guinea pigs and potatoes on the table.

Descend into the eerie San Francisco Catacombs, Lima's largest. Once a burial site for more than 25,000 people, the catacombs were in use until 1808 and rediscovered in 1947. Today, they fascinate visitors with their macabre yet intriguing arrangements of bones in geometric patterns.



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After this memorable exploration of Lima's history, return to the hotel where you can enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

**Overnight: Hotel Jose Antonio Executive or similar**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 3 Lima - Puerto Maldonado - Amazon Jungle

Today, at the appropriate time, you will be transferred to the airport in Lima in preparation for your flight to Puerto Maldonado. Once you arrive, you will be met by your specialised Amazon tour leader and transferred to your accommodation for the next two nights.

Please note that you will only be allowed to bring a small bag with your essentials due to luggage and space limitations on the boats during your stay in the Amazon. It is highly recommended that you pre-pack a smaller bag with just the essentials needed for this portion of your trip to Amazon. The remainder of your luggage can be kept at the lodge's office in Puerto Maldonado at no cost.

Puerto Maldonado is Peru's capital of biodiversity and gateway to the Amazon. You will be transported to Puerto Capitanía, the port where our riverboat will be waiting for us. We will sail across Rio Bajo Madre de Dios (Winding River) until arriving at our lodge, 30 km away from Puerto Maldonado City. On the way to the lodge, you can observe diverse animals such as the capybaras, caimans, water turtles, herons, cormorants, carrion birds and birds of prey.

Upon arrival, you will be welcomed with delicious Amazon tropical fruit nectars and a hearty lunch will be served in the rustically designed dining room.

In the afternoon, the specialised guide will take you through an interpretive trail, conveniently signposted, to Caiman Cocha, a little lagoon where you will have the chance to observe the black caiman and the common caiman, as well as efficient predators located at the top of the food chain. They feed on a rich water fauna—mainly represented by fish— that inhabits the pond. In the evening you can enjoy a delicious dinner and time to share unforgettable moments at the bar, equipped with an excellent game room.

*Please note: Activities may differ depending on the lodge.*

**Overnight: EcoAmazonia Lodge or similar**

**Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner**



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### Day 4 Amazon Jungle

After breakfast, embark on a hike deep into the forest on well-looked-after trails. On the way, cross the riverside to reach high-elevation forests, and then you will descend to floodable forests. During the journey, you will see the widest range of flora and fauna in the wild. Arrive at the majestic Lake Apu Victor, surrounded by immense swamps and gigantic trees. Then, you'll go up to an Amazonian observation deck, from which you'll get to enjoy a panoramic view of the lake, and observe parrots, macaws, toucans, horned screamers, hoatzins, herons and other animals like caimans, turtles, etc. A wide variety of fish enter Lake Apu Victor with flooding in the rainy season. In addition, there are other species of fauna associated with the lake, like the yellow-footed tortoise, the mata mata, the twist-necked turtle, the freshwater blenny, the kinkajou, the white-tailed deer, the Central American agoutis and the giant otter of the Amazon rainforest.

Return to the lodge for a refreshing lunch before heading on a guided tour in the afternoon to Monkey Island. This island shows an enormous variety of exuberant flora and hosts numerous primate specimens like the black spider monkey, the black-cap capuchin monkey, the squirrel monkey and the lion monkey. Also other species of little mammals like the ring-tailed coati (nasua nasua), the squirrel and an enormous variety of coloured birds.

Finally, we will complete our visit to the island, enjoying a sunset with the most impressive dusk in the jungle. Back in the lodge, you will taste an exquisite dinner.

*Please note: Activities may differ depending on the lodge.*

**Overnight:** EcoAmazonia Lodge or similar

**Meals included:** Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

### Day 5 Amazon Jungle - Puerto Maldonado - Cusco

This morning wake to the sounds of the amazon, enjoy breakfast before departing the lodge and transferring to Puerto Maldonado Airport in preparation for your flight to Cusco. Once you arrive, you will be met by a tour representative and transferred to the hotel, where you can enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

*Please note: Activities may differ depending on the lodge.*

**Overnight:** Hotel Jose Antonio Cusco or similar

**Meals included:** Breakfast

### Day 6 Cusco City Tour

Today, embark on a half-day tour, visiting Cusco Cathedral, the Koricancha (Qorikancha), Sacsayhuaman and Tambomachay, giving you a deep insight into the city and its history. Walking through the city centre, you can see the incredible mix of Inca and colonial architecture, watch the merging of indigenous and Spanish influences, and feel the history flowing through every cobblestone street.

First, go to the wonderful Koricancha, located next to the Church of Santo Domingo. According to chroniclers, the Koricancha was the most sacred and important temple of the Inca Empire during the period immediately after the Spanish conquest. Its walls were covered in gold, and life-size statues of plants and animals, all pure gold and silver, decorated its rooms and corridors. Unfortunately, this wealth was stripped away by the Spanish conquistadors.



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Afterwards, visit the Cathedral of Cusco in the Plaza de Armas (Main Square). Built between 1560 and 1654 on the foundations of an existing Inca temple, this spectacular cathedral houses many works of art from the Cusco school of painters, and its high altar and pulpit are covered in gold and silver reliefs. The next stop is the imposing Inca fortress of Sacsayhuaman (3,700 metres above sea level), which stands on a hill above Cusco. Here, you will see some of the best examples of Inca stonework and construction, including huge rocks carefully cut and fitted perfectly to form the walls. Then, visit the Qenqo Archaeological Complex (3580 metres above sea level), considered an Inca labyrinth with an altar with ritual motifs. Then head to Tambomachay (3,765 metres above sea level). The exact purpose of this site is unknown, but it may have functioned, at least in part, as an Inca spa. After a morning of exploring, have the remainder of the day at your own leisure.

*Please note: Cusco is located in the Peruvian Andes at 3,399 metres above sea level, high altitude environments are classified as above 2,500 metres above sea level. Please consult a medical professional if you have any concerns or to find out what preventative measures are available. Please refer to the 'Other Important Information' section for further details.*

**Overnight: Hotel Jose Antonio Cusco or similar**  
**Meals included: Breakfast**

### Day 7 Cusco Free Day

After breakfast, enjoy a free day to explore Cusco at your own leisure. The capital city of the Inca Empire is the archaeological capital of the Americas, as well as the continent's oldest continuously inhabited city. Alternatively, you can choose to participate in an optional activity,

#### Optional Activity: Maras & Moray

Embark on a captivating half-day tour of Maras and Moray, beginning with a pickup from your Cusco hotel at approximately 09:00. The journey to Moray takes about 1.5 hours, offering breathtaking views of the Andean landscape along the way. Pass golden wheat fields, charming traditional villages, and majestic snow-capped mountains. Upon arrival at Moray, explore its fascinating amphitheatre-like terraced structures. These circular terraces, believed to have been an agricultural laboratory for the Incas, showcase their innovative techniques for optimising crop growth. It's a truly awe-inspiring site that highlights the ingenuity of the Inca Empire. Next, you'll visit Maras, located just 3km from Moray. Here, you'll marvel at the ancient salt evaporation ponds carved into the mountainside. More than 3,000 pools collect salty spring water that evaporates to leave behind the renowned sal de Maras, a prized pink salt still harvested today. The view of these glistening ponds, resembling a blanket of snow or ice, is unforgettable. After exploring Maras, you'll return to Cusco, with drop-off at your hotel included. Please see the current pricing in the Important Information section.

Highest Altitude: 3,500 metres above sea level.

Lowest Altitude: 3,380 metres above sea level.



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### Optional Activity: Rainbow Mountain Trek

Set off before sunrise on a breathtaking full-day adventure to Rainbow Mountain (Vinicunca), one of Peru's most extraordinary natural wonders. Your day begins with a 05:00 hotel pick up from Cusco, followed by a 2.5-hour drive southeast through the stunning Andean highlands to the village of Pitumarca. Continue to the Quesiuno trailhead, perched at an impressive 4,326 metres above sea level. The hike covers approximately 3.6 kilometres on a round-trip (1.8 kilometres each way) along a gentle path, making it one of the more accessible routes to Rainbow Mountain. As you walk, take in sweeping vistas of snow-capped peaks, traditional Andean villages, and herds of alpacas and llamas grazing across the high plains. After around 1 hour and 20 minutes of walking, arrive at the summit of Rainbow Mountain, standing at 5,036 metres. You'll have time to admire the incredible mineral-rich stripes that create the mountain's vibrant colours and enjoy panoramic views of the surrounding peaks. Your return trek takes approximately one hour, followed by a well-earned lunch in the area. Afterwards, sit back and relax as you make the 2.5-hour drive back to Cusco, arriving at your hotel around 18:00, concluding an unforgettable day in the Andes. Please see the current pricing in the Important Information section.

*Please note: The Rainbow Mountain trek via Pitumarca requires a moderate to high level of fitness. The trail is relatively gentle compared to other routes, but the high altitude remains the main challenge. Consulting with your GP prior to travel to assess your suitability for this excursion is recommended.*

### Optional Activity: Folklore Dinner & Show

At 19:00, make your way to a restaurant near Cusco's central Plaza de Armas for an unforgettable evening. Indulge in a fabulous buffet dinner featuring a wide selection of traditional dishes, including meats, fish, vegetables, and exquisite desserts. The culinary delights are sure to please every palate. As you dine, the evening comes alive with a vibrant traditional dance show. Immerse yourself in the rich culture of the Andes with folk and classical music performed on traditional instruments like the quena, charango, flute and zampona. For an even more memorable experience, you're welcome to join the dancers on the floor and become part of the celebration. It's an enchanting way to connect with the region's culture and traditions. Please see the current pricing in the Important Information section.

*Please note: Only one of the daytime optional activities (Maras & Moray or Rainbow Mountain Trek) may be chosen today, as they operate concurrently.*

**Overnight: Hotel Jose Antonio Cusco or similar**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

### **Day 8 Sacred Valley of the Incas**

After breakfast, depart the hotel and journey into the Sacred Valley of the Incas. Passing the impressive ruins of Saqsaywaman, cross the mountains before descending 450 metres to the fertile valley floor, where the Urubamba River winds its way past picturesque villages.



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The first stop is Pisac, famous for its lively traditional market. Here, browse colourful stalls filled with local handicrafts, textiles and souvenirs. Continue to the Pisac ruins, perched high above the valley. During a guided tour, explore terraces, temples, tunnels and ceremonial altars, including the remarkable Intihuatana—the “hitching post of the sun.”

Continue to Urubamba for lunch, before driving on to Ollantaytambo, one of the most important Inca sites. Once the royal estate of Emperor Pachacuti, Ollantaytambo is both a living town and an archaeological wonder. Explore the Temple of the Sun, admire the colossal stone blocks shaped with astonishing precision, and learn about the Inca’s advanced agricultural terraces and sophisticated water systems.

Back in the town itself, see Inca-built water channels still flowing through the streets, as well as storage houses clinging to the mountainsides above. With its cobbled lanes and locals often dressed in traditional clothing, Ollantaytambo offers a rare glimpse of Andean life little changed over the centuries.

In the late afternoon, be transferred to the hotel in Urubamba, where the evening is at leisure.

*Please note: You will need to prepare a smaller backpack (maximum 8 kilograms) to take with you to Aguas Calientes (luggage cannot be taken on the train). Larger suitcases will be transferred to the hotel in Cusco for your return.*

**Overnight: San Augustin Monasterio de la Recoleta or similar**  
**Meals included: Breakfast**

### Day 9 Peru Expedition Train - Aguas Calientes

Today, transfer to the train station in Ollantaytambo and board the Peru Expedition Train for a spectacular journey to Aguas Calientes, the gateway to Machu Picchu. As the train winds its way along the Urubamba River, be treated to breathtaking views of the Sacred Valley, with steep mountains rising dramatically on either side. The scenery shifts from fertile agricultural terraces and quaint Andean villages to lush cloud forest, where cascading waterfalls and dense greenery signal your approach to the edge of the Amazon.

Nestled at the base of the mountains leading to Machu Picchu, Aguas Calientes blends traditional Andean life with a vibrant tourist scene. The largely pedestrianised town is filled with colourful markets, souvenir shops, cafes and restaurants, making it a lively place to explore on foot. Framed by jungle-clad cliffs and with the Urubamba River rushing past, the setting is both dramatic and enchanting.

The town is also famous for its natural hot springs, where you’ll have time to unwind in the steaming pools after your journey (not included). You can also stroll through the bustling streets, browse local handicrafts, and soak up the atmosphere of this unique settlement. An early evening is recommended to rest and prepare for an early start tomorrow - a sunrise visit to the iconic Machu Picchu.

Optional Activity: Express Inca Trail Trek

Physical ability: Active (please refer to the Other Important Information section for a description).



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You will be picked up early (approximately 06:00). Board the train for a 1.5-hour scenic ride to a point known as Kilometre 104 to start your short Inca Trail trek. From here, you will hike for approximately four hours to the Inca site of Wiñay Wayna (“Forever Young”), approximately 2,680 metres above sea level. Built on a steep hillside overlooking the Urubamba River, this archaeological site has ten baths and numerous Inca buildings displaying high levels of Inca masonry. Wiñay Wayna was discovered almost 30 years after the entire world knew about Machu Picchu and 40 years after Machu Picchu was first discovered. Little is known about what Wiñay Wayna was originally built for, however there are theories that it was built as a spiritual destination or resting place before reaching Machu Picchu, where elders and royalty would cleanse themselves in the baths. Others believe that the site functioned as a kind of administrative centre to keep track of the amount of produce stored on-site. After exploring Wiñay Wayna, you will continue your walk to Inti Punku (the Puerta del Sol, or The Sun’s Gate). From here, you will have your first spectacular view of Machu Picchu. This site was believed to have once been the main entrance to Machu Picchu and was dedicated to Inti, the Inca Sun God. You’ll then head to Aguas Calientes where your afternoon will be spent at leisure. Please note that due to the nature and duration of this tour, a moderate to active fitness level is required for participation in this supplementary trek. The route includes uneven surfaces, steep ascents and descents, a mix of stairs and dirt trails, and high-altitude conditions. The trek spans approximately 12 km (6–8 hours) of walking, including steps for photos, lunch (included) and exploring. If you have any concerns

about your ability to complete this trek, we recommend consulting your GP for guidance. Current pricing details can be found on the Important Information section.

*Please note: Express Inca Trail Trek tickets are non-refundable and non-transferable. Once purchased, this optional activity cannot be refunded.*

**Overnight: Hatun Inti Boutique Machupicchu or similar**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 10 Machu Picchu

Begin the day with an early start, as you’ll be collected from your hotel at approximately 05:40 to board the bus up to the citadel of Machu Picchu. There will be time for breakfast before your transfer this morning.

Passing through the gates of the ancient site, embark on a guided two-hour tour exploring the most iconic and remarkable areas of Machu Picchu. Highlights include the House of the Guardian, Intihuatana, Temple of the Sun, Sacred Plaza and other significant landmarks. As you wander through this extraordinary archaeological complex, take in sweeping views of the surrounding mountains, plunging gorges and the terraced slopes of the citadel itself.

Return by bus to Aguas Calientes, where you’ll have time to relax and enjoy lunch (not included) before boarding the train back to Poroy. From there, continue by road to Cusco. On arrival, a tour representative will meet you at the station and transfer you to your hotel, arriving at approximately 19:00.



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**Overnight: Hotel Jose Antonio Cusco or similar**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

##### Day 11 Cusco - Puno

The day begins early with a 05:00 hotel pick-up, transferring to the bus station for a 07:00 departure towards Puno. This scenic journey through the Andes is not just a transfer – it's an experience in itself, with fascinating stops along the way.

The first visit is to the Chapel of Andahuaylillas, a 17th-century church often called the “Sistine Chapel of the Andes” for its exquisite murals, intricate gold-leaf work and masterpieces of the Cusco School. Continue to the Raqchi Archaeological Complex, home to the remarkable Temple of Wiracocha, the supreme Inca deity. Explore the site's impressive stone and adobe structures, including one of the largest collections of Inca storehouses (colcas).

Next, pause for a buffet lunch at a local restaurant, featuring a wide selection of national and regional dishes, fresh vegetables, local desserts and traditional hot drinks such as coca tea.

Journey onwards to La Raya Pass (4,335 metres above sea level), the highest point on the route and the natural border between Cusco and Puno. From here, admire the snow-capped Chimboya Mountain, birthplace of the Amazon River.

The final stop is the Pukara Lithic Museum, showcasing ceramics and stone sculptures from the ancient Pukara culture (1600 BC–400 AD), including the striking Hatun Ñaqac, or “Supreme Executioner.”

Settle back for the last stretch of the journey – about five hours of scenic highland landscapes – before arriving to the lakeside city of Puno (3,830 metres above sea level) around 17:00.

##### Optional Train Upgrade: Cusco - Puno

An optional train upgrade is available as an alternative to travelling by bus.

Trade the highway for a front-row seat to the Andes on this iconic full-day rail journey from Cusco to the mystical Lake Titicaca. Departing at 07:50 and arriving in Puno at 18:08, you will traverse the expansive altiplano while being immersed in vibrant local culture through traditional music and dance performances that bring the Andean spirit to life right in your carriage. This scenic route offers a perfect blend of comfort and culture, featuring an onboard lunch, snacks, and a relaxing afternoon tea as the breathtaking highlands glide by. A standout moment of the trip is the stop at Abra La Raya, the highest point of the route at 4,300 meters above sea level, providing an awe-inspiring photo opportunity where the mountains meet the sky. Your upgrade includes private transfers from your Cusco hotel to the station and a dedicated professional driver waiting to meet you upon arrival in Puno for a transfer to your Puno hotel. Please note, this optional upgrade is only available for departures where this travel day falls on a Wednesday, Friday, or Sunday (where Day 1 departure date is a Sunday, Tuesday, or Thursday). Please see current pricing in Important Information.

**Overnight: Hotel Jose Antonio Puno or similar**

**Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch**

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#### Day 12 Lake Titicaca - Uros Islands

This morning, transfer to Puno's main port and board a modern motorboat with panoramic windows and an expert guide. The 30-minute boat ride offers stunning views of Lake Titicaca's sparkling waters, surrounding mountains, and diverse flora and fauna, leading to the extraordinary Floating Islands of the Uros.

Explore the unique lifestyle of the Uros people, descendants of one of the oldest cultures in the Americas. Living on islands made of totora reeds, they continue traditional activities such as fishing, crafting, and building their reed homes. Immerse in their distinctive way of life in this remarkable floating community.

Next, journey to Taquile Island, renowned for its scenic beauty and welcoming locals. Enjoy a cultural welcome with music, dance and presentations of traditional life. Take a guided walk across the island's breathtaking landscapes, offering panoramic views of Lake Titicaca and the snow-capped Andes of Bolivia. Visit a local family's home to witness their daily life and learn about their intricate textile craftsmanship.

Lunch is served at a typical island restaurant, after which you can relax on the lakeshore, taking in the surroundings. Later, return by motorboat to Puno and the hotel. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

**Overnight: Hotel Jose Antonio Puno or similar**

**Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch**

#### Day 13 Puno - Lima

This morning, at the appropriate time, you will be transferred to Juliaca Airport in preparation for your flight to Lima. Once arrived in Lima, you will be met by a tour representative and transferred to the hotel, where you can enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

**Overnight: Hotel Jose Antonio Lima or similar**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 14 Lima, Peru - Buenos Aires, Argentina

Today, at the appropriate time, you'll be transferred to the airport in Lima, Peru, for your flight to Buenos Aires, Argentina. Once you arrive, you'll be met by a tour representative and transferred to your accommodation for the evening. The name "Buenos Aires" translates to "good airs" in Spanish, and the city is one of the most significant and culturally rich destinations in Latin America. Your centrally-located hotel provides easy access to nearby restaurants, entertainment, and local attractions, making it the perfect base to explore this vibrant city.

**Overnight: Libertador Hotel or similar**

**Meals included: Breakfast**



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### Day 15 Buenos Aires City Tour

This morning, after breakfast, embark on a city tour of Buenos Aires and discover the charm and magic of this vibrant metropolis. Begin at Plaza de Mayo, a key site in Argentina's political history, surrounded by iconic buildings. Here, you'll learn about the area's significance before heading to San Telmo, one of the city's oldest neighbourhoods, known for its cobblestone streets, antique shops and picturesque architecture. Next, explore the colourful neighbourhood of La Boca, famous for its tango culture and vibrant Caminito Street. You'll also visit important landmarks such as La Casa Rosada (the Presidential Palace, known as The Pink House), the Cabildo (the colonial town hall), and the Neoclassical Metropolitan Cathedral, where Argentina's founding father, José de San Martín, is laid to rest. Finally, admire the celebrated Recoleta Cemetery, a true labyrinth of ornate mausoleums. Stop at Eva "Evita" Peron's grave, one of the country's most recognisable icons.

After the city tour, return to your hotel and enjoy the afternoon at leisure.

In the evening (between 19.30-20:00), you will be picked up from the hotel and transferred to Aljibe Tango for a three-course dinner and tango show. Aljibe Tango Show is located in a historic, fully-restored barn in the heart of the San Telmo neighbourhood. This tango venue is a classic site that showcases Buenos Aires' culture and customs. The interior, which preserves the purest of the building, is the ideal setting for a unique proposal with artists on stage: two tango orchestras, a set of folk music, dancers and singers. Soft drinks and wine are included with the three-course meal. After the show, you will be returned to the hotel.

**Overnight:** Libertador Hotel or similar

**Meals included:** Breakfast; Dinner

### Day 16 Buenos Aires Free Day

Enjoy a day at leisure in the beautiful Buenos Aires. Relax at the hotel, or walk around town searching for local and authentic Argentinian food. Alternatively, you can choose to partake in an optional activity.

[Optional Activity: Gaucho Full-Day Experience at a Traditional Ranch](#)

Immerse yourself in the rich cultural heritage of Argentina with a full-day excursion to a traditional ranch approximately 1.5 hours from the city. This tour invites you to explore a charming town's vibrant history, celebrate the gauchos' traditions (Argentine drovers), and admire the craftsmanship of local artisans and fine arts. Upon arrival at the ranch, you can ride horseback or enjoy a leisurely trip in a sulky or carriage, all while savouring freshly made empanadas (pasties) and refreshing beverages. For lunch, indulge in an authentic country-style barbecue featuring the finest quality meats prepared in true Argentine tradition. The meal is followed by a delightful dessert and a live folk music performance that brings the culture to life. The day concludes with a captivating demonstration of gaucho skills, such as horse whispering or the art of managing tropillas (horse herds), offering a fascinating glimpse into this unique way of life. This experience perfectly blends history, tradition, and Argentinian hospitality.

You can confirm the current price of this activity in the Important Information section.



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**Overnight:** Libertador Hotel or similar

**Meals included:** Breakfast

#### Day 17 Buenos Aires - Iguazu Falls

Today, transfer to the airport for your onward flight to Puerto Iguazu, on the Argentinian side of Iguazu Falls. When you arrive, transfer to the hotel, where you may enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure.

Puerto Iguazu is the gateway to the Iguazu Waterfalls, located near the triple border between Argentina, Paraguay and Brazil. They are composed of 275 cascades and are fed by the Iguazu River. One of the most popular attractions is Garganta del Diablo (Devil's Throat), the biggest fall of the complex (80m high). Whether you decide to explore the waterfalls on the Argentinean side or want to contemplate them from Brazil, you may rest assured that the experience is a mesmerising show.

**Overnight:** El Pueblito Theme Hotel, Iguazu or similar

**Meals included:** Breakfast

#### Day 18 Iguazu Falls (Argentinian side)

After breakfast, be met by the local guide for an excursion into the Argentinian side of Iguazu National Park, to spend the day exploring the falls and surrounding rivers and jungle. The park has various trails that take you through the jungle on walkways built a few metres above the jungle floor and waterways. These raised platforms protect the natural habitat of the jungle wildlife and provide spectacular views. Enjoy lunch at one of the restaurants in the park (not included) or bring a packed lunch with you from Puerto Iguazu to enjoy in the great outdoors. Return to Puerto Iguazu in the afternoon.

Optional Activity: The Great Adventure Tour

(Approx USD \$100, bookable on tour only)

The Great Adventure is a unique tour that combines viewing the jungle and the waterfalls. Led by experienced guides, this tour starts by entering the jungle from the Sendero Yacaratia trail, with special transportation that allows a panoramic view of the magical surroundings. A short way into the jungle, follow stairs up to a floating platform where a motorboat waits to take you through the Canyon of the Iguazu River. After enjoying the view from San Martin Island, you will sail to the Tres Mosqueteros Waterfall, where the Brazilian and Argentinean sides and the Devil's Throat can be appreciated. From there, sail along the island's shore until you reach the face of the San Martin waterfall, an unforgettable experience. Please see the current pricing in the Important Information section.

*Please note:*



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- *The Great Adventure Tour will occur during the scheduled tour of the Argentinian side of the falls mentioned in the itinerary above. Customers who purchase the Great Adventure Tour will split from the main group partway through the scheduled tour to participate in this optional tour.*

- *This tour is not suitable for the following people:*

- Children under 12 years old.
- Pregnant women.
- People with osteoporosis, neck, back conditions or surgery.
- People with heart conditions or surgery.
- People with COPD, neurological conditions or surgery.
- People with any physical, cognitive or/and sensorial disability unable to react in a nautical emergency.

**Overnight: El Pueblito Theme Hotel, Iguazu or similar**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### **Day 19 Iguazu Falls (Brazilian side) - Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**

Today, you will be met at the hotel and transferred across the border to the Brazilian side of Iguazu National Park. Enjoy a half-day guided tour of the Iguazu River Canyon, the Salto Rivadavia, Three Musketeers and the Devil's Throat, among other iconic landmarks on this side of the park. This wonderful setting is enhanced by the almost permanent rainbows that are created by the spray from the waterfalls. Enjoy lunch at one of the park's restaurants (not included) and then transfer onwards to the airport in Foz de Iguazu (Brazil) for your connecting flight to Rio de Janeiro. Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred to the hotel.

**Overnight: Windsor Plaza Hotel, Rio de Janeiro or similar**

**Meals included: Breakfast**



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### Day 20 Christ the Redeemer

After breakfast, depart from the hotel to visit the iconic Christ the Redeemer. The statue sits 700 metres above Rio and has fascinated visitors and historians for nearly a hundred years. It is one of the world's largest statues of Jesus Christ, and it has Art Deco-style sculptures on the planet. In 2007, the statue was deemed one of the World's New Seven Wonders. Perched on the summit of Mount Corcovado in Rio, the statue stands at a whopping 30 metres tall (making it two-thirds the height of New York's Statue of Liberty), and its outstretched arms reach 28 meters horizontally. Not only is the statue the most recognizable landmark of Rio, but it has also become a cultural icon of Brazil. Continue to visit the impressive Selarón Stairs: Jorge Selarón's unique and vivid mosaic steps. The Escadaria Selarón, 125 metres of steps covered in bright tile, is a product of sheer determination by Selarón, and it acts as a source of inspiration for the neighbourhood. After the tour, return to the hotel and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

**Overnight: Windsor Plaza Hotel, Rio de Janeiro or similar**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

### Day 21 Rio de Janeiro Free Day

After breakfast, enjoy a free day to explore Rio de Janeiro at your own leisure. Rio is a vibrant city with stunning natural landscapes, including beaches, mountains and tropical rainforests. Alternatively, you can choose to partake in the following optional activity.

[Optional Activity: City Tour & Sugar Loaf Mountain Half-Day Tour](#)

(Approximately four hours)

Discover the best of Rio de Janeiro on this half-day tour, combining a panoramic city exploration with breathtaking views from Sugar Loaf Mountain. Begin with a guided tour of downtown Rio, including a stop at the iconic Metropolitan Cathedral for photos and a brief history. Then, ascend Sugar Loaf via cable car, stopping at Urca Hill before reaching the summit for stunning 360-degree views of Guanabara Bay, Rio's beaches, Niterói, and the Santa Cruz Fortress. Includes Sugar Loaf tickets; lunch is not included.

Please see the current pricing in the Important Information section.

**Overnight: Windsor Plaza Hotel, Rio de Janeiro or similar**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

### Day 22 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil - Australia (or New Zealand)

Today, at the appropriate time, be transferred to the airport for your return flight to Australia (or New Zealand) after three epic weeks discovering South America's most iconic sites.

**Meals included: Breakfast; In-Flight**

### Day 23 In Transit

Sit back, relax and reminisce on the memories created over the past weeks trip through South America.

### Day 24 Arrive Australia (or New Zealand)

Once arrived in Australia (or New Zealand), make your own onward travel arrangements.



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#### Day 1 Australia (or New Zealand) - Quito, Ecuador

Today, depart from Australia (or New Zealand) for Quito, Ecuador. Once you arrive, you will be met by a tour representative and transferred to the hotel. Quito is the American Continent's largest, best-preserved colonial city and was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1978. The city is considered the cultural capital of South America and is located on the equator in a valley at the foothills of the Pichincha Volcano.

#### Please note:

- Due to flight scheduling and availability, some departures may occur on day 0. Affected customers must be at the airport the day before. Flight times will be indicated on your final documentation, which you will receive prior to departure.
- Some customers may have an additional night (Day 0) in Lima, Peru at an airport hotel before catching their final flight to Quito. Details will be indicated on your final documentation, which you will receive prior to departure.
- For those departing from Perth, you may depart on Day -1 (two days earlier). Flight times will be indicated on your final documentation, which you will receive prior to departure.
- Some customers may experience an extended layover. Lounge passes may be purchased at your own expense.

**Overnight:** Sheraton Ecuador, Quito or similar

**Meals included:** In-Flight

#### Day 2 Quito, Day at Leisure

Today you'll have the day at leisure to relax or alternatively, choose to join an optional tour.

#### Optional Tour: Quito Viewpoints Tour

Marvel at the beautiful city of Quito from different viewpoints throughout the city. A World Heritage Listed city, Quito is one of Spanish-speaking America's most extensive and best-preserved historic centres. Start your journey overlooking the city from the Guapulo neighbourhood, offering fantastic views of the colonial church and the valley beyond. On clear days, you can see the snow-capped Cayambe Volcano over the horizon. This spot is renowned as the place where Spanish conquistador Francisco de Orellana set out on his impromptu journey, which led him to become the first person to navigate the whole length of the Amazon River. The views don't stop here. You'll then proceed to El Panecillo for further breathtaking views of the city horizon. You'll also have the opportunity to see the Virgin of Legarda monument. The final stop on your tour ends in the traditional neighbourhood of San Juan, one of the emblematic viewpoints of the city. After the tour, you'll have the opportunity to try some traditional and delicious quesadillas. Please see the current pricing in the Important Information section.

#### Optional Tour: Quito City Tour

Enjoy a truly unique experience in the heart of Quito city and discover its history from a local eye. Walk around its narrow streets and visit the most iconic buildings, such as the Golden Church, San Francisco Square, and the Main Square. Visit Luis' local workshop, Cruz Verde (Green Cross), a well-known artisan whose family has prepared the local candy "Colaciones" for the last 100 years, keeping alive Quito's tradition. For lunch, you can sit with locals and enjoy a tasty meal freshly prepared using local



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products and flavours. In the afternoon, you will walk on the colourful Ronda Street, where you can enjoy a giant empanada (traditional pastry). To finish the day, go to Panecillo Hill for a panoramic view of Quito. Please see the current pricing in the Important Information section.

*Please note: You can book both optional tours. If the group has chosen both, the city tour will be in the morning before the viewpoints tour later in the afternoon.*

**Overnight:** Sheraton Ecuador, Quito or similar

**Meals included:** Breakfast

#### Day 3 Quito - Baltra - Santa Cruz (Galapagos Islands)

Today, you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to the Island of Baltra in the Galapagos Islands. On arrival, you will be picked up and transferred to Santa Cruz, a nearby island, crossing the narrow Itabaca channel by ferry and then continuing by car. Your first stop will be at the highlands of Santa Cruz. The "Parte Alta", as the highlands are called in Spanish, is lush and green and home to the giant Galapagos tortoises. Here, you will visit a private ranch where you will enjoy lunch before heading out on a walk in search of the iconic tortoises. During this visit, you will also see some lava tubes. These are formed when the surface of a lava stream solidifies, but the inside remains liquid and flows out like a river. After this tour, you will continue by private transport to the hotel. Here, you will have a meet and greet with a local guide, who will explain the following day's itinerary to you. Enjoy the rest of the evening at leisure to explore this beautiful Island.

**Overnight:** Hotel Fiesta or similar, Santa Cruz, Galapagos

**Meals included:** Breakfast; Lunch

#### Day 4 Academy Bay & El Garrapatero

Today, after breakfast, enjoy a tour of Academy Bay. Be sure to pack sun protection, a bathing suit, a towel, a camera and comfortable walking shoes. Optional snorkel equipment will be provided free to anyone who wishes to use it. At the bay, you can swim and snorkel with sea lions and various colourful fish. Here you can see the blue-footed boobies who are resting at the edge of the cliffs.

Afterwards, climb to a nearby viewpoint, and if you are lucky, you can see white-tipped reef sharks swimming in the ocean below. Afterwards, walk to 'Playa de los Perros' (Dogs' Beach), where many sea iguanas are resting in the sun. The enormous cacti, the red colour of the rocks and the turquoise colour of the ocean make for great photo opportunities.

In the afternoon visit El Garrapatero, one of the most pristine and secluded beaches on Santa Cruz Island. Enjoy a scenic 40 minute drive from Puerto Ayora through the lush highlands before transitioning into a dry coastal ecosystem, followed by a gentle ten minute walk where you may spot Darwin's finches and lava lizards. Upon reaching the wide stretch of brilliant white sand and turquoise water, you will have time to swim in the calm waves or snorkel along the mangrove-lined shoreline with provided gear. Keep a keen eye out for marine iguanas, Sally Lightfoot crabs, and the occasional flamingo wading in the nearby lagoons.



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**Overnight:** Hotel Fiesta or similar, Santa Cruz, Galapagos  
**Meals included:** Breakfast; Lunch

##### Day 5 Charles Darwin Research Station - San Cristobal Island

This morning, visit the Charles Darwin Research Station to learn more about many of the endemic species seen in the wild and the ongoing conservation and management efforts on the Galapagos Islands. In the afternoon, you will be met and transferred from the hotel to the dock of Santa Cruz, from where you will take a boat (approximately 2 hours) to the island of San Cristobal. Upon arrival at the pier in San Cristobal, you will be transferred to the hotel in the town of Puerto Baquerizo Moreno. Here, you will have a meet and greet with another local guide who will explain the rest of your itinerary. The remainder of the evening is yours to enjoy at leisure on this stunning island.

**Overnight:** Blue Marlin Hotel or similar, San Cristobal, Galapagos  
**Meals included:** Breakfast

##### Day 6 Isla Lobos Tour

After breakfast this morning, you will be met and transferred to a dock, where you will take a quick boat ride to the nearby Isla Lobos. You will observe abundant sea life during this boat trip before setting foot on the island. Upon arrival, enjoy a guided tour where you will have the chance to observe frigate birds, blue-footed boobies and sea lions that all inhabit the island. Afterwards, you can swim or snorkel in the beautiful waters.

Continue to a nearby beach on San Cristobal, where you may enjoy a packed lunch (included) and some time at leisure. The white coral beaches of San Cristobal are great for walking around, relaxing and swimming in the shallow waters before returning to Puerto Baquerizo Moreno.

**Overnight:** Blue Marlin Hotel or similar, San Cristobal, Galapagos  
**Meals included:** Breakfast; Lunch

##### Day 7 San Cristobal - Quito

Enjoy some free time this morning before transferring to the airport in San Cristobal. From here, you will take a quick flight back to Ecuador's mainland. Upon arrival in Quito, you will be collected from the airport and transferred to the hotel.

**Overnight:** Sheraton Ecuador, Quito or similar  
**Meals included:** Breakfast

##### Day 8 Quito, Ecuador - Lima, Peru

Today, at the appropriate time, you will be transferred to the airport in preparation for your flight to Lima, Peru. Upon arrival in Lima, be welcomed and transferred to the hotel. Lima is a huge and fascinating city, a melting pot of all things Peruvian, where world-famous restaurants sit alongside ancient archaeological sites. Known as The City of Kings, the Peruvian capital is packed with stunning colonial architecture, huge religious buildings, the seat of government, and other important structures.

**Overnight:** Hotel Jose Antonio Executive or similar  
**Meals included:** Breakfast



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##### Day 9 Lima City Tour

This morning, after breakfast, set off on a city tour of Lima, starting with a brief stop at the Huaca Pucllana Archaeological Site, an ancient pre-Inca ceremonial centre, before continuing to Lima's UNESCO World Heritage-listed historic centre. Explore the Plaza de Armas, the heart of the city, surrounded by grand colonial and Republican-era buildings with their signature carved wooden balconies. Iconic landmarks border the square, including the Government Palace, Lima Cathedral, Archbishop's Palace, Municipal Palace and the Palace of the Union.

From the square, walk to the Convent of San Francisco, one of Peru's most important religious sites. Founded in the 1530s and completed in 1766, this remarkable complex has withstood centuries of earthquakes. Inside, its historic library preserves over 25,000 rare volumes in Spanish, English and Quechua – some dating back to the 16th century. The convent is built around a tranquil courtyard planted with mango and lucuma (yellow sapote) trees, while its walls feature striking murals of St Francis of Assisi. Among the highlights are a golden Baroque altarpiece and Diego de la Puerto's famous 1696 painting of The Last Supper – notably featuring guinea pigs and potatoes on the table.

Descend into the eerie San Francisco Catacombs, Lima's largest. Once a burial site for more than 25,000 people, the catacombs were in use until 1808 and rediscovered in 1947. Today, they fascinate visitors with their macabre yet intriguing arrangements of bones in geometric patterns.

After this memorable exploration of Lima's history, return to the hotel where you can enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

**Overnight:** Hotel Jose Antonio Executive or similar

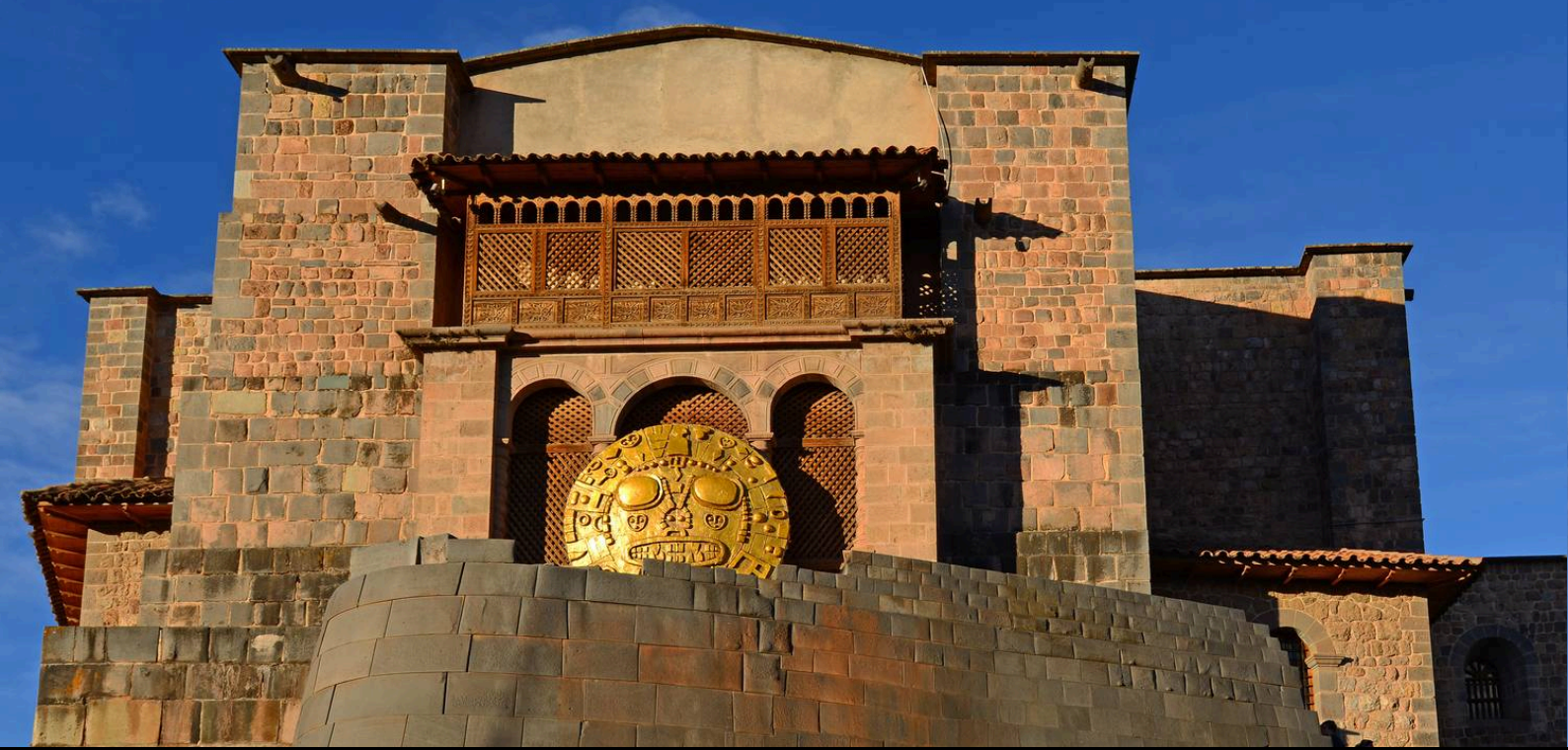
**Meals included:** Breakfast

##### Day 10 Lima - Puerto Maldonado - Amazon Jungle

Today, at the appropriate time, you will be transferred to the airport in Lima in preparation for your flight to Puerto Maldonado. Once you arrive, you will be met by your specialised Amazon tour leader and transferred to your accommodation for the next two nights.

Please note that you will only be allowed to bring a small bag with your essentials due to luggage and space limitations on the boats during your stay in the Amazon. It is highly recommended that you pre-pack a smaller bag with just the essentials needed for this portion of your trip to Amazon. The remainder of your luggage can be kept at the lodge's office in Puerto Maldonado at no cost.

Puerto Maldonado is Peru's capital of biodiversity and gateway to the Amazon. You will be transported to Puerto Capitania, the port where our riverboat will be waiting for us. We will sail across Rio Bajo Madre de Dios (Winding River) until arriving at our lodge, 30 km away from Puerto Maldonado City. On the way to the lodge, you can observe diverse animals such as the capybaras, caimans, water turtles, herons, cormorants, carrion birds and birds of prey.



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Upon arrival, you will be welcomed with delicious Amazon tropical fruit nectars and a hearty lunch will be served in the rustically designed dining room.

In the afternoon, the specialised guide will take you through an interpretive trail, conveniently signposted, to Caiman Cocha, a little lagoon where you will have the chance to observe the black caiman and the common caiman, as well as efficient predators located at the top of the food chain. They feed on a rich water fauna—mainly represented by fish— that inhabits the pond. In the evening you can enjoy a delicious dinner and time to share unforgettable moments at the bar, equipped with an excellent game room.

*Please note: Activities may differ depending on the lodge.*

**Overnight: EcoAmazonia Lodge or similar**

**Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner**

#### Day 11 Amazon Jungle

After breakfast, embark on a hike deep into the forest on well-looked-after trails. On the way, cross the riverside to reach high-elevation forests, and then you will descend to floodable forests. During the journey, you will see the widest range of flora and fauna in the wild. Arrive at the majestic Lake Apu Victor, surrounded by immense swamps and gigantic trees. Then, you'll go up to an Amazonian observation deck, from which you'll get to enjoy a panoramic view of the lake, and observe parrots, macaws, toucans, horned screamers, hoatzins, herons and other animals like caimans, turtles, etc. A wide variety of fish enter Lake Apu Victor with flooding in the rainy season. In addition, there are other species of fauna associated with the lake, like the yellow-footed tortoise, the mata mata, the twist-necked turtle, the freshwater blenny, the kinkajou, the white-tailed deer, the Central American agoutis and the giant otter of the Amazon rainforest.

Return to the lodge for a refreshing lunch before heading on a guided tour in the afternoon to Monkey Island. This island shows an enormous variety of exuberant flora and hosts numerous primate specimens like the black spider monkey, the black-cap capuchin monkey, the squirrel monkey and the lion monkey. Also other species of little mammals like the ring-tailed coati (*nasua nasua*), the squirrel and an enormous variety of coloured birds.

Finally, we will complete our visit to the island, enjoying a sunset with the most impressive dusk in the jungle. Back in the lodge, you will taste an exquisite dinner.

*Please note: Activities may differ depending on the lodge.*



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**Overnight:** EcoAmazonia Lodge or similar  
**Meals included:** Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

##### Day 12 Amazon Jungle - Puerto Maldonado - Cusco

This morning wake to the sounds of the amazon, enjoy breakfast before departing the lodge and transferring to Puerto Maldonado Airport in preparation for your flight to Cusco. Once you arrive, you will be met by a tour representative and transferred to the hotel, where you can enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

*Please note: Activities may differ depending on the lodge.*

**Overnight:** Hotel Jose Antonio Cusco or similar  
**Meals included:** Breakfast

##### Day 13 Cusco City Tour

Today, embark on a half-day tour, visiting Cusco Cathedral, the Koricancha (Qorikancha), Sacsayhuaman and Tambomachay, giving you a deep insight into the city and its history. Walking through the city centre, you can see the incredible mix of Inca and colonial architecture, watch the merging of indigenous and Spanish influences, and feel the history flowing through every cobblestone street.

First, go to the wonderful Koricancha, located next to the Church of Santo Domingo. According to chroniclers, the Koricancha was the most sacred and important temple of the Inca Empire during the period immediately after the Spanish conquest. Its walls were covered in gold, and life-size statues of plants and animals, all pure gold and silver, decorated its rooms and corridors. Unfortunately, this wealth was stripped away by the Spanish conquistadors.

Afterwards, visit the Cathedral of Cusco in the Plaza de Armas (Main Square). Built between 1560 and 1654 on the foundations of an existing Inca temple, this spectacular cathedral houses many works of art from the Cusco school of painters, and its high altar and pulpit are covered in gold and silver reliefs. The next stop is the imposing Inca fortress of Sacsayhuaman (3,700 metres above sea level), which stands on a hill above Cusco. Here, you will see some of the best examples of Inca stonework and construction, including huge rocks carefully cut and fitted perfectly to form the walls. Then, visit the Qenqo Archaeological Complex (3580 metres above sea level), considered an Inca labyrinth with an altar with ritual motifs. Then head to Tambomachay (3,765 metres above sea level). The exact purpose of this site is unknown, but it may have functioned, at least in part, as an Inca spa. After a morning of exploring, have the remainder of the day at your own leisure.

*Please note: Cusco is located in the Peruvian Andes at 3,399 metres above sea level, high altitude environments are classified as above 2,500 metres above sea level. Please consult a medical professional if you have any concerns or to find out what preventative measures are available. Please refer to the 'Other Important Information' section for further details.*

**Overnight:** Hotel Jose Antonio Cusco or similar  
**Meals included:** Breakfast



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##### Day 14 Cusco Free Day

After breakfast, enjoy a free day to explore Cusco at your own leisure. The capital city of the Inca Empire is the archaeological capital of the Americas, as well as the continent's oldest continuously inhabited city. Alternatively, you can choose to participate in an optional activity,

##### Optional Activity: Maras & Moray

Embark on a captivating half-day tour of Maras and Moray, beginning with a pickup from your Cusco hotel at approximately 09:00. The journey to Moray takes about 1.5 hours, offering breathtaking views of the Andean landscape along the way. Pass golden wheat fields, charming traditional villages, and majestic snow-capped mountains. Upon arrival at Moray, explore its fascinating amphitheatre-like terraced structures. These circular terraces, believed to have been an agricultural laboratory for the Incas, showcase their innovative techniques for optimising crop growth. It's a truly awe-inspiring site that highlights the ingenuity of the Inca Empire. Next, you'll visit Maras, located just 3km from Moray. Here, you'll marvel at the ancient salt evaporation ponds carved into the mountainside. More than 3,000 pools collect salty spring water that evaporates to leave behind the renowned sal de Maras, a prized pink salt still harvested today. The view of these glistening ponds, resembling a blanket of snow or ice, is unforgettable. After exploring Maras, you'll return to Cusco, with drop-off at your hotel included. Please see the current pricing in the Important Information section.

Highest Altitude: 3,500 metres above sea level.

Lowest Altitude: 3,380 metres above sea level.

##### Optional Activity: Rainbow Mountain Trek

Set off before sunrise on a breathtaking full-day adventure to Rainbow Mountain (Vinicunca), one of Peru's most extraordinary natural wonders. Your day begins with a 05:00 hotel pick up from Cusco, followed by a 2.5-hour drive southeast through the stunning Andean highlands to the village of Pitumarca. Continue to the Quesiuno trailhead, perched at an impressive 4,326 metres above sea level. The hike covers approximately 3.6 kilometres on a round-trip (1.8 kilometres each way) along a gentle path, making it one of the more accessible routes to Rainbow Mountain. As you walk, take in sweeping vistas of snow-capped peaks, traditional Andean villages, and herds of alpacas and llamas grazing across the high plains. After around 1 hour and 20 minutes of walking, arrive at the summit of Rainbow Mountain, standing at 5,036 metres. You'll have time to admire the incredible mineral-rich stripes that create the mountain's vibrant colours and enjoy panoramic views of the surrounding peaks. Your return trek takes approximately one hour, followed by a well-earned lunch in the area. Afterwards, sit back and relax as you make the 2.5-hour drive back to Cusco, arriving at your hotel around 18:00, concluding an unforgettable day in the Andes. Please see the current pricing in the Important Information section.

*Please note: The Rainbow Mountain trek via Pitumarca requires a moderate to high level of fitness. The trail is relatively gentle compared to other routes, but the high altitude remains the main challenge. Consulting with your GP prior to travel to assess your suitability for this excursion is recommended.*

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##### Optional Activity: Folklore Dinner & Show

At 19:00, make your way to a restaurant near Cusco's central Plaza de Armas for an unforgettable evening. Indulge in a fabulous buffet dinner featuring a wide selection of traditional dishes, including meats, fish, vegetables, and exquisite desserts. The culinary delights are sure to please every palate. As you dine, the evening comes alive with a vibrant traditional dance show. Immerse yourself in the rich culture of the Andes with folk and classical music performed on traditional instruments like the quena, charango, flute and zampona. For an even more memorable experience, you're welcome to join the dancers on the floor and become part of the celebration. It's an enchanting way to connect with the region's culture and traditions. Please see the current pricing in the Important Information section.

*Please note: Only one of the daytime optional activities (Maras & Moray or Rainbow Mountain Trek) may be chosen today, as they operate concurrently.*

**Overnight: Hotel Jose Antonio Cusco or similar**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

##### **Day 15 Sacred Valley of the Incas**

After breakfast, depart the hotel and journey into the Sacred Valley of the Incas. Passing the impressive ruins of Saqsaywaman, cross the mountains before descending 450 metres to the fertile valley floor, where the Urubamba River winds its way past picturesque villages.

The first stop is Pisac, famous for its lively traditional market. Here, browse colourful stalls filled with local handicrafts, textiles and souvenirs. Continue to the Pisac ruins, perched high above the valley. During a guided tour, explore terraces, temples, tunnels and ceremonial altars, including the remarkable Intihuatana—the “hitching post of the sun.”

Continue to Urubamba for lunch, before driving on to Ollantaytambo, one of the most important Inca sites. Once the royal estate of Emperor Pachacuti, Ollantaytambo is both a living town and an archaeological wonder. Explore the Temple of the Sun, admire the colossal stone blocks shaped with astonishing precision, and learn about the Inca's advanced agricultural terraces and sophisticated water systems.

Back in the town itself, see Inca-built water channels still flowing through the streets, as well as storage houses clinging to the mountainsides above. With its cobbled lanes and locals often dressed in traditional clothing, Ollantaytambo offers a rare glimpse of Andean life little changed over the centuries.

In the late afternoon, be transferred to the hotel in Urubamba, where the evening is at leisure.

*Please note: You will need to prepare a smaller backpack (maximum 8 kilograms) to take with you to Aguas Calientes (luggage cannot be taken on the train). Larger suitcases will be transferred to the hotel in Cusco for your return.*

**Overnight: San Augustin Monasterio de la Recoleta or similar**

**Meals included: Breakfast**



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##### Day 16 Peru Expedition Train - Aguas Calientes

Today, transfer to the train station in Ollantaytambo and board the Peru Expedition Train for a spectacular journey to Aguas Calientes, the gateway to Machu Picchu. As the train winds its way along the Urubamba River, be treated to breathtaking views of the Sacred Valley, with steep mountains rising dramatically on either side. The scenery shifts from fertile agricultural terraces and quaint Andean villages to lush cloud forest, where cascading waterfalls and dense greenery signal your approach to the edge of the Amazon.

Nestled at the base of the mountains leading to Machu Picchu, Aguas Calientes blends traditional Andean life with a vibrant tourist scene. The largely pedestrianised town is filled with colourful markets, souvenir shops, cafes and restaurants, making it a lively place to explore on foot. Framed by jungle-clad cliffs and with the Urubamba River rushing past, the setting is both dramatic and enchanting.

The town is also famous for its natural hot springs, where you'll have time to unwind in the steaming pools after your journey (not included). You can also stroll through the bustling streets, browse local handicrafts, and soak up the atmosphere of this unique settlement. An early evening is recommended to rest and prepare for an early start tomorrow - a sunrise visit to the iconic Machu Picchu.

##### Optional Activity: Express Inca Trail Trek

Physical ability: Active (please refer to the Other Important Information section for a description).

You will be picked up early (approximately 06:00). Board the train for a 1.5-hour scenic ride to a point known as Kilometre 104 to start your short Inca Trail trek. From here, you will hike for approximately four hours to the Inca site of Wiñay Wayna ("Forever Young"), approximately 2,680 metres above sea level. Built on a steep hillside overlooking the Urubamba River, this archaeological site has ten baths and numerous Inca buildings displaying high levels of Inca masonry. Wiñay Wayna was discovered almost 30 years after the entire world knew about Machu Picchu and 40 years after Machu Picchu was first discovered. Little is known about what Wiñay Wayna was originally built for, however there are theories that it was built as a spiritual destination or resting place before reaching Machu Picchu, where elders and royalty would cleanse themselves in the baths. Others believe that the site functioned as a kind of administrative centre to keep track of the amount of produce stored on-site. After exploring Wiñay Wayna, you will continue your walk to Inti Punku (the Puerta del Sol, or The Sun's Gate). From here, you will have your first spectacular view of Machu Picchu. This site was believed to have once been the main entrance to Machu Picchu and was dedicated to Inti, the Inca Sun God. You'll then head to Aguas Calientes where your afternoon will be spent at leisure. Please note that due to the nature and duration of this tour, a moderate to active fitness level is required for participation in this supplementary trek. The route includes uneven surfaces, steep ascents and descents, a mix of stairs and dirt trails, and high-altitude conditions. The trek spans approximately 12 km (6-8 hours) of walking, including



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*Please note: Express Inca Trail Trek tickets are non-refundable and non-transferable. Once purchased, this optional activity cannot be refunded. steps for photos, lunch (included) and exploring. If you have any concerns about your ability to complete this trek, we recommend consulting your GP for guidance. Current pricing details can be found on the Important Information section.*

**Overnight:** Hatun Inti Boutique Machupicchu or similar  
**Meals included:** Breakfast

##### Day 17 Machu Picchu

Begin the day with an early start, as you'll be collected from your hotel at approximately 05:40 to board the bus up to the citadel of Machu Picchu. There will be time for breakfast before your transfer this morning.

Passing through the gates of the ancient site, embark on a guided two-hour tour exploring the most iconic and remarkable areas of Machu Picchu. Highlights include the House of the Guardian, Intihuatana, Temple of the Sun, Sacred Plaza and other significant landmarks. As you wander through this extraordinary archaeological complex, take in sweeping views of the surrounding mountains, plunging gorges and the terraced slopes of the citadel itself.

Return by bus to Aguas Calientes, where you'll have time to relax and enjoy lunch (not included) before boarding the train back to Poroy. From there, continue by road to Cusco. On arrival, a tour representative will meet you at the station and transfer you to your hotel, arriving at approximately 19:00.

**Overnight:** Hotel Jose Antonio Cusco or similar  
**Meals included:** Breakfast

##### Day 18 Cusco - Puno

The day begins early with a 05:00 hotel pick-up, transferring to the bus station for a 07:00 departure towards Puno. This scenic journey through the Andes is not just a transfer – it's an experience in itself, with fascinating stops along the way.

The first visit is to the Chapel of Andahuaylillas, a 17th-century church often called the "Sistine Chapel of the Andes" for its exquisite murals, intricate gold-leaf work and masterpieces of the Cusco School. Continue to the Raqchi Archaeological Complex, home to the remarkable Temple of Wiracocha, the supreme Inca deity. Explore the site's impressive stone and adobe structures, including one of the largest collections of Inca storehouses (colcas).

Next, pause for a buffet lunch at a local restaurant, featuring a wide selection of national and regional dishes, fresh vegetables, local desserts and traditional hot drinks such as coca tea.

Journey onwards to La Raya Pass (4,335 metres above sea level), the highest point on the route and the natural border between Cusco and Puno. From here, admire the snow-capped Chimboya Mountain, birthplace of the Amazon River.

The final stop is the Pukara Lithic Museum, showcasing ceramics and stone sculptures from the ancient Pukara culture (1600 BC–400 AD), including the striking Hatun Ñaqac, or "Supreme Executioner."



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Settle back for the last stretch of the journey – about five hours of scenic highland landscapes – before arriving to the lakeside city of Puno (3,830 metres above sea level) around 17:00.

##### Optional Train Upgrade: Cusco - Puno

An optional train upgrade is available as an alternative to travelling by bus.

Trade the highway for a front-row seat to the Andes on this iconic full-day rail journey from Cusco to the mystical Lake Titicaca. Departing at 07:50 and arriving in Puno at 18:08, you will traverse the expansive altiplano while being immersed in vibrant local culture through traditional music and dance performances that bring the Andean spirit to life right in your carriage. This scenic route offers a perfect blend of comfort and culture, featuring an onboard lunch, snacks, and a relaxing afternoon tea as the breathtaking highlands glide by. A standout moment of the trip is the stop at Abra La Raya, the highest point of the route at 4,300 meters above sea level, providing an awe-inspiring photo opportunity where the mountains meet the sky. Your upgrade includes private transfers from your Cusco hotel to the station and a dedicated professional driver waiting to meet you upon arrival in Puno for a transfer to your Puno hotel. Please note, this optional upgrade is only available for departures where this travel day falls on a Wednesday, Friday, or Sunday (where Day 1 departure date is a Sunday, Tuesday, or Thursday). Please see current pricing in Important Information.

**Overnight: Hotel Jose Antonio Puno or similar**

**Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch**

##### **Day 19 Lake Titicaca - Uros Islands**

This morning, transfer to Puno's main port and board a modern motorboat with panoramic windows and an expert guide. The 30-minute boat ride offers stunning views of Lake Titicaca's sparkling waters, surrounding mountains, and diverse flora and fauna, leading to the extraordinary Floating Islands of the Uros.

Explore the unique lifestyle of the Uros people, descendants of one of the oldest cultures in the Americas. Living on islands made of totora reeds, they continue traditional activities such as fishing, crafting, and building their reed homes. Immerse in their distinctive way of life in this remarkable floating community.

Next, journey to Taquile Island, renowned for its scenic beauty and welcoming locals. Enjoy a cultural welcome with music, dance and presentations of traditional life. Take a guided walk across the island's breathtaking landscapes, offering panoramic views of Lake Titicaca and the snow-capped Andes of Bolivia. Visit a local family's home to witness their daily life and learn about their intricate textile craftsmanship.

Lunch is served at a typical island restaurant, after which you can relax on the lakeshore, taking in the surroundings. Later, return by motorboat to Puno and the hotel. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

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**Overnight: Hotel Jose Antonio Puno or similar**

**Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch**

#### Day 20 Puno - Lima

This morning, at the appropriate time, you will be transferred to Juliaca Airport in preparation for your flight to Lima. Once arrived in Lima, you will be met by a tour representative and transferred to the hotel, where you can enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

**Overnight: Hotel Jose Antonio Lima or similar**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 21 Lima, Peru - Buenos Aires, Argentina

Today, at the appropriate time, you'll be transferred to the airport in Lima, Peru, for your flight to Buenos Aires, Argentina. Once you arrive, you'll be met by a tour representative and transferred to your accommodation for the evening. The name "Buenos Aires" translates to "good airs" in Spanish, and the city is one of the most significant and culturally rich destinations in Latin America. Your centrally-located hotel provides easy access to nearby restaurants, entertainment, and local attractions, making it the perfect base to explore this vibrant city.

**Overnight: Libertador Hotel or similar**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

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##### Day 22 Buenos Aires City Tour

This morning, after breakfast, embark on a city tour of Buenos Aires and discover the charm and magic of this vibrant metropolis. Begin at Plaza de Mayo, a key site in Argentina's political history, surrounded by iconic buildings. Here, you'll learn about the area's significance before heading to San Telmo, one of the city's oldest neighbourhoods, known for its cobblestone streets, antique shops and picturesque architecture. Next, explore the colourful neighbourhood of La Boca, famous for its tango culture and vibrant Caminito Street. You'll also visit important landmarks such as La Casa Rosada (the Presidential Palace, known as The Pink House), the Cabildo (the colonial town hall), and the Neoclassical Metropolitan Cathedral, where Argentina's founding father, José de San Martín, is laid to rest. Finally, admire the celebrated Recoleta Cemetery, a true labyrinth of ornate mausoleums. Stop at Eva "Evita" Peron's grave, one of the country's most recognisable icons.

After the city tour, return to your hotel and enjoy the afternoon at leisure.

In the evening (between 19.30-20:00), you will be picked up from the hotel and transferred to Aljibe Tango for a three-course dinner and tango show. Aljibe Tango Show is located in a historic, fully-restored barn in the heart of the San Telmo neighbourhood. This tango venue is a classic site that showcases Buenos Aires' culture and customs. The interior, which preserves the purest of the building, is the ideal setting for a unique proposal with artists on stage: two tango orchestras, a set of folk music, dancers and singers. Soft drinks and wine are included with the three-course meal. After the show, you will be returned to the hotel.

**Overnight:** Libertador Hotel or similar

**Meals included:** Breakfast; Dinner

##### Day 23 Buenos Aires Free Day

Enjoy a day at leisure in the beautiful Buenos Aires. Relax at the hotel, or walk around town searching for local and authentic Argentinian food. Alternatively, you can choose to partake in an optional activity.

Optional Activity: Gaucho Full-Day Experience at a Traditional Ranch

Immerse yourself in the rich cultural heritage of Argentina with a full-day excursion to a traditional ranch approximately 1.5 hours from the city. This tour invites you to explore a charming town's vibrant history, celebrate the gauchos' traditions (Argentine drovers), and admire the craftsmanship of local artisans and fine arts. Upon arrival at the ranch, you can ride horseback or enjoy a leisurely trip in a sulky or carriage, all while savouring freshly made empanadas (pasties) and refreshing beverages. For lunch, indulge in an authentic country-style barbecue featuring the finest quality meats prepared in true Argentine tradition. The meal is followed by a delightful dessert and a live folk music performance that brings the culture to life. The day concludes with a captivating demonstration of gaucho skills, such as horse whispering or the art of managing tropillas (horse herds), offering a fascinating glimpse into this unique way of life. This experience perfectly blends history, tradition, and Argentinian hospitality.

You can confirm the current price of this activity in the Important Information section.



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**Overnight:** Libertador Hotel or similar

**Meals included:** Breakfast

##### Day 24 Buenos Aires - Iguazu Falls

Today, transfer to the airport for your onward flight to Puerto Iguazu, on the Argentinian side of Iguazu Falls. When you arrive, transfer to the hotel, where you may enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure.

Puerto Iguazu is the gateway to the Iguazu Waterfalls, located near the triple border between Argentina, Paraguay and Brazil. They are composed of 275 cascades and are fed by the Iguazu River. One of the most popular attractions is Garganta del Diablo (Devil's Throat), the biggest fall of the complex (80m high). Whether you decide to explore the waterfalls on the Argentinean side or want to contemplate them from Brazil, you may rest assured that the experience is a mesmerising show.

**Overnight:** El Pueblito Theme Hotel, Iguazu or similar

**Meals included:** Breakfast

##### Day 25 Iguazu Falls (Argentinian side)

After breakfast, be met by the local guide for an excursion into the Argentinian side of Iguazu National Park, to spend the day exploring the falls and surrounding rivers and jungle. The park has various trails that take you through the jungle on walkways built a few metres above the jungle floor and waterways. These raised platforms protect the natural habitat of the jungle wildlife and provide spectacular views. Enjoy lunch at one of the restaurants in the park (not included) or bring a packed lunch with you from Puerto Iguazu to enjoy in the great outdoors. Return to Puerto Iguazu in the afternoon.

Optional Activity: The Great Adventure Tour

(Approx USD \$100, bookable on tour only)

The Great Adventure is a unique tour that combines viewing the jungle and the waterfalls. Led by experienced guides, this tour starts by entering the jungle from the Sendero Yacaratia trail, with special transportation that allows a panoramic view of the magical surroundings. A short way into the jungle, follow stairs up to a floating platform where a motorboat waits to take you through the Canyon of the Iguazu River. After enjoying the view from San Martin Island, you will sail to the Tres Mosqueteros Waterfall, where the Brazilian and Argentinean sides and the Devil's Throat can be appreciated. From there, sail along the island's shore until you reach the face of the San Martin waterfall, an unforgettable experience. Please see the current pricing in the Important Information section.

*Please note:*



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- *The Great Adventure Tour will occur during the scheduled tour of the Argentinian side of the falls mentioned in the itinerary above. Customers who purchase the Great Adventure Tour will split from the main group partway through the scheduled tour to participate in this optional tour.*
- *This tour is not suitable for the following people:*
  - Children under 12 years old.
  - Pregnant women.
  - People with osteoporosis, neck, back conditions or surgery.
  - People with heart conditions or surgery.
  - People with COPD, neurological conditions or surgery.
  - People with any physical, cognitive or/and sensorial disability unable to react in a nautical emergency.

**Overnight:** El Pueblito Theme Hotel, Iguazu or similar  
**Meals included:** Breakfast

#### Day 26 Iguazu Falls (Brazilian side) - Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Today, you will be met at the hotel and transferred across the border to the Brazilian side of Iguazu National Park. Enjoy a half-day guided tour of the Iguazu River Canyon, the Salto Rivadavia, Three Musketeers and the Devil's Throat, among other iconic landmarks on this side of the park. This wonderful setting is enhanced by the almost permanent rainbows that are created by the spray from the waterfalls. Enjoy lunch at one of the park's restaurants (not included) and then transfer onwards to the airport in Foz de Iguazu (Brazil) for your connecting flight to Rio de Janeiro. Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred to the hotel.

**Overnight:** Windsor Plaza Hotel, Rio de Janeiro or similar  
**Meals included:** Breakfast



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##### Day 27 Christ the Redeemer

After breakfast, depart from the hotel to visit the iconic Christ the Redeemer. The statue sits 700 metres above Rio and has fascinated visitors and historians for nearly a hundred years. It is one of the world's largest statues of Jesus Christ, and it has Art Deco-style sculptures on the planet. In 2007, the statue was deemed one of the World's New Seven Wonders. Perched on the summit of Mount Corcovado in Rio, the statue stands at a whopping 30 metres tall (making it two-thirds the height of New York's Statue of Liberty), and its outstretched arms reach 28 meters horizontally. Not only is the statue the most recognizable landmark of Rio, but it has also become a cultural icon of Brazil. Continue to visit the impressive Selarón Stairs: Jorge Selarón's unique and vivid mosaic steps. The Escadaria Selarón, 125 metres of steps covered in bright tile, is a product of sheer determination by Selarón, and it acts as a source of inspiration for the neighbourhood. After the tour, return to the hotel and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

**Overnight: Windsor Plaza Hotel, Rio de Janeiro or similar**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

##### Day 28 Rio de Janeiro Free Day

After breakfast, enjoy a free day to explore Rio de Janeiro at your own leisure. Rio is a vibrant city with stunning natural landscapes, including beaches, mountains and tropical rainforests. Alternatively, you can choose to partake in the following optional activity.

Optional Activity: City Tour & Sugar Loaf Mountain Half-Day Tour

(Approximately four hours)

Discover the best of Rio de Janeiro on this half-day tour, combining a panoramic city exploration with breathtaking views from Sugar Loaf Mountain. Begin with a guided tour of downtown Rio, including a stop at the iconic Metropolitan Cathedral for photos and a brief history. Then, ascend Sugar Loaf via cable car, stopping at Urca Hill before reaching the summit for stunning 360-degree views of Guanabara Bay, Rio's beaches, Niterói, and the Santa Cruz Fortress. Includes Sugar Loaf tickets; lunch is not included.

Please see the current pricing in the Important Information section.

**Overnight: Windsor Plaza Hotel, Rio de Janeiro or similar**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

##### Day 29 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil - Australia (or New Zealand)

Today, at the appropriate time, be transferred to the airport for your return flight to Australia (or New Zealand) after three epic weeks discovering South America's most iconic sites.

**Meals included: Breakfast; In-Flight**

##### Day 30 In Transit

Sit back, relax and reminisce on the memories created over the past weeks trip through South America.

##### Day 31 Arrive Australia (or New Zealand)

Once arrived in Australia (or New Zealand), make your own onward travel arrangements.



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### Tour Inclusions

#### HIGHLIGHTS

Discover South America's most iconic sites on this 24-day small-group tour

Learn about the area's rich history and culture with tours in Lima, Cusco, Buenos Aires & Rio de Janeiro

Discover the world's largest reserve of biological resources, the Amazon Jungle

Search for caimans, howler monkeys, diverse flora & fauna species on an Amazon River Cruise

Uncover the rich history and storied capital of the Inca Empire on a tour of Cusco

Enjoy time at leisure in enchanting Cusco with vibrant markets beckoning exploration

Marvel at Peru's architectural wonders like the Temple of the Sun and Sacsayhuamán

Immerse in Andean culture with a unique community engagement experience with the Quechua

Visit the sacred precinct of the Temple of the Sun and stay within the Sacred Valley

Witness the sunrise over the awe-inspiring Machu Picchu citadel, a bucket-list marvel

Explore the enchanting Uros floating islands, a testament to Indigenous ingenuity

Cruise across the captivating expanse of Lake Titicaca, marvelling at its grandeur

Soak up Argentina's rich history and culture with a tango show in Buenos Aires

Explore Buenos Aires landmarks, like the Recoleta Cemetery and La Boca's colourful streets

Take in the spectacular Iguazu Falls, composed of 275 cascading waterfalls

Be amazed by the iconic and commanding statue of Christ the Redeemer atop Mount Corcovado in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Soak up Rio's vibrant atmosphere with time at leisure to explore the iconic Copacabana Beach

#### FLIGHTS

Return international full-service flights (economy class), departure city surcharges may apply

All internal (international and domestic) flights (economy class) within South America

#### ACCOMMODATION

19 nights of hotel accommodation

2 nights of lodge accommodation in the Amazon Jungle

#### DINING

Enjoy 28 meals, including a three-course Tango Dinner in Buenos Aires

#### ESSENTIALS

English-speaking tour guides

Airline taxes and surcharges

Machu Picchu permit

Travel to Aguas Calientes, Peru, on Peru's Expedition Train (return ticket)

Specialised Amazon guide

#### TRANSPORT

Transportation by private air-conditioned vehicles

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#### TRANSFERS

All airport transfers

#### ITINERARY 2 - PRE-TOUR GALAPAGOS ISLANDS EXTENSION

Same as the Standard itinerary (excluding flights) plus the following:

##### HIGHLIGHTS:

Discover the wonders of the enchanting Galapagos Islands

Hop between stunning islands in the Galapagos archipelago

Search for giant Galapagos tortoises roaming in their natural habitat

Experience a scenic tour of Academy Bay's turquoise waters

Snorkel alongside vibrant marine life

Stroll the pristine white sands of Tortuga Bay's expansive shores

Observe marine iguanas basking along Tortuga Bay's coastline

Explore endemic species at the renowned Charles Darwin Research Station

Embark on a captivating half-day tour of Isla Lobos

Witness thriving birdlife and diverse marine ecosystems in the Galapagos

Relax with a leisurely day in Quito, Ecuador's historic capital

##### FLIGHTS:

Return full-service international flights from Australia (or New Zealand) to Quito, Ecuador

All internal (international and domestic) flights (economy class) within South America

##### ACCOMMODATION:

4 nights of quality accommodation in Galapagos, Ecuador

3 nights of 5-star hotel accommodation in Quito, Ecuador

##### DINING:



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### Tour Inclusions

Enjoy 10 additional meals, including daily breakfast

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#### ESSENTIALS

English-speaking tour leaders & guides

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Airline taxes and surcharges

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#### TRANSPORT

Transportation by private air-conditioned vehicles

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Shared boats between the islands

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#### TRANSFERS

All airport transfers

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# Important Information

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On purchasing this Travel Offer, you are bound by the

[General Terms and Conditions](#) and the specific terms and conditions outlined in this Important Information.

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## Offer Essentials

This travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 25th November 2027.

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### Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers, a mandatory single supplement applies.

#### 2026

- Itinerary 1: \$1670
- Itinerary 2: \$2800

#### 2027

- Itinerary 1: \$1850
- Itinerary 2: \$2900

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### Departure Dates & Surcharges

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### Child Policy

- No child discounts. The full price applies to all children travelling with their parents.
- Valid for children 12 years old and over.

*Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors are allowed.*

## Flights

### Departure Cities

Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane\*, Adelaide\*, Perth\* and Auckland\*

### Departure City Surcharges

- Brisbane & Adelaide: \$400 per person
- Perth: \$700 per person
- Auckland: \$400 per person

### International Full-Service Airline(s)

- Cabin Class: Economy Class

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## International & Internal Airline(s) Used (Internal South America)

- Cabin Class: Economy Class

Route: Itinerary 1 & 2

- Domestic: Lima, Peru to Puerto Maldonado, Peru
- Domestic: Puerto Maldonado, Peru to Cusco, Peru
- Domestic: Juliaca, Peru to Lima, Peru
- International: Lima, Peru - Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Domestic: Buenos Aires, Argentina to Iguazu Falls (Argentinian side)
- Domestic: Iguazu Falls (Brazilian side) to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Route: Itinerary 2 Only

- Domestic: Quito, Ecuador to Baltra, Ecuador
- Domestic: San Cristobal, Ecuador to Quito, Ecuador
- International: Quito, Ecuador to Lima, Peru

## Internal Flight Information

Baggage allowance per passenger:

- 1 x 23kg of checked baggage
- 1 x 7kg of carry-on baggage

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*be the responsibility of the traveller at the time of check-in and paid directly to the airline.*

## Preferred Airline Surcharge

Not available.

## Arrive Early & Stay Behind Options

Fly out and return home up to 60 days pre and post your tour dates.

### Arrive Early

Lima, Peru - From \$300 per person, subject to availability (Itinerary 1 only)  
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Santiago, Chile - From \$400 per person, subject to availability (only available for purchases over the phone)

### Stay Behind

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil - From \$300 per person, subject to availability  
Santiago, Chile - From \$400 per person, subject to availability (only available for purchases over the phone)

*Please note:*

### • Exclusions:

*This fee does not include extra nights' accommodation, meals or airport transfers.*

### • Internal Flights:

*If you select to Arrive Early or Stay Behind in a city other than the one where the tour starts or ends, the package will include an internal flight to your destination. If you wish to forfeit this flight, please advise our friendly team at the time of purchase. Please note that the cost does not change when you choose to forfeit your connecting flight.*

### • Cancellations & Changes:

*Flight booking changes or cancellations after air tickets have been issued are not guaranteed and may incur additional fees and fare difference, subject to the airline cancellation and change policies. Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.*

### • High-Season:

*A high-season Arrive Early or Stay Behind can be purchased for an additional charge, subject to availability. For pricing, please refer to the cart.*

### • + 60 days:

*You can fly out up to 60 days before your package's start date, and/or return home 60 days after your package's end date. Should you wish to fly out or return home for more than 60 days from the tour, please contact us to request availability. Additional costs may apply.*

### • Estimated dates:

*Your estimated departure, return, and arrival dates are all subject to availability and may vary. The confirmed schedule for all flights will be provided when you receive your flight tickets.*

- High season surcharges apply to flights departing between the below date ranges:

15th September 2025 - 12th October 2025

1st December 2025 - 19th December 2025

20th December 2025 - 4th January 2026

5th January 2026 - 31st January 2026

3rd April 2026 - 20th April 2026

26th June 2026 - 17th July 2026

18th September 2026 - 9th October 2026

12th December 2026 - 18th December 2026

19th December 2026 - 3rd January 2027

4th January 2027 - 26th January 2027

## Stopover Packages

- Santiago, Chile

Includes:

- 2, 3 or 5 nights in 4-star accommodation
- Daily breakfast
- Return airport transfers

For pricing, please refer to the payment cart at checkout.

*Please note:*

- When a pre and post-tour stopover is chosen, the same stopover location must be chosen each way, due to the airline used.

# Important Information

- When selecting to Arrive Early for your tour in conjunction with a Stopover Package, your fly out date from home will take place before the stopover.
- When selecting to Stay Behind after your tour in conjunction with a Stopover Package, your stopover will take place before your final flight home.
- Stopover packages are subject to availability.
- In the event that a purchased stopover package and a purchased preferred airline upgrade are not compatible, you will have the option to receive a refund for the preferred airline upgrade or be offered an alternative stopover city option, e.g. If you choose to fly with Singapore Airlines you cannot stopover in Dubai.
- Blackout dates apply to flights departing between the below date ranges:

22nd December 2025 - 2nd January 2026  
18th December 2026 - 2nd January 2027

## Flight Class Upgrades

Business or Premium Economy Class: For pricing, please refer to the payment cart at checkout.

### Please note:

- Flight upgrades are subject to availability and pricing changes (if we cannot fulfil your request, the upgrade cost will be refunded).
- On any upgrade purchase, short-haul flights and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed

## Missed Flights

If you fail to arrive for your outbound flight, you risk all flight and land arrangements in your destination being automatically cancelled by the airlines and land operator, respectively. Additional fees may apply to reinstate these services. If you miss your flight for whatever reason, please contact us as soon as possible to make arrangements.

## Accommodation

### Accommodation Used

4-Star Properties (Self-Rated)

- Lima, Peru: Hotel Jose Antonio Executive or similar
- Cusco, Peru: Hotel Jose Antonio Cusco or similar
- Aguas Calientes, Peru: Hatun Inti Boutique Machupicchu or similar
- Puno, Peru: Hotel Jose Antonio Puno or similar
- Lima, Peru: Hotel Jose Antonio, Lima or similar
- Buenos Aires, Argentina: Libertador Hotel or similar
- Rio de Janeiro, Brazil: Windsor Plaza Hotel or similar

### 3-Star Properties (Self-Rated)

- Urubamba, Peru: San Agustin Monasterio de la Recoleta or similar
- Puerto Iguazu, Argentina: El Pueblito Iguazu or similar

### Speciality Properties:

Amazon Jungle: EcoAmazonia Lodge or similar

## Itinerary 2 Only

### 5-Star Properties (Self-Rated)

- Quito, Ecuador: Sheraton or similar

### 4-Star Properties (Self-Rated)

- Lima, Peru: Hotel Costa del Sol Wyndham Lima Aeropuerto or similar (Subject to flight scheduling, for customers needing Day 0 hotel before arriving in Quito)

### 3-Star Properties (Self-Rated)

- Galapagos, Ecuador: Hotel Fiesta or similar
- Galapagos, Ecuador: Blue Marlin or similar

*Please note: Accommodation/rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type and are subject to availability based on seasonality. In the instance a property is not available, a similar standard of accommodation will be provided. Properties will be confirmed and included in your travel pack, which you will receive 4-6 weeks before travel.*

## Extra Nights

Not available at check-out.

*Please note: If you are interested in booking additional nights of accommodation pre or post-tour, please wait until you receive your travel documentation approximately 4-6 weeks before departure for the confirmed list of hotels. If booking your own additional accommodation directly with the hotel, please be aware that you may be required to change rooms at the start/end of your tour.*

## Maximum Room Capacity

2 people.

## Triple Share

Not available.

## Bedding Configuration

Twin or double (subject to availability).

## General Information

Minimum group size 4, maximum group size 20 per vehicle.

## Private Touring

Love the tour but fancy a private guide, driver and vehicle? This tour can run exclusively for you and your travel companions with a minimum of 4 people and a maximum of 10

2026: A supplement of \$800 per person applies

2027: A supplement of \$900 per person applies

*Please note: Single supplement pricing can be found under 'Offer Essentials', dependant on which itinerary is chosen.*

### Important notes:

- Private tour guide (not applicable on free days with no included activities)
- All transfers and land transportation is on a private basis
- Some optional tours may not be private
- Private touring must be booked over the phone.

## Optional Tours/activities

2026

Itinerary 1 / Itinerary 2

# Important Information

- Day 7 / Day 14: Maras & Moray - \$80 AUD per person
- Day 7 / Day 14: Rainbow Mountain Trek - \$165 AUD per person
- Day 7 / Day 14: Folklore Dinner & Show - \$45 AUD per person
- Day 9 / Day 16: Express Inca Trail Trek - \$660 AUD per person (non-refundable, non-transferable)
- Day 11 / Day 18: Optional Train Upgrade: Cusco - Puno - \$615 AUD per person\*
- Day 16 / Day 23: Gaucho Full-Day Experience at a Traditional Ranch - \$305 AUD per person
- Day 18 / Day 25: The Great Adventure Tour - \$100 USD bookable on tour only
- Day 21 / Day 28: City Tour & Sugar Loaf Mountain - \$175 AUD per person

## Itinerary 2 only:

- Day 2: Quito Viewpoints Tour - \$85 AUD per person
- Day 2: Quito City Tour - \$85 AUD per person

## 2027

### Itinerary 1 / Itinerary 2

- Day 7 / Day 14: Maras & Moray - \$85 AUD per person
- Day 7 / Day 14: Rainbow Mountain Trek - \$175 AUD per person
- Day 7 / Day 14: Folklore Dinner & Show - \$50 AUD per person
- Day 9 / Day 16: Express Inca Trail Trek - \$690 AUD per person (non-refundable, non-transferable)
- Day 11 / Day 18: Optional Train Upgrade: Cusco - Puno - \$730 AUD per person\*
- Day 16 / Day 23: Gaucho Full-Day Experience at a Traditional Ranch - \$320 AUD per person
- Day 18 / Day 25: The Great Adventure Tour - \$100 USD bookable on tour only
- Day 21 / Day 28: City Tour & Sugar Loaf Mountain - \$170 AUD per person

### Itinerary 2 only:

- Day 2: Quito Viewpoints Tour - \$90 AUD per person
- Day 2: Quito City Tour - \$90 AUD per person

\*Please note: The train upgrade is only

available for departures where this travel day falls on a Wednesday, Friday, or Sunday (where Day 1 departure date is a Sunday, Tuesday, or Thursday).

### Please note:

- *Prices are based per person, are subject to availability, time permitting and weather conditions.*
- *The optional tours listed above must be purchased on checkout or over the phone before submitting your passenger information form (subject to availability). Optional tours may be able to be purchased whilst on tour, however this is subject to availability and they are charged at the same or a higher cost, in the local currency or USD.*
- *Some tours require minimum numbers to operate.*

## Gratuities/tipping

Gratuities (tips) are not included for the services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. Each local guide will advise the best time to provide a tip. Often the guide will pass around an envelope at the end of every day or at the end of each destination/city. This pooled amount will be shared with the guide, driver, and restaurants, etc. You can put into the envelope what you feel is appropriate. The recommended tip is \$8 - \$10 USD per person per day. The recommended tip for the Galapagos extension package is \$10 - \$15 USD per person per day for guides, transportation and restaurants.

*Please note: Tipping for services provided is always a matter of personal discretion; however, please be aware that many locals consider tipping part of their normal remuneration, and they may approach you for payment; there's no need to be intimidated by the request.*

## Exclusions

- Visa fees and requirements
- Domestic transfers and flights not stated in the deal offer

- Meals/beverages not stated in the deal offer
- Optional gratuities/tipping
- Optional activities/tours
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance
- Any costs associated with an interruption to your tour as a result of an airline schedule change or cancellation
- Galapagos National Park fee \$200 USD per person (Itinerary 2 only)
- Ingala TCT card \$20 USD per person (Itinerary 2 only)

## Other Important Information

### TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

#### Tour Guide

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on the history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction where they are guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves it at the end of the tour; they do not travel with the group.

#### Tour Leader

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides at each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village and offer information on the place visited on the bus. However, they are not required to have specific art, architecture, or historical knowledge. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and, if caught doing so, can be fined.

*Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available*

# Important Information

*when required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.*

## CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

### Lima, Peru

Lima is usually described as mild and warm throughout the year without noteworthy rain making Lima one of the driest capitals in the world. The average temperatures range from 18°C to 28°C.

### Amazon Jungle, Peru

The climate is tropical with a rainy period from October to April and a relatively dry period from June to August. The coolest month is July with an average minimum of 20°C degrees and an average maximum of 29°C.

### Cusco, Peru

Cusco has a subtropical highland climate due to its elevation (3500m above sea level). It is generally dry and temperate, with two defined seasons. The dry season lasts from May to August, with abundant sunshine and occasional nighttime freezes; July is the coldest month with an average of 9.7°C. The wet season lasts from December to March, with night frost less common; November averages 13.3°C. Although frost and hail are common, the only snowfall ever recorded was in June 1911. Temperatures usually range from 0.2°C to 20.9°C.

### Puno, Peru

Puno experiences cool weather throughout the year due to its high altitude. During the dry season, from May to October, days are sunny with temperatures ranging from 15°C to 18°C, while nights can be quite cold, often dropping to -1°C to 2°C. The wet season, from November to April, brings warmer days with highs of 16°C to 20°C and frequent rain showers, while nights are milder, averaging around 4°C to 8°C. Layered clothing is recommended year-round to stay comfortable in Puno's variable climate.

### Buenos Aires, Argentina

Buenos Aires, the capital of Argentina, has a temperate climate, which is classified as a humid subtropical climate under the Köppen climate classification with four distinct seasons. Summers are hot and humid with frequent thunderstorms while winters are cool and drier with frosts that occurs on average twice per year. Spring and fall are transition seasons characterised by changeable weather.

### Puerto Iguazu, Argentina

Puerto Iguazú has a humid subtropical climate. Temperatures are warm in winter and hot in summer. There is no dry season and rainfall is abundant with every month receiving over 100mm of rain.

### Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Rio has a tropical savanna climate that closely borders a tropical monsoon climate according to the Köppen climate classification, and is often characterised by long periods of heavy rain between December and March. In inland areas of the city, temperatures above 40°C are common during the summer, though rarely for long periods, while maximum temperatures above 27°C can occur on a monthly basis.

### Quito, Ecuador (Itinerary 2 Only)

In Quito, the climate is warm and temperate. There is a great deal of rainfall in Quito, even in the driest month. The average annual temperature is 13.9°C. With an average of 14.1°C May is the warmest month. The lowest average temperature in the year occurs in June when it is around 13.6°C.

### Santa Cruz, Galapagos, Ecuador (Itinerary 2 Only)

No time of year is too hot or too cold to enjoy the Galapagos, but the climate is not exactly the same throughout. June through December are considered the cooler months in terms of both the air and water. This is also the time of the dry season, where the highlands of the major islands are kept lush but the beaches and flatlands receive very little rain. Blue skies interrupted by sparse and sporadic

afternoon showers are the norm.

## FLIGHTS

### Seat Selection & Frequent Flyer Points

We do not arrange seat selection. It is essential to highlight that some airlines do not allow pre-selected seats. We strongly suggest you contact the airline directly with seating allocation requirements and/or arrive at the airport earlier to arrange your seating. While we do not add frequent flyer member details to bookings, you can do this directly with the airline once you have your flight information.

### Passport Validity

Customers must provide valid passport details either at the time of purchase or no later than 120 days before the departure date. Failure to do so may result in the cancellation of the booking. Customers will be responsible for any costs and fees incurred in this instance.

## COACH TOUR

### Meals

For meals not included, the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify us of any dietary requests/requirements.

*Please note: We will do our best to meet your requests/requirements; however, we cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.*

### Luggage

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on tour. You must carry your own luggage from the vehicle to the hotel room and back to the vehicle. The driver will assist with the uploading and unloading of bags from the vehicle.

## OTHER

### Mobility

If you require wheelchair access please contact our friendly sales and service team to inquire on your behalf.

# Important Information

## Fitness Level Required

Adventure (and spontaneity) create some of the best travel memories. Bear in mind, your home schedules and timings might not be adhered to on tour - it's all part of the fun! A moderate level of fitness will be required. Expect a moderate pace of touring with a focus on guided tours that may include full days with extended activity, guided city tours or nature walks. You will require a general level of fitness for unassisted navigation of stairs and inclines, longer distances with possible periods of standing when visiting sites, walking on sloping, uneven ground or elevations. You will be responsible for your own luggage and have the ability to board all modes of transport without assistance.

*Please note: Many areas may be inaccessible to wheelchairs or mobility scooters, where the unassisted use of personal walking sticks and other aids may be required. Although some assistance may be available, every traveller should be self-reliant during all aspects of their travel.*

### Rainbow Mountain Trek (Optional Activity): Active

The Rainbow Mountain Trek is a challenging yet rewarding adventure, suitable for those with a good fitness level who exercise regularly. This trek involves hiking at high altitudes, navigating uneven terrain for several hours. Participants should be prepared for steep ascents and the effects of altitude. Recommended for active travellers with prior trekking experience and a reasonable level of endurance, this trek offers breathtaking views of the vibrant Rainbow Mountain and its surrounding landscapes

### Express Inca Trail Trek (Optional Activity): Active

Active/demanding are more strenuous activities, suitable for a good fitness level and for guests who exercise regularly. More fast-paced activities and walking on uneven surfaces. A high fitness level is required to undertake activities, which include high-altitude trekking for anywhere between four to seven hours per

day for an extended number of days. Recommended for active travellers with some previous trekking experience.

*Please note: If you have any concerns, please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.*

## High Altitude Illness

Altitude illness occurs when there is a lack of oxygen in the air at high altitudes. Altitude illness will affect some travellers, with no apparent regard to age, gender or physical condition. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

*Please note: Inoculations may be required to enter the country visited, along with re-entry into Australia after your visit. It is your responsibility to consult with your travel doctor for up-to-date medical travel information well before departure.*

## Yellow Fever

A valid international certificate of vaccination against Yellow Fever is required in many countries. You may need to present this on arrival at the airport or border crossing. Some countries will refuse entry if you are unable to present your certificate. It's also common for your home country to request a Yellow Fever certificate upon arrival. You must check with your doctor well before leaving home about the Yellow Fever requirements for the countries you'll be visiting.

## Sightseeing

*Please note: If entry to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary, where possible, may be adjusted, or a similar activity will be offered in its place (subject to availability).*

## Wildlife

TripADeal cannot guarantee animal sightings. Wildlife are unpredictable and factors such as weather conditions, predatory fear and animal movements can impact sightings.

## Shopping

Shopping overseas can be a daunting and

confusing experience, especially when there is a language barrier. Please be very cautious when foreign currencies and prices are involved. If paying by credit card, please pay close attention to the amount you are being charged and keep all your receipts. Do not make any purchases you are not comfortable with or feel pressured into. If you are uncertain or need assistance with the language barrier, please seek assistance from your Tour Guide/Leader. Please refer to our [Terms and Conditions](#) regarding shopping for further information.

## Visas

### New Zealand (Transiting)

If you do not hold an Australian passport you may be required to obtain a transit visa. Some flight routes make a stop in New Zealand and you may be required to obtain a transit visa to board your flight. It is the passengers' sole responsibility to seek advice on the correct visa and take appropriate action to ensure they have the correct visa prior to departure. Failure to do so may result in denied boarding and or refusal of entry to the country by the local authorities and immigration department. We strongly advise you to carefully review your flight tickets and then contact your respective consulate or a visa agency to confirm the necessary visa regulations and acceptable forms of personal identification for your transit.

### Peru

Tourists who hold an Australian passport don't need a visa. You can get a permit to stay for up to 3 months when you arrive. You may need a valid yellow fever vaccination certificate to enter Peru. Some airlines may want to see one when you leave. If you've visited Peru in the previous 6 days, you'll need a valid certificate to enter Australia. Find out about returning to Australia after exposure to yellow fever.

### Argentina

As a tourist, you can stay for up to 90 days without a visa, but you'll need:

- A return or onward ticket.

# Important Information

- A valid passport.
- Travel/medical insurance.

Please Note: Effective immediately, all international travellers to Argentina must hold valid travel insurance with medical coverage.

This insurance may be requested and verified upon arrival in the country.

Argentina's public healthcare system will no longer provide free medical services to foreign nationals. It is therefore essential that you obtain appropriate insurance before your departure.

## Brazil

A visa is required for Australian passport holders entering Brazil. Persons travelling after this date to Brazil will require a Visit Visa to enter the country. You can apply for a visa here: <https://www.gov.br/mre/pt-br/embaixada-camberra/English/consular-section/visas/short-term-visas-for-stays-up-to-90-days/e-visa>. Entry and exit conditions may change without warning. Follow the advice of border and health authorities and comply with local regulations. Contact your airline or the nearest embassy or consulate of Brazil for more information.

## United States (Transiting)

If travelling on an Australian passport, an ESTA (visa waiver) for the USA is a strict requirement when travelling to or flying through the USA. Once a USA ESTA visa waiver is issued it is valid for 2 years or until your passport expires (whichever is sooner) and will allow multiple entries into the USA. For information on ESTA eligibility or to apply, please visit:

<https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta/>

*Please note: Due to recent changes to USA immigration policies, TripADeal recommends all travellers visit US Customs & Border Protection.*

## Chile

As of 17th September 2025 tourist visas for Chile are not required if travelling on an Australian Passport. You can stay in Chile for up to 90 days without a visa. If you're unsure whether you need a visa, contact

the nearest [embassy or consulate of Chile](#).

## Ecuador (Itinerary 2 Only)

Tourist visas for Ecuador are not required if travelling on an Australian Passport. You can stay in Ecuador for up to 90 days without a visa.

*Please note: Passengers who are not Australian citizens must check with the respective consulate or visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required. It is also important to note, some areas of employment such as journalism, government authorities and charity organisations may have additional restrictions in applying for Visas. This may in turn affect the type of application required.*

### Important:

- *Please start arranging your visa three weeks before departure to account for any delays due to consulate operating hours.*
- *Visa rules may have changed since Covid-19. Some countries and airlines may require you to obtain an additional visa before arrival. Please check with the nearest embassy, consulate or immigration department of the destination you're entering.*

### Please note:

- *It is your responsibility to be travel-ready and ensure that you are aware and comply with any destination or travel requirements, including the validity of all required travel documents.*
- *Passengers who are not Australian citizens must also check with the respective consulate or visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required.*
- *It is also important to note that some areas of employment, such as journalism, government authorities and charity organisations, may have additional restrictions in applying for visas. This may, in turn, affect the type of application required.*

## Travel Insurance

Embarking on your next trip is exciting,

and while you hope the unexpected does not happen, it is best to be prepared. We strongly recommend you take out travel insurance when making your booking.

Whether it's a potential medical emergency, a flight cancellation, a delayed suitcase, or an unforeseen event, it's important to ensure you're adequately protected. For more information or advice visit <https://www.tripadeal.com.au/travel-insurance>

## Schedule Of Fees

### Voluntary Changes

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring an airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

- Changes - \$100 AUD per booking and any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

### Name Changes Due To Passenger Error

If the incorrect name has been provided, charges of \$100 AUD per booking and any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

### Supplier Fees

In the event the tour package you have purchased is unable to proceed, and/or a travel Supplier is unable to fulfil the tour due to external circumstances (Limitation of Liability e.g. a Force Majeure event), there may be a fee or amount of money that is withheld by our Suppliers and is unrecoverable. This may be due to non-refundable airline tickets, cancellation penalties with cruise cabins or unrecoverable payments with our land/accommodation partners. If refunds are not available from Suppliers, we will endeavour to obtain a travel credit on the best terms available and communicate these outcomes to you. In the event we are unable to obtain a refund or travel service credit, or part thereof, this cost is passed on to the customer as a Supplier Fee.