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The Itinerary

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

Today depart from Australia (or New Zealand) to Lima, Peru, where on arrival you'll 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 seats, 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: Jose Antonio Lima Hotel or similar

Meals included: In-Flight

Day 2 Lima City Tour

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 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 earthquakes for centuries. 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 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 pig 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 to enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.



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Overnight: Jose Antonio Lima Hotel or similar

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 3 Lima - Cusco

Today, at the appropriate time, be transferred to the airport in preparation for your flight to Cusco, the former capital of Inca Empire. Once arrived, you'll be met and transferred to the hotel. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy at leisure.

Set high in the Peruvian Andes at 3,399 metres above sea level, Cusco is both enchanting and historic. Take the chance to wander through the city's vibrant centre, where Inca foundations blend seamlessly with colonial architecture and European influences. From lively plazas to cobblestone streets steeped in history, Cusco offers a unique atmosphere that reflects the meeting of indigenous and Spanish cultures.

Overnight: Jose Antonio Cusco Hotel or similar

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 4 Cusco City Tour

Today, embark on a half-day tour, visiting Cusco Cathedral, the Koricancha (Qorikancha), Sacsayhuaman and Tambomachay, for a deep insight into the city and its history.

First, see 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 once covered in gold alongside life-size gold and silver statues of plants and animals that decorated its rooms and corridors.

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 (3700 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, and head to Tambomachay (3765 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, enjoy 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 2500 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 information.

Overnight: Jose Antonio Cusco Hotel or similar

Meals included: Breakfast



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Day 5 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 Kg) 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: Hotel Pakaritampu or similar

Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch

Day 6 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



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Picchu. Alternatively, you can choose to supplement the activities on this day and participate in the Express Inca Trail Trek (additional expense).

Optional Tour: Express Inca Trail Trek

Physical ability: Active (please refer to the Other Important Information section for a description). Pick-up is early (approximately 06:00) to board the train for a 1.5-hour scenic ride to a point known as Kilometre 104, where you'll start your short Inca Trail trek. From here, 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 brought to international attention almost 30 years after the entire world knew about Machu Picchu, around 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, continue your walk to Inti Punku (the Puerta del Sol, or The Sun's Gate). From here, take 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. Then, head to Aguas Calientes for an afternoon at leisure. Please note: 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 kilometres (6–8 hours) of walking, including stops 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 tickets are non-refundable and non-transferable. Once purchased, this optional activity cannot be refunded.

Overnight: Hatun Inti Hotel or similar

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 7 Machu Picchu

Begin the day with an early start. 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.



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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: Jose Antonio Cusco Hotel or similar

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 8 Cusco - Day at Leisure

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 3 kilometres 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, return to Cusco, with drop-off at your hotel included. Please see the current pricing in the Important Information section.

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. Beginning with a 05:00 hotel pick-up from Cusco, drive for 2.5-hours southeast through the stunning Andean highlands to the village of Pitumarca. From here, continue to the Quesiuno trailhead, perched at an impressive 4,326 metres above sea level. The hike covers approximately 3.6 kilometres 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. 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 an 1 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.



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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. We recommend consulting with your GP prior to travel to assess your suitability for this excursion.

Optional Activity: Andean Cooking Class

Begin your experience with a 09:30 pickup from your hotel, heading to the vibrant San Pedro Market in Cusco. Known as one of the city's most fascinating markets, it bursts with colourful stalls offering fresh produce, meats, spices, handicrafts, and souvenirs. Before entering, meet your chef guide, who will explain the flow of the tour. Together, you'll wander through the market, learning about local ingredients, shopping tips, and Andean food traditions. Along the way, help to select the fresh produce that will be used later in your cooking class. Meeting stallholders and hearing their stories adds to the authenticity of the experience. After the market visit, head to a local restaurant, where you'll be provided with an apron and everything needed to cook. Under the chef's guidance, prepare a traditional Peruvian dish using seasonal, organic ingredients sourced from communities around Cusco. Staples such as potatoes and corn often feature, along with other highlights of Andean cuisine. Once the cooking is complete, the group will set the table and share the delicious dishes you've prepared together. After enjoying your meal, the activity concludes with time to return to your hotel (transportation not included). Please see the current pricing in the Important Information section.

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 zampoña. 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 (Moray, Rainbow Mountain Trek or the Cooking Class) may be chosen today, as they operate concurrently.

Overnight: Jose Antonio Cusco Hotel or similar

Meals included: Breakfast



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Day 9 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 Andahuayllas, 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, known as the 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. Today you will travel approximately 390km.

Optional Train Upgrade: Cusco - Puno

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

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Day 10 Lake Titicaca: Uros & Taquile 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: Jose Antonio Puno Hotel or similar
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch

Day 11 Puno, Peru - La Paz, Bolivia

Today, travel from Puno, over the border to La Paz in Bolivia. This 5-hour journey offers breathtaking views of the Andes and the journey will be broken up with a stop in Copacabana to view its iconic basilica and vibrant markets. Enjoy the remainder of the evening at leisure in La Paz, Bolivia.

Please note: the services of your Peruvian tour leader will cease once you have arrived at the hotel in La Paz, Bolivia.

The following day you will be transferred to the airport for an onward flight to Uyuni, where the services of the Uyuni Salt Lakes tour leader will commence.

Overnight: Presidente Hotel or similar
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 12 La Paz - Uyuni Salt Lake + Isla Incahuasi Oasis

At the appropriate time today, transfer to the airport in La Paz for your domestic flight to Uyuni. Upon arrival, meet your tour representative and begin an unforgettable journey.

First, visit the fascinating Train Cemetery, a relic of Uyuni's rich railway history. Continue to Colchani, the gateway to the Uyuni Salt Flats, where you'll explore a salt-processing workshop. Begin your adventure into the breathtaking Uyuni Salt Flats, the largest salt flats in the world, spanning over 10,000 square kilometres on the Bolivian High Plateau. Along the way, stop at the Salt Museum and the bubbling Cold-Water Springs, known as "Ojos de Agua." Arrive at Isla Incahuasi, a unique island oasis adorned with ancient algae formations, fossils, and towering columnar cacti, some over a century old and reaching heights of more than



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12 metres. The stunning vistas of the distant volcanic peaks, the surreal pentagonal salt patterns, and the tranquil silence create an otherworldly experience like no other.

Conclude the day by returning to your hotel for a well-earned rest. Please note: Today's lunch will be a picnic.

During the rainy season, a thin layer of water transforms the salt flats into the world's largest natural mirror, creating breathtaking reflections of the sky. If this occurs during your trip some areas such as Isla Incahuasi and Conquesa become completely inaccessible. This is a unique opportunity to marvel at the once in a lifetime optical illusion, where the horizon disappears and the earth and sky blend together in a surreal vision.

Please note: *Uyuni is 3,700 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: Luna Salada Hotel or similar

Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 13 Uyuni Salt Lake

Today, embark on a full-day exploration of the Uyuni Salt Flats. Travel to the quaint village of Coquesa, nestled at the base of the majestic Tunupa Volcano, known as the guardian of the salt flats. Admire the picturesque stone corrals dotting the slopes like a chessboard, where shepherds tend to their llamas or cultivate quinoa in the fertile volcanic soil. As you ascend toward the crater viewpoint, marvel at the vibrant layers of sediment that emerge beneath the clear blue sky. From this vantage point, soak in one of the most breathtaking panoramic views of the Uyuni Salt Flats.

Take time to stroll through the peaceful village and hike to the cave of the Coquesa Mummies, a fascinating site offering glimpses into ancient local history. In the afternoon, return to your hotel for an evening of leisure.

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Overnight: Luna Salada Hotel or similar

Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner



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Day 14 Uyuni - "Sol de Mañana" Geysers, Bolivia - San Pedro de Atacama, Chile

Begin your day with a 07:00 pick-up from the hotel. Set out towards Hedionda Lagoon, travelling across the High Plateau. Along the way, pass through San Cristóbal Village and the striking Rock Valley. As you enter Bolivia's Eduardo Avaroa National Reserve, be immersed in a spectacular landscape of lagoons, salt flats, fumaroles, volcanoes, snow-capped peaks, vast plains, thermal springs, and flowing rivers.

The first highlight is Laguna Colorada, also known as the Red Lagoon—spanning 60 square kilometres at an altitude of 4,278 metres. The lagoon is famed for its deep red waters and as a sanctuary for three species of flamingos: the red-feathered tokoko, the pale-coloured chururu, and the delicate pink jututu. Continue to the surreal "Sol de Mañana" geysers, an extraordinary one-square-kilometre geothermal field of bubbling fumaroles and volcanic craters, showcasing the earth's raw volcanic energy.

The journey continues to the shimmering Green Lagoon, a vast emerald pool set against the dramatic backdrop of Licancabur Volcano. Its luminous green hue is due to the high magnesium content in the water—truly an unforgettable sight. As you make your way onward, keep an eye out for native Andean wildlife, including vicunas, llamas, and vizcachas. Upon arrival at Hito Cajon, the border crossing between Bolivia and Chile, meet your local Chilean guide and vehicle to continue onwards to San Pedro de Atacama.

Travel Time: Approximately 9 hours.

Please note: Today's lunch is a boxed lunch that will be taken on board the bus when departing the hotel.

Overnight: Hotel Cumbres San Pedro de Atacama or similar

Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch

Day 15 Moon Valley Tour

Today, explore the breathtaking Valley of the Moon (Valle de la Luna) on a half-day tour. This landscape offers a dazzling spectacle of sand dunes, evaporites, sinkholes, and mountain ranges. The valley's characteristic brown and ochre tones, set against the intense blue of the Atacama sky, create a truly unique visual experience.

Your tour will include a journey through the region's history, highlighting the area's use for salt extraction until 1994. You'll explore the historic Victoria Mine, immersing yourself in the legacy of the local Atacameño or Lickanantai families and gaining firsthand insight into the hard work of salt extraction and its cultural importance. Stops at emblematic natural structures, such as Las Tres Marías, complete this unforgettable desert experience.

Overnight: Hotel Cumbres San Pedro de Atacama or similar
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 16 Atacama Desert, El Tatio Geysers

Depart early in the morning from your hotel for an unforgettable journey to the El Tatio geothermal field, located approximately 90 kilometres from San Pedro de Atacama.



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El Tatio, meaning "the grandfather who cries" in the Kunza language, is one of the world's highest-altitude geothermal fields, sitting at an impressive 4,320 metres above sea level. Arriving before dawn, you'll witness the striking contrast between the first rays of sunlight and the billowing steam rising from the earth's surface, creating a surreal and breathtaking landscape. After taking in the mesmerising geothermal activity, begin the return journey with a stop at the remote village of Machuca, perched at over 4,000 metres above sea level. Once home to a thriving community, the village experienced a significant decline due to migration to larger towns. However, in recent years, some families have returned to revive traditional agricultural and pastoral practices, including the production of artisanal goat cheese.

Machuca is also a haven for wildlife, as its small wetland attracts an array of bird species, including elegant flamingos, ducks, and Andean seagulls. Enjoy the peaceful surroundings and soak in the rich cultural heritage before making your way back to your hotel.

Please note: Machuca is located at 4,000 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 Cumbres San Pedro de Atacama or similar
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 17 San Pedro de Atacama, Chile - Buenos Aires, Argentina

Today, at the appropriate time, you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Buenos Aires, Argentina. This is a long travel day, so sit back and relax as you head to your next destination. Once arrived, you'll be met by a tour representative and transferred to the hotel.

Overnight: Libertador Hotel or similar
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 18 Buenos Aires - HX Expeditions Program Commences

Today you'll be transferred to the hotel booked within the HX Expeditions program. You'll have the day at leisure to continue exploring the sites and flavours of Argentina's capital city.

Overnight: Hotel NH Buenos Aires Tango or similar
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 19 Buenos Aires - Ushuaia - Board HX Expeditions Ship

This morning, you'll be transferred from the hotel to the airport for your early flight to Ushuaia, where a hybrid-powered, state-of-the-art HX Expeditions ship awaits.

Ushuaia, often competing with Chile's Puerto Williams for the title of the southernmost city in the world, is set against the stunning Martial Glacier and is known as the 'end of the world'. Upon arrival, you'll attend a mandatory health and safety briefing before enjoying a welcome dinner hosted by the Expedition Team. Afterwards, take some time to explore the ship, which will be your home for the next eleven days.



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Please note: Two different expedition ships are used during the Antarctic season. For specific details about which ship operates on your departure date, refer to the Cruise section in the Important Information.

Overnight: MS Fridtjof Nansen

Meals included: Breakfast; Dinner

Day 20 Drake Passage

The ship will cross the infamous Drake Passage, named after English sea captain Sir Francis Drake, who stumbled upon it in 1578. With no landmass at this latitude, the waters can be turbulent, however, HX Expeditions' ultra-modern expedition ships easily handle the "Drake Shake." The two-day journey across the 800 kilometre-wide passage gives you time to prepare for your Antarctic adventure.

The Expedition Team will begin their lecture series in the onboard Science Centre, sharing their extensive experience and teaching you how to make your visit safe and sustainable. You'll also learn how to comply with IAATO guidelines, including wearing sterilised rubber boots when ashore and vacuuming your clothing to remove foreign contaminants. During this time, you can participate in exciting "Citizen Science" projects, like whale counting, cloud observation, and sample collection, which contribute to living research.

While onboard, take advantage of the amenities - work out in the gym, relax in the Wellness Area, enjoy some delicious cuisine and meet fellow travellers in the Explorer Lounge & Bar. Don't forget to head out on deck to look for the first icebergs and search for wildlife like whales, dolphins, and seabirds, including petrels and albatross.

Overnight: MS Fridtjof Nansen

Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 21 Drake Passage

Today, continue your journey across the legendary Drake Passage. Take this opportunity to unwind and immerse yourself in the onboard experiences. Attend fascinating lectures from the Expedition Team, who will share their expertise on Antarctica's unique wildlife, history, and environment. With each passing hour, the excitement builds as you draw closer to the icy wonderland of Antarctica.

Overnight: MS Fridtjof Nansen

Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 22 Antarctica

Land ho! Welcome to the icy wonderland of Antarctica. For the next five days, you'll be surrounded by vast icy waters, towering glaciers, and colossal icebergs that seem to stretch into infinity. The sheer scale and beauty of the landscape are almost otherworldly, and at times, you may find yourself simply taking a moment to absorb it all. The silence of this frozen world will soon be interrupted by the excited shouts of fellow passengers as they chance upon penguins, seals, and whales, offering a thrilling wildlife experience right before your eyes.

Antarctica's landscape and wildlife are constantly evolving with the seasons. During the late spring months of October and November, the snow-covered terrain appears even more pristine, providing the perfect backdrop for penguins as they court and build their nests. By December and January, the arrival of more whales marks the height of summer, coinciding with the hatching



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of penguin chicks, often a heartwarming sight as the fluffy youngsters stumble through the snow. February and March offer the ultimate whale-watching opportunity when large pods are drawn to the rich feeding grounds of krill in Antarctic waters.

Once you arrive, the Expedition Team will take every opportunity to explore the environment with you. Whether you're cruising through the ice or taking Zodiac landings, you'll get up close and personal with this frozen paradise. Looking out for penguins from the ship is exhilarating, but the experience becomes even more awe-inspiring when you're on land, home to these charming creatures.

As you cruise in smaller explorer boats or take part in optional kayaking excursions, you might even encounter seals or whales right next to you. Be sure to keep your camera ready at all times to capture these unforgettable moments. To enrich your journey, the Expedition Team will share their expertise on a variety of fascinating topics, including the history of Antarctica, the biology of its unique wildlife, and the intriguing science of glaciology. Every day will bring new discoveries and unforgettable experiences as you explore this awe-inspiring continent.

Overnight: MS Fridtjof Nansen

Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 23 Antarctica

Be sure to speak with your expedition team onboard to book optional excursions for your time in Antarctica.

[Optional Activity: Camping in Antarctica \(An Amundsen Night\)](#)

Only bookable on board.

Duration: Late evening to early morning, maximum 10 hours.

In the true style of the early explorers, venture out at night for a once-in-a-lifetime experience to go camping in the Antarctic night. Although Amundsen, Scott and Nordenkjold had different equipment, they used the best gear available at the time. So do you. This activity features top-of-the-line camping equipment that meets Antarctic standards for camping on snow and ice.

This activity may have limited availability. If space becomes limited, participants will be chosen via a lottery-based lucky draw. Imagine yourself sleeping under the Antarctic sky with little more than the thin wall of a tent separating you from the elements. In the true style of the early explorers, you venture out at night for this once-in-a-lifetime chance to feel like a polar explorer.

The adventure starts with a pre-camp briefing by the experienced expedition staff who accompany you on the activity. The camping is set up after dinner, with guests participating from beginning to end. If you have never pitched a tent before, this is your chance. After the camp is set up, you can either go to bed or sit outside and marvel at the stillness, or listen to penguins in the distance.

Depending on the landing site, you may take short walks to nearby viewpoints and visit penguin colonies on the bright Antarctic night. If you like, wake up early, climb out of your tent and watch the sunrise. In the morning hours, take down the camp, and the boats pick you up for the return trip to the ship.

Back on board, enjoy a special breakfast and debrief the experience. As an IAATO member, HX Expeditions adheres to all guidelines associated with onshore overnight stays in Antarctica.



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They leave nothing behind and remove all traces of their presence to protect wildlife and the fragile environment. Join them for this unique and unforgettable experience!

Please note: This is an after dinner and before breakfast activity offered only where the route, weather and ice/snow conditions allow.

Optional Activity: Snowshoeing in Antarctica

Only bookable on board.

Duration: 2 hours

Feel the spirit of the early Antarctic explorers. Join them for a walk on the wild side with snowshoes. Climb hills, cross glittering white plains, and untouched landscape. Here, few humans have set foot. The experienced Expedition Team will guide you to places with awe-inspiring views. You might observe penguin colonies or even see whales swimming in the sea from above.

Please note: Subject to snow and weather conditions, a good level of fitness is essential, walking mostly on snow and icy terrain, uphill and downhill.

Optional Activity: Kayaking Adventure in Antarctica

Only bookable on board.

Duration: 3 hours

Merge with nature on an exceptional Antarctic sea kayaking adventure. Explore nature and wildlife up close as you kayak along awe-inspiring icebergs and glaciers. Paddling through crystal-clear water, search for seals, penguins and whales. The experienced Expedition Team will take you to stunning Antarctic areas with high chances of encountering wildlife.

Please note: Subject to weather and ice conditions, basic level swimming skills is required.

Overnight: MS Fridtjof Nansen

Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 24 Antarctica

Overnight: MS Fridtjof Nansen

Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 25 Antarctica

Overnight: MS Fridtjof Nansen

Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 26 Antarctica

Overnight: MS Fridtjof Nansen

Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 27 Drake Passage

After having delved into the remote and wild continent of Antarctica over five amazing days, it will be time to set sail back to Argentina. By this point, both your head, heart and camera will be filled with lifelong memories.

Crossing back over the Drake Passage, spend the next couple of days replaying those memories to try and stay in Antarctica a little longer. The Expedition Team will also recount the journey's many experiences at the Science Centre. Working out in the



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state-of-the-art on-board gym is also a great way to process everything you have seen. Or maybe just let your mind wander back to Antarctica, sharing your experience with other travellers in the Explorer Lounge and Bar.

Overnight: MS Fridtjof Nansen

Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 28 Drake Passage

Overnight: MS Fridtjof Nansen

Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 29 Disembark Cruise in Ushuaia, Argentina - Buenos Aires

Today marks the final day of your unforgettable Antarctic adventure as the ship returns to Ushuaia. Having ventured to the bottom of the world, you've explored the remote and extraordinary Seventh Continent on a journey that only a fortunate few will ever experience.

Upon arrival in Ushuaia, disembark and transfer to the airport for your flight back to Buenos Aires. Once arrived, be transferred to the hotel where you can enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Overnight: Libertador Hotel or similar

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 30 Buenos Aires - City Tour & Tango Show

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 Peron's grave, one of the country's most recognisable icons.

In the evening, you'll be picked up and transferred to Café de los Angelitos for a three-course dinner and an unforgettable tango show. Café de Los Angelitos has been a living witness to over a century of Buenos Aires' history. Now, as a leading venue for tango in the city's most elegant setting, it preserves the luxury and distinction of a bygone era while writing the first chapter of its future. Enjoy performances by tango orchestras, folk music, dancers, and singers.

After the show, you'll be transferred back to your hotel.

Overnight: Libertador Hotel or similar

Meals included: Breakfast; Dinner



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Day 31 Buenos Aires - Day at Leisure

Enjoy a day at leisure in the beautiful Buenos Aires. Relax at the hotel, or wander through the artistic district of Palermo. Alternatively, you can choose to partake in an optional activity.

Optional Activity: The Argentine Experience

Experience Argentina's culinary culture in a unique, interactive dinner unlike any typical dining or cooking class. Over a seven-course, 17-dish tasting menu, you'll explore traditional flavors, regional ingredients, and Argentine storytelling, while engaging hands-on by folding your own empanadas, preparing chimichurri, and making yerba mate. Connect with fellow travellers as expert chefs guide you through the rich traditions of Argentine cuisine, paired with five exceptional wines.

MENU HIGHLIGHTS:

Welcome: Patagonian trout tartar & Pét-Nat sparkling wine

Hands-On: Empanada folding & Chimichurri preparation

Memory on a Plate: Savory chard fritters & farinata chickpea flatbread

Picada: Chorizo, black sausage, and grilled skirt steak

Beef Tasting: Tenderloin with mushroom butter, slow-braised

Thor's Hammer, grilled seasonal vegetables

Dessert Tasting: Dulce de leche pancakes, chocotorta, dulce de leche flan

Mate Class: Learn to prepare yerba mate, paired with alfajores filled with dulce de leche. This immersive dining experience combines hands-on learning, fine wine, and a multi-sensory exploration of Argentina's culinary heritage.

Overnight: Libertador Hotel or similar

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 32 Buenos Aires, Argentina - Australia (or New Zealand)

Today, at the appropriate time, you'll be transferred to the airport in preparation for your return flight to Australia (or New Zealand).

Meals included: Breakfast; In-Flight

Day 33 In-flight

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

Meals included: In-Flight

Day 34 Arrive in Australia (or New Zealand)

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

Meals included: None



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Tour Inclusions

HIGHLIGHTS

Discover ancient sites and unique landscapes on a small group tour of Peru, Bolivia, Chile

Explore Antarctica* aboard a state-of-the-art HX Expeditions ship

Visit historic landmarks on an included city tour of Lima and Cusco

Wander the cobblestone streets of Cusco, the historic capital of the Inca Empire

Uncover the mysteries of Machu Picchu with an expert guide

Stay overnight and explore ancient ruins and bustling markets in Peru's Sacred Valley

Relax in Aguas Calientes, surrounded by serene hot springs

Connect with Quechua culture on an immersive experience in the Sacred Valley

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

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

Cruise across Lake Titicaca, and explore the enchanting Uros floating islands

Marvel at the breathtaking Uyuni Salt Flats, the largest in the world

Discover Isla Incahuasi, a unique oasis set against vistas of the Bolivian peaks

Travel to Laguna Colorada where the vivid red waters are home to flocks of flamingos

Explore the surreal, otherworldly landscapes of "Sol de Mañana" and El Tatio Geysers

Search for vicuñas, flamingos, the Andean condor and more

Search for Antarctica's extraordinary wildlife including penguin colonies and whales

Look out for playful orcas, seals and soaring Antarctic seabirds

Cross the Drake Passage, where the Atlantic meets the Pacific

Set foot on the Great White Continent with guided Zodiac landings

Deepen your knowledge of Antarctica with lectures from the onboard Expedition Team

Walk along Caminito Street in La Boca on a city tour of Buenos Aires

Soak up Argentina's culture with a 3-course dinner and tango show

*Medical clearance is required prior to boarding for all expedition cruises to Antarctica

FLIGHTS

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

All internal flights (economy class)



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Tour Inclusions

CRUISE

10-night all-inclusive Antarctica cruise with HX Expeditions

Cruise aboard MS Fridjof Nansen or MS Roald Amundsen

Multiple small group Zodiac landings and activities at numerous spectacular locations

Breakfast, lunch and dinner in restaurants Aune and Fredheim

Delicious coffee, tea and soft drinks all-day

Enjoy a glass of wine or beer before dinner at the Pool Bar or unwind with an evening cocktail in the Explorer Lounge

Whatever and whenever you fancy, drinks are available throughout the day and evening at no additional cost (excluding premium drinks)

Gratuities included

Complimentary Wi-Fi onboard

Onboard Activities:

In-depth lectures and discussions by Expedition Team experts

Full use of the Science Centre, extensive library and advanced biological and geological equipment

Citizen Science Programme, where you can assist with ongoing scientific research

Photography tips and techniques for capturing landscape and wildlife from the onboard professional photographer

Use of ship's hot tubs, infinity pool, panoramic sauna, outdoor and indoor gyms, and running track

Informal gatherings with the crew for daily briefings

Landing Activities:

Escorted landings with small expedition boats

Loan of boots, trekking poles and all equipment for activities

Complimentary wind and water-resistant expedition jacket (or other HX Expeditions kit)

Expedition photographers are on hand to assist you

ACCOMMODATION

21 nights of hotel accommodation

DINING

Enjoy 56 meals, including all while cruising

ESSENTIALS

Airline and cruises taxes and surcharges

English-speaking tour guides

Museum and archaeological site entrances as per itinerary

TRANSPORT

Transportation by private air-conditioned vehicles

Return ticket to Aguas Calientes on Peru's Expedition Train

TRANSFERS

All airport transfers

Important Information

***Please note: All information provided in this brochure is subject to both change and availability. Prior to purchase please check the current deal for up-to-date information. If you have already purchased this deal, the terms and conditions on your Purchase Confirmation apply and take precedence over the information in this brochure.**

Booking Information

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. You must complete the Passenger Information Form within 72 hours of purchase.

Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

Please note: All countries and territories have different entry requirements in relation to vaccinations, quarantine/isolation periods and travel restrictions. Due to the evolving nature, we would ask all of our customers to monitor, meet and adhere to the specific requirements of their intended destination(s) in the lead-up to and immediately before travel, as well as any requirements post-travel upon their return.

Our Policies

Cancellation and Refund Policy

By placing a booking with us, you acknowledge the following important information:

• **we act as your booking agent;** TripADeal is a booking services provider, and curates the Travel Offers available on our website. We act as your booking agent, and we receive payment for the Booking Services as part of the booking price, however, we do not provide any of the Travel Services (flights, accommodation, tours or other products or services) included in your booking – the Travel Services are provided by a number of third party Travel Suppliers.

• **each booking is unique;** our Travel Offers are made up of a variety of different components and are, during the booking process, uniquely tailored to suit your requirements, for example, departure dates and ports, flight and room upgrades, tour inclusions, etc.

• **changes/modifications to your booking may not be possible;** once your booking has been made, changes or modifications may not be possible, and where possible, may incur a fee. It is important to ensure that the information you provide during the booking process is accurate and up to date, and that you read the Travel Offer carefully before placing your order.

• **Travel Offers are a package;** our Travel Offers have been curated into package offerings and must be used as a package – individual components cannot be used independently of the full package offering.

• **our Travel Offers are generally non-refundable;** in order to provide great value Travel Offers, we work with a variety of Travel Suppliers to find the best deals – this often means the Travel Suppliers' offerings are non-refundable to ensure the best price. We recommend that you obtain travel insurance as soon as you make a booking with us.

To read more about our Cancellation and Refund Policy, please [click here](#).

General Terms and Conditions

By placing your booking with us, you acknowledge and agree to our [Terms & Conditions](#), [Privacy Policy](#) and [Cancellation Policy](#).

Offer Essentials

This Travel Offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 10 February 2027. Minimum group size 10, maximum group size 20 per vehicle.

Departure Dates & Surcharges

See checkout for live dates and availability.

Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers, a limited number of

single cabins are available on the Antarctica cruise. Please select the "solo" option in the purchase cart, which includes a solo cabin onboard the cruise as well as private rooms for all land touring portions of the trip.

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 21 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors are allowed.

Flights

Departure Cities

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

Departure City Surcharges

Brisbane & Adelaide: \$300 per person
Perth: \$500 per person
Auckland: \$100 per person

International Flight(s)

- Cabin Class: Economy Class

Internal Flight(s)

• Cabin Class: Economy Class
• Route
Lima, Peru - Cusco, Peru
La Paz, Bolivia - Uyuni, Bolivia
San Pedro Atacama, Chile - Buenos Aires, Argentina
Buenos Aires, Argentina - Ushuaia, Argentina (return HX Expeditions charter flight)

Baggage allowance per person:

- 1 x 20kg of checked baggage
- 1 x 5kg of carry-on baggage

Please note: Your internal flight/s operating La Paz to Uyuni in Bolivia will have a checked luggage limit of 20 kilograms per person and 5kg carry-on. All other internal flights have a 23kg checked baggage and 7kg carry-on limit. Unfortunately, TripADeal is unable to increase this amount during the booking

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process, so we recommend all travellers keep this in mind when packing for their holiday, regardless of the limits allowed on your long-haul international sectors. Any excess baggage fees you may incur at the airport will be the

Please note: We cannot accommodate one-way flights. Travellers must take all included flights within the package, and any flights intentionally forfeited will result in later flights being subject to cancellation.

Internal Flight Information

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

Santiago, Chile - From \$400 per person, subject to availability (must be purchased over the phone).

Stay Behind

Buenos Aires, Argentina - From \$300 per person, subject to availability

Santiago, Chile - From \$400 per person, subject to availability (must be purchased over the phone).

Please note:

• Exclusions:

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

• 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:

- 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
- 19th March 2027 - 28th April 2027
- 19th June 2027 - 18th July 2027
- 11th September 2027 - 10th October 2027
- 10th December 2027 - 19th December 2027
- 20th December 2027 - 3rd January 2028

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.

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

- 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:

12th December 2026 - 18th December 2026

19th December 2026 - 3rd January 2027

4th January 2027 - 26th January 2027

19th March 2027 - 28th April 2027

Flight Class Upgrades

Business 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.

Outbound Flights

Please note: Due to flight scheduling and availability, some departures may occur on Day 0. Affected customers must be available to depart the day before. Flight times will be indicated on your final documents, issued 4-6 weeks before departure.

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

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may apply to reinstate these services. If you miss your flight for whatever reason, please contact us as soon as possible to make arrangements.

Cruise

Medical Disclaimer

Travel to Antarctica is physically demanding, and our Travel Suppliers require all guests to obtain medical clearance before departure even if you don't intend to disembark at Antarctica. This involves completing a medical form and may require medical clearance from a doctor, which could incur additional costs. Any guests who fail to provide the necessary medical documentation will be denied boarding.

Ship: HX Expeditions MS Fridtjof Nansen

Featuring HX Expeditions' revolutionary battery hybrid powered propulsion system, MS Fridtjof Nansen combines state-of-the-art technology and premium onboard experience with 125 years of experience and unparalleled destinations, the Norwegian-built ship introduces the next generation of adventure travel.

Facilities Onboard

Cabins & Public Areas

The stunning scenery will be reflected in a rich and comfortable interior design. Scandinavian materials from nature, such as granite, oak, birch and wool will be used to create relaxed and stylish cabins and public areas. All cabins are outside and 50% with a private balcony.

Science Centre

The core of the onboard experience is the Science Centre, an edutainment venue where guests and crew meet to create a deeper understanding of the areas we explore. Science Centre will also be the onboard HQ for the Expedition Team.

Restaurants

Three onboard restaurants will host a variety of dining options, with menus drawn from our rich Norwegian and Nordic

traditions, as well as international cuisine and local inspiration. Whether enjoying your meal at Aune Main Dining, Fredheim – the informal international meeting place, or the specialty restaurant Lindstrøm, you will indulge in low-key yet refined, modern Norwegian Nordic cooking – where our honest and delicious cuisine reflects our destinations.

Everything You Need For An Expedition Cruise

Each expedition voyage is accompanied by a hand-picked team of specialists and modern-day explorers. Highly experienced, passionate and knowledgeable, the Expedition Team will be your guides and guardians on your voyage of exploration, instructing you on safety, sustainability and science. MS Fridtjof Nansen and MS Roald Amundsen will feature a variety of custom-built expedition equipment including kayaks, a fleet of Blueye underwater drones and Expedition Boats for safe landings in remote areas.

Onboard Currency

EUR

Cabins/Staterooms

RR - Polar Outside

The Polar Outside cabins are primarily on the middle decks. Most are 20 square metres with windows and flexible sleeping arrangements, as well as a TV and a bathroom with a shower. Larger cabins on lower and middle decks are 205 - 248 square feet with flexible sleeping arrangements, a double bed that can be divided into two single beds (some with a sofa bed) and a TV.

XT/XTD - Arctic Superior Cabins

Arctic Superior cabins are comfortable and roomy, and have a balcony. These are high-deck cabins with a balcony. The spacious cabins are different sizes with flexible sleeping arrangements (some with sofa bed), TV, kettle, tea and coffee.

Please note:

- *Cruise timetables are subject to change.*

- *Some cruise cabins may have restricted views, based on availability.*
- *Cruise cabins booked on a guarantee basis and are assigned by the cruise line prior to departure. Your cruise cabin number will be reflected in your final documents.*

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- Warm winter jacket
- Wind and water-resistant trousers long thermal underwear and a top (we recommend wool)
- Warm cap or headband
- You should also bring swimwear for use in our on-deck whirlpools
- A scarf or fleece tube
- Warm woollen jumper and fleece jumper/jacket, remember layers are essential
- Sunglasses with UV filter lenses
- Gloves and mittens, fleece and wool
- Warm socks
- Bring extra batteries for your camera, as battery life is shorter in cold areas
- Shoes with good soles are recommended for outdoors, on deck, and for excursions ashore. Make sure they are worn-in walking boots

Cruise Arrival & Departure Times

Please keep in mind that the provided cruise arrival and departure times are approximate and will be finalised upon receipt of your cruise tickets.

Accommodation

Accommodation Used:

4-Star Properties (Self-Rated)

Lima, Peru: Jose Antonio Lima Hotel or similar

Cusco, Peru: Jose Antonio Cusco Hotel or similar

Puno, Hotel: Jose Antonio Puno Hotel or similar

La Paz, Bolivia: Presidente Hotel or similar

Uyuni, Bolivia: Luna Salada Hotel or similar

San Pedro de Atacama, Chile: Hotel

Cumbres San Pedro de Atacama or similar

Buenos Aires, Argentina: Libertador Hotel or similar

3-Star Properties (Self-Rated)

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Ollantaytambo, Peru: Hotel Pakaritampu or similar
Aguas Calientes, Peru: Hatun Inti Classic 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.

Maximum Room Capacity

2 people.

Triple Share

Not available.

Bedding Configuration

Twin or double (subject to availability).

Optional Tours/activities

Day 6: Express Inca Trail Trek - \$740 per person (non-refundable, non-transferable)

Day 8: Maras & Moray - \$88 per person

Day 8: Rainbow Mountain Trek - \$185 per person

Day 8: Andean Cooking Class - \$165 per person

Day 8: Folklore Dinner & Show - \$50 per person

Day 9: Optional Train Upgrade: Cusco - Puno - \$640 AUD per person*

Day 31: The Argentine Experience - \$185 per person

*Please note the train upgrade is only available for departures where this travel day falls on a Wednesday, Friday, or Sunday. This means that it is only available for the 12th November departure.

Please note:

• Prices are based per person, are subject to availability, time permitting and weather conditions

- Optional tours can be booked at checkout or by phone before submitting your passenger information form (subject to availability). Alternatively, you may book directly with the tour guide, but please note this is strictly subject to availability.*

- Some tours or shore excursions require minimum numbers to operate.*

- Shore excursions can be booked/reserved directly with the cruise line before travel (subject to availability)*

- Shore excursions can also be booked whilst onboard (subject to availability).*

- Shore excursion programmes and itineraries may vary depending on local conditions and/or any unforeseen events concerning the timing on the day of the tour. Some excursions are very popular, and therefore availability cannot always be guaranteed, it is advisable to book in advance to avoid disappointment.*

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
- Mandatory city tax

Gratuities / Tipping

Land

Gratuities (tips) are not included for the services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. The recommended tip is \$8 - \$10 USD per person per day. This covers the guide/leader and the driver and will be collected on tour.

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.

Cruise

It is not standard practice to tip on HX ships, but if you feel that certain crew members should be rewarded for providing exceptional service, there are tip boxes in the restaurant together with envelopes.

Other Important Information

WHAT TO PACK FOR AN EXPEDITION CRUISE

To make packing a bit easier, HX Expeditions has drawn up a packing list. If you should forget something, don't worry! On board all the ships you will find a shop with a wide range of clothes and practical items.

- Onboard it's smart to wear ordinary shoes.
- Bring a memory card with a large capacity – there are sockets in the cabins to recharge photo equipment.
- The dress code aboard the ship is relaxed and casual and you are not expected to dress formally for meals.
- Extra shoelaces are also a good idea.
- Bring a good pair of binoculars.
- A small waterproof backpack is necessary for carrying essentials.
- Please remember to bring your passport and a copy of it.
- Sun protection.
- Sunglasses with UV filter lenses.
- Lip balm with UV protection. Dry, cold wind and sun often cause chapped lips.
- Money in the correct currency. Remember, the ships also accept several credit cards.
- Remember to bring sufficient medication to last through any unforeseen delays.
- You will receive a wind and water-resistant parka as a memento on this ship (or another piece of HX kit).
- Rubber boots are available on loan, at no extra cost.
- Warm winter jacket
- Wind and water-resistant trousers and long thermal underwear and top (we recommend wool)

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- Warm cap or headband
- You should also bring swimwear for use in our on-deck whirlpools
- Scarf or fleece tube
- Warm woollen jumper and fleece jumper/jacket, remember layers are essential
- Sunglasses with UV filter lenses
- Gloves and mittens, fleece and wool
- Warm socks
- Bring extra batteries for your camera, as battery life is shorter in cold areas
- Shoes with good soles are recommended for outdoors, on deck, and for excursions ashore. Make sure they are worn-in walking boots.

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 when required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.

CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

Lima, Peru

Lima has a mild, warm climate year-round with almost no rain, making it one of the driest capitals. Temperatures range from 18°C to 28°C.

Cusco, Peru

Cusco has a subtropical highland climate due to its 3,500m elevation. The dry season (May–August) is sunny with occasional frosts, while the wet season (December–March) is milder. Temperatures vary from 0.2°C to 20.9°C.

Puno, Peru

Puno's high altitude keeps it cool year-round. The dry season (May–October) has sunny days (15°C–18°C) and freezing nights. The wet season (November–April) brings warmer days (16°C–20°C) and milder nights. Layered clothing is recommended.

La Paz, Bolivia

At 3,650 metres, La Paz has a cool subtropical highland climate (6°C–16°C). The rainy season lasts from November to March, while the dry season (May–August) has sunny days and freezing nights.

Uyuni, Bolivia

Uyuni's high-altitude desert climate is dry year-round, with mild days and cold nights. November–March averages daily temperature of 13°C, while June–July sees freezing temperatures. Strong winds make winters feel colder.

Buenos Aires, Argentina

In December, average temperatures in Buenos Aires range from 18°C to 29°C with gentle breezes. January is considered the hottest month in Buenos Aires, and temperatures can range from 20°C to 30°C. You can expect to experience 14–15 hours daylight during these months and mid to high humidity.

Seasons in Antarctica

Antarctica only has two seasons which are summer and winter. Because it's located in the southern hemisphere, Antarctica's summer is from October to February. During this time, the sun is almost always in the sky. Days rapidly get longer there in summer, until, eventually, the sun doesn't set at all. This phenomenon is called the Midnight Sun. Although there are multiple places in the northern hemisphere that experience this perpetual sunlight during half of the year, Antarctica is the only southern location where it can be seen. January is the warmest month in Antarctica, during which average temperatures climb all the way up to 0 degrees in the Antarctic Peninsula.

However, the average temperature ranges from -10 degrees celsius to -60 degrees, depending on how far into the continent you travel.

If anyone is in Antarctica once winter comes, they're staying until summer returns. Flights and ships cease travel to and from Antarctica once the weather starts to turn, as conditions become too treacherous for travel. Typically, researchers are the only people who brave the Antarctic night. This is a valuable time for astronomers, who can use complete darkness to get spectacular views of the universe. Climatologists are also busy during this time of year tracking and comparing the temperatures on and below the continent's surface.

Late Summer Cruising In Antarctica

February to March

If you choose to go on an Antarctica cruise in February or March, you will be seeing the continent during its late summer period. This provides a variety of benefits, including the ability to explore more thoroughly as the ice melts and breaks apart, allowing for a high chance of seeing whales on the Peninsula.

What Whales Might You See?

Late summer is the best time to see whales in Antarctica. It is most common to see Humpback whales, minke whales and killer

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whales, though it's possible to see many other species as well. These can include blue whales, fin whales, sei whales, southern right whales and sperm whales.

What About Penguins?

By March, those adorable penguin chicks are growing up. They begin to fledge and grow into their adult feathers, while their parents may already have gone out to sea to begin to prepare for their own moulting season.

Why Go During This Season?

If you're an explorer who wants to see as much of Antarctica as possible, choose a late-summer cruise. As the polar ice melts, you'll have access to points much farther south than you would during other travel seasons. You will certainly see some wildlife, as well, and will get to know the untouched majesty of Antarctica in this particular form.

Weather

We always suggest referring to an online source for the most up-to-date weather information for your destination/s.

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.

Dietary Requests

Meal options and availability differ between airlines and routes therefore not all dietary requests can be accommodated. If your flight includes meals we will select the most suitable option available based on the dietary requirements you have specified. All meal requests are subject to airline approval and are not guaranteed, therefore we recommend preparing for

your flight by bringing appropriate food for yourself, as required.

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.

CRUISE

Embarkation / Disembarkation:

- Begins approximately 2 hours after docking.
- Due to security reasons, all guests must be on board 2 hours before sailing.
- Itineraries are subject to change at any time without notice.
- Check your specific sailing for exact departure and arrival times. All times are local to the port.

Please note: Strict Covid-19 terms may also apply regarding proof of insurance covering Covid-19 and/or vaccination. Please refer to the cruise lines' terms and conditions for further information before boarding.

Cruise Loyalty Discounts:

Please note: Travellers must contact the cruise line directly upon receiving their travel documents in order to request any membership benefits they may be entitled to.

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.

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.

This tour is not suitable for wheelchairs, mobility scooters, or travellers requiring significant assistance. Please contact our sales team if you are unsure if this tour is suitable for you.

Please note:

- *Travellers must be self-reliant and able to undertake all aspects of their journey independently. Please discuss any personal circumstances or assistance requirements with your booking agent to confirm suitability for this tour.*
- *If you have any concerns, we recommend consulting your healthcare provider prior to booking or travel.*

Express Inca Trail Trek & Rainbow Mountain Trek Optional Activities:

Active/demanding are more strenuous

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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.

Please Note:

Travellers must be self-reliant and able to undertake all aspects of their journey independently. Please discuss any personal circumstances or assistance requirements with your booking agent to confirm suitability for this tour.

If you have any concerns, we recommend consulting your healthcare provider prior to booking or travel.

High Altitude Sickness

Altitude sickness can occur at high elevations when the body receives less oxygen. It can affect anyone, regardless of age or fitness, with symptoms such as headache, nausea, dizziness, fatigue, and shortness of breath.

Tips to help prevent altitude sickness:

- Stay well hydrated and eat light, high-carbohydrate meals
- Avoid overexertion during the first 24–48 hours at high altitudes
- Limit alcohol and avoid smoking
- Consult your healthcare professional about preventive medications or your suitability for travel to high-altitude areas

Our local tour providers are trained in first aid, including high-altitude care, and have oxygen available for guests if needed. Medications are also readily available in Cusco.

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

Peru

Tourists who hold an Australian or New Zealand passport don't need a visa for tourism or short-term visits. 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.

Bolivia

You don't need a visa to visit Bolivia for tourism on an Australian Passport. The length of stay permitted upon entry is 30 days. You can request an extension of your stay at an immigration office in Bolivia. The maximum visa-free stay length is 90 days during one calendar year. You may need to show proof of onward travel on entry to Bolivia (a plane or bus ticket). Ensure you get an entry stamp when you arrive in Bolivia. Otherwise, you'll have to pay a fine when you leave. You should also make sure to get an exit stamp, especially when you are crossing a land border. Entry and exit conditions can change at short notice.

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.

Argentina

A tourist visa for Argentina is no longer required if travelling on an Australian Passport for up to 90 days, but you'll need evidence that you intend to depart the country within the 90 days, along with the following:

- A return or onward ticket and valid passport.
- Travel/medical insurance.

Please note: Officials may also ask for proof of accommodation and evidence that you have enough money or a credit card to cover your trip.

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

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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.

New Zealand (Transiting) (Non-Australian Passport Holders)

If you are not travelling on an Australian passport, and your flight transits through New Zealand, you may require a visa to onward travel. 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.

Important:

- Please start arranging your visa three weeks before departure to account for any delays due to consulate operating hours.
- Visa rules are subject to change. Please check with the nearest embassy, consulate or immigration department of the destination/s you are visiting once you receive your travel documentation to ensure you have the most up to date information.
- 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>

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.

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 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 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/