



# Brazil, Argentina & Antarctic Expedition

RIO DE JANEIRO ● PARATY ● BUENOS AIRES ● USHUAIA

## The Offer

Get ready for the adventure of a lifetime! Combine South America's colourful culture with the pristine wilderness of Antarctica in one amazing experience. Explore Brazil's Rio de Janeiro, travel along the Costa Verde to Paraty, admire Iguazu Falls, explore Buenos Aires in Argentina, then embark on a 10-night all-inclusive Antarctica cruise with HX Expeditions.

Dive into the buzz of Brazil's Rio de Janeiro, ready to discover the towering Christ the Redeemer statue and famous Ipanema Beach. Immerse yourself in the indigenous culture and colonial history of the beautiful Costa Verde (Green Coast), including a schooner cruise through Paraty's pristine, paradise islands. Stay overnight in Sao Paulo, then prepare to be awestruck by the thundering power of Iguazu Falls and the stunning national park. Continue to Argentina's capital, Buenos Aires, to uncover the distinctive districts of La Boca and San Telmo on a guided tour, plus a spectacular tango show and dinner.

Take an early charter flight to Ushuaia to board a HX Expeditions ship and cross the legendary Drake Passage to the awe-inspiring shores of Antarctica. Fill your days with guided Zodiac landings, searching through crystalline

icebergs for extraordinary wildlife like whales, seals, playful penguins and more. Deepen your knowledge of this remote land with engaging lectures from Expedition Team experts, join onboard science projects and grab a few tips from the photography expert to snap memorable images you'll treasure forever. Wave goodbye to this incredible destination and once again set sail for Ushuaia, returning to Buenos Aires for your flight home.

Join this journey of discovery including all international and domestic flights, a 10-night all-inclusive Antarctica cruise with HX Expeditions, 14 nights of accommodation, 39 meals, and more.

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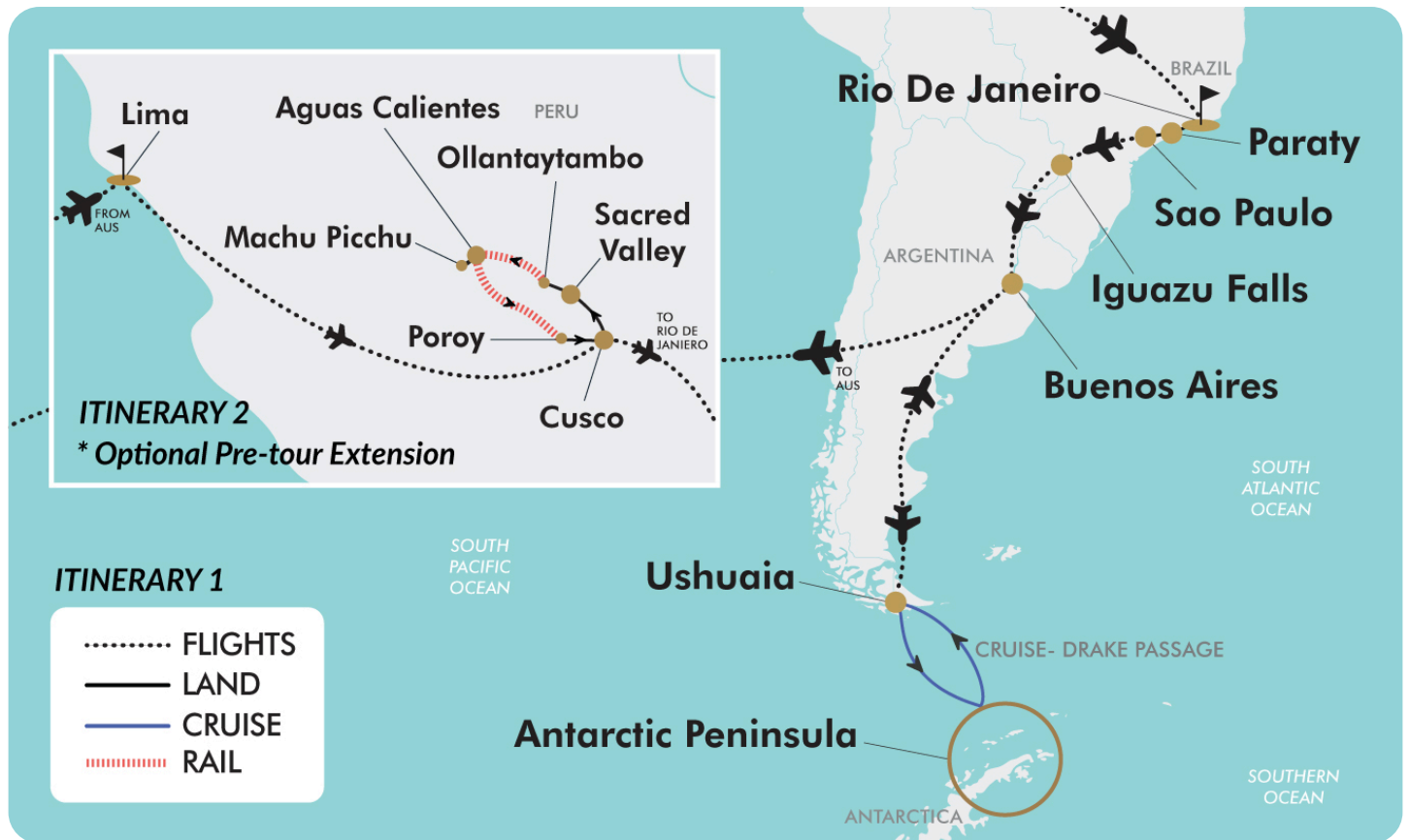
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# The Itinerary

## Itinerary 1

### Day 1 Australia (or New Zealand) - Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Today, you'll depart from Australia (or New Zealand) for Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Upon arrival, be met by a tour representative and transferred to the hotel.

Rio de Janeiro, often called 'Cidade Maravilhosa' meaning The Marvellous City, is world-renowned for its breathtaking landscapes and crystal clear seas. It features some of Brazil's most famous tourist attractions such as Pão de Açúcar (Sugarloaf Mountain), Corcovado Mountain (where Christ the Redeemer Statue is located) and the iconic beaches of Copacabana and Ipanema. This city is full of energy and rhythm while the locals are known for their carefree spirit and charm.

#### 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 6 to 4 weeks prior to departure.
- Some customers may experience an extended layover in Santiago, Chile. Lounge passes may be purchased at your own expense.

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

**Meals included: In-Flight**

### Day 2 Rio de Janeiro City Tour

Uncover Brazil's former capital on a private walking tour through the atmospheric streets of downtown Rio de Janeiro. As you wander past narrow laneways and striking historical facades, your guide will share the stories and secrets that shaped this colourful metropolis.

Begin with a visit to the Imperial Palace, once the seat of Portuguese royalty, where grand halls whisper tales of Rio's colonial past. Nearby, discover the Centro Cultural Banco do Brasil, a beautifully restored architectural gem that today thrives as one of the country's most important cultural centres, hosting exhibitions, performances and art displays.

Continue on to the lively Carioca Square, a bustling plaza that has been the city's commercial and social heart for centuries. From there, marvel at the striking Metropolitan Cathedral of Rio de Janeiro, a modernist wonder whose soaring conical structure houses four towering stained-glass windows rising more than 60 metres high, flooding the interior with a kaleidoscope of colour.

Afterwards, return to the hotel for an afternoon at leisure.

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

**Meals included: Breakfast**

### Day 3 Christ the Redeemer

This morning, set out from the hotel to witness one of the world's most recognisable landmarks, Rio's awe-inspiring Christ the Redeemer. Chosen as one of the New Seven Wonders of the World, the colossal statue rises majestically 700 metres above sea level from the summit of Corcovado Mountain.

The journey begins with a scenic drive skirting the shimmering Rodrigo de Freitas Lagoon, a tranquil stretch of water framed by mountains and city skyline. At the foot of Corcovado, board a charming cogwheel train that winds its way up through lush Atlantic rainforest. As you ascend, glimpses of Rio unfold - sandy beaches, verdant hillsides, and the vast Atlantic Ocean.



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At the summit, the full panorama takes your breath away. Spread beneath you lies the “Marvellous City”, golden arcs of Copacabana and Ipanema, Sugarloaf Mountain rising from the bay and the vast sprawl of Rio stretching toward the horizon. Standing beneath the outstretched arms of Christ the Redeemer, you’ll feel not only the grandeur of the monument but also the spirit of the city it embraces.

Afterwards, be transferred back to the hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

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

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 4 Rio de Janeiro - Day at Leisure

After breakfast, enjoy a free day to explore Rio de Janeiro at your own leisure. Spend the day making the most of Rio’s stunning natural landscapes, including beaches, mountains and tropical rainforests.

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

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 5 Rio de Janeiro - Paraty

This morning, farewell the bustling energy of Rio as you journey along the scenic Costa Verde, where jungle-clad mountains tumble down to meet turquoise bays. The destination is Paraty, a UNESCO World Heritage-listed gem celebrated for its blend of natural beauty and colonial charm (an approximately 5 hour drive).

On arrival, step into a town seemingly frozen in time. Enjoy time at leisure where you can set off to discover the cobblestone streets lined with whitewashed houses and brightly painted doors, discover hidden courtyards, and admire the well-preserved 17th-century architecture that reflects Paraty’s golden age as a port town for Brazilian gold. Beyond its history, Paraty hums with a vibrant creative spirit, from artisan studios and boutique shops to lively cafés and bars.

**Overnight: Porto Imperial Pousada or similar, Paraty**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 6 Schooner Cruise through Paraty’s Islands

With more than 60 islands and hundreds of secluded beaches, Paraty’s coastline is a paradise waiting to be explored. Today, you’ll set sail aboard a traditional schooner, gliding across crystal-clear waters framed by lush rainforest. The atmosphere is relaxed, the views unforgettable, and every stop offers a new slice of tropical beauty.

After roughly 40 minutes of sailing, anchor at three idyllic locations, carefully chosen by the crew to match the day’s conditions and to avoid the crowds. Typical stops include Comprida, Algodão, Cotia, Praia Vermelha, as well as the beaches of Lulas and Saco da Velha. At each, enjoy around an hour to swim, snorkel among colourful fish, or simply sunbathe on soft sand while the rainforest rises dramatically behind you.

A freshly prepared lunch will be served on board, along with tropical fruit to refresh you during the journey (drinks available for purchase). Snorkelling masks and equipment are provided,



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making it easy to dive into the underwater world. Throughout the day, a bilingual guide will accompany you, ensuring a seamless and enriching experience.

Tour duration: Approximately 5 hours.

**Overnight: Porto Imperial Pousada or similar, Paraty**

**Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch**

### Day 7 Paraty - Sao Paulo

Enjoy the morning at leisure before being transferred to Sao Paulo, this journey is approximately 6 hours. Once arrived in Sao Paulo, enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

**Overnight: Blue Tree Premium Paulista or similar, Sao Paulo**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

### Day 8 Sao Paulo - Iguazu Falls (Brazilian Side)

This morning you'll be transferred to the airport for a flight to Foz do Iguacu. Upon arrival in Foz do Iguacu, begin your adventure with a guided half-day tour of the Brazilian side of Iguazu National Park.

This perspective offers sweeping panoramic views of the falls, giving you a true sense of their vast scale and beauty. Walk along the park's well-laid trails and viewing platforms to admire a series of cascades, culminating at the awe-inspiring Devil's Throat - the tallest and most dramatic of the 275 waterfalls that make up this natural wonder. Here, clouds of mist rise high into the air, often creating dazzling rainbows that add to the magic of the experience.

After the tour, enjoy lunch at one of the park's restaurants (at your own expense), before crossing the border into Argentina and transferring to your hotel in Puerto Iguazu, perfectly placed for exploring more of this UNESCO World Heritage-listed site in the days ahead.

**Overnight: Saint George Hotel Iguazu or similar, Iguazu Falls**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

### Day 9 Iguazu Falls (Argentinian side)

After breakfast, meet your local guide for an exciting day exploring the Argentinian side of Iguazu National Park. The park features a network of trails and elevated walkways that allow you to navigate the jungle and waterways while protecting the natural habitat of the local wildlife. These raised platforms offer breathtaking views of the falls and surrounding scenery.

Enjoy lunch at one of the park's restaurants (not included) or bring your packed lunch from Puerto Iguazú to enjoy the outdoors. In the afternoon, return to your hotel in Puerto Iguazú.

Optional Activity: The Great Adventure Tour (bookable on tour)

The Great Adventure is a unique tour that combines the jungle and the waterfalls. Led by experienced guides, this tour starts by entering the jungle from the "Sendero Yacaratía" 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" (Three Musketeers) waterfall, where the Brazilian and Argentinean sides



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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 note:**

- *The Great Adventure Tour will take place 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 take part 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 or neurological conditions or surgery.
  - People with any physical, cognitive or/and sensorial disability unable to react in a nautical emergency.

**Overnight: Saint George Hotel Iguazu or similar, Iguazu Falls**  
**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 10 Iguazu Falls - Buenos Aires

After breakfast at the hotel, you'll be transferred to the airport for your flight to Buenos Aires, Argentina's vibrant capital city. Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred to your hotel, where you can enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

The name "Buenos Aires" translates to "good airs" in Spanish, and the city is one of the largest and most 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 Buenos Aires or similar, Buenos Aires**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 11 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. 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.



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After the city tour, return to your hotel and enjoy the afternoon at leisure. In the evening, you'll be picked up and transferred to Cafe de los Angelitos for a 3-course dinner (soft drinks and wine included) and an unforgettable tango show. Cafe 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 Buenos Aires or similar, Buenos Aires**

**Meals included: Breakfast; Dinner**

### Day 12 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 Buenos Aires or similar, Buenos Aires**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

### Day 13 Commencement of HX Expeditions Antarctica Cruise Discovery

Today, you'll be transferred to the HX Expedition's hotel, with the day at leisure to continue exploring the sites and flavours of Argentina's capital city.



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**Overnight:** Hotel NH Collection Buenos Aires Jousten or similar, Buenos Aires

**Meals included:** Breakfast

#### Day 14 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, your home for the next eleven days.

*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 or MS Roald Amundsen

**Meals included:** Breakfast; Dinner

#### Day 15 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, but don't worry, 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 or MS Roald Amundsen

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



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### Day 16 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 or MS Roald Amundsen**  
**Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner**

### Day 17 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 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 or MS Roald Amundsen**  
**Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner**

### Day 18 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.



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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 Nordenskjold 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.

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.*



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**Overnight:** MS Fridtjof Nansen or MS Roald Amundsen  
**Meals included:** Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

#### Day 19 Antarctica

**Overnight:** MS Fridtjof Nansen or MS Roald Amundsen  
**Meals included:** Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

#### Day 20 Antarctica

**Overnight:** MS Fridtjof Nansen or MS Roald Amundsen  
**Meals included:** Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

#### Day 21 Antarctica

**Overnight:** MS Fridtjof Nansen or MS Roald Amundsen

#### Day 22 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 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 or MS Roald Amundsen  
**Meals included:** Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

#### Day 23 Drake Passage

**Overnight:** MS Fridtjof Nansen or MS Roald Amundsen  
**Meals included:** Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

#### Day 24 Disembark Cruise in Ushuaia, Argentina - Fly to 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 Buenos Aires or similar, Buenos Aires

**Meals included:** Breakfast



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#### Day 25 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 26 In-flight

**Meals included: In-Flight**

#### Day 27 Arrive Australia (or New Zealand)

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



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### Itinerary 2 - Machu Picchu Extension

#### 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 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, Lima

**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 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 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, Lima  
**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.

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. Set high in the Peruvian Andes at 3,399 metres above sea level, Cusco is both enchanting and historic.

**Overnight:** Costa del Sol Wyndham Cusco or similar, Cusco  
**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. Wealth that was subsequently removed 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 (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. Then 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:** Costa del Sol Wyndham Cusco or similar, Cusco  
**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, you'll 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. Browse colourful stalls filled with local handicrafts, textiles, and souvenirs, before continuing 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, look for 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, you'll be transferred to the hotel in Urubamba, for an evening at your leisure.

Please note that 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). Your larger suitcases will be transferred to the hotel in Cusco for your return.

**Overnight: San Agustin Monasterio de la Recoleta or similar, Sacred Valley Area**

**Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch**

##### Day 6 Peru Expedition Train - Aguas Calientes

Today, transfer to the train station and board the Peru Expedition Train in Ollantaytambo for a spectacular journey to Aguas Calientes, the gateway to Machu Picchu.

As the train winds its way along the Urubamba River, you'll 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 the 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, cafés, 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, perfect for unwinding after your journey (at own expense). Stroll through the bustling streets, browse local handicrafts, and soak up the atmosphere of this unique



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settlement. We recommend an early evening to rest and prepare for an early start tomorrow - a sunrise visit to the iconic Machu Picchu. Alternatively, you can choose to supplement the activities on this day and participate in the Express Inca Trail Trek (additional expense).

Optional Supplement 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 Trek tickets are non-refundable and non-transferable. Once purchased, this optional activity cannot be refunded.*

**Overnight: Hatun Inti Boutique or similar, Aguas Calientes**  
**Meals included: Breakfast**



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##### Day 7 Machu Picchu

Enjoy breakfast before an early start, with pick-up at approximately 05:40 to board the bus to the citadel of Machu Picchu. Pass through the gates into the Machu Picchu archaeological site to enjoy a two-hour guided tour of this archaeological complex's most famous and spectacular areas. These include the House of the Guardian, Intihuatana, Temple of the Sun, Sacred Plaza and other key locations.

As you walk around, enjoy spectacular views across the agricultural terraces of Machu Picchu and across the surrounding mountains and plunging gorges. On conclusion of the tour of Machu Picchu, take the bus back down to Aguas Calientes, where you can relax and have lunch (not included) before boarding the train back to Poroy, then continue by road to Cusco.

Upon arrival at the station, a tour representative will take you back to the hotel in Cusco, arriving at around 19:00.

**Overnight: Costa del Sol Wyndham Cusco or similar, Cusco**  
**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



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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 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.



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

**Overnight:** Costa del Sol Wyndham Cusco or similar, Cusco  
**Meals included:** Breakfast

#### Day 9 Cusco - Lima

Today, at the appropriate time, be transferred to the airport for your onward flight to Lima. Once arrived in Lima, make your own way to the airport hotel for an evening of rest before the adventure continues the following day.

Catch the hotel's free shuttle bus. They depart every 30 minutes and can be found on the first floor in front of Gate 3 of the international arrivals hall.

**Overnight:** Costa del Sol Wyndham Lima Airport or similar, Lima  
**Meals included:** Breakfast

#### Day 10 Lima, Peru - Rio de Janeiro

Today, make your own way to the airport for your onward flight to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Once arrived, you'll be met by a tour representative and transferred to the hotel.

Rio de Janeiro, often called 'Cidade Maravilhosa' meaning The Marvellous City, is world-renowned for its breathtaking landscapes and crystal clear seas. It features some of Brazil's most famous tourist attractions such as Pao de Acucar (Sugarloaf Mountain), Corcovado Mountain (where Christ the Redeemer

Statue is located) and the iconic beaches of Copacabana and Ipanema. This city is full of energy and rhythm while the locals are known for their carefree spirit and charm.

**Overnight:** Windsor Plaza Hotel or similar, Rio de Janeiro  
**Meals included:** Breakfast; In-Flight

#### Day 11 Rio de Janeiro City Tour

Uncover Brazil's former capital on a private walking tour through the atmospheric streets of downtown Rio de Janeiro. As you wander past narrow laneways and striking historical facades, your guide will share the stories and secrets that shaped this colourful metropolis.

Begin with a visit to the Imperial Palace, once the seat of Portuguese royalty, where grand halls whisper tales of Rio's colonial past. Nearby, discover the Centro Cultural Banco do Brasil, a beautifully restored architectural gem that today thrives as one of the country's most important cultural centres, hosting exhibitions, performances and art displays.

Continue on to the lively Carioca Square, a bustling plaza that has been the city's commercial and social heart for centuries. From there, marvel at the striking Metropolitan Cathedral of Rio de Janeiro, a modernist wonder whose soaring conical structure houses four towering stained-glass windows rising more than 60 metres high, flooding the interior with a kaleidoscope of colour.

Afterwards, return to the hotel for an afternoon at leisure.

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



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#### Day 12 Christ the Redeemer

This morning, set out from the hotel to witness one of the world's most recognisable landmarks, Rio's awe-inspiring Christ the Redeemer. Chosen as one of the New Seven Wonders of the World, the colossal statue rises majestically 700 metres above sea level from the summit of Corcovado Mountain.

The journey begins with a scenic drive skirting the shimmering Rodrigo de Freitas Lagoon, a tranquil stretch of water framed by mountains and city skyline. At the foot of Corcovado, board a charming cogwheel train that winds its way up through lush Atlantic rainforest. As you ascend, glimpses of Rio unfold - sandy beaches, verdant hillsides, and the vast Atlantic Ocean.

At the summit, the full panorama takes your breath away. Spread beneath you lies the "Marvellous City", golden arcs of Copacabana and Ipanema, Sugarloaf Mountain rising from the bay and the vast sprawl of Rio stretching toward the horizon. Standing beneath the outstretched arms of Christ the Redeemer, you'll feel not only the grandeur of the monument but also the spirit of the city it embraces.

Afterwards, be transferred back to the hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

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

#### Day 13 Rio de Janeiro - Day at Leisure

After breakfast, enjoy a free day to explore Rio de Janeiro at your own leisure. Spend the day making the most of Rio's stunning natural landscapes, including beaches, mountains and tropical rainforests.

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

#### Day 14 Rio de Janeiro - Paraty

This morning, farewell the bustling energy of Rio as you journey along the scenic Costa Verde, where jungle-clad mountains tumble down to meet turquoise bays. The destination is Paraty, a UNESCO World Heritage-listed gem celebrated for its blend of natural beauty and colonial charm (an approximately 5 hour drive).

On arrival, step into a town seemingly frozen in time. Enjoy time at leisure where you can set off to discover the cobblestone streets lined with whitewashed houses and brightly painted doors, discover hidden courtyards, and admire the well-preserved 17th-century architecture that reflects Paraty's golden age as a port town for Brazilian gold. Beyond its history, Paraty hums with a vibrant creative spirit, from artisan studios and boutique shops to lively cafés and bars.

**Overnight: Porto Imperial Pousada or similar, Paraty**  
**Meals included: Breakfast**



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##### Day 15 Schooner Cruise through Paraty's Islands

With more than 60 islands and hundreds of secluded beaches, Paraty's coastline is a paradise waiting to be explored. Today, you'll set sail aboard a traditional schooner, gliding across crystal-clear waters framed by lush rainforest. The atmosphere is relaxed, the views unforgettable, and every stop offers a new slice of tropical beauty.

After roughly 40 minutes of sailing, anchor at three idyllic locations, carefully chosen by the crew to match the day's conditions and to avoid the crowds. Typical stops include Comprida, Algodão, Cotia, Praia Vermelha, as well as the beaches of Lulas and Saco da Velha. At each, enjoy around an hour to swim, snorkel among colourful fish, or simply sunbathe on soft sand while the rainforest rises dramatically behind you.

A freshly prepared lunch will be served on board, along with tropical fruit to refresh you during the journey (drinks available for purchase). Snorkelling masks and equipment are provided, making it easy to dive into the underwater world. Throughout the day, a bilingual guide will accompany you, ensuring a seamless and enriching experience.

Tour duration: Approximately 5 hours.

**Overnight:** Porto Imperial Pousada or similar, Paraty  
**Meals included:** Breakfast; Lunch

##### Day 16 Paraty - Sao Paulo

Enjoy the morning at leisure before being transferred to Sao Paulo, this journey is approximately 6 hours. Once arrived in Sao Paulo, enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

**Overnight:** Blue Tree Premium Paulista or similar, Sao Paulo  
**Meals included:** Breakfast

##### Day 17 Sao Paulo - Iguazu Falls (Brazilian Side)

This morning you'll be transferred to the airport for a flight to Foz do Iguacu. Upon arrival in Foz do Iguacu, begin your adventure with a guided half-day tour of the Brazilian side of Iguazu National Park.

This perspective offers sweeping panoramic views of the falls, giving you a true sense of their vast scale and beauty. Walk along the park's well-laid trails and viewing platforms to admire a series of cascades, culminating at the awe-inspiring Devil's Throat - the tallest and most dramatic of the 275 waterfalls that make up this natural wonder. Here, clouds of mist rise high into the air, often creating dazzling rainbows that add to the magic of the experience.

After the tour, enjoy lunch at one of the park's restaurants (at your own expense), before crossing the border into Argentina and transferring to your hotel in Puerto Iguazu, perfectly placed for exploring more of this UNESCO World Heritage-listed site in the days ahead.

**Overnight:** Saint George Hotel Iguazu or similar, Iguazu Falls  
**Meals included:** Breakfast



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### Day 18 Iguazu Falls (Argentinian side)

After breakfast, meet your local guide for an exciting day exploring the Argentinian side of Iguazu National Park. The park features a network of trails and elevated walkways that allow you to navigate the jungle and waterways while protecting the natural habitat of the local wildlife. These raised platforms offer breathtaking views of the falls and surrounding scenery.

Enjoy lunch at one of the park's restaurants (not included) or bring your packed lunch from Puerto Iguazú to enjoy the outdoors. In the afternoon, return to your hotel in Puerto Iguazu.

#### Optional Activity: The Great Adventure Tour (bookable on tour)

The Great Adventure is a unique tour that combines the jungle and the waterfalls. Led by experienced guides, this tour starts by entering the jungle from the "Sendero Yacaratía" 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" (Three Musketeers) 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 note:**

- *The Great Adventure Tour will take place 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 take part 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 or neurological conditions or surgery.
- People with any physical, cognitive or/and sensorial disability unable to react in a nautical emergency.

**Overnight: Saint George Hotel Iguazu or similar, Iguazu Falls**  
**Meals included: Breakfast**

### Day 19 Iguazu Falls - Buenos Aires

After breakfast at the hotel, you'll be transferred to the airport for your flight to Buenos Aires, Argentina's vibrant capital city. Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred to your hotel, where you can enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

The name "Buenos Aires" translates to "good airs" in Spanish, and the city is one of the largest and most 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.



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**Overnight:** Libertador Hotel Buenos Aires or similar, Buenos Aires

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

##### Day 20 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. 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.

After the city tour, return to your hotel and enjoy the afternoon at leisure. In the evening, you'll be picked up and transferred to Cafe de los Angelitos for a 3-course dinner (soft drinks and wine included) and an unforgettable tango show. Cafe 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 Buenos Aires or similar, Buenos Aires

**Meals included:** Breakfast; Dinner

##### Day 21 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



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**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 Buenos Aires or similar, Buenos Aires

**Meals included:** Breakfast

#### Day 22 Commencement of HX Expeditions Antarctica Cruise Discovery

Today, you'll be transferred to the HX Expeditions' hotel, with the day at leisure to continue exploring the sites and flavours of Argentina's capital city.

**Overnight:** Hotel NH Collection Buenos Aires Jousten or similar, Buenos Aires

**Meals included:** Breakfast

#### Day 23 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, your home for the next eleven days.

*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 or MS Roald Amundsen

**Meals included:** Breakfast; Dinner

#### Day 24 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, but don't worry, 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.



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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 or MS Roald Amundsen**  
**Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner**

#### Day 25 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 or MS Roald Amundsen**  
**Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner**

#### Day 26 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 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



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### The Itinerary

#### Itinerary 2 - Machu Picchu Extension

science of glaciology. Every day will bring new discoveries and unforgettable experiences as you explore this awe-inspiring continent.

**Overnight: MS Fridtjof Nansen or MS Roald Amundsen**  
**Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner**

##### Day 27 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 Nordenskjold 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. 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.



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*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 or MS Roald Amundsen**

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

#### Day 28 Antarctica

**Overnight: MS Fridtjof Nansen or MS Roald Amundsen**

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

#### Day 29 Antarctica

**Overnight: MS Fridtjof Nansen or MS Roald Amundsen**

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

#### Day 30 Antarctica

**Overnight: MS Fridtjof Nansen or MS Roald Amundsen**

#### Day 31 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 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 or MS Roald Amundsen**

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

#### Day 32 Drake Passage

**Overnight: MS Fridtjof Nansen or MS Roald Amundsen**

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



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### The Itinerary

#### Itinerary 2 - Machu Picchu Extension

##### Day 33 Disembark Cruise in Ushuaia, Argentina - Fly to 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 Buenos Aires or similar, Buenos Aires**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

##### Day 34 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 35 In-flight

**Meals included: In-Flight**

##### Day 36 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

- Experience the best of Antarctica\*, Brazil and Argentina
  - Cruise aboard a modern, state-of-the-art expedition vessel
  - Discover Rio de Janeiro's iconic landmarks with time at leisure
  - Admire the majestic Christ the Redeemer statue in Rio de Janeiro
  - Travel along Brazil's Costa Verde, lined with jungle-clad mountains
  - Immerse yourself in the history of Paraty's colonial, coastal town
  - Anchor at three locations on a schooner cruise through Paraty's islands
  - Witness awe-inspiring Iguazu Falls, the world's largest waterfall system
  - Explore the stunning flora and fauna of Iguazu National Park
  - Take a guided tour through Buenos Aires to uncover its hidden gems
  - Visit Buenos Aires' colourful San Telmo and La Boca districts
  - Enjoy a 3-course dinner and tango show in Buenos Aires
  - Cross the legendary Drake Passage where the Atlantic meets the Pacific Ocean
  - Set foot on the Great White Continent with guided Zodiac landings
  - Deepen your knowledge with lectures from the onboard Expedition Team
  - Search for extraordinary wildlife including whales, playful orcas and seals
  - Look out for soaring Antarctic seabirds, penguin colonies and more
- \*Medical clearance is required prior to boarding for all expeditions

#### FLIGHTS

- Return international full-service flights (economy class), surcharges may apply
- All internal (international and domestic) flights (economy class) within South America

#### 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



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### Tour Inclusions

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

Expedition photographers are on hand to assist you

#### ACCOMMODATION

14 nights of accommodation

#### DINING

Enjoy 39 meals, including all while cruising

#### ESSENTIALS

Airline and cruises taxes and surcharges included

English-speaking tour guides

Return PeruRail Expedition Train tickets

#### TRANSPORT

Transportation by air-conditioned private vehicles

#### TRANSFERS

All airport and cruise port transfers included

#### ITINERARY 2: MACHU PICCHU EXTENSION

All of the above, plus the following:

##### Highlights:

Immerse yourself in historic Lima with a captivating city tour

Explore Huaca Pucllana and the UNESCO-listed iconic Plaza Mayor de Lima

Witness the awe-inspiring majesty of the Andes Mountains

Discover ancient ruins, vibrant markets and breathtaking landscapes in the Sacred Valley

Behold the mystical allure of Machu Picchu

Relax in Aguas Calientes, nestled amidst soothing hot springs

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

Marvel at architectural wonders like the Temple of the Sun and Sacsayhuamán

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

##### Flights

International (economy class) flight to Lima, Peru and return domestic (economy class) flights between Lima and Cusco

International (economy class) flight from Lima, Peru to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

##### Accommodation

9 additional nights of 4-star accommodation

##### Dining

10 additional meals included



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### Tour Inclusions

#### Essentials

Museum and archaeological site entrances as per itinerary

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Round-trip train tickets to Aguas Calientes aboard the Expedition Train

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Round-trip bus ticket from Aguas Calientes to Machu Picchu

#### Transfers

All airport and cruise port transfers are included, except on Days 9 & 10 when airport hotel accommodation is provided

# 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 15 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 select number of solo

cabins are available for these departures. Please see the cart for pricing details and availability.

### Child Policy

- No child discounts are offered. 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, \*Auckland

### Departure City Surcharges

Melbourne: \$200 per person  
Brisbane, Adelaide, Auckland: \$700 per person  
Perth: \$800 per person

### International Flight(s)

Full-service airline(s)

- Cabin Class: Economy Class

*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 South America Flight(s) Used

- Cabin Class: Economy Class
- Route:

### Itinerary 1

Sao Paulo, Brazil - Foz do Iguazu, Brazil  
Puerto Iguazú, Argentina - Buenos Aires, Argentina  
Buenos Aires, Argentina - Ushuaia, Argentina (return flight)

### Itinerary 2

Lima, Peru - Cusco, Peru (return flight)  
Lima, Peru - Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
Sao Paulo, Brazil - Foz do Iguazu, Brazil  
Puerto Iguazú, Argentina - Buenos Aires, Argentina

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Buenos Aires , Argentina - Ushuaia, Argentina (return flight)

## Internal Flights Baggage Information\*

Baggage allowance per passenger:

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

### \*Aerolineas Argentinas

Baggage allowance per passenger:

- 1 x 15kg of checked baggage
- 1 x 7kg of carry-on baggage

\*Please note: Aerolineas Argentinas will be operating the domestic flight from Iguazu Falls to Buenos Aires and have a checked luggage limit of 15 kilograms per person. Unfortunately, TripADeal is unable to increase this amount during the booking process. Any baggage in addition to this will incur fees at the airport, which will be the responsibility of the traveller at the time of check-in and paid directly to the airline. We recommend all travellers keep this in mind when packing for their holiday, regardless of the limits allowed on your long-haul international sectors.

## Arrive Early and Stay Behind Options

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

### Itinerary 1

#### Arrive Early

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil - From \$300 per person, subject to availability.  
Santiago, Chile - From \$400 per person, subject to availability.

#### Stay Behind

Buenos Aires, Argentina - From \$300 per person, subject to availability.  
Santiago, Chile - From \$400 per person, subject to availability.

### Itinerary 2

#### Arrive Early

Lima, Peru - From \$300 per person, subject to availability.  
Santiago, Chile - From \$400 per person, subject to availability.

## Stay Behind

Buenos Aires, Argentina - From \$300 per person, subject to availability.  
Santiago, Chile - From \$400 per person, subject to availability.

### Please note:

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:

- 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
- 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:

## 2026

Christmas and New Years Eve - 18 December 2026 to 3 January 2027

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## 2027

Christmas and New Years Eve - 20  
December 2027 to 3 January 2028

### **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 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 or MS Roald Amundsen**

Featuring HX Expeditions revolutionary

battery hybrid powered propulsion system, MS Fridtjof Nansen is a near identical twin to her sister ship MS Roald Amundsen. Combining state-of-the-art technology and premium onboard experience with HX Expeditions' 125 years of experience and unparalleled destinations, the Norwegian-built ship introduces the next generation of adventure travel.

### **Departure Dates and Vessel**

Itinerary 1: 28 October 2026 & Itinerary 2: 19 October 2026 (ship departure date from Ushuaia: 10 November 2026) - MS Fridtjof Nansen

Itinerary 1: 7 November 2026 & Itinerary 2: 29 October 2026 (ship departure date from Ushuaia: 20 November 2026) - MS Fridtjof Nansen

Itinerary 1: 26 January 2027 & Itinerary 2: 17 January 2027 (ship departure date from Ushuaia: 8 February 2027) - MS Fridtjof Nansen

Itinerary 1: 15 February 2027 & Itinerary 2: 6 February 2027 (ship departure date from Ushuaia: 28 February 2027) - MS Fridtjof Nansen

### **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 Blueeye 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.*

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- *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.*

## Packing Tips

When preparing for your polar expedition to destinations like Antarctica, it's essential to dress in layers. We recommend packing a warm winter jacket, as well as wind and water-resistant trousers and long thermal underwear, ideally made of wool. Don't forget a warm cap, scarf, and both fleece and wool gloves or mittens. For your inner layers, bring a warm woollen jumper and a fleece jumper or jacket. You'll also need warm socks and comfortable, broken-in walking boots with good soles for both on-deck and ashore excursions. Other essentials include sunglasses with UV filters, extra camera batteries (as cold weather shortens battery life), an adapter for European power outlets, and a swimsuit for the on-deck whirlpools.

## 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)

### Itinerary 1 & 2:

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil: Windsor Plaza Hotel or similar  
Sao Paulo, Brazil: Blue Tree Premium Paulista or similar  
Puerto Iguazú, Argentina: Saint George Iguazu or similar  
Buenos Aires, Argentina: Libertador Hotel Buenos Aires or similar

### Itinerary 2:

Lima, Peru: Jose Antonio Lima Hotel or similar  
Lima, Peru (airport): Costa del Sol Wyndham Lima Airport or similar

Cusco, Peru: Costa del Sol Wyndham Cusco or similar  
Sacred Valley, Peru: San Agustin Monasterio de la Recoleta or similar  
Aguas Calientes, Peru: Hatun Inti Boutique or similar

3-star Properties (Self-Rated)

### Itinerary 1 & 2:

Paraty, Brazil: Porto Imperial Pousada 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.

*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).

## Optional Tours/activities

### Itinerary 1 & 2:

- The Argentine Experience - \$185 per person

### Itinerary 2

- Express Inca Trail Trek - \$740 per person (non-refundable, non-transferable)
- Maras & Moray - \$88 per person

- Rainbow Mountain Trek - \$185 per person
- Andean Cooking Class - \$165 per person
- Folklore Dinner & Show - \$50 per person

### 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

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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 Expeditions 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)
- 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

#### Rio de Janeiro, Paraty & Sao Paulo, Brazil

In Rio de Janeiro, average temperatures in December range from 23°C to 30°C with high humidity. January is typically the hottest month, with temperatures climbing between 24°C and 31°C. Expect long days of sunshine, averaging 13 hours of daylight, with occasional afternoon showers providing relief from the heat. In Paraty, December brings warm and humid conditions, with average temperatures between 22°C and 30°C. January remains hot, with similar temperatures ranging from 23°C to 31°C. Rain is more frequent here, especially in the afternoons, though mornings often begin with clear skies and sunshine. In São Paulo, December temperatures range from 19°C to 27°C, with warm days and slightly cooler evenings. January sees averages between 20°C and 28°C. While humidity remains high, rainfall is more common during these months, often in the form of short, heavy showers, interspersed with periods of bright sunshine.

#### 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 of clear and sunny skies during these months and mid to high humidity.

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## 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 - 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 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.

## Itinerary 2:

### **Lima, Peru**

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

### **Cusco, Peru**

Cusco, located in the Andes Mountains of Peru, has a highland climate with distinct dry and wet seasons. The city's elevation, approximately 3,400 metres above sea level, contributes to its cooler temperatures.

### Dry Season (May to October)

This period is considered winter in Cusco and is characterised by dry and sunny weather. Days are generally clear, and temperatures can range from around 10°C to 20°C. However, nights can be quite chilly, with temperatures dropping to around 0°C.

### Wet Season (November to April)

Cusco's wet season coincides with the summer months. During this time, there is a higher chance of rainfall, and the weather can be more unpredictable. Daytime temperatures are still mild, ranging from 12°C to 18°C, but nights are relatively milder compared to the dry season.

It's important to note that due to its high altitude, Cusco's weather can vary significantly throughout the day. Visitors are advised to bring layers, including warm clothing for cooler evenings and mornings, as well as sun protection for the strong mountain sun during the day.

## 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

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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. 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.

*Please note: It is expected that every traveller must be self-reliant and able to undertake all aspects of their own travel. Please speak to your booking agent about your personal circumstances and any assistance requirements to ensure this tour is right for you.*

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

### Express Inca Trail Trek & Rainbow Mountain Trek Optional Activities:

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.*

### 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:

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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

### Brazil

If you are travelling to Brazil, a visa is required for Australian passport holders entering Brazil. Persons travelling to Brazil will require a Visit Visa to enter the country. Entry and exit conditions may

change without warning. Follow the advice of border and health authorities and comply with local regulations. More information can be found here and for those arriving in Brazil by air, sea, or land, the online visa application form is accessible here.

### 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 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.*

#### 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.*

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- *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 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/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.