



COACH TOUR - BEST OF SOUTH AMERICA - 11N/12D



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Best of South America:
12days Tour (Trafalgar)

Three wonderful cities on a laid-back holiday: Rio de Janeiro, Buenos Aires and Santiago come together with the mighty Iguassu Falls, on this relaxed exploration into South America.

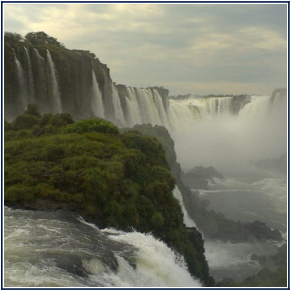
You'll enjoy Insider moments like...being charmed by a vibrant young Buenos Aires family as they wine, dine and entertain you in their home. Lina lets you in on the secret of her delicious bread and Gaspar shows how tango should be danced.



Day 1 : ARRIVE RIO DE JANEIRO (4 NIGHTS)

Bemvindo ao Rio de Janeiro. On arrival at the airport, you will be met by a local host and taken to your lovely oceanfront hotel (check-in time 3 p.m.). Relax, get settled and enjoy your hotel's superb location overlooking Copacabana Beach.

Hotel :Windsor Atlantica



Day 2 : RIO DE JANEIRO SIGHTSEEING

Enjoy a leisurely morning before joining your Travel Director for an exploration of the cidade maravilhosa (marvellous city) and its many contrasts, from the 18th century aqueduct and colonial Candelaria Church to the 20th century opera house, Sambodromo, and city cathedral. Ascend Sugarloaf Mountain via cable car for astounding bay and city views followed by a festive Welcome Reception with your Travel Director and fellow travellers.

Meal(s)

Full Breakfast

Welcome Reception



Day 3 : RIO DE JANEIRO SIGHTSEEING AT LEISURE

Journey by cogwheel train to the summit of majestic Corcovado, site of the iconic Christ the Redeemer statue, one of the Seven Wonders of the World. Back down the mountain, see the song-inspiring Copacabana and Ipanema beaches. The rest of the day is at leisure. This evening, learn to mix the national cocktail, the caipirinha, with a Local Specialist and indulge in a traditional Regional Meal barbecue at a local churrascaria.

Meal(s)

Full Breakfast

Regional Meal



Day 4 : RIO DE JANEIRO AT LEISURE

Enjoy a full day to explore the wonders of Rio on your own. Optional activities include a tour into the nearby favelas, a sailboat cruise and a helicopter flight over Copacabana Beach.

Meal(s)

Full Breakfast



Day 5 : RIO DE JANEIRO - IGUASSU FALLS (2 NIGHTS)

Relax and enjoy a free morning for independent activities. This afternoon, visit a Samba school, with a Local Specialist, to see how the school operates and prepares for Carnival week. See Carnival props and should you desire, join a Samba dance lesson. Afterward, head to the airport for the short flight to Iguassu Falls. These 275 separate falls cover nearly two miles along the Iguassu River. This evening, enjoy a convivial dinner with your companions at the hotel.

Meal(s)

Full Breakfast

Dinner

Hotel : Wish Resort Foz do Iguassu

Day 6 : IGUASSU FALLS SIGHTSEEING AND AT LEISURE

Enter Iguassu National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and meet your Local Specialist to explore the Brazilian side of Iguassu, including a scenic walk through the rainforest to the base of the falls. After lunch at a restaurant overlooking the falls, return to your hotel for a leisurely afternoon at your resort. You may wish to join an optional activity such as a jetboat ride to the base of the falls or a helicopter flightseeing tour.

Meal(s)

Full Breakfast

Lunch

Day 7 : IGUASSU FALLS - BUENOS AIRES (3 NIGHTS)

Cross the border into Argentina and board the open-air ecological jungle train for a different perspective of the cascades and walk along a scenic catwalk to see the thunderous Devil's Throat Falls. Then fly to Buenos Aires, a city renowned for its boutiques, fine dining and museums.

Meal(s)

Full Breakfast

Hotel : InterContinental Buenos Aires

Day 8 : BUENOS AIRES SIGHTSEEING AND AT LEISURE

Embark on an in-depth tour with a Local Specialist to see the Casa Rosada, Metropolitan Cathedral and other government buildings; the colourful neighbourhood of La Boca; San Telmo and lovely Palermo. See the Teatro Colon, a landmark in Buenos Aires and a Cultural Insight. Take a tour of the Opera House, including the main function rooms and the main stage. Lastly, visit the Recoleta Cemetery where Argentina's former First Lady, Eva Peron (Evita), is buried. This evening, get ready for a festive Regional Meal and a chance to savour renowned Argentinian beef followed by a sensual tango dance performance.

Meal(s)

Full Breakfast

Regional Meal

Day 9 : BUENOS AIRES AT LEISURE

A full day at leisure—explore on your own or perhaps take an optional trip to a traditional estancia (ranch) and learn about the life of a gaucho (cowboy) while enjoying a barbecue lunch and equestrian show. This evening, enjoy an exclusive Be My Guest experience in Palermo Soho. You will be welcomed by a local family and long-time residents of this now-trendy neighbourhood. Be delighted, as they wine and dine you with homemade family recipes in the kitchen. Discover the secrets of kneading country bread. Watch as they demonstrate the art of typical Argentinian crafts. Spending time with this lively family will be a memory you won't soon forget.

Meal(s)

Full Breakfast

Be My Guest Dining

Day 10 : BUENOS AIRES - SANTIAGO (2 NIGHTS)

Bid “Adios” to Buenos Aires and say “Hola” to Santiago as you fly west across the Andes to the Chilean capital. Meet your Local Specialist and embark on a tour of this vibrant city, traveling past Club Hipico, the regal racetrack, and sprawling Parque O'Higgins. Drive along Alameda Avenue past the University of Chile on your way to the dynamic Plaza de Armas with its fountains and sculptures. Head up San Cristobal Hill for panoramic views of the city and the snowcapped Andes. later, settle into your hotel, situated in the heart of one of Santiago's most beautiful neighborhoods, and a prime location close to charming boutiques, bars and restaurants. This evening is at leisure.

Meal(s)

Full Breakfast

Hotel : InterContinental Santiago

Day 11 : SANTIAGO SIGHTSEEING AND AT LEISURE

Today, set out on a tour of Valparaiso city, formerly a major stopover for ships travelling between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. Enjoy a tour of Casas del Bosque winery followed by a savoury lunch. This evening, gather with your travel companions for a festive Farewell Dinner.

Meal(s)

Full Breakfast

Farewell Dinner

Day 12 : DEPART SANTIAGO

Say hasta luego to Chile and transfer to the airport for your onward travel arrangements. Choose to extend your stay at the InterContinental Santiago or with an exciting optional extension to the Brazilian Amazon or Easter Island if you wish.

Meal(s)

Full Breakfast

INCLUSIONS:

Sightseeing Highlights:

City tour of Rio de Janeiro, Buenos Aires and Santiago
Visit the Christ the Redeemer statue, Sugarloaf, Corcovado and Iguassu Falls

See the Church of San Francisco

Dining

11 full breakfasts.

1 lunch.

5 dinners

(including Be My Guest).

Travel Highlights:

Luxury air-conditioned coach with WiFi in most countries or alternative transportation (such as rail journeys)

Hand-picked 4 and 5 star accommodation

Hand-picked Insider Experiences

Optional Experiences and free time

All portorage and restaurant gratuities

Must-see sightseeing and surprise extras

An expert Travel Director and separate Driver

All hotel tips, charges and local taxes

Airport transfers on the first and last day of your guided holiday

VIP entry to many sights

Audio Headsets for flexible sightseeing

12 nights First Class accommodation

A Trafalgar bonus - all Intra-Air Flights: Rio de Janeiro to Iguassu, Iguassu to Buenos Aires and Buenos Aires to Santiago, including porter service at all airports

A Trafalgar bonus - guaranteed late hotel check-out until 6 p.m. in Santiago on Day 13

Airport Transfers