



COACH TOUR - SOUTH AMERICA REVEALED - 15N/16D



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South America Revealed:
16^days Tour (Trafalgar)

Brazil. Peru. Argentina. Three of South America's most popular, diverse and colourful countries are revealed on this journey into their capitals, cultures and communities.

You'll enjoy Insider moments like... meeting an expert in all things Buenos Aires. Together, you'll explore the capital as you discover the history and secret stories behind the iconic buildings you see, in the iconic home of tango.



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 luxurious oceanfront hotel. Relax, get settled and enjoy your hotel's superb location overlooking Copacabana Beach.

Hotel : Windsor Atlantica



Day 2 : RIO DE JANEIRO SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

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 AND FREE TIME

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 from a Local Specialist how to mix the perfect caipirinha, Brazil's national cocktail, made with cachaça, and indulge in a traditional Brazilian barbecue Regional Meal at a local churrascaria.

Meal(s)

Full Breakfast

Regional Meal



Day 4 : RIO DE JANEIRO FREE TIME

Enjoy a full day to discover the wonders of Rio on your own. Choose to embark on an optional half-day journey by jeep into the lush Tijuca National Park—the world's largest urban rainforest. Perhaps tour one of Rio's favelas or take a sailboat cruise. Your Travel Director will be happy to help you plan your day.

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, where a Local Specialist will show 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 Golf Foz do Iguassu

Day 6 : IGUASSU FALLS SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

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 cascades. 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, helicopter flight or a visit to a tropical bird reserve.

Meal(s)

Full Breakfast

Lunch

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

Cross the border into Argentina to see the falls from a different perspective. Stop at the Visitors Centre to learn about the geography of the area. Then board the open-air ecological jungle train to view the mighty cascades and take a guided walk along a scenic catwalk to see the thunderous Devil's Throat Falls. Afterward, fly to Buenos Aires, Argentina's exciting capital, renowned for its designer boutiques, fine restaurants, museums and theatres.

Meal(s)

Full Breakfast

Hotel : InterContinental Buenos Aires

Day 8 : BUENOS AIRES SIGHTSEEING

With a Local Specialist, embark on a guided tour of the passionate city where the tango was born. See the Casa Rosada, Metropolitan Cathedral and other government buildings; colourful La Boca; San Telmo and lovely Palermo. See the world-renowned Teatro Colon, a landmark in Buenos Aires and a Cultural Insight. Take a tour of the opera house, including the main function rooms and main stage. Lastly, visit the elegant Recoleta Cemetery where Eva Peron (Evita) is buried. This evening, linger over a Regional Meal and a chance for a taste of world-renowned Argentinian beef. Cap off the evening by watching the best tango dancers in Buenos Aires perform and experience the passion and power of Argentina's traditional tango music.

Meal(s)

Full Breakfast

Regional Meal

Day 9 : BUENOS AIRES FREE TIME

Relish a morning and afternoon to pursue your own interests in the "Paris of South America." The possibilities are endless. Visit one of the country's finest museums at the Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes or take an optional trip to the UNESCO World Heritage city of Colonia del Sacramento across the Rio de la Plata in Uruguay. And if you'd like to experience a different side of Argentina, take an optional trip out into the countryside to spend the day at a traditional estancia (ranch), including a lively equestrian show and traditional parrillada (barbecue) lunch. Later, join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for 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. Discover the secrets of kneading country bread and watch as your hosts demonstrate the art of making typical Argentinian crafts. Spending time with this lively family will create a long-lasting memory.

Meal(s)

Full Breakfast

Be My Guest Dining

Day 10 : BUENOS AIRES - LIMA

Bid "Adios" to Buenos Aires and "Hola" to Lima as you fly to Peru. On arrival late this morning, transfer to the hotel where your room is immediately available. Spend the afternoon exploring Peru's capital with a Local Specialist. Visit Lima's colonial sights, including the Plaza de Armas with its impressive cathedral and the stately government palace.

Meal(s)

Continental Breakfast

Lunch

Hotel : Novotel Lima

Day 11 : LIMA - CUSCO - SACRED VALLEY

This morning, fly to Cusco and head for the Sacred Valley of the Incas. Stop at Awanakancha and gain a Cultural Insight, where you can see and interact with llamas, alpacas and vicuñas. Enjoy a box picnic lunch before visiting the vibrant market of Pisac, where the local Quechua people gather to sell their produce and handicrafts. Later this afternoon, arrive at your lovely hotel, a former 18th century monastery, in the heart of the Urubamba Valley. Gain a Cultural Insight about the of traditional Andean textiles as you see weavers at work. Enjoy dinner with your travelling companions at the hotel.

Meal(s)

Continental Breakfast

Lunch

Dinner

Hotel : Sonesta Posadas del Inca Yucay

Day 12 : SACRED VALLEY - MACHU PICCHU

After breakfast, head to Ollantaytambo to visit this famous Inca hilltop fortress built from immense blocks of stone. Then board the Vistadome train (light snack included) and view incredible scenery through panoramic windows as you follow the Rio Vilcanota to the town of Aguas Caliente. Upon arrival, transfer to the entrance gate and begin your exploration of one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. Your guide leads you through the ruins of this once-great fortress, built in the 15th century and abandoned nearly 100 years later with the arrival of the Spanish conquistadors. See the highlights of this UNESCO World Heritage Site, including the great Temple of the Sun, the House of the Priest, the Sacred Plaza and the Intihuatana, an intricately carved rock most likely used as a sundial or calendar by the Incas. This evening, share your stories with your travelling companions over dinner at the hotel.

Meal(s)

Full Breakfast

Dinner

Hotel : El Mapi by Inkaterra

Day 13 : MACHU PICCHU - CUSCO (2 NIGHTS)

Return to Machu Picchu to continue discovering on your own. If you're feeling adventurous, hike up to the Gate of the Sun for stunning views over the fortress and the valley below. Or view the incredible stonework and amazing feats of engineering required to transport the huge blocks of stone to the top of this isolated mountain. In the early afternoon, descend from your mountaintop aerie and board the train to the Sacred Valley. Then, head toward the great colonial city of Cusco via motorcoach. On the way, stop at a local chicheria for a sample of chicha, a Cultural Insight, and learn how this Peruvian corn beer is made by local women.

Meal(s)

Full Breakfast

Hotel : Novotel Cusco

Day 14 : CUSCO SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

Take a morning tour of Cusco, the capital of the Incas during their reign. See the highlights of the city including the incredible baroque cathedral on the main Plaza de Armas. Visit the 17th century Church of Santo Domingo, which was built atop the foundations of the Inca Temple of the Sun often referred to as Korikancha. Just outside of town, explore the impressive ruins of the fortress of Sacsayhuaman, perched on a hill overlooking Cusco. This evening, celebrate your travels through Latin America at a festive Regional Meal of delicious Cusquenian dishes served at a popular local restaurant with a demonstration of ancestral dances.

Meal(s)

Full Breakfast

Regional Meal

Day 15 : CUSCO - LIMA

Fly back to Lima late this morning and enjoy an afternoon at leisure. Later meet a Local Specialist from the Larco Museum, which houses the largest private collection of pre-Columbian art, and learn about the evolution and cultures of ancient Peruvian societies. Then gather with your travelling companions for a Farewell Dinner in the museum's garden restaurant.

Meal(s)

Full Breakfast

Farewell Dinner

Hotel : Novotel Lima

Day 16 : DEPART LIMA

Say hasta luego to Lima and transfer to the airport for your flight home or extend your stay in Lima.

Meal(s)

Continental Breakfast

Full Breakfast

INCLUSIONS:

Sightseeing Highlights:

- City tours of Rio de Janeiro, Buenos Aires, Lima and Cusco.
- Visit Sugarloaf, the Christ the Redeemer statue, Iguassu Falls, the Teatro Colon, Awanakancha, Pisac, Ollantaytambo ruins, Machu Picchu, Sacsayhuaman and the Larco Museum.
- Scenic drive through the Sacred Valley.
- Iconic train journey between the Sacred Valley and Aguas Calientes aboard the Vistadome train.

Dining

15 breakfasts.

3 lunches.

8 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
 - 15 nights First Class accommodation
 - A Trafalgar bonus - all Intra-Air Flights: Rio de Janeiro to Iguassu, Iguassu to Buenos Aires, Buenos Aires to Lima, Lima to Cusco and Cusco to Lima, including porter service at all airports
- Airport Transfers