

# 21D18N ULTIMATE SOUTH AMERICA

Discover some of South America's greatest cities, Rio de Janeiro and Buenos Aires, at a leisurely pace, then finish it off with a visit to the continent's top destination: Peru. You'll have plenty of free time in each city to explore and experience the varied restaurants, shops, and optional excursions. In Rio, view the iconic Christ the Redeemer statue on Corcovado Mountain; sip caipirinhas, a popular Brazilian cocktail; catch a Samba show; and enjoy famous Copacabana Beach for endless people watching! While in Buenos Aires, you'll have the opportunity to visit the Cemetery of the Recoleta, where Eva Peron is buried, and learn how at the age of 33 she was declared the "Spiritual Leader of the Nation." You'll learn more about her life on your sightseeing tour in Buenos Aires. And no visit to Buenos Aires would be complete without a Tango show, the world's most sensuous dance, in a city where romance permeates the air.

A major highlight on this journey is a visit to Iguassu Falls in between your two city stays. It truly is one of the most spectacular sights on Earth. See the impressive falls from both the Brazilian and Argentine sides. Brazil's view takes you through clouds of mist and the opportunity to see these 275 falls, spanning nearly two miles! Argentina's side allows you to walk along the boardwalk network and embark on a jungle train through the forest for unforgettable views. Hear the deafening roar and admire the brilliant rainbows created by the clouds of spray, and take in the majesty of this wonder of the world.

Finish your vacation by heading north to Peru, where a city stay in Lima reveals the colonial heritage of Peruvians, then venture to Machu Picchu and the Sacred Valley, two of the most stunning and mystical places on Earth. Glimpse the ancient history and culture, and enjoy the unique opportunity to stay overnight in both the Sacred Valley and Machu Picchu, where you'll have guided sightseeing of all the major Inca ruins, the chance to visit a local Inca home, and traditional Indian market. From the charming city of Cusco, where you'll have a full day to explore the city and the Temple of Sacsayhuaman, you'll head to fascinating Lake Titicaca, a lake of floating islands, maintained over centuries by the local

Indians who build their islands and homes from the continuously sinking reeds.

This experience of South America's greatest cities, the wonder of Iguassu Falls, and visit to Machu Picchu and Lake Titicaca is provided to the fullest on this extraordinary tour that will generate stories you can tell for years to come.

NOTE: Price includes internal air and taxes - International air ticket numbers must be provided upon booking.

### SIGHTSEEING

In Rio de Janeiro, Iguassu Falls, Buenos Aires, Lima, Sacred Valley, Machu Picchu, Cusco, and Lake Titicaca.

# SCENIC HIGHLIGHTS

Corcovado, Brazilian & Argentine sides of Iguassu Falls, Recoleta Cemetery, La Boca, Tango Show, Sacred Valley, Machu Picchu, and Lake Titicaca.

# **GUIDES**

Local Guides for sightseeing in Rio, Iguassu Falls, Buenos Aires, Lima, Sacred Valley, Machu Picchu, Cusco, and Lake Titicaca; services of a professional Tour Director.

### **TRANSPORTATION**

Private, deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach while touring.

### **HOTELS**

Twin-bedded rooms with private bath or shower, hotel taxes, service charges and tips for baggage handling.

**Entrance Fee :** INSIDE VISITS as shown in **UPPERCASE** in the tour description, including admission charges where applicable.

### OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

Personalise your tour ahead of time with additional optional Tour excursions.

Meals: 18 Breakfast, 01 Lunch and 07 Dinner

### **TOUR MAP**



# DAY 1: RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL

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Welcome to spectacular Rio de Janeiro, host of the 2016 Summer Olympics! After arrival, settle into your hotel and meet your Tour Director, who will have pointers for your free time exploration.

# **DAY 2: RIO DE JANEIRO**

(B)

Guided sightseeing begins with a drive along Rio's famed Leblon, Ipanema, and Copacabana Beaches. Take the cog railway 2,300 feet (701 metres) up to the summit of CORCOVADO to view the Christ the Redeemer statue and enjoy 360-degree views of Guanabara Bay and the bustling city below. Your afternoon is free to explore. Perhaps join an optional excursion to a favela for a glimpse into the life of these colourful communities that nearly 25% of the people call home.

# **DAY 3: RIO DE JANEIRO**

(B)

A free day in Rio allows you to relax on one of the beaches or take an optional excursion to the historic city of Petropolis.

# DAY 4: RIO DE JANEIRO-IGUASSU FALLS

(B/D)

Fly to Iguassu Falls, one of the greatest natural wonders of the world. Journey to the Brazilian side of the FALLS to see the 275 waterfalls cascading over a precipice almost two miles (3.2 kilometres) wide and 250 feet (76 metres) deep. Walk into Devil's Throat Canyon, where clouds of mist, a thundering roar, and 180-degree rainbows surround you- an unforgettable experience!

### **DAY 5: IGUASSU FALLS**

(**B**)

Cross the border for a visit of the Argentine side of the FALLS. Begin with a short ride on the open-air ECOLOGICAL JUNGLE TRAIN through the surrounding rainforest. A series of boardwalks takes you above the falls for a look over the edge to see the water crashing down below into the Devil's Throat. This afternoon you may opt to visit the Bird Park, home to many species of indigenous birds as well as flora from the area.

# DAY 6: IGUASSU FALLS-BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA (B)

Fly to Buenos Aires, Argentina's cosmopolitan capital. After settling into your hotel, an orientation tour familiarises you with the "Paris of South America" and its wide boulevards, outdoor cafes, and charming shops.

## **DAY 7: BUENOS AIRES**

(B/D)

Morning sightseeing with a Local Guide focuses on the city's well-known landmarks, including the Colon Opera House and Plaza de Mayo, site of La Casa Rosada (the President's Pink House) and Metropolitan Cathedral. Also visit La Boca and San Telmo, one of Buenos Aires' oldest neighbourhoods, and RECOLETA CEMETERY, where Eva Peron is buried. End your day with an Argentinean meal, followed by a sensuous TANGO SHOW highlighting this alluring dance so popular here.

### **DAY 8: BUENOS AIRES**

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Today is free for independent activities, or you can take an optional excursion to visit a local estancia (ranch) to experience the life of the gauchos (cowboys) on a traditional Argentine ranch complete with a barbecue lunch.

# DAY 9: BUENOS AIRES-LIMA, PERU

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Board a flight for Lima, Peru. Heralded as the "City of Kings" by Spanish conquistadors, Lima still carries vestiges of its opulent past with its colonial buildings and world-class museums.

DAY 10: LIMA (B/D)

Sightseeing today focuses on Lima's colonial heritage. Founded in 1535, Lima was once the capital of Spain's South American Empire. Visit the baroque 11th-century SAN FRANCISCO MONASTERY, with Spanish and Moorish architecture throughout. Continue to Plaza Mayor, where you will see the Government Palace that houses the presidential palace and was once the home of Francisco Pizarro, founder of Lima and conqueror of Peru. Nearby, see the cathedral where Pizarro's remains are buried. The remainder of your day is free to explore on your own. Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant this evening.

## DAY 11: LIMA-CUSCO-SACRED VALLEY

(B/D)

Fly to Cusco high in the Andes and upon arrival, descend into the Sacred Valley of the Incas. Stop at AWANAKANCHA and learn about the importance of camelids (Ilama, vicuna, alpaca, and guanaco) for Inca cultures. See them up close and learn how their coats are transformed into precious weaving fibres that are then used in ancient weaving techniques still in use today. Continue to PISAC, a charming village with an infamous INDIAN MARKET, where you have plenty of time to browse the many colourful stalls selling handicrafts ranging from alpaca sweaters and blankets to painted vases and sterling silver. Later, arrive at your hotel, nestled in the peaceful Sacred Valley.

## **DAY 12: SACRED VALLEY**

(B)

Start the day with a visit to OLLANTAYTAMBO and the Inca ruins of the same name. Explore the archaeological site that was the scene of the Inca resistance during the Spanish conquest-the only place ever to resist Spanish attacks. You will see how the temple area at the top of the terraces was the perfect defensive stronghold. Next, visit a LOCAL HOME to experience life in this traditional village, which has been remarkably well preserved. Then, visit the SEMINARIO CERAMICS WORKSHOP to learn about Peruvian ancient and modern art. End your day at a local chicheria for a taste of a typical lnca drink in Peru called chicha.

# DAY 13: SCARED VALLEY-MACHU PICCHU

(B/D)

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### DAY 14: MACHU PICCHU-CUSCO

(B)

Enjoy some free time this morning to explore the mountain town of Aguas Calientes; perhaps visit the local market, quaint boutiques, or take a walk along nearby trails. Later this afternoon, return to Cusco, former capital of the Inca Empire.

DAY 15: CUSCO (B/D)

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### DAY 16: CUSCO-JULIACA-PUNO

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En route to Juliaca, stop at the pre-Incan burial grounds of SILLUSTANI. See the above-ground tombs, chullpas, in which the Aymara Indians buried their high priests. You will be welcomed into one of the locals' HOMES for an inside look at life here. Fly to Lima and transfer to your hotel.

## DAY 19: LIMA – FLIGHT HOME DEPARTURE

(**B**)

Your holiday ends after breakfast this morning. Transfer to airport included.

DAY 20: Flight enroute to Asia

### DAY 21 ARRIVAL KLIA

## PACKAGE INCLUSIONS

- Return airport transfer
- Return economy class international + inter-states flights in South America as per our itinerary
- Meals as per itinerary
- Sightseeing as per itinerary

# **PACKAGE EXCLUSIONS**

- x High season surcharge, Public Holiday, Festival Season [if applicable]
- x All personal expenses
- x Travel insurance



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Free Wi-Fi (where available)

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### **HighLights**

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**Buenos Aires** 

San Francisco Monastery, Lima

Machu Picchu

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