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&
Brazil In-Depth*



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Welcome to Veloso Tours, we love Latin America

Our main ethos is to provide authentic experiences, for an in-depth perspective of Latin America, enhancing your visit by focusing on your own particular interests, and sharing an understanding of local life, environment, people and culture.

A visit to Latin America offers an insight into a fascinating world, lifestyle, landscapes and ancient civilisations that left behind impressive archaeological sites and pyramids. Since 1999, we have been organising superb holidays, where our expert guides and travel professionals provide reliable travel arrangements that support and enrich your personal experience.

This brochure offers an extensive range of tour itineraries for you to consider. We would like to share our passion for life in Latin America, as we have been doing since 1999, and will be pleased to hear from you to fulfill your own personal travel plans.

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Choices & Interests

With so much choice it can be difficult to decide which attractions to include within limited holiday time.

Our experience has shown that the starting point in choosing your holiday should be your own individual interests so that you can incorporate the main priorities into your itinerary.

The next step would be to consider the itineraries featured in our brochure and once you have found one that you like, you can book it exactly as shown. We also feature a range of unique destinations to incorporate in your bespoke tour itinerary

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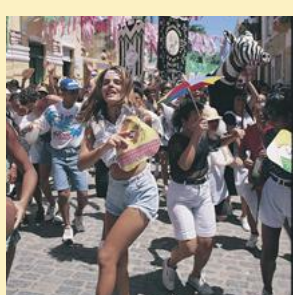
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LATIN AMERICA

Discover Unparalleled Beauty, Landscapes, Wildlife, Culture, Lifestyle & History



Colonial Heritage

The Spanish and Portuguese colonial legacy can best be seen today in the magnificent architecture, churches, museums and haciendas to be visited throughout Latin America, from charming Sucre in Bolivia, to the 'White City' of Arequipa in Peru, the brightly coloured façades of Salvador da Bahia in Brazil and the delightful, airy Mexican patios.

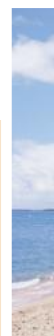
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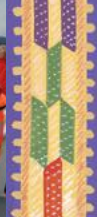
The Inca, Maya and Aztecs civilisations flourished in Latin America leaving behind impressive monuments for us to admire, the 'Lost City' of Machu Picchu, in Peru and magnificent pyramids at Chichén Itzá, Uxmal, Palenque in Mexico and many other archaeological sites to testify to the splendour of their cities and achievements.

Relax & Unwind

Latin America boasts excellent coastlines, white sandy beaches and turquoise waters where one can relax in the shade of swaying palms. We have selected hotels with quality services and excellent facilities conducive to rest. Some are in remote locations and others are closer to main resorts, geared towards lively nightlife.

We also offer clients the opportunity to relax in colonial splendour at country estates with excellent modern facilities and comfort. Many of these estates offer activities such as horse riding, walking, trekking, golf and swimming, for guests who wish to combine winding down with the pursuit of pleasant pastimes.





Excellent Cuisine & Stylish Restaurants

Dining in restaurants with beautiful surroundings can be one of the most enjoyable moments of your holiday. A visit to Latin America provides an opportunity to enjoy new exotic foods and recipes, although western dishes are also available. Local specialties include: Amazon fish dishes, Argentinian meat grilled on log fires, authentic Mexican cuisine and a wonderful array of tropical fruits. There are many fruit juices and cocktails to savour as well as some excellent wines which have now won worldwide acclaim.

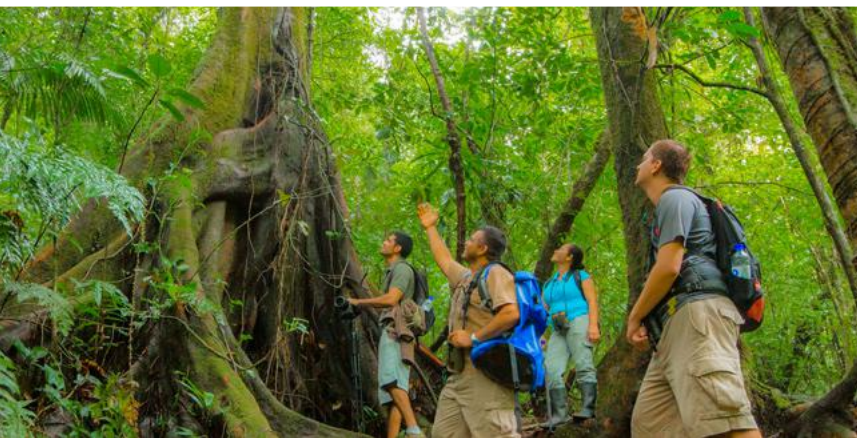


Markets, Festivals, Music & Dance

Explore the colourful bustling indigenous markets where local people come to trade and barter their fine handcrafted wares and farm produce.

Local festivals and religious celebrations provide a unique insight into the way of life, culture and beliefs of local people. The most well know are the Easter Processions at Antigua in Guatemala, the Rio de Janeiro Carnival and throughout Brazil and Inti Raymi Festival in Cusco.

In the music and dance we can find wonderful expressions of emotions, enthusiasm and joie de vivre. Contrasting rhythms, blends of traditional songs, costumes and dances from the salsa to the tango, the love of music and dance is central to the people of Latin America.



Landscapes

Central and South America covers a geographical area larger than Europe from the hot northern borders of Mexico to the icy waters of Cape Horn. Within this area we can find arid deserts and lush tropical forests, the towering snow capped peaks and emerald lakes of the Andes mountains, glaciers, geysers and hot, palm-fringed beaches.

Natural Wonders & Wildlife

The mighty Amazon is the earth's largest fresh water river flowing through the most ecologically diverse wilderness.

The Belize Barrier Reef, a myriad of atolls, islands and shallow lagoons in a hot tropical environment, is the largest in the western hemisphere.

The Galápagos Islands have an abundance of wildlife with no fear of man, and their unique characteristics led Darwin to his theory of evolution.

The Iguazú Falls within a National Park of tropical birds and forest, provide a magnificent natural spectacle to admire. In Brazil, unique geological formations called have created gigantic rock plateauxs, chapadas or mesas with sheer rock facess and flat tops rising high above the surrounding plains and valleys; excellent for walking in the countryside.

At Península Valdés in Argentina, Galapagos Islands in Ecuador, Antarctica, the Amazon Rainforest, National Parks of Costa Rica and in the Pantanal Wetlands in Brazil, there is abundant wildlife for us to observe at close range.

Conservation & Sustainable Tourism

South and Central America contain some of the world's largest and most pristine areas of protected natural habitats in National Parks and vast expanses of rainforest. The income from sensible tourism on a limited scale contributes towards creating a sustainable economic benefit for local communities, which in turn helps preserve these areas of great natural history, safeguarding them from exploitation and destruction.

Many of the lodges we offer are specially chosen to achieve these objectives and by visiting these lodges you will be making a positive contribution to conservation.





TRAVELLING WITH VELOSO TOURS

We are a specialist tour operator dedicated to providing high quality holidays

Private Individual Tours

We are experts at preparing and creating meticulously planned tour itineraries for couples, solo travellers, families and groups of friends, who wish to enjoy the peace of mind, insights and knowledge provided by expertly guided and managed travel arrangements. All documents are sent by email in a PDF and in a well presented, bound booklet to keep for the future, show your friends and remind you of your holiday.

Bespoke Itineraries

We use our expertise to prepare unique tailor-made itineraries for your holiday, matched with your own interests and preferences to create your Individual Tour.

Expert Consultants with Firsthand Knowledge

Our staff and management have an intimate knowledge of the region, its natural history and cultures, as well as its infrastructure of hotels and transport. We travel regularly to keep up-to-date with new developments and highlight recent discoveries.

Our Superb Local Guides Look After You in Person

We have worked with excellent guides (Shown on pages 12/13) for many years. They love hosting our clients and are passionate about conveying their knowledge and enthusiasm, caring for your needs and personal interests to enhance your experience.

Partnerships within our Organisation

Our network of local partners in Latin America is one of the main strengths of our organisation. The dedication to service, understanding of our requests, resourcefulness, efficiency, quality of staff and expertise, are all major benefits when you travel with us.

Business Management, Knowledge, Experience, Technology and Teamwork

Our experience in travel and leisure goes back to 1982, and we are continuously improving our business methods and organisation systems; we make considerable investments in computer software, product databases and IT systems and the training of all our staff including the company's management, so we can best serve our clients

In-Depth Perspective of Local Life, People & Culture

We provide guided excursions with unique insights into local life according to your own interests and designed to inspire and aid self-enrichment and wellbeing.

Immersive Experiences

Enable you to connect with local life and include special restaurants, hosted meals and local cuisine, skills swap, visit artisans, tree-planting, cycling, horseriding, and special excursions where you can fulfill your interests.

Groups of Friends & Colleagues

We arrange private tours for groups of friends, families or colleagues wishing to travel together. Private group tour itineraries can be identical to the tours featured in the brochure or can be bespoke itineraries and you can have our Guide with your group for extended periods.

Honeymoons and Special Celebrations

At a special time, make a memorable journey. Latin America offers a unique combination of attractions, some more active, others more relaxing, and most of all, providing a memorable setting for the perfect honeymoon or special celebration holiday.

We Listen to Your Requirements

We maintain regular communications with all our clients listening to your interests and requirements in order to best fulfill your needs and enhance your visit. Our Managing Director heads our Customer Relations Department, reading and replying to all correspondence so we can best monitor and improve our level of service.

Financial Protection & Security

Veloso Tours is well capitalised above the level required by the UK Government through the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) and the Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA W1095), and our financial performance is monitored regularly. We will provide you with an ATOL Certificate (ATOL 5153) to guarantee your holiday. Every year the CAA renews our ATOL Licence. In order to maintain our Air Travel Organisers License (ATOL), we have to keep a strong balance sheet, to guarantee the monies paid to us and we publish annual Audited Certified Accounts, available for public inspection at the: UK Companies House, Crown Way, Cardiff, CF4 3UZ, Telephone 01222 380801.

OUR TRAVEL CONSULTANTS AT YOUR SERVICE

WE CONTINUE TO TRAVEL,
EXPLORE, RESEARCH AND
EXPAND OUR KNOWLEDGE

Our specialist consultants are passionate travellers who listen to your requirements, and use their expert knowledge to craft and deliver your perfect travel arrangements. We have all travelled extensively throughout Latin America using our first hand knowledge, our deep understanding of the culture and boundless enthusiasm for “Life in Latin America”. You will find an honest approach to planning an itinerary, advising you of “pros and cons”, suggesting sights and selecting accommodation. This approach ensures you have the best holiday and immersive travel experiences.



“Veloso are exceptional travel specialists...all the arrangements were flawless, the guides superb and knowledgeable, and the places they recommended were all great. It was the perfect holiday!”

- Mr & Mrs D, Veloso Client





“There is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes to put these packages together so seamlessly, so please pass on our thanks to all those who played their part! We enjoyed being treated as VIP's!

- Mr & Mrs B, Veloso Client

OUR LOCAL GUIDES

YOUR HOSTS AND LOCAL EXPERTS
MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE

“The Best holiday ever! Amazing trip in Ecuador and Galapagos, mixed activities, high standard of guides, transport and accommodation including the cruise. All communication and documentation of a similarly high standard throughout. Loved every minute.

- Mr & Mrs B, Veloso Client

*Meet all your local hosts
at veloso.com/guides*

*“Our guides were really helpful
and informative and made a big
difference to the holiday experience.*

- Mr & Mrs Z, Veloso Client





Your Veloso Tours Guides and Tour Leaders play a number of valuable roles in the success of your holiday:

Guide

Take you on excursions, walks and visits to places of interest, provide information, context and show you 'behind the scenes' in each destination.

Local Expert

Our guide will answer your questions about local society, life style, culture and history, and recommend restaurants and additional experiences.

Veloso Tours Representative

Will meet and greet you at the airport to be your host, take you to your hotel, brief you and introduce you to the area. Your guides provide information and insights and are your first point of contact while you are travelling, assist you with any issues that may arise and liaise with our local agents, hotels and airlines.

Companion

Looking after you and the day-to-day in a friendly, helpful and professional manner, and a sense of humour.

Tour Manager & Leader

Behind the scenes we look after all the logistic details of your journey, so you can explore, enjoy and observe. You have a supervisory role to monitor and follow meeting times, services, visits and flights

PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL TOURS

A TRULY UNIQUE AND AUTHENTIC TRAVEL EXPERIENCE

Carefully crafted by our destination specialist using our unparalleled first-hand knowledge and passion for Latin America, China, Indonesia and India.

Select from our pre-designed tours or create your own using our diverse modules, which encompass cultural experiences and adventure activity.

Support provided throughout your journey

Behind the scenes, our team of travel professionals monitors your progress day-by-day, step-by-step to provide all the services listed on your tour itinerary, including transport, accommodation and local guides, entrance tickets and meals where listed. Please refer to the end of this brochure for details of what is included and Facts of Life in Latin America. Should there be any disruption locally, we will provide.

ATOL Financial Security

We hold an Air Travel Organiser
Licenced ATOL 5153, issued by the Civil
Aviation Authority CAA for your
financial protections

Veloso Tours Documentation

Before departure we provide a Travellers Guide to help you prepare for your holiday. You also receive a folder with your E-Tickets, our 24-hour emergency telephone number in the UK, the itinerary with contact details, telephone number and WhatsApp for all the hotels and our local partners, and a list of suggested restaurants of a variety of styles, categories, and cuisine for you to experience.







SPECIAL INTERESTS & CONNECTING WITH THE WORLD

We offer a wide range of holidays to match your requirements. To that effect we curate travel experiences that include the main highlights at each destination, together with a variety of unique activities, visits and cultural encounters:

Expedition Cruises

Family Holidays

Honeymoons

Cosmopolitan Cities

Train Journeys

Beach & Unique Resorts

Local Culture & History

People & Local Lifestyle

Adventures & Trekking

Rainforest Lodges

Wildlife & Birdwatching

Festivals & Carnival

Sabbaticals

Luxury Holidays

Character & Stylish Hotels

Cuisine & Gastronomy



Getting There

Flying Longhaul

We offer all airlines with flights to Central and South America so that you can have a choice of availability in terms of departure airport, connections, stopovers, airfares, aircraft and cabin; and we offer the use of airport lounges. We are experts at providing complex flight arrangements using special airfares for leisure travellers, and we have a 24/7 emergency telephone number to provide support should you have any issue while abroad.

Upgrades to Premium Economy

You can fly in Premium Economy with additional benefits:

- Wider seats with extra legroom and reclining angle
- Dedicated check-in desk
- Use of an airport lounge
- Greater choice of in-flight meals, wines and snacks
- Enhanced in-flight entertainment programme with personal screens

Upgrades to Business Cabin

You may choose Business Cabin seats with a number of additional benefits:

- Fine dining in-flight meals and wines
- Personal DVD players with the widest choice of entertainment
- Seats that convert to flatbeds, more legroom and space between seats



BRAZIL

Discovered in 1500 when Portuguese navigator Pedro Alvares Cabral landed at Porto Seguro, Brazil is larger than the whole of Western Europe. United by a strong sense of national identity and with an innate optimism and sense of fun, Brazilians of Portuguese, African, European and Japanese descent share a love of music, dance and football, and work together to create a dynamic modern country which currently boasts the seventh largest economy in the world.



The Amazon

The vast Amazon basin with the world's largest rainforest covers more than one third of the country. Pristine virgin forest with a dense tree canopy is home to an huge variety and abundance of flora and fauna.

Landscape

The remaining two thirds of Brazil include the green, hilly state of São Paulo, the plains and beaches of the Northeast region, the Pantanal birdwatching sanctuary and the extensive waterfalls of Iguassú set in subtropical forest. The whole coastline is a series of glorious palm-fringed beaches, bays dotted with tropical islands, and secluded coves lined with lush forest.

Culture

Brazil's history is one of boom and recession; agriculture, sugar cane, coffee, gold, diamonds, and rubber all generated immense wealth. This wealth is reflected in a remarkable array of Baroque churches, palaces, colonial architecture, paintings and sculpture that can be appreciated throughout Brazil, and particularly in Salvador da Bahia, the Northeast region, and in the states of Rio de Janeiro and Minas Gerais.

Entertainment

A visit to Brazil will delight all travellers; the food offers a variety of fresh ingredients, tropical recipes and exotic fruits, while the warm and friendly people love music and dance to intense Afro-Brazilian rhythms. It is hard to remain untouched by their contagious joie de vivre.

Cosmopolitan Cites

Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo and the cities in the south are rich in culture, museums, restaurants, bars, cafes and nightlife with music and entertainment, shoppings, art galleries, history and business activities.

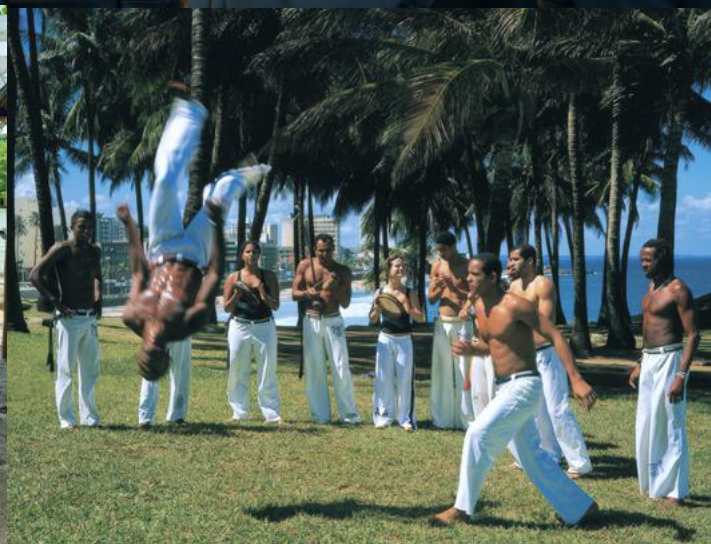
Historic Heritage

The core of Brazilian Identity is in Salvador da Bahia blend of Portuguese and African heritage in music, art, architecture, Candomblé and Orixas deities of nature

Ecology, Birdwatching Trekking

The Pantanal is well know as a birdwatching sanctuary. We have added trekking in the remote interior with good facilities and guides





RAINFOREST, MODERN & HISTORIC BRAZIL

The Tamboril Tour

12 night itinerary:

Rio de Janeiro - 3 nights

Iguassu - 2 nights

Manaus - 1 night

Amazon Lodge - 3 nights

Salvador - 3 nights

Experience a wide variety of landscapes, lifestyles and a unique colonial history that kept Brazil united.

Visit cosmopolitan cities, the vast Amazon rainforest, a stunning coastline, magnificent Iguassu waterfalls, diverse cultures and a fascinating Royal heritage.



Days 1-3 Departure on a daytime flight to **Rio de Janeiro**, arriving in the evening. Transfer to your hotel for 3 nights. Tour of the city, including Rio's famous landmark, the **statue of Christ the Redeemer**, perched high on Corcovado mountain, for dramatic views of the city, the Bay and its famed beaches. (B)

Days 4-5 Fly to **Iguassu Falls**, to admire the magnificent waterfalls, surrounded by tropical forest. Full day to walk the three trails on the Argentinian side of the falls plus the trail on the Brazilian side, with a wide panoramic view. (B)

Day 6 Early morning flight to **Manaus** for 1 night. Our half day tour includes a visit to the local market and grandiose Opera House, a monument to the sheer

extravagance and highbrow European tastes of the late nineteenth century. (B)

Days 7-9 Boat trip via the Meeting of the Waters, where the River Solimões and River Negro join, to **Turtle Lodge** Tourist class or **EcoPark Lodge** First class. Expert local guides take us on a variety of excursions into the rainforest, including a night boat trip to spot caiman by torchlight, piranha fishing, jungle treks in the rainforest and a visit to a local community. (B,L,D)

Days 10-12 Returning to **Manaus** we take a flight to **Salvador da Bahia**, a city where Catholicism and Candomblé live side by side, and whose exotic cuisine and the unique rhythms of the Northeast reflect the strong African influence. Full

day tour exploring the markets, churches and colourful colonial Pelourinho district, a World Heritage Site, with cobbled streets, bordered by brightly painted houses and street cafés. (B)

Day 13 Return flight overnight, arriving on **Day 14** or stay on longer to visit more of Brazil or unwind at a Beach Resort.

The Tamboril Tour departs every day for 14 days INCLUDING: 12 nights' accommodation and breakfast (B), all flights (1 overnight), transfers, excursions, English-speaking guides, transport and meals as shown. Please see the end of the brochure for further details of what is included.

PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL TOURS

TAMBORIL TOUR

From £4,588pp

More information at veloso.com/tamboril

SAMBA TOUR

From £7,216pp

More information at veloso.com/samba

Tailor-made service:
We are experts in creating bespoke itineraries, customised to your preferences and requirements.

Flights depart from London and UK regional airports, with the option to upgrade to Premium Economy or Business Class.

Visit our website for a detailed itinerary with full description. Download tour showing your chosen travel dates including a day-by-day summary. Explore our carefully selected hotels, including 3 Star, 4 Star, and Deluxe options.



HIGHLIGHTS IN-DEPTH

The people reflect a blend of origins, a rich cultural heritage and diverse landscapes. Experience life in the Amazon rainforest, admire the colonial architecture, enjoy vibrant, cosmopolitan cities and magnificent waterfalls on this extensive tour of Brazil. Enjoy excellent cuisine, sophisticated hotels and unique music and arts.

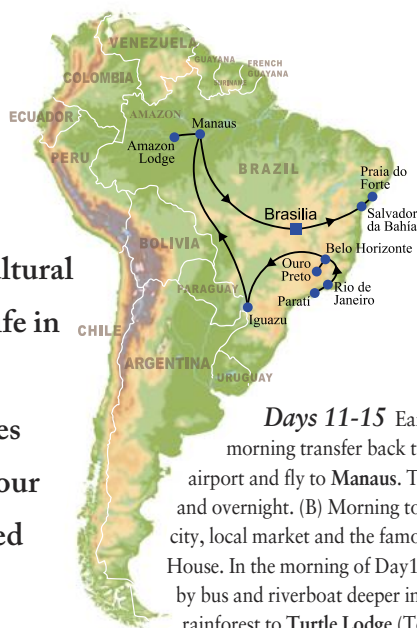
Days 1-3 Daytime flight to Rio de Janeiro, arriving in the evening, and transfer to your hotel for 3 nights. Full day tour to the statue of Christ the Redeemer on Corcovado Mountain, and to see the old centre of Rio, the Imperial Palace and the Cathedral. Day 3 is at leisure. (B)

Days 4-5 A scenic journey along the coast to the delightful village of Parati, with its beautifully renovated colonial houses and cobbled pedestrian streets. Spend a relaxing day on a schooner in the glorious bay dotted with tropical islands, stopping to snorkel in secluded coves where thick forest reaches right down to the edge of the beach. (B)



Days 6-8 Early morning return to Rio for the flight to Belo Horizonte, then drive to the historic city of Ouro Preto. Set in the heart of Minas Gerais, a state famed for its deposits of gold and gems, the city's wealth is reflected in its museums, fine colonial buildings and richly decorated baroque churches, resting on charming cobbled streets. (B)

Days 9-10 Return to Belo Horizonte, fly to Iguassu to visit the magnificent waterfalls with ample time to walk the three trails on the Argentinian side of the falls plus the trail on the Brazilian side, with a wide panoramic view. (B)



Days 11-15 Early morning transfer back to the airport and fly to **Manaus**. Transfer and overnight. (B) Morning tour of the city, local market and the famous Opera House. In the morning of Day 12, transfer by bus and riverboat deeper into the rainforest to **Turtle Lodge** (Tourist) or **Ecopark Lodge** (First) near Manaus. You are accompanied by expert local guides, who take us on a variety of trips into the lush forest: a night trip by boat to spot caiman by torchlight, a piranha fishing expedition, walks in the dense jungle and a visit to a local community. (B,L,D)

Day 16 Return to Manaus for the flight to **Brasília**, the ultra-modern capital city, which was laid out by architect Oscar Niemeyer in the form of a bent bow and arrow. Overnight. (B)

Days 17-19 Morning tour of Brasília then fly on to **Salvador da Bahia**, a city of contrasts where Catholicism, Orixas Deities and Candomblé, live side by side. The city's exotic cuisine and the unique Axe rhythms of the Northeast reflect the strong African influence. Our tour explores this fascinating city: its markets, its churches and the colourful architecture of the colonial district of Pelourinho.

Days 20-22 Transfer to the beach village of **Praia do Forte** for 3 nights at the Tivoli Resort (B,D) (First), or Pousada in the Village (B), (Tourist), for a well deserved rest by the sea, the

The Samba Tour

22 night itinerary:

Rio de Janeiro - 3 nights

Parati - 2 nights

Ouro Preto - 3 nights

Iguassu - 2 nights

Manaus - 2 nights

Amazon Lodge - 3 nights

Brasília - 1 night

Salvador - 3 nights

Praia do Forte Beach - 3 nights



long empty beach and the coconut groves. The fishing village has a slow, laid back atmosphere with some restaurants on the beach, shops, a few bars and art galleries. Depart on Day 23 for our flight home, arriving the following day, Day 24.

***The Samba Tour** departs everyday - 24 days INCLUDING: 22 nights' accommodation and breakfast (B), all flights (2 overnight), transfers, excursions, English-speaking guides, transport and meals (L,D) as shown on the itinerary. Please see the end of the brochure for further details of what is included.*





The natural setting of Rio de Janeiro is stunning.

The beaches, the bay and the lagoon are all flanked by huge granite peaks which punctuate the landscape; and the statue of Christ the Redeemer which looks over the city, embracing it with open arms.

The Portuguese Royal Family lived in Rio for thirteen years from 1808, enriching the Arts, Culture and Architecture. The Municipal Theatre, Brazil's National Museum, the Museum of Fine Arts, The Paço Imperial, and the Museum of the Republic provide a fascinating historic perspective into Brazil's development as a united country and rich cultural life.

Rio de Janeiro's Copacabana, Leblon and Ipanema beaches are a magnificent sight in themselves, and you can spend hours walking along the famous promenade, watching the local "cariocas" of all ages, as they jog, stroll, play football, beach volleyball, sunbathe and socialise.

There are trendy shops, sophisticated restaurants with excellent cuisine, local street bars serving fresh tropical fruit juices, and cafes where you can enjoy Brazilian music and dancing. You can also sit by the sea at the Copacabana Fort, visit art galleries, climb mountains, take walks in the forest, and enjoy a variety of excursions in and around the city to keep you busy exploring for days on end.



Local cuisine

Rio de Janeiro is a cosmopolitan city with a wide variety of superb restaurants for you to experience with stylish setting and decor, serving cuisine from the North with tropical ingredients and recipes like Moqueca, the famous Churrasco from the South and the wonderful cuisine from Minas Gerais. You will also find typical Carioca small juice bars and restaurants.



Rio de Janeiro In-Depth



BRAZIL



Carnival

Rio Carnival is celebrated with an intense, all-night parade of Samba Schools at the Sambadrome, displaying elaborate costumes and floats with music and dancing. We collect you from your hotel, provide seats for the parade and return in the morning, or you can return every two hours from 2 am onwards. Alternatively there is the Winning Samba Schools Parade, at the Sambadrome, on the Saturday night after Carnival.



New Year's Eve

Traditionally Rio celebrates with a party on Copacabana beach which includes an awe-inspiring fireworks display and many large bouquets of flowers and candles, floated in the sea as offerings to Yemanjá, the deity of the sea, creating a magnificent spectacle. There is live music on large stages set all along Copacabana Beach for all-night parties.

Santa Teresa

In the old day, the areas of Copacabana, Ipanema, Lebon and the Lagoon were a swamp. The best area to live in Rio de Janeiro was the hill of Santa Teresa with fresh air and space for large mansions. Many have now been converted into quiet Boutique Hotels, some with a wonderful view of the city. Good to visit and experience restaurants and "butequims".

Historic Royal Palaces

In 1821, when the king returned to Lisbon, son and heir D. Pedro II, age 7 years, stayed in Rio de Janeiro. He lived and was educated at Paco Sao Cristoval, Quinta da Boa Vista, now the National Museum. He was crowned age 15 years and reigned for 58 years, keeping Brazil united until the Republic was established.

Museum of Tomorrow

The old port area was renovated and cleaned for the Olympic games, with wide pedestrian spaces and leisure and business activities. Visiting the Museum of Tomorrow the futuristic outlook, presenting and questioning human activity and challenges on Earth.



Veloso Tours Guides, Your Hosts in Rio de Janeiro

Our guides are renowned for their knowledge and enthusiasm for life in the city. The guide assigned to you is specially briefed on your interests. We will advise you the name of your host so that you know who is meeting you on arrival at the airport and who will be with you for all the services booked during your stay. Your host and our office are your concierge services for reservations, help and suggestions.



Eugenio Souza



Luana Seara



Paulo Giffoni

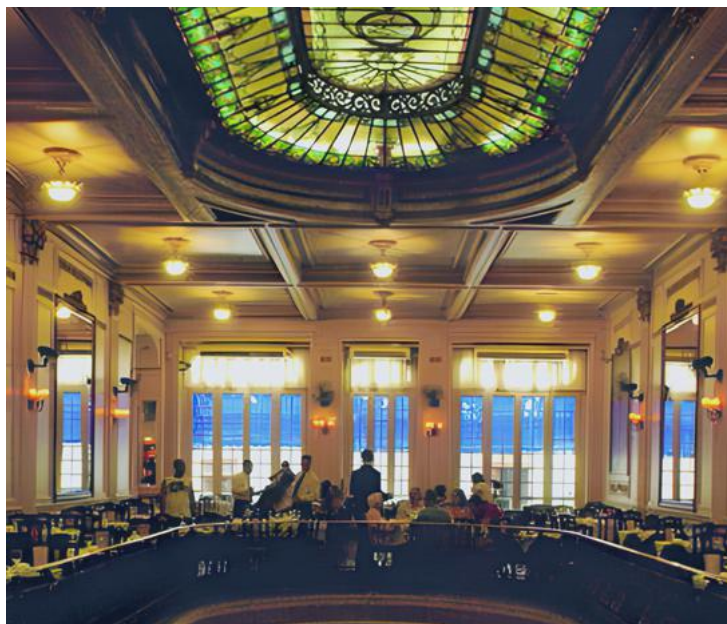
Excursions Available:

- **Statue of Christ the Redeemer on Corcovado**
This is a must, the view from the top is stunning and serves as an orientation to the city
- **Botanical Gardens and Sugar Loaf Mountain**
Walk surrounded by tropical trees, then take the cable car and admire the city lights at sunset
- **Historical Rio de Janeiro and Royal Palaces**
Visit the Royal Palaces and discover the imperial history of Rio
- **Trekking in the hills and forests**
Energy and stamina required for unique landscapes and trails beyond the usual views
- **Tropical Islands boat trip**
Schooner trip through the islands of Mangaratiba Bay two hours south of the city
- **Summer Residence of the Emperor & Royal Family at Petropolis**
Discover the palaces and imperial jewels of Don Pedro II, in the hilly interior of Rio state.
- **Classical music, ballet and theatre**
During the season, Rio de Janeiro has a rich cultural life, for which we can provide tickets
- **Football match at Maracanã Stadium**
Football fans will enjoy watching a match at the Maracanã The local derby is the Fla - Flu
- **Art galleries, Paintings & Modern Art**

There are numerous art galleries and a modern art centre for you to visit

- **Rio's Burle Marx Landscape Gardens and Folk Art Museum**
Visit the iconic landscape architect's famous gardens
- **Dance Classes: Forro, Samba, Lambada, Gafieira and Zouk**
We can arrange dance lessons for you to develop your dancing style
- **Rio by Night - City Lights and Live Brazilian Music**

There are numerous restaurants and bars with excellent cuisine, music and local dancing



RIO DE JANEIRO

“CIDADE MARAVILHOSA”

Rio de Janeiro is the ultimate “Cidade Maravilhosa”, the marvelous city in a stunning setting of tall granite peaks, mountain, forest, the bay and the beach, making the buildings look so small. The lagoon, jockey club and unique Royal history make Rio de Janeiro a superb experience with cosmopolitan nightlife, wonderful restaurants and character architecture. Our hosts will bring your visit to life.

The Carioca Tour

6 night itinerary:

Rio de Janeiro - 6 nights

Optional extensions:

Iguassu - 2 nights

Buzios Beach - 3 nights



Day 1 Depart London on your flight to Rio de Janeiro. On arrival, your guide and transport will meet you, to take you to your chosen hotel staying for 6 nights. Once you arrive at your hotel, our guide will provide an introductory briefing and orientation of the surrounding area. (B)

Day 2 Today we have a full day tour of Rio de Janeiro including the main sights and areas that you would not necessarily find on your own. We go up to old residential area of **Santa Teresa** with great views over the city and large mansions, we visit **Praça XV** and the old centre when the Portuguese Royal Family lived in Rio de Janeiro, we take the train up to **Corcovado Mountain** with the statue of **Christ the Redeemer** for stunning views of the city, the beaches, the ocean and the Guanabara Bay. (B)

Days 3 to 6 Free to explore on your own or take some of the numerous visits and excursions that we offer. We are your hosts for any questions you may have or reservations you would like to make. Please refer to the website for more sightseeing excursions and an in-depth experience of Rio de Janeiro. (B)

Day 7 Transfer to the airport for the flight home, arriving on Day 8. (B)

Add Iguassu Falls for 2 nights

Days 7-9 Transfer to the airport and fly to Iguassu staying for two nights at your chosen hotel. Day tour visiting the Argentinian and Brazilian side of the magnificent waterfalls. Transfer to the airport for the flight to Rio de Janeiro or Sao Paulo, connecting with the overnight flight home, arriving on Day 10.

Add Buzios Beach Resort for 3 nights

Days 7-10 Transfer to Buzios resort, the trendy peninsula with 23 beaches located three hours north of Rio, staying for three nights at your chosen hotel. Please contact us to stay longer Transfer to the airport for your overnight flight home, arriving on Day 11.



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Paraty

Paraty is a charming old colonial town, once the port for the Gold Route from Minas Gerais. The old town retains its original architecture with a fully pedestrianised centre and charming cobble streets, white-washed houses, brightly painted windows. Several old houses have been converted into art galleries and craft shops, while characterful bars and restaurants offer locally caught fish delicacies. The bay is dotted with tropical islands whose shady forests reach right down to the sandy beaches, while old colonial forts look out from atop rocky outcrops. Take a boat trip to the islands, swim at idyllic beaches and snorkel in the clear waters.





Distilleries

The region is famous for historic *engenhos* where artisanal *cachaça*, a distilled sugarcane spirit, is crafted in copper stills. Visit local distilleries, taste aged varieties, and discover the traditional Jorge Amado cocktail, made with *cachaça*, lime, sugar, and cloves.

Boat Tours

Explore the coastline on day trips aboard traditional schooners boat or use a private speedboats to visit isolated beaches and quiet coves. Ideal excursion to spend the day swimming, snorkeling, and enjoying the stunning views and endless natural beauty. Enjoy local food and drink in alfresco restaurants by sea.

Beach

Paraty's beaches combine comfort and natural beauty. Some are easily reached by car, with calm waters and seaside restaurants, while others are accessible only by boat, offering quiet islands and sheltered coves. Along the coast, the Atlantic Forest meets the sea, creating a peaceful and scenic setting.

Local Cuisine

Paraty's cuisine celebrates its *caiçara* roots, combining fresh seafood, tropical fruits, and local dishes like *moqueca* and *bobó de camarão*. Family restaurants, cafés, and street markets serve recipes passed down through generations, offering an authentic taste of the region's coastal culture.

Trekking

Explore scenic trails through the Atlantic Forest, where lush greenery, cascading waterfalls, and panoramic views await. From easy walks to more challenging hikes, trails like the Paraty-Mirim and the Gold Trail lead to hidden gems of nature, perfect for those seeking adventure and tranquility in one.

Staying in Paraty

Paraty offers boutique hotels and charming *pousadas* that we offer such as Pousada Literária, Casa Turquesa, and Pousada do Sandi. With elegant décor, pools, spa treatments, and gourmet breakfasts, they provide a refined base in the historic centre, steps from cobblestone streets, fine dining, artisanal shops, and scenic boat tours visiting several isolated islands and beaches.





Búzios

Búzios, famous for its beaches and trendy lifestyle, is located two and a half hours from Rio de Janeiro. Dotted around the peninsula are numerous bays and coves with sandy beaches and crystal clear water. The heart of Búzios is the popular Rua das Pedras, a cobbled street lined with glamorous boutiques, restaurants and bars with live music - a great place to hang out. Wealthy and glamorous South Americans come to their villas in Buzios to relax and socialise. It's a great place to enjoy a stroll along the waterfront past the colourful fishing boats.





Boat trips

Explore Búzios' stunning coastline on boat trips. Choose from traditional schooners or private speedboats to visit secluded beaches, hidden coves, and nearby islands. Swim, snorkel, or simply relax as you enjoy panoramic views of this picturesque paradise.

Beach

Búzios boasts over 20 beautiful beaches, each with its own charm. From calm, family-friendly shores like Praia da Ferradura to lively spots like Praia de Geribá, enjoy swimming, surfing, and beachside dining, all set against the backdrop of crystal-clear waters.

Night life

As the sun sets, Búzios comes alive with vibrant nightlife. Stroll through Rua das Pedras, lined with boutique shops, art galleries, chic bars, seafood restaurants, and nightclubs. Whether you're after a relaxed evening with cocktails or dancing under the stars, Búzios offers a taste of Brazilian nightlife.

Hotels in Búzios

Búzios offers luxurious pousadas and boutique hotels for travellers seeking luxury and comfort. Our prefer choice is Vila d'este, with stunning ocean views, an infinity pool, and a refined atmosphere perfect for relaxation; Pedra da Laguna offers elegant rooms, a tranquil garden, and personalized service; Insolito provides modern, chic design, a spa, and panoramic views of the coastline. Each hotel offers exceptional service, beautiful surroundings, and easy access to Búzios' vibrant attractions, making them ideal choices for discerning travellers.





Angra dos Reis

With numerous islands and sheltered, isolated beaches, the bay at Angra dos Reis is a year-round tropical escape. Its calm, crystal-clear waters are perfect for swimming and sailing, protected from strong winds and waves. Surrounded by lush Atlantic Forest, waterfalls, and mountains, it's a stunning blend of sea and nature and it is ideal for both adventure and relaxation.



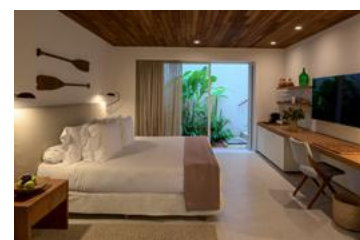
Fasano *Deluxe*

Superb, leisure resort, located two hours south of Rio de Janeiro, on an idyllic bay with a pristine beach, beautiful sea and a small marina for pleasure boats. The rooms have 55m2 with a varanda, wooden floor, all amenities and clean, elegant decor and linen in 300 thread Egyptian cotton. All 60 bedrooms have a king size bed and face the beach and the sea. There a large Spa with a private pool, tennis courts, bars, two restaurants with distinctive cuisine, golf course, fitness centre, boat trips and trek the Mata Atlantica trails in the hills inland.



Portobello *First*

Located on the coast, about 100 km south of Rio de Janeiro, the Portobello hotel is an excellent beach resort to unwind. Built in a Polynesian style, the large property area stretches inland to the mountains with rivers and waterfalls. The facilities and space make it excellent for families and children during the holidays. It has a pool, restaurant, 152 bedrooms all facing the sea and beach, and with ensuite bathroom, minibar, satellite TV, air conditioning, safe deposit and wireless internet. Great for water sports, trekking in the property and horseriding.





Ilha Grande

This unspoilt island, an extension of the Emerald Coast's forested mountains and dotted with beaches all around. It has one small village with the ferry port and no road, so most of the transport is by boat or on foot along the forest trails. The island boasts virgin, unexplored forest and deserted beaches, with small hotels in the modest but lively fishing village, and isolated character lodges in the forest along the coast. Enjoy the local restaurants serving excellent seafood. Ilha Grande is the perfect spot for a peaceful getaway or for leisurely activities including sailing, trekking, sea kayaking and snorkelling.



Boat trips

Boat trips are available from the village of Abraão departing daily, to take you round the island. Some are group tours used by people on day trips from the mainland; usually days with drinks, lunch and music: partytime; alternatively, we you can arrange private boat trips so you can take your time and visit remote beaches at leisure

Forest trails

Ilha Grande is a large island totally covered in forest apart from the small village, so you can follow numerous trails with a variety of lengths and durations.

Beach

There are numerous beaches around the island with access along forest trails or by boat which is quicker. Lopes Mendes beach on the side facing the Atlantic.

MAGNIFICENT WATERFALLS

The Iguassu Tour

2 night itinerary:

Foz do Iguassu - 2 nights

To be integrated within a complete Tour Itinerary

Experience the exhilaration of the magnificent Iguassu Waterfalls. As the Iguassu river (Iguazu in Spanish) flows over a horseshoe shaped fault at the border between Argentina and Brazil it produces a myriad of islands and waterfalls. The whole area is a National Park surrounded by forest with trails and wildlife. The Brazilian side offers the stunning panoramic view and the Argentinean side has three long walks: at the top of the falls, at the bottom along the riverbank and to the deepest, highest waterfalls.



Days 1 Arrival at Iguassu airport and transfer to your hotel staying for 2 nights. Half day tour of the Brazilian side offers the panoramic view with a long walkway by the river and highest waterfalls.

trails to explore the stunning natural beauty and lush tropical setting. Time permitting you can take a boat trip on the river.

Day 2 One full day on the Argentinian side you are on top of the falls with three

Day 3 Departure transfer to the airport.





Belmond das Cataratas Deluxe

Hotel Belmond das Cataratas is the only hotel on the Brazilian side, right by the waterfalls and within the National Park. It is beautifully decorated in a neocolonial style with well appointed bedrooms with polished wooden floors rooms, character furnishings and cosy homely decoration. There is a large swimming pool to relax with sun deck chairs, tables and shade. The hotel also has two restaurants with excellent cuisine, a bar, shops, tennis courts and a spa with massage and beauty treatments. A wonderful resort hotel to enjoy nature in a unique location.



San Martin Tourist

Located by the main entrance to the Iguassu National Park, between the town and the waterfalls and close to the airport The San Martin Resort and Spa is a good alternative as a base for tours to the falls. Lush vegetation, trails in the forest, spa, comfortable rooms, restaurant and pool.

Bourbon First

The Bourbon has a spacious area, excellent facilities, a swimming pool, tennis courts, a health club and two restaurants. It is located just outside the town on the road to the Iguassu Falls and the best hotel outside the National Park area. There are 300 rooms all with air-conditioning, cable TV and bathroom.





Florianopolis

Southern Brazil is very European and Florianópolis is a modern, trendy and wealthy island with a historic centre and chic district, bars, restaurants, cafes and a myriad of beaches, secluded bays and beautiful white sand.



Arwasi Santa Catarina Deluxe



One of The Leading Hotels of the World, this exclusive resort is located one hour's drive from Florianópolis, on a small promontory covered by Atlantic Rainforest. Its small secluded beach and three small islands form a natural pool, ideal for swimming. It offers the personalised warmth of a private house with the sophisticated decor and facilities of a luxury resort.

The 25 secluded bungalows, built in wood and stone, have both air conditioning and heating, plus a fireplace, with a king size bed and a veranda facing the sea, some with private plunge pools. There is a Spa and a covered, heated swimming pool, games room, cinema, tennis court and helipad.

The hotel also has two bars and an excellent beachfront restaurant and grill, serving delicious fresh seafood dishes, and exclusive private dining on the island. Activities include walking the forest trails, sea kayaking, sailing and excursions on the hotel's schooner.





São Paulo

Brazil's business capital, Sao Paulo is a wealthy cosmopolitan city, home to the country's top museums and restaurants. Trendy neighbourhoods such as Vila Madalena bustle with street markets, bars and galleries, while the Municipal Market is bustling with activity and exotic local produce. Opera, classic, music, dancing, theatre, shopping and a rich art scene will enhance your visit.



Local Cuisine

São Paulo's cuisine is as diverse as its people, from fine dining to traditional botecos bar, vibrant markets, and international flavours influenced by Italian, Japanese, Arab, and Brazilian traditions.

Night life

São Paulo's nightlife is energetic and eclectic, offering stylish rooftop bars, live music venues, world-class clubs, and intimate lounges where the city's creative crowd gathers late into the night.



Unique Hotel *Deluxe*

Located in São Paulo's Jardins district, Hotel Unique is an iconic luxury design hotel combining bold architecture with refined comfort. Guests enjoy stylish contemporary rooms, attentive personalised service, and a vibrant lifestyle scene, highlighted by the rooftop Skye Bar & Restaurant with panoramic city views.



Culture

A cultural powerhouse, São Paulo boasts MASP, Museu do Ipiranga, and Pinacoteca, plus contemporary galleries, theatres, and vibrant street art in Beco do Batman, reflecting a dynamic blend of global influences, creativity, and urban expression.

Shopping

São Paulo offers everything from luxury brands on Rua Oscar Freire to bustling markets like Mercadão, plus trendy boutiques, artisanal shops, and vibrant street markets for every style and budget.



FASCINATING ROYAL FAMILY HISTORY

The Imperial Tour

18 night itinerary:

Sao Paulo - 3 nights

Rio de Janeiro - 4 nights

Paraty - 2 nights

Ouro Preto - 2 nights

Tiradentes - 3 nights

Salvador da Bahia - 4 nights

Discover Brazil's imperial legacy on a journey through its most historic cities. From São Paulo's early foundations to Rio de Janeiro, once the heart of the Portuguese Empire in the Americas. Explore grand avenues, royal landmarks, and dramatic landscapes. Wander the preserved streets of Paraty and the baroque masterpieces of Minas Gerais. Explore Salvador, Brazil's first capital, where Afro-Brazilian traditions, vibrant architecture, and rich history reveal the enduring roots of the nation's cultural identity.

Days 1-2 Fly overnight to São Paulo where our guide will transfer you to your chosen hotel for a 3-night stay including breakfast. In the afternoon, visit the excellent São Paulo Museum of Art, home to Latin America's finest collection of Western art, including French Impressionists and works by Candido Portinari, one of the first Brazilian artists to paint his way to international fame.

Day 3 Discover São Paulo's Old Town with our guide and see the Pátio do Colégio where the city was founded in 1554. Explore its rich mix of cultural and architectural heritage before continuing to Paulista Avenue, the cathedral, São Bento Monastery and Casa das Rosas.

Day 4 Visit the artistic enclave of Embu das Artes, known for its galleries, craft shops and lively market. Enjoy time to

explore cafés, studios and the relaxed creative atmosphere.

Day 5 Transfer to the airport and fly to Rio de Janeiro. On arrival, our guide will take you on this historical tour of the former imperial capital, visiting the old downtown, cathedral, natural history museum and the hillside district of Santa Teresa. Check into your hotel for four nights stay including breakfast.

Day 6 Visit Christ the Redeemer for sweeping views over Rio. Continue through the Tijuca Forest and past the Maracanã Stadium to the Sambódromo, home of the world-famous Carnival.

Day 7 A relaxed day of exploring with our guide visiting the charming Parque Lage Mansion and gardens, the lagoon and Rio's impressive Botanical Gardens,



home to vibrant birdlife. At sunset, ascend Sugar Loaf Mountain by cable car for iconic views.

Day 8 Take a full-day excursion into the mountains to Petrópolis, the former summer retreat of Brazil's imperial family. Visit the Imperial Palace Museum, the historic cathedral and the Quitandinha Palace, a 1940's casino.

Day 9 Morning transfer to the coastal town of Paraty and check into your chosen hotel or pousada for a 2-night stay

including breakfast. Afternoon at leisure to enjoy its colonial charm.

Day 10 Enjoy a guided walking tour through Paraty's beautifully preserved historic centre, exploring cobbled streets, elegant colonial architecture and learn more about the local culture

Day 11 Fly to Belo Horizonte and continue by road to Ouro Preto where our guide will transfer you to your chosen hotel for a 2-night stay including breakfast. Afternoon at leisure.



Day 12 Explore the baroque masterpieces of Ouro Preto, including São Francisco de Paulo, São Francisco de Assis and the Oratório Museum. Continue to the Mineralogy Museum, Pilar Church, the theatre and Inconfidentes Museum.

Day 13 Travel to Tiradentes, founded during the gold rush and named after Brazil's independence hero. Transfer to your chosen hotel for a 3-night stay including breakfast.

Day 14 Our guide will take you on a guided tour on Tiradentes' highlights including Santo Antônio Church and Padre Toledo Museum. Continue to São João del Rei to explore its historic churches and colonial heritage.

Day 15 A free day to enjoy the peaceful atmosphere of Tiradentes.

Day 16 Transfer to the airport and fly to Salvador da Bahia. On arrival, our guide will transfer you to your chosen hotel for a 4-night stay including



breakfast. The rest of the day is at leisure. In the evening, enjoy a spectacular performance by the Bahia Folklore Company, showcasing capoeira, candomblé and traditional dances.

Day 17 An action-packed guided tour including the colourful Pelourinho, the lower city, Bonfim Church and All Saints' Bay. Visit São Francisco Church

and the cathedral, travelling between the upper and lower cities by the iconic Lacerda Elevator.

Day 18 Enjoy a full day guided visit to the historic trading town of Cachoeira and learn about Afro-Brazilian traditions including the Sisterhood of the Good Death. Explore local handicrafts, plantations and markets.

Day 19 Enjoy a morning excursion to Farol da Barra, Corredor da Vitória and Campo Grande before returning to the atmospheric Pelourinho to admire its rich colonial architecture.

Day 20 Transfer to the airport for your flight home, arriving the following morning.



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MINAS GERAIS



In Minas Gerais, Tiradentes, Ouro Preto, and São João del Rei reveal Brazil's eighteenth-century gold boom. Their Baroque churches, grand mansions, and cobblestone streets reflect the wealth of that era. The sculptor Aleijadinho left masterpieces such as the Church of São Francisco de Assis in Ouro Preto. Minas Gerais is also a land of crafts in wood, soapstone, textiles, silver, and brass, set amid rolling hills of stunning natural beauty.



HEARTLAND OF HISTORIC GOLDEN WEALTH

Discover the charm of colonial Minas Gerais as you wander the cobblestone streets of Tiradentes, with its Baroque churches, artisanal shops, and wonderful cuisine. Experience the rich heritage of São João del Rei, ride a historic steam train, and marvel at the golden splendor and rolling hills of Ouro Preto. Blend art, architecture and history at every turn with cultural treasures, scenic beauty, and timeless elegance.

Day 1 Arrive in Tiradentes and check into the Solar da Ponte Pousada for a three-night stay. Settle into your room and enjoy the gardens, pool, and library. The rest of the day is at leisure to explore the charming historic town with its Baroque churches, winding streets, and artisan shops. Dinner can be enjoyed at one of the local restaurants nearby.

Day 2 After breakfast, enjoy a guided tour of Tiradentes, visiting highlights such as the Church of Santo Antonio, the Museum of Padre Toledo, and the Fountain of São José das Botas. Learn about the town's gold-mining past and the story of Tiradentes, a national hero.

In the afternoon, continue to São João del Rei, founded in 1703. Explore its historical churches, including Pilar, Carmo, and São Francisco de Assis. On weekends, you can ride the 19th-century steam train, Maria Fumaça, for a scenic journey through the surrounding countryside. Return to Tiradentes.

Day 3 Enjoy a full day at leisure in Tiradentes. Options include exploring local artisan shops, relaxing at the pousada, or taking a short hike or bike ride along the Estrada Real trails. Afternoon tea and the use of the pool and sauna at the Solar da Ponte are included.

Days 4 After breakfast, transfer to Ouro Preto, a UNESCO World Heritage town built on steep hills and famous for its 18th-century Baroque architecture. Check into your hotel and take some time to stroll along the cobblestone streets, admiring the churches, fountains, and colonial mansions. Marvel at the local churches and sculptures of Aleijadinho

Days 5-6 Start the day with panoramic views from the Sao Francisco de Paula Church, followed by a visit to the Sao Francisco de Assis Church and the Oratorio Museum. Stop for lunch before continuing to the Mineralogy Museum, Pilar Church, the Theatre, and the Inconfidentes Museum. Explore the rich history and art of Ouro Preto and Mariana with an optional guided tour of a historic gold mine and experiencing firsthand the underground tunnels and mining techniques of the 18th century. Next day transfer to the airport.

The Baroque Tour

5 night itinerary:

Tiradentes - 3 nights

Ouro Preto - 2 nights

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Solar da Ponte First

Located in the historic centre of Tiradentes, the Solar da Ponte combines the charm of a colonial country house with modern comfort. It offers comfortable rooms in classic colonial style with private bathrooms and garden or village views. Facilities include a swimming pool, sauna, library, and peaceful gardens. A generous breakfast and traditional afternoon tea are included, served in the garden or dining area. The Hhotel is just a short walk from Baroque churches, artisan shops, and restaurants, and is an ideal base for exploring the historic surroundings.

COSMOPOLITAN, HISTORIC, TRANQUIL

The Paquera Tour

11 night itinerary:

Rio de Janeiro - 4 *nights*

Salvador da Bahia - 2 *nights*

Praia do Forte Beach Resort - 5 *nights*

Optional Extension - Iguassu Falls - 2 *nights*

Enjoy the sheer romance of Rio de Janeiro's magical setting, the imposing magnificence of Iguassu Falls, and the colourful blend of Portuguese and African culture in Salvador, before heading to the idyllic tropical beaches of the Bahian coast to unwind by the sea.

Days 1-4 Depart on a daytime flight to Rio de Janeiro. On arrival our guide will take you on a short introductory orientation walk of the surrounding streets and beachfront. The following day you have a tour of Rio including the statue of Christ the Redeemer perched high on Corcovado mountain for dramatic views over the city, the lagoon, the sweep of Guanabara Bay and its beaches. You will also visit the colonial centre, Sambadromo, the cathedral and enjoy a cable car ride to Sugarloaf for sunset as dusk falls and the city lights up. Following days free to explore the city including art galleries and museums, discover the music, cuisine, shopping and local lifestyle or visit Petropolis, Parati or the Tropical Islands. (B)

Days 5-6 Morning flight to Salvador da Bahia. The exotic cuisine, people and culture reflect the influences of colonial history, also seen in the music, painting and literature. Full day guided tour to explore the markets, churches and squares of the Pelourinho district. A World Heritage Site, whose cobbled streets are a centre for galleries, shops and cafés. (B)

Days 7-11 Transfer to Praia do Forte Tivoli EcoResort (B,D) (First) or Pousada in the Village (B) (Tourist), to experience an idyllic tropical community on the seafront. Enjoy walking along miles of empty beach, sunbathing, sailing and water sports. Explore the small fishing village with an old church, pedestrian streets, a variety of shops and the turtle conservation project. (B)

Day 12 Transfer to Salvador airport for your return flight, arriving home the following day. (B) (Day 13).

Add Iguassu Falls for 2 nights

Days 5-6 Morning flight from Rio to Iguassu Falls for two nights staying at the hotel of your choice. Visit the thundering waterfalls, surrounded by tropical forest and the Argentinian side for walks among the myriad of islands and trails (B).

Day 7 Continue the tour with the flight to Salvador as per days 5-6.



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Praia do Forte

Tivoli EcoResort First

The Setting

Praia do Forte lies 55 kilometres north of Salvador, surrounded by extensive gardens and coconut groves. It has all the clichés required of a tropical paradise: a 12 kilometre long deserted white sandy beach; warm sea of stunning clarity with shallow natural pools and an offshore coral reef; delightful lawns stretching along the coast where you can relax in the shade of swaying coconut palms. There is also a small fishing village with craft shops, art galleries, bars, restaurants and small pousadas, within easy walking distance. What more could one want...?

Accommodation

The carefully designed, two-storey Tivoli EcoResort has 248 rooms built with lots of wood and bamboo giving it a rustic, tropical feel and luxury that blends with the local surroundings. All rooms are air

conditioned with cable TV, minibar and a veranda with hammock overlooking the ocean. There are three swimming pools, restaurants and bars, four tennis courts a children's club, where daily activities are organised by professional carers.

Activities

The wide range of activities include: yoga, sailing, fishing, windsurfing and horse riding. You can walk by the Pojuca River or stroll in the lush Sapiranga forest, where birds, orchids and bromeliads abound. Take a delightful walk to the Garcia D'Avila castle, built in 1552, which dominates a nearby hilltop; or visit the Tamar turtle conservation project. Thalasso Spa & Fitness Club
The large Spa area has private gardens and pool offering serene tranquility for beauty treatments, massage and fitness.



Porto da Lua Tourist

Tropical-style pousada on the edge of the village, with direct access to the beach, and a garden area with palm trees. All 27 rooms have sea view, en-suite facilities, a terrace and hammock. There is a bar and two restaurants, for indoor and beach-front dining.



SALVADOR DA BAHIA



In the state of Bahia, Salvador was once the capital of Brazil and generated great wealth in the eighteenth century from sugar-cane and tobacco plantations. Evidence of this golden era remains in the grand colonial architecture of the Pelourinho quarter, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. African slaves preserved their cultural legacy through Candomblé, with Orixas representing natural elements. Creativity flourishes in literature, vividly coloured visual arts, music with renowned drum troupes such as Olodum and Timbalada, Capoeira, and excellent restaurants serving regional cuisine using palm oil, coconut milk, and coriander. Bahia is also famous for its vibrant carnival, where colourful floats and musicians fill the streets with powerful Axé rhythms.

Historic Tour

The blend of African and Portuguese colonial history is preserved in the churches, architecture and markets. We visit the lighthouse and fort at Barra; the Pelourinho district with colonial buildings, painted in pastel colours, lining the cobble streets, the Candomblé Orixas Museum and the churches of São Francisco and Bonfim, passing by some arts galleries and the local market.





Hotels in Salvador

Wish Bahia Tourist

Located on Campo Grande square in mid town, the hotel is a modern tall building with functional rooms and providing a good base to explore the town, both towards the old town and the modern side along the coast.

The rooms are comfortable, albeit simple, with wooden floors and private facilities. There is a small pool, bar and restaurant serving a buffet breakfast and Brazilian cuisine

Casa Amarelindo Tourist

Located in the old Pelourinho area, the hotel has the warm, colourful decoration of Bahia and with 10 comfortable rooms with double beds, ceiling fan and air conditioning, bath, CD and DVD player, free WiFi, hair dryer, safe deposit box and satellite TV. Breakfast can be taken all day by the small pool, the panoramic terrace or in the restaurant. The street in front has cobbled stoned and no cars.



Villa Bahia First

Located on a pedestrian street, in the heart of Salvador's historic centre, this restored colonial buildings from the 17th and 18th century, has 17 spacious rooms on three floors with a lift, and decorated in charming old colonial furniture with polished wooden floor. The hotel also has a dining room serving breakfast and cuisine of Bahia, a sitting room and a tiny pool. The lively street in front, has restaurants with sitting outdoors, some with excellent cuisine.

Fasano Deluxe

Modern, stylish and trendy, luxury award winning hotel group, located in a converted historic building and facing the sea. All rooms range from 30 to 75 m2 with modern decor with a minimalist approach, wooden floor, fine linen, king size beds, internet and all amenities. There is an excellent restaurant with modern Brazilian and international cuisine and a trendy bar on the ground floor, and a stunning rooftop pool and bar with a superb view towards the sea and sunset.



BAHIA HEARTLAND

The Diamante Tour

13 night itinerary:

Salvador - 3 *nights* • Chapada (Lençóis) - 4 *nights*

Salvador - 2 *nights* • Morro São Paulo - 4 *nights*

Explore pulsating Salvador, with its old colonial and African heritage, hike the rivers and canyons of the remote Chapada Diamantina and unwind on the idyllic beaches of Morro de São Paulo.



Days 1-3 Departure flight for Salvador da Bahia arriving the same day in the evening. Full day tour of this fascinating city with the church of Sao Francisco, extensive colonial architecture and a fascinating blend of African and Portuguese cultures. (B)

Days 4-7 Drive inland through a cattle-rearing plane to Lençóis for four nights. From here we explore the Chapada Diamantina, a remote area of exceptional natural beauty - with tabletop mountains, canyons, waterfalls and vast limestone caves. (B,L)

Our three day walks, led by an expert local guide, include a hike along a dry river bed to a delightful waterfall and a lagoon surrounded by a sheer rock face where we can swim, and a walk to the summit of flat topped Pai Inacio for magnificent views of the countryside, where unique plants and wild orchids grow. The third trip takes us into a huge cave almost a mile long, with an underground lagoon. (B)

Days 8-9 Return to Salvador for two nights, with one day at leisure to explore, enjoy the music or visit art galleries. (B)

Days 10-14 South of Salvador at Valença we board a schooner to sail to the remote tropical island of Morro de São Paulo for four nights to explore and unwind on the beach. Return to Salvador for our overnight flight, arriving home on Day 15. (B)



The Diamante tour departs every week - 15 days INCLUDING: 13 nights' accommodation and breakfast (B), all flights (1 overnight), transfers, English-speaking guides, excursions, transport Please see the end of the brochure for further details of what is included.

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Morro de Sao Paulo

Across the bay of Salvador and down the coast, Morro Sao Paulo is an island and village, with an old colonial fort and miles of pristine beaches, a tranquil paradise of swaying palm trees and small farms. There are no paved roads and only a few beach buggies; people wander barefoot on the sandy tracks, walk the coconut groves or trek inland, to the top of the hill and along the coast. The clear, shallow sea waters of the bays are ideal to swim, sunbathe, unwind and snorkel.



Vila Guaiamú First

Set in the cool, quiet shade of rustling coconut palms, this hotel has 22 comfortable air conditioned bungalow/rooms, with TV, minibar and a veranda with hammock. There is a covered terrace with a restaurant and bar, TV lounge and an area for reading and games. Inside the hotel grounds guests can enjoy ecological walks and appreciate the natural beauty of Morro São Paulo.



Itacaré Beach & Village

Itacaré combines unspoilt Atlantic rainforest with some of Brazil's most beautiful beaches, offering a perfect balance of nature, adventure and relaxed coastal living.

Txai Resort Deluxe

This luxurious resort is dedicated to comfort and tranquility in a pristine setting of landscaped gardens and lush lawns set among coconut groves along the beach. Lying two hours north of Ilhéus, on the Cacao Coast, the accommodation consists of 10 rooms and 30 spacious bungalows built from local natural materials, mounted on stilts with thatched roofs, wooden balconies and sea views. There is a swimming pool and a restaurant built in traditional Bahían style with a fine view out to sea, serving local cuisine with specialities such as 'moqueca'.

Activities - You can enjoy tennis, surfing, cycling, horse riding and trekking in the Atlantic coastal forest, kayaking on its rivers and swimming in its freshwater pools. Alternatively visit the small nearby town of Itacaré, an old colonial town whose prosperity was derived from cacao plantations. The coastline here has cliffs and retains large areas of Atlantic forest because cacao requires shade to grow.



Spa - The spa is situated in a serene hilltop retreat with its own pool and panoramic vistas over the beach, coconut groves and sea. It's an ideal setting with Oriental silence to restore your vitality and sense of inner peace through yoga, Japanese baths, massage and other revitalising treatments.





Trancoso Beach & Village

Trancoso offers a perfect blend of rustic charm and understated sophistication. Centred around its historic Quadrado and framed by golden beaches, forested cliffs and chic boutique hotels, this coastal village captures the effortless beauty and relaxed rhythm of southern Bahia.



Bahia Style Beach Front Villa Rental

The Bahia Style of decoration is spacious with character antiques, many open walls with a roller blind, reading and sitting rooms, outdoor eating and a complete service team with cleaners, maids, and chefs. The houses have several beds rooms to suit families and friends with privacy, swimming pool and garden straight onto the beach.

Nightlife

The centre has been preserved with the square “Quadrado” surrounded by trees, the old fishermen houses converted into boutique hotels, trendy shops, bars and restaurants with Bahia style decoration

Festivals

Carnival and specially New Year’s Eve. Really good Music Festival with Brazilian Classical Orchestra and popular artists, Gastronomic Organic Festival with some top Brazilian chefs in several restaurants



Recife - Olinda

Set on a hill seven kilometres north of Recife, the graceful city of Olinda was once the capital of Pernambuco state. Its wealthy residents embellished it with many ornate churches and colonial mansions. It is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site and every year hosts a boisterous street carnival with colourful costumes that demonstrate great creativity.



Recife - Porto de Galinhas

Just an hour south of Recife, Porto de Galinhas is the embodiment of Brazilian beach culture; the laid-back town has a host of small bars and restaurants laying live music and a long beach protected by a reef. Traditional fishing craft known as jangadas can be hired for snorkelling trips to see colourful fish and sea horses.





Natal Pipa Beach & Village

South of the city of Natal, the coast at Praia da Pipa consists of high cliffs and sheltered coves with beautiful beaches, attracting dolphins and marine turtles, set against a backdrop of lush Atlantic coastal forest. Relax at the cosy cliff top hotels with swimming pools and activities such as snorkelling and trips by beach buggy on the sand dunes. The village has numerous hip bars, good restaurants and arty boutiques that create a special, laid-back atmosphere.



Ponta do Madeiro Hotel

Tourist superior

Located in a privileged cliff-top position with an unforgettable view along the coast, this is indeed an engaging place. All rooms have private facilities with solar heated water, air conditioning, TV, minibar, telephone, king size bed and a veranda with a hammock. The restaurant serves both regional and international cuisine. There's a swimming pool and a long staircase leads down to Madeiro Beach, where the hotel has its own beach kiosk.



Toca da Coruja

First

The 23 rooms and bungalows of this pleasant boutique hotel near the centre of Praia da Pipa are set in a tranquil tropical garden; they are all air conditioned with a fan, minibar, safe deposit box and veranda with hammocks. Facilities include a fusion restaurant, two swimming pools, a gym and a games area. The hotel is within an easy walk of the beach, bars and restaurants. Beach buggies can be hired to explore the Pipa.



Fernando de Noronha Island - Nature Reserve

This remote archipelago, 350 km out into the Atlantic is a Marine National Park with strict restrictions on the number of visitors. The warm, crystalline waters contain an abundance of tropical fish, ideal for snorkeling. The village has a few bars and nice restaurants. There are empty beaches, forest trails and isolated bays perfect for walking in the pristine natural environment.





Where to stay

Fernando de Noronha offers exclusive boutique pousadas and refined eco-lodges, ideal for travellers seeking comfort in a pristine natural Our preferred choices include Pousada Morena, known for its elevated position, beautiful sunset views, inviting pool, and relaxed elegance, and Pousada Maravilha, offering refined accommodation with spectacular ocean views, an infinity pool, and an intimate atmosphere. Each provides a serene base to explore Noronha's crystal-clear waters, dramatic landscapes.



THE PANTANAL BIRDWATCHING SANCTUARY

The seasonal floodplain of the Pantanal is a paradise for birdwatchers and nature lovers. Each year the landscape of lowland savannah and dense forest is transformed as the water level rises to create vast areas of shallow lagoon where fauna congregates. These open expanses offer fantastic opportunities to watch magnificent array of wildlife that includes caiman, capybara, giant anteaters, macaws, toucans, ibis and storks. The lodges below provide transport, accommodation and excursion guides.



Rio Mutum

Situated in the northern region of the Pantanal, Pousada Rio Mutum is an ideal area to see tuiuiu (a type of stork), ibis, cormorant and various birds of prey, as well as caiman, tapir, monkey, deer and capybara - or perhaps the more elusive jaguar, giant anteater and otter.

The pousada has 16 air conditioned rooms with private facilities, including full board with an excellent choice of regional dishes and daily guided excursions. (B,L,D)

There is a swimming pool and a full programme of daily excursions accompanied by an English-speaking naturalist guide to observe the Pantanal's prolific birdlife, animals and vegetation.



THE NATURAL WORLD

Brazil's Natural World focuses on wildlife and the environment, contrasting the prolific birdlife of the Pantanal wetlands, the exuberant vegetation of the Amazon rainforest and the vestiges of the Atlantic coastal forest. In the modern, cosmopolitan cities of Rio de Janeiro and Salvador, colonial and African heritage come together to create the country's unique identity.

Day 1 Morning departure on the flight to **Rio de Janeiro**, arriving in the evening. Transfer to your hotel for 3 nights and brief guided introductory orientation walk of the area surrounding the hotel. (B)

Day 2 Full day tour of Rio de Janeiro with our specialist local guide, you will visit the statue of **Christ the Redeemer** for a superb view from high on Corcovado mountain, the Imperial Palace, the Cathedral and the bustling old historic centre that has been renovated, for a fascinating perspective of Brazil. (B,L)

Day 3 Full day tour to the Botanical Gardens and the Atlantic coastal forest at Tijuca, with a cable car trip up Sugar Loaf to see the sunset over the city. (B,L)

Days 4-6 Fly to Cuiaba in the **Pantanal Birdwatching Sanctuary** and transfer to the Rio Mutum Lodge for 3 nights. Enjoy two full days of excursions with time by

the pool in the midday heat. Your guide will explore the rich ecosystem created by seasonal flooding to search for caymans, otters and a wide variety of birds. (B,L,D)

Days 7-11 Return to the airport and fly to Manaus for 2 nights by the **Amazon**. One day tour to explore the city, the Opera House, the waterfront port with numerous riverboats and the local market with all sorts of tropical fish and fruits. Next morning journey along small rivers to Turtle Lodge, remote in the **rainforest**. Daily guided excursions include forest walks under the dense canopy, a visit to a local family, walks in the rainforest and excursions by canoe through the maze of islands and waterways. (B,L,D)

Day 12 Return to Manaus for a flight on to **Salvador da Bahia**, then transfer to a hotel in the colourful colonial district of Pelourinho, now a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site. The unique fusion

of Portuguese and African cultural influences is visible at every turn (B).

Days 13-16 Morning tour and transfer north to **Praia do Forte** beach lined with coconut groves. The nearby small fishing

village has a turtle conservation project and Restinga Nature Reserve. Stay for three nights, either in the Village (B) (Tourist) or Tivoli Ecoresort (B,D) (First). Transfer to the airport and overnight flight home, arriving Day 17.

Baia Grande

The Fazenda Baia Grande is a cattle and ecological tourism estate, owned and managed by a family that has lived in the Pantanal for 150 years, always linked to the land, the preservation of the environment and the local culture. The lodge is small, for a maximum of 15 guests and has a cosy and genuinely friendly atmosphere; Each room has a bathroom with a shower, hot water, air conditioning, and all the windows are protected with mosquito nets to ensure you have a comfortable sleep.

All meals are included catering to all tastes including vegetarians. The main activities included are bird watching, horse riding, wildlife observation, nighttime caiman spotting, piranha fishing and hiking. After the excursions you can rest in a hammock or enjoy the swimming pool. This is a lodge to enjoy the nature, read a good book and to rest. (B,L,D)

Caiman Lodge

The Fazenda Caiman Lodge is a 50,000 hectare cattle and ecological preservation estate, 4 hours drive from Campo Grande in the southern Pantanal. You can view caiman, capybaras and a wide range of birds. Many times the highlight is to track Jaguars with a high probability of viewing these magnificent and elusive felines. There is a pool to enjoy and swim during the warm mid-day period between the early in the morning and late afternoon excursions. The rooms are comfortable with character decoration in tune with the pantanal region, private facilities and a veranda with a hammock. There is also a sitting room with large windows onto the surrounding countryside and a dining room. All meals and excursions are included. The Caiman Lodge is modelled on African safari lodges, with open vehicles for the excursions and excellent guides to show you the local eco-system.

The Caiman Tour

15 night itinerary:

Rio de Janeiro - 3 nights	Amazon - 3 nights
Pantanal - 3 nights	Salvador - 1 night
Manaus - 2 nights	Praia do Forte - 3 nights



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AMAZON, HISTORY WATERFALLS & CITY WONDERS

The Tucano Tour

13 night itinerary:

Rio de Janeiro - 3 *nights*

Iguassu Falls - 2 *nights*

Manaus - 1 *night*

Amazon River Cruise - 4-*nights*

Salvador - 3 *nights*

Discover contrasting landscapes and lifestyles, from Rio de Janeiro's iconic beaches and mountains to the thundering power of Iguassu Waterfalls and the serene waterways of the Amazon. End in lively Salvador, where African and historic heritage define the spirit of Bahia.

Day 1 Daytime flight to Rio de Janeiro, arriving in the evening. Transfer to your hotel for a 3-night stay. Enjoy a brief guided orientation walk around the neighbourhood.

Day 2 Enjoy a half-day city tour including Christ the Redeemer atop Corcovado, with its breathtaking views. Continue to the bohemian district of Santa Teresa, stop for lunch at a historic coffee house, and visit the cathedral and colonial-era historic district.

Day 3 A free day to explore Rio at your own pace, relax on the beach, or enjoy optional excursions. recommended by your tour guide. Your tour guide will be able to offer you a wide range of optional visits and excursions.

Day 4 Fly to Iguassu and transfer to your hotel for a 2-night stay. Remainder of the day at leisure.

Day 5 Enjoy a full-day guided exploration of the Argentine trails and the panoramic Brazilian viewpoint, offering unforgettable experiences of the spectacular falls.

Days 6-9 Early morning flight to Manaus to board the M/V Tucano for a

4-night Amazon expedition cruise. Explore the waterways of the Anavilhanas Archipelago and the Rio Negro on guided small-boat and canoe excursions through flooded forests, creeks and remote streams.

Day 10 Disembark in Manaus after breakfast and fly to Salvador. Transfer to your hotel for a 3-night stay. Your guide will give you a short introduction to Salvador when you arrive.

Day 11 Enjoy a Guided tour of Salvador, including visits to lively markets, ornate churches and the vibrant Pelourinho district, a World Heritage Site known for its cobbled streets, colourful colonial façades and charming cafés.

Day 12 Relax at your hotel and explore on your own or take an optional excursion.

Day 13 A final morning at leisure before your afternoon transfer to the airport for your overnight flight home.

Add Praia do Forte

Extend your holiday with a relaxing stay at Praia do Forte, enjoying your chosen beachfront resort. Perfect for unwinding after your Brazilian adventure.



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In the time when the big trees were kings

AMAZON LODGES

Venture deep into pristine rainforest on Lake Juma. The journey is a sightseeing tour in itself: first you cross the wide Amazon by launch, passing the Meeting of the Waters where the silt-laden Rio Solimoes meets the dark, clear waters of the Rio Negro to form the Amazon. Then, after a short trip by road, you board a motorised canoe for the trip along the Rio Araçá, getting ever further away from civilisation, to reach a secluded area where the seasonal rise and fall of the waters creates narrow, twisting creeks and a maze of small islands covered in virgin rainforest.



Amazon Lodge

The journey to and from the lodge is a fascinating view of the Amazon, gradually getting away from people into a remote region of pristine rainforest, three hours south of Manaus. You take a boat across the mighty Amazon river, seeing the well defined line of the famous "meeting of the waters". Continue by road to a small tributary river to board a motorised canoe to the lodge. The Amazon Eco-Lodge is a comfortable lodge built from wood and local materials, in a star shape and floating on the calm waters. It has a central unit with an open lounge and dinning room on the first floor, and 16 bedrooms, all with private facilities. Guided excursions by boat and on foot to trek in the forest, visit a local homesteads and spotting wildlife.

Turtle Lodge

Located three hours from Manaus, on the shore of a small river and sufficiently far to be in an area of pristine, virgin rainforest. The lodge, built in local wooden style with thatched roofs, consists of one main building with sitting room and a dining area on the first floor with open sides for a panoramic view of the forest and river. There are five bungalows with two rooms each, all with private facilities, netting and a veranda overlooking the river. Includes daily guided excursions in the rainforest, local families and caiman spotting at night.

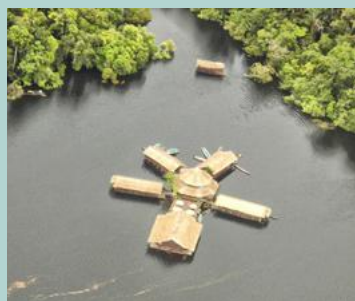


Juma Lodge

Located far from Manaus, on a riverbank and in an area of pristine, virgin rainforest. The lodge is a complex of cabins spaced out within the forest and connected by a network of walkways. All built in wood and thatch, the secluded rooms have private facilities and a small balcony overlooking the forest and the water. Includes daily guided excursions in the rainforest, local families and caiman spotting at night.



RAINFOREST EXPEDITION



Day 1 Depart early afternoon from Manaus for the transfer by land and motorised canoe to a remote Amazon lodge, set in a maze of creeks in the vast rainforest. Relax in silence that is broken only by the sounds of wildlife hidden in the surrounding forest and swim in a jungle river. Dinner and overnight. (D)

Days 2-5 Experience the forest at close quarters with a skilled guide and support staff who organise all transport and meals. Set out by canoe to a rustic base camp in the Amazon rainforest where we sleep in hammocks covered by mosquito nets. In this stress-free environment there are no timetables and the outside world fades into insignificance. From this base we take several walks in the gloom of the forest under the dense canopy, where trees fight for survival and a glimpse of

sunlight. We learn about all aspects of the rich ecosystem, and the symbiosis of its flora and fauna. We visit a local family as they go about their daily activities, and learn how they survive by cultivating bananas, manioc, sugar cane and tropical fruits. At high water level we paddle canoes through flooded forest creeks, weaving between the tree trunks. (B,L,D)

Days 5-6 Return to the lodge for a night before heading back to Manaus. (B)





Anavilhanas Jungle Lodge

This charming lodge is set deep within a vast stretch of protected rainforest on the banks of the Rio Negro, around three to four hours from Manaus, offering a far more immersive Amazon experience than lodges closer to the city. Located opposite the Anavilhanas Archipelago—one of the largest freshwater archipelagos in the world—it provides a true sense of remoteness, with pristine forest, rich wildlife and an absence of urban disturbance. The main lodge area includes a restaurant surrounded by forest, serving a blend of regional Amazonian and international

cuisine, as well as a bar, lounge spaces and panoramic viewpoints overlooking the river and canopy. Additional facilities such as a swimming pool, observation deck and relaxing communal areas allow guests to unwind between excursions while remaining immersed in nature. Accommodation consists of a small number of spacious wooden cottages and bungalows, thoughtfully designed in local style using natural materials. All rooms feature private facilities (hot water), air conditioning and verandas with hammocks, offering a comfortable retreat after a day exploring the rainforest.



Amazon Ecopark Lodge

This comfortable lodge is located in a preserved area of forest only 30 minutes by boat from Manaus. It thus provides an ideal introduction to the Amazon, while ensuring that most creature comforts are still on hand. However, its proximity to the city means that the rainforest is disturbed by human activity and the glow of city lights in the background is always visible. There is a panoramic open-air restaurant, built in local style from local materials, where you can enjoy delicious regional cuisine as well as international dishes;

there is also a bar and a sitting area. Accommodation consists of 20 spacious bungalows each with three comfortable rooms - all with private facilities (hot water shower), screened windows, air conditioning and fan. As well as taking excursions into the rainforest, you can enjoy swimming and sunbathing at the private river beach. There is also a natural freshwater pool, several kilometres of hiking trails, many orchids, a bird sanctuary, a monkey reserve on an island, and the nearby Tortoise Lake.

COUNTRY WALKS, & BIRDWATCHING SANCTUARY

The Chapada Tour

11 night itinerary:

Brasilia - 3 *nights*

Pantanal Birdwatching Wetlands- 4 *nights*

Veadeiros Highlands Trekking - 4 *nights*

From Brazil's fascinating capital city, explore the incredible wildlife and awe-inspiring nature in the mighty Pantanal wetlands and the unique Cerrado vegetation in the central plateau National Parks.

Day 1 Depart the UK on a daytime flight via Lisbon to Brasilia. On arrival, our guide will transfer you to your chosen hotel for a 3-night stay including breakfast.

Day 2 Enjoy a full-day tour of Brasilia with your local guide, visiting the SQS residential super blocks, St. John Bosco Sanctuary, TV Tower, JK Memorial, modernist cathedral, Itamaraty Palace, Three Powers Square, and embassy district. Lunch is included at a traditional Brazilian barbecue, followed by visits to the Central Bank Museum, National Congress, and University.

Day 3 A free day to explore on your own or join optional guided treks.

Day 4 Transfer to the airport and fly to Cuiabá. On arrival, our guide will

transfer you to your chosen hotel or lodge for a 4-night stay on a full board basis. The rest of the day is at leisure.

Day 5 Start the morning with an ecological walk through jungle and open fields to observe wildlife and birds. Home to the largest diversity of bird species in the world, the Pantanal is a paradise for birdwatchers. Return to the lodge for lunch. After lunch at the lodge, enjoy a photographic boat safari along the Mutum River to spot giant otters, stingrays, fish, and more birds. Finish the day with a after dinner nocturnal jeep safari.

Day 6 Take a canoe on the Mutum River at dawn to watch wildlife awaken. After breakfast, travel to the fishing village of Cuiabá Mirim, then take a jeep ride through the surrounding area observing macaws and other wildlife.



Day 7 Explore the jungle on horseback (optional) to the edge of Siá Mariana Bay. In the afternoon, take a boat trip along the Mutum River, visiting Siá Mariana and Chacororé Bays, and enjoy piranha fishing in the glow of the sunset.

Day 8 Transfer to the airport and fly to Brasilia. On arrival our guide will transfer you to your chosen hotel or lodge in Chapada dos Veadeiros, located just 230 km from Brasilia, for a 4-night stay including breakfast, packed lunches and dinner.

Day 9 Trek along the São Miguel River, visiting Morada do Sol with its natural pools and whirlpools. Continue to Espaço Infinito farm and Raizama Canyon. Visit the Vale da Lua (Valley of the Moon) to see unique rock formations sculpted over thousands of years.

Day 10 Travel by jeep and trek on foot with our guide through beautiful scenery to see one of the most impressive waterfalls in the region, Cachoeira do Segredo, over 100 meters high. Lunch included at São Jorge.

Day 11 After breakfast, trek to the breathtaking Black River (Rio Preto) waterfalls, 120 meters high, and continue to a smaller 80-meter waterfall with a large swimming pool. On the return, stop at natural whirlpools for relaxation.

Day 12 Transfer to Brasilia airport for your overnight flight back to the UK via Lisbon.

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The Viracocha Tour: Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Peru

21 night itinerary:

Rio de Janeiro – 3 nights • Iguazú – 1 night

Buenos Aires – 3 nights • Santa Cruz – 1 night

Sucre – 3 nights • La Paz – 2 nights

Lake Titicaca/Sun Island – 1 night

Lake Titicaca/Puno – 1 night

Sacred Valley – 2 nights

Machu Picchu – 1 night

Cusco – 2 nights • Lima – 1 night

Optional Extensions:

Amazon – 2 or more nights

Inca Trail – 3 nights



The Statue of Christ the Redeemer offers superb views of Rio de Janeiro, Day 1-3

Travelling from the Atlantic to the Pacific, we gain an insight into very distinct cultures and their histories, from the cosmopolitan city of Buenos Aires to the Andean villages and mighty ruins of Inca times. Stunning scenery surrounds us as we go from subtropical climes to landlocked Bolivia and life at the heart of the Andean mountains.

Days 1-3 Depart on Friday on a daytime non-stop flight to **Rio de Janeiro**. Transfer to a hotel in the cosmopolitan beach area of Copacabana. Next day we visit the statue of **Christ the Redeemer**, perched on Corcovado mountain, granting fabulous views of the city, lagoon and beaches, and we visit the historic Royal Palace and Cathedral. (B)

Day 4 Fly to Foz do Iguassu to visit the spectacular **waterfalls** which are made of numerous smaller falls along a span of 2,470m. We visit the Brazilian side for a panoramic view, then we transfer to the Argentinian side, for a perspective from above and walks along the trails. Spend one night at our hotel overlooking the falls. (B)

Days 5-7 Fly to **Buenos Aires** and we visit this city, dubbed the 'Paris of South America'. We pass through the colourful quarter of La Boca, birthplace of the tango, and the main square with the Presidential Palace, finishing at the elegant Parque de Recoleta with its smart bars and street cafés. Time at leisure to explore or watch a tango show in bohemian San Telmo. (B)

Day 8 Fly to **Santa Cruz** in Bolivia and stay overnight at leisure and sightseeing. (B)

Day 9 Fly to **Sucre**, an attractive, temperate city, with numerous museums and where buildings retain their colonial charm, preserving the traditional white façades. Afternoon tour of the city. (B)

Day 10 Full day excursion to **Tarabuco** market, where locals, dressed in their unique costumes, sit behind pyramids of coca leaves and fruit, whilst others sell their traditional woven goods. (B,L)

Day 11 Our day begins with a journey to Potosí, (4070m). Towering over the city, the **Cerro Rico** is an imposing, colourful mountain whose stores of precious metals, although mostly depleted, are still mined. An afternoon visit to the old Spanish **Mint** before returning to Sucre. (B)

Days 12-13 Transfer to Sucre airport and fly to **La Paz**, the world's highest capital city (3,636m). Stay for 2 nights. A bustling city settled in a large basin, where adobe houses cling precariously to the sheer sides. Our tour of the city follows a maze of streets and alleyways, leading us to the witches' market, where indigenous ladies sell colourful potions to cure all ills. (B)

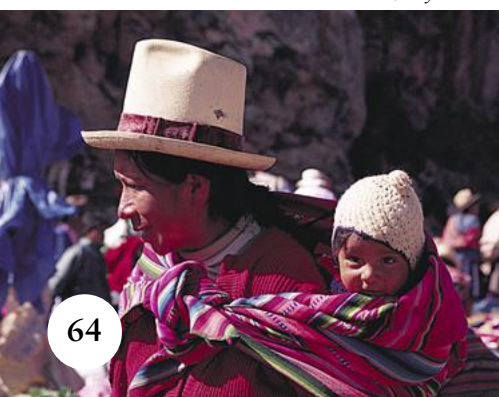
Day 14 Journey to **Lake Titicaca**, cross the straits of Tiquina and drive along the lake shore with the snow-capped mountains in the background. Visit the village of **Copacabana**, Bolivia's main pilgrimage centre and the Calvario hill high above the lake. Afternoon boat trip to **Sun Island**, hike to our hotel with a panoramic view of the lake. Time to walk and explore, relax and admire Lake Titicaca. Overnight. (B,L)

Day 15 Morning on **Sun Island** to walk and explore. In the afternoon continue to Puno, staying at our lakeside hotel. (B,L)

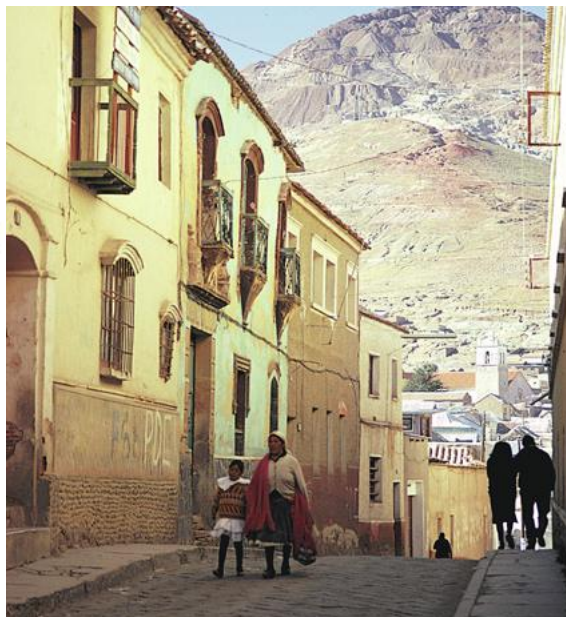
Day 16 An early start for the Andean Explorer luxury railway journey to Cusco, crossing the Andean landscape. We sit at a table by the window, where lunch and afternoon tea are served, to catch glimpses of small villages and isolated stations, where local people wait to sell their wares. From Cusco train station, we transfer to the Urubamba Valley, the "Sacred Valley of the Incas", staying for two nights. (B,L)

Day 17 A full-day excursion to the **Sacred Valley of the Incas**. We drive through the beautiful valley, visiting the ruins of **Ollantaytambo**, a massive temple fortress, spend time at **Chincho** and **Pisac** markets, where people come from miles around to

Markets, Day 10 & 17



BOLIVIAN HEARTLAND



Street Life: Cerro Rico dominates Potosí, Day 11



Inca terracing on Sun Island, Day 15

Suggested Extensions Galapagos Islands and:

The Inca Trail

Days 18-20 An unforgettable walk along the ancient Inca Trail to Machu Picchu, passing remote ruins shrouded in mist, and remarkable scenery. Three nights camping, arrive at Machu Picchu for sunrise, tour the site and return to Cusco by train and bus on Day 21. (B,L,D)

Days 22-24 As Days 20 to 22 of main itinerary arriving back on Day 25. (B)

The Amazon

Days 21-23 Fly Cusco to the Amazon to experience the rainforest, staying at a Refugio Amazonas lodge for two nights (B,L,D). Accompanied at all times by our guides, we walk and canoe in the dense, vibrant rainforest. Fly to Lima, stay one night, city tour and flight home arriving Day 25. (B)

Machu Picchu Day 18-19



buy and sell, and enjoy the views from the spectacular site of Pisac ruins. (B,L)

Days 18-19 Transfer to the train station for a stunning journey along the **Urubamba River**. A journey with fantastic views, culminating in the breath-taking **Machu Picchu**, stay 1 night. On arrival, guided tour of the archaeological site. Afternoon free to explore. Next day return to Cusco by train, staying in the city for two nights. (B,L)

Day 20 Full day to explore Cusco including a tour of this marvellous city and ruins in the surrounding area. Beautiful colonial buildings rest upon Inca foundations unchanged over the centuries. Visit the mighty Inca fortress and religious site of Sacsayhuamán, an astounding megalithic structure, whose massive stones, weighing over 100 tons, fit together with incredible perfection. (B)

Days 21-22 Fly to Lima and transfer to our hotel in the elegant quarter of Miraflores. Afternoon tour, visiting the grand colonial squares and the **Larco Herrera Museum**, which houses fascinating artefacts from pre-Inca and Inca times. Next morning at leisure. Afternoon departure on your direct flight home, overnight, arriving on Day 23.

The Viracocha Tour departs Friday, returns Saturday, INCLUDING: 23 days, 21 nights' accommodation & breakfast (B), all flights (1 overnight), taxes, all transfers and excursions with our English-speaking guides, entrance fees, services of our representatives throughout, all transport and meals as per the itinerary shown. Please see the end of the brochure for further details of what is included.

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LAKES, ANDEAN PEAKS AND

The Osorno Tour: Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Bolivia, Peru

22 night itinerary:

Rio de Janeiro – 3 nights • Iguazú – 1 night

Buenos Aires – 3 nights • Bariloche – 2 nights

Puerto Varas – 1 night • Santiago – 2 nights

La Paz – 3 nights • Lake Titicaca/Puno – 1 night

Cusco – 2 nights • Machu Picchu – 1 night

Cusco – 2 nights • Lima – 1 night

Cutting a swathe across South America, our Osorno Tour covers a wide range of interests and landscapes. Beautiful cities, untamed mountains and volcanoes punctuate our route, and numerous ruins lie dotted around Cusco as evidence of the ancient Inca Empire. Enjoy an unforgettable experience heightened by the diverse cultures of these five distinct countries.

Lake District, Days 8 – 10



Days 1-3 Departure on Thursday on your flight to Rio de Janeiro, arriving in the evening, transfer to our hotel for 3 nights. Half day excursion to Rio's most famous symbol, Christ the Redeemer perched on Corcovado mountain. The views extend to tropical islands, the bay with its beautiful beaches and the city surrounded by lush green forest. A wide

choice of full day excursions is available for the following day, including a tropical islands cruise, a scenic mountain bus ride to the colonial city of Petropolis. (B)

Day 4 Today we fly to Iguassu, visit the Brazilian side of the Falls for a panoramic view, then cross the border to the Argentinian side, staying overnight. (B)



'The Devil's Throat' at Iguazú Falls, Day 4-5

Days 5-7 Excursion to walk the trails around the crashing Iguazú waterfalls, surrounded by tropical forest, where birds abound, including toucans and the bright caciques. Afternoon flight to Buenos Aires for three nights. Our full day city tour includes the Cathedral, Presidential Palace, centre stage to numerous historic events as well as economic and political protests. Continue to La Boca, birthplace of the tango, and to Recoleta, an elegant park with restaurants and street cafés. (B)

Days 8-9 Fly to the Argentinian Lake District, Bariloche staying on the shores of Lake Nahuel Huapi, surrounded by snow-covered peaks, pine forests and green valleys. Full day tour of scenic lakes, mountains and walks along the trails. (B)

Day 10 A glorious full day journey to Chile by bus and boat, across Andean

lakes and mountains covered in forest. We take a sequence of buses and boats across the mountains. Stunning scenery of deep blue lakes reflecting the mountains and lush forests towering around us. forests. Overnight in Puerto Varas. (B,L)

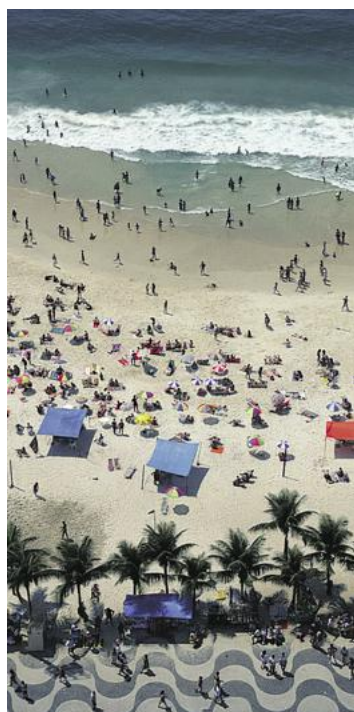
Days 11-12 Transfer to Puerto Montt and fly to Santiago, staying for 2 nights. Afternoon tour of the city, visiting the 'Plaza de Armas' main square, the Presidential Palace, and taking the funicular railway up the San Cristóbal mountain, affording extensive views of the city below and the snow-capped Andes stretching into the distance. Following day at leisure or take optional excursions to the Santa Rita vineyards, the coastal resort of Viña del Mar, the UNESCO World Heritage city of Valparaíso or ramble in the mountains at the Cañon del Maipo. (B)

INCAS

Days 13-15 Early morning flight to **La Paz** and transfer to our hotel for 3 nights. Spend the afternoon relaxing to avoid **soroche** (altitude sickness). Next day, our tour of **La Paz** uses the amazing cable cars with an aerial view of the city, to visit the **colonial quarter**, the fascinating **witches' market**, where weird and wonderful potions are sold, and the mazes of narrow streets full of market stalls and shops selling jumpers and local handicrafts. Visit the **Moon Valley**, an area of sandstone, sculpted by wind and rain into bizarre land-formations. (B)

Day 16 A scenic road takes us to **Lake Titicaca**, the world's highest navigable lake. We skirt the lake, catching glimpses of the locals working their terraces with the help of oxen, and stop for lunch at the charming lakeshore village of **Copacabana**. Visit the church of Our Lady of Copacabana, Patron Saint of Bolivia and take a boat trip to **Sun Island** before crossing the border into Peru and continuing to **Puno** where we spend one night at a hotel by the lake. (B,L)

Day 17 An early morning start on the luxury **Andean Titicaca train** to **Cusco**.



Copacabana Beach, Rio, Days 1-3

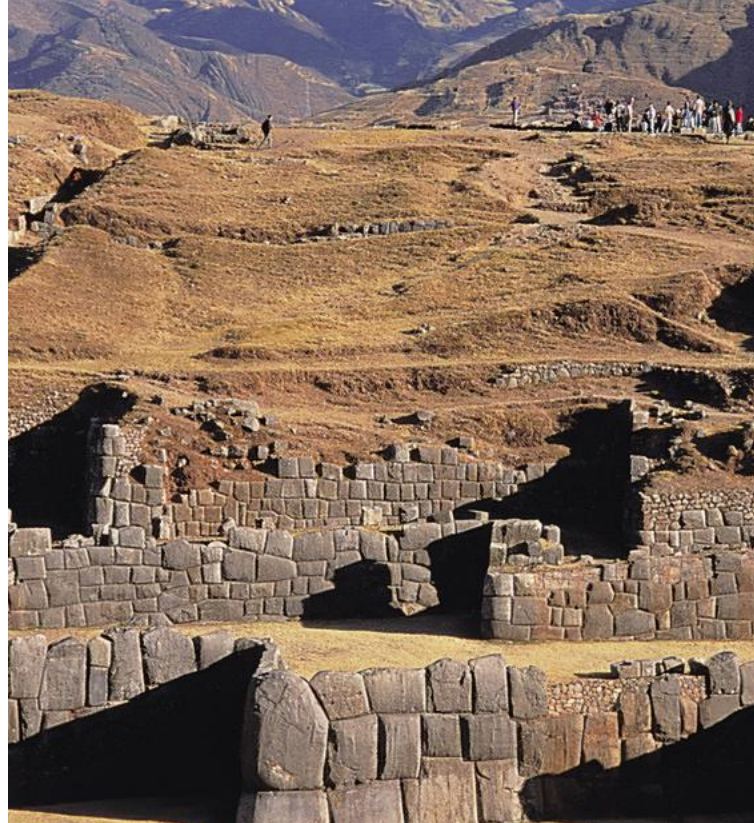
We sit at a table by the window as the route takes us through beautiful Andean landscapes, of cloud-covered mountains, past fields of grazing cattle, hot springs and small villages. Little stations crop up in the middle of the altiplano, where local people wait to sell local food and handicrafts. On arrival, transfer to our hotel for 2 nights. (B,L)

Day 18 On our trip to the **Sacred Valley of the Incas**, the road winds down into the **Urubamba Valley**, offering fabulous views of the Inca terracing and the fertile plains below. We visit the ruins of **Ollantaytambo** and **Pisac**, remains of some of the finest examples of Inca masonry, and stop at **Pisac's Sunday market**, a colourful affair, where villagers come from miles around to barter and sell food, weavings and handicraft. (B,L)

Day 19 Our day begins with a stunning train journey, following the course of the **Urubamba River**, and culminating in the spectacular **Machu Picchu** where we stay for one night. Once at the ruins, we have a guided tour and the afternoon to explore the archaeological site. (B,L)

Days 20-21 Morning at leisure at **Machu Picchu** before returning to **Cusco** by train, staying for 2 nights. Our time spent in **Cusco** includes a tour of this marvellous city and ruins in the surrounding area. Beautiful colonial buildings rest upon Inca foundations unchanged over the centuries. Outside the city lies the mighty fortress and religious site, **Sacsayhuamán**, an astounding megalithic structure, whose massive stones, weighing over 100 tons each and covering a large area, fit together with typical Inca precision. (B)

Days 22-23 In the morning we fly to **Lima**, where we stay for 1 night. In the afternoon we take a tour of the city, visiting the grand colonial **Plaza de Armas**, the **Presidential Palace** and the **Anthropological Museum**, housing fine collections of artefacts from pre-Inca and Inca cultures. Next day, return home on the direct overnight flight, arriving the following **Day 24 (Saturday)**. (B)



Inca Stonework at Sacsayhuamán, Day 21



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Farming on Lake Titicaca, Day 16

COSMOPOLITAN CITIES, ANDEAN LAKES & WATERFALLS

The Cataratas Tour: Chile, Argentina & Brazil

14 night itinerary:

Santiago – 3 nights

Puerto Varas – 1 night

Bariloche – 2 nights

Buenos Aires – 3 nights

Iguazú Falls – 2 nights

Rio de Janeiro – 3 nights

*This itinerary can be
arranged in reverse*



The vibrancy of Rio de Janeiro, the sophistication of Buenos Aires and the mountain setting of Santiago de Chile combine with the natural beauty of Iguazú Falls and the Andean Lake District. An eclectic mix of mountains, rainforest and cosmopolitan cities with a bustling nightlife, exotic cuisine and colonial history.

Days 1-4 Evening departure on an overnight flight to **Santiago de Chile**. Transfer to your hotel and afternoon tour of the city followed by a full day visit to the **Pacific coast** at Viña del Mar and Valparaíso. Day free to visit wineries. (B)

Day 7 Full day excursion on the Argentinian Lake District 'Seven Lakes Road' visiting **La Angostura** and **San Martin Los Andes**. Return to the hotel. Following day fly to Buenos Aires. (B)

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Day 8 Arrive from Bariloche, or on the Cataratas Tour 'Essentials' (departing the UK on an overnight flight arriving Buenos Aires today.) Transfer to the hotel and stay for 3 nights. (B)

Days 9-10 Full day tour of **Buenos Aires**, including the brightly coloured houses of La Boca district, the Cathedral, and the Presidential Palace - 'La Casa Rosada', with its famous balcony where Eva Perón and numerous Presidents have made their public appearances. End the afternoon in the cafés of **La Recoleta**, famous for their diverse architecture,

many of them boasting a French style, which has given Buenos Aires its nickname of the 'Paris of Latin America'. Optional evening at the **Colón Theatre** for opera or classical music performances or a genuine local **tango** show with our specialist guide. (B)

Days 11-12 Transfer to the airport for the flight to **Iguazú**, staying 2 nights at our hotel surrounded by the tropical rainforest of the national park and overlooking the magnificent **Iguazú Waterfalls**. Time to walk the trails by the river, admire the panoramic view of the numerous waterfalls, the exuberance of the surrounding forest and birdwatch. (B)

Day 13 Transfer to see the panoramic view on the Brazilian side of the Iguassu Falls, and fly to **Rio de Janeiro**. Spend three days in this vibrant, cosmopolitan city by the sea, combining colonial heritage with iconic beaches, and granite peaks covered in forest, as well as sophisticated shops and restaurants. (B)

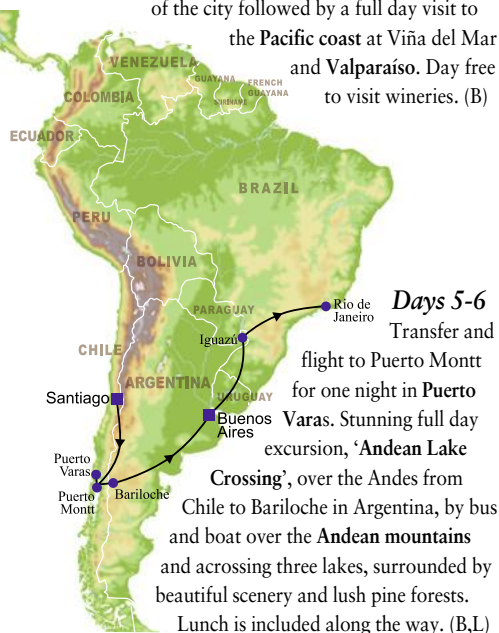
Day 14 Full day excursion with our guide visiting the statue of **Christ the Redeemer**, the old quarter of Santa Teresa and the centre of Rio de Janeiro with its historic Cathedral, museums, cafés and bustling business district. (B)

Days 15-16 Spend the following days exploring at leisure. Late afternoon transfer to the airport for your return flight home arriving Day 17.

The Cataratas Tour

Departure every day including 17 days, 14 nights accommodation & breakfast (B), all flights (2 overnight), taxes, all transfers and excursions with our English-speaking guides, entrance fees, all transport and meals as per the itinerary shown.

Museum of Tomorrow in Rio de Janeiro, Days 13-16



MODERN & ANCIENT CIVILISATIONS

The Montecristi Tour: Brazil, Argentina & Peru



Family in a remote village in the Urubamba Valley, "Sacred Valley of the Incas", Peru, Day 13

17 night itinerary:

Rio de Janeiro – 3 nights • Iguassu falls – 1 night

Buenos Aires – 3 nights • Lima – 2 nights

Lake Titicaca/Puno – 2 night • Cusco – 3 nights

Machu Picchu – 1 night • Cusco – 2 nights

The ancient Inca empire, perched high in the Andean Mountains, shrouded in cloud and mystery, is still present in the sights and sounds of traditional markets and village life. Discover contrasting, cosmopolitan cities with unique character and the magnificent Iguassu waterfalls.

Days 1-3 Depart on a daytime, direct flight to Rio de Janeiro. On arrival transfer to the hotel for three nights. Full day tour visiting the statue of Christ the Redeemer, perched on Corcovado mountain, granting fabulous views over Rio, the lagoon, the bay and the beaches. We visit the old centre, dating to Rio's time as the capital of the Portuguese Empire with its Royal heritage, museums and colonial architecture. One day free to explore this vibrant city. (B)

point known as the 'Devil's Throat'. Transfer to the airport and fly to Buenos Aires. (B)

Days 5-7 Stay for three nights in Buenos Aires, known as 'The Paris of South America' for its European style architecture and love of Arts, music and dance. We visit the colourful district of La Boca, the main square with the 'Casa Rosada' and Presidential Palace, the bohemian district of Palermo, and the elegant Parque de Recoleta with smart bars and street cafés. Time at leisure to explore or see a Tango Show. (B)

Days 8-9 Afternoon transfer to the airport for the flight to Lima, staying for two nights. The tour of Lima will show us the delights of this colonial capital, its main squares, the Presidential Palace and ornate churches. We also visit the Larco Herrera Museum, housing fine collections of pre-Colombian artefacts. (B)

Days 10-11 Fly to Juliaca and transfer to Puno, on the shore of the magical Lake Titicaca, with its air of serene tranquillity, framed by snow-covered peaks. We stay for two nights, with a full day excursion onto the lake, visiting the floating islands of Uros, and the isolated rocky island of Taquile, where locals preserve their ancient customs. (B,L)

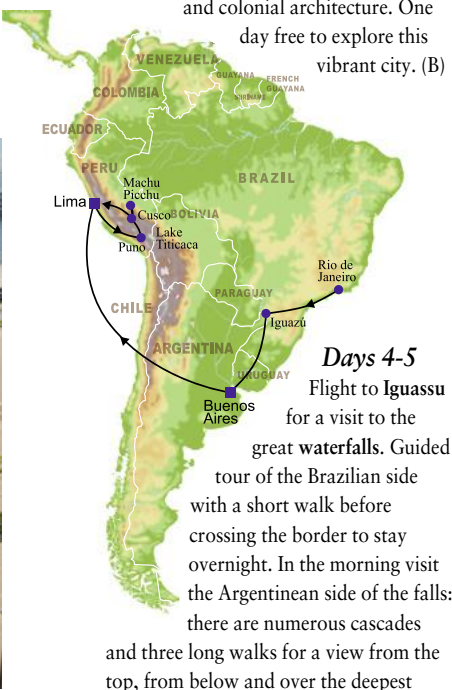
Days 12-14 Morning departure on the luxurious Andean Explorer train journey, passing Andean landscapes of remote farms, towering mountains, and tiny villages. On arrival in Cusco we transfer to our hotel, staying for three nights. Full day tour of the Sacred Valley of the Incas passing small villages, hillside terraced fields and exploring the Inca ruins of Ollantaytambo. We visit the colourful markets at Pisac and Chinchero. (B,L) Half day tour of Cusco including the Colonial-era Cathedral, 'Qorikancha' Temple of the Sun, and the mighty Inca fortress of Sacsayhuamán. (B)

Day 15 Depart on the Vistadome train along the scenic Urubamba Valley, leading us to the breathtaking ruins of Machu Picchu. Guided tour of the

archaeological site, learning about this most famous of ruins. Overnight. (B,L)

Days 16-18 Morning at leisure and afternoon return to Cusco by Vistadome Train, staying for two more nights with a full day at leisure for optional excursions. **Day 18** fly to Lima, connecting with your overnight flight home, arriving **Day 19**. (B)

The Montecristi Tour departs Tuesday and Thursday, returning Saturday and Monday. **INCLUDING: 19 days, 17 nights' accommodation with breakfast (B), meals as shown, all flights (1 overnight), taxes, all transfers and excursions with our English-speaking guides, entrance fees, all transport and meals as per the itinerary shown. Please see the end of the brochure for further details of what is included.**



Days 4-5

Flight to Iguassu for a visit to the

great waterfalls. Guided tour of the Brazilian side with a short walk before crossing the border to stay overnight. In the morning visit the Argentinean side of the falls: there are numerous cascades and three long walks for a view from the top, from below and over the deepest

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The Encantada Tour: Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Brazil

17 night itinerary:

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Machu Picchu – 1 night • Cusco – 1 night

Continuing to LAKE TITICACA & BOLIVIA

22 night itinerary:

Cusco – 1 night • Lake Titicaca/Puno – 1 night

Sun Island – 1 night • La Paz – 2 nights

Continuing to BRAZIL

25 night itinerary:

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Getting to know the Galapagos wildlife, Days 4-10

Basking marine iguanas cling to the rocky shores of a Pacific archipelago that is home to an immense variety of wildlife species, many of them endemic. Continuing to the mountain kingdom of the Incas, high in the Andes, we visit their imperial capital of Cusco and the remote citadel of Machu Picchu.

Colonial Quarter, Quito Days 1-3



Days 1-3 Daytime flight on Thursday (First) or Saturday (Tourist) for 3 nights in Quito. Situated between two ranges of the snow-capped Andes, Quito's setting and temperate climate is beautiful. The next morning we take a tour of the modern and colonial quarters of Quito including La Compañía Church with its ornate façade and a visit to the Archaeological Museum, housing a fascinating collection of pre-Colombian ceramics and gold. Excursion to the Otavalo market where local people trade produce, weavings and admire the mountain countryside. (B)

Days 4-10 Cruise the Galapagos Islands, where Darwin observed the wildlife that would lead him to his theory of evolution. Spend 7 nights cruising the archipelago onboard the M/Y Eric (First) or M/Y Samba (Tourist) with daily morning and afternoon guided walks to admire the tame wildlife endemic in each island. Basking marine and land iguanas, red and blue footed boobies, frigate birds, giant tortoises, and friendly sea lions abound. Please refer to our website for details and yachts availability. (B,L,D)

Days 11-12 Flight back to the mainland connecting with a flight to Lima staying for 2 nights. The following day we explore Lima, visiting the main squares, surrounded by grand colonial buildings, the Anthropological Museum with its fascinating array of textiles, pottery and mummies spanning from 1400 BC to Hispanic time, and the Larco Herrera Museum, with a large collection of randomly arranged treasures. (B)

Day 13 Continue with a flight to Cusco staying for 3 nights. On arrival acclimatise to altitude or walk to the main square to absorb the local atmosphere. (B)

Day 14 A fascinating, half day excursion of Cusco and the ruins surrounding the city. Within Cusco, the evidence of Inca culture is visible in the Cathedral, churches and numerous buildings erected on solid Inca stonework foundations. Outside the city stands the fortress of Sacsayhuamán, whose stones weigh over 100 tons and are fitted together with Inca precision. (B)

CULTURE



Day 15 A scenic, full day trip to the Sacred Valley of the Incas, affording great views of the valleys and Inca terracing. Stop at the Maras salt pans, on to Pisac market, a colourful show of local foods and weavings, and visit Pisac ruins, remains of some of the finest examples of Inca masonry. Continue to the village of Ollantaytambo, with its ancient irrigation system, still in good working order, and with the ancient Inca temple fortress towering above. (B,L)

Day 16 Set off by Vistadome train on a glorious journey trundling along the course of the Urubamba River to Aguas Calientes. Bus up the steep mountain side to the magnificent Machu Picchu, which silently awaits. Guided tour of the archaeological site explaining its history. Afternoon free to explore at leisure. Overnight. (B,L)

Day 17 Early morning offers an excellent opportunity to go back for a quiet stroll around Machu Picchu, a walk along the Inca Trail to the Sun Gate, or a strenuous climb to Huayna Picchu, the rocky escarpment overlooking the ruins. Afternoon return to Cusco, by Vistadome train and bus. (B)

Day 18 Afternoon flight to Lima, and connect with an evening flight arriving home on Monday Day 19.

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Extensions: Lake Titicaca & Bolivia

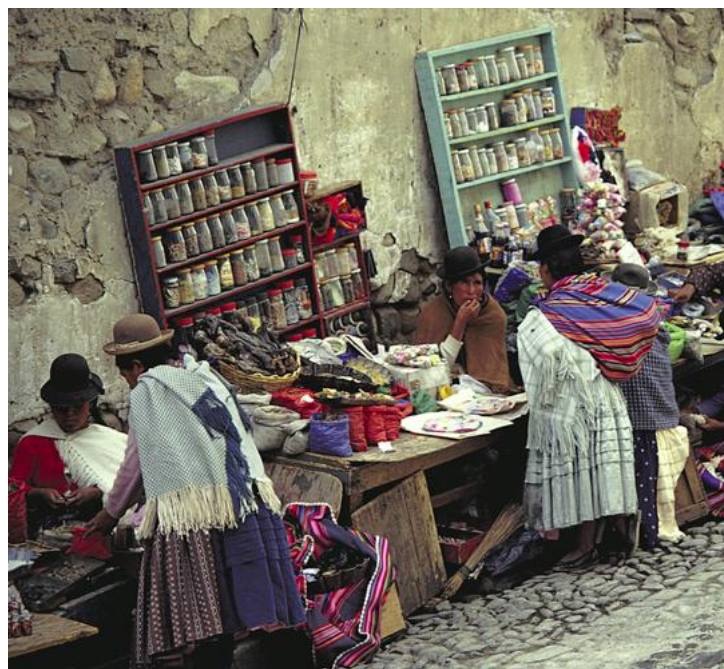
Days 18-19 One day free in Cusco to explore. Departure on the Andean Explorer train, a memorable journey with seats at a table by the window where lunch is served as towering Andean mountains, hot springs and solitary villages pass by. The train stops at isolated railway stations where local people await to sell their wares. On arrival on the shores of Lake Titicaca, we stay in Puno for 1 night. (B,L)

Day 20 This morning we take a boat trip on the lake to visit the people living on the floating Uros Islands, which together with huts and rafts, are built out of the reeds prevalent in the area. Leave Puno in the afternoon on a scenic bus ride, skirting the lake, past local farmers working their Inca terraces to the charming village of Copacabana, Bolivia's main pilgrimage centre. Continue by boat to Sun Island, overnight at our simple lodge overlooking the lake. (B,L)

Day 21 Time in the morning to explore Sun Island before taking a boat back to Copacabana. From Copacabana our journey continues along the lake shores arriving at La Paz in the early evening where we stay for 2 nights. (B)

Day 22 In the morning, our city tour visits the colonial quarter of La Paz, the fascinating witches' market, where weird and wonderful potions are sold, and the Moon Valley, an area of sandstone, sculpted by wind and rain to create a surreal lunar landscape. (B)

Day 23 Flight to Lima connecting with the overnight flight home arriving on Day 24 Saturday. (B)



The Witches market, La Paz. Day 21

NOTE: Opportunity to see more of Bolivia including the historic city of Sucre, Tarabuco market and the ancient mining town of Potosí. Please enquire.

The Encantada Tour & Bolivia INCLUDING 24 days, 22 nights accommodation & breakfast (B), all flights (1 overnight), taxes, all transfers and excursions with our English-speaking guides, entrance fees, services of our representatives throughout, all transport and meals as per the itinerary shown.

Lake Titicaca, Bolivia & Brazil

Day 23 From Bolivia fly on to Rio de Janeiro, via Sao Paulo, staying for 3 nights in the cosmopolitan beach areas of Copacabana or Ipanema. (B)

Day 24 Morning excursion to Brazil's famous landmark, the statue of Christ the Redeemer, perched on Corcovado mountain, granting fabulous views of the city in a unique setting of granite peaks, lagoon, beaches and the sea. Afternoon free to explore Rio de Janeiro. (B)

Days 25-26 Afternoon visit to Rio's Botanical Gardens. Following day flight home arriving on Day 27 Tuesday. (B)

NOTE: Stay on longer in Rio de Janeiro. Optional excursions, visits to colonial Parati or stay at a tropical beach resort on the coast.

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The beautiful setting of Rio De Janeiro, Day 23



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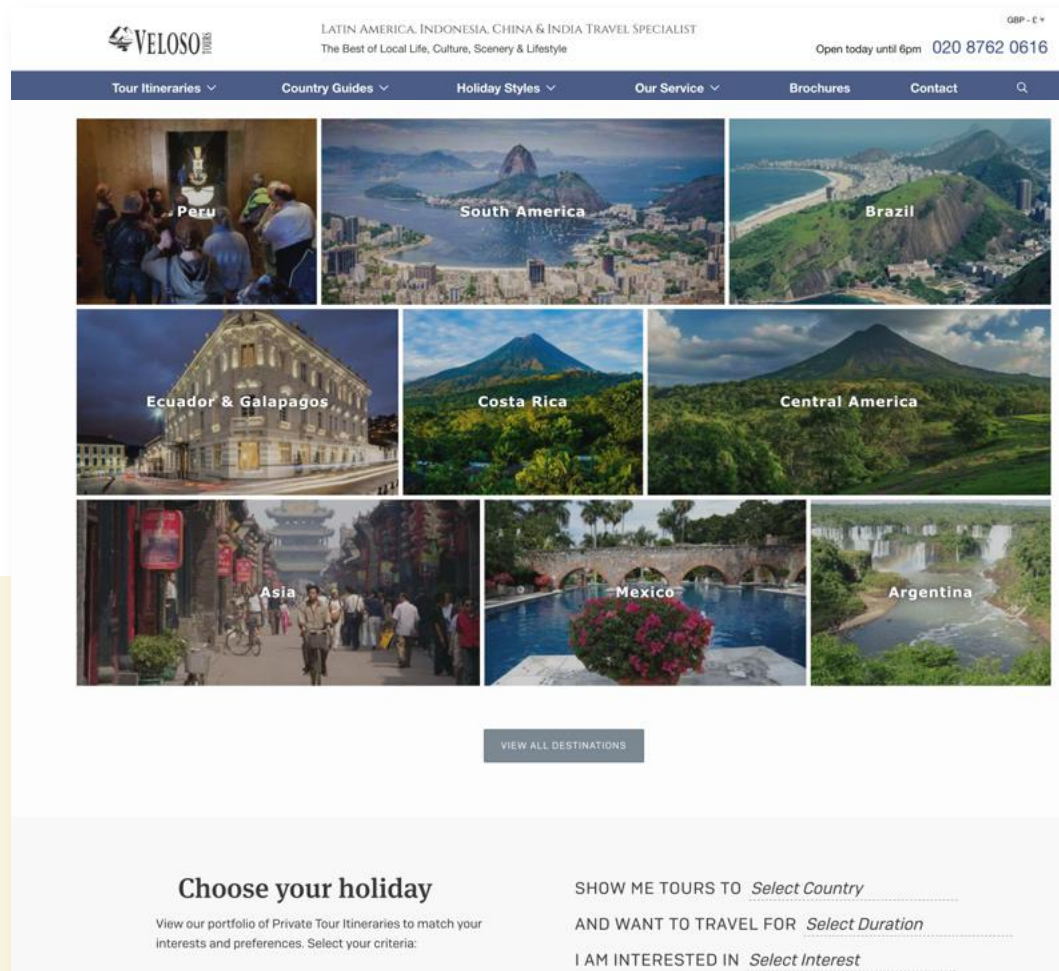
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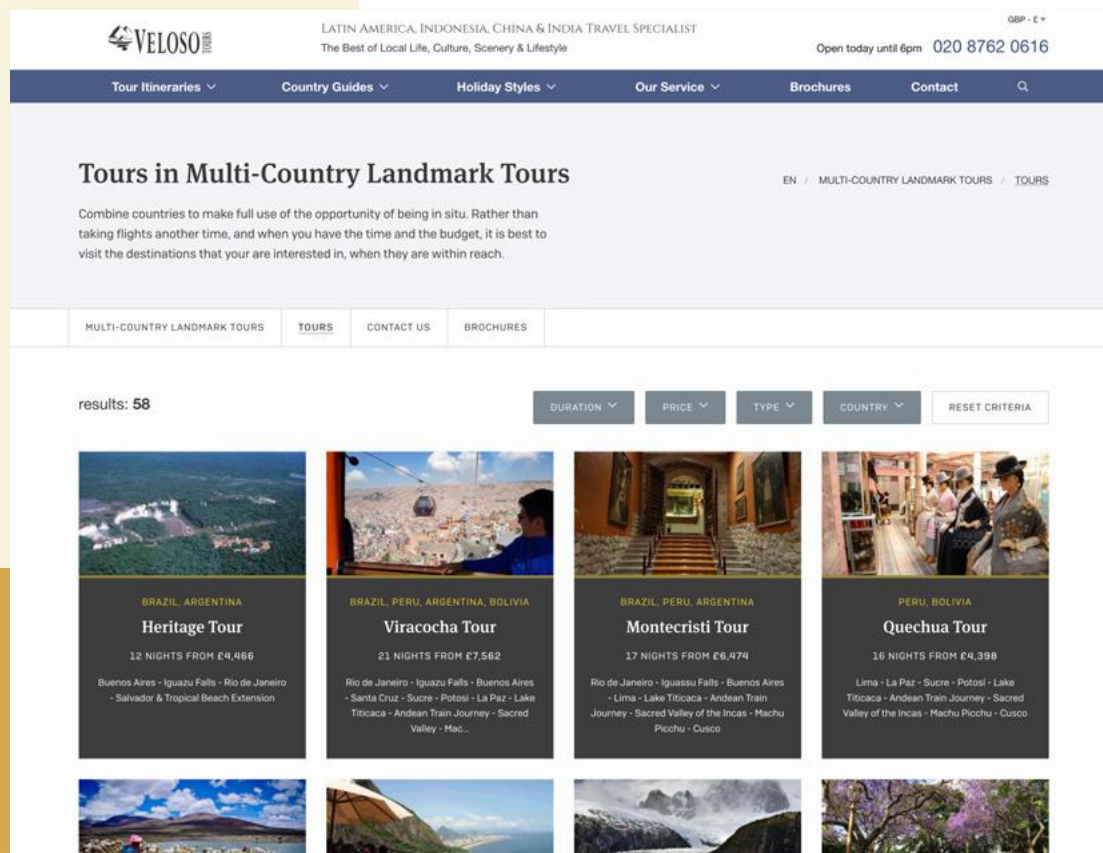
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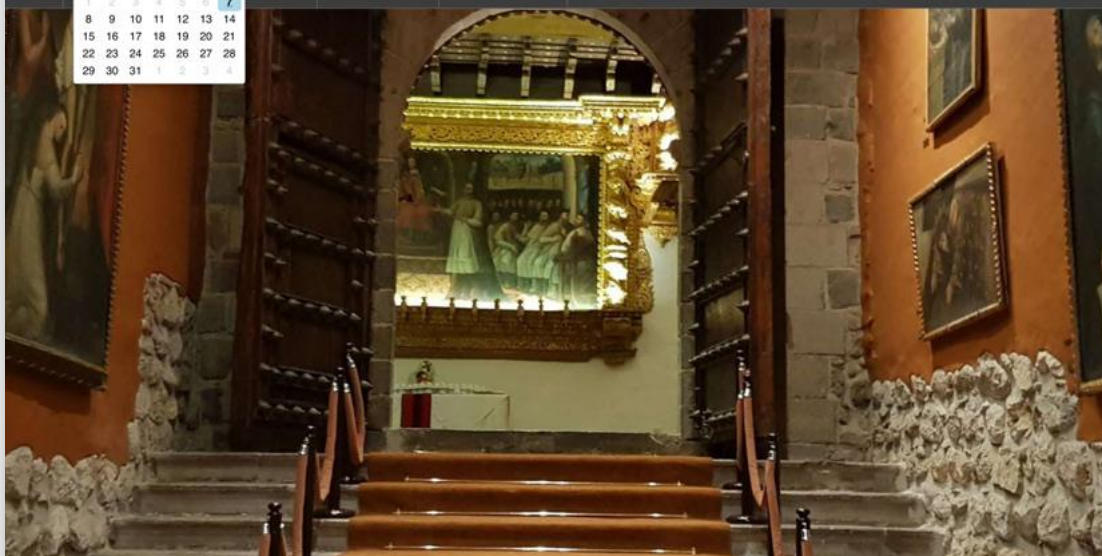
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Travel Highlights

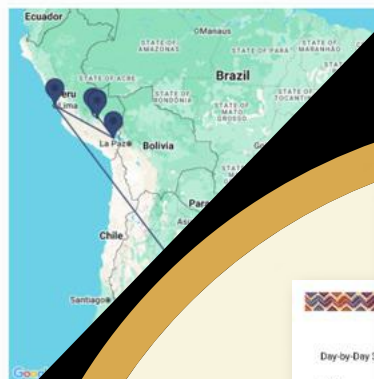
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- Journey by train on the luxurious Andean Explorer through Andean mountain landscapes to the Inca capital **Cusco**
- Marvel at **Machu Picchu**, shrouded in cloud forest, and the **Scared Valley's** hilltop ruins

Tour Route

- Rio de Janeiro - 3 NIGHTS
- Iguassu Falls - 1 NIGHT
- Buenos Aires - 3 NIGHTS
- Lima - 2 NIGHTS
- Lake Titicaca - 2 NIGHTS
- Sacred Valley & Cusco - 3 NIGHTS
- Machu Picchu - 1 NIGHT
- CUSCO - 2 NIGHTS

THIS ITINERARY CAN BE TAILORED TO YOUR PREFERENCES BY OUR SPECIALIST ADVISORS, WHO CAN PROVIDE A GUARANTEED PRICE BASED ON YOUR CHOICE OF DEPARTURE DATE, ROUTE, DURATION, FLIGHTS, CABIN, HOTELS, TRANSPORT AND EXCURSIONS.

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Day-by-Day

Day

Wednesday, 07 Oct

Thursday, 08 October

Friday, 09 October

Saturday, 10 October

Sunday, 11 October

Monday, 12 October

Tuesday, 13 October

Wednesday, 14 Oct

Thursday, 15 October

Friday, 16 October

Saturday, 17 October

Sunday, 18 October

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Saturday, 24 October

Sunday, 25 October

First Class



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- Explore magnificent Iguassu Falls
- Experience the mighty
- Visit the coastal city
- Take a boat trip on the
- Journey by train on the
- Marvel at Machu Pic

What's Included:

- 15 Days / 17 Nights
- International flights (1 overnight)
- Internal flights
- Accommodation as shown on the itinerary
- Breakfast everyday and meals as described on the itinerary

Click to View Price Guidelines & Accommodation Options

Tablet Made Service
We can modify and adapt this tour itinerary according to your preference or start ahead completely. It is necessary for us to speak on the telephone for us to prepare your precise and detailed tour itinerary.

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Fly from the UK to Rio de Janeiro, arriving later the same evening. On arrival, you will be taken to your hotel for a 3-night stay on a bed and breakfast basis.



DOWNLOAD The Tour Itinerary

Once you've selected tours that interest you, enter your preferred departure date and download the itinerary to your computer. The itinerary includes:

- A detailed route map
- A day-by-day summary showing accommodations and planned activities
- Excursion descriptions and hotel options

Note: Prices are indicative of the lowest level achievable when booking a year in advance. Dynamic airline fares and availability may affect the final price.

FACTS OF LIFE IN LATIN AMERICA



Many of the tourist facilities in Latin America have been developed to European standards and you may well be pleasantly surprised by the high quality of some of the hotels, cruise ships or yachts, and by the friendly professionalism of the staff who will look after you. However, many areas of Latin America are underdeveloped, with much lower standards of safety, hotels and transport than those required in the European Union. Passengers travelling on our trips must be prepared for these 'third world' circumstances and the possibility of long delays, changes and discomfort at times.

Very often local cultures and traditions do not place the same emphasis on speedy service and timetables that our busy lifestyles do. We travel to experience other people's way of life, including such differences, and with patience, tolerance and realistic expectations, it is easy to unwind and enjoy a memorable holiday. Our representatives and ourselves will all do our best to minimise any inconvenience and smooth the way as much as possible.

Travellers' Guide from Veloso Tours

All clients booking with us receive a comprehensive personal Travellers' Guide with information and suggestions on how best to prepare for travel in Latin America. This covers important issues such as health and vaccination, climate and clothes, money matters, luggage, security, flight reconfirmation, meeting your guides and airport transfers. Please make sure you have received it.

Accommodation

In selecting our hotels we have looked for style and character to enable clients to feel the identity of the country and culture that they are visiting. Many towns and villages in Central and South America have excellent colonial style hotels with beautiful decor and comfortable facilities, even luxury.

Unfortunately it is not always possible to find hotels with character in some of the towns and villages, or our first choice may not be available, in which case we use other hotels inspected and, in our opinion, providing a good level of comfort, facilities and service.

We have graded the hotels that we use on our tours as follows:

Deluxe Hotels are 5-star properties. More and more hotels and haciendas have opened in Latin America bringing a level of service, character, luxury and comfort that rivals the best in the world.

First Class Hotels are 4-star standard available throughout Latin America, offering comfortable rooms of a reasonable size with private toilet and shower facilities, telephone, television and air conditioning or heating. These hotels have a restaurant and bar, security boxes in the room, and some have a swimming pool, whilst all have a reasonable standard of decor.

Tourist Class Hotels are the equivalent of 2 or 3-star hotels. All the rooms offered to our clients will have private toilet and shower facilities, and whilst these hotels will serve breakfast they will not necessarily have



a restaurant serving lunch and dinner. These hotels provide an excellent base should you wish to spend most of the time sightseeing and will not stay much time in the room other than sleeping, yet demand a good standard of facilities, safety and cleanliness.

Lodges are available at remote locations such as in the rainforest, the mountains or the deserts. These are sometimes basic and built using local materials in keeping with their surroundings; they are often wooden with thatched roofs. Rooms are simply furnished with a bed, mattress, blanket and sheets, some with mosquito nets, separate toilets and showers facilities sometimes being shared. All have a dining area, cooks, staff and guides.

Shared Individual Tours

We provide services as on Individual Tours with different guides at each destination but, as there are set departure dates, you may travel with the same group of people in the same hotels, on flights, all transport, transfers and excursions. Once each service is delivered, you have time on your own.

WHAT THE PRICE INCLUDES

All the Tour Prices shown are per person and include the following:

Accommodation in standard rooms or cabins with single beds, service charges, local taxes, transfers from the airport to the hotel and back, excursions with an English-speaking guide, all transport by car, minibus, train or coach unless otherwise stated when travelling to the next destination. All the services as described in the itinerary are included. Meals as shown in the itinerary using these abbreviations: B for breakfast, L for lunch, D for dinner. Flight prices include Economy Cabin Seats on the transatlantic from the UK and internal flights, and all taxes payable in advance. The help, support and assistance of English-speaking Veloso Tours representatives in each country visited throughout the itinerary.

First Class Individual Tours:

Accommodation in FIRST Class hotels (4 Star equivalent), staying in Standard Rooms

or best hotel in the area with PRIVATE transfers, transport, excursions and guide. Private Tours allow you to maximise your time and to make stops, visits and optimising the route, with more flexible times and duration. You have the full attention of the guide so fulfill your interests.

Deluxe Individual Tours: Same as First Class but with accommodation in DELUXE hotels (5 Star equivalent), staying in Standard Rooms.

Tourist Class Individual Tours:

Accommodation in standard rooms at TOURIST Class hotels (3 Star equivalent) with SHARED group transport, transfers, guide and excursions wherever available, in order to reduce the cost. Shared transfers, transport and excursions entails a fair of amount of time spent (wasted) waiting for other people, collecting and returning other passengers to their hotels and there is no choice of route, duration of time of

departure and return. The guide may speak more than one language as well as English.

Bespoke Individual Tour Itineraries:

Allow you to mix your options according to your preference and the destinations visited. You can choose accommodation and transport, depending on the amount of time you spend at each destination on your itinerary and costs. We produce a proposal with all the details for you to consider before making a booking. We are happy to speak in detail about each option and amend the itinerary proposal until you are fully satisfied with your tour itinerary.

Items not included in the price: Passport and visa costs, insurance, overseas departure and airport taxes, portage at the hotels and airport, meals not listed, personal expenditure, gratuities

Documentation & Local Representatives

Clients travelling on Individual Tours first receive an itinerary proposal with the total

price and listing all the hotels, transfers, excursions and services to be provided. Once you have paid in full we provide a final itinerary with all the contact details, addresses and telephone numbers of your hotels and our local partners. On Individual Tours, you have a supervisory role over the whole itinerary and the services, liaising with our agents or guides to check departure and meeting times. Our local representatives have English-speaking guides and staff to answer any questions you may have and are able to provide additional excursions, restaurant suggestions or general information.

Veloso Tours 24 hour UK Duty Officer

For peace of mind, we provide you with our 24 hour emergency telephone number manned by our duty officer, 365 days of the year, should it be necessary to for you contact us, at any time for help and assistance in an emergency.



BOOKING PROCEDURES

Individual Tours:

- Complete the booking form and send it to us or to our travel agent together with your deposit of £400 per person plus any pre-payments required.
- We make all the reservations for the flights and ground services listed on your itinerary.
- Within three days we will send you a confirmation of your complete itinerary, details of flights, dates, times, hotels, cruises, excursions and the status of your reservation.
- Once you have received confirmation of the full itinerary to your satisfaction, you send us the full payment eight weeks before departure.
- We will send you your flight tickets, vouchers, final itinerary and documentation for your holiday, no later than two weeks before departure.

Bespoke Individual Tour Itineraries:

- We will be pleased to discuss your travel plans by telephone or you may visit our office.
- The process of preparing your personal itinerary may involve a certain amount of liaising to arrive at an itinerary that best fits your requirements.
- We will send you a written proposal for your itinerary and once you are happy with the tour and price, you send us a deposit of £400 per person together with your booking form and we complete the booking in the manner described above in Individual Tours.

Your Supervisory Role on Individual Tours:

- You supervise the delivery of all the arrangements booked for you and shown with address and telephone number on the Final Itinerary that we send you before departure.
- Liaising with our local partner office to ask any questions. Most times the guide only knows the service that he/she is providing you and the office has the full picture.
- We take you the airport check-in and you find your way to the gate and flight connection.
- On arrival at the airport or bus or train station you look for the guide meeting you.
- Most of all, this means being aware of the times when you will be met so you are ready.

OUR PRICES

We aim to provide a competitive price consistent with the high quality of our service, consumer protection and commitment to our clients. The prices in this brochure are correct at the time of going to press, but are not guaranteed and may change over time. We will quote you the exact price when you first enquire, for you to consider and agree, before you decide to book and before we confirm your booking and take your deposit. Once you receive our confirmation invoice our prices are guaranteed if you pay in full within one month from the date of the invoice.

Our prices may bear no relation to prices of services in Latin America, available and payable locally at the time of travel, contracted by local agents or special promotions. We cannot provide a breakdown of prices other than those shown in our brochure. Please note that travel arrangements are not always purchased in local currencies and any apparent changes in local prices have no impact on the price of your travel due to contractual and other protection in place. Prices shown for Escorted Group Tours and Individual Tours include Transatlantic flights and all internal flights and the land tour services listed on the itinerary. We can take out the value of the flights so you arrange your own flights, perhaps as part of a round-the-world ticket, or on airmiles.

Single Travellers and Own Room / Single Room Supplement

The price shown for a single traveller on an Individual Tour includes the cost of a single room. The single room supplement or price for Own Room applies to those who prefer to stay in their own room, just for you, when several people travel together. A person travelling alone on one of our Group Tours can avoid the cost paying for a single room if he or she is willing to share a room or cabin for double occupancy, and there is a person of the same gender who is also willing to share.

HEALTH & VACCINATIONS

All passengers should consult their doctors for proper medical advice and vaccinations in good time before travel. It is important to consider taking precautions against illnesses in the area that you are visiting, but these vary widely and there are no compulsory vaccination requirements for passengers travelling from Europe or the United States. All passengers arriving in Brazil from Bolivia, Ecuador & Peru MUST have a Yellow Fever Vaccination & Certificate taken at least 21 days earlier. There is a Health Information Service on 0845 46 47 or MASTA Travellers Health advice website www.masta-travelhealth.com validated by the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. However, vaccines are only the first step. It is just as important to take precautions while travelling since the reality is that the more common ailments may prove to be the most disruptive. When we confirm your booking we will send you our pre-departure Travellers' Guide with essential information for your journey.

SAFETY & SECURITY

It is important that you should be aware, before you book your holiday, that standards of health, safety and security in many parts of Latin America do not meet European standards. Many areas are poor, underdeveloped, with different priorities and a serious lack of resources to import the standards and technical ability that we enjoy in Europe. Visiting Latin America means being part of the life and standards in those countries, with all the limitations of their social, economic, political and regulatory conditions. Unfortunately crimes against people and their property can occur everywhere in the world and Latin America is no exception. Travellers have the same obligation to look after their personal safety, health, security and possessions as they do at home. Our Travellers' Guide provides information and suggestions on precautions to take while travelling. Since the situation is constantly changing, you may wish to check the advice and up-to-date information issued by The Foreign and Commonwealth Office Travel Advice Unit by phone 084 585 028 29 or on BBC2 (Ceefax) page 470 or at their web site www.fco.gov.uk

SPECIAL REQUESTS / INTERESTS

Our commitment to our clients' comfort leads us to try to satisfy special requirements in order to make your trip as enjoyable as possible. We require a written note on the booking form with any such request, highlight, essential requirement or special interest you may have. To make sure, we will book it first and confirm to you that we can provide it.

FLIGHTS

Special Reduced Fares and Restrictions

Prices in this brochure and tailor-made quotations are based on special leisure airfares and conditions offered to us by the airlines primarily for holiday travel, as opposed to the normal IATA fares used mostly for business travel. These represent a reduction on the normal IATA fares which entitle passengers to privileges and flexibility that leisure passengers do not normally require.

Tickets at our special fares are 100% non-refundable, valid ONLY on the airline, flight and dates shown and do not entitle passengers to switch to another airline in case of a flight cancellation, delay or technical problem with the aircraft or the reservation. However, we are able to offer higher IATA airfares and aircraft charters to clients for whom these restrictions are not acceptable.

Flights with Special Service Classes

For more comfort, most airlines have their own special service class on board, called Club World, First Class, Upper Class, Business First and so on, providing passengers with larger reclining seats, sometimes flat beds, better meals and other benefits at a premium fare. However, there is no uniform equivalence between each airline's service classes, and the prices and service offered are very different. Please ask for our advice, price and details of the service each airline provides.

Delays, Reservations and Problems with Flights

The vast majority of flights operate without any problem, particularly off peak. The reality of air travel in the world today is one where the volume of flights and passengers at the airports, together with congestion and economic pressures, lead to the possibility of lost luggage, delays, cancellations and the overbooking of flights. The whole process of going through crowded airports, queues, check-in, officials, endless security and flights, is not an enjoyable experience, but rather a test of patience and endurance.

Clients travelling long haul must be aware of this reality and must be prepared to cope with the consequences of any disruption, including delays that may be in the order of a few minutes or several long hours. Normally airlines provide accommodation and meals or refreshments if the wait is prolonged but this may not be the case with some smaller airlines in countries with limited resources.

The airline ticket entitles you to be taken from A to B but it does not guarantee when or how. It is common sense that in everyone's interest, airlines have a paramount concern for the safety of their crew and passengers, therefore timekeeping is of secondary importance should the airline find or suspect any technical problem with the aircraft, crew, weather or air traffic control. In addition, clients should accept that, at times, airlines may have to change the type of aircraft used and the destination airport, in which case you will be taken back to your original destination, on alternative transport, as soon as possible.





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