

South America

Escorted Group Tour

30 days commencing 13 September 2012



Macchu Pichu



Argentinian Gaucho



Buenos Aires

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Tour Itinerary



Iguazu Falls



Vista Dome Train

September 2012

Thu 13: Melbourne/Auckland - Qantas midday flight to Auckland. Airport hotel (1 night)

Fri 14: Auckland/Santiago - Lan Chile flight. Hotel Kennedy (3 nights)

Sat 15: Santiago (B/L/D) - morning city tour of this very cosmopolitan city with its impressive squares, wonderful Old City, the bohemian neighbourhood and San Cristobal Hill with panoramic views of the city and its spectacular backdrop of the soaring snow capped Andes. Later visit a nearby vineyard for a tasting tour and lunch in a hacienda. Welcome dinner tonight in a nearby atmospheric restaurant

Sun 16: Santiago (B/L) - today we attend a traditional Chilean rodeo with colourful pageantry. Here pairs of costumed skilled horsemen compete to tightly control steers. The crowd dressed in their wide brimmed hats sing and cheer their heroes. A Chilean styled BBQ lunch is included.

Mon 17: Santiago/Puerto Varas (B/D) - we fly to Puerto Mont and transfer to nearby Puerto Varas, which is located on Lake Llaquihue and surrounded by snow capped volcanoes. The town has many fine 19th century Germanic buildings and is bordered by picture perfect farmlands. Dinner tonight on the 'Captain Haase' a traditional sail boat. Hotel Cabanas del Lago (3 nights).

Tue 18: Puerto Varas (B/L) - day tour to nearby Frutillar with its pronounced Germanic architecture, food, street names and water mill.

Wed 19: Puerto Varas (B/L) - day tour to Chiloe Island in its national park setting. The main town of Castro is renowned for its succulent seafood, fine woollen handcrafts and is characterised by fleets of yellow boats and stilted palafito houses.

Thu 20: Puerto Varas/Lakes Crossing (B/D) - we commence our two day crossing of the Chilean Lakes by coach and ferry through spectacular scenery of national parks, rushing rivers, waterfalls, woods, parklands, mountains. Hotel Natura (1 night)

Fri 21: Lakes Crossing/Bariloche (B) - continue on into Argentina and the attractive lakeside city of Bariloche. Hotel Tres Ryos (2 nights).

Sat 22: Bariloche (B) - on our full day tour we cover two hundred kilometres visiting areas such as the Enchanted Forest, Arrayanes forest with its cinnamon coloured trees and the scenic seven lakes region.

Sun 23: Bariloche/Viedma (B) - the morning at leisure; afternoon join the 'Expreso Patagonico' Express train. Argentina is realizing the value of good train travel. Highlights of this train trip are the succulent steaks, washed down with red wine and traditional ballad musicians. Sleeper on train (1 night)

Mon 24: Viedma/Tandil (B) - late morning arrival at Viedma then drive through pampas country to the former Rodrigos outpost of Tandil. Hotel Elegance (1 night)

Tue 25: Tandil/San Antonio de Areco (B/D) - continue onto the exquisite town of San Antonio de Areco with its quaint cobblestone streets and colonial buildings. Tonight we stay at a working ranch complete with gauchos. Estancia El Ombu de Areco (1 night)

Wed 26: San Antonio de Areco/Buenos Aires (B) - today travel onto Buenos Aires. Hotel De Las Americas (2 nights)

Thu 27: Buenos Aires (B) - half day sightseeing tour - broad tree lined avenues lined with old time cafes; Plaza de Mayo, La Bocha, birthplace of the Tango and San Telmo, revitalised area of cobblestone streets, artistic cafes and antique/bric-a-bac stores.

Fri 28: Buenos Aires/Iguazu Falls (B) - morning flight with airport transfers. Hotel Saint George (2 nights)

Sat 29: Iguazu Falls (B) - half day sightseeing tour of the impressive Iguazu Falls, higher than Niagara in a tropical rainforest. Home to abundant birds and wildlife. Numerous pathways allow close up photos

Sun 30: Iguazu/Buenos Aires/Lima (B) - fly to Lima (Peru). San Augustin Exclusive (2 nights)

Mon 01 Oct: Lima (B) - the capital city of Peru has a rich blend of colonial architecture, revered pre-Columbian sites, and interesting shopping areas. On our city tour we will visit the cathedral, the San Francisco Convent and the Larco Museum. The tour also takes us along the city's lovely Pacific Coast through charming residential areas.

Tue 02: Lima/Cusco (B) - in the morning we fly to Cusco. In the afternoon we tour the Tamboachay ruins water fountains, Puca-Pucara and two fortresses. Picoaga Hotel (2 nights)

Wed 03: Cusco (B/L) - on our Sacred Valley day tour we visit Pisac with its colourful fairs of handcrafts. We then continue to the fortress of Ollantaytambo that was built by the Incas.

Thu 04: Cusco/Machu Picchu (B/L/D) - two day excursion with all meals included. Depart on the vista dome train to the fabulous mountaintop ruins of Machu Picchu. Afternoon guided tour of the ruins. El Mapi Hotel (1 night)

Fri 05: Machu Picchu/Cusco - in the morning you will have the opportunity to visit the ruins again. Afternoon train back to Cusco. Picoaga Hotel (1 night)

Sat 06: Cusco/Puno (B/L) - all day excursion on the excellent 'Andean Explorer' train. Sonesta Posada de Inca (2 nights)

Sun 07: Puno (B/L) - day cruise on Lake Titicaca. Stop at the floating Islands of Uros, made from rushes home to fishermen and hunters. See boat building, textile making and exceptional woollen goods.

Mon 08: Puno/Lima (B)- transfer to Juliaca and fly back to Lima. San Augustin Exclusive (2 nights)

Tue 09: Lima/Santiago (B) - fly to Santiago. Hotel Kennedy (1 night)

Wed 10: Santiago/In Flight (B) - evening Lan Chile flight back to Australia.

Thu 11: In Flight

Fri 12: In Flight/Auckland/Australia - connecting Qantas flight direct to Melbourne while Sydney passengers continue on Lan Chile.

Inclusions:

- Accommodation in 3 and 4 star properties
- Meals as marked in the itinerary (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)
- Transfers
- Train fares from Bariloche to Viedma
- Vista Dome train Cusco to Machu Picchu
- Andean Explorer train Cusco to Puno
- Sightseeing Tours
 - Santiago city tour
 - Horseshow in Santiago
 - Sailing and dinner on Captain Haase
 - Full day tour of Puerto Varas
 - Full day tour to Chiloe Island
 - Full day tour from Bariloche
 - Half day Buenos Aires city tour
 - Half day tour of Iguazu Falls
 - Lima city tour including Larco Museum
 - Tour of Cusco and nearby ruins
 - Sacred Valley tour
 - Entrance fares to Machu Picchu
 - Lake Titicaca cruise

Tour Prices (\$A per person twin share)

Land arrangements	\$ 8,700
Lan Chile fare including taxes	\$ 2,600
Internal flights including taxes	\$ 1,400
Total price including airfares	\$12,700

Notes

1. Internal flights include the following sectors Buenos Aires/Iguazu, Iguazu/Buenos Aires/Lima, Lima/Cusco and Juliaca/Santiago



Floating Islands of Uros on Lake Titicaca

Inca Trail Trek with camping, Machu Picchu and Lake Titicaca alternative

September 2012

Thu 13 to Tue 02 Oct - itinerary per program for base tour.

October 2012

Wed 03: Cusco/Inca Trail (B/L/D) - commence Inca Trail trek. Bus travel via villages (12km) in the Incas Sacred Valley. Commence trekking to Wayllamba camp.

Thu 04: Inca Trail - Paqaymayu (B/L/D) - today you reach the highest point on the Inca Trail at 4,200 metres. Here you can notice the different micro climates as you trek from rainforest to the Warmiwanusqa Pass.

Fri 05: Inca Trail - Winayayna (B/L/D) - this morning hike for 45 minutes to the second pass at 3,900 metres and visit archaeological sites to Wiyaymna camp.

Sat 06: Inca Trail/Cusco (B) - start walking toward Inti Punku area for an awesome view of the majestic Machu Picchu. Arriving at the ruins there is a two and half hour guided tour of the main sites of the complex. Free time then by bus to the rail station for the afternoon train to Cusco. Today's walk is 4km at 2,700 metres above sea level (estimated duration 3 hours) Picoaga Hotel (1 night)

Sun 07: Cusco/Puno (B) - tourist bus stopping at Andahuayalillus villages en-route. Here Jesuits in 1580 built classic churches with simple adobe mud brick walls. This church has magnificent murals and is termed the Sistine Chapel of the Andes. Sonesta Posada del Inca (2 nights)

Mon 08: Lake Titicaca (B/L) - visit the Islands of Uros that float. Here fishermen and hunters live. The islands are made of cattail, a type of rush that grows in the lake to create the conditions that ensure the islands stay afloat. Continue to Taquile Island where there is a co-operative selling exceptional woollen goods. This island is famous for its crafts especially its beautiful textiles.

Tue 09: Puno/Santiago (B) - afternoon return to Lima and Santiago. Overnight with breakfast.

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Sacred Valley

Amazon and Ancient Civilizations in Northern Peru

September 2012

Thu 13 to Sun 30 - itinerary per program for base tour.

October 2012

Mon 01 Oct: Lima/Trujillo (B) - the capital city of Peru has a rich blend of colonial architecture, revered pre-Columbian sites, and interesting shopping areas. On our city tour we will visit the cathedral, the San Francisco Convent and the Larco Museum. The tour also takes us along the city's lovely Pacific Coast through charming residential areas. After the tour transfer to the Airport for the flight to Trujillo. El Gran Marques (2 nights)

Tue 02: Trujillo (B) - today we will tour the Moche Countryside. The Moche culture (ca. AD 100-750) was a South American society, with cities, temples, canals and farmsteads located along the arid coast in a narrow strip between the Pacific Ocean and the Andes mountains of Peru. Our tours includes a visit to the Monas Mocheras crafts factory, Temples of the Sun and Moon archaeological complex, Huacas de Moche Museum and Chan Chan world heritage site. We also tour the city of Trujillo, which is renowned for its Colonial mansions.

Wed 03: Trujillo/Chiclayo (B/L) - en-route to Chiclayo we see the archaeological complex of the El Brujo and the on-site museum. In Chiclayo we tour the Royal Tombs of Sipan. The tour includes the acclaimed museum, one of the most modern in South America.

Thu 04: Chiclayo/Lima/Amazon Basin (B/D) - fly to Iquitos and transfer to Ceiba Amazon Lodge (4 nights)

Fri 05: Ceiba Tops (B/L/D) - enjoy an early morning birding excursion, followed by a cruise down the Amazon. This area has the world's highest biodiversity of trees. You will also visit a Yagau Indian village.

Sat 06: Ceiba Tops (B/L/D) - morning boat excursion to "Monkey Island", a private reserve where more than five species of tropical primates including small tamarins, saki, titi and large woolly monkeys are protected. Afternoon boating excursion in search of sloth, found in Cecropia trees at the water's edge, and the two species of freshwater river dolphin, pink and grey, found in Amazonian waters. Weather permitting; enjoy a beautiful Amazonian sunset on the river.

Sun 07: Ceiba Tops (B/L/D) - early morning departure by boat to the ExplorNapó Lodge for breakfast. Hike to the spectacular canopy walkway, which is connected by tree platforms. The walkway is accessible without any type of climbing skill or equipment. After lunch, visit the Ethnobotanical Garden where over 240 medicinal plants are cultivated by a local shaman who will explain the nature of Amazonian natural healing and the uses of a variety of plants.

Mon 08: Ceiba Tops/Lima (B) - a choice of activities before afternoon return to Lima. San Augustin (1 night)

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 - Half day tour of Iguazu Falls
 - Lima city tour including Larco Museum
 - Tour of Trujillo and Moche countryside including entrance to archaeological sites and museums
 - Four night stay at Ceiba Top Lodge including excursions described in the itinerary

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Monasterio de San Francisco in Lima

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Notes

Group flights with Lan Chile
Own international airfares

Passport Details

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