

# ***BRAZIL, ARGENTINA & PERU TOUR***



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## Brazil, Argentina & Peru Tour with Flights

Duration: 18 days

Stay: 16 nights hotels

Travel style: Escorted tour with flights from Australia

Booking code: BAPG18M

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# 18 Days Brazil, Argentina & Peru Escorted Tour

## About the holiday

Explore the famous highlights of South America's big bucket list destinations: Brazil, Argentina and Peru!

In 18 days this worry-free adventure travels to vibrant Rio de Janeiro, spectacular Iguazu Falls, Buenos Aires, Lima, colourful Cuzco, Puno and of course, astonishing Machu Picchu. All the while accompanied by experienced tour managers and English-speaking local guides.

Begin the mind-blowing journey in Rio de Janeiro, where you'll ascend the peak of iconic Sugarloaf Mountain and discover the beating heart of Brazil. Stand in awe at majestic Iguassu Falls and travel to Argentina to explore cosmopolitan Buenos Aires.

Fly to the Peruvian capital of Lima, where you'll be discovering UNESCO World Heritage Sites, tracing the history of the Inca Empire and visiting the remarkable ancient citadel of Machu Picchu. View the stunning landscapes as you drive through the Andean Plains, admire beautiful Lake Titicaca and take a boat trip to the man-made floating reed islands that are home to the indigenous Uros people.

This comprehensive tour of South America will leave you with indelible memories of the continent's rich culture, welcoming people and extraordinary sights!

## Why you'll love this tour...

- This extensive tour ticks the boxes for included highlights & free time
- Travel with expert tour leaders to get the best local tips & guided sightseeing
- Enjoy extended stays of 2 or 3 nights in all cities for a comfortable pace
- All flights are included, from Australia & within South America

## Travel dates

**2024 & 2025** - Thursdays from February to November, contact us for available dates

*Departures are subject to confirmation at time of booking and price may vary depending on your travel date.*

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### Escorted Tour Includes:

- International flights from Australia to Rio de Janeiro and from Lima
  - Depart from Melbourne, Sydney or Brisbane (contact us for other cities)
  - Airline taxes & fuel surcharges
- All intra-flights: Rio de Janeiro-Iguassu, Iguazu-Buenos Aires, Buenos Aires-Lima, Lima-Cuzco & Juliaca-Lima
- 16 nights hotel accommodation in quality 3-5 star hotels
  - 3 nights Rio de Janeiro
  - 2 nights Iguazu, Argentina
  - 3 nights Buenos Aires
  - 3 nights Lima
  - 3 nights Cuzco
  - 2 nights Puno
- Hotel taxes, fees & service charges
- Hotel portorage
- 22 meals: 16 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 5 dinners
- Sightseeing per itinerary in modern motor coach
- Services of English-speaking tour managers throughout
- Services of English-speaking local guides
- Entrance fees per itinerary

### Package excludes:

Airport transfers on day 2 & day 18 - let us know if you'd like to pre-book transfers

Meals & sightseeing not specified in the inclusions or itinerary

Optional tours & activities

Personal items, such as drinks, snacks, laundry, WiFi etc.

Gratuities for guides, representatives & drivers

Travel insurance is essential

Prices are based on twin share, please contact us for single rates

*Package is subject to confirmation by hotels, tour company & local operators.*

*Booking conditions & cancellation fees apply.*

## Top Experiences on Tour:

- Ascend to the summit of Corcovado Mountain to see the spectacular views of Rio
- Stand in awe at majestic and awe-inspiring Iguassu Falls
- Admire the elegant architecture in Buenos Aires, the "Paris of South America"
- At Recoleta Cemetery, see the final resting place of Eva "Evita" Peron
- Tango lesson with professional Argentine tango dancers
- Tour of Colonial Lima, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Explore Cuzco, ancient capital of the Inca Empire
- Discover the astonishing ancient citadel of Machu Picchu via the PeruRail Vistadome Train
- Drive through the Andean Plains to pristine Lake Titicaca
- Excursion by boat to the fascinating Uros Floating Islands

## Itinerary:

### DAY 1, Thursday - Fly to Brazil

### DAY 2, Friday - Arrive in Rio de Janeiro

Welcome to Brazil! Morning arrival in Rio, the vivacious "sun and fun" capital of South America; please make your own way to the hotel. The rest of the day is yours to rest, relax and acclimate to your new surroundings. Your tour will begin with an orientation meeting with your Tour Manager at approximately at 5:30 PM, followed by dinner with your fellow travellers at a typical Brazilian *Churrascaria*. We recommend that you select flights which arrive no later than 3:30 PM

**Overnight:** Rio de Janeiro

**Meals:** Dinner

### DAY 3, Saturday - Rio de Janeiro, Tour of Corcovado Mountain

Awake this morning in amazing Rio. Begin the day with an ascent by a scenic cog railway to the summit of Corcovado Hill. Here, at 2,400 feet above the city stands the 125-foot-tall statue of *Christ the Redeemer*. The Christ statue, that embraces the entire city, is designated as one of the seven "New Wonders of the World". See the thrilling 360 degree sweeping view of the city and understand why Rio is known as one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Afterwards, continue along Rio's famous beaches, including Copacabana and Ipanema before returning to your hotel

**Overnight:** Rio de Janeiro

**Meals:** Breakfast

### DAY 4, Sunday - Rio de Janeiro

Today is at leisure to discover all of the delights of Rio on your own. Watch the volleyball and soccer matches on the beach, shop for local crafts, and linger at a waterfront café to just "people-watch".

Join the *optional* not-to-be-missed glass cable car ride that takes you to the top of iconic Sugar Loaf Mountain, symbol of the city, where you'll see the stunning panorama of the beaches, Corcovado Mountain, downtown Rio and Guanabara Bay. In the afternoon attend the *optional* Carnival and Samba Experience. Visit one of the top Samba schools in the city and learn what made the Samba & Carnival icons of Brazilian national identity. On your last night in Rio at leisure, be sure to sample the cuisine at some of the fabulous restaurants and cafes ringing the beachfront

**Optional:** Half Day Sugar Loaf Mountain (AM)

**Optional:** Half Day Carnival and Samba Experience (PM)

**Overnight:** Rio de Janeiro

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **DAY 5, Monday - Fly to Iguassu, Brazilian Falls**

Depart Rio this morning on a flight to Iguassu Falls. Upon arrival, walk along the winding pathways on the Brazilian side of the majestic and awe-inspiring Falls, one of the world's greatest natural wonders. Iguassu consists of over 275 separate cataracts across a span of two and one-half miles, wider than Victoria Falls and higher than Niagara Falls and more dramatic than both. Stand in awe at the unforgettable panoramic views before crossing the border to Iguazu, the Argentinean side of the Falls, for overnight. After a day filled with unforgettable memories, return to the hotel and enjoy a typical Argentine dinner

**Overnight:** Iguazu

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

### **DAY 6, Tuesday - Iguazu, the Argentinean Falls**

Your adventure continues this morning on the Argentinean side of the Falls. A rail car takes you to the top of the Falls on the Upper Circuit,\* and you will walk to the Lower Circuit where the power of nature surrounds you. Continue along the catwalks to Devil's Gorge - stand in amazement as you gaze at spectacular "Devil's Throat" the most magnificent of all of the cataracts. View, photograph and feel the spray of the thundering waters, one of nature's most impressive achievements and a unique experience for your senses. Spend the rest of the day exploring the natural treasures of Iguazu National Park, designated a World Heritage Site for its rare and endangered flora and fauna

*\*Please be advised that in order to access the falls, you are required to walk over uneven surfaces, followed by a series of narrow boardwalk paths. The paths feature many sets of stairs and can be slippery due to the mist*

**Overnight:** Iguazu

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **DAY 7, Wednesday - Fly to Buenos Aires**

This afternoon transfer to the airport for your flight to Buenos Aires. Arrive in the cosmopolitan city of Buenos Aires. Its beauty is apparent with its elegant architecture, wide tree-shaded boulevards, striking monuments and sprawling parks. Spend the rest of the day at leisure to get acquainted with the "Paris of South America" and its distinct European flavour. As you will have your night at leisure feel free to treat yourself to an Argentine dinner at one of the city's many superb steak restaurants

**Overnight:** Buenos Aires

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **DAY 8, Thursday - Buenos Aires City Tour**

Discover the city's highlights this morning on a tour that includes the Plaza de Mayo, Metropolitan Cathedral and Casa Rosada (government palace); see the balcony where Eva and Juan Peron made their speeches. Then, to the colourful La Boca neighbourhood, a working-class barrio, and the old quarters of San Telmo and Caminito, a mix of colonial style homes, narrow lanes, artists' lofts and very trendy cafes. Drive to the Recoleta Cemetery, final resting place of many of the wealthiest and most important Argentine historical figures. The grounds here cover more than four city blocks, filled with tombs adorned by works of local and international sculptors, and more than 6,400 mausoleums including the tomb of Eva "Evita" Peron, always heaped with flowers and letters from adoring fans. Spend the rest of the afternoon exploring some of Buenos Aires neighbourhoods and fabulous collection of shops before this evening's tango lesson with professional Argentine Tango dancers.

Tonight is at leisure, or participate in the *optional* Argentine Dinner and Tango Show

**Optional:** Buenos Aires Dinner & Tango Show (PM)

**Overnight:** Buenos Aires

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **DAY 9, Friday - Full Day in Buenos Aires**

Revisit some of your favourite places in the city today, shop for leatherwear and designer clothes, or, join the *optional* fun-filled Gaucho Party at the Santa Susana Ranch. Get ready for a rustic experience at a typical Argentine ranch (estancia), dedicated to agriculture and the breeding of cattle and horses. After a tour of the grounds, enjoy a typical barbecue lunch, followed by a folklore show with live music and dancing. Return to the hotel with time to prepare for this evening's "Farewell to Argentina" dinner with your group at a delightful restaurant

**Optional:** Full Day Gaucho Party

**Overnight:** Buenos Aires

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

### **DAY 10, Saturday - Depart Buenos Aires, Arrive in Lima**

Bid farewell to your Tour Manager and transfer to the airport for your flight to Lima\*. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure  
*\*Due to flight schedules, some departures will use an evening flight to Lima*

**Overnight:** Lima

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **DAY 11, Sunday - Lima City Tour**

This morning's tour of Lima, with its 2000 years of history, begins at the colonial centre of the city, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with its historic buildings surrounding the splendid Plaza Mayor. View the impressive Palace of the Archbishop with its fine carved balcony, the opulent Government Palace, official residence of the President, and the 16th century Cathedral of Lima whose first stone was laid by Pizarro. Continue to the 17th century Monasterio de San Francisco complex with its magnificent tiles, ornate carved ceilings, exceptional paintings and world-renowned library. Spend the remainder of the day at leisure or join the *optional* tour Larco Herrera Museum with lunch. Following lunch, experience one of Lima's most magnificent museums. Admire the world's largest collection of pre-Columbian masterpieces and a stunning exhibition of gold and priceless jewels

**Optional:** Larco Herrera Museum with Lunch

**Overnight:** Lima

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **DAY 12, Monday - Fly to Cuzco, Cuzco City Tour**

Depart Lima this morning by flight to Cuzco in the Peruvian Andes. This ancient capital of the Inca Empire is the oldest continuously inhabited city in the western hemisphere, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel in this historic city. In the afternoon, depart for a tour of Cuzco. View the impressive Colonial Cathedral, which contains over 400 paintings from the Cusqueña School in addition to colonial art. Continue on to visit the Koricancha, the Temple of the Sun, once the most important religious site of the Incas, whose walls and floors were allegedly once covered by sheets of solid gold

**Overnight:** Cuzco ▲

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **DAY 13, Tuesday - Discover Machu Picchu**

Early morning transfer to the Sacred Valley's Ollanta Station to board the Vistadome Train that travels through misty peaks to the astonishing ancient citadel of Machu Picchu\*, the "Lost City of the Incas", designated by UNESCO as one of the *New Seven Wonders of the World*. Machu Picchu was virtually unknown to the western world until Hiram Bingham's rediscovery in 1911. Spend the morning viewing the unforgettable wonders of this 15th century retreat, abandoned nearly 100 years later with the arrival of the conquistadors.

See the highlights of the site including the imposing Temple of the Sun, the House of the Priest, the Sacred Plaza and the intricately carved rock likely used as a sundial by the ancient Incas. The images of this significant archaeological site will be a long-lasting memory. Return to the Sacred Valley in the early evening and transfer to your hotel in Cuzco for overnight

*\*Approximate time spent at the ruins of Machu Picchu is 3 hours*

**Overnight:** Cuzco

**Meals:** Breakfast

#### **DAY 14, Wednesday - Full Day in Cuzco**

Spend today at leisure in the "Imperial City" of Cuzco. Take time to explore some of the city's stunning sights or shop for some of the finest handicrafts and textiles in all of Peru. Perhaps, participate in the *optional* Cuzco Behind the Scenes Tour, offering a glimpse into the other side of life in Cuzco. On this tour, visit a local market and taste fresh-baked Chuta bread. Stop at the Cuzco cemetery to learn more about Andean life and death and meet with a local "shaman" (holy man). After the cooking demonstration, enjoy a delicious meal. In the afternoon, attend the *optional* tour Half Day Cuzco Ruins which explores some of Cuzco's most unique Inca Ruins.

Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a 3-course set dinner, featuring delectable Andean specialties

**Optional:** Cuzco Behind the Scenes (AM)

**Optional:** Half Day Cuzco Ruins (PM)

**Overnight:** Cuzco

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

#### **DAY 15, Thursday - Raqchi & Puno**

Depart Cuzco early in the morning on a long drive today. Enjoy spectacular scenery as you drive through the Andes mountain range and the Andean plains to Puno on the Peruvian side of Lake Titicaca. In this area, South American camelids (llamas and alpacas) graze on the immense plateaus and plains. En route visit the 15th century Temple of Wiracocha, with its elaborate stonework, the largest Inca temple ever discovered. Today, Raqchi remains home to many farmers, ranchers and artisans. Then, arrive at pristine Lake Titicaca sitting majestically at 12,500 feet above sea level, backed by the snow-capped peaks of Bolivia's Cordillera Real range. This is the highest navigable lake in the world and South America's largest fresh water lake. A box lunch will be provided en route

**Overnight:** Puno

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

#### **DAY 16, Friday - Excursion to Uros Islands on Lake Titicaca**

Begin the day at Laykakota local market. Explore the colourful stalls filled with fresh produce, handmade crafts, and local delicacies. Afterward, head to Chucuito Village to visit the Fertility Temple. Learn about the temple's history, cultural and religious significance, along with ancient fertility rituals.



Next, take a boat excursion to the fascinating Uros Floating Islands where the indigenous people of the area, the Uros, live on islands that dot the lake. The Uros live very much the same way as their ancestors did and still follow the ancient customs and traditions. These islands are completely man-made structures, using the totora reeds from the lake to build the islands and houses. Return to Puno for the remainder of the day at leisure. Or, take the *optional* tour to the Sillustani Tombs, the pre-Incan burial ground on the shores of Lake Umayo. The tombs here are built above the ground in tower-like structures called *chullpas*, vestiges of the Colla people before they were conquered by the Incas in the 15th century. Evening is at leisure in Puno

**Optional:** Half Day Sillustani Tombs (PM)

**Overnight:** Puno

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **DAY 17, Saturday - Fly to Lima**

This morning transfer to the airport in Juliaca for your flight back to Lima. Spend the remainder of the day at leisure. Tonight, bid farewell to your Tour Manager with Peruvian specialties

**Overnight:** Lima

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

### **DAY 18, Sunday - Depart Peru, Fly to Australia**

Check out this morning and make your own way from the hotel to the airport in time to catch your return flights today.

**Meals:** Breakfast

▲ Due to the high elevation, travel in the Peruvian highlands may cause some passengers to experience the temporary effects of altitude sickness. If you have any concerns about travelling to higher than your accustomed elevation, please consult your healthcare provider.

**Please note: The day by day descriptions are intended as an indicative guide only. Travel by nature is unpredictable. Weather patterns, road conditions, public holidays, travel restrictions and many other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that are ultimately for the client's benefit. It is essential that clients are flexible in this regard.**

### **Optional tours**

This itinerary has optional tours and activities available to further enhance your journey. You can save by pre-booking before departure and also avoid disappointment because tours often sell out.

Please contact us for the current prices and details of the listed optional tours. You'll need to book at least 7 days before departure, but our advice is get in earlier!

## Is this tour right for you?

This active program covers a good amount of ground each day. Expect from two to three hours walking on some touring days. The pace is moderate, however you will encounter some uneven surfaces, steps, significant slopes, along with narrow and possibly slippery paths at the falls. When visiting Machu Picchu, please be aware that walking sticks are not allowed in some areas of the archaeological site and must be carried in a backpack. Prescriptions are required for walking sticks to be allowed at the Machu Picchu archaeological site and must be rubber tipped. Also selfie sticks are forbidden and only folding umbrellas are allowed. There are a few early wake-ups, some at 4 or 5 AM, as well as one long 10-hour drive to Puno that's necessary to cover the territory. The altitude, 11,000 feet in Cuzco and 12,400 feet in Puno, may be a consideration for those who have heart conditions or are otherwise affected by high altitude. We suggest you check with your health-care provider before signing up for this tour. Some hotels in Cuzco and Puno are built in the traditional local style and have no air-conditioning. During heat waves, these hotels can become uncomfortable, even at higher elevations.

## About the train to Machu Picchu

Tickets for Machu Picchu will be provided locally. On the day of your visit to Machu Picchu, you will depart by motor coach to the Ollantaytambo station. Your Tour Manager will check that you are carrying your passport which is required to board all Machu Picchu trains. Prior to arrival at the station, you will receive your round-trip tickets including seat assignments from your Tour Manager. Passport names and numbers on the tickets must match your passport. You will present your ticket to the conductor prior to boarding the train for Aguas Calientes. You should hold on to your ticket as it will be required for the return journey. Due to very limited storage space, only one small backpack / handbag per passenger is permitted onboard trains to Machu Picchu. Passengers who wish to bring extra luggage on the train will be charged an additional fee payable directly to the train operator; this extra luggage might follow in a separate train car.

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