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# CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA



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Colombia

## THE FIRST CLASS DIFFERENCE

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Making your holiday dreams a reality starts with understanding what really matters to you. Whether you're a beach lover or adventurer, a lover of history and culture or the great outdoors, at one with nature or the big city; prefer luxury or authentic, being independent or part of a group. Our travel specialists will get to know what you desire and then create a holiday to match. You will experience superb service all along the way and we will use our wealth of experience to create your holiday as if we were creating our own. And you can be sure that before you go, whilst you are away and even when you come home, we will be with you every step of the way.

### AWARD WINNING SERVICE

We were founded in 1996 with a desire to provide outstanding levels of service and customer satisfaction and this is still the case today. With thousands of satisfied customers and a raft of awards for exceptional service, your holiday is in the best possible hands. We are very proud that our personal, friendly service and attention to detail has led to us becoming an industry leader in providing personalised holidays. We have been recognised through the years by winning a number of prestigious awards from within and outside of the travel industry. Some of our awards include Best Long-Haul Operator, Outstanding Service Award and Best Specialist Destination Operator.

### EXPERT ADVICE

With a team of over 50 people all sharing a great passion for travelling we have a wealth of knowledge and experience. Many of us have taken the holidays showcased throughout this brochure, and we know that there is nothing more important than firsthand knowledge when planning your dream adventure. We understand that no two people are the same, and that everyone's dream holiday is different, that's why we curate individual holidays to individual requirements with the emphasis on what you want to see and do. We can create itineraries for all budgets, applying the same first-class level of service to all.

### TRULY PERSONAL

Our itineraries are meant to inspire you and we have crafted a fantastic range of holidays but if you find that none include everything you want to do, then our personalised travel service is just for you. We have been involved in the planning and preparation of detailed holidays for many years and would be delighted to share our knowledge to help you plan your perfect holiday. Simply visit your local travel agent, call us on **0161 888 5602** or email **enquiries@fcholidays.com** and one of our expert and friendly team will plan your ideal holiday from start to finish.

### OUR PRICES

Hotel and transport prices change frequently, and we are in constant contact with our suppliers to ensure that we offer the very best prices that are available. We do not show prices in this brochure as rates do vary and fluctuate quite considerably both due to demand but also due to seasonal special offers that are frequently introduced. When creating your ideal holiday, our team will choose the best rate for the services you have selected and apply any seasonal offers that may be available.

### PRICE MATCH PROMISE

We work very hard in sourcing competitive prices and have great relationships with our airlines and suppliers to ensure you get the best value for money. We regularly check prices against our competitors, however if you find a better price elsewhere sold with the same service conditions, we will happily lower our price to match. Please see terms and conditions on our website [www.fcholidays.com](http://www.fcholidays.com) for more details on our policy.

### PEACE OF MIND

We are here whenever you need us, before you go, whilst you're away and when you come home. We are fully bonded with the Civil Aviation Authority ATOL scheme (Licence Number 5421) and with the Association of British Travel Agents (Licence Number W3550). You can book your travel arrangements with the peace of mind that your money is safe.

## OUR FRIENDLY TEAM

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Our team of Central & South American experts are passionate about Central & South America and there is nothing more important than speaking to someone who has been there, and we have! We are able to provide first-hand knowledge on everything, from flights and hotels to sightseeing and excursions. We are also happy to share those smaller elements that help create your perfect holiday from finding the best coffee spots to that hidden gem in your favourite city; we want to share our experiences with you.

## HOLIDAYS YOU CAN TRUST

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We are committed to making your holiday as incredible as possible, but don't take our word for it. We have thousands upon thousands of satisfied customers who would highly recommend our services to make your dream holiday become a reality. Why not have a look at the customer reviews on our website **[www.fcholidays.com](http://www.fcholidays.com)** and check out our FEEFO rating.

# Sustainable Travel

We believe that the pursuit of extraordinary holidays should not compromise the well-being of our planet. Our sustainable program is a testament to our dedication to creating unforgettable experiences while respecting and preserving the environment. We meticulously choose eco-friendly hotels and services that share the same goals, offer carbon offset options, and promote ethical tourism, ensuring every adventure leaves a positive impact.

## KEY PILLARS OF FIRST CLASS HOLIDAYS' SUSTAINABLE PROGRAM

Our commitment to sustainability extends beyond a tangible and impactful program that transforms the way we travel. Experience the epitome of sustainable travel with First Class Holidays.

### CARBON OFFSET OFFERING

Our clients can neutralise their carbon footprint by contributing to verified carbon reduction projects. We offer the chance to plant new trees across the globe through reforestation and to simultaneously invest into clean renewable energy projects. That means a traveller's climate contribution will remove CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions now and invest in the planet for the future. Trees are one of the most powerful absorbers of carbon emissions - by growing trees in developing countries as our clients travel, we can help to restore eco-systems, biodiversity, and support local communities.

### PARTNERSHIPS WITH ECO-FRIENDLY SUPPLIERS

We are dedicated to forging relationships with hotels and services that share our unwavering commitment to sustainability. Our selection process involves stringent criteria, assessing factors such as energy efficiency, waste management practices, and sustainable sourcing. By aligning with like-minded partners, we ensure that every aspect of our travellers' experience reflects our shared ethos of environmental responsibility. Through these partnerships, we aim to create a network of destinations that serve as exemplars of eco-conscious hospitality.

### ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND AWARENESS

Our commitment to sustainability extends beyond travel experiences—it encompasses a dedication to educating and empowering our staff and travellers. Through our Educational Initiatives, we aim to foster a deeper understanding of sustainable practices and the environmental impact of their choices; to inspire a sense of responsibility amongst them. These initiatives are seamlessly integrated into our travel packages, offering information on local ecosystems, wildlife conservation, and responsible behaviour while traveling.

### SUPPORT LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND ECONOMIES

Our dedication to sustainability extends beyond environmental conservation to embrace a holistic approach that actively supports local communities and economies. Recognising that responsible travel involves more than minimising environmental impact, we place a strong emphasis on fostering positive social and economic contributions to Southeast Asia:

- We recognise the intrinsic value of preserving cultural heritage. We actively engage with communities to understand their traditions, ensuring that our activities are respectful and promote cultural exchange without compromising the integrity of local practices, allowing us to create authentic travel experiences.
- We prioritise collaborations with local businesses. By sourcing goods and services locally, we minimise transportation-related emissions and support regional economies. This approach not only strengthens community ties but also promotes the use of sustainable and locally produced materials.



Map of Central & South America designed by Holly Francesca for First Class Holidays.

Holly Francesca is a British artist living in Portugal. For over 10 years she has created a collection of colourful maps and travel prints inspired by the best architecture, gardens and hidden gems from the most fascinating places within the UK and beyond.

See the full collection of prints: [www.hollyfrancesca.co.uk](http://www.hollyfrancesca.co.uk)  
Follow the journey on Instagram @HollyFrancescaUK



# Ways to Explore

Central and South America are lands of vibrant cultures, ancient wonders, spectacular natural beauty, and once-in-a-lifetime experiences. From the cloud forests of Costa Rica to the dramatic Andes of Peru, the tango halls of Buenos Aires to the samba rhythms of Rio, this part of the world offers an extraordinary tapestry of history, wildlife, landscapes, and colour. Whether you're exploring colonial cities, uncovering lost civilizations, sailing through the Galápagos, or relaxing on a beach in Belize, every day brings a new adventure.

Stays across the region go far beyond the typical hotel experience. You can spend your nights in treetop eco-lodges in the jungle, remote Amazonian river lodges, historic haciendas, boutique hotels tucked into cobbled town squares, or luxury resorts perched on Caribbean or Pacific shores.

We believe every journey should reflect your unique style of travel. Our escorted tours offer an immersive way to experience the culture, heritage, and heart of a destination, guided by knowledgeable experts who bring the stories of each place to life. For something truly personalised, we're delighted to create your own tailor-made journey through Central and South America. Imagine cruising through the Amazon, taking a scenic train ride to Machu Picchu, exploring Mayan ruins in Guatemala, or combining vibrant city stays with tranquil wellness retreats in the Andes or Costa Rican rainforest.

However you choose to discover Central and South America, our Destination Specialists are here to craft a journey that is truly your own—authentic, enriching, and unforgettable.



## Escorted Tours

Our carefully selected collection of escorted tours through Central and South America showcases the very best of this vibrant and diverse region—bringing you to iconic landmarks, cultural treasures, and natural wonders across countries including Peru, Argentina, Costa Rica, Brazil, and beyond. We understand that many travellers appreciate the peace of mind that comes with an experienced guide handling all the logistics, allowing you to sit back, relax, and simply take in the view—from Andean peaks to rainforest canopies.



## Private / Independent Touring

Private and independent tours are perfect for couples, families or small groups travelling together. We'll consider how much, or how little guidance you need as your journey unfolds. In each destination, local English-speaking guides and drivers bring your trip to life through their personal insights, offering an authentic view of their culture, landscape and traditions. All tours are customisable and can be adapted to suit your own interests, pace and style. Explore a specific region or combine multiple countries to create the ultimate travel adventure.



## Cruise & Rail Experiences

Embrace the art of slow travel and include a cruise or rail experience within your itinerary. Set sail on a journey that takes in the wonders of Costa Rica and the epic Panama Canal. Find your sea legs with a bucket list expedition cruise across the Drake Passage to Antarctica or thread your way through the Pantanal Wetlands or along the mighty Amazon. For many, a luxury train journey such as the Belmond Andean Explorer or the Hiram Bingham to Machu Picchu is the ultimate experience.



## Tailor Made - Your Holiday, Your Way

This is what we love to do—create your perfect holiday, your way. We offer a curated selection of handpicked hotels and inspirational touring ideas to help guide your planning. Whether you're dreaming of a week-long adventure in the Andes or a month-long exploration from Colombia to Chile, we'll design a seamless itinerary just for you.

From charming boutique lodges and jungle eco-retreats to 5-star wellness resorts, we'll match your accommodation to your style and budget. A wide range of transport options, from private drivers to domestic flights and scenic rail, ensures you travel with ease and confidence. However you choose to explore, we're here to help plan a journey as unique as you are.



## Self Drive Tours

For those seeking freedom and flexibility, our self drive itineraries offer a truly immersive way to explore at your own pace. Wind your way through the scenic vineyards and dramatic mountains of Argentina, trace the Pacific coastline through Chile's wild landscapes, uncover the cultural treasures of Mexico's Yucatán Peninsula, or discover Costa Rica's national parks and hidden beaches. We provide pre-planned routes, along with carefully selected accommodations and local support. With well-maintained roads and spectacular scenery, self-drive holidays offer independence with the peace of mind that every detail has been arranged for you.

# Grand South America

## 23 days

Discover the wonders of South America on an unforgettable journey through Peru, Chile, Argentina and Brazil. Uncover Lima's colonial charm, explore the Sacred Valley's salt pans and experience majestic Machu Picchu. Sail across Lake Titicaca to the Uros Floating Islands, enjoy a wine tasting in Chile's Casablanca Valley, and admire the elegance of Buenos Aires. Conclude with breathtaking Iguazu Falls and vibrant Rio, complete with Copacabana cocktails and churrascaria dining.

### Highlights

Lima – Sacred Valley – Machu Picchu  
Cusco – Lake Titicaca – Santiago  
Valparaíso – Buenos Aires – Iguazú Falls  
Rio de Janeiro

### Tour Includes

- 22 nights' accommodation
- Private door to door transfers
- Full portorage
- Small group touring, average 18 guests
- Curated guided experiences
- Daily breakfast, 13 lunches & 11 dinners

Tour operated by *Luxury Gold*.

### Departure Dates

March-May, July & September-November

#### Day 1: Lima

On arrival in Peru a private transfer will take you to your hotel for a 2 night stay.

Hotel: InterContinental Real Lima Miraflores (D)

#### Day 2: Lima

Explore Lima's historic heart with visits to the cathedral, Government Palace and City Hall. Enhance your experience with the catacombs of San Francisco Monastery or a private tour of Casa Aliaga, lived in by the same family for 17 generations. Enjoy a taste of Peruvian culture, then discover Barranco's artistic spirit. Conclude with an exclusive visit to the home and studio of acclaimed sculptor and painter, Victor Delfin. (B,L)

#### Day 3: Sacred Valley

Fly to Cusco and explore Chinchero's vibrant market before a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience with Quechua scholar Nilda Callañaupa Alvarez. Learn about traditional Cusqueñan weaving, its cultural significance, and how her work is helping preserve this ancient art in the heart of the Sacred Valley. (B,L,D)

Hotel: Tambo del Inka – 2 nights

#### Day 4: Sacred Valley

Explore the ancient salt pans with a local miner who shares age-old Inca techniques. Enjoy a traditional Peruvian caja china lunch of slow-roasted meats, then conclude your day with a Sacred Valley blessing ceremony led by a local shaman in the Andean highlands. (B,L)

#### Day 5: Machu Picchu

Begin with a visit to the remarkable ruins of Ollantaytambo before boarding the Vistadome train to Machu Picchu, taking in breathtaking views. Enjoy a riverside lunch, tour a tea plantation with a local expert or explore a stunning orchid collection, then dine in style at your hotel. (B,L,D)

Hotel: Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel – 2 nights

#### Day 6: Machu Picchu

Explore the wonders of Machu Picchu with a local expert, uncovering Incan history at the Temple of the Sun and Sacred Plaza. Enjoy an Andean lunch, then choose to delve deeper or take a twilight nature walk. End the day with dinner and wine at your hotel. (B,L,D)

#### Day 7: Cusco

Return to the Sacred Valley by train. Enjoy a traditional Pachamanca feast of Peruvian cuisine. Continue to Cusco with a stop in the village of Lamay for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. End your day as you check into your 500-year old mansion hotel for a 2 night stay. (B,L)

Hotel: Palacio del Inka – 2 nights

#### Day 8: Cusco

Begin the day at the awe-inspiring ruins of Sacsayhuamán before choosing your afternoon. Explore Cusco's artisan quarter and lively San Pedro market, or hike ancient hilltop ruins. Conclude with an intimate dinner at MAP Restaurant, nestled within the Museum of Pre-Columbian Art. (B,D)

#### Day 9: Lake Titicaca

Travel by PeruRail Titicaca on a fabulous journey from Cusco to Puno, crossing the majestic highlands and soaring altiplano against a backdrop of the Peruvian Andes. Lunch and afternoon tea is served on board. (B,L,D)

Hotel: GHL Hotel Lago Titicaca – 2 nights

#### Day 10: Lake Titicaca

Embark on a private cruise of Lake Titicaca's Floating Islands with a local expert, discovering ancient reed construction and traditional ways of life. Continue with a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience on Amantani Island, sharing a farm-to-table lunch with an Aymara family and exploring ancient ruins. (B,L)

#### Day 11: Lima

Return to Lima for 1 night before departing for Chile. (B,L,D)

Hotel: InterContinental Real Lima Miraflores

#### Day 12: Santiago

Fly to Santiago, on arrival transfer to your hotel and settle in for a 3 night stay. (B,D)

Hotel: The Singular Lastarria Hotel – 3 nights

#### Day 13: Santiago

Explore Santiago with a local expert, visiting San Francisco Church, Santa Lucia Hill, Plaza de Armas, and the Metropolitan Cathedral. Discover the vibrant Bellavista district before ascending San Cristóbal Hill for panoramic views. Enjoy a local Chilean seafood lunch overlooking beautiful water gardens. (B,L)

#### Day 14: Valparaíso

Discover Valparaíso's vibrant bohemian charm and colourful hillside homes. Then, journey to Chile's renowned wine country for a private culinary experience, preparing seasonal dishes with a chef, followed by a wine-paired 5-course lunch amid serene vineyard landscapes. (B,L)

#### Day 15: Buenos Aires

Today, fly to Buenos Aires. This evening enjoy a memorable dinner at Rojo Tango. (B,D)

Hotel: Alvear Palace Hotel – 3 nights

#### Day 16: Buenos Aires

Explore Buenos Aires' vibrant neighbourhoods and Eva Perón's famous balcony. Tour the stunning Teatro Colón opera house, then indulge in an exclusive dining experience at Fogón Asado, redefining the traditional Argentine 'asado' for Luxury Gold guests. (B,L)

#### Day 17: Pampas, Estancias and Gauchos

Experience the life of South American gauchos at a traditional estancia ranch. Meet local riders, choose a horseback ride or a guided walking tour with mate tea. End with a horsemanship show, folk music, and a succulent asado lunch, embracing authentic rural traditions. (B,L)

#### Day 18: Iguazú Falls

With your local expert experience the grandeur of nature on the Argentinian side of the Iguazú Falls. Wander the catwalks to the rushing waters of Devil's Throat's waterfalls. Dinner this evening is at your hotel, the only one within the Brazilian Iguazu National Park. (B,L)

Hotel: Belmond Hotel Das Cataratas – 2 nights

#### Day 19: Iguazú Falls

Today, explore the Brazilian side of the falls. This afternoon a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® experience is included to the Bird Park, which gives habitat to thousands of birds, butterflies and reptiles from across South America. (B)

#### Day 20: Rio de Janeiro

The samba city of Rio De Janeiro is your destination today and a stay at the iconic Belmond Copacabana Palace. (B)

Hotel: Belmond Copacabana Palace – 3 nights

#### Day 21: Rio de Janeiro

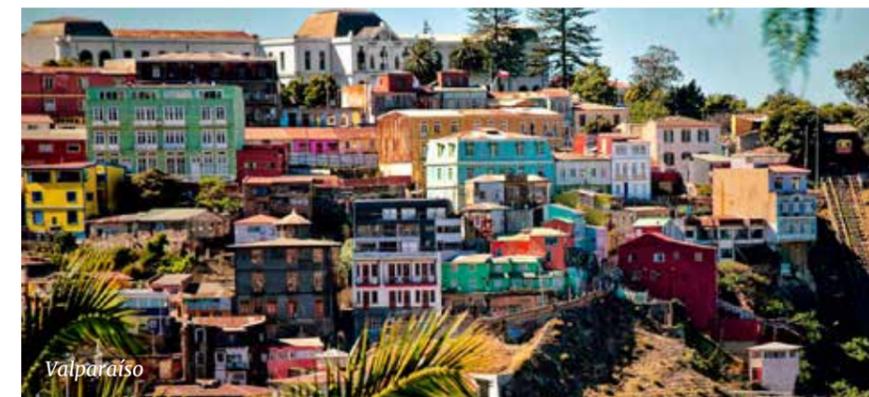
Scale the heights of Sugarloaf Mountain by cable car for truly memorably panoramic views over the city and dine like a local at a classic steakhouse. (B)

#### Day 22: Rio de Janeiro

No visit to Rio is complete without a visit to Christ the Redeemer. Take the train up Corcovado Hill and then discover the inspiration behind Bossa Nova with an exclusive audience with local music aficionado Cecelo Frony. (B,D)

#### Day 23: Departure

Your private transfer will take you to the airport for your homeward flight. (B)



Valparaíso



Rio de Janeiro



Puno

# Peru & Colombia – Highlands and Caribbean

## 14 days

This journey blends Peru's ancient wonders with Colombia's cultural treasures. From Lima's colonial charm to the Sacred Valley's Inca heartlands and Machu Picchu's mystical heights, discover breathtaking landscapes and living history. Continue to dynamic Bogotá and end amongst the vibrant markets, bold flavours and sun-drenched plazas of Cartagena.

### Highlights

Lima – Cusco – Sacred Valley – Pisac  
Ollantaytambo – Machu Picchu  
Lake Titicaca – Bogotá – Cartagena

### Tour Includes

- 13 nights' accommodation
- Daily breakfast & 5 lunches
- Sightseeing as stated
- Transportation throughout

### Departure Dates

On request

### Day 1: Lima

Touch down in Peru's buzzing capital, where a private transfer whisks you into the heart of Lima. Settle into Peru's vibrant capital and prepare for the cultural discoveries ahead.

### Day 2: Lima

Uncover Lima's storied past on a guided city tour, starting in Plaza Mayor, explore the centuries-old Aliaga House, and descend into the haunting catacombs beneath San Francisco Convent. At the Larco Museum, marvel at glittering gold artifacts and sensual pre-Columbian treasures in an enchanting garden setting. (B)

### Day 3: Cusco and the Sacred Valley

Fly into the Andes and descend into the lush Sacred Valley. Explore the timeless village of Chinchero, where Inca walls cradle a 17th-century church. Take in sweeping views of fertile valleys and Andean peaks before indulging in a traditional lunch. (B,L)

### Day 4: Pisac & Ollantaytambo

Wander among the terraces and temples of Pisac's mountaintop citadel. Browse vibrant market stalls filled with textiles and handmade crafts. After lunch, climb the fortress of Ollantaytambo, where Inca ingenuity meets sweeping vistas and ancient mystery. (B)

### Day 5: Machu Picchu

Ride the Vistadome train through dramatic canyons to Aguas Calientes, then ascend to Machu Picchu, the Lost City of the Incas. Explore the majestic ruins, wrapped in mist and myth. Enjoy a riverside lunch at Café Inkaterra before your return train journey. (B,L)

### Day 6: Cusco

Stroll the cobbled lanes of San Blas, alive with artisan studios. Taste the pulse of local life at San Pedro Market. Discover the majesty of the Cathedral, the sacred stonework of Coricancha, and the epic scale of Sacsayhuamán. (B)

### Day 7: Puno

Journey across the breathtaking Altiplano, stopping at the baroque church of Andahuaylillas and the striking ruins of Raqchi. Enjoy lunch in Sicuani, then cross La Raya Pass at over 4,300 meters before exploring Pucará's ancient culture near Lake Titicaca. (B,L)

### Day 8: Lake Titicaca

Glide across the world's highest navigable lake to the floating reed islands of the Uros people. Continue to Taquile Island, where life moves to the rhythm of tradition. Enjoy a hearty Andean lunch with panoramic lake views. (B,L)

### Day 9: Bogotá

Fly from the highlands of Peru to the Colombian capital. Arrive in Bogotá, a city of bold contrasts, where colonial elegance meets vibrant urban energy. (B)

### Day 10: Bogotá

Wander Bogotá's colonial core, La Candelaria, where colourful facades hide hidden gems. Gaze at glittering relics in the world-renowned Gold Museum and admire the playful grandeur of Botero's artwork in a museum dedicated to Colombia's most iconic artist. (B)

### Day 11: Bogotá

Discover Bogotá's charming Usaquén neighborhood before diving into Colombia's high-end coffee scene with an immersive tasting experience. Then head underground to explore the awe-inspiring Salt Cathedral of Zipaquirá, a vast, illuminated temple carved from solid rock and salt. (B)

### Day 12: Cartagena

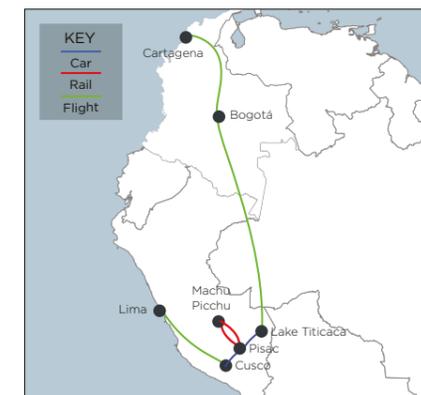
Fly to Cartagena, where the Caribbean breeze and colonial beauty captivate at every turn. Tour the old city's cobbled streets, visit the San Pedro Claver Convent, and admire the formidable San Felipe fortress towering above the bay. (B)

### Day 13: Cartagena

Revel in Cartagena's magic at your own pace, sip cocktails by the sea, shop for emeralds and handcrafts, or lose yourself in the romance of flower-draped balconies and sunlit plazas. (B)

### Day 14: Depart Cartagena

Bid farewell to Colombia as you head to the airport. (B)



# South American Treasures

11 days

Experience the best of South America as you explore Chile, Argentina and Brazil. Discover the energy of Santiago, Chile's vibrant capital surrounded by the Andes Mountains. Take in Argentina's rich culture in Buenos Aires, with its European architecture, unmissable dining opportunities and the spirit and passion of the tango. Marvel at the breathtaking Iguazú Falls from both the Argentinian and Brazilian sides, each offering unique perspectives and unforgettable views.

## Highlights

Santiago – Valparaíso – Buenos Aires  
Iguazú Falls – Rio de Janeiro

## Tour Includes

- Small group departure (24 guests)
- 10 nights' premium accommodation
- Travelmarvel Tour Director and expert local guides
- Sightseeing as stated
- Daily breakfast & 4 dinners
- Flights within South America

Tour operated by Travelmarvel.

## Departure Dates

Selected dates – April, May, August, September & October

### Day 1: Santiago

Arrive in Santiago, Chile's vibrant capital. This metropolis enjoys one of the most stunning settings of any city in the world, flanked by the Andes mountains. You'll be transferred to your hotel and later enjoy a welcome dinner. (D)

Hotel: Hotel Plaza El Bosque Ebro – 2 nights

### Day 2: Santiago – Valparaíso

Enjoy a guided tour of Santiago this morning, wandering through the city's historic and modern sites including the Plaza de Armas de Santiago, a bustling urban square and heart of the city. Take in the spectacular views as you ride a cable car up San Cristóbal Hill. Drive to Valparaíso next, where you will take one of the funiculars up into the hills to visit the picturesque neighbourhoods of Cerro Alegre and Cerro Concepcion. (B)

### Day 3: Buenos Aires

Today you will be transferred to the airport ahead of your flight to Buenos Aires. Upon arrival into Argentina's cosmopolitan capital, the rest of the day is at leisure for you to relax and explore at your own pace. (B)

Hotel: Loi Suites Recoleta Hotel – 3 nights

### Day 4: Buenos Aires

Your in depth tour of Buenos Aires starts this morning along the Avenida de Mayo. At the Plaza de Mayo in the city centre, admire the Casa Rosada, a pink, palatial building that houses the offices of the country's president. Other highlights today include the cathedral as well as the Cabildo, Buenos Aires' first city hall. Explore the Italian-influenced barrio of La Boca and its famously colourful pedestrian street, the Caminito and the widest street in the world – Avenida 9 de Julio. Later, there are two Inside Experiences that offer deeper insight into the heart of Buenos Aires including a traditional coffee house visit paired with Spanish delicacies, and a tango show. (B,D)

### Day 5: Buenos Aires

Today is yours to either relax or enjoy more of what Buenos Aires has to offer. There are some Enhance Your Journey choices today including a visit to the island town of Tigre for a peaceful river cruise along the Paraná Delta, or an Argentine dinner experience where you'll learn the fundamentals of Argentinian cuisine, master traditional techniques and savour iconic dishes paired with wines. (Please note Enhance Your Journey experiences are available at an additional cost). (B)

### Day 6: Iguazú Falls

Fly to Iguazú Falls today – a spectacular system of 275 falls on the border of Argentina and Brazil. On the Argentinian side, ride the Ecological Train to a series of walkways and viewpoint points. The train stops at several locations that lead to the 82 metre high Devil's Throat, one of the most incredible falls of the region. There is an optional Enhance your Journey Experience available later, where you have the chance to board a speedboat to get up close to the falls and view them from a thrilling perspective. (B)

Hotel: Mercure Iguazú – 2 nights

### Day 7: Iguazú Falls

On the Brazilian side of the falls today, experience the majestic of the World Heritage-listed Iguazú National Park during a half-day tour. Walk through subtropical rainforest for panoramic falls views. Enhance Your Journey with a tour of Parque Das Aves sanctuary to explore the vibrant birdlife, or a 10-minute helicopter flight high above the falls. Tonight, dine at a local restaurant serving local and regional dishes. (B,D)

### Day 8: Rio de Janeiro

Later today, fly to Rio de Janeiro, also known as 'Cidade Maravilhosa' – Portuguese for 'the Marvellous City'. Check into your hotel and stroll the iconic Copacabana beachfront. (B)

Hotel: JW Marriott Rio de Janeiro – 3 nights

### Day 9: Rio de Janeiro

Head to Corcovado Mountain and visit the incredible statue of Christ the Redeemer – the world's largest art deco sculpture. Admire the breathtaking views of the city and its surroundings, before riding a cable car to the summit of Sugarloaf Mountain to watch the sunset. For dinner this evening, you'll enjoy an Insider Experience for a true taste of Rio de Janeiro. Sample the country's national cocktail, the caipirinha, and indulge in Brazilian barbecue at a churrasco restaurant. (B,D)

### Day 10: Rio de Janeiro

There is always something to discover in Rio, and today you have the full day to relax or explore more of this dynamic city. You can choose to Enhance Your Journey today with several choices: be transported back in time during a Historical City Tour, be welcomed behind the scenes of the carnival to learn about its history and significance to the city, or board a schooner to sail around Guanabara Bay to enjoy views of Rio de Janeiro's coastal landmarks. (B)

### Day 11: Rio de Janeiro departure

Today your tour comes to an end after breakfast and you will be transferred to the airport for your departing flight. (B)



# Machu Picchu and the Galápagos – Islands of Fire

12 days

Discover 3 breathtaking UNESCO World Heritage Sites on this unforgettable journey through Ecuador, the Galápagos Islands, and Peru. Begin in Quito, with its beautifully preserved colonial heart, before cruising the Galápagos – a paradise of rare wildlife and natural wonders. Then, journey to Peru's Sacred Valley, rich in Inca history, culminating in the awe-inspiring Machu Picchu.

## Highlights

Lima – Sacred Valley and Machu Picchu  
Cusco – Quito – Galápagos Cruise

## Tour Includes

- 7 nights' hotel accommodation
- Daily breakfast & 4 lunches
- 4 night Galápagos Cruise with full board
- All transfers
- Private touring as stated

## Departure Dates

On request

### Day 1: Lima

On arrival in Lima a private transfer will take you to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

Hotel: Pullman Lima Miraflores – 2 nights

### Day 2: Lima

Uncover the rich history and culture of Lima on a captivating half-day guided tour. Explore the elegant colonial heart of the "City of Kings," including Plaza Mayor, San Martin, and the Santo Domingo Convent. Visit the renowned Larco Museum, home to Peru's finest private collection of pre-Columbian art. Enjoy a gourmet lunch at Café del Museo, then unwind with a relaxed afternoon in stylish Miraflores or the artsy charm of Barranco. (B,L)

### Day 3: Sacred Valley of the Incas

A private transfer will take you to the airport for your flight to Cusco. On arrival step into the heart of Andean culture with a visit to a traditional textile centre, where skilled artisans preserve ancient weaving techniques. Meet South America's camelids, then wander the vibrant Pisac Market, rich in colour and local crafts. Discover the unique ceramic artistry of Pablo Seminario in his studio.

Enjoy a delightful lunch at Hacienda Huayocari, set in lush gardens and home to an impressive private collection of Peruvian art spanning centuries. (B,L)

Hotel: Tambo del Inka & Spa – 2 nights

### Day 4: Machu Picchu

Travel by train through dramatic Andean landscapes to the iconic Lost City of the Incas – Machu Picchu. Explore its temples, terraces and sacred sites on a guided tour of this awe-inspiring citadel, and enjoy lunch at Tinkuy Restaurant. In the afternoon, return to Aguas Calientes for your Vistadome Observatory train journey back to Ollantaytambo. (B,L)

### Day 5: Cusco

Begin your day in charming Chinchero, where colonial architecture and Andean tradition blend beautifully. Visit its historic church before heading to the striking salt pans, a patchwork of ancient salt terraces. Continue to the Moray terraces—Inca agricultural marvels designed to test crops in varying climates. Enjoy a delicious lunch at Rancho Wayra with a graceful Peruvian Paso Horse show. (B,L)

Hotel: Palacio del Inka

### Day 6: Cusco – Quito

Explore Cusco's remarkable past with visits to the impressive Sacsayhuaman Fortress, the ritual site of Qenqo, and the ancient baths of Tambomachay. Discover the city's rich heritage at Koricancha, the Cathedral, and vibrant San Blas, where colonial charm meets artisan creativity in the heart of the Inca capital. Later this afternoon transfer to the airport for your flight to Quito. On arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel. (B)

Hotel: Casa Gangotena Boutique Hotel

### Day 7: Quito

Explore Quito's charming Old Town, where cobbled streets lead to grand plazas and ornate churches. Stroll through Independence Square, surrounded by the Presidential Palace, Cathedral, and more. Visit the gold-adorned La Compañía Church and the magnificent San Francisco Monastery. Then, stand with one foot in each hemisphere at the famous Middle of the World monument, just outside the city—an unforgettable moment at latitude 0, with time to enjoy the cultural exhibits and artisan shops nearby. (B)

### Day 8: Yacht Isabela II

Transfer to the airport for your flight to the Galápagos. Enjoy a tour of Santa Cruz Island including the Charles Darwin Research Station and the Giant Tortoise Centre before setting sail aboard the Isabela II. (B,L,D)

### Day 9: Bartolome Island, Santiago Island

Begin your Galápagos adventure with a visit to Bartolomé Island, where a scenic climb reveals stunning volcanic landscapes and panoramic views over Pinnacle Rock. Cruise the shoreline by panga, spotting Galápagos penguins and unique wildlife. After lunch, explore the white sands of Sullivan Bay on Santiago Island. Enjoy a swim, then walk across striking lava fields formed just a century ago—an unforgettable glimpse into the islands' volcanic origins and their ever-evolving natural beauty. (B,L,D)

### Day 10: Santa Cruise, Santiago Island

Begin your day at Dragon Hill on Santa Cruz Island, where a scenic walk past a flamingo-filled lagoon leads to stunning views and encounters with land iguanas. Enjoy snorkelling in the bay, home to rays, turtles, and reef sharks. After lunch, explore Buccaneer Cove on Santiago Island—once a pirate hideout.

Discover dramatic cliffs, sea caves, and unique rock formations, teeming with marine life. Choose to snorkel, take a panga ride, or enjoy the view from a glass-bottom boat. (B,L,D)

### Day 11: Isabela Island, Fernandina Island

Cruise along the stunning coastline of Punta Vicente Roca on Isabela Island by dinghy, watching for fur seals, penguins, flightless cormorants, and nesting Nazca boobies. If conditions allow, snorkel alongside green sea turtles near dramatic cliffs. Later, explore Fernandina Island's untouched volcanic landscapes at Punta Espinoza. Discover thriving marine iguana colonies, Galápagos hawks, and more on a guided panga ride. Enhance your adventure with kayaking, snorkelling, or a glass-bottom boat tour through these pristine waters. (B,L,D)

### Day 12: Departure

Disembark on Baltra Island for your return flight to Quito and onwards.



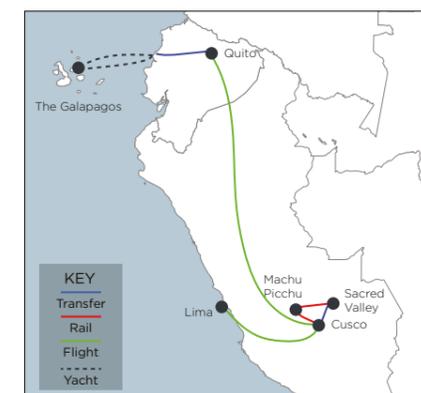
Yacht Isabela II



Lima



Galápagos Penguin



Moray

# Mayan Encounter

## 12 days

Explore ancient Maya ruins, snorkel with stingrays, and soak up the easy going charm of Belize, Guatemala, and Mexico. From the cobbled streets of Antigua to the shores of Caye Caulker and Playa del Carmen, this journey blends culture, coast, and adventure—all smoothly arranged for relaxed discovery.

### Highlights

Antigua – Río Dulce – Livingston  
Tikal National Park – San Ignacio  
Caye Caulker – Playa del Carmen

### Tour Includes

- 11 nights' accommodation. Hotels 10 nights/Jungle lodge 1 night
- Small group experience, average 12 guests
- 1 lunch & 1 dinner
- Sightseeing as stated
- A mix of private and public transport

Tour operated by G Adventures.

Physical Grading: 2 – Light. Light walking and hiking suitable for most fitness levels.

### Departure Dates

Selected dates, year round

### Day 1: Antigua, Guatemala

Arrive in the colourful colonial city of Antigua. There are no planned activities, so relax, stroll the cobbled streets, or grab a coffee in the plaza. Arriving early? Add an pre tour night to allow you to explore more.

### Day 2: Río Dulce

Leave the highlands and head east to tropical Río Dulce. Settle into this riverside town fringed with jungle, then explore at your own pace with optional activities such as visiting a historic fort, swim in the warm waters, or soak in the slow rhythm from a hammock.

### Day 3: Río Dulce - Flores

Take a scenic boat ride through jungle and canyon to the Afro-Caribbean town of Livingston. Enjoy a home-cooked lunch and cultural experience at El Manglar, a women-led community project. Later, continue to lakeside Flores, the perfect base for exploring the ruins of Tikal. (L)

### Day 4: Flores & Tikal Ruins

Step back in time with a guided tour of Tikal, one of the greatest Maya cities hidden in the rainforest. Explore ancient temples, spot wildlife, and enjoy sweeping views from atop Temple IV. Later, unwind with a swim or café visit in Flores.

### Day 5: San Ignacio, Belize

Cross into Belize and travel to San Ignacio, a hub for jungle adventures and Maya history. Spend the afternoon exploring the town or visiting nearby ruins. With a full free day ahead, start planning your next adventure. Optional activities include horseback riding, a visit to ancient Maya Temples, cave tubing, canoeing or simply slow down, join a walking tour of San Ignacio or visit a local farmers market.

### Day 6: San Ignacio

Adventure is up to you today, opt to explore sacred caves, hike to waterfalls, or discover hidden Maya sites like Caracol. Alternatively, relax in local cafés, sample the local cuisine in the many restaurants San Ignacio has to offer, or check out the murals in downtown San Ignacio.

### Day 7: Caye Caulker

Travel to the coast, then hop on a boat to laid-back Caye Caulker. This relaxed island is easy-going, with friendly locals. There are plenty of island activities and on the surrounding reefs. Settle into island life, then take a guided "Bike with Purpose" tour to see the island through the eyes of a local and support a programme that helps local youths from Caye Caulker build tourism skills after graduating high school.

### Day 8: Caye Caulker

Spend time enjoying this island paradise. Snorkel with stingrays and green turtles in Hol Chan Marine Reserve, the oldest marine reserve in Belize. Take a sunset cruise, or try your hand at fishing. Prefer to stay dry? Kick back on the beach with a book and a smoothie. It's your time, go slow. Your Chief Experience Officer will be able to help with more suggestions if needed.

### Day 9: Caye Caulker

There is one more full day in this island paradise. Enjoy further explorations deeper into the reef, kayak the coast, or simply relax and soak up the sunshine. Whether you're off exploring or horizontal in a hammock, Caye Caulker's charm makes it hard to leave.

### Day 10: Playa del Carmen

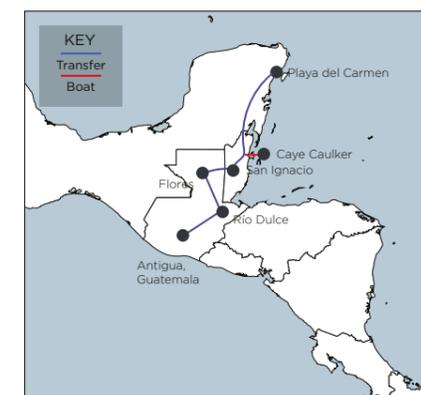
Say goodbye to Belize and head north to Mexico's vibrant Playa del Carmen. With its white-sand beaches, nightlife, and easy access to ruins and cenotes, Playa is the perfect finale to your journey. Settle in and explore at your pace.

### Day 11: Playa del Carmen

The world of Playa del Carmen is yours to discover today. Spend the day exploring, visit nearby Tulum, swim in a crystal-clear cenote, or float through the Sian Ka'an Reserve, one of the most important protected areas in Mexico. Another optional activity is a tequila tasting. Mexico is the birthplace of tequila and you can join a qualified sommelier to learn about the history and production of this iconic spirit before a tasting. For a local connection, enjoy a meal at El Hongo, a community-run restaurant supporting a youth art programme. (D)

### Day 12: Playa del Carmen Departure

Depart at any time. If you're not ready to leave the sunshine just yet, consider extending your stay in Playa del Carmen or wherever your next adventure leads.



# Costa Rica

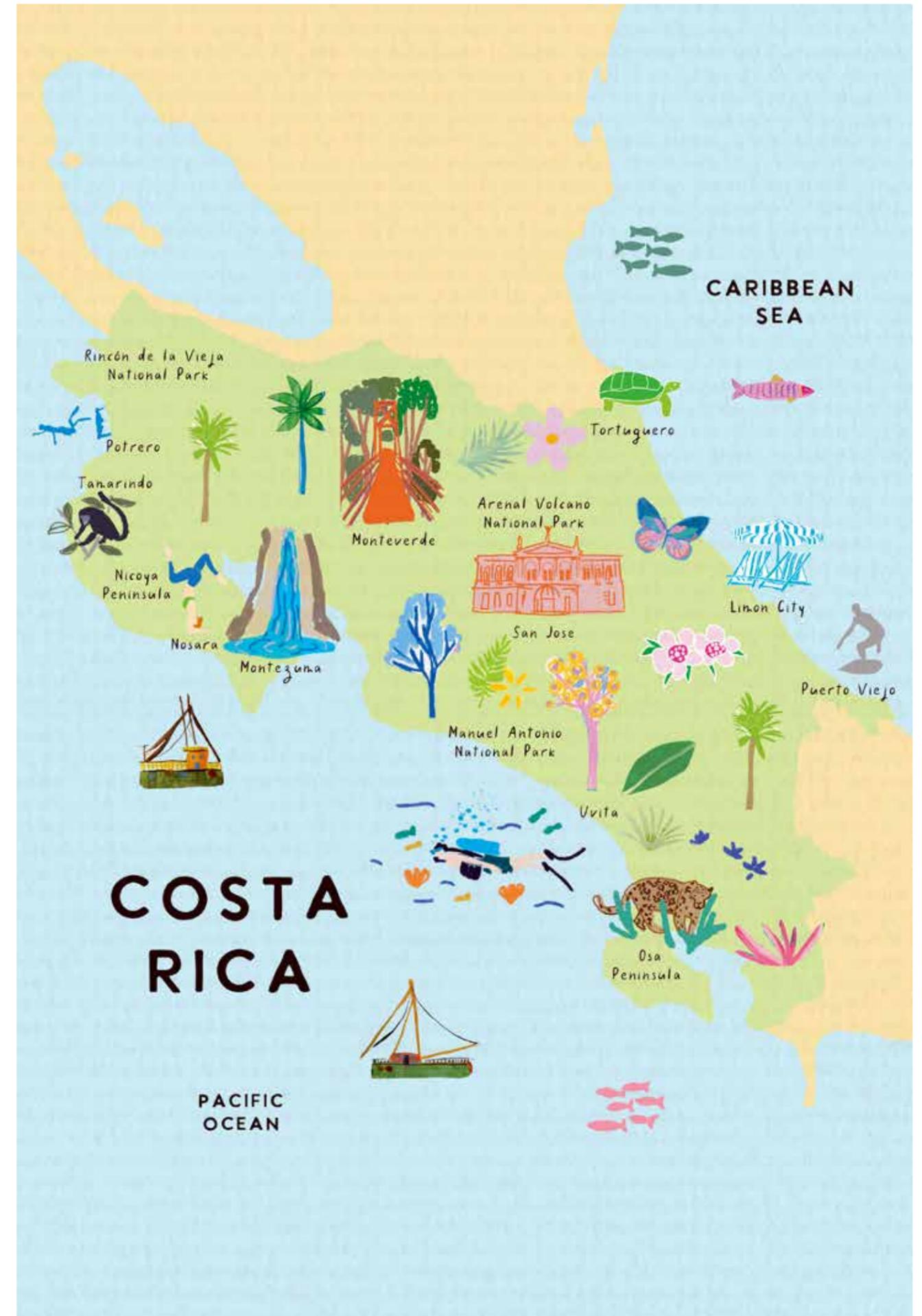
## LUSH RAINFORESTS, EMERALD COASTS AND THE SOULFUL RHYTHM OF PURA VIDA

From coast to coast, Costa Rica is a land of exhilarating contrasts and unforgettable escapes. Mist-shrouded volcanoes and emerald cloud forests rise from the heart of the country, where jungle lodges offer front-row seats to nature's symphony; toucans calling at dawn, monkeys swinging through the trees, and waterfalls cascading nearby. On both the Pacific and Caribbean coasts, sun-drenched beaches, world-class surf, and secluded bays invite endless days of relaxation and adventure. Inland, the highlands offer cool mountain air, coffee haciendas, and scenic trails that wind through lush valleys and charming villages.

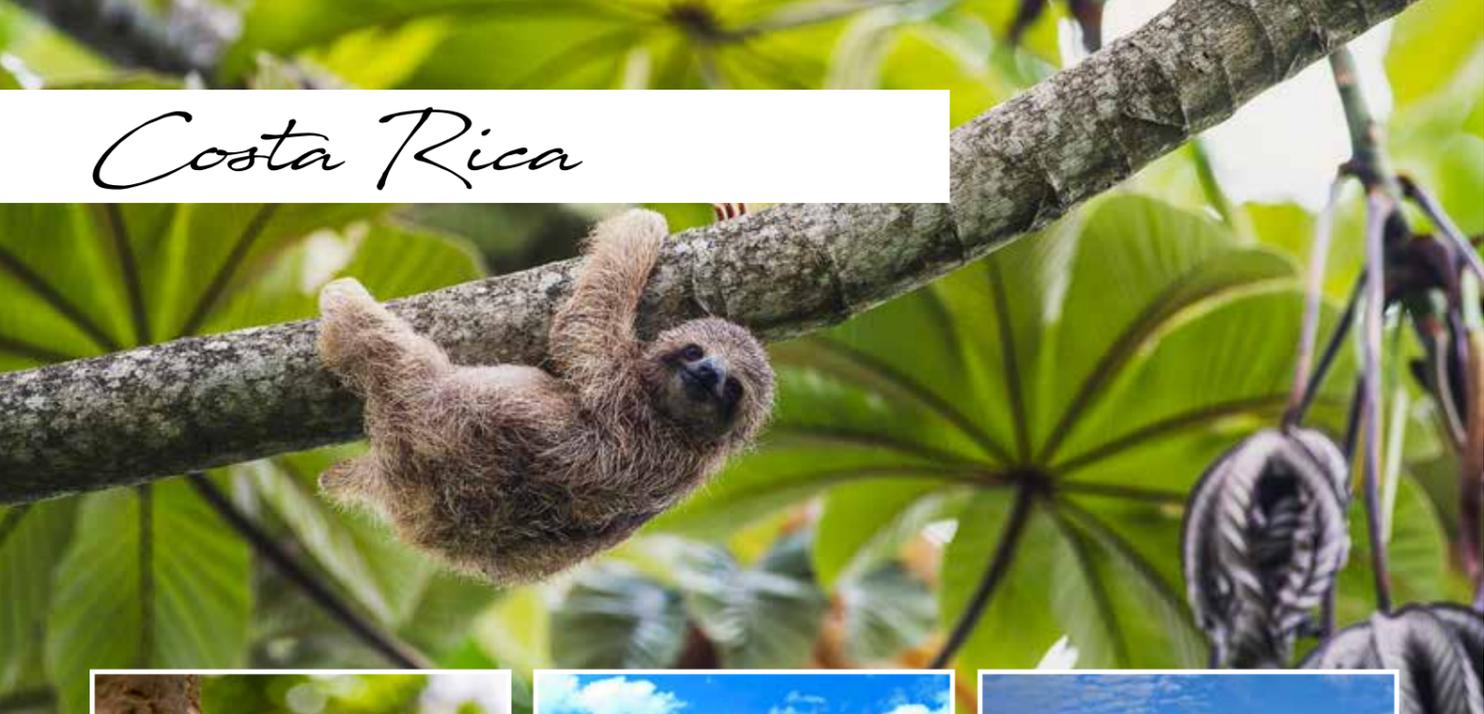
Whether you're zip-lining through rainforest canopies, soaking in thermal springs, or cruising through mangrove-lined waterways, Costa Rica is a playground for eco-adventure and natural beauty. One size doesn't fit all here—this is a country where jungle luxury, thrilling exploration, and 'pura vida' spirit come together in perfect harmony.



Broad-billed Motmot, Costa Rica



# Costa Rica



## Rainforests & Wildlife

Costa Rica is home to one of the most biodiverse ecosystems on earth, thanks to its lush rainforests. Giving habitat to jaguars, sloths, monkeys and countless species of frogs and insects, Costa Rica is a nature lovers paradise. National Parks like Corcovado and Tortuguero offer winding rivers, dense canopies and exotic wildlife encounters.



## Birdwatching Paradise

Costa Rica is a dream destination for birdwatchers. With over 900 species of birds, from the vibrant quetzal to toucans, hummingbirds, and rare migratory birds, the country's varied ecosystems supports dazzling avian diversity. The cloud forests of Monteverde and wetlands of Cano Negro are prime locations for spotting rare and colourful species.

## World-class Beaches

With its stunning Pacific and Caribbean coastlines, Costa Rica's beaches offer something for everyone. The Pacific beaches are renowned for their golden sands, sunsets and surf, whilst the ones on the Caribbean side offer a more laid-back, tropical vibe.

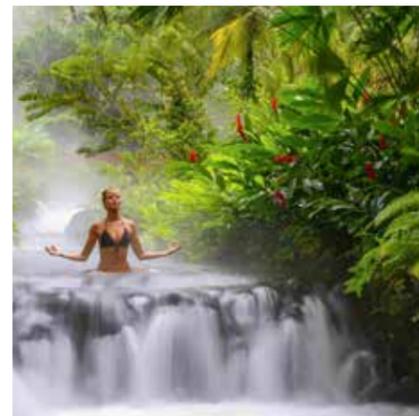


## Trekking and Adventure

Hike through cloud forests, zip-line over jungle canopies, raft down roaring rivers or trek to remote waterfalls. For thrill-seekers and outdoor enthusiasts, Costa Rica offers boundless adventure. Explore the country's national parks and nature reserves which provide endless trails and excursions that showcase the country's rugged beauty and sense of wild freedom.

## Thermal Springs & Volcanoes

Sitting on the Pacific Ring of Fire, Costa Rica is a hotbed of volcanic activity. The majestic peaks of Arenal and Rincon de la Vieja tower over landscapes dotted with natural hot springs, mud baths, and geothermal pools. A visit to these regions offers a rejuvenating soak with panoramic views of volcanic craters and surrounding rainforests.



## Relaxation and Wellness

In addition to adventure, Costa Rica is a haven for relaxation. From serene jungle eco-lodges to luxury spas with volcanic mud treatments, the country blends tranquillity with nature. Whether you're unwinding by the ocean or meditating in the mountains, you'll find holistic experiences that restore mind, body and soul.

# Wildlife of the Osa Peninsula

## 5 days

Escape to one of Costa Rica's most remote and biodiverse regions with a stay in beautiful Drake Bay, on the doorstep of Corcovado National Park. Surrounded by lush rainforest and overlooking the Pacific, this is the location for an authentic nature experience – wake to sweeping bay views, and the sounds of the jungle where macaws, toucans and monkeys are frequent visitors. Whether you choose to hike through pristine rainforest, explore mangroves or snorkel in rich marine waters, the Osa Peninsula gives you the chance to unwind and connect with Costa Rica's wilderness.

### Highlights

San Jose – Drake Bay  
Corcovado National Park

### Tour Includes

- Private and shared transfers as specified
- Internal flights in Costa Rica
- 3-night full-board package at Drake Bay Wilderness Resort
- 2 tours at the resort

### Departure Dates

Daily, mid-January – November

### Day 1: San Jose arrival

Upon arrival in San Jose, you will be transferred to your hotel for a 1-night stay. The rest of the day is at leisure for you to explore the city.

### Day 2: Drake Bay

Your guide will meet you at your hotel for the transfer to the airport and flight to Drake Bay. Upon arrival, a representative will meet you for a shared road and boat transfer (around 25 minutes by road and 10 minutes by boat) to Drakes Bay Wilderness Resort. Located just 30 minutes from Corcovado National Park, the hotel is located on one of Costa Rica's most beautiful bays, surrounded by a forest teeming with wildlife. Upon arrival, you will have a brief orientation, before enjoying lunch prepared with ingredients from the farm. Spend the rest of the day exploring the surroundings or relaxing in a hammock, or at the saltwater swimming pool. (L,D)

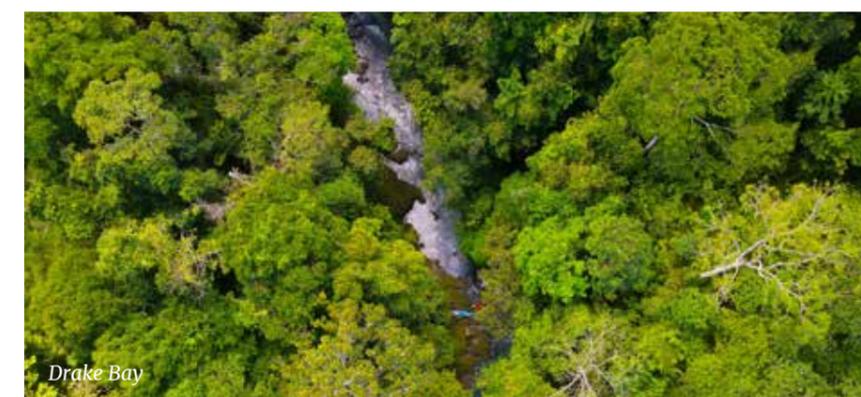
### Day 3-4: Drake Bay

Over the next two days, choose two of the following tours to enjoy this unique location rich in wildlife and biodiversity. (FB)

- Mangrove Tour on the Sierpe River: This tour begins early in the morning with a boat trip across the bay and into the Sierpe River ecosystem. During the journey, your guide will explain the importance of the mangroves to the squirrel monkeys, crocodiles and waterfowl that inhabit it.
- Corcovado National Park Tours: After a boat ride, you will arrive at the ranger station ahead of a 4-hour guided hike along rainforest trails. See monkeys, macaws, tapirs, deer and coatis as well as a variety of flora, before cooling off in a waterfall.
- Caño Island snorkelling: Take a boat ride to the protected marine reserve of Isla del Caño to snorkel with sea turtles, white tip reef sharks and schools of tropical fish and coral.
- Nighttime Wildlife Tour: Observe the activity in the jungle after nightfall, exploring trails to see frogs, snakes, insects and nocturnal birds.

### Day 5: San Jose

Leave Drake Bay for the transfer back to the airport and your flight to San Jose. (B)



Drake Bay



Crocodile



KEY

Transfer



Diving

# Costa Rica Family Adventure

13 days

This Costa Rican family adventure blends cultural immersion, rainforest exploration, and coastal relaxation. Begin in San José, then discover Arenal's artisan traditions and wildlife. Journey through scenic lakes and cloud forests to Monteverde for thrilling canopy adventures. Explore the wetlands of Palo Verde and finally end your journey in Nosara's laid-back beach paradise, where you can unwind and recharge.

### Highlights

San Jose – Arenal Volcano National Park – Monteverde – Palo Verde – Nosara

### Tour Includes

- 12 nights' accommodation
- Daily breakfast, 3 lunches & 2 dinners
- Sightseeing as stated
- Private transfers throughout

### Departure Dates

Year round

### Day 1: San José

On arrival in Costa Rica, meet your local representative and enjoy a scenic transfer to your hotel in San José. (B)

Hotel: Xandari Resort

### Day 2: Arenal

Journey to Arenal, home to the country's most iconic volcano. Here you'll join a private oxcart painting workshop, learning traditional techniques and the history behind this colourful national symbol, a hands-on insight into Costa Rica's rich artistic heritage. (B)

Hotel: Tabacon Grand Thermal Spa – 3 nights

### Day 3: Arenal

This morning, visit an inspiring ecoproject in sloth territory. With a telescope to hand, spot both two- and three-toed sloths while discovering conservation efforts that protect these gentle creatures. Later, experience rural life at an agroecological farm: milk cows, distil artisanal liquor, hand-make chocolate, and wander through medicinal gardens for a true taste of Costa Rican tradition and sustainability. (B)

### Day 4: Arenal

Today is free for you to relax and explore more at your own pace. Your beautiful spa hotel, set on a naturally flowing thermal river sits within one of the largest private reserves in Arenal. (B)

### Day 5: Arenal – Monteverde

Leave Arenal behind and enjoy a scenic boat and road journey to Monteverde. Your day begins with a 30-minute drive to Arenal Lake, then a crossing by pontoon boat with views of Arenal Volcano and possible wildlife sightings. Disembark at Chiquito River for a 1 1/2 hour land transfer to your hotel, nestled in the enchanting cloud forest. (B)

Hotel: Monteverde Lodge & Gardens – 3 nights

### Day 6: Monteverde

Today's adventure takes you above and through the canopy. Begin with a Sky Tram gondola ride, gliding slowly upwards for panoramic views, before embarking on an exhilarating zip line experience. Eight cables carry you across ravines and treetops, some stretching 750 metres – for an unforgettable adrenaline rush in the heart of the forest. (B)

### Day 7: Monteverde

A day to do as you please. The Monteverde Lodge is surrounded by Cloud Forest, yet also within walking distance of Monteverde. Optional activities at the lodge include cloud forest tours, garden tours, chocolate and coffee experiences and nocturnal forest walks. (B)

### Day 8: Monteverde – Palo Verde

Transfer privately to Rancho Humo Estancia for a 2-night stay in the serenity of Guanacaste's wetlands. With 3 daily meals included, enjoy the tranquillity of this secluded estate where forests, farmland, and lagoons meet. It's the perfect retreat for relaxation and immersion in Costa Rica's diverse natural beauty. (FB)

Hotel: Rancho Humo Estancia – 2 nights

### Day 9: Palo Verde

Set within a Blue Zone this hacienda has been transformed from a cattle farm into the private management of wetland rescue supporting numerous eco systems that in turn support a vast array of flora and fauna. There are a number of optional tours available including wetland safaris, boat tours and horse riding, for guests who want to learn more. (FB)

### Day 10: Nosara

Today, transfer from your wetland paradise to Nosara. Lying on the Pacific coastline, Nosara sits on the Nicoya Peninsula and is a haven for wellness, surfing and nature. (B)

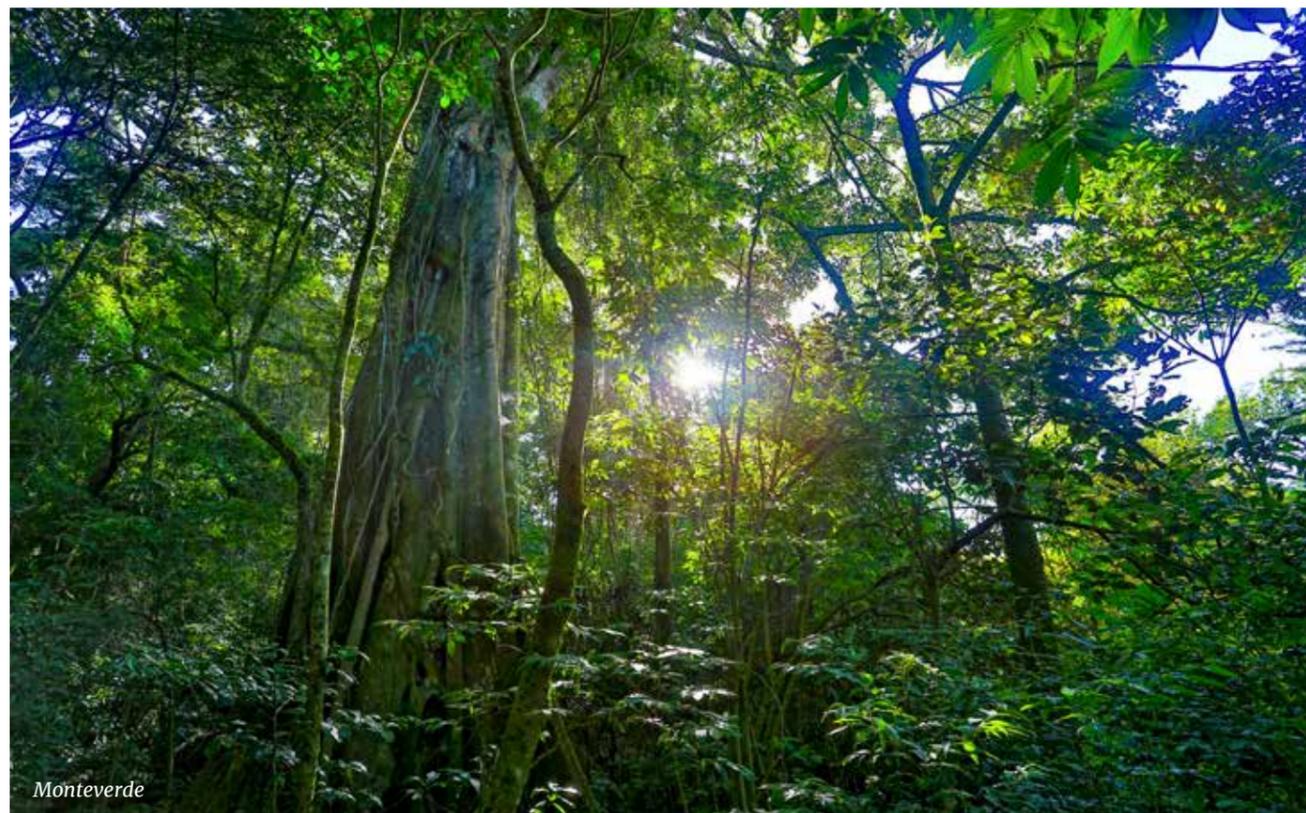
Hotel: Lagarta Lodge – 3 nights

### Day 11 & 12: Nosara

2 days to relax and enjoy the laid back surf vibe of Nosara. The beaches here are wide and uncrowded and surrounded by jungle. Wildlife thrives here and it's not uncommon to see white-faced monkeys swinging in the trees along the beach. (B)

### Day 13: San José

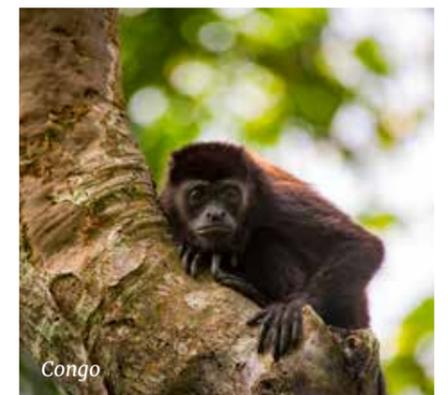
Bid farewell to the coast as you transfer back to San José International Airport, a journey of around 5 1/2 hours through ever-changing landscapes. (B)



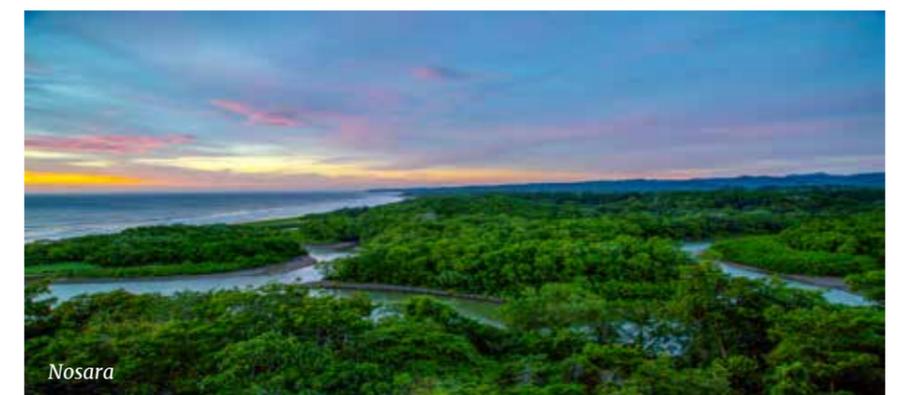
Monteverde



Arenal Volcano



Congo



Nosara

# Classic Costa Rica

## 13 days

This unforgettable journey through Costa Rica blends volcanic landscapes, lush cloud forests, and vibrant coastal life. From the steaming crater of Poás and the wildlife-rich canals of Tortuguero to Arenal's dramatic peaks and Monteverde's misty trails. The adventure ends with sun-drenched days in Tamarindo, offering a perfect balance of nature, culture, and relaxation.

### Highlights

San Jose – Tortuguero National Park  
Arenal Volcano National Park – Monteverde  
Tamarindo

### Tour Includes

- 12 nights' accommodation
- Daily breakfast, 3 lunches & 2 dinners
- Sightseeing as stated
- Private transfers throughout, also available with shared transfers or as a self drive

### Departure Dates

Year round

### Day 1: San José

Upon arrival in Costa Rica, meet your guide who will transfer you to your hotel in San Jose. The journey, usually around half an hour depending on traffic, takes you through the scenic Central Valley, dotted with rolling coffee plantations and forested hills.

Hotel: Hotel Studio – 2 nights

### Day 2: Poás Volcano, La Paz & Doka Estate

Begin your day at Doka Coffee Estate with a hearty breakfast and an immersive tour of a working coffee plantation. Then continue to Poás Volcano, where you'll explore the dramatic crater and cloud forest trails. Peer into the steaming caldera and explore nearby cloud forest trails rich with unique flora. The afternoon is spent at La Paz Waterfall Gardens, where jungle paths lead to a series of dramatic waterfalls. Alongside the falls, the reserve is home to a butterfly house, hummingbird garden and aviaries, it's a superb introduction to the country's biodiversity. (B,L)

### Day 3: Tortuguero

Set off towards Costa Rica's northern Caribbean coast. After a scenic drive, board a boat that winds its way through a network of canals before reaching Tortuguero, a remote and wildlife-rich national park.

Hotel: Mawamba Lodge – 2 nights (B)

### Day 4: Tortuguero

Glide along tranquil waterways, shaded by towering rainforest and alive with wildlife: monkeys swing through the branches, brightly coloured toucans fly overhead, and caimans bask at the water's edge. You'll also visit the small village of Tortuguero, whose Afro-Caribbean culture adds a distinctive flavour to the region. Between July and October, the area becomes the world's most important nesting site for the green sea turtle, with evening excursions offering the chance to witness this extraordinary spectacle.

### Day 5: Arenal

Journey inland to Arenal, where verdant landscapes and dramatic volcanic scenery await. Upon arrival, settle into your hotel and take in the striking views of Arenal Volcano as you prepare for the natural adventures ahead. (B,L)

Hotel: Volcano Lodge – 2 nights

### Day 6: Arenal Volcano & Hanging Bridges

Spend the morning exploring Arenal Volcano National Park on foot, following trails across old lava fields and through secondary forest. The park offers spectacular views of the volcano itself, as well as of Lake Arenal, Costa Rica's largest lake. In the afternoon, venture into the canopy on the Mistico Hanging Bridges, a series of suspended walkways strung high above the forest floor.

With a naturalist guide to help spot wildlife, you may see anything from colourful orchids and butterflies to shy tree-dwelling mammals and vibrant birdlife. (B)

### Day 7: Arenal

Today is free to relax or explore further. (B)

### Day 8: Arenal to Monteverde

Today's transfer is part of the adventure. First, cross Lake Arenal by boat, enjoying panoramic views of the volcano and surrounding hills. Then continue by road, climbing into the misty highlands of Monteverde. The 3-hour journey takes you through rural communities and farmland, with a noticeable change in climate as you ascend into cloud forest terrain. (B)

Hotel: Trapp Family Lodge – 2 nights

### Day 9: Monteverde Cloud Forest

Venture into a tranquil cloud forest reserve with your guide. The trails reveal a world of lush ferns, bromeliads and moss-clad trees, thriving in the perpetual mist. Birdwatchers will be in their element here, with the chance to spot the resplendent quetzal, a species considered sacred by the ancient Maya. Reach La Ventana viewpoint, where the Continental Divide creates a dramatic contrast of ecosystems shaped by moisture-laden Caribbean winds and drier Pacific breezes. A haven for nature lovers. (B)

### Day 10: Tamarindo

Travel west to Costa Rica's Pacific coast and the lively seaside town of Tamarindo. This is your chance to unwind after days of adventure. (B)

Hotel: Tamarindo Diria – 3 nights

### Day 11-12: Tamarindo

Spend long afternoons on golden beaches, swim in warm tropical waters, or try surfing on waves suitable for both beginners and the more experienced. As evening falls, Tamarindo comes alive with its colourful sunsets – perfect to enjoy with freshly grilled seafood at a beachfront restaurant. Should you wish, there are plenty of optional excursions: snorkelling in nearby bays, kayaking through coastal estuaries, or visiting nature reserves to spot howler monkeys and iguanas. (B)

### Day 13: Return to San José

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your international flight. Depart Costa Rica with unforgettable memories of cloud forests, volcanoes, wildlife, and warm hospitality.



# Jungle to Coast 4x4 Self Drive

12 days

Experience Costa Rica on a thrilling 4x4 adventure. Begin in bustling San José before rafting the wild Pacuare River and exploring lush rainforest in Sarapiquí and La Fortuna. Traverse hanging bridges and ride horses through jungle trails, before ziplining and tubing through volcanic landscapes. Unwind on golden beaches and discover diverse wildlife and eco-systems with adventure at every turn.

## Highlights

San José – Pacuare River Rafting  
Sarapiquí – La Fortuna – Arenal Volcano National Park – Rincón De La Vieja  
Playa Potrero

## Tour Includes

- 11 nights accommodation
- 9 days inclusive SUV car rental
- Sightseeing as stated
- Daily breakfast, all meals during 2-day rafting experience
- Arrival airport transfer

## Departure Dates

Daily

### Day 1: San José

Upon arrival in San José, meet your local representative who will transfer you to your hotel.

Hotel: D'Sabana Hotel - 1 night

### Day 2: Rafting on the Pacuare River

Depart from your hotel early this morning, travelling east towards the Caribbean crossing the amazing Brualio Carrillo National Park. After enjoying a traditional Costa Rican breakfast, you'll gather your equipment with your guide for your rafting adventure on the Pacuare River through class II-III rapids. The first day's class III rapids welcome you to the charm of the Pacuare gorge deep in the heart of the rainforest. Your guides will prepare a picnic lunch on the riverbank for you, as you enjoy a walk through the jungle to waterfalls and take a swim in hidden pools. Arrive at your lodge where you can spend the afternoon relaxing. (FB)

Hotel: Ave Sol Sanctuary - 1 night

### Day 3: Pacuare River – Sarapiquí (54 miles)

Following breakfast at the lodge, you'll load the rafts to paddle down the gorge once more past gushing waterfalls, serene pools and pounding rapids. Following lunch, enjoy one more rapid adventure before being transferred back to San José to collect your car hire. You'll then make the drive to Sarapiquí for a 2-night stay. (B,L)

Hotel: Selve Verde Lodge - 2 nights

### Day 4: Sarapiquí

Today you will enjoy a horse riding tour at Hacienda Pozo Azul. For many years, the Quintana family here have been dedicated to the breeding and training of horses across Costa Rica. Your ride today takes you on the trails and back roads of the Hacienda, perfectly combining pasture, jungle and rivers as your guides share their knowledge of the horses and the surrounding area. (B)

### Day 5: La Fortuna (44 miles)

Enjoy the scenic drive today as you make your way to La Fortuna, the gateway to Arenal Volcano National Park. The town is famous for the views of the volcano from every angle, surrounding rainforest and geothermal pools. (B)

Hotel: Arenal Springs Resort & Spa - 2 nights

### Day 6: Arenal National Park

Meet your guide for a walk at Mistico Arenal Hanging Bridges Park to learn more about the forest and local environment.

Along the 2 miles of trails, you'll be immersed in the rainforest's biodiversity, with more than 50 tropical birds and many species of mammals, reptiles and insects. (B)

### Day 7: Rincón de la Vieja

Today make the drive to Rincón de la Vieja, and watch as the scenery changes from lush rainforest to volcanic landscapes. (B)

Hotel: Hacienda Guachipelín - 2 nights

### Day 8: Rincón de la Vieja

Embark on a 2-hour Canyon Adventure tour today, your journey begins as you walk to the first platform deep inside a river canyon. Experience the rock climbing, canopy walk, Tarzan swing, via ferrata and suspension bridges within the canyon all framed by the Río Blanco. There is also the chance for a tubing adventure on 3 miles of the Black River's rapids that are reached via scenic trails on horseback. Accompanied by guides there are many quiet pools along the way to appreciate the tropical scenery. (B)

### Day 9: Playa Potrero (45 miles)

Drive from the mountains to the beach today, as you arrive in Playa Potrero for a 3-night stay. Perched along the Guanacaste's Gold Coast, Playa Potrero blends the charm of a traditional fishing village with a relaxed coastal community complete with breath-taking sunsets. (B)

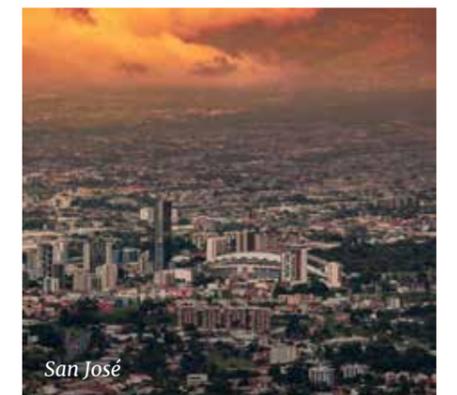
Hotel: Hotel Bahía del Sol - 3 nights

### Day 10-11: Playa Potrero

These days are at leisure in Playa Potrero. Whether you want to relax on the beach, explore the area or enjoy some optional local activities including water sports, fishing or sailing, the choice is yours. (B)

### Day 12: San José (160 miles)

Take the drive back to San José today and return your rental car in time for your onward flight.



## Arenas Del Mar Beachfront & Rainforest Resort

Surrounded by 11 acres of rainforest reserve, this luxury beachfront resort has direct ocean access with 2 beautiful beaches just steps away. Located on the Pacific coast in Manuel Antonio, guests can spend their days walking along the beach to the town and national park or at either of 2 ocean-view swimming pools set within lush grounds where monkeys and sloths often wander past. 37 luxury guest rooms and suites have views across the ocean and rainforest and are fully equipped with plush amenities. Enjoy beach eats and cocktails with your toes in the sand at Playitas Beachfront Restaurant, wellness treatments at Las Brisas Wellness Centre and tours with in-house naturalist guides at this sustainable nature-lovers escape.

**Location:** Manuel Antonio

Our rating: ★★★★★



## Amor Arenal

Nestled in the rainforest foothills of Costa Rica's Arenal Volcano, Amor Arenal offers 31 standalone hardwood casitas perched above a lush canyon, each featuring vaulted ceilings, floor-to-ceiling windows, and heated whirlpools on a suspended terrace. With open air spa pavilions, wellness offerings, a fitness centre overlooking the jungle, and daily yoga among the trees, guests are immersed in this unique environment. Dining is farm to table fair, with organic local produce, and Latin inspired cuisine across 2 restaurants and a vibrant tapas bar. Choose to explore on site rainforest trails and hidden thermal pools for a nature-rich escape.

**Location:** La Fortuna

Our rating: ★★★★★



## Monteverde Lodge & Gardens

Within walking distance from the town of Monteverde, the Monteverde Lodge & Gardens consists of 31 guest rooms framed by impeccably designed gardens and a private cloud forest teeming with exotic local wildlife. Rooms are all well-appointed with modern comforts and are designed with natural materials and prints to reflect a natural oasis, with private balconies and terraces to soak in the tranquil surroundings. The onsite restaurant is inspired by the contrasts of the rainforest, focussing on the culinary traditions of the country with an extensive cocktail and wine list. An expert naturalist guide will show you the secret spots in the Monteverde forests, from slumbering sloths to delicate orchids.

**Location:** Monteverde

Our rating: ★★★★★



## Hideaway Rio Celeste

Located in one of the most biodiverse areas of the world, this property is your luxury hideaway on the stunning Rio Celeste in an 80-acre rainforest reserve. Made up of rainforest casitas with forest or garden views, accommodations here are immersed in nature and furnished in hardwoods, plush bedding and feature indoor/outdoor rainfall showers. Guests can enjoy exclusive access to private trails and swimming spots along the stunning Rio Celeste, with exotic wildlife encounters right from the property. Further on-site amenities also include the open-air Kantala restaurant, swim-up bar, yoga pavilion and Studio Spa nestled within tropical gardens.

**Location:** Rio Celeste

Our rating: ★★★★★



## Hotel Grano de Oro

Originally a private family residence, the Hotel Grano do Oro is set in an original Victorian tropical home and surrounding buildings that have been transformed into a boutique hotel in San José. Rooms are all individually decorated with handcrafted local artwork and luxurious bedding, exuding charm and comfort of a by-gone era. The rooftop terrace is the real jewel of this Gilded Age property, with secluded hot tubs and sun loungers offering a city-view escape. Dining at the on-site restaurant is also a highlight, with French-inspired cuisine fused with Costa Rican flavours served from the comfort of the magnificent dining room or interior courtyard patio. The location allows guests to easily explore the museums, markets, theatres and numerous day trips all within easy reach.

**Location:** San José

Our rating: ★★★★★



## Hotel Nantipa

A luxury beachfront boutique hotel in the heart of Santa Teresa, Hotel Nantipa is a true barefoot escape, with a strong sustainability ethos. Inspired by the ocean and sky, with even the name meaning 'blue' in the native Nicoya tribal language, the wildlife-rich jungle surrounds you whilst being just steps from the beach. 19 bungalows, suites and villas feature modern designs just moments away from the surf, with large terraces, plunge pools and a distinct indoor-outdoor feel. Manzu beachfront restaurant is regularly recognised as one of the top restaurants in the country serving local flavours, wellness seekers can unwind at Numu Wellness Centre, set in the serene jungle with programs aligned with the surrounding area.

**Location:** Nicoya Peninsula

Our rating: ★★★★★



## Boutique Hotel Lagarta Lodge

Lagarta Lodge is a serene eco-boutique retreat surrounded by rivers, tropical forest and a 90-acre nature reserve. Suites here are a contrast of minimal elegance with teak furnishings, local artwork and views of the ocean or jungle. Guests can take in the incredible sunset views from either of the 2 infinity pools, a hidden Jacuzzi or from the Gecko Lounge with a cocktail in hand. Restaurant Chirriboca serves organically grown local produce, where you can sample Costa Rican specialties and international favourites. Experience exotic flora and fauna in the surrounding nature reserve, joining a guided tour or by going it alone on the trails, or perhaps surf the Pacific. There is also the chance to take a tour of the world's second largest turtle nesting ground just 25 minutes away.

**Location:** Nicoya Peninsula

Our rating: ★★★★★



## Hotel Aguas Claras

Located just steps from Puerto Viejo's soft sands is Hotel Aguas Clara – a charming Caribbean-Victorian retreat with a boutique, creative atmosphere. Founded by a Costa Rican artist, it blends reclaimed woods, antiques and artwork to create an eclectic, uniquely designed property with just 9 luxury bungalows and 6 suites all with a bohemian feel. Surround yourself with lush gardens, relax around the pool or jump aboard a 'banana bike' whilst doing some beach hopping around the local area. Dine poolside at boho-chic Papaya Restaurant, or explore Caribbean flavours at the beachfront DaLime Beach Club, both using fresh local ingredients and inventive cocktails.

**Location:** Puerto Viejo

Our rating: ★★★★★



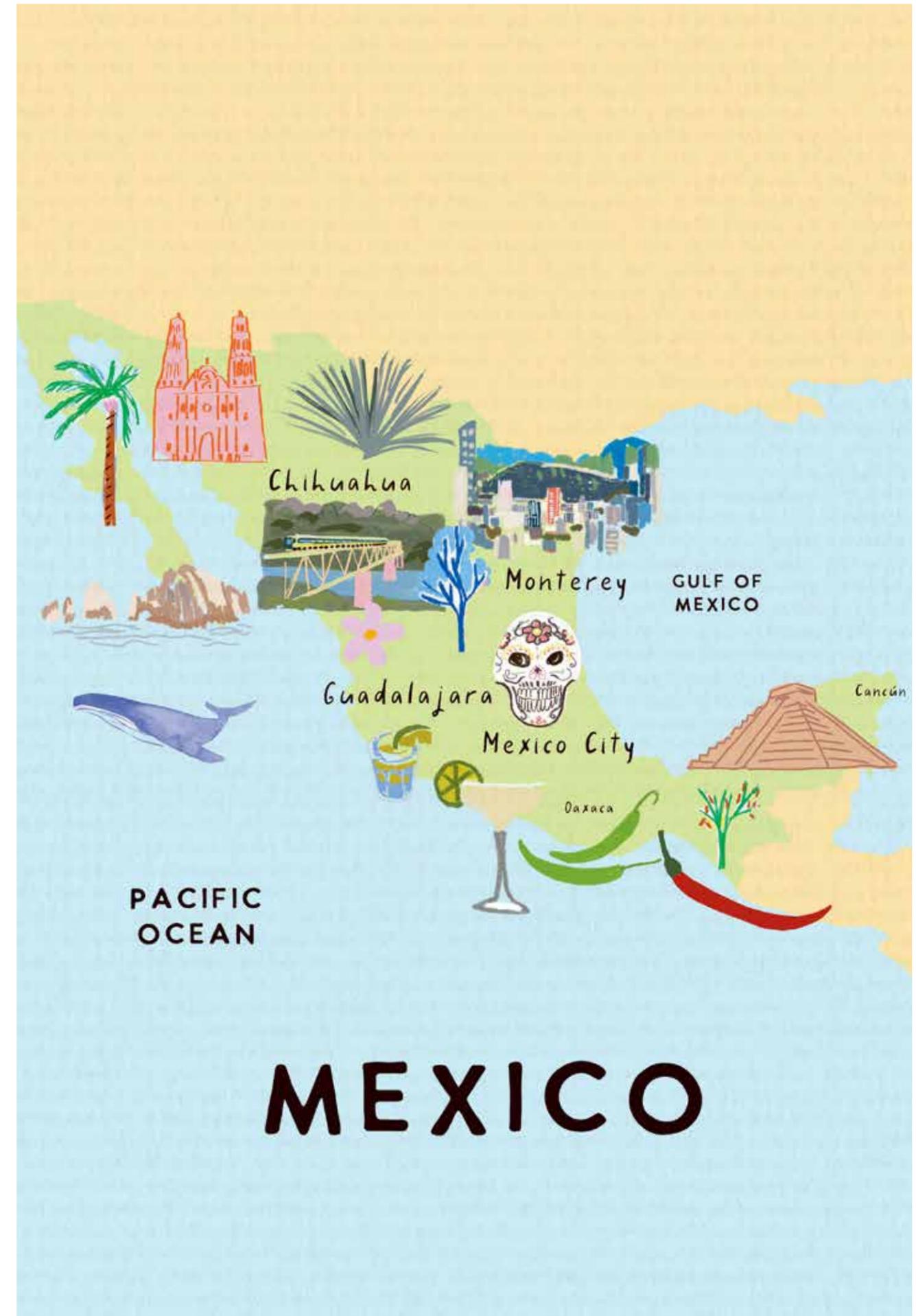
# Mexico

## ANCIENT CIVILISATIONS, BOLD FLAVOURS AND SUN-SOAKED SHORES

From sun-drenched coastlines to ancient highland cities, Mexico is a country of vibrant contrasts and deep cultural richness. Bask in the golden light of colonial towns, roam through the jungle-cloaked ruins of mighty Mayan temples or unwind in boutique beach resorts that fringe the Pacific and Caribbean seas. In the lush state of Yucatán, eco-luxury jungle lodges place you at the heart of ancient stories and living traditions, while Mexico City pulses with art, cuisine, and contemporary energy. Whether you're wandering colourful markets, visiting ancient ruins, or savouring world-renowned street food, Mexico draws you in with endless layers of history, flavour, and beauty, each region offering a journey all its own.



Mexico City



# Mexico



## Route of the Maya Heart

9 days

This journey through Mexico's Yucatán Peninsula weaves together ancient ruins, colonial towns, and natural beauty. Explore markets, swim in cenotes, and discover Chichén Itzá, Uxmal, and Mérida. From flamingo-filled lagoons to starry skies and sea turtles in Akumal, each experience reveals the region's rich culture, vibrant flavours, and timeless connection to land and sky.

### Highlights

Valladolid – Mérida – Uxmal  
Bacalar – Akumal

### Tour Includes

- 8 nights' accommodation
- Daily breakfast
- Transportation throughout

### Departure Dates

Daily, year round

### Day 1: Cancún – Valladolid

Arrive in Cancún and transfer to Valladolid, a charming colonial town rich in Franciscan history. Explore its vibrant zócalo and colourful market. Swim in the ethereal Cenote Suytun before savouring Yucatecan fusion cuisine at Conato 1910, where local flavours meet international flair in a creative, art-filled setting. (B)

### Day 2: Valladolid

Visit the ancient Mayan site of Ek' Balam, then descend into the forest-shrouded cenote of Xcanché for a refreshing swim. Later, tour Casa de los Venados, a private folk art museum filled with vivid Mexican traditions, from whimsical catrinas to imaginative local portraits. (B)

### Day 3: Valladolid – Mérida

Marvel at Chichén Itzá's iconic "El Castillo" and ancient observatory, "El Caracol." Continue to Izamal, the "City of Hills," home to sun god pyramids and vast monastery courtyards. End the day in Mérida, where colonial elegance and Maya heritage converge in Yucatán's vibrant capital city. (B)

### Day 4: Mérida

Tour an organic habanero plantation near Kinchil, where fiery peppers thrive in Yucatán's sun-drenched soil. Back in Mérida, explore the historic centre, with visits to its cathedral, colonial mansions, and the famed Casa de Montejo. Stroll at your leisure and savour a crisp marquesita on the lively Paseo de Montejo. (B)

### Day 5: Mérida – Uxmal

Begin at the Palacio de Cantón, home to Yucatán's anthropological museum and Mayan treasures. Cruise through Celestún's bird sanctuary, spotting vibrant flamingos. At Hacienda Yaxcopoil, walk among fading grandeur before continuing to ancient Uxmal. (B)

### Day 6: Uxmal – Bacalar

Explore Uxmal's majestic ruins and visit the nearby Mayan Planetarium, where a dome show reveals how ancient astronomers mapped the stars. (B)

### Day 7: Bacalar – Akumal

Visit Bacalar's 18th-century fortress and take in sweeping views of the radiant Lagoon of Seven Colours. Continue to Tulum, where ancient ruins perch above the Caribbean sea. Arrive in Akumal to unwind. (B)

### Day 8: Akumal

Swim alongside sea turtles in Akumal Bay and venture into the Sian Ka'an Biosphere Reserve where you'll float through mangroves and tranquil lagoons. (B)

### Day 9: Akumal – Cancún

Transfer to Cancún Airport ahead of your departing flight as your journey comes to an end. (B)



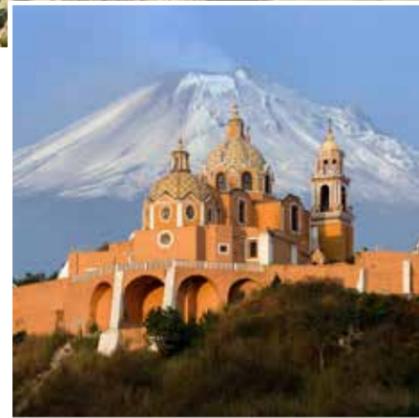
### Chichen Itza & Mayan Ruins

Step back in time and explore the incredible legacy of the Mayan civilisation. From the iconic pyramid of Chichén Itzá, one of the New Seven Wonders of the World, to the jungle-covered ruins of Uxmal, Palenque, and Tulum, Mexico's ancient sites are awe-inspiring windows into a richly layered past.



### Culinary Experiences

Mexico's cuisine is a vibrant tapestry of regional flavours and centuries-old traditions, and bold creativity. Join a market tour in Oaxaca, take a hands-on cooking class in Mérida, or indulge in fine dining in Mexico City's top restaurants. From street tacos to tamales to mole sauces and artisanal mezcal, each bite reveals a delicious part of Mexican heritage.



### Colonial Towns

Mexico's colonial charm comes alive in its historic towns. Wander the artistic streets of San Miguel de Allende, soak in the colourful magic of Puebla, or explore the vibrant energy of Guanajuato. With cobblestone alleys, ornate churches, and lively plazas, these towns offer a rich and unforgettable taste of Mexico's cultural heritage.



### Pacific & Caribbean Beaches

Whether it's the turquoise waters of the Caribbean coast or the golden sands of the Pacific, Mexico's beaches offer something for everyone. Relax in luxury resorts in Riviera Maya, dive the coral reefs off Cozumel, or catch a wave in laid-back Puerto Escondido.



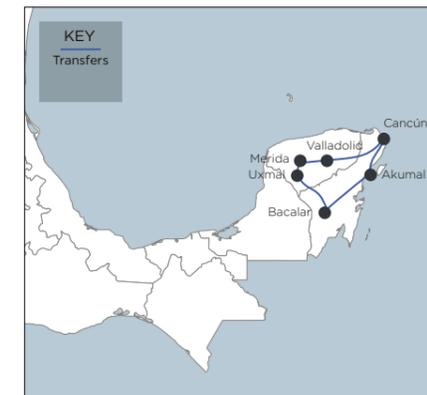
### Festivals & Traditions

Mexico's calendar is bursting with colourful festivals and heartfelt traditions. Experience the magic of Día de Muertos (Day of the Dead), the passion of Semana Santa (Holy Week), or the energy of local fiestas with fireworks, music, and dance. These celebrations showcase Mexico's vibrant fusion of indigenous traditions and Spanish heritage, offering an unforgettable window into the soul of local life.



### Local Crafts & Silver Markets

From vibrant Talavera pottery and handwoven textiles to intricate silver jewellery in Taxco, Mexico is a treasure trove of artisanal craftsmanship. Local markets and workshops offer not only beautiful souvenirs but the chance to meet skilled artisans who pass down their traditions through generations.



# Classic Mexico: From Megacity to Mayan World

17 days

Discover the heart of Mexico on a journey through history, culture and natural beauty. Begin in dynamic Mexico City, where Aztec heritage meets colonial splendour, before exploring the artistry and flavours of Puebla and Oaxaca de Juárez. Travel south via Tehuantepec to highland San Cristóbal de las Casas, then venture into the jungle to uncover the ancient Maya city of Palenque. Continue to the pastel-hued ramparts of Campeche, the majestic ruins of Uxmal, and elegant Mérida, before reaching Valladolid and ending your adventure on the sun-drenched Caribbean shores of Cancún.

## Highlights

Mexico City - Puebla - Oaxaca de Juárez  
Tehuantepec - San Cristóbal de las Casas  
Palenque - Campeche - Uxmal  
Chichen Itza - Cancun

## Tour Includes

- 16 nights' accommodation
- Daily breakfast & 4 lunches
- Sightseeing as stated
- Transportation throughout

## Departure Dates

Daily, year round

### Day 1: Mexico City

Upon arrival in Mexico City, you will be met and transferred to your hotel for a 4 night stay.

### Day 2: Mexico City

Explore Mexico City's monumental centre, home to the Zócalo, presidential palace, and Latin America's oldest cathedral. Marvel at Aztec relics in the Museo del Templo Mayor, admire revolutionary murals in the Palacio de Bellas Artes, and ascend Torre Latinoamericana for panoramic views framed by snowcapped volcanoes. (B)

### Day 3: Mexico City

Visit the Museo Nacional de Antropología to trace Mexico's ancient civilizations. Wander Chapultepec Park's leafy grounds and hilltop castle. Tour the National Museum of History, then sample the capital's street food on a nighttime Taco Beats & Mezcal Sips tour through vibrant neighbourhoods and award-winning taquerías. (B)

### Day 4: Mexico City

Stroll the artisan-filled La Ciudadela market, then journey south to artistic Coyoacán. Explore Frida Kahlo's Casa Azul and the peaceful plazas and churches of this colonial borough. Later, glide along the flower-filled canals of Xochimilco on a colourful boat, soaking in local life and traditions. (B,L)

### Day 5: Puebla

Visit the revered Basilica of Guadalupe, before travelling to Teotihuacán, where ancient pyramids rise along the Avenue of the Dead. Enjoy a traditional lunch at La Gruta, a cave restaurant near the ruins. Continue to your hotel for a 2-night stay. (B,L)

### Day 6: Puebla

Admire Puebla's talavera-tiled façades and elegant colonial streets near the Zócalo. Visit the cathedral, and explore the historic Biblioteca Palafoxiana, the American continent's first public library. Continue to Cholula's Great Pyramid for sweeping volcano views, and end the day in Tonantzintla's folk-Baroque church blending Indigenous and Christian symbolism. (B)

### Day 7: Oaxaca de Juárez

Discover Zapotitlán Salinas' otherworldly cactus landscapes during a scenic hike and picnic. Then savour a one-of-a-kind meal at Itandehui, where local flora and regional insects inspire the chef's avant-garde take on ancestral cuisine. Each dish is a flavourful tribute to Puebla's rare natural bounty. Continue on to Oaxaca de Juárez. (B,L)

### Day 8: Oaxaca de Juárez

Shop for ingredients in a traditional market, then join Zapotec women for a cooking class in a village kitchen. In Oaxaca's historic centre, admire Santo Domingo Church, colourful colonial streets, and vibrant markets that pulse with Indigenous culture and southern Mexico's soulful charm. (B,L)

### Day 9: Tehuantepec

Begin in Santa María del Tule, where a 2,000-year-old Ahuehuete tree enchants with its vast trunk and legendary past. Journey on to Mitla, the Zapotec ceremonial centre with striking mosaics and colourful markets. In Santiago Matatlán, taste mezcal at a traditional distillery. Conclude at Playa Cangrejo, enjoying fresh seafood, golden sands, and the Pacific's inviting waters before reaching Tehuantepec. (B)

### Day 10: San Cristóbal de las Casas

Cruise through Sumidero Canyon, where the Río Grijalva winds between towering cliffs teeming with tropical flora and fauna. Visit a marimba workshop to see how this traditional instrument is crafted from native woods, and enjoy a short concert that echoes Chiapas' rich musical heritage. (B)

### Day 11: San Cristóbal de las Casas

Wander San Cristóbal's cobblestone streets, framed by colonial churches and pastel façades. From the Zócalo, visit Santo Domingo Church and the cathedral. The afternoon is free for you to explore cafés, markets, or simply enjoy the laid-back charm of this highland city at your own pace. (B)

### Day 12: Palenque

Relax in the jungle at the Roberto Barrios waterfalls, hidden within Chiapas' lush lowlands. Turquoise cascades and shaded pools invite you to swim or unwind in nature's embrace. It's a peaceful interlude before continuing your journey toward the ancient ruins of Palenque. (B)

### Day 13: Campeche

Explore Palenque, an iconic Maya site surrounded by jungle. Discover the Temple of Inscriptions, built to honour King Pakal, and the ornate Grand Palace. The architecture and carvings reveal the grandeur of Maya civilisation before you travel to the coastal city of Campeche. (B)

### Day 14: Uxmal

Wander Campeche's fortified streets lined with restored colonial homes. Visit the cathedral and Zócalo, then continue to Uxmal, a Maya city famed for elegant architecture. Learn about cacao's cultural legacy at the Ecomuseo del Cacao, and cap the day with a magical sound-and-light show. (B)

### Day 15: Mérida

Travel to Mérida, capital of Yucatán and a city steeped in Spanish and French colonial charm. Ride along the Paseo de Montejo and visit landmarks like the cathedral, Casa de Montejo, and the bustling Zócalo. Enjoy the city's warm hospitality and vibrant, elegant ambiance. (B)

### Day 16: Valladolid

Journey east to explore the magnificent ruins of Chichén Itzá, where "El Castillo" rises grandly above the jungle canopy and "El Caracol" reveals the Maya's celestial sophistication. Later, descend into the ethereal Cenote Suytun, where crystal waters and cathedral-like formations offer an otherworldly, unforgettable swim. (B)

### Day 17: Cancún

After breakfast, bid farewell to the Yucatán's vibrant heart as you transfer to Cancún International Airport. (B)



Uxmal



Mexico City



Valladolid



Cancún

# Journeys: Discover Mexico

## 9 days

Mexico offers a sensory feast offering vibrant cities, ancient ruins, rich traditions, and unforgettable cuisine. This 9-day journey begins in Mexico City and visits Teotihuacán, Monte Albán, Oaxaca, and the Frida Kahlo Museum. Discover artisan culture, sip mezcal, and explore at your own pace in this colourful, captivating country.

### Highlights

Mexico City - Teotihuacán - Puebla  
Oaxaca - Monte Albán

### Tour Includes

- 8 nights' accommodation
- Small group experience; maximum 16
- Daily breakfast, 3 lunches & 2 dinners
- Sightseeing as stated
- National Geographic Expedition Leader (tour guide)

*Tour is operated by National Geographic Journeys with G Adventures.*

Physical Grading: 2 - Light. Light walking and hiking suitable for most fitness levels.

### Departure Dates

Selected dates, year round

### Day 1: Mexico City

Arrive in Mexico's vibrant capital, where your adventure begins with a warm welcome and hotel transfer. This evening, enjoy a lively chef-led culinary demonstration highlighting classic regional dishes. Conclude the experience with a group dinner, savouring the cuisine that makes Mexico one of the world's great food destinations. (D)

Hotel: Novotel Mexico City Centro Historico (or similar) - 3 nights

### Day 2: Mexico City

Rise early for a sunrise tour of Xochimilco, gliding through colourful floating gardens on traditional boats. Learn about efforts to protect the rare axolotl, central to Aztec mythology, before enjoying breakfast. Back in Mexico City, join your guide for a walk around the historic zócalo, then spend the afternoon exploring museums, the Palace of Fine Arts, or Diego Rivera's world-famous murals. (B)

### Day 3: Mexico City

Venture to the awe-inspiring UNESCO World Heritage site and ancient city of Teotihuacán, dating back to 100AD. Tour this vast archaeological site, marvelling at the immense Pyramid of the Sun, a structure so massive, the inside has never been entirely explored, and the impressive Avenue of the Dead. After a local lunch, return to Mexico City in the late afternoon. (B,L)

### Day 4: Puebla

Explore Coyoacán, visiting the Casa Azul, Frida Kahlo's vibrant home and museum. Discover the life of this iconic artist who defied convention, before travelling to Puebla. Set against the backdrop of a towering volcano, the city boasts magnificent colonial architecture and a rich culinary heritage, it's said that mole poblano originated here. Join a guided walk, then enjoy a free afternoon to further explore Puebla's colourful streets and traditions. (B,L)

Hotel: Hotel Casareyna (or similar) - 2 nights

### Day 5: Puebla

Discover the artistry of Talavera pottery with a local expert, learning about this iconic ceramic tradition introduced by the Spanish in the 16th century. See the process from clay to creation, explore its uses in tableware and tiles, and visit a small museum of contemporary ceramics. The rest of the day is free to explore Puebla, you can browse colourful markets, stroll the charming central square, or visit the Great Pyramid of Cholula, the largest pyramid in the world. (B)

### Day 6: Puebla - Oaxaca de Juárez

Arrive in Oaxaca, a vibrant city where indigenous traditions thrive. Join your CEO for an orientation walk, exploring Santo Domingo cathedral, the lively Zócalo, and bustling markets. After settling in, enjoy a free evening to sample the city's renowned cuisine. Oaxaca is celebrated for its artisans; pottery, weavings, and mezcal, as well as its rich culinary heritage, offering countless opportunities to taste authentic local flavours. (B)

Hotel: Parador del Dominico (or similar) - 3 nights

### Day 7: Oaxaca de Juárez

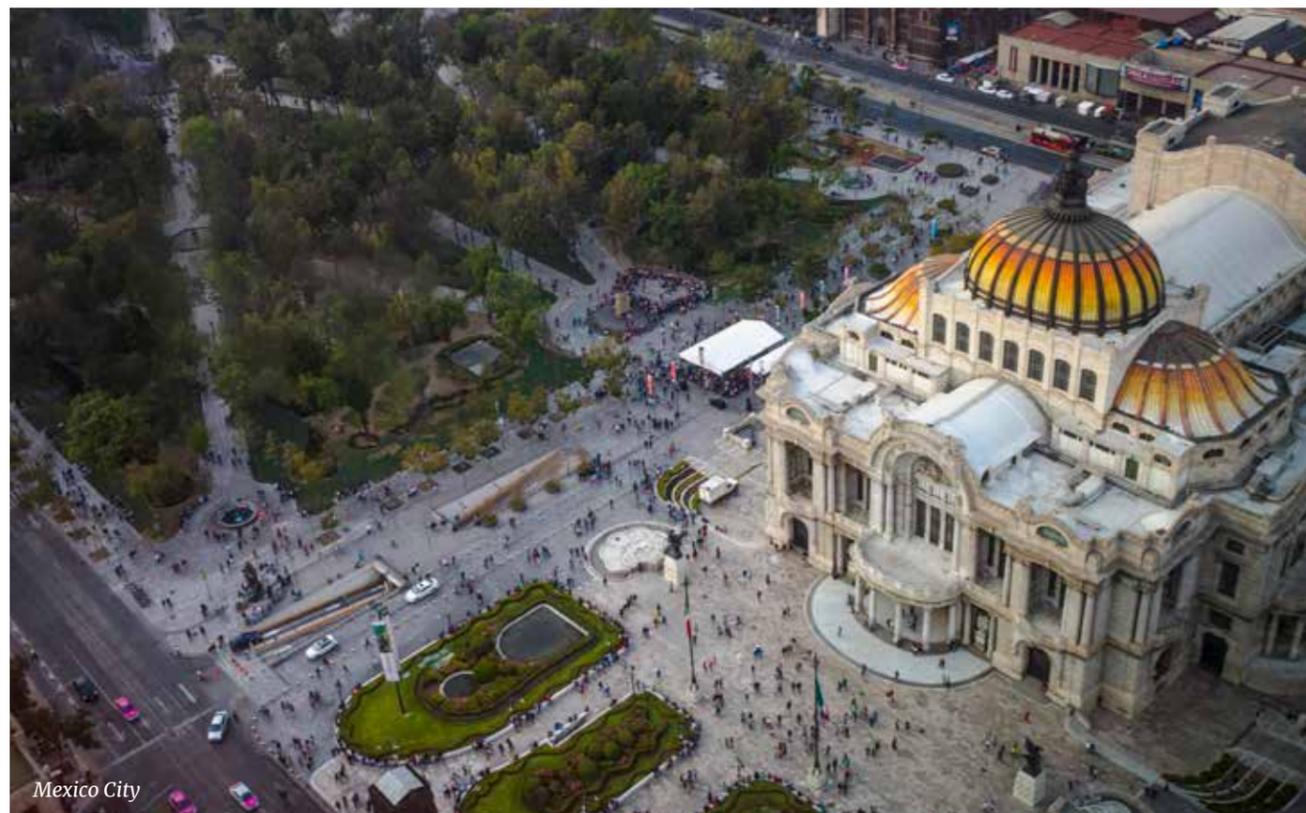
Discover Monte Albán, a UNESCO site and ancient Zapotec capital with pyramids, plazas, and sweeping valley views. Enjoy a traditional lunch paired with a mezcal tasting, sampling varieties of this iconic agave spirit. Continue to a local artisan community to learn about Alebrijes, Oaxaca's fantastical folk art figurines carved from copal wood and painted in vivid colours. Return to Oaxaca for a free evening to relax or explore. (B,L)

### Day 8: Oaxaca

Enjoy a free day to explore Oaxaca. Perhaps visit the petrified waterfalls of Hierve el Agua, the ruins of Mitla, or simply wander the city's cobbled streets and plazas. In the evening, join a local host for a culinary experience. Learn tortilla-making, then share a meal in a family kitchen, sampling traditional Oaxacan dishes while discovering the region's rich food culture and traditions. (B,D)

### Day 9: Oaxaca

Your journey ends today. Depart at any time, taking with you the memories, flavours, and stories of a land where past and present are woven into every meal, mural, and mezcal sip. (B)



# Chepe Express

## 6 day Rail Explorer

The Chepe Express offers passengers a unique experience travelling through places of unparalleled beauty, only accessible by train. Taking you deep into the heart of the legendary Copper Canyon, this rail journey combines breathtaking natural beauty with world-class comfort and service enabling guests to discover Mexico's hidden gems from mountain vistas to 'magic towns' famed for their history and extraordinary legends. On board, enjoy spacious seating, panoramic views and gourmet dining (included in First Class) as you journey into the soul of northern Mexico.

### Highlights

Los Mochis - El Fuerte - Posadas Barrancas - Arareko - Lake Mision San Ignacio - Creel - Cuahatemoc - Chihuahua

### Tour Includes

- 5 nights mid-range accommodation
- Daily breakfast
- Full board at Hotel Mirador
- Sightseeing as stated with local English speaking guide
- Train journey in First Class from El Fuerte to Posadas Barrancas
- Airport transfers

### Departure Dates

Departs every Wednesday, Friday or Sunday from Los Mochis (Sunday only in high season)



Copper Canyon



Divisadero

### Day 1: Los Mochis - El Fuerte

Arrive in Los Mochis and travel to the colonial gem of El Fuerte. Stroll past elegant 18th-19th century architecture, arcaded plazas, and historic villas. Enjoy a guided walk including the grand Posada del Hidalgo, a tranquil retreat of lush gardens and colonial charm.

### Day 2: Posada Barrancas

Board the Chepe Express for a dramatic rail journey into the Copper Canyon. Ascend along the Río Septentrion, crossing spectacular bridges and tunnels. Arrive late afternoon in Divisadero, then transfer to Hotel Mirador—perched on the canyon edge. (FB)

### Day 3: Posada Barrancas

Visit the soaring “Piedra Volada” before descending by cable car into the vast Copper Canyon. Explore ancient cave paintings or opt for thrilling activities in “Parque Aventuras,” including zip lines and suspension bridges. Later, hike to the cave dwelling “Cueva del Chino,” still inhabited by Tarahumara families. (FB)

### Day 4: Creel

Journey through the pine forest to Creel - a 'pueblo magico' or magic town. Discover Lake Arareko's serene shores and the surreal rock formations of Valle del Monje. Visit the Mission San Ignacio before wandering Creel's quaint streets, artisanal shops, and tree-lined plaza, where Rarámuri traditions remain vibrantly alive. (B)

### Day 5: Chihuahua

Travel overland to Chihuahua, stopping in Cuahatemoc to explore a Mennonite community. Learn about their enduring traditions, sample cheese from a local dairy, and witness this unique culture. Continue to the city of Chihuahua, capital of Mexico's largest state and a crossroads of history and modernity. (B)

### Day 6: Chihuahua

Take a morning tour of Chihuahua's historic centre. Visit the Revolution Museum, once home to Pancho Villa, and sites tied to Mexican independence. Discover the city's pivotal role in national history before your transfer to the airport. (B)



Chepe Express



Chepe Express

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## Rancho Encantado

Discover an idyllic ecological hotel on the calm shores of Bacalar Lagoon in the south of the Yucatan Peninsula at Ranch Encantado. Surrounded by charming tropical gardens and exotic fruit orchards, this property is also a sanctuary for over 150 tropical bird species. Cabins, rooms, suites and a private villa make up the accommodations, each with terraces, hammocks and lake or garden views. Rooms are designed in a sympathetic manner towards their stunning surroundings - neutral tones with pops of azure blue reflect this lagoon-side location, with local woods and artwork. Lounge on the private docks, kayak on the crystal clear waters and dine on Mayan-inspired cuisine at the Loz Hechizos restaurant.

**Location:** Bacalar, Yucatan Peninsula

Our rating: ★★★★★



## Circulo Mexicano

This sophisticated, boutique hideaway is in Mexico City's downtown, where pre-Hispanic ruins intersect with the National Palace. Minimal interiors place an emphasis on premium materials, including exquisite Mexican artisanal textiles, tiles and carpentry. The majority of the 25 rooms include a skylit patio with others featuring a balcony overlooking the Metropolitan Cathedral. The hotel occupies the 2nd and 3rd floors of a 19th century building, with a ground floor marketplace including boutiques - there is also a European-style rooftop pool and Comedor Mexicano restaurant with an attractive selection of organic wines, mezcal and modern Mexican dishes served. This property is a true welcoming refuge set amongst the downtown's bustling streets.

**Location:** Mexico City

Our rating: ★★★★★<sup>plus</sup>



## IKAL Tulum Hotel

Escape to a private jungle and Mayan sanctuary with turquoise waters, nature and unique experiences at IKAL Tulum. Located just minutes from Ruinas and Playa Paraiso, this soulful retreat features a crafted garden, treehouse, bungalow and glamping accommodations, with many including private plunge pools, terraces and open-air showers. Guests can choose to unwind with ocean-side yoga, or at the saltwater pool and beach club. A wealth of activities are also on offer, with a daily programme including live music, sound-healing and sacred fire rituals. Maia Restaurant on-site serves breakfast, lunch and dinner with a menu curated with flavours from Mexico, with a focus on traditional corn recipes and ancestral cooking methods.

**Location:** Tulum

Our rating: ★★★★★



## Casa de Sierra Nevada, a Belmond Hotel

Belmond Casa de Sierra Nevada is a luxurious boutique hideaway in the heart of San Miguel de Allende's historic centre, set within 6 beautifully restored 17th and 18th-century colonial mansions. Surrounded by flowering gardens, quiet courtyards and a sparkling pool, the hotel blends authentic Mexican charm with modern comfort. Each of the individually designed rooms and suites features handcrafted details, antique furnishings and lush fabrics, with some offering private terraces or plunge pools. Guests can savour exquisite cuisine at Andanza and Restaurante del Parque, indulge in spa treatments at Laja Spa, or take a cooking class at Sazón.

**Location:** San Miguel de Allende

Our rating: ★★★★★



# Guatemala and Belize

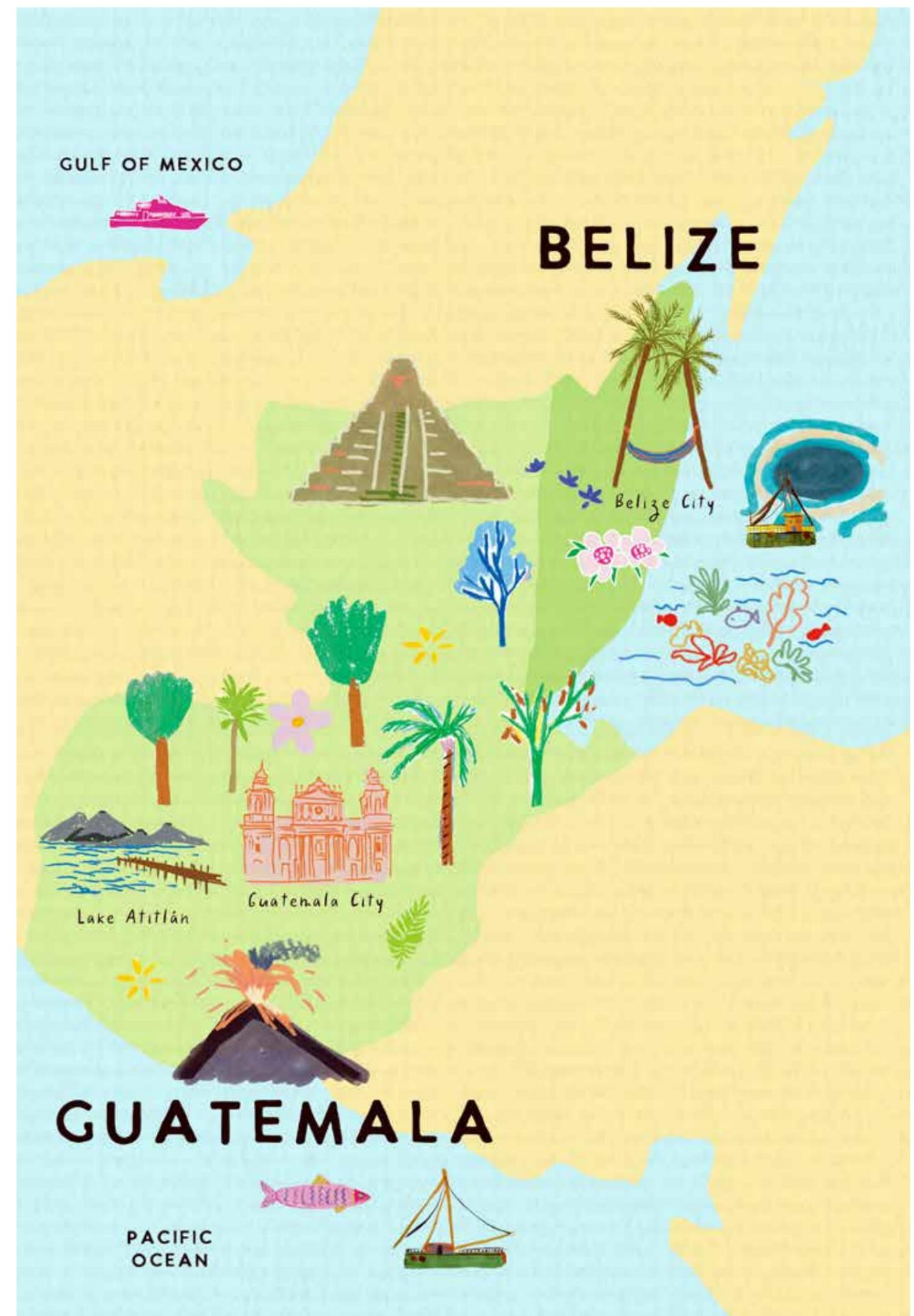
ANCIENT RUINS, VOLCANIC PEAKS, JUNGLE LODGES  
AND CORAL REEFS

These neighbouring gems offer a dynamic mix of cultural heritage and natural wonder. In Guatemala, the scent of woodsmoke drifts through cobbled colonial towns like Antigua, while shimmering Lake Atitlán lies cradled by volcanoes and vibrant Mayan communities. Jungle lodges near Tikal offer magical stays in the shadow of towering temples, where howler monkeys echo across dawn-lit canopies.

Just across the border, Belize brings a different rhythm; white sand cayes, coral reefs teeming with marine life, and laid-back Caribbean charm. Inland, lush rainforests invite exploration, with gentle river tubing, serene nature walks, birdwatching, and visits to timeworn ruins nestled in greenery. Together, Guatemala and Belize offer a balanced blend of culture, natural beauty, and quiet, authentic experiences.



Lake Atitlán, Guatemala



# Guatemala and Belize

## A Cultural Journey Through Guatemala

9 days

Journey through Guatemala's cultural heart, from colonial Antigua to vibrant highland villages and the iconic Chichicastenango Market. Cruise across majestic Lake Atitlán, delve into Maya traditions, and explore the ancient cities of Tikal and Yaxhá. This immersive itinerary blends history, nature, and living culture, offering an unforgettable glimpse into Guatemala's rich and timeless soul.

### Highlights

Antigua – Lake Atitlán – Iximché – Flores  
Tikal National Park – Yaxhá National Park  
Guatemala City

### Tour Includes

- 8 nights' accommodation
- Sightseeing as stated
- Daily breakfast & 2 lunches
- Transfers
- Expert Guides

### Departure Dates

On request

### Day 1: Antigua

Arrive in Guatemala City and transfer to Antigua for 3 nights. Framed by volcanoes and steeped in history, this cobblestone town blends European charm with vibrant indigenous culture.

### Day 2: Antigua

Discover Antigua's historic heart on a guided walking tour. Visit La Merced Church, the Capuchinas Convent, Central Park, and the Saint Joseph Cathedral. Browse the colourful craft market and learn about local traditions at the Chocolate Museum. (B)

### Day 3: Villages of Antigua Cultural Tour

Explore the cultural richness of Antigua's surrounding highland villages. Visit San Juan El Obispo, the historic Ciudad Vieja, and a sustainable macadamia farm. In San Antonio Aguas Calientes, join a women's cooperative for a hands-on weaving experience. (B,L)

### Day 4: Lake Atitlán

Travel through the highlands to Chichicastenango, home to one of Latin America's most vibrant markets. Continue to magical Lake Atitlán, ringed by volcanoes and Maya villages, often considered one of the world's most beautiful lakes. (B)

### Day 5: Lake Atitlán

Cruise across Lake Atitlán to visit San Juan La Laguna, where you'll explore women's weaving cooperatives, art studios, and join a Mayan cooking class. (B)

### Day 6: Flores

En route to the airport, visit the evocative ruins of Iximché, once the Kaqchikel Maya capital and still a site for sacred rituals. After lunch in Tecpán, fly north to Flores, gateway to the ancient Maya world. (B)

### Day 7: Tikal National Park

Step into the awe-inspiring jungle world of Tikal, a UNESCO-listed city where pyramids rise above the canopy and howler monkeys echo in the trees. This tour reveals the power and artistry of Maya civilization, blending archaeology with nature. Enjoy a BBQ lunch before spending the evening at leisure exploring the cobbled streets and restaurants of Flores. (B,L)

### Day 8: Yaxhá National Park

Venture to Yaxhá, a tranquil archaeological site on a lagoon framed by jungle. Wander causeways, observe wildlife, and climb Temple 216 for panoramic views. As the sun sets over the forest, soak in the magic of this atmospheric Maya city. Afterward, fly back to Guatemala City for the night. (B,L)

### Day 9: Departure

Enjoy a final breakfast in Guatemala before your transfer to the airport. Depart with vivid memories of ancient civilizations, vibrant cultures, and dramatic landscapes that define this unforgettable journey. (B)



### Ancient Mayan Ruins

In the heart of the jungle, the ruins of the ancient Maya civilisation rise in quiet grandeur. Nowhere is this legacy more powerful than at Tikal, where pyramids pierce the canopy and howler monkeys echo across the dawn. These sacred sites offer a glimpse into a complex civilisation whilst guided visits bring their stories to life.



### City Charms

Tucked into the highlands, Antigua is a jewel of cobblestone streets, baroque facades, and leafy plazas. Once the Spanish colonial capital, today it blends historical grace with modern creativity. Rooftop cafés look out to volcanoes, artisans fill markets with colour, and 17th-century churches sit quietly beneath bougainvillea blooms.

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### A Marine Wonderland

Belize's reef-fringed coastline is a haven for marine adventurers. Home to the 2nd largest barrier reef in the world, its turquoise waters shelter a kaleidoscope of coral gardens, sea turtles, and tropical fish. Snorkelers can glide over shallow reefs just off the cayes, while divers head deeper into famed sites like the Blue Hole.



### Lake Atitlán

Often described as one of the world's most beautiful lakes, Atitlán is a place where nature and tradition exist in perfect harmony. Encircled by soaring volcanoes and dotted with lively lakeside villages, the lake feels both expansive and intimate. Each town has its own personality, some artistic and bohemian, others steeped in deep Mayan customs.



### Volcanic Splendour

Guatemala's dramatic skyline is etched with volcanic silhouettes, and their presence is more than just scenic; they are deeply woven into the landscape and culture. For the adventurous, a sunrise hike up Pacaya or Acatenango offers awe-inspiring views of molten craters and cloud-ringed summits.



### Tropical Cayes

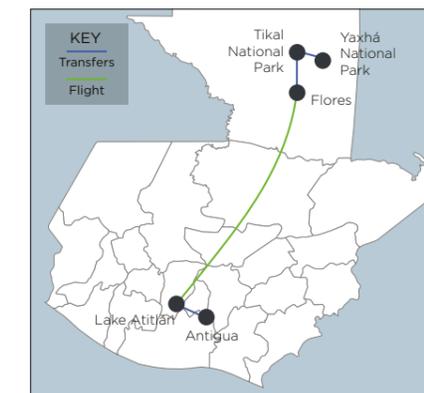
Scattered across the Caribbean, Belize's cayes are tiny slices of tropical paradise. From the sandy streets of laid-back Caye Caulker to the barefoot luxury of Ambergris Caye, life here moves to a gentler rhythm. Days are spent swimming, sailing, or sipping cocktails as the sun dips below the sea. The cayes invite you to unwind, slow down, and let the breeze do the rest.



Tikal National Park



Antigua



Flores

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# Vibrant Belize: Cultural and Coastal Adventure

9 days

This 9-day journey through Belize blends rich Maya heritage with Caribbean leisure. Explore jungle temples, sacred caves, and hands-on cultural traditions in San Ignacio, then unwind on Ambergris Caye with world-class snorkelling and island charm. From ancient ruins to coral reefs, Belize offers adventure, discovery, and relaxation in one unforgettable escape.

## Highlights

San Ignacio – Xunantunich Archaeological Site – Actun Tunichil Muknal Cave  
Ambergris Caye

## Tour Includes

- 8 nights' accommodation
- Sightseeing as stated
- Daily breakfast & 3 lunches
- Transfers
- Expert guides

## Departure Dates

On request

### Day 1: San Ignacio

Arrive in Belize City and journey inland to the lush Cayo District, a region rich in jungle landscapes and ancient Maya history. Settle into San Ignacio, your base for 4 nights exploring the cultural and natural wonders of Belize's western highlands, where rivers, ruins, and rainforest converge.

### Day 2: San Ignacio

Ride through open farmland and shaded jungle trails along the Mopan River. Cross by hand-cranked ferry to reach Xunantunich, an ancient Maya city crowned by "El Castillo." Climb the temple for sweeping views of Belize and Guatemala, and marvel at intricate stone carvings from the classic Maya era. (B,L)

### Day 3: San Ignacio

Venture deep into the Tapir Mountain Reserve to explore the legendary ATM Cave. Wade through streams, hike forest trails, and enter sacred chambers filled with Maya artifacts and calcified remains. (B,L)

### Day 4: San Ignacio

Uncover the roots of Maya chocolate with a hands-on cacao tour led by local chocolatiers. Then, join the San Antonio Women's Cooperative to shape pottery and learn to cook traditional dishes. From fresh tortillas to rich tamales, this immersive day celebrates food, heritage, and the women preserving Maya traditions. (B)

### Day 5: Ambergris Caye

Float through sacred caves on a cave tubing adventure at Jaguar Paw, gliding through cathedral-like caverns shaped by time. Then head east to the Caribbean coast, boarding a water taxi to sun-soaked Ambergris Caye, where white sands, turquoise waters, and island life await. (B)

### Day 6: Ambergris Caye

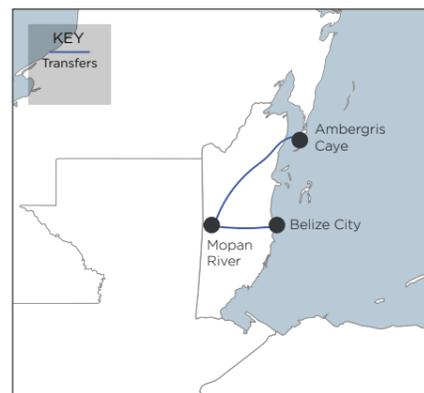
Board a boat to Hol Chan Marine Reserve, a protected reef teeming with vibrant sea life. Snorkel among coral gardens and sea turtles before visiting Shark Ray Alley, where docile nurse sharks and stingrays glide beneath crystal waters. (B)

### Day 7-8: Ambergris Caye

Enjoy 2 days of island bliss on Ambergris Caye. Whether relaxing beachside, exploring coastal mangroves by kayak, or indulging in fresh seafood at sunset, these days are yours to enjoy at your own rhythm, surrounded by Belize's unmistakable charm and Caribbean beauty. (B)

### Day 9: Departure

Bid farewell to island life with a short flight from San Pedro to Belize City and on to your next adventure. (B)



## Hotel Mesón de Maria

Nestled in the heart of La Antigua Guatemala, Hotel Mesón de Maria is a lovingly restored 17th century mansion blending colonial elegance with tranquil luxury. Just a few steps away from the Calle del Arco and 150 metres from the main plaza, its location is unbeatable. Guests are welcomed by peaceful corridors, water fountains and rooms designed with traditional Guatemalan artwork and earthy tones, with each one exuding historic charm and local character. On the 3rd floor, guests can relax on a rooftop terrace with sweeping views of the Agua, Acatenango Fuego volcanoes and the surrounding valley. Breakfast is served in the dining room or courtyard. Mesón de Maria offers refined comfort and authentic ambience, ideal for travellers seeking culture, beauty and serenity.

Location: La Antigua, Guatemala

Our rating: ★★☆☆



## Hotel Atitlán

Providing an idyllic setting with its lake backdrop, Hotel Atitlán is the perfect place to unwind and admire the views of the San Pedro, Tolimán and Atitlán volcanoes. This charming hacienda-style hotel was once a working coffee plantation located on the lakeshore and is now surrounded by beautifully designed gardens full of exotic plants that have been cultivated over the past 52 years. Each of the 61 rooms are tastefully decorated with hand-woven fabrics and carpets with elegant tiling and carefully curated Guatemalan pieces. Guests can experience the flavours of Guatemala at the on-site restaurant or gather for cocktails at Bar La Cofradia or the pool all whilst soaking in the serene lakeside atmosphere.

Location: Lake Atitlán, Guatemala

Our rating: ★★★★★



## Table Rock Jungle Lodge

Situated on a 175-acre jungle reserve, this ecolodge is made up of 10 intimate, eco-friendly cabanas and is also home to resident donkeys on its organic working farm, all whilst being located close to excursions taking in natural wonders and Mayan sites. Overlooking the Macal River, this intimate lodge's cabanas blend seamlessly with surrounding nature with hand-crafted accents and thatched roofs. Guests can take to the river by canoe or tube, hike jungle trails or cool off in the infinity pool. The lodge is particularly proud of being a true farm-to-table experience, with dining options celebrating local home-grown produce with candlelit dinners served outdoors in an open-air dining room.

Location: San Ignacio, Belize

Our rating: ★★★★★



## Portofino Beach Resort

Escape to this charming hideaway fringed by the Caribbean Sea, tucked away from the quaint but bustling town of San Pedro and set on a private stretch of beach. 17 rooms ranging from beach cabanas to spacious suites make up this boutique resort, located just steps from the water. Dining is al fresco with panoramic views of the ocean, serving fresh seafood alongside international flavours. Guests can enjoy a range of activities including snorkelling and fishing, beach barbecues or tours exploring the nearby caves and Mayan ruins, or simply relax on the beach or by the pool.

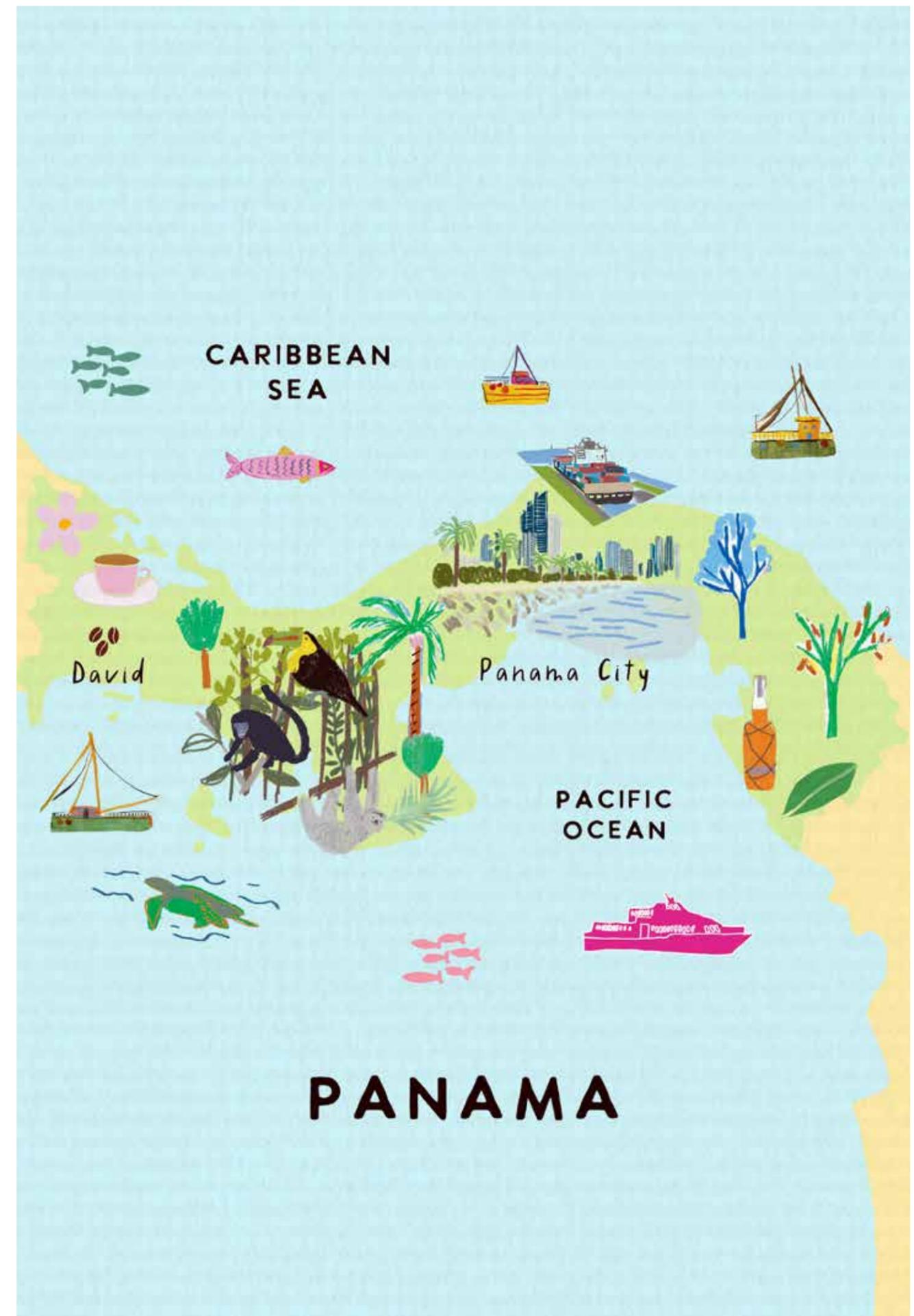
Location: San Pedro Ambergris Caye, Belize

Our rating: ★★★★★

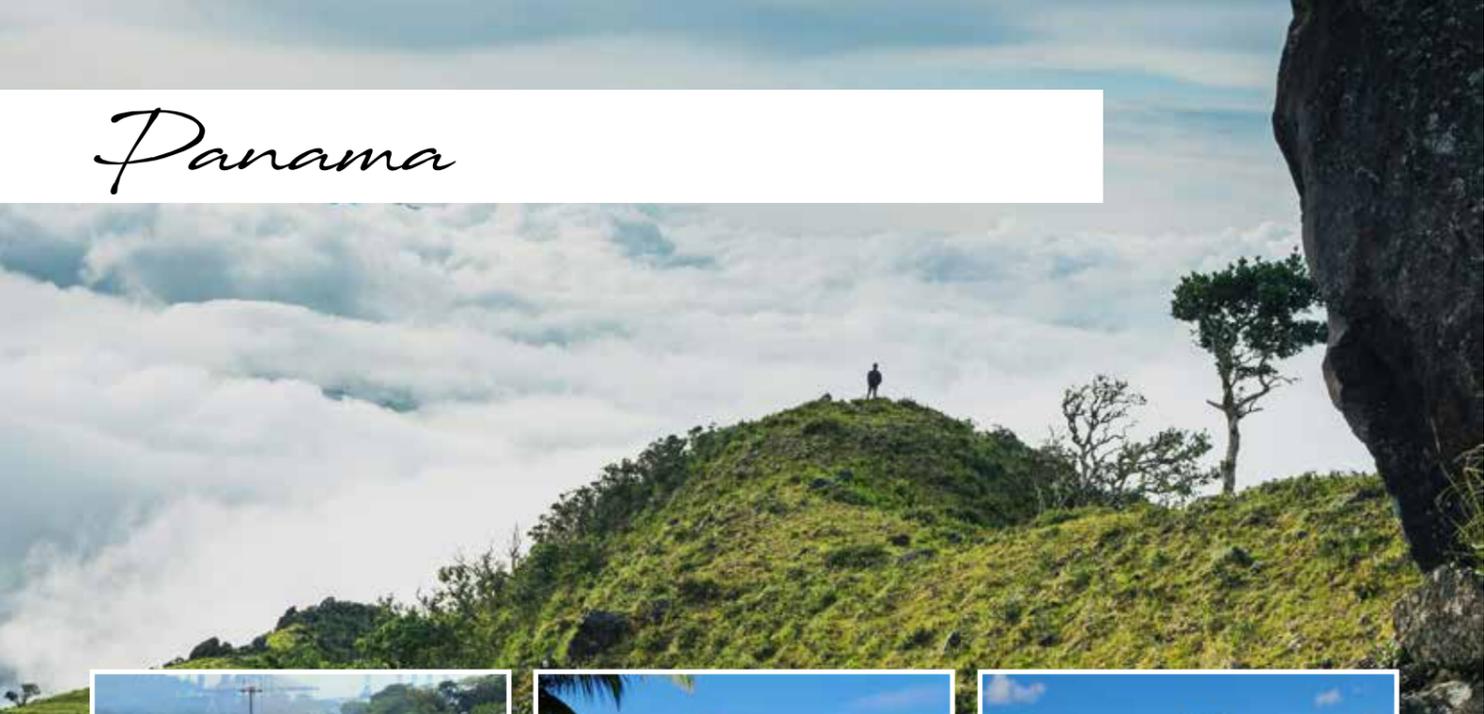
# Panama

## VIBRANT CULTURES, LUSH RAINFORESTS AND WHERE TWO GREAT OCEANS COLLIDE

Where two oceans meet and continents connect, Panama is a vibrant bridge between worlds. Its famed canal is just the beginning, beyond it lie misty highland trails in Boquete, tropical islands scattered across the Caribbean and Pacific, and dense rainforests brimming with wildlife. Jungle eco-lodges in places like Gamboa or Bocas del Toro immerse you in nature without sacrificing comfort, offering a front-row seat to Panama's astonishing biodiversity. In Panama City, gleaming skyscrapers rise beside colonial Casco Viejo, where rooftop bars overlook the bay and historic churches whisper tales of old trade routes. Whether you seek adventure, culture, or calm, Panama invites you to explore it all in seamless style.



# Panama



## Explore Panama City

5 days

This 5-day journey through Panama blends world-class engineering with rich natural and cultural heritage. Explore the iconic Panama Canal by land and boat, wander the historic streets of Casco Viejo, and immerse yourself in the biodiversity of Soberanía National Park and Gatun Lake. A compact yet rewarding adventure through one of Central America's most dynamic destinations.

### Highlights

Panama City – The Panama Canal  
Soberanía National Park – Gatun Lake

### Tour Includes

- 4 nights' hotel accommodation
- Daily breakfast & 1 lunch
- Sightseeing as stated

### Departure Dates

On request

### Day 1: Panama City

Arrive in Panama City. Settle in and relax after your journey. Depending on your arrival time, take a stroll nearby or enjoy your hotel's amenities as you prepare for the exciting discoveries ahead.

### Day 2: Miraflores Locks & Casco Viejo

Begin at the Miraflores Locks for a front-row view of the Panama Canal in action—an awe-inspiring feat of engineering. Continue to the Amador Causeway for sweeping skyline views, then explore Casco Viejo's cobbled streets. Admire colonial churches, grand plazas, and vibrant architecture in this UNESCO-listed historic district brimming with old-world charm. (B)

### Day 3: Partial Panama Canal Transit

Experience the thrill of navigating the Panama Canal by boat. Cruise past the Bridge of the Americas, through Miraflores and Pedro Miguel Locks, and beneath the Centennial Bridge. Watch "mules" guide ships through locks as water levels shift. Drift past jungle-covered shores and into the Gaillard Cut before returning to the city. Lunch is included today. (B,L)

### Day 4: Soberanía National Park & Gatun Lake

Venture into Soberanía National Park's lush rainforest, teeming with exotic birds, monkeys, and tropical flora. Guided trails reveal the region's rich biodiversity. Then cruise across serene Gatun Lake, a canal-era marvel surrounded by jungle. Spot crocodiles, toucans, and more as you glide past hidden islets on this immersive eco-adventure. (B)

### Day 5: Panama City

If time allows, savour a final coffee or take in one last view of the canal. Depart Panama with unforgettable memories of jungle adventures, colonial beauty, and the incredible engineering of one of the world's great waterways. (B)



### Panama Canal

A marvel of engineering and ambition, the Panama Canal is more than a waterway, it's a symbol of global connection. Watching colossal ships glide through the Miraflores Locks is both a technical wonder and a timeless spectacle. Beyond the mechanics, nearby museums and viewpoints reveal the canal's profound influence on world trade.



### Wildlife & Waterways

From rainforest rivers to wetlands, Panama's biodiversity thrives in its waterways. Riverboat safaris through places like Gatun Lake and the Chagres River reveal a wild world of monkeys, sloths, and exotic birds. In protected reserves such as Soberanía National Park, nature feels both vast and immediate.

### Island Escapes

Panama's coasts are fringed with islands that feel like private pieces of paradise. In the Caribbean, the San Blas archipelago offers crystal-clear waters and untouched sands, where the Guna people preserve their vibrant culture. To the west, Bocas del Toro invites you into its barefoot rhythm, colourful stilted houses, coral reefs, and lazy afternoons in hammocks.



### Panama City

A striking blend of old and new, Panama City pairs a gleaming skyline with rich colonial heritage. Explore the UNESCO-listed Casco Viejo, enjoy world-class dining and shopping, and watch ships queue at the Panama Canal, all set against a backdrop of rainforest and ocean.

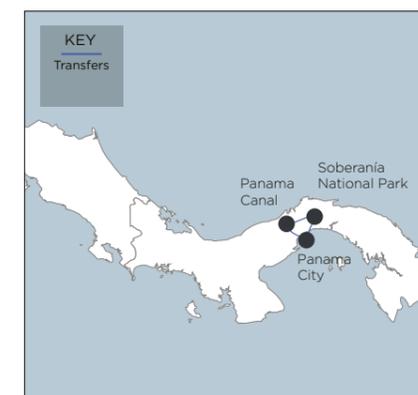
### Coffee Highlands

In the cooler highlands of Boquete and beyond, misty slopes are carpeted with coffee plantations and cloud forest trails. Here, the air is fresh, the pace is gentle, and every cup of coffee tells a story of altitude, heritage, and passion. Boutique farms open their gates to curious visitors, offering tastings and tours for a glimpse at their craft.



### Ancient Cultures

Panama is home to 7 distinct Indigenous groups, each preserving rich traditions, languages and craftsmanship. From the vibrant molas of the Guna people to Emberá village life along rainforest rivers, visiting these communities offers meaningful insight into Panama's cultural heritage and deep connection to nature.



# Tranquil Panama

## 11 days

This 11-day journey through Panama showcases the country's extraordinary diversity, from the marvel of the Panama Canal and colonial charm of Casco Viejo to rainforest adventures and Indigenous cultural encounters. Hike misty highlands in Boquete, taste world-class coffee, and unwind in the Caribbean paradise of Bocas del Toro. A seamless blend of nature, heritage, and tropical landscapes.

### Highlights

Panama City – Panama Canal – Emberá Puru Village – Soberanía National Park  
Boquete – Bocas del Toro – Dolphin Bay  
Zapatilla Cays

### Tour Includes

- 10 nights' accommodation
- Daily breakfast & 3 lunches
- Sightseeing as stated
- Transfers
- Expert Guides

### Departure Dates

On request

### Day 1: Panama City

On arrival in Panama City you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

### Day 2: Panama City

Begin at the iconic Panama Canal's Miraflores Locks, where massive ships navigate this engineering marvel. Visit Amador Causeway, one of the best panoramic views of the city. Explore Casco Viejo – Panama's historic quarter and a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its blend of Spanish, French, and neoclassical architecture. (B)

### Day 3: Emberá Puru Biakiru

Travel by dugout boat through lush jungle to the Emberá Puru village in Chagres National Park. Meet the community, learn about their ancestral traditions, admire handmade crafts, and enjoy a village lunch. A traditional dance performance completes this cultural immersion. (B,L)

### Day 4: Soberanía National Park

Discover the biodiversity of Soberanía National Park with a guided rainforest walk, spotting tropical birds and monkeys. Continue to Gatun Lake for a boat journey, surrounded by jungle. Keep watch for crocodiles, sloths, and vibrant birds. (B)

### Day 5: Boquete

After a short flight to David, transfer to Boquete. A charming highland town set amongst the cloud forests and coffee plantations. (B)

### Day 6: Boquete

Embark on a gentle hike along Boquete's famous Pipeline Trail, winding through dense cloud forest. Cross wooden bridges and pass towering trees to reach a secluded waterfall. (B)

### Day 7: Boquete

Visit Finca Don Pepe, a family-run coffee estate on the slopes of Volcán Barú. Tour the plantation, learn about sustainability and enjoy a tasting of several varieties. (B)

### Day 8: Bocas del Toro

Transfer from Boquete to Chiriquí Grande, then cruise across calm clear waters to Isla Colón. (B)

### Day 9: Bocas del Toro

Head into the rainforest to Oreba Farm in the Ngäbe community. Learn traditional chocolate-making methods, guided by local women. Conclude with a hearty Ngäbe lunch prepared with fresh, locally grown ingredients. (B,L)

### Day 10: Bocas del Toro

Cruise through Dolphin Bay to spot playful dolphins before snorkelling at Coral Cay. Relax on the white-sand beaches of Zapatilla Cays, this area boasts dreamlike beaches, clear turquoise waters, and rich marine biodiversity including angelfish, butterflyfish, parrotfish and moray eels. (B,L)

### Day 11: Panama City

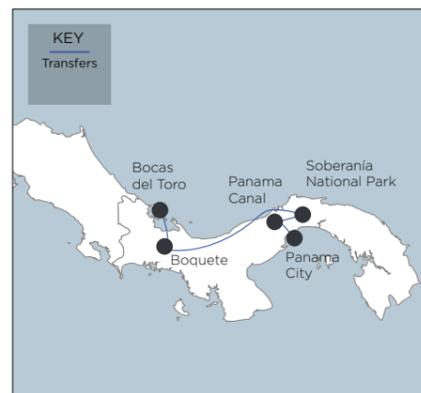
Take a short transfer to Isla Colón Airport and fly back to Panama City, continue your adventure here or head to the airport. (B)



Bocas del Toro



Boquete



Panama City



## La Coralina Island House

Located just minutes from the main attractions of Bocas del Toro, La Coralina Island House is an exclusive resort surrounded by pristine waters. Experience the best of Panama's Caribbean coast from their private villas, each with a private pool and terrace. With a Balinese-inspired design, guests can also enjoy world-class curated activities from snorkelling and diving at coral reefs to private island tours and gourmet dining at the open-air restaurant that takes advantage of dramatic surroundings. A spa hidden within the tropical rainforest with a focus on ancient rituals and a yoga pavilion are also available at this stylish, secluded paradise.

Location: Bocas del Toro

Our rating: ★★★★★



## Finca Lérica

Stay at a historic coffee estate and hotel which is dubbed the birthplace of Panama's coffee legacy. Set within Panama's cloud forest against misty peaks, this estate pioneered the craft of high-altitude coffee. Boasting 21 guest rooms, some featuring hammocks overlooking the gardens, fireplaces and Jacuzzi baths, you'll wake up each morning to panoramic mountain views before enjoying the estate's welcoming hospitality. Each stay comes with estate-grown coffee delivered at sunrise, access to trails through the private reserve, and guided coffee tastings when staying 2 nights or longer. La Brulerie restaurant serves seasonal food as you listen to the hum of the estate at work, and see the mist roll in over the mountains at 1,600 metres above sea level.

Location: Boquete

Our rating: ★★★★★



## American Trade Hotel Panama

Combining old world elegance and clean, modern design, the American Trade Hotel is a luxury boutique hotel located in Casco Viejo – a UNESCO World Heritage Site – with some of the city's best sightseeing, dining and nightlife. Rooms are designed with colonial charm and contemporary comfort in this beautifully restored 1917 building, and accommodation choices range from private courtyard suites to rooms with city views. Enjoy a diverse, fusion menu in The Dining Room, sample a cocktail at the Lobby Bar or take in some jazz at their atmospheric lounge. There's also a rooftop plunge pool, library and gym to retreat to after exploring the city.

Location: Panama City

Our rating: ★★★★★



## La Loma Jungle Lodge

Accessible only by boat, La Loma sits at the heart of the Isla Bastimentos rainforest between mangrove shores, tropical forest and groves of fruit trees. Sleep in the jungle, surrounded by unique sounds and wake to a jungle tea or hot chocolate from the farm, delivered to your door. Handcrafted bungalows are tucked below the rainforest canopy, offering breathtaking views and ultimate seclusion, featuring hardwood floors, vaulted roofs and private terraces. Look over jungle vistas and natural rock pools, surrounded by a variety of flora and fauna. Beyond the comforts of your bungalow, immerse yourself in jungle trails, a beach trip, snorkelling, fishing or a tour of the surrounding archipelago's caves. Gather each evening for a family-style dining experience to share stories with your fellow guests.

Location: Bastimento

Our rating: ★★★★★

# Colombia

## DRAMATIC ANDEAN PEAKS, COFFEE COUNTRY AND UNFORGETTABLE CARIBBEAN CHARACTER.

Colombia is a country, bold, beautiful, and bursting with life. From the cobbled charm of Cartagena's walled city to the dramatic peaks of the Andes, Colombia surprises at every turn. Stay in boutique haciendas nestled in coffee country, explore vibrant cities like Medellín and Bogotá, retreat to eco-lodges or relax on golden Caribbean shores.



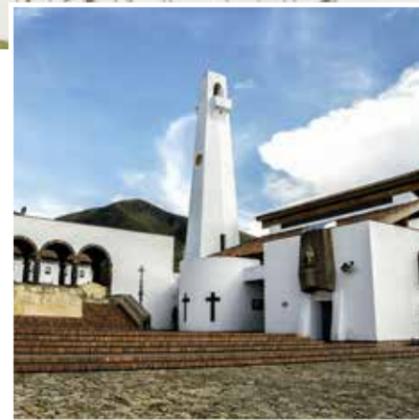
### The Amazon Rainforest

The Amazon Rainforest offers an unforgettable journey into one of the most biodiverse places on Earth. Indigenous communities welcome visitors with traditions and stories passed down for generations, offering insight into a way of life deeply connected to nature. Exploring this vast jungle by canoe or on foot is a chance to truly disconnect.



### Lush Coffee Plantations

Colombia's coffee region is a patchwork of green hills, quiet farms, and misty mornings. In this peaceful landscape, traditional coffee farms open their doors to visitors who want to see how some of the world's best beans are grown and roasted.



### Literary & Artistic Heritage

Colombia has a long and proud creative tradition, visible in its literature, art, and music. Cities like Bogotá and Cartagena are filled with galleries, murals, and museums that celebrate both modern artists and historic voices including Nobel Prize-winning author Gabriel Garcia Márquez.



### 18th-Century Haciendas

Across Colombia's countryside, historic haciendas from the 18th century offer a peaceful look into the past. These large rural homes, often still working farms, are full of charm with their old stone walls, wooden balconies, and wide verandas. Staying at a hacienda is a relaxing way to experience Colombia's rural traditions and beautiful landscapes.



### Tayrona National Park

Tayrona National Park, where the mountains meet the sea, is one of Colombia's most stunning natural areas. Thick jungle trails lead to quiet beaches, and ancient stone pathways hint at the land's deep indigenous roots. With its mix of wildlife, history, and striking coastal scenery, Tayrona is a place to slow down, explore, and reconnect with nature.



### Cartagena & the Caribbean

On Colombia's northern edge, the Caribbean coast is a vibrant blend of rhythm, history, and natural beauty and nowhere more so than in Cartagena. Behind its centuries-old walls, this coastal jewel enchants with sun-washed balconies and cobbled alleys. Just beyond the city, white-sand beaches and coral islands stretch into clear turquoise seas.



# Classic Colombia

8 days

This journey through Colombia blends rich history, natural beauty, and cultural depth. Explore Bogotá's colonial heart and world-class museums, then immerse yourself in the traditions of the Coffee Region. Marvel at the towering wax palms of Cocora Valley and the charm of Filandia. Conclude in Cartagena, where Caribbean breezes, colonial architecture, and vibrant streets offer the perfect finale.

## Highlights

Bogotá - Coffee Region - Cartagena

## Tour Includes

- 7 nights' accommodation
- Daily breakfast & 1 lunch
- Transfers
- Sightseeing as stated

## Departure Dates

Daily, year round

### Day 1: Bogotá

Arrive in Bogotá and transfer to your hotel. Settle in and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure in Colombia's vibrant high-altitude capital, a dynamic blend of colonial charm and contemporary culture nestled in the Andes.

### Day 2: Bogotá

After breakfast, explore Bogotá's historic heart, La Candelaria. Visit Plaza de Bolívar, the cathedral, and the neoclassical Capitol. Admire colonial architecture and delve into Colombia's past. Tour the Botero Museum, home to works by Botero and European masters, and the world-renowned Gold Museum. Spend the afternoon at leisure. (B)

### Day 3: Pereira

Fly to Pereira and transfer to Finca del Café for an immersive coffee tour. Walk through plantations, learn about planting and harvesting, and roast beans over a wood stove. Enjoy bamboo viewpoints, lush scenery, and visit the processing centre to understand Colombia's world-class coffee culture from bean to brew. (B)

### Day 4: Pereira

Discover the Valle de Cocora, home to Colombia's national tree - the towering wax palm. Hike or ride horseback through misty cloud forests and cross scenic trails. Visit colourful Salento and the charming town of Filandia, where colonial architecture and local coffee culture offer a warm, authentic regional experience. (B,L)

### Day 5: Cartagena

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight to Cartagena. Upon arrival, settle into your hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure in this romantic Caribbean coastal city, where cobbled streets, colonial facades, and ocean breezes welcome you. (B)

### Day 6: Cartagena

Take in panoramic views from La Popa Monastery before exploring San Felipe Fortress, an engineering marvel built to guard against pirates. Stroll Cartagena's Old City, visiting the Convent of San Pedro Claver and the artisan-filled Bóvedas. Your afternoon is free to enjoy the city's vibrant rhythm and seaside charm. (B)

### Day 7: Cartagena

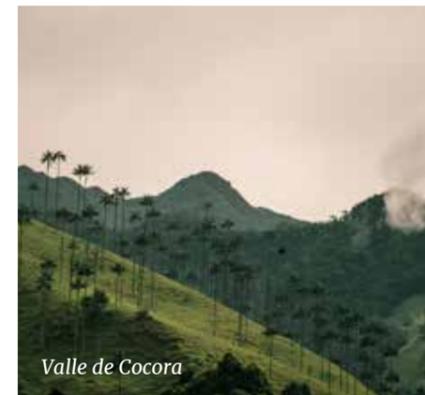
Enjoy a full day at your own pace. Wander the walled city, relax at a café, shop for local crafts, or soak up the Caribbean sun. Optional excursions are available, from island trips to culinary tours. Cartagena offers endless possibilities for exploration or relaxation.

### Day 8: Cartagena

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your departure. (B)



Cartagena



Valle de Cocora



Bogotá

# Cities of Colombia

8 days

Discover Colombia's vibrant soul on this immersive journey through its most captivating regions. Explore Bogotá's colonial charm, feel the pulse of salsa in Cali, and experience the flavours and traditions of the Coffee Region. End in Medellín, where innovation meets history, with colourful villages, striking landscapes, and warm local culture.

## Highlights

Bogotá - Cali - Coffee Region - Medellín

## Tour Includes

- 7 nights' accommodation
- Daily breakfast & 3 lunches
- Transfers
- Sightseeing as stated

## Departure Dates

Daily, year round

### Day 1: Bogotá

Arrive in Bogotá, Colombia's lively capital nestled high in the Andes. Transfer to your hotel and spend the rest of the day at leisure.

### Day 2: Cali

Wander Bogotá's cobbled streets in La Candelaria, marvel at colonial treasures in Plaza de Bolívar, and uncover priceless gold artefacts and Botero masterpieces. After soaking up centuries of history, fly to sultry Cali, the heartbeat of Colombian salsa. (B)

### Day 3: Cali

Dive into Cali's rich history and rhythm, exploring grand theatres, hilltop churches, and lively plazas. Then feel the beat at the world's oldest salsa museum; take a spirited dance class with local pros. End your day among colourful murals and music in the legendary Obrero neighbourhood. (B,L)

### Day 4: Pereira

Head into Colombia's lush Coffee Triangle and arrive at Finca del Café for a hands-on coffee adventure. Walk among fragrant plantations, roast beans over fire, and sip the freshest brew amid bamboo viewpoints and rolling hills. (B)

### Day 5: Pereira

Trek into the mystical Valle de Cocora, where giant wax palms pierce the misty sky. Spot rare hummingbirds, hike lush trails, and savour a local lunch. Then explore postcard-perfect Salento and Filandia. (B,L)

### Day 6: Medellín

Fly to Medellín, a city reborn from its turbulent past. Ride the metro cable to Comuna 13, now a living canvas of resilience and street art. Hear stories of transformation, glide up hillside escalators, and stroll among Botero's giant sculptures. (B)

### Day 7: Medellín

Escape to Guatapé's technicolor streets and climb the dramatic Piedra del Peñol for jaw-dropping views of emerald lakes and islands. Explore the storybook village's vivid murals and enjoy a peaceful boat ride on the reservoir, an exhilarating day of colour, nature, and breathtaking panoramas. (B,L)

### Day 8: Bogotá

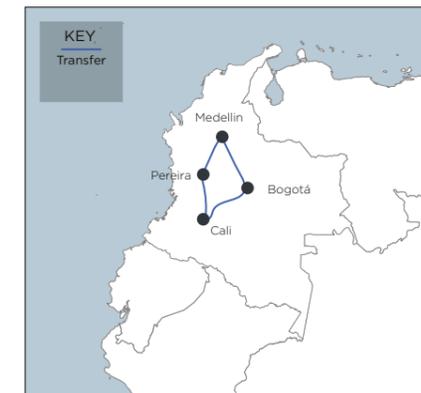
Bid farewell to Medellín's eternal spring and transfer to the airport for your flight to Bogotá. (B)



Bogotá



Cali



Medellín

# Colombia Discovery

## 14 days

One of Latin America's most alluring destinations, Colombia pulses with a sultry rhythm all of its own. Hopping between cosmopolitan cities, colonial heritage, coffee haciendas and the Caribbean coast, this tour highlights everything there is to love about this enchanting and jaw-droppingly beautiful nation.

### Highlights

Bogotá - Pereira - Medellín  
Santa Marta - Cartagena

### Tour Includes

- 13 nights' accommodation
- Daily breakfast, 12 lunches & 13 dinners
- Sightseeing as stated and entrance fees
- All transportation and transfers
- Local Guides

*Tour is operated by Wendy Wu.*

### Departure Dates

May, September and November

### Day 1: Bogotá

Arrive in Bogotá, Colombia's vibrant capital. You'll be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure to unwind and prepare for the journey ahead. (D)

### Day 2: Bogotá

Start the day at Paloquemao Market, tasting exotic fruits and exploring flower-filled stalls. Then, dive into Bogotá's colonial heart, La Candelaria, visiting Plaza de Bolívar, the Botero Museum, and the dazzling Gold Museum. After lunch, ride the cable car up Santuario de Monserrate for sweeping city views from its hilltop monastery. (B,L,D)

### Day 3: Bogotá - Pereira

Travel to the remarkable underground Salt Cathedral of Zipaquirá, a vast cavern carved deep into a former salt mine. After a traditional lunch, return to Bogotá and transfer to the airport for your flight to Pereira in Colombia's Coffee Region. On arrival, take a short transfer to your hotel. (B,L,D)

### Day 4: Valle del Cocora

Explore the lush, misty Valle de Cocora on a gentle hike through wax palm forest, learning about local wildlife and conservation. After lunch, visit the charming towns of Salento and Filandia, with their colourful architecture and artisan workshops. Try your hand at traditional basket weaving with a local expert. (B,L,D)

### Day 5: Coffee Region

Immerse yourself in Colombia's coffee heritage with a guided farm tour. Walk the plantations, learn the harvesting process, and discover how beans are dried, roasted and brewed. Finish with a tasting led by a master taster, soaking in the lush beauty of the UNESCO-listed Coffee Cultural Landscape. (B,L,D)

### Day 6: Medellín

Fly to Medellín, Colombia's city of innovation, nestled in the Andean hills. After arriving, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. Spend the rest of the day at leisure, discovering your surroundings or relaxing before dinner. This evening offers a chance to sample the city's buzzing culinary and cultural scene. (B,L,D)

### Day 7: Medellín

Discover Medellín's powerful transformation story. Ride the Metro Cable to Comuna 13, once one of the world's most dangerous areas, now a vibrant arts district. Visit inspiring community projects, learn Afro-Colombian drumming, and enjoy a home-cooked lunch. Later, explore Botero Plaza and Nutibara Hill for art and panoramic views. (B,L,D)

### Day 8: Guatapé

Venture into the countryside to see El Peñol, a colossal rock rising from the landscape. Climb its 700 steps for incredible views of the reservoir below. Continue to Guatapé, a postcard-worthy town where vividly painted buildings line cobbled streets. Enjoy lunch, then return to Medellín for a relaxed evening. (B,L,D)

### Day 9: Santa Marta

Fly to Santa Marta on Colombia's Caribbean coast. Explore its charming colonial centre and the Quinta de San Pedro Alejandrino, where Simón Bolívar spent his final days. End the day with a scenic drive past the beaches of Rodadero and Taganga, two of the region's most picturesque bays. (B,L,D)

### Day 10: Tayrona National Park

Journey through tropical forest to reach the 'Sea of the Seven Waves' viewpoint, then stroll along a golden beach to board a boat bound for Playa Cristal. Swim and relax on this idyllic stretch of coast, famed for its clear waters and pristine beauty, before returning to Santa Marta. (B,L,D)

### Day 11: Cartagena

Drive along Colombia's northern coast to Cartagena, a Caribbean gem rich in history. Explore the vibrant old town on foot, admiring the colonial architecture and colourful facades. Taste your way through local street food stalls as you learn about the city's culinary traditions from expert guides and local chefs. (B,L,D)

### Day 12: Cartagena

Start with sweeping views from La Popa Monastery before visiting San Felipe Fortress and the Church of San Pedro Claver. Wander the artisan market in Las Bóvedas, then enjoy a rum tasting and a one-hour salsa class to cap off a full day of cultural, historical, and spirited exploration. (B,L,D)

### Day 13: La Boquilla

In the fishing village of La Boquilla, learn about Afro-Colombian traditions through drumming and storytelling. Later, cruise along Cartagena's tropical coastline by catamaran, soaking in the sunset. End the day with a festive farewell dinner in the heart of the walled city, with live music and local flavours. (B,L,D)

### Day 14: Cartagena

Enjoy a final morning at leisure before your transfer to the airport. Take in the last glimpses of Cartagena's stunning beaches and colourful streets before leaving the Caribbean coast. (B)



Valle del Cocora



Santa Marta



Coffee Region



Tayrona National Park

# Caribbean Colombia Express

8 days

Discover a side of Colombia and the Caribbean unlike anywhere else on earth. This unforgettable adventure blends relaxation with exploration, giving you the perfect mix of golden beaches and untamed wilderness. Unwind by the sea, then set off into Tayrona National Park, where you'll hike scenic jungle trails and connect with an Indigenous community to learn about their rich traditions. Round off your journey in the lush mountain town of Minca, a haven of waterfalls, wildlife and fresh mountain air.

## Highlights

Cartagena – Minca – Tayrona National Park – Taganga – Santa Marta

## Tour Includes

- 7 nights' accommodation
- Small group experience. Maximum 16.
- Daily breakfast & 2 lunches
- Sightseeing as stated
- Tour leader and local guides
- A mix of private and public transport

Tour is operated by G Adventures.

Physical rating 3 – Some tours may include light hiking, biking, rafting, or kayaking.

\*Please note hot water is uncommon in the Caribbean region of Colombia.

## Departure Dates

Selected dates, year round

### Day 1: Cartagena

Arrive in vibrant Cartagena, where colourful streets and Caribbean energy await. Opt to join your fellow travellers for a casual welcome meal.

Hotel: Hotel Don Pedro de Heredia (or similar) – 2 nights

### Day 2: Cartagena

Step back in time on a guided tour through Cartagena's UNESCO-listed walled city and fortress. Explore cobbled streets, sweeping views, and historic churches. Later, enjoy free time to relax beachside, visit a museum, or sample local street food. (B)

### Day 3: Minca

Trade city vibes for mountain air as you travel to Minca, a tranquil jungle town nestled in the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta mountains. Spend the afternoon your way – hike, birdwatch, or sip fresh coffee beside the river. (B)

Hotel: Hotel Minca La Casona (or similar)

### Day 4: Tayrona National Park

Connect with Colombia's Indigenous roots on a meaningful visit to the Arhuaco community of Katanzama. Learn about their culture and watch a traditional weaving demonstration. After lunch with the community, continue to your lodge near Tayrona to unwind. (B,L)

Hotel: Posada Villa Margarita (or similar) – 2 nights

### Day 5: Tayrona National Park

Venture into Tayrona's untamed beauty on a guided jungle hike. Trek forest trails, spot wildlife, and glimpse the Caribbean coast from deep within the park. After a trail-side lunch, return to your nearby lodge and enjoy the peaceful setting to rest, relax, or stroll to the sea before nightfall. (B,L)

### Day 6: Taganga

Travel to the fishing village of Taganga, known for its bohemian vibe and stunning bay. Take a guided walk through town, then spend the afternoon your way, relax on the beach, try the seafood, or find a place to sit back, relax and watch the sun dip into the sea. (B)

Hotel: Ocean Taganga (or similar)

### Day 7: Santa Marta

Savour your last full day with free time in Taganga. Snorkel coral reefs, hike to Playa Grande, or just stretch out under the sun. Later, head to Santa Marta and opt to join the group for a fun evening out in this lively coastal city. (B)

Hotel: Hotel Tayromar (or similar)

### Day 8: Santa Marta

Today is departure day, but if you're not ready to go, there's more to explore. Visit Simon Bolívar's final estate or the Gold Museum, packed with Indigenous treasures. Otherwise, bid farewell to Colombia's unforgettable Caribbean coast. (B)



## Hotel Casa San Carlos Lodge

Located amongst enchanting trails winding through valleys, Hotel Casa San Carlos offers guests the chance to disconnect from the world. Surrounded by the smells of coffee and fresh mountain air, this property looks out onto unforgettable landscapes and is home to warm Colombian hospitality. Each room and suite is uniquely decorated and are works of art in themselves, using native bamboo and stone to blend interiors with their stunning surroundings. Enjoy the massage room which is a true sanctuary overlooking coffee-growing mountains, and dine at the on-site Le Ceiba restaurant where traditional cooking methods make for an impressive culinary experience.

Location: Risaralda

Our rating: ★★★★★



## Hotel Casa San Agustin

A proud member of the Leading Hotels of the World, Hotel Casa San Agustin is a boutique hotel located in the historic heart of Cartagena. Originally 3 houses, they have been elegantly restored with a nod to their past, coupled with modern luxury touches. 20 rooms and 11 suites with wooden beams, white-washed walls and traditional tiles hark back to the hotel's 17th century colonial beginnings. Relax around the courtyard pool or at the Aurum Spa, before dining on coastal Colombian cuisine at Alma Restaurant. End the day with sundowners on the rooftop, overlooking the UNESCO-listed walled city.

Location: Cartagena

Our rating: ★★★★★



## Patio del Mundo

Made up of 2 charming villas, Patio del Mundo is in the centre of the El Poblado Provenza neighbourhood, close to bars, restaurants, museums and parks. Lovingly restored by a French family, the hotel's tropical garden and secluded green space is a welcome oasis from the city. Each of the 7 rooms are distinctly designed with a country theme, from Provence to the Amazon, using materials collected from the owners' travels. Some rooms also feature their own patio or Jacuzzi. Breakfast is served on the patio, and other meals can be cooked on request. A massage service is also available, or simply relax in the garden on a hammock.

Location: Medellín

Our rating: ★★★★★



## Hotel Casa Legado

Hotel Casa Legado is a charming boutique hotel in Bogotá's upscale Quinta Camacho neighbourhood, blending mid-20th-century character with warm, personalised service. With just 13 uniquely designed rooms and suites, each space has its own story and comfort, making guests feel truly at home. The hotel is ideally located to explore nearby cafés, galleries and shops, and has an inviting garden, cosy lounge and open kitchen which are ideal locations to retreat to. Complimentary bikes encourage you to discover the city at your own pace, and further amenities also include spa services and wellness offerings with thoughtful extras to elevate your stay.

Location: Bogotá

Our rating: ★★★★★



Cartagena



Cartagena



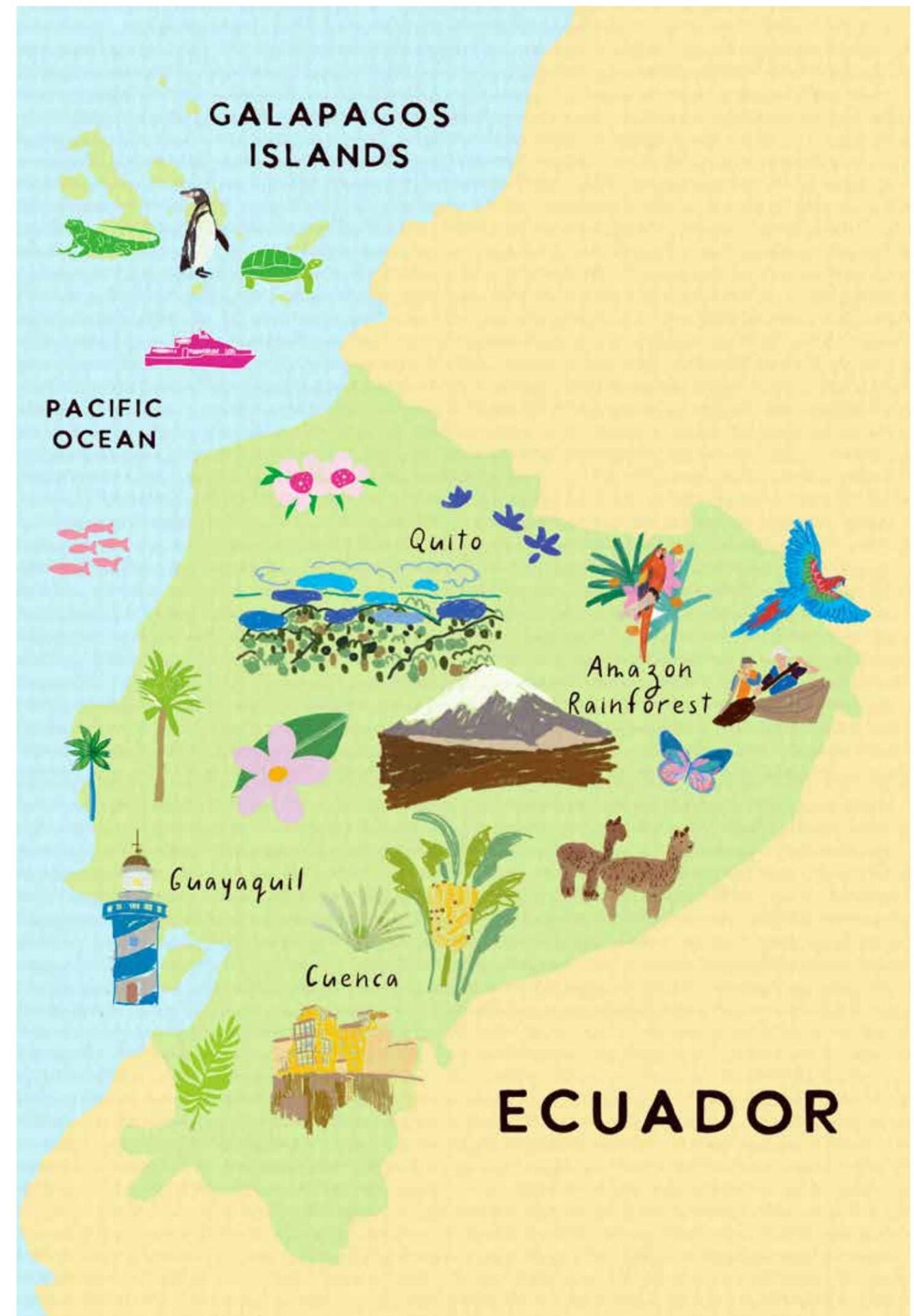
Tayrona National Park

# Ecuador & Galápagos

EQUATORIAL WONDERS, UNTAMED WILDLIFE  
AND AVENUE OF VOLCANOES

Compact and wildly diverse, Ecuador is a country of high contrasts and deep character, all bisected by the line of the Equator. In the Andes, traditional villages, colonial cities, and misty volcanoes dot the highlands, where colourful markets and artisan culture thrive. Further east, the Amazon basin opens up into a world of tangled jungle and slow-moving rivers, best explored by boat, where each bend reveals birdlife, monkeys, or the silent stare of a caiman. Whether walking through the cobbled streets of Quito or cruising through rainforest waters, Ecuador offers a rich mosaic of landscapes and experiences.

Offshore, the Galápagos Islands offer a wildlife encounter like no other. Isolated and untouched, these volcanic islands are a living museum of evolution, where wildlife shows no fear. Snorkel with sea lions, walk alongside giant tortoises, and witness blue-footed boobies in their courtship dance. Every moment here is a close encounter with nature in its purest unforgettable form.



# Ecuador & Galápagos



## Our Favourite Sightseeing Tours

### Highland Tour & Tortoise Reserve

Meet the islands' most popular inhabitants as you make your way to the highlands of Santa Cruz on your Galápagos adventure. The first stop is Los Gemelos, nestled amongst farmland and a native Escalensia forest. These impressive craters are remnants of ancient volcanic activity and offer panoramic views and the chance to spot Darwin's finches and the vibrant vermilion flycatcher. Continue to a natural reserve where the legendary Galápagos tortoises roam freely in their misty, forested highland habitat. Watch these gentle giants, some weighing up to 300 kilograms and living over a century, as they graze and move at their unhurried pace. Explore nearby lava tunnels formed by numerous eruptions that have shaped the island's landscape, before descending to the town of Puerto Ayora on the coast.

**Departs:** Daily  
**Duration:** 4 hours

### Divine Bay and Kayaking

Experience the serene beauty of Divine Bay with a half-day kayaking adventure, offering the perfect blend of sport, adventure and sightseeing amidst pristine Galápagos waters. Set off at high tide from the beachfront, to paddle around the protected waters of Divine Bay. Soak in the stunning coastal scenery and encounter the diverse wildlife that makes the Galápagos so unique, as you journey through mangroves and tranquil coves. Glide through Lovers' Crevasse where herons, egrets and blue-footed boobies perch on dramatic cliffs and keep an eye out for sea turtles grazing on the ocean floor as well as reef sharks. Whether you choose a more relaxed paddle or to test your strength and speed, every moment on the water will reveal another glimpse of the islands' natural wonders. *Please note: this activity depends on high tide, so we ask that you maintain flexibility with your schedule.*

**Departs:** Daily  
**Duration:** 3-4 hours

### Divine Bay and Charles Darwin Station

Embark on this full-day adventure that combines the beauty of Divine Bay with a visit to the Charles Darwin Research Station. Perfect for travellers wanting to learn about the Galápagos Islands, this tour promises an informative and immersive experience. Begin with a scenic walk to Divine Bay, where clear waters meet dramatic cliffs and mangroves as you watch for the array of birdlife that call this area home. Your journey continues to the Charles Darwin Research Station, a cornerstone of Galápagos conservation since 1964. Expert guides reveal the groundbreaking work being done to preserve the unique flora and fauna of the islands, and there's also the chance to tour the giant tortoise breeding centre to meet these iconic creatures up close and learn about efforts to protect them. This enriching experience combines natural beauty and scientific discovery, offering a deeper understanding of the Galápagos' biodiversity.

**Departs:** Daily  
**Duration:** 8 hours

### Sea Lion Yacht Experience: Bartolomé Island

Set out on an unforgettable full-day adventure to Bartolomé Island – one of the Galápagos' most iconic destinations. Board a water taxi across to Puerto Ayrora, where a scenic drive leads to the Itabaca Channel. From here, a panga (dinghy) takes you aboard the elegant Sea Lion Yacht for your journey through dazzling Pacific waters. Disembark at Bartolomé for a guided walk to the island's summit with panoramic views of the surrounding islets and Pinnacle Rock, followed by a walk across the surreal lava fields of Sullivan Bay. Cool off with a snorkelling adventure and savour a delicious lunch as you sail back to Santa Cruz.

**Departs:** Tuesdays and Saturdays  
**Duration:** 8 hours



### Cloud Forest and Valleys

Ecuador's cloud forests are lush, misty worlds filled with orchids, hummingbirds, and cascading streams. Just a short drive from Quito, places like Mindo offer peaceful trails, canopy walks, and birdwatching in one of the world's most biodiverse regions.



### Indigenous Markets

From Otavalo to Saraguro, Ecuador's markets are full of colour, tradition, and local life. Woven textiles, handmade jewellery, and carved crafts fill the stalls, while food vendors serve up regional specialities. These markets are more than shopping stops, they're vibrant community hubs where centuries-old customs continue in everyday life.



### Horse Rides and Haciendas

Scattered across the Andean countryside, Ecuador's historic haciendas offer a mix of rural charm and colonial elegance. Many are working farms where guests can saddle up for horseback rides past volcanic peaks and grazing alpacas. After a day of exploring, relax by a fireplace or enjoy a home-cooked meal.



### Volcano Avenue

Volcano Avenue, or *Avenida de los Volcanes*, is a breathtaking corridor stretching through the heart of the Ecuadorian Andes. This majestic route connects a chain of towering volcanoes, from the snow-capped peaks of Cotopaxi and Chimborazo to the dramatic slopes of Tungurahua and Reventador.



### The Amazon Rainforest

Eastern Ecuador opens into the vast Amazon Basin, where river lodges, jungle trails, and Indigenous communities offer a deep connection to the rainforest. Wildlife sightings of monkeys, toucans and pink river dolphins (yes, pink!) are part of everyday life here, and guided visits reveal the forest's medicinal plants, traditions, and rhythms. It's an immersive experience in one of Earth's most vital ecosystems.



### The Galápagos Islands

The Galápagos Islands are a world apart, where wildlife lives without fear and landscapes shift from volcanic rock to white sand. A visit here brings you face to face with giant tortoises, marine iguanas, and playful sea lions, often just a few steps away. Whether island-hopping by boat or exploring on foot, the Galápagos offers a rare chance to experience nature in its purest form.



# Quito to the Jungle

6 days

Discover Ecuador's remarkable diversity on a journey from Andean highlands to Amazon rainforest. Explore Quito's beautifully preserved Old Town, vibrant markets and historic plazas, and stand on the equator at the iconic Mitad del Mundo. Then fly to Coca and travel by canoe along the Napo River into the heart of the Amazon, where lush jungle landscapes, rich wildlife and authentic rainforest experiences await.

## Highlights

Quito – Ecuadorian Amazon

## Tour Includes

- 5 nights' accommodation
- 5 breakfasts, 4 lunches & 3 dinners
- Sightseeing as stated
- Activities at Amazon Lodges with expert guides and equipment
- Transfers as specified

## Departure Dates

Year round, selected dates (not Tuesdays or Fridays)

## Day 1: Quito

Arrive in Ecuador's capital and check in to your hotel. Lying on the slopes of the Andes' mighty Pichincha volcano in the Guayllabamba river basin, Quito boasts one of the most well-preserved Old Towns in Latin America and was one of the first ever UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Wander the ancient colourful streets, pop into historic churches or spend an afternoon browsing the vibrant markets learning about traditional Ecuadorian Sierra culture.

## Day 2: Quito

Explore the city today on your Iconic Quito Tour. This is the perfect way to visit all the famous city landmarks, discovering world renowned churches, monuments and plazas. Included is a visit to the Mitad del Mundo (Middle of the World) monument marking the country's most emblematic point: the equator. Stop for lunch before strolling through Independence Square, surrounded by the Presidential Palace and cathedral, and enjoy the offerings from traditional street vendors in the area. Just steps away, visit Raqeri Chocolate for an immersive experience tasting chocolates from different regions of the country. (B,L)

## Day 3: Coca – The Amazon

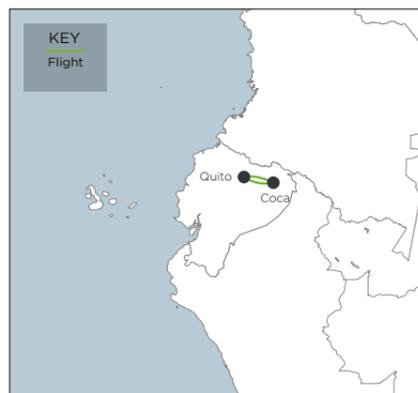
Transfer to the airport in Quito before flying to Coca – the gateway to the Ecuadorian Amazon. On arrival, transfer by land and canoe to your lodge. Enjoy an Amazonian lunch and some free time first before departing on your afternoon activity. Back at the lodge, enjoy a cocktail and dinner, before joining an optional night walk to hear nocturnal sounds of the forest. (B,L,D) *\*Please note that excursions may vary dependent on lodge availability, this itinerary is based on Sacha Lodge – ask our Destination Specialists for further details.*

## Day 4-5: Amazon

Wake up each day to the sound of tropical birds and murmurs of the forest. After breakfast, venture out on your day's activities that may include walking high above the canopy or paddling through the backwaters in search of herons and anacondas. Return to the lodge for lunch and to relax by the pool or in a hammock. Continue your adventures in the afternoon with another guided excursion before dinner. Each evening offers the chance for a further activity, uncovering hidden wildlife after nightfall. (B,L,D)

## Day 6: Departure

Begin your journey back to Coca after breakfast, boarding a flight bound for Quito. (B)



# Yacht La Pinta: Darwin's Legacy Cruise

7 days

Set sail on an extraordinary Galápagos expedition where remote islands, dramatic volcanic scenery and iconic wildlife come together in perfect harmony. Guided by expert naturalists, you'll explore pristine shores, snorkel vibrant waters and uncover the stories that were hugely significant in the voyage of Charles Darwin. From giant tortoises and penguins to historic coves and lava-sculpted landscapes, this journey offers an unforgettable insight into the living evolution of this archipelago.

## Highlights

Central & South-Western Galápagos

## Tour Includes

- Galápagos Islands flights
- 6-night cruise
- All meals on board and non-alcoholic beverages
- Informative lectures
- Island expeditions with park-certified Naturalist Guides
- Snorkelling, kayaking and paddleboarding equipment

## Departure Dates

Selected Fridays, year round

## Day 1: Baltra – North Seymour

Arrive on Baltra Island and transfer to board Yacht La Pinta. Lunch is served before you disembark on North Seymour Island, to view birdlife, sea lions and iguanas along the coast.

## Day 2: Isabela – Fernandina Islands

Coastal exploration today is by panga, as there is no landing site. Expert guides will interpret the area's dramatic volcanic geology and lava flows for you. Weather permitting, you may be able to snorkel with green sea turtles, before visiting Fernandina Island – the youngest and most pristine island in the archipelago with a chance to see hawks, penguins and flightless cormorants.

## Day 3: Urbina Bay – Tagus Cove

Disembark after breakfast at Urbina Bay on western Isabela Island to see corals, shells, land iguanas and occasional giant tortoises. While navigating the Bolívar Channel, watch for whales. Later, visit secluded Tagus Cove, once favoured by pirates and whalers, with an uphill hike to Darwin Crater and time to snorkel or kayak in this dramatic setting.

## Day 4: Rabida – Santa Cruz Islands

Walk along Rabida Island's red-coloured beach to observe the marine iguanas, mockingbirds, yellow warblers and several of Darwin's finches. You may also wish to snorkel from the beach or take a trip on the glass-bottom boat. Later, walk the trail on the north shore of Santa Cruz around Dragon Hill.

## Day 5: Santa Cruz

Visit the Charles Darwin Research Station to learn about Galápagos conservation amid giant tortoises and prickly pear cactus forest. Enjoy lunch on the island, then explore the lush highlands in search of Darwin's finches, endemic Scalesia trees and freely roaming giant tortoises at a local reserve.

## Day 6: Floreana

Explore the maze of channels along Floreana's north shore by panga, landing at Post Office Bay to see the historic barrel used as a mail exchange for over two centuries and learn about HMS Beagle's 1835 visit, when insights shared with Charles Darwin helped shape his theory of natural selection. Continue to Champion Islet for snorkelling or a glass-bottom boat experience, then visit Punta Cormorant for a beach walk beside a lagoon frequented by flamingos.

## Day 7: Baltra

Your journey ends at Baltra Island, where you will transfer to the airport.



# Quito, Amazon & Galápagos Adventure

15 days

Discover the wonders of Ecuador on this unforgettable journey that begins in the charming colonial city of Quito. Soak up rich history before venturing deep into the Amazon rainforest for an immersive stay at a jungle lodge, surrounded by incredible wildlife and natural beauty. Your adventure concludes in the enchanting Galápagos Islands, where you'll island-hop through this remarkable archipelago, encountering giant tortoises, playful sea lions, and pristine beaches.

## Highlights

Quito - The Amazon - Galápagos Islands

## Tour Includes

- 14 nights' accommodation
- Daily breakfast & 1 lunch
- Full Board in the Amazon and Galápagos Islands
- Sightseeing as stated
- Interisland flights and transfers in the Galápagos Islands

## Departure Dates

Daily, year round

## Day 1: Quito

On arrival in Quito, transfer to your hotel.  
Hotel: Casa Gangotena Boutique Hotel – 4 nights

## Day 2: Quito

Today is free for you to explore Quito. Ecuador's captivating capital sits high in the Andes on the slopes of the Pichincha volcano. Its beautifully preserved Old Town—Latin America's first UNESCO World Heritage Site, is a delight to explore, with cobbled streets, grand churches and bustling local markets. (B)

## Day 3: Quito

For those seeking the colours, textures, and sounds of the Andes, this unforgettable day tour to timeless Otavalo is a must. Journey through flower-filled fields to the elegant Hacienda La Compañía, visit bustling local markets bursting with flavour and tradition, and explore the famous Plaza de los Ponchos. (B,L)

## Day 4: The Amazon

Transfer to the airport for a flight to Coca. On arrival transfer to Sacha Lodge for your Amazonian adventure. (B,D)

Hotel: Sacha Lodge - 4 nights

## Day 5-7: The Amazon

The Amazon jungle is one of the world's greatest natural wonders - a vast, vibrant realm of extraordinary wildlife, lush rainforest and rich indigenous culture. Discover jungle trails teeming with exotic creatures, from sloths and anacondas to brilliant birdlife. Visit remote communities where ancient traditions such as shamanism endure, and stay in a comfortable eco-lodge nestled deep in the forest.

Sacha Lodge is a remote yet refined retreat set within a pristine 5,000-acre private ecological reserve. Cross canopy walkways suspended above the rainforest, climb a towering kapok tree for breathtaking views, swim in black-water lagoons and paddle along lush creeks in search of monkeys, sloths, and anacondas. Expert naturalist guides bring this extraordinary ecosystem to life. (B,L,D)

## Day 8: Quito

Today, return to Quito for an overnight stay before departing for the Galápagos Islands. (B)

Hotel: Casa Gangotena Boutique Hotel

## Day 9: Isabela Island, Galápagos

Depart for Isabela Island in the Galápagos via Baltra Island. On arrival check in to the lodge and enjoy lunch before your first afternoon of exploration. Discover the youngest side of the island as you explore the national park, wetland lagoon and giant tortoise breeding centre. (B,L,D)

Hotel: Scalesia Lodge – 2 nights

## Day 10: Isabela Island, Galápagos

The activities available depend on your day of arrival on the island however these include hiking, biking and snorkelling tours. All are designed to showcase the unique, bio-diverse wildlife, marine life and flora and fauna that so inspired Charles Darwin's theory of evolution by natural selection. (B,L,D)

## Day 11: Puerto Ayora, Galápagos

This morning, return to Baltra and take a short ferry ride across the turquoise waters of the Itabaca Channel to Santa Cruz. Visit Los Gemelos, twin volcanic sinkholes nestled in lush highland forest. Continue to a nearby reserve where Galapagos giant tortoises roam freely, then explore ancient lava tunnels formed by past eruptions. (B,L,D)

Hotel: Finch Bay Galápagos Hotel – 3 nights

## Day 12: Puerto Ayora, Galápagos

Discover the Galápagos in comfort and style aboard the exclusive Sea Lion Yacht. With space for just 20 guests, today is led by certified bilingual naturalist guides, bringing you closer to the archipelago's remarkable wildlife and landscapes. (B,L,D)

## Day 13: Puerto Ayora, Galápagos

Enjoy a day of discovery. Begin with a scenic walk where you'll explore mangroves, basalt cliffs and spot iconic Galápagos wildlife. Then, visit the Charles Darwin Research Station for a guided tour of the tortoise breeding centre and learn about groundbreaking conservation work protecting the islands' unique ecosystems and species. (B,L,D)

## Day 14: Quito

Return to Quito for your final night in Ecuador. (B)

Hotel: Casa Gangotena Boutique Hotel

## Day 15: Departure

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)



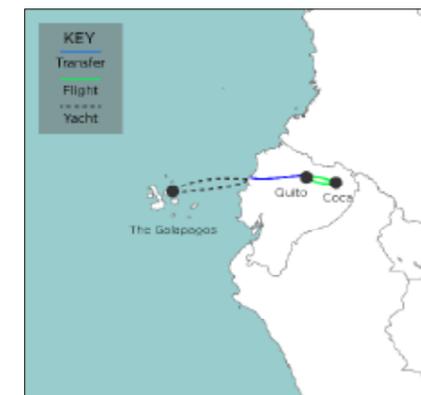
Galápagos Island



Quito



Quito



Isabela Island

## Casa Gangotena

This eclectically appointed mansion is nestled within Quito's vibrant Old Town, embodying the city's rich history. Once the home of several Republican-era presidents, the residence was eventually claimed by the prominent Gangotena family, who lavishly renovated and embellished the property into the boutique Relais & Chateaux hotel it is today. Rooms and suites exude elegance, with high ceilings and windows allowing guests to bask in Andean sunshine, with art deco furnishings blending comfort and history. Casa Gangotena is also home to one of Quito's best restaurants, and there's a rooftop terrace with historic views offering the perfect backdrop to indulge in cocktails, tea, coffee or a vintage wine. The hotel bar is reminiscent of a private members' club with secluded nooks and expert service.

**Location:** Quito

Our rating: ★★★★★



## Mashpi Lodge

An oasis within the clouds, Mashpi Lodge is located just 60 miles northwest of Quito, but couldn't be further from the city in feel. With an exclusive location on a scenic plateau, the lodge features scenic views of forested mountains and unique ecosystems, where guests can encounter up to 400 species of birds. Wake up to captivating views of the rainforest, with rooms and suites featuring huge floor-to-ceiling windows to take in the forest floor to the treetops. Indulge in daily rainforest hikes, waterfall swims and the open-air Dragonfly gondola, before returning for outdoor yoga, a jungle hot tub and wellness centre. Enjoy dinner in a lively gourmet experience amongst the trees, as you sample Ecuador's diverse cuisine.

**Location:** Mindo Cloud Forest Region

Our rating: ★★★★★



## Hacienda Zuleta

Zuleta is a colonial-era working farm that has belonged to the same family of former Ecuadorian President Galo Plaza Lasso for over 100 years. Located in Ecuador's Avenue of Volcanoes, Hacienda Zuleta is afforded breathtaking views from wherever you look and is a true jewel in the Andes. Beautiful antique rooms and delicious home-grown cuisine are standouts here with organic produce and dishes sourced directly from the estate. Activities include hiking, horse riding, embroidery workshops and cooking classes. Relax beside the bonfire in the evenings and experience traditional Andean music and culture.

**Location:** Otavalo

Our rating: ★★★★★



## Luna Volcán Adventure SPA

Perched on the misty slopes of the active Tungurahua volcano and surrounded by mountains, waterfalls and thermal waters, this is the perfect option for an escape into nature. Unwind in 4 volcanic-heated pools and a Jacuzzi, with the Luna Healing Spa offering a range of treatments. Rooms are all uniquely designed boasting views of the volcano or the town below. Luna Restaurant focuses on Ecuadorian cuisine, and there is also a bar and café. Within the surrounding area, guests can take part in a range of activities from hiking, canyoning, rafting, and excursions to nearby waterfalls and the Amazon.

**Location:** Banos

Our rating: ★★★★★



## Hacienda La Danesa

Experience a stay on a family-owned, working farm at Hacienda La Danesa, where guests can reconnect with nature and the land. From designing their own furniture and décor, to producing tree-to-bar handmade chocolate and honey, there is a real emphasis on the artisanal aspect of your stay where you'll experience the Ecuadorian 'good life' and connection between traveller and host. Rooms include garden cottages and restored stables transformed into boutique retreats, using natural tones and materials. Dine on the farm-produced fare at The Teca Terrace in an intimate yet refined setting and purchase the products you've eaten at La Tienda as a reminder of your stay. Included with each stay are curated experiences including biking, river tubing, and a cacao experience.

**Location:** Naranjito

Our rating: ★★★★★



## Finch Bay Galápagos Hotel

As the only beachfront hotel in Santa Cruz, this is the perfect base for further exploration of this unique location. Step straight out to the beach from your room here, on the south side of the island in the heart of the Galápagos and be surrounded by wildlife in this protected national park. The suites offer direct ocean views and balconies to appreciate the environment, all with stylish interiors and space to relax in your own hammock. The hotel's restaurant delivers local ingredients with global flair, surrounded by the sounds of the ocean. Read a book by the pool, kayak the marine preserve, and see the wildlife that call this otherworldly landscape home.

**Location:** Santa Cruz, Galápagos

Our rating: ★★★★★



## Hotel La Casa de Marita

La Casa de Marita is a charming boutique hotel on the beachfront that began as a private home, but has since been transformed into a warm, welcoming retreat. Rooms at the property are well-appointed and offer generous balconies overlooking the beach and surrounding gardens. Personalised hospitality with true Galápagos charm makes La Casa de Marita a true home-from-home for travellers, with food also sourced from the local farms and fresh seafood also on offer.

**Location:** Isla Isabela, Galápagos

Our rating: ★★★★★



## Hotel Indigo Galápagos

Hotel Indigo Galápagos is a contemporary, boutique retreat offering luxury with island flair that makes the location so special. Despite the modern design, the hotel is connected to its unique island environment, with an infinity edge pool overlooking the Pacific, and is just a short stroll to white sand beaches and its sea lion colony. Rooms and suites are fitted with all modern comforts, decorated in a sleek fashion whilst still retaining unique island style. Ideal for both leisure and adventurers, the hotel also provides spa treatments, a fitness centre and a bar and restaurant with ocean views and a menu inspired by the Galápagos Islands.

**Location:** San Cristobal, Galápagos

Our rating: ★★★★★



# Peru & Bolivia

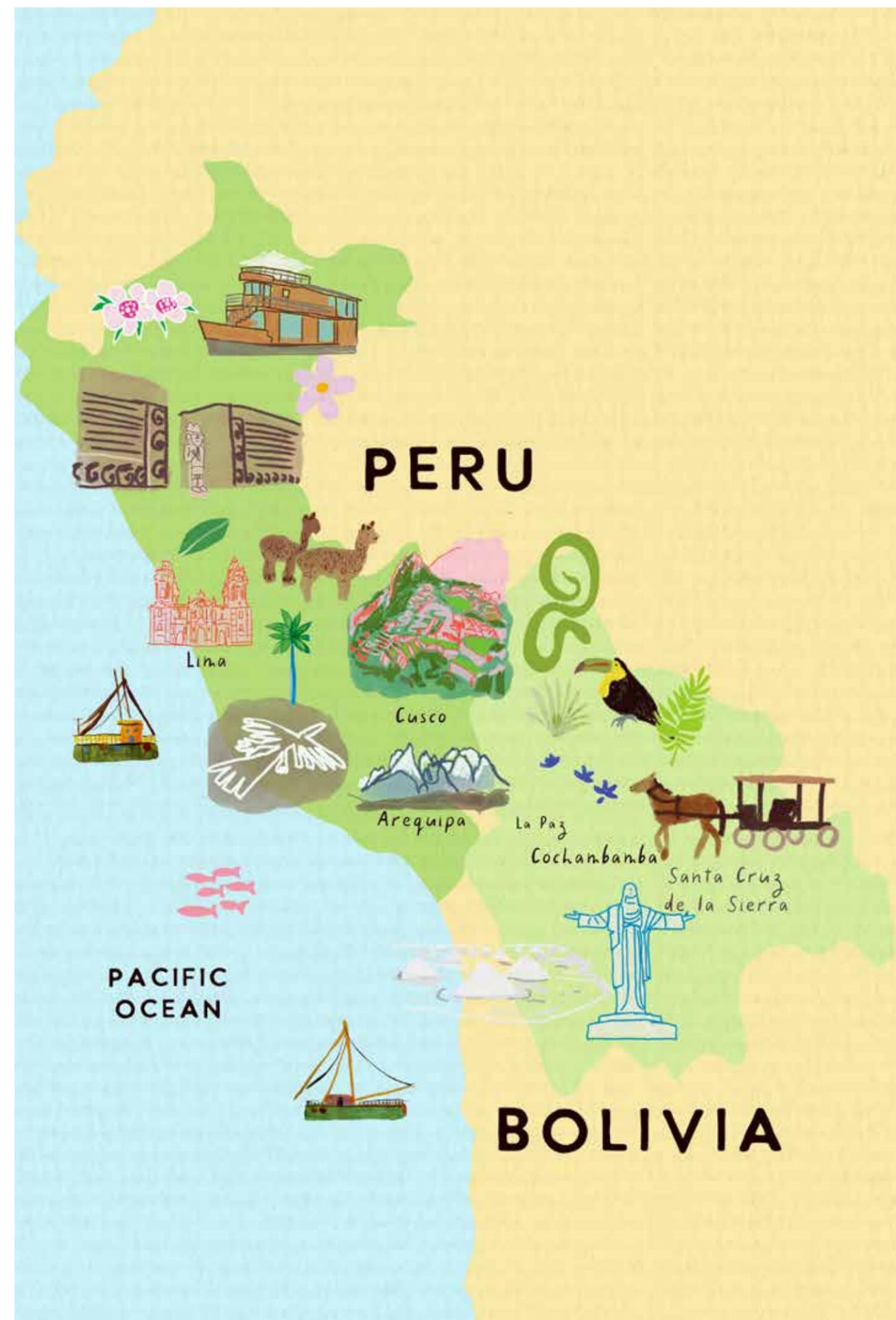
## LOST CITIES, THE INCAN HEARTLAND AND SPIRIT OF THE ANDES

In Peru and Bolivia, history and modern life exist side by side in landscapes shaped by time and tradition. In Peru, the ancient citadel of Machu Picchu overlooks the Sacred Valley, while Cusco blends Inca heritage with colonial architecture. Lima offers a different perspective, with its vibrant neighbourhoods and renowned culinary scene. In the Amazon basin, remote lodges provide a closer look at the region's biodiversity and Indigenous cultures. Along the shared border, Lake Titicaca remains a place of cultural importance for communities on both sides.

In Bolivia, the high Altiplano gives way to striking natural features, from the vast salt flats of Uyuni to active geysers and colourful desert lakes. Cities like Sucre and Potosí reflect the country's colonial past and evolving identity. Whether exploring mountain markets, walking ancient trails, or navigating jungle rivers, travellers encounter a region full of contrast and complexity. Peru and Bolivia don't offer a single story, but many, each revealing a different facet of the Andes.



Machu Picchu



# Peru & Bolivia

## Journeys: Explore Machu Picchu

8 days

Delve into the historical mysteries and cultural treasures of Peru on this National Geographic Journey with G Adventures. Discover UNESCO World Heritage sites including the mountaintop citadel of Machu Picchu and historic Cusco. Travel across the snow-capped peaks of the Andes, and get a glimpse of the ancient traditions that continue to endure in the misty valleys.

### Highlights

Lima – Sacred Valley – Pisac Ruins  
Machu Picchu – Cusco

### Tour Includes

- 7 nights' accommodation
- Small group experience – maximum 16 passengers
- 7 breakfasts, 1 lunch & 1 dinner
- Touring as stated
- 2-day Sacred Valley tour including Ollantaytambo, Moray, and Pisac ruins and pre-Inca salt pans
- Scenic train and guided tour of Machu Picchu
- Internal flights
- Private and public transportation
- National Geographic Expedition Leader (tour guide)

*Tour is operated by National Geographic Journeys with G Adventures*

### Departure Dates

Selected dates, year round

### Day 1: Lima

Arrive in Peru's capital at any time and transfer to your hotel. We recommend starting your time in Lima a few days prior to the tour to recover from international flights and to spend some time exploring.

Hotel: Antigua Miraflores (or similar)

### Day 2: Lima to Urubamba

Fly early to Cusco and journey through the stunning Sacred Valley. Explore the ancient salt pans and the circular terraces of Moray, believed to be an Inca agricultural lab. End the day with a traditional pachamanca feast of meat and vegetables slow-cooked underground over hot stones. (B,D)

Hotel: Mabey Urubamba (or similar) – 2 nights

### Day 3: Urubamba

Visit Parque de la Papa (Potato Park), where six Andean communities preserve over 700 native potato species. Learn about traditional farming and weaving in this unique cultural project. Tour the ruins of Pisac and Ollantaytambo, and enjoy lunch at a sustainable community restaurant supporting local development in the Sacred Valley. (B,L)

### Day 4: Urubamba to Aguas Calientes

Board a scenic train to Aguas Calientes, the gateway to Machu Picchu. Enjoy free time, visit the hot springs, browse handicraft markets, or explore the botanical gardens.

There is an option to hike a one-day section of the Inca Trail for your first glimpse of Machu Picchu. (B)

Hotel: Taypikala Machupicchu (or similar)

### Day 5: Aguas Calientes to Cusco

Rise early to explore Machu Picchu on a guided tour. Wander through the citadel's temples and terraces, soaking up stories of its rediscovery and Inca heritage. Afterwards travel by train and road back to Cusco. (B)

Hotel: Taypikala Hotel Cusco (or similar) – 2 nights

### Day 6: Cusco

Spend the day exploring Cusco, wander colonial streets, visit museums or ancient sites, or join a cooking class. This evening, visit the Cusco Planetarium for a celestial experience connecting ancient Inca astronomy with today's night skies (weather permitting). (B)

### Day 7: Cusco to Lima

Fly back to Lima and enjoy a free afternoon to explore. Wander Plaza Mayor, admire colonial architecture, or visit the catacombs of the San Francisco Monastery. Why not end your journey with Peruvian tapas and a pisco sour tasting before returning to your hotel. (B)

Hotel: Antigua Miraflores (or similar)

### Day 8: Lima

Depart at any time or spend further time exploring this area of Peru. (B)



### Machu Picchu & the Sacred Valley

Machu Picchu is one of the world's most iconic sites, and travelling through the Sacred Valley makes the journey as memorable as the destination. Inca terraces, quiet villages, and dramatic mountain views frame an unforgettable glimpse into Peru's past.



### Arequipa and the Colca Canyon

Framed by volcanoes and built from pale volcanic stone, Arequipa is one of Peru's most graceful cities characterised by a calm pace, colonial buildings, and mountain backdrop. Nearby, the Colca Canyon—one of the deepest in the world—offers hiking trails, natural hot springs, and sweeping views.



### The Uyuni Salt Flats

Bolivia's Salar de Uyuni is like nowhere else on Earth, a vast white expanse that stretches to the horizon. In the rainy season, the salt flats become a giant mirror; in the dry months, the cracked surface forms a striking geometric pattern. From cactus-covered islands to surreal desert landscapes, a visit here feels otherworldly.



### Lake Titicaca & Isla del Sol

High in the Andes, Lake Titicaca is shared by Peru and Bolivia, and its calm waters are rich in cultural and spiritual meaning. On the Peruvian side, the Uros people live on floating islands made from layers of totora reeds, an ancient tradition that continues to this day. Across the lake in Bolivia, Isla del Sol offers quiet trails, Inca ruins, and sweeping views.



### Gastronomy in Peru

Peru has become a global food destination, and it's easy to see why. From fresh ceviche on the coast to hearty stews in the highlands, the country's cuisine is shaped by its diverse geography and cultures. Lima leads the way with world-renowned restaurants, while local markets across the country showcase the best of Peru's produce.

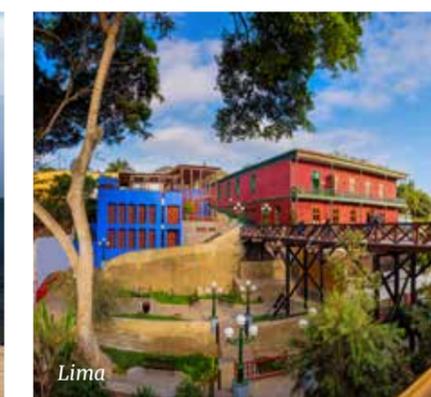


### Rail Travel

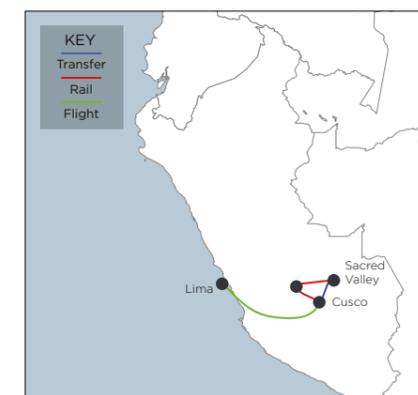
Experience Peru by rail, where luxury and legend intertwine. Travel in an elegant cabin aboard Belmond's Andean Explorer to see Cusco, Lake Titicaca and Arequipa and enjoy gourmet cuisine and panoramic views or include a rail journey to arrive in timeless style to the ancient wonder of Machu Picchu amongst misty peaks.



Machu Picchu



Lima



Sacred Valley

# Peru and Bolivia Andean Adventure

## 15 days

Explore the vibrant heart of the Andes through Peru and Bolivia, uncovering ancient ruins, colonial cities, and breathtaking natural wonders. From the mystique of Machu Picchu to the shimmering Uyuni Salt Flats, each day offers rich cultural encounters, immersive experiences, and profound insight into the region's enduring heritage, Indigenous traditions, and captivating landscapes.

### Highlights

Lima – Cusco – Sacred Valley  
Machu Picchu – Arequipa – Colca Canyon  
Lake Titicaca – La Paz – Uyuni Salt Flats

### Tour Includes

- 14 nights' accommodation
- Sightseeing as stated
- Daily breakfast, 7 lunches & 1 dinner
- Arrival and departure transfers

### Departure Dates

Year round

### Day 1: Lima

Upon arrival into Lima, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Settle into Peru's vibrant capital, a city that blends colonial charm with coastal elegance.

### Day 2: Lima

Begin your stay with a Lima City tour which includes visits to the Plaza Mayor, Aliaga House, and the Convent of San Francisco, famed for its catacombs. Conclude at the Larco Museum, where pre-Columbian art and gold artifacts offer a captivating glimpse into Peru's ancient civilizations. (B)

### Day 3: Cusco

Fly to the Andean city of Cusco and begin uncovering its historic splendour. Visit the fortress of Sacsayhuamán, stroll through the artisan quarter of San Blas, and explore Coricancha, the Incan Temple of the Sun, later transformed into the Convent of Santo Domingo by the Spanish. (B)

### Day 4: Sacred Valley Treasures

Delve into the Sacred Valley's ancient past with a full-day private tour of Ollantaytambo's Incan fortress and Pisac's sweeping agricultural terraces. Explore the colourful Pisac market for artisan wares and textiles before arriving at your tranquil hotel. (B,L)

### Day 5: Machu Picchu by Rail

Board the Inca Rail First Class train for a scenic journey to Aguas Calientes. Explore the majestic ruins of Machu Picchu and tour the famed citadel. Enjoy a refined Andean lunch before returning to the Sacred Valley for an overnight stay. (B,L)

### Day 6: Maras, Moray & Chinchero to Cusco

Explore the circular Inca terraces of Moray and the dazzling salt pools of Maras before a gourmet lunch at a countryside restaurant. Then head to Chinchero, an Andean village steeped in weaving traditions. Your journey onwards to Cusco takes you through spectacular mountain landscapes. (B,L)

### Day 7: Arequipa

Depart Cusco and fly to Arequipa, Peru's "White City," surrounded by snow-capped volcanoes. Upon arrival, you will be transferred to your hotel for a 2 night stay. (B)

### Day 8: Arequipa's Colonial Legacy

Take in breathtaking views from Carmen Alto and Yanahuara before exploring Arequipa's elegant Plaza de Armas and the Santa Catalina Monastery. This vast convent is a city within a city, with vibrant walls, tranquil courtyards, and hidden corridors revealing centuries of spiritual devotion and history. (B)

### Day 9: Colca Canyon

Travel across the Andes to the Colca Valley, passing vicuñas in the Aguada Blanca Reserve and reaching the high Andean lookout of Patapampa at 4,910 metres. Descend into the lush Colca Valley and settle into your hotel. (B,L,D)

### Day 10: Condors & the Road to Puno

Rise early to witness the spectacular flight of Andean condors soaring above the Colca Canyon. Stop in quaint villages including Yanque and Maca before embarking on a scenic drive across the Altiplano. Arrive in lakeside Puno this evening, gateway to the mystical waters of Lake Titicaca. (B,L)

### Day 11: Lake Titicaca & the Islands

Cross into Bolivia today, explore Copacabana and cruise across Lake Titicaca to Moon and Sun Islands. Visit sacred temples, taste water from the Sacred Fountain, believed to give eternal youth, and enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. End the day in Huatajata with a mystical Kallawayá blessing and Aymara stargazing. (B,L)

### Day 12: La Paz

Begin your day on the shores of Lake Titicaca at the Andean Roots Eco Village, meeting master boat builders alongside friendly llamas and alpacas. Journey back to La Paz by road, passing snow-capped peaks and vast altiplano scenery that carries the timeless spirit of Bolivia. (B)

### Day 13: Uyuni Salt Flats

Fly to Uyuni and journey across the surreal salt flats, beginning with the haunting Train Cemetery and Salt Museum. Visit the cactus-covered Incawasi Island and marvel at endless white plains under open skies. During rainy season, experience the spellbinding mirror effect across the shimmering flats. (B)

### Day 14: La Paz

Return to La Paz and explore this high-altitude capital. Visit the dramatic Moon Valley, stroll through the Witch Doctor's Market, and take in panoramic views aboard a futuristic cable car, all set against the majestic backdrop of Mount Illimani. (B)

### Day 15: La Paz

Time to depart your Andean adventure, take with you lasting memories of Peru and Bolivia, lands of ancient empires, breathtaking landscapes, and enduring traditions. (B)



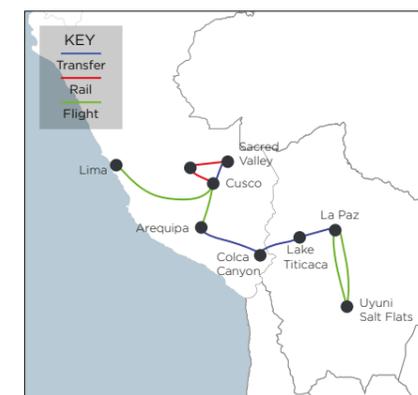
Lima



Arequipa



Machu Picchu



Cusco

# Land of the Incas

13 days

This immersive 13-day escorted tour through Peru unveils the country's most iconic and unexpected treasures, from the vibrant capital of Lima and the Sacred Valley's ancient traditions to the awe-inspiring heights of Machu Picchu and the serene waters of Lake Titicaca. Along the way, engage with local communities, explore UNESCO sites, and experience Peru's rich cultural heritage and breathtaking natural beauty.

## Highlights

Lima – Sacred Valley – Machu Picchu  
Cusco – Lake Titicaca  
The Nazca Lines – Ballestas Islands

## Tour Includes

- 12 nights' accommodation
- Daily breakfast, 5 lunches & 3 dinners
- Sightseeing as stated
- Expert travel director and driver
- Internal flights
- Hotel portorage and restaurant gratuities

*This tour is operated by Trafalgar Tours.*

## Departure Dates

Selected dates, February – December

### Day 1: Arrive Lima

The Capital of the New World welcomes you to Peru. Meet your local host on arrival and transfer to your hotel in Miraflores, Lima's coastal district known for its boutiques and ocean views. This evening, join your Travel Director and fellow guests to begin your Peruvian adventure. (D)

Hotel: Iberostar Hotel Lima – 2 nights

### Day 2: Lima

Begin your exploration of Lima with a guided city tour, visiting Casona San Marcos and learning its rich history. Enjoy a hands-on workshop introducing Afro-Peruvian rhythms and dance. Continue to the Main Square where you can join a guided walking tour through Miraflores, ending with time to explore or dine at leisure. (B)

### Day 3: Cusco – Sacred Valley

Fly to Cusco and descend into the Sacred Valley, surrounded by towering Andean peaks. Enjoy sweeping valley views before a special cultural encounter with a local Shaman who performs a welcome ceremony. (B,L)

Hotel: Sonesta Posadas del Inca Yucay – 2 nights

### Day 4: Sacred Valley

Visit a local farm to learn about the production of Giant White Corn and enjoy a private Marinera dance performance. Later, meet renowned explorer Peter Frost for insights into Incan history. End the day with a hands-on experience preparing traditional ceviche and mastering the art of the perfect Pisco sour. (B,L)

### Day 5: Sacred Valley – Machu Picchu

Explore the remarkable ruins of Ollantaytambo, then board the scenic Vistadome train bound for Machu Picchu. Journey along the Urubamba River, tracing the footsteps of ancient Incas. On arrival, delve into the mysteries of this legendary citadel with a local specialist, uncovering temples, terraces, and ancient stonework.

Hotel: El MaPi (B,D)

### Day 6: Machu Picchu – Cusco

Return to Machu Picchu this morning for time to explore independently. Then board the train back toward Cusco, stopping en route to learn about the natural dyeing techniques of local weavers. Visit the Pisac market and sample traditional Andean chicha before continuing to the historic city of Cusco. (B)

Hotel: Novotel Cusco – 2 nights

### Day 7: Cusco Sightseeing

Begin at Sacsayhuaman, an imposing Incan fortress overlooking Cusco. Explore the colonial heart of the city before visiting Mantay, a social project empowering young mothers through education and craft. This afternoon, join a local specialist to uncover nearby Incan ruins or opt for additional cultural experiences at your leisure. (B)

### Day 8: Juliaca – Lake Titicaca

Fly to Juliaca and meet a local specialist who shares insights into life on the altiplano. Visit the hauntingly beautiful pre-Incan site of Sillustani before continuing to Lake Titicaca. In a traditional home, learn about daily life on the high plains and enjoy a hearty homecooked lunch. (B,L)

Hotel: GHL Hotel Lago Titicaca – 2 nights

### Day 9: Lake Titicaca

Cruise Lake Titicaca to meet the Uros people, who live on floating islands crafted from reeds. Continue to Taquile Island for a guided tour focusing on its UNESCO-recognized textile traditions. Discover a unique way of life on these remote islets and enjoy a memorable afternoon immersed in Andean culture. (B,L)

### Day 10: Paracas

Return to Lima and journey south through Peru's coastal countryside to Paracas. On arrival, settle into your seaside hotel and enjoy time to relax. (B,L)

Hotel: Spa Hotel Awana – 2 nights

### Day 11: Nazca Lines Flight

Take to the skies on a scenic flight over the Nazca Lines, enigmatic geoglyphs etched into the desert. Visit the Regional Museum of Ica to learn about the Paracas and Nazca cultures. Later, tour a traditional bodega to sample Peru's finest pisco and delve into the country's winemaking heritage. (B,L)

### Day 12: Ballestas Islands – Lima

Embark on a morning cruise to the Ballestas Islands, home to sea lions, penguins, and seabirds. View the mysterious Candelabra geoglyph along the coast. Return to Lima and visit the Larco Museum for an intimate look at pre-Columbian art, followed by a festive farewell evening in a lush garden setting. (B,D)

Hotel: Iberostar Hotel Lima

### Day 13: Depart Lima

Bid farewell to Peru's ancient wonders as your journey concludes. Transfer to the airport for your onward flight or choose to extend your stay in Lima with additional time to explore the capital's museums, markets, and culinary gems. (B)



Lake Titicaca



Train from Cusco to Machu Picchu



Lima



Machu Picchu

# Andean Explorer, A Belmond Train

The Andean Explorer is South America's first luxury sleeper train, offering an unforgettable journey between Cusco, Puno, and Arequipa. Traversing one of the highest rail routes in the world, this spectacular voyage connects the imperial heart of the Inca Empire to the tranquil beauty of Lake Titicaca and the dramatic volcanic landscapes surrounding it.

Inside, the train evokes the elegance of a bygone era, with handwoven fabrics, plush cabins, and large panoramic windows framing the ever-changing Andean scenery. Guests relax in the Lounge Car with a signature cocktail or step onto the open-air Observation Deck to soak in sweeping views of vast plains, rolling hills, and distant snow-capped peaks, or can find pure serenity on the rails in the sumptuous Picaflor Spa Car.

Dining aboard the Andean Explorer is a culinary highlight, featuring gourmet menus crafted from fresh, local ingredients. Meals are served in beautifully designed dining cars, where guests enjoy Andean-inspired dishes paired with fine South American wines—all while watching the landscape glide by outside.

With curated off-train excursions to archaeological sites, artisan communities, and natural wonders, the journey offers a deep connection to Peru's cultural and geographic richness. Whichever route you choose, the Andean Explorer is an immersive, luxurious way to discover the soul of the Andes.

## Peruvian Highlands

3 days

Embark on the ultimate Peruvian escape as you journey from Cusco to Arequipa in style, visiting charming Puno and majestic Lake Titicaca. Each day, tours will enable you to uncover the hidden gems of this fascinating land.

### Highlights

Cusco – Lake Titicaca – Puno – Arequipa

### Tour Includes

- 2 nights' luxury accommodation aboard the train
- All onboard meals and beverages
- Onboard entertainment
- Sightseeing as stated

### Departure Dates

Departs every Thursday year-round (except February)

### Day 1: Cusco

Board the Andean Explorer this morning in the ancient capital of the Inca Empire. Relax in your cabin as the train begins to journey southeast to Puno. Your lunch today will consist of refined Andean specialties, and you'll then arrive at Tinta station to discover Raqch'i, a one-of-a-kind Incan archaeological site. Take in the La Raya mountain range, before preparing for an elegant dinner on board. Afterwards, relax in the bar car with your fellow passengers as the train continues to Lake Titicaca, where it will stop for the night. (L,D)

### Day 2: Puno

Today's tour explores the beauty and rich biodiversity of Lake Titicaca, the largest lake in South America. After breakfast on board, take a traditional boat ride to the islands of the Uros, extraordinary artificial islands created from carefully woven reeds. Continue to Taquille Island for lunch before a visit to Collata beach. Enjoy an afternoon tea on your return to the train at Puno station, and depart for Sacacocha. (B,L,D)

### Day 3: Arequipa

Watch the sunrise surrounded by the breathtaking scenery of Lake Lagunillas followed by breakfast. Later, visit the Sunbay caves, home to fascinating cave paintings estimated to be over 8,000 years old. Return to the train for lunch as you continue to Arequipa, where you bid farewell to the train and embark on a panoramic city tour or for your transfer to the airport. Please note: you may choose to leave the train early at Cañahuas and continue to explore Colca Canyon – a sweeping area of breathtaking beauty and one of the world's deepest canyons. Spot countless examples of Inca and Pre-Inca architecture alongside alpacas, eagles and the Andean condor. (B,L)

*\*Journey is also available in reverse, as well as shorter durations (2 days, 1 night). Please ask our Tailormade Specialists for more information.*



## Antigua Casona San Blas

This hotel is a former colonial mansion which has been transformed into a boutique, bohemian retreat, located just steps from Cusco's main square. Rooms are fitted with hand-carved furniture sourced from local woods, with refined amenities and plush beds. Guests will find plenty of spaces to relax in the shaded courtyard, or can choose to explore the surrounding cobbled streets and remains of Incan architecture. Breakfast is made-to-order, and later settle into a candlelit dinner by the fireplace at the Piedra & Sal restaurant. Wellness amenities include a spa with Andean herbal massage on offer, or drop into a heated yoga class. Service, location and intimate charm make this a favourite Cusco hideaway.

**Location:** Cusco

Our rating: ★★★★★



## CIRQA

Dating back to the founding days of the city, this former monastery pays homage to its history and surrounding world heritage site whilst having contemporary nuances. Guests can unwind in one of 11 rooms, all centred around the main patio. Set in the old monastery chambers, a timeless renovation with custom design fittings gives the rooms their own distinct characteristics. The tranquil central courtyard features a heated plunge pool and fire pits, with the rooftop garden offering panoramic views. CIRQA's cuisine is inspired by the Arequipean countryside, serving food on the terrace or in the monastic salon. This property is the perfect place for cultural tours and excursions, located close to the Plaza de Armas.

**Location:** Arequipa

Our rating: ★★★★★



## Tambopata Research Center Lodge

The Tambopata Research Center is an eco-minded lodge ideal for wildlife lovers and conservation-minded travellers, located deep in Peru's Tambopata National Reserve. Featuring 18 simple yet comfortable rooms, each opening directly into the jungle canopy, the lodge blends traditional timber and thatched architecture into the surrounding tropical environment. Daily excursions are guided by the resident naturalists, and may include hikes through the forest, night walks, canopy tower climbs and boat tours. Fantastic wildlife viewing opportunities are all around, including the chance to see monkeys, macaws, and even jaguars. Meals blend Peruvian and international cuisines buffet style. A stay here immerses guests in one of the world's richest rainforests, whilst supporting ongoing research.

**Location:** Amazon Region – Puerto Maldonado

Our rating: ★★★★★



## Villa Barranco

Housed in a colonial mansion a few minutes from the sea, Villa Barranco is in one of Lima's most vibrant districts. Local artisans were tasked with restoring this hotel back to its former 1916 glory, with renewed mosaics, balconies and French terracotta tiles, creating a boutique, peaceful retreat in the city. Rooms are spread across 2 distinct houses, with striking features such as wooden staircases, exposed beams and stone balconies. Guests can start their day with a buffet breakfast of local Peruvian ingredients, before taking a complimentary bike rental to the nearby boardwalk along the Green Coast. The property also offers a relaxing garden and rooftop terrace, and cosy lounge bar. Located just a few blocks from the ocean, and Lima's attractions, this is the perfect city escape.

**Location:** Lima

Our rating: ★★★★★



## PUQIO by Andean

Peru's first tented camp, Puqio, brings an elevated, safari-style camping experience to this region of the country in the heart of the Colca Valley. Surrounded by grasslands, untrodden pathways and fuming volcanoes and inspired by the first explorers, canvas tents have been individually crafted with rustic-chic amenities and outdoor showers and bathtubs, overlooking dramatic views. Dining is farm-to-table, Andean style, with family style menus cooked over open fires and clay ovens using fresh, local ingredients – all part of the all-inclusive experience. Spend your days on a number of excursions, including trekking, condor watching, thermal springs and cultural village visits.

**Location:** Colca Valley

Our rating: ★★★★★



## Inca Utama Hotel

Located on the shores of Lake Titicaca, the Inca Utama Hotel is a captivating lakeside retreat just 90 minutes from La Paz. This cultural resort blends modern comforts with authentic Andean heritage, with many of the rooms offering lake views. During their stay, guests will be able to visit the Andean Eco Village showcasing the culture and traditions of the local people, with a museum and observatory within the hotel's grounds. There is a choice of 2 restaurants: Choza Nautica on a thatched pontoon over the water, and Sumaj Untavi with evening folk entertainment.

**Location:** Lake Titicaca

Our rating: ★★★★★



## Luna Salada Hotel de Sal & Spa

Luna Salada Hotel is a unique accommodation fashioned almost entirely out of salt, on the edge of the Uyuni Salt Flats. Step out onto the salt pans just meters from the hotel's doors to experience this otherworldly landscape, contrasting with the warm Andean interiors filled with vibrant colours and ancient textiles. Rooms are equipped with modern comforts within this surreal desert setting with expansive views beyond. Dine in Restaurante Tumupa with a rustic, traditional menu, or relax with a cocktail in the cosy lounge after enjoying the Sumaq Spa with treatments using the rejuvenating salt found around the hotel.

**Location:** Uyuni Salt Flats

Our rating: ★★★★★



## Mi Pueblo Samary

Just a short distance from Sucre's Main Plaza, Mi Pueblo Samary is an immersive colonial village experience housed in a restored 19th century mansion. The hotel resembles a small, authentic village with true Bolivian tradition and hospitality. Guests will also find a small church and traditional bar within the hotel's 'main street'. Rooms are decorated in a traditional style complete with local textiles and artwork, some with balconies overlooking internal courtyards and city rooftops. Start the day with freshly baked bread from the clay ovens on the terrace with accompanying typical Bolivian hot drinks, with views of the surrounding city and mountains.

**Location:** Sucre

Our rating: ★★★★★

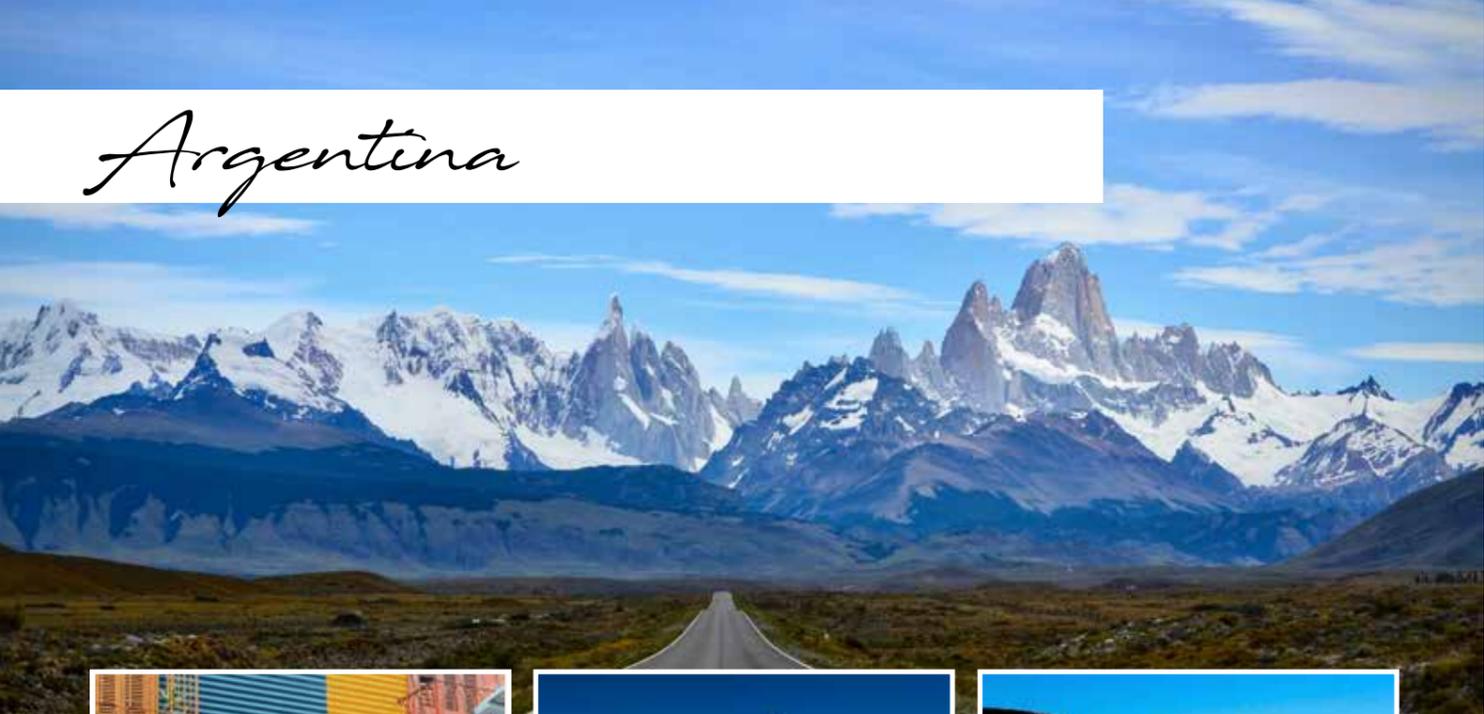
# Argentina

## GLACIERS AND MOUNTAINS, TANGO-FILLED CITIES AND PAMPAS ROAMED BY LEGENDARY GAUCHOS

From the windswept Pampas to the icy edges of Patagonia, Argentina is a land of striking contrasts and endless discovery. In the north, Iguazú Falls thunders through lush rainforest, while the high Andes frame the vineyards and sun-soaked plains of Mendoza, inviting long lunches and leisurely tastings beneath snow-capped peaks. The Lake District charms with mirror-like lakes and forested mountains, while Patagonia stretches toward the southernmost tip of the continent, with glaciers, jagged peaks, and the remote beauty of Cape Horn and Tierra del Fuego, leaving an unforgettable impression. Buenos Aires pulses with European elegance and Latin passion, from grand boulevards to vibrant neighbourhoods alive with tango, art, and culinary delights. Across Argentina, nature, culture, and adventure blend seamlessly, offering a journey that feels vast, diverse, and inspiring.



# Argentina



## Buenos Aires

Filled with European architecture, tango dancers, and a world-class dining and arts scene, travellers spend days exploring lively neighbourhoods of Argentina's capital such as Palermo, Recoleta and San Telmo. Buenos Aires is especially beautiful in springtime with its jacaranda-lined streets.



## Gacho Culture and Estancias

Discover traditional Argentine cowboy culture, horseback riding and rustic ranch hospitality in the Pampas region, stretching across central Argentina. Estancias welcome guests with traditional hospitality and horseback rides for a glimpse into ranch life. It's a place where time seems to slow, and the horizon stretches on for miles.

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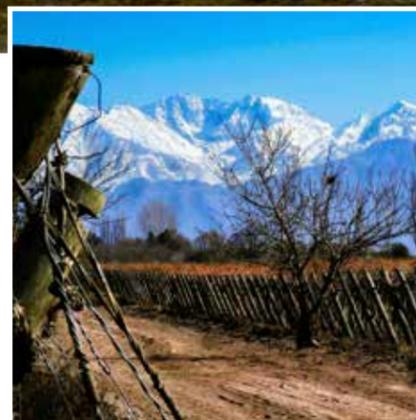
## Patagonia

Towering glaciers, dramatic mountains and endless open landscapes make Patagonia a haven for those seeking adventure and wildlife. The untamed wilderness is truly breath-taking. Explore glacial lakes, temperate forests and winding trails overlooking wide open vistas from the dramatic granite peaks to pristine national parks.



## Salta and the Northwest

Explore rainbow-striped mountains, colonial towns, high altitude vineyards and lively folk traditions in one of Argentina's most culturally rich regions. With a plethora of history from evidence of the earliest human habitation to the Inca empire, traditions have been preserved to this day.



## Mendoza Wine Country

The Andean province of Mendoza has hundreds of bodegas (winemakers), offering some of the world's best malbecs, cabernet sauvignons and syrahs. Combine excursions to vineyards with some of the finest cuisine, with the city of Mendoza receiving half of Argentina's Michelin stars.



## Iguazú Falls

On the border between Argentina and Brazil, Iguazú Falls is one of the most powerful sights in South America. Hundreds of cascading waterfalls tumble through thick jungle – elevated walkways and boat rides bring you up close, but nothing prepares you for the sight and scale of this natural wonder.

# Highlights of Argentina

## 13 days

Discover the highlights of Argentina on a journey from vibrant Buenos Aires to thundering Iguazú Falls, serene Bariloche and the spectacular glaciers of Patagonia. Explore elegant neighbourhoods, enjoy tango by night, and marvel at panoramic views of Iguazú from both Brazil and Argentina. Sail across Nahuel Huapi Lake, taste Andean wines, and wander through lush forests. Continue to El Calafate for historic estancias, shimmering lakes, and the awe-inspiring Perito Moreno Glacier. This itinerary blends culture, nature, and adventure in Argentina's most iconic landscapes.

### Highlights

Buenos Aires – Iguazú Falls – Bariloche  
El Calafate

### Tour Includes

- 12 nights' accommodation
- Daily breakfast
- Private transfers with English-speaking guides
- Sightseeing as stated

### Departure Dates

Year round

### Day 1: Buenos Aires

Arrive in Buenos Aires and transfer to your hotel for a 3-night stay.

### Day 2-3: Buenos Aires

Start your day with a half-day tour of Palermo's parks and mansions, Recoleta's historic architecture and cemetery, and the riverside docklands, ending at the Colón Theatre. Enjoy dinner and a tango show or local Milonga, with the following day free to explore at leisure. (B)

### Day 4-5: Iguazú Falls

Fly to Puerto Iguazú and meet your private guide for a transfer to your hotel, followed by an afternoon visit to the Brazilian side of Iguazu Falls, renowned for sweeping panoramic views. The next day, explore Argentina's National Park, walking the Upper and Lower Trails to Devil's Throat and San Martín Island amid lush, wildlife-filled jungle. (B)

### Day 6: Bariloche

Fly to Bariloche, via Buenos Aires. Arrive at your hotel where you will spend 3 nights. (B)

### Day 7-8: Bariloche

Bariloche, set among snow-capped peaks and shimmering lakes, blends alpine charm with sweeping views of Nahuel Huapi National Park. Explore the tranquil waters of the Bajo Tristeza arm on a private motorboat, and enjoy a relaxed 2-hour forest walk to a secluded waterfall for a picnic that showcases the flavours of Patagonia. (B)

### Day 9: El Calafate

Fly to El Calafate and transfer to your hotel. Visit the charming, mountain-framed Estancia Nibepo Aike for a sheep-shearing demonstration followed by a traditional dinner. (B)

### Day 10-11: El Calafate

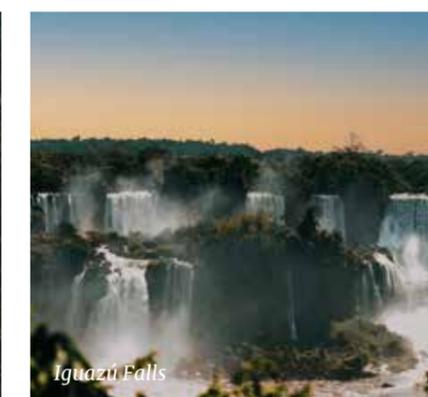
Cruise Lago Argentino's northern arm to view the Upsala Glacier, then continue to Estancia Cristina for a guided walk and 4x4 ascent to former ice-covered viewpoints before returning to Puerto Bandera. The following day, visit Los Glaciares National Park to witness the vast Perito Moreno Glacier and its dramatic calving walls. (B)

### Day 12: Buenos Aires

Return to Buenos Aires today for a final night in the city. (B)

### Day 13: Buenos Aires departure

Transfer back to the airport to depart, or explore more of Argentina. (B)



# Northwest & Mendoza Winelands

13 days

Experience the vibrant essence of Argentina on this 13-day journey through its rich culture, dramatic landscapes, and culinary delights. Begin with the historic streets and elegant architecture in Buenos Aires before travelling to Salta and Jujuy. Traverse the Andes aboard the legendary Train to the Clouds, visit ancient ruins, remote villages, and the dazzling Salinas Grandes and Seven Colours Hill. Explore the vineyards of Cafayate and Mendoza and stroll the cobblestone streets of the charming Andean town of Cachi, blending history, nature, and local traditions.

### Highlights

Buenos Aires – Salta & Jujuy – Cafayate  
Cachi – Mendoza

### Tour Includes

- 12 nights' accommodation
- Daily breakfast
- Private transfers with English-speaking guides
- Sightseeing as stated

### Departure Dates

Daily, year round

### Day 1: Buenos Aires

Arrive in Buenos Aires where a private transfer with an English-speaking guide will take you to your hotel. Check in for your 3-night stay. The remainder of the day is at your leisure.

### Day 2: Buenos Aires

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel before embarking on a half-day city tour. Your journey begins in the trendy Palermo neighbourhood, with quiet streets, parks, rose gardens, and city mansions. You'll then head to the Recoleta district to stroll Avenida Alvear, the most palatial street in Buenos Aires, with tree-lined promenades that were once home to the aristocracy. A visit to the Recoleta Cemetery is a must, which is the final resting place of Eva Duarte. The rest of your tour will take in the historical and architectural gems of the city, before exploring the banks of the river, which was once the old city docklands, now renovated into modern buildings and avant-garde restaurants. You may wish to visit the world-famous Colón Theatre and Opera House, famed for its flawless acoustics. This evening, experience how the tango became an important hallmark of Argentine culture, with dinner and a tango show, or a Milonga where you can practice with the locals. (B)

### Day 3: Buenos Aires

Today is free for you to explore the city at your own pace. (B)

### Day 4: Salta

After breakfast, take a private transfer to the airport for your departure flight to Salta. After checking in to your hotel, a Salta city tour is included. The city of Salta was founded in 1582 and still retains its colonial spirit. Stroll 9 de Julio Square, visit the Cabildo and the pink cathedral with its golden altar, and admire the neoclassical Iglesia San Francisco, South America's tallest church tower. Discover the historic San Bernardo Convent, with its 1762 hand-carved wooden door. At the Museum of High Altitude Archaeology (MAAM), see the world-famous mummified Incan children of Llullaillaco Volcano, along with 146 ceremonial objects. Modern exhibits, multimedia presentations, and immersive music bring Incan culture to life, offering a unique glimpse into ancient rituals and Salta's rich heritage. (B)

### Day 5: Salta & Jujuy

An early departure today marks the start of your journey aboard the 'Train to the Clouds' – one of the world's engineering marvels that weaves through the Andes at 4,200 metres above sea level, making it the third highest train system in the world. Pass the Quebrada del Toro and the ancient Ruins of Santa Rosa de Tastil before visiting the remote mining town of San Antonio de los Cobres. Cross the Puna to the dazzling Salinas Grandes salt flats, perfect for creative photos and local crafts. Descend the scenic Cuesta del Lipán to Purmamarca, home to the stunning Seven Colours Hill and vibrant artisan markets, before returning to Salta. (B)

### Day 6: Cafayate

Leaving Salta behind today, head past the Lerma Valley and its tobacco plantations on your way to Cafayate. Enjoy spectacular rock formations shaped by the wind over thousands of years, as the landscape gradually changes to vineyards. At the southern end of the province of Salta, Cafayate is a haven for wine lovers. Explore the sidewalk cafés, restaurants and shops and picturesque colonial architecture as you spend the night here. (B)

### Day 7: Cachi

Drive north along Route 40 – one of the most famous and longest roads in the world. Passing desert scenery, small ranches and vineyards, you will arrive in Cachi for the night. Nestled in the Calchaquí Valleys, Cachi is a charming Andean town where time seems to slow. Discover local crafts, regional cuisine and the cobblestone streets. (B)

### Day 8: Salta

Travel from the green jungle of the Yungas to the semi desert of the Calchaquí Valley today as you make your way back to Salta. Expect to see guanacos and wild burros (donkeys) among thousands of Cardones, the local species of cacti, on your drive. Arrive in Salta for an overnight stay. (B)

### Day 9: Mendoza

Today take a private transfer to the airport for your flight to Mendoza. Transfer to your hotel for a 3-night stay. (B)

### Day 10: Mendoza

Mendoza is Argentina's premier wine producing region, the climate and soil have made it the perfect environment for wineries to flourish. Today, there is chance to delve deeper into this lovely region with a wine tour that includes 2 or 3 wineries with guided tastings and lunch. (B)

### Day 11: Mendoza

Today is a day at leisure, but further wine tours can be organised or perhaps a tour to the High Andes for trekking, rafting or horse riding. The choice is yours. (B)

### Day 12: Buenos Aires

Transfer back to the airport for your flight back to Buenos Aires. Check into your hotel for one last night in the city. (B)

### Day 13: Buenos Aires departure

After checking out, a private transfer will take you back to the airport ahead of your departing flight. (B)



Jujuy



Mendoza



Cafayate



Salta

# Wonders of Patagonia

11 days

Travel to the ends of the earth, from the flamboyant, cosmopolitan streets of Buenos Aires to the wild, dramatic wilderness of Patagonia. Across southern Argentina and Chile, you'll traverse icy glaciers, windswept steppes and towering peaks, visiting iconic spots such as Los Glaciares National Park, Torres del Paine National Park and the southern gateway town of Ushuaia. This tour blends natural landscapes with immersive cultural experiences from sharing a meal with a local family to discovering remote Patagonian ranch life.

## Highlights

Buenos Aires – Tierra del Fuego National Park – Ushuaia – El Calafate  
 Los Glaciares National Park  
 Puerto Natales – Torres Del Paine National Park – Santiago

## Tour Includes

- 10 nights' accommodation
- Daily breakfasts, 3 lunches & 4 dinners
- Travel Director and professional driver
- All portorage, gratuities and local taxes
- Luxury coach travel
- Internal flights
- Sightseeing as stated

This tour is operated by Trafalgar Tours.

## Departure Dates

Selected dates, January – March and October – December

### Day 1: Buenos Aires

On arrival, your local host will welcome you and transfer you to your hotel. There is time to relax, or explore at your own pace before joining your Tour Director and fellow travellers for dinner this evening. (D)

Hotel: Intercontinental – 2 nights

### Day 2: Buenos Aires

Explore Buenos Aires with your Travel Director, beginning at 9 de Julio Avenue often called the widest street. See the ornate Colón Theatre before arriving at Plaza de Mayo, the city's historic heart, framed by the Casa Rosada, the Metropolitan Cathedral and the Cabildo. Continue to the lively district of La Boca, known for its brightly painted houses and the famous Caminito Street. Travel through Palermo's green spaces, lined with lakes and gardens, then head to Recoleta to visit the cemetery where Eva Perón is buried. (B)

### Day 3: Tierra del Fuego National Park and Ushuaia

Your expedition to the extraordinary landscapes of Patagonia begins today, as you fly to the world's southernmost city, Ushuaia. On arrival, explore the dramatic landscapes of Tierra del Fuego National Park, Argentina's southernmost national park. Join a Local Specialist to admire beautiful waterfalls, forests and snow-capped mountains that are home to red foxes, condors, eagles and beavers.

Come face to face with incredible scenic beauty, views of the Beagle Channel and the glacial waters of Roca Lake. (B,D)

Hotel: Los Acebos Ushuaia Hotel – 2 nights

### Day 4: Ushuaia

This morning, join a Local Specialist for a tour of Ushuaia including a visit to the Museo Marítimo y del Presido, where you'll explore the history of the Prison at the End of the World and learn about the famous prisoners who were incarcerated there. Later, you may choose to explore on your own or join an optional cruise excursion on the Beagle Channel focussing on the scenic archipelago, wildlife and history. You may also consider a longer excursion, including views of colonies of sealions and Magellanic penguins. (B)

### Day 5: El Calafate

Leave the 'End of the World' and fly to El Calafate on the shores of Lake Argentino, gateway to Los Glaciares National Park. You'll have the rare opportunity to explore otherworldly landscapes of massive glaciers, interconnected fjords and mountainside glacial lakes over the next few days. (B,D)

Hotel: Kosten Aike – 2 nights

### Day 6: Los Glaciares National Park

Today is dedicated to the deep exploration of the striking UNESCO-listed Los Glaciares National Park. Touring with a Local Specialist, you'll come face to face with its arctic blue and white glaciers that are fed by the massive South Patagonian Ice Field. Discover the magnificent Perito Moreno Glacier, towering above the icy waters of Lake Argentino. Experience the rugged solitude of the windswept steppe and the quiet southern beech forests before heading back to El Calafate for an evening at leisure. (B)

### Day 7: Puerto Natales

After breakfast, embark on an adventure to Puerto Natales, gateway to the stunning landscapes of southern Chilean Patagonia. Your experience begins with a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at Pingo Salvaje, where you'll learn about the ranch owners' holistic grazing efforts. Next, it's off to the fascinating Milodon Cave where evidence of human habitation was discovered dating back to 6000 BC. You'll also explore Rupestre Patagonia Park, showcasing Patagonia's natural caves and cultural riches. Marvel at eaves and caverns sculpted by glaciers 18,000 years ago, and pause at the Laguna Sofia viewpoint for breathtaking vistas and condor sightings. (B)

Hotel: Best Western Patagonia – 4 nights

### Day 8: Torres Del Paine National Park

Embark on a journey to Torres del Paine National Park, a UNESCO biosphere reserve famed for its jagged granite peaks, shimmering turquoise lakes and cascading waterfalls. You'll explore some of the park's most iconic highlights, including the glassy waters of Lake Pehoe, Salto Grande waterfall and Lago Gray viewpoint. Along the way, watch for sightings of guanacos, foxes, swans and other remarkable wildlife that call this reserve home. Conclude your day at the aptly named Blue Lagoon, with striking cerulean waters reflecting the untouched beauty of Patagonia. (B,L)

### Day 9: Puerto Natales

Enjoy a Be My Guest experience at Estancia Tierra de Overjeros, a working ranch. You'll learn how generations of hard work have shaped life in this remote part of Patagonia. Watch as the owners of the ranch and their skilled sheepdogs demonstrate how flocks are guided using voice and whistle commands and see how wool is prepared for export. Afterwards, sit down with your hosts for a traditional Patagonian lamb barbecue after your insight to an authentic taste of Chilean country life. (B,L)

### Day 10: Puerto Natales, Balmaceda and Serrano Glaciers

Travel by boat today up the Rio Serrano, passing the Southern Icefield to the Serrano Glacier. Take some time with a Local Specialist to explore the glacier with a hike through unspoiled, cool rainforest landscapes to Seno Última Esperanza (Fjord of the Last Hope) where you will see the rest of the Southern Patagonian Icefield. Continue through the fjord by boat to see the Balmaceda and Serrano Glaciers, before joining your Travel Director this evening for a farewell dinner. (B,L,D)

### Day 11: Depart Santiago

Depart this morning for the peninsula town of Punta Arenas to board your flight to Santiago, where your Patagonian Adventure ends. Airport arrival will be at 8 p.m. You may wish to extend your stay in Chile – please ask our tailor-made specialist for details. (B)



Torres Del Paine National Park



Patagonia



Santiago



Buenos Aires

# Cruising Patagonia

10 days

This extraordinary journey combines Argentina's cultural vibrancy with the wild beauty of Patagonia and Tierra del Fuego. Begin in Buenos Aires before flying south to Ushuaia, the world's southernmost city, for historic tours and sweeping Beagle Channel views. Continue to Tierra del Fuego National Park for guided hikes and canoeing amid pristine sub-Antarctic landscapes. Then board the Australis Patagonian Explorer Cruise, sailing remote fjords, glaciers, and Cape Horn before concluding in Punta Arenas, Chile.

### Highlights

Buenos Aires – Ushuaia – Tierra del Fuego National Park – Australis Patagonia Explorer Cruise – Punta Arenas

### Tour Includes

- 9 nights' accommodation (including 4-night Australis cruise)
- Private transfers with English-speaking guides
- Sightseeing as stated
- Australis Cruise – full board including beverages

### Departure Dates

Selected dates, September – April

### Day 1: Buenos Aires

Arrive in Buenos Aires where a private transfer and English-speaking guide will meet you and assist with the check in at your hotel.

### Day 2-3: Buenos Aires

Begin your Buenos Aires stay with a half-day city tour through Palermo, Recoleta, the docklands, and the iconic Colón Theatre, ending the day with a tango show or a lively Milonga. The following day is yours to explore at leisure, with options ranging from museum visits and football stadium tours to a full-day estancia experience complete with horseback riding, homemade empanadas, and an Argentine barbecue hosted by resident gauchos.

### Day 4: Ushuaia

Fly to Ushuaia today, the world's southernmost city and the 'Gateway to Antarctica'. Explore Coastal Avenue and its Beagle Channel views before visiting historic neighbourhoods, the restored Beban House, and the former Presidio, now a museum showcasing the city's prison history and Antarctic maritime heritage.

### Day 5: Terra del Fuego National Park – Australis Cruise

Before boarding your cruise, explore Tierra del Fuego National Park on a guided hike through sub-Antarctic forests and mountains, spotting wildlife before enjoying lunch and canoeing to Lapataia Bay. A private transfer will then take you to the port for your Australis cruise. Set sail after a welcome cocktail and captain's reception.

### Day 6-8: Australis Patagonian Explorer Cruise

This 4-night cruise explores the remote wonders of Patagonia, including Cape Horn and Wulaia Bay, while encountering glaciers, penguins, and pristine wilderness. Zodiac excursions, expert-led explorations, comfortable cabins, and full-board dining with an open bar ensure a seamless blend of adventure, nature, and comfort.

### Day 9: Punta Arenas

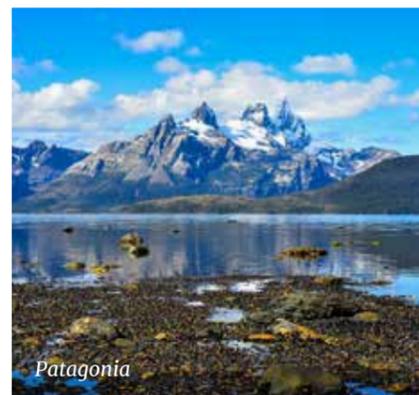
Your cruise comes to an end as you arrive in Punta Arenas, Chile where you will spend the night.

### Day 10: Punta Arenas departure

Return via Santiago for your onward travel and perhaps explore Torres del Paine or more of Chile.



Zodiac Excursion



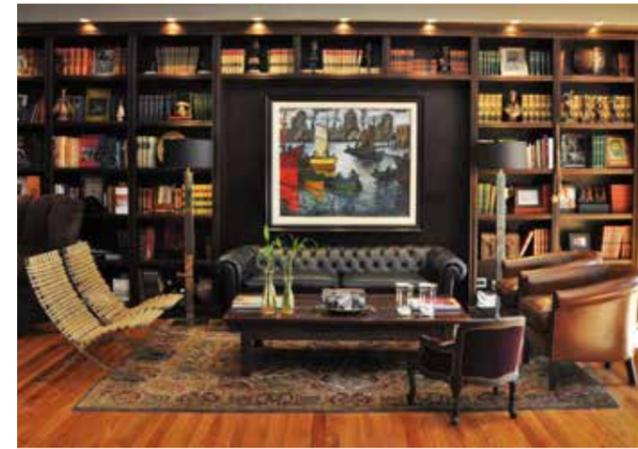
Patagonia



Experience



Ventus Australis



## Legado Mitico

Set in the fashionable, leafy district of Palermo, Legado Mitico is a boutique hotel within easy reach of the city's main attractions. The hotel is a uniquely decorated property in an ivy-covered townhouse, with a strong link to Argentina's heritage. Guest rooms are filled with memorabilia and are themed around celebrated national icons from the country's history, with a blend of classic and contemporary design features. Elegant communal spaces include a lounge with library and patio, perfect for enjoying a drink al fresco, and a rooftop sundeck complete with Jacuzzi.

**Location:** Buenos Aires

Our rating: ★★★★★



## Casa de Uco Vineyards & Wine Resort

Nestled in the foothills of the Andes amongst the vines and panoramic views, Casa de Uco is a property where nature and unforgettable experiences collide. From the exterior's sleek architecture of concrete and glass to the rugged Mendoza landscape, the resort focuses on immersive wine culture with just 19 rooms and villas. The food and beverage offering reflects the unique terroir of this region, with a farm-to-table ideology, many ingredients come directly from neighbouring farms. Aside from tasting the estate's own wines, guests can also indulge in cooking classes, tasting menus under the stars or a wine blending session. There's also horseback riding, archery or trekking, or rejuvenate at the Uco Spa.

**Location:** Mendoza

Our rating: ★★★★★



## La Bandada Estancia

La Bandada is an ideal relaxing break in the Argentinian countryside. The perfect combination of authentic estancia culture and modern comfort, this former ranch features a colonial-style main house set within 250 acres of pastureland and natural beauty, where traditional Gauchos used to roam. The 5 rooms and apartments each feature high brick ceilings and period décor, sympathetically restored by a local artist with a historic charm. Riding activities are included with each stay, where the staff will accommodate each level of experience with the native Criollo horses. Polo lessons and fishing can also be organised, and a large outdoor pool is the perfect place to relax.

**Location:** Pampas Region

Our rating: ★★★★★



## Estancia Cristina

Experience a stay within the natural beauty of the southern corner of the planet at Estancia Cristina. This extraordinary wilderness lodge, on the shores of Lago Argentino is accessible only by a scenic 2-3-hour boat journey past icebergs and glaciers. Despite the isolation, the property has urban levels of comfort, with 20 rooms across 5 cabins, blending modern and the traditional with imposing mountain views. Inclusive full-board dining features regional dishes and fresh produce served in the main lodge. Daily guided excursions take guests to glacier valleys, canyons and horse riding at this off-grid, enchanting corner of Patagonia.

**Location:** Parque Nacional Los Glaciares

Our rating: ★★★★★

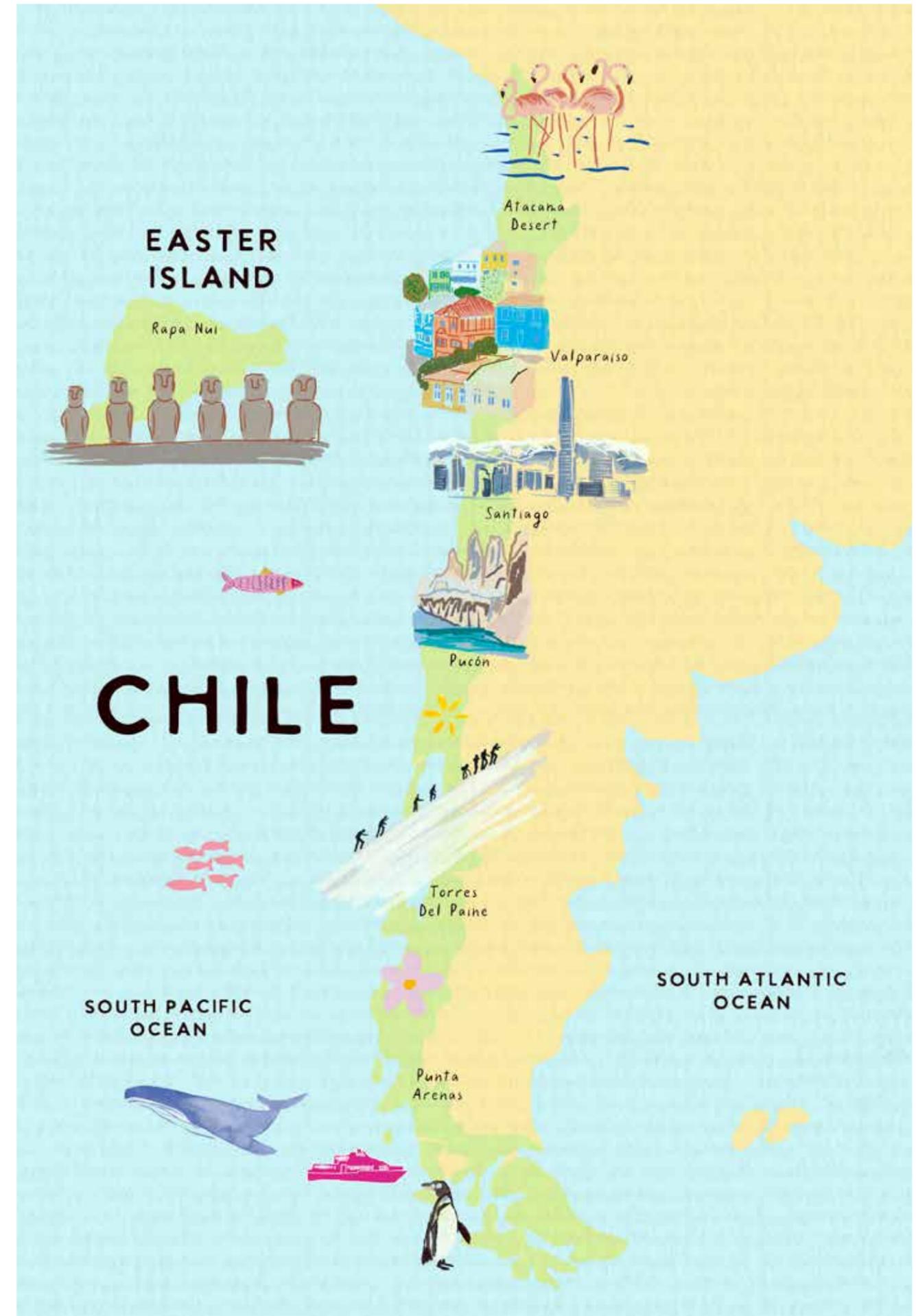
# Chile

## VOLCANOES, FJORDS, LUNAR LANDSCAPES AND DESERT

From the sun-scorched Atacama Desert to the windswept fjords of Patagonia, Chile is a land of dramatic contrasts and breathtaking landscapes. In the north, otherworldly salt flats, steaming geysers, and star-filled skies create a stark, lunar beauty, while the fertile Central Valley is home to vineyards and orchards beneath the towering Andes. The Lake District enchants with glacial lakes, dense forests, and snow-capped volcanoes, while southern Patagonia is wildly grand, with jagged peaks, icy channels, and the remote wilderness of Torres del Paine offering some of the world's most inspiring natural scenery. In Santiago and Valparaíso, vibrant culture meets European charm, with bustling markets, colourful streets, and thriving art scenes reflecting Chile's rich heritage. Across the country, adventure, nature, and culture intertwine.



Atacama Desert



# Chile



## Santiago

The vibrant capital of Chile is where modern culture and historic charm fuse together. The leafy city is where parties, expansive museums and top restaurants are in abundance amongst colonial Spanish squares and skyscrapers, all against the backdrop of the Andes.



## Atacama Desert

Explore the world's driest desert with otherworldly landscapes, salt flats, geysers and star-studded skies. Riddled with oases where the desert comes to life, and home to the planet's tallest volcano, a visit here contains all the ingredients for an epic adventure.



## Valle de la Luna

Named after its lunar-like landscapes, the Valley of the Moon is an unforgettable experience. Wander the valleys of purples, pinks and gold, through geological formations sculpted by wind and time.



## Patagonia and Torres del Paine

Trek through dramatic mountains, glaciers and turquoise lakes in one of the most stunning regions on Earth. Named a Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO, Torres del Paine located at the end of the world is a true natural wonder.



## Chilean Lake District

The perfect area for outdoor adventure and scenic relaxation, the Chilean Lake District is home to glacial lakes, dense forest and snow-capped volcanoes. Less visited than the Atacama Desert and Torres del Paine, experience authenticity and lush vegetation.



## Chilean Gastronomy

Savour the country's culinary delights, from fresh seafood, empanadas, artisanal cheeses and locally cured meats reflecting the diverse landscape. Explore the Central Valley vineyards, a prominent influence on the South American winemaking industry.

# Easter Island

## REMOTE SHORES, LEGENDS CARVED IN STONE AND THE SOUL OF RAPA NUI

This volcanic island in the middle of the Pacific Ocean is the perfect addition to your tailor-made Chilean itinerary. Known locally as 'Rapa Nui', this is a place where ancient legend and dramatic landscapes come together to create a fascinating destination. This remote Chilean territory has long captured the imagination of explorers, geologists and adventure seekers alike. Iconic moai statues, vibrant Polynesian culture and rugged volcanic terrain offer an unforgettable journey into a unique corner of the world.

Beyond the archaeological wonders, Easter Island captivates visitors with natural beauty – golden plains, dramatic cliffs, turquoise waters and serene beaches lie alongside ancient lava fields and hiking routes to panoramic viewpoints. Rapa Nui culture lives on from centuries ago – experience traditional dance and sample local cuisine, shop from artisans whose craft has been passed on through generations as you feel welcomed into tradition.



# Wonders of Chile – Peaks to the Pacific

17 days

Embark on a 17-day journey through Chile's breathtaking contrasts, from the soaring peaks of the Andes to the sun-drenched Pacific coast. Discover the otherworldly landscapes of the Atacama Desert, the wild beauty of Patagonia, and the mystical Moai of Easter Island, all while sampling the country's finest wines and vibrant culture.

## Highlights

Santiago – Atacama Desert – Valparaíso  
Puerto Natales – Torres del Paine  
San Antonio Valley – Easter Island  
Maipo Valley

## Tour Includes

- 16 nights' accommodation
- Daily breakfast, 3 lunches & 3 dinners
- All inclusive stays in both Patagonia and Torres del Paine National Park
- Private transfers and English-speaking guides as specified
- Sightseeing as stated

## Departure Dates

Selected dates, year round

### Day 1: Santiago

Arrive in Santiago and transfer to your hotel for a 2 night stay. The rest of the day is at leisure for you to relax or explore independently.

### Day 2: Santiago

Explore the capital of Chile today on a half day city tour. Start your day at the main avenue Alameda Bernardo O'Higgins, visiting La Moneda, the Government Palace and enjoy a walk through the pedestrianised streets of Huérfanos and Ahumada. You'll see both the modern and historical sights of Santiago, as you visit the main square of Plaza de Armas, surrounded by the Metropolitan Cathedral and other historical buildings. Also included is a visit to Santa Lucia Hill, the mount upon which the Spanish founded Santiago in 1541. Cross the river to the artistic neighbourhood of Bellavista, before enjoying panoramic city views from San Cristóbal Hill. (B)

### Day 3: Atacama Desert – Moon Valley

A private transfer will take you to the airport for your flight to Calama. On arrival, you'll be transferred to the colourful village of San Pedro de Atacama – 2,400 metres above sea level. This afternoon spend time exploring the Moon Valley, with visits to the Great Dune, Tres Marias, the Ampitheatre and Mirador de Cari for breathtaking views of the Andes. End the day back in San Pedro de Atacama. (B)

### Day 4: Altiplanic Lagoons, Piedras Rojas and Chaxa

Depart at dawn for the Chaxa Lagoon – an oasis in the middle of a salt desert to catch a glimpse of the resident flamingos. Next is Piedras Rojas, climbing to an elevation of 3,800 metres followed by a walk to see the copper-coloured rocks, surrounding lagoons and salt flats. Enjoy breakfast here, before heading to the Altiplanic Lagoons. See the surrounding mountain range and the deep blue sky reflected in the lagoons, followed by a visit to the charming town of Socaire for lunch surrounded by spectacular views of the Salar de Atacama. (B,L)

### Day 5: El Tatio

Before dawn, depart San Pedro for the breathtaking El Tatio Geysers – one of the world's highest geothermal fields. Arrive in time to witness their spectacular early morning eruptions and walk among steaming vents and bubbling pools. On your return experience the stunning high Andean landscapes before arriving back in San de Atacama for a relaxing afternoon. (B)

### Day 6: Valparaíso

The morning fly to Santiago, on arrival transfer to Valparaíso for an overnight stay. Explore this colourful city awash with street art and hillside neighbourhoods on a city tour. Considered 'The Jewel of the Pacific' before the opening of the Panama Canal, the upper and lower parts of the city are connected by funiculars which you can explore alongside the brightly painted houses and panoramic views. (B)

### Day 7-8: Patagonia

The next part of your journey begins today with a flight to Patagonia. Spend the next 2 nights at Hotel Remota – a lodge inspired by traditional Patagonian barns, blending seamlessly with the remote landscape, where ancient forests and glaciers have remained intact for millions of years. During your time here, enjoy a choice of full or half day excursions including horse riding, caving, petroglyph treks, photo safaris of Torres del Paine or an authentic visit to a traditional estancia. Perhaps a boat trip on Lago Grey, or simply relax at the lodge's swimming pool, sauna and Jacuzzi. (AI)

### Day 9: Torres del Paine

Today head to Torres del Paine – a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve surrounded by mountains, turquoise lakes, ice fields and diverse wildlife. Check into the Hotel Rio Serrano, set just outside the park with stunning views, for a 3 night stay. (AI)

### Day 10-11: Torres del Paine

During your stay, your all-inclusive programme will enable you to discover more of Patagonia with everything taken care of. Enjoy a selection of carefully crafted expeditions to explore the park's most iconic spots including Base Torres, French Valley, Cuernos Viewpoint and Grey Lake, as well as horse riding and gentle trails. You're given the freedom to explore with an expert team on-hand, where you can set the pace of your discovery. Return to the hotel to sample signature Patagonian cuisine, and spend time at the spa framed by breathtaking landscapes. (AI)

### Day 12: San Antonio Valley

Fly back to Santiago and transfer to the San Antonio Valley. Spend a night in this cool climate wine region famous for pinot noir and sauvignon blanc. (B,D)

### Day 13: Easter Island

Leave the mainland for Easter Island. On arrival, transfer to your hotel for 3 nights to explore this small volcanic island, shrouded in ancient traditions. Watch the sunset over the Pacific this evening, from the ceremonial complex of Ahu Tai. (B)

### Day 14: Easter Island

Today's excursion explores the natural and cultural highlights of Rapa Nui. Follow the dramatic black coastline to sites including Vaihu, the Moai Trail, and the Rano Raraku quarry, home to over 300 statues. After a picnic and a visit to the iconic Ahu Tongariki with its 15 restored moai, relax on the white sands of Anekena Beach with time to swim or explore nearby Ahus. (B,L)

### Day 15: Easter Island

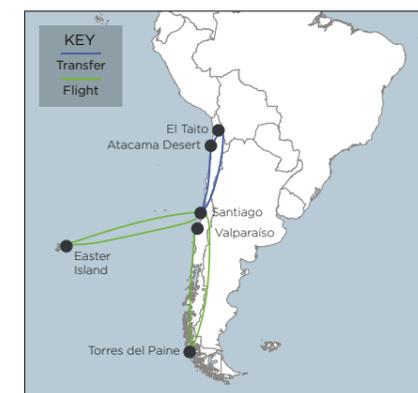
Today offers a choice of excursions. Visit lava caves at the base of Maunga Terevaka, or journey to the extinct volcano Rano Kau for panoramic views, followed by the ceremonial village of Orongo and the history of the birdman cult. This evening, enjoy a folkloric dinner and Polynesian dance show (Mondays and Saturdays only). (B,D)

### Day 16: Maipo Valley

Arrive back in Santiago and transfer to the Maipo Valley, known as the 'Bordeaux of South America'. (B,L,D)

### Day 17: Santiago departure

Transfer to Santiago in time for your departing flight. (B)





## Magic of Atacama

4 days

Discover the otherworldly beauty of Chile's Atacama Desert, where dramatic landscapes and ancient geology take centre stage. From the sculpted salt formations of the Moon Valley to flamingo-filled lagoons and the steaming geysers of El Tatio, each day reveals a new natural wonder.

### Day 1: Calama – San Pedro – Moon Valley

After arriving in Calama, you will be transferred to the town of San Pedro de Atacama for your 3-night stay. Later, spend a spectacular evening exploring the Moon Valley. Head to the salt mountain range, stopping at the Great Dune for a panoramic view, and the Tres Marias viewpoint, a geological formation that looks like statues of salt. On the return journey, enjoy a short walk next to the Amphitheatre before visiting the Mirador de Cari, 2,500 metres above sea level. This viewpoint is one of the most famous postcards of San Pedro de Atacama, with views across the Andes. Spend the evening at your hotel.

### Day 2: Altiplanic Lagoons – Piedras Rojas – Chaxa

Before dawn breaks, leave from your hotel to head to Salar de Atacama and the Chaxa Lagoon, an oasis in the middle of the salt desert with a rich ecosystem of flamingos and other birdlife.

From here, your tour then takes you to Piedras Rojas, ascending 3,800 metres by vehicle followed by a 1-hour round-trip walk to see the copper-coloured rocks and surrounding lagoons and salt flats. Here you'll enjoy breakfast and take in the majestic landscapes surrounding the Altiplanic Lagoons. Visit the charming town of Socaire for lunch, and the town of Tacanao built from volcanic rock before returning to San Pedro. (B,L)

### Day 3: El Tatio

Leave early this morning and head north to the El Tatio Geysers – the highest geothermal field in the world. Take a walk to see the geysers in their majesty and enjoy the beauty of the landscape on your return journey with stops to observe vicuñas and birds. Return to San Pedro de Atacama for an afternoon at leisure. (B)

### Day 4: San Pedro – Calama departure

After breakfast, a transfer will take you back to the airport ahead of your departing flight. (B)



#### Package Includes

- 3 nights' accommodation
- Transfers and sightseeing as specified with English speaking guide
- Entrance Fees
- 3 breakfasts & 1 lunch

#### Departure Dates

Selected dates, year round



## Discover the Lakes

4 days

Explore the breathtaking beauty of Chile's Lake District on this short but immersive journey, where shimmering lakes, snow-capped volcanoes and charming lakeside towns set the scene. Cruise across Todos Los Santos, explore Chilean heritage buildings and local traditions all set against the backdrop of the Andes.

### Day 1: Puerto Montt – Puerto Varas

On arrival at Puerto Montt airport, you will be transferred to Puerto Varas, known as the 'City of Roses', located on the shores of Chile's largest lake Llanquihue. Spend the rest of the day strolling along the lakeshore to enjoy views of the Osorno and Calbuco volcanoes and the beautiful beach.

### Day 2: Peulla

Drive along the lakeshore passing the beaches and the town of Ensenada before reaching Petrohué, located in the National Park Vicente Pérez Rosales. At Petrohué, board a catamaran to sail across the beautiful Todos Los Santos Lake to the town of Peulla, located in the centre of the Andes on the Argentinian border. On arrival there is time for lunch and to explore the town, before returning to Puerto Varas. (B)

### Day 3: Chiloé Island

Depart for Pargua today and cross the Chacao Channel by ferry to reach the island of Chiloé which was once a point of interest for seafarers and pirates alike. Visit the town of Chacao, famous for its square and the church of San Antonio. Continue to Dalcahue to visit the town's waterfront and where you can browse at the local market featuring a range of arts and crafts and see the wooden church which is one of 16 cathedrals declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Castro is the final stop on the island, and the capital, famous for its still houses built above the water's edge. Return to Puerto Varas this evening. (B) *\*If departing from November – March, there is the option to visit the penguin colonies from the island on day 3, please ask for further details.*

### Day 4: Puerto Varas – Puerto Montt

After breakfast depart for Puerto Montt and a brief city tour, including the lively fish market of Angelmó. Afterwards return to the airport for your onward flight. (B)



#### Package Includes

- 3 nights' accommodation
- Private transfers and sightseeing as specified with English speaking guide
- 3 breakfasts

#### Departure Dates

Selected dates, year round



## La Reve Boutique Hotel

Featuring elegant French-manor style architecture on the tranquil, tree-lined avenues of the Providencia neighbourhood, La Reve Boutique hotel is a charming property and designated Chilean national monument. Interiors are reminiscent of a small Parisian hotel. 31 rooms are decorated in a classic, upscale manner, some rooms offer private terraces or balconies overlooking the interior garden or surrounding streets. A breakfast buffet is served each morning in the garden during summer, and there is also an honesty bar where guests can mix their own cocktail or enjoy snacks throughout the day. Tours, transportation and golf can also be arranged through the hotel.

Location: Santiago

Our rating: ★★★★★



## Petrohue Lodge

This lodge is located in the middle of the national park, on the shores of the emerald waters of Lake Todos los Santos with views of the Osorno volcano. The lodge offers both rooms and private cabins with unparalleled views of the surroundings. Guests will be able to enjoy the best Patagonian salmon and local produce accompanied by Chilean wines, after exploring the landscapes on any of the on-site expeditions including trekking, kayaking, rafting and fly fishing. Relax within cosy wood panelled rooms and by the crackling log fire in Chile's oldest national park.

Location: Vicente Pérez Rosales National Park

Our rating: ★★★★★



## Rio Serrano Hotel & Spa

Nestled beside the Serrano River and just steps from the southern entrance of Torres del Paine National Park, this family-run retreat offers luxury in Patagonia. Refined guest rooms feature modern comfort with regional wood and leather décor, with many enjoying panoramic views of the Paine Massif. The hotel has two spaces to enjoy local cuisine: 'qawasqar' and 'Bar De Agostini'. Both are inspired by the nature of Patagonia and offer a unique dining experience. With a partnership through The Massif, guests can access guided excursions – hiking, horse riding and boat trips. Packages are available that include breakfast, or all-inclusive.

Location: Torres de Paine, Patagonia

Our rating: ★★★★★



## La Casa de Don Tomás

In the heart of San Pedro de Atacama, La Casa de Don Tomás blends rustic charm and modern comfort in one of the world's most captivating deserts. This boutique property offers spacious ensuite rooms with modern comforts. Unwind in the landscaped garden, or by the outdoor pool or terrace bar, after you have explored nearby attractions such as Pukará de Quitor and Moon Valley. With a superb location just minutes from the town centre, tour desk for excursions and optional airport shuttle, this desert retreat offers the perfect place and warm welcome to explorers.

Location: San Pedro de Atacama

Our rating: ★★★★★

# Uruguay

## TIMELESS CHARM, GOLDEN SHORES AND THE GENTLE HEARTBEAT OF GAUCHO COUNTRY

Small but full of charm, Uruguay is South America's best-kept secret. In Montevideo, laid-back sophistication meets beachy ease, while just up the coast, glamorous Punta del Este draws jet-setters and surfers alike. Inland, rolling hills hide estancias where gaucho traditions live on and visitors can saddle up or simply unwind under big skies.



### Montevideo

Uruguay's capital blends old-world elegance with a relaxed, modern spirit. Explore the historic Ciudad Vieja's galleries, cafés, and lively plazas, then join locals along the Rambla to cycle, sip mate, and enjoy golden sunsets over the Río de la Plata. Vibrant markets offer traditional asado and handcrafted treasures.



### Rural Estancia Stays

Uruguay's rural heart is best experienced at an estancia - working ranches where traditional hospitality meets relaxed countryside charm. These family-run properties offer a glimpse into local life, with home-cooked meals, horseback rides, and wide, open skies.



### Carmelo Wine Country

Nestled along the Río de la Plata, Carmelo is Uruguay's most intimate wine region, known for its small, family-run vineyards and relaxed charm. Visitors can sample Tannat wines under shady pergolas, tour boutique cellars, and cycle between wineries on quiet country roads.



### Uruguay's Beaches

Uruguay's coastline stretches for hundreds of kilometres, dotted with relaxed beach towns and sweeping Atlantic shores. From the golden sands of Punta del Este to the bohemian charm of José Ignacio and the quiet dunes of Cabo Polonio, each spot has its own rhythm.



### Colonia del Sacramento

A short ferry ride from Buenos Aires, Colonia del Sacramento offers cobbled streets, leafy plazas, and a laid-back rhythm. Its historic quarter, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is a mix of Spanish and Portuguese colonial architecture, with cafés tucked into old stone buildings and views stretching over the river.



### Cabo Polonio National Park

A remote and enchanting coastal reserve, Cabo Polonio is famous for its towering sand dunes, rustic village charm, and colonies of sea lions. With no roads leading directly into the park, visitors experience a peaceful, off-the-grid escape amid stunning natural beauty.



# Highlights of Uruguay

## 15 days

Discover Uruguay's rich tapestry of colonial charm, vineyard-draped countryside, and stylish coastal towns. From Colonia's historic streets to Carmelo's boutique wineries, Montevideo's cultural pulse, and José Ignacio's barefoot luxury, this journey blends heritage, gastronomy, and nature. It culminates in serene moments beneath starry skies and heartfelt encounters with passionate local hosts.

### Highlights

Colonia del Sacramento – Carmelo  
Rio Negro – Montevideo – Pueblo Edén  
José Ignacio

### Tour Includes

- 14 nights' accommodation
- Daily breakfast, 5 lunches & 2 dinners
- Full board at Estancia la Bendición
- Private transfers as specified
- Sightseeing as stated

### Departure Dates

Daily, Year Round

### Day 1: Colonia del Sacramento

Arrive in Colonia and explore its UNESCO-listed Old Town on a private walking tour. Discover cobble streets, historic landmarks, and the iconic Calle de los Suspiros. Enjoy a traditional mate tasting and immerse yourself in the rich cultural heritage of this charming colonial town that was once disputed for years by the crowns of Spain and Portugal.

### Day 2: Colonia del Sacramento

Visit El Quinton Winery for wine and olive oil tasting, followed by a tour of La Vigna Cheese Farm. Meet local producers and sample organic cheeses crafted with care. An optional cheese lunch at La Vigna offers a delicious way to round out the experience. (B)

### Day 3: Carmelo

Travel to Carmelo for a full-day winery tour. Visit the family-run El Legado and historic Bodega Cordano, tasting premium wines paired with regional delicacies. Enjoy a homemade lunch in a relaxed countryside setting, rich in winemaking tradition. (B,L)

### Day 4: Carmelo

Enjoy a leisurely morning before heading to Puerto Camacho. Board a classic boat for a sunset cruise through the Parano Delta, where the Río de la Plata meets the Río Uruguay. Toast to golden skies and local legends as the day fades into twilight. (B)

### Day 5-6: Rio Negro

Journey to Estancia La Bendición, a 1,600-hectare ranch offering authentic rural charm. Discover farm-to-table cuisine, horseback rides, fly fishing, and tranquil hammocks by the Río Negro. Embrace country life with riverside picnics, organic produce, and evenings around the fire under star-filled skies. (FB)

### Day 7: Montevideo

Travel to Montevideo and explore the historic Old City. Visit Independence Square, Palacio Salvo, and the lively Port Market. Choose from top museums, including MAPI and Torres García. Enjoy lunch in a local grillhouse before settling into your hotel in the capital. (B,L)

### Day 8: Montevideo

Tour Montevideo's modern neighbourhoods, leafy boulevards, and historic monuments. Visit Lobo Nuñez's drum studio to learn about Afro-Uruguayan culture and gain insight into the first signs of Carnival in Uruguay. Late afternoon enjoy an experience where you'll get to meet the winemaker behind Los Nadies, a boutique winery. Spend time with owner and wine lover Manuel Figueria, before enjoying tastings and dinner with his family. (B,D)

### Day 9: Pueblo Edén

En route to Sacromonte, stop at Olivos de las Ánimas. Learn about olive oil production and taste award-winning oils in a stunning natural setting. Enjoy a farm lunch and spot native wildlife before continuing to your vineyard accommodation. (B,L)

### Day 10: Pueblo Edén

Explore the peaceful village of Pueblo Edén and hike scenic trails through native forests, grazing lands, and streams. End at Viña Edén winery for a gourmet lunch and sweeping vineyard views. Overnight at Sacromonte. (B)

### Day 11: José Ignacio

Take a panoramic tour of Punta del Este, stopping at the MACA Museum of Contemporary Art Museum, La Barra, and the whimsical Casapueblo. Visit the Atchugarry Foundation before continuing to José Ignacio. Explore Uruguay's most sophisticated coastal retreat. Relax and soak in the stylish seaside vibe. (B)

### Day 12: José Ignacio

Enjoy a beachfront lunch at the renowned La Huella. At sunset, saddle up for a scenic horse riding ride to the lagoon, followed by an open-air asado under the stars. Toast to the evening with wine and stories by the fire. (B,L,D)

### Day 13: José Ignacio

Bike from Garzón's old pulpería through town to a hillside winery with breathtaking views. Taste elegant wines or join a hands-on cooking class at Francis Mallmann's famed El Garzón. Savour the fruits of your labour before returning to José Ignacio. (B,L)

### Day 14: José Ignacio

Pedal through José Ignacio to Laguna Garzón, past countryside estancias and coastal landscapes. Kayak into a bird-rich lagoon teeming with flamingos and herons. After a morning of activity enjoy a traditional picnic lunch in a rustic barn. There is the option to cycle or take a transfer back to your accommodation. (B,L)

### Day 15: Departure

Transfer from José Ignacio to Montevideo airport for your onward flight. Bid farewell to Uruguay's elegant coast, rolling countryside, and rich cultural traditions. (B)



# Coastal Rhythms and Culture

## 8 days

This enriching journey through Uruguay blends the historic charm of Montevideo with the laid-back elegance of José Ignacio and the rustic allure of Garzón. From cultural encounters and museum visits to horseback rides, surfing, wine tasting, and countryside adventures, this itinerary offers a rich mix of heritage, nature, and coastal sophistication.

### Highlights

Montevideo – José Ignacio  
Punta del Este – Laguna Garzón – Garzón

### Tour Includes

- 7 nights' accommodation
- Daily breakfasts & 4 lunches
- Sightseeing as stated

### Departure Dates

Daily, Year Round

### Day 1: Montevideo

Upon arrival, meet your guide for a walking tour of Montevideo's charming Old City. Visit Independence Square, Palacio Salvo, the Cathedral, and the lively Port Market for a classic asado lunch. Enjoy museum visits and an exclusive encounter with Afro-Uruguayan drum legend Lobo Núñez. (L)

### Day 2: Montevideo

Explore Montevideo's elegant neighbourhoods, grand monuments, and leafy boulevards. See the Palacio Legislativo and Estadio Centenario before heading to Carrasco's seaside charm. This evening, visit winemaker Manuel Filgueira's winery for an intimate tasting and dinner. Learn the artistry behind his boutique label in a warm, personal setting. (B,D)

### Day 3: José Ignacio

Travel to José Ignacio, stopping at a traditional family-run estancia. Walk scenic hills, enjoy a classic Uruguayan barbecue, and experience a heartfelt musical performance. Sample homemade pastries and learn about country life, before arriving at your coastal hotel for a relaxing evening by the sea. (B,L)

### Day 4: Punta del Este

Start the day with a surf lesson on José Ignacio's Brava Beach. This afternoon, visit Punta del Este, including La Barra and Casapueblo. Explore the MACA and Atchugarry Foundation. (B)

### Day 5: José Ignacio

Bike through José Ignacio and past estancias to Laguna Garzón. Stop at a scenic lookout and circular bridge before kayaking the bird-rich lagoon. After paddling, enjoy a rustic picnic at a countryside barn. Return by bike or optional transfer for a peaceful afternoon. (B,L)

### Day 6: José Ignacio

Return to Brava Beach for another energising surf session. This afternoon, ride horseback through pine forests, past local wildlife and across windswept dunes to Laguna Garzón's shores. Revel in Uruguay's most cinematic landscapes as you ride beside the crashing Atlantic. (B)

### Day 7: Garzón

Venture to the picturesque village of Garzón, often called the "Uruguayan Tuscany". Visit its quiet square and train station before enjoying an exclusive tour, tasting, and gourmet lunch at the renowned Garzón Winery, surrounded by hillside vineyards and sweeping views. (B,L)

### Day 8: Montevideo departure

After breakfast, transfer to the airport or port for your onward journey. (B)



## Hotel Montevideo

A stylish urban retreat in the heart of the lively Pocitos neighbourhood of Montevideo, this hotel blends sophisticated design with modern comfort and a vibrant social scene. As a Leading Hotel of the World, it offers beautifully curated rooms and suites with floor-to-ceiling windows and private balconies overlooking the city skyline. Guests can enjoy all-day dining at the chic Polo Bamba bistro, sunset cocktails at the Skybar, and an outdoor heated pool with panoramic views. With attentive service, a fitness centre, concierge support, and easy access to beaches and local attractions, it's the perfect base for exploring Uruguay's cosmopolitan capital.

Location: Montevideo

Our rating: ★★★★★



## Luz Culinary Wine Lodge

Luz Culinary Wine Lodge is a serene and sophisticated boutique retreat set amid vineyards, olive groves, pine forests and gentle lagoons, just minutes from the chic coastal village of José Ignacio. Designed with warm, Moroccan-inspired interiors and 8 unique suites, this intimate lodge offers personalised service, luxurious comfort and a deep connection to nature. Gastronomy lies at its heart, with seasonal, locally sourced cuisine and creative wine and cocktail pairings that elevate every meal. Guests can unwind by the saltwater infinity pool, enjoy outdoor activities, or simply savour the tranquil countryside setting for an unforgettable Uruguayan escape.

Location: José Ignacio

Our rating: ★★★★★



## Narbona Wine Lodge

Narbona Wine Lodge is an enchanting boutique property nestled amid rolling vineyards near Carmelo. It blends historic charm with refined luxury in just 5 uniquely styled suites, offering vineyard or winery views and private terraces. Set on one of Uruguay's oldest estates, the lodge invites you to savour artisanal wine tastings, guided cellar tours, and farm-to-table cuisine featuring house-made cheeses and local produce. Relax by the outdoor pool, wander through lush grapevines, or enjoy gourmet picnics in peaceful countryside surroundings.

Location: Carmelo

Our rating: ★★★★★



## Posada Plaza Mayor

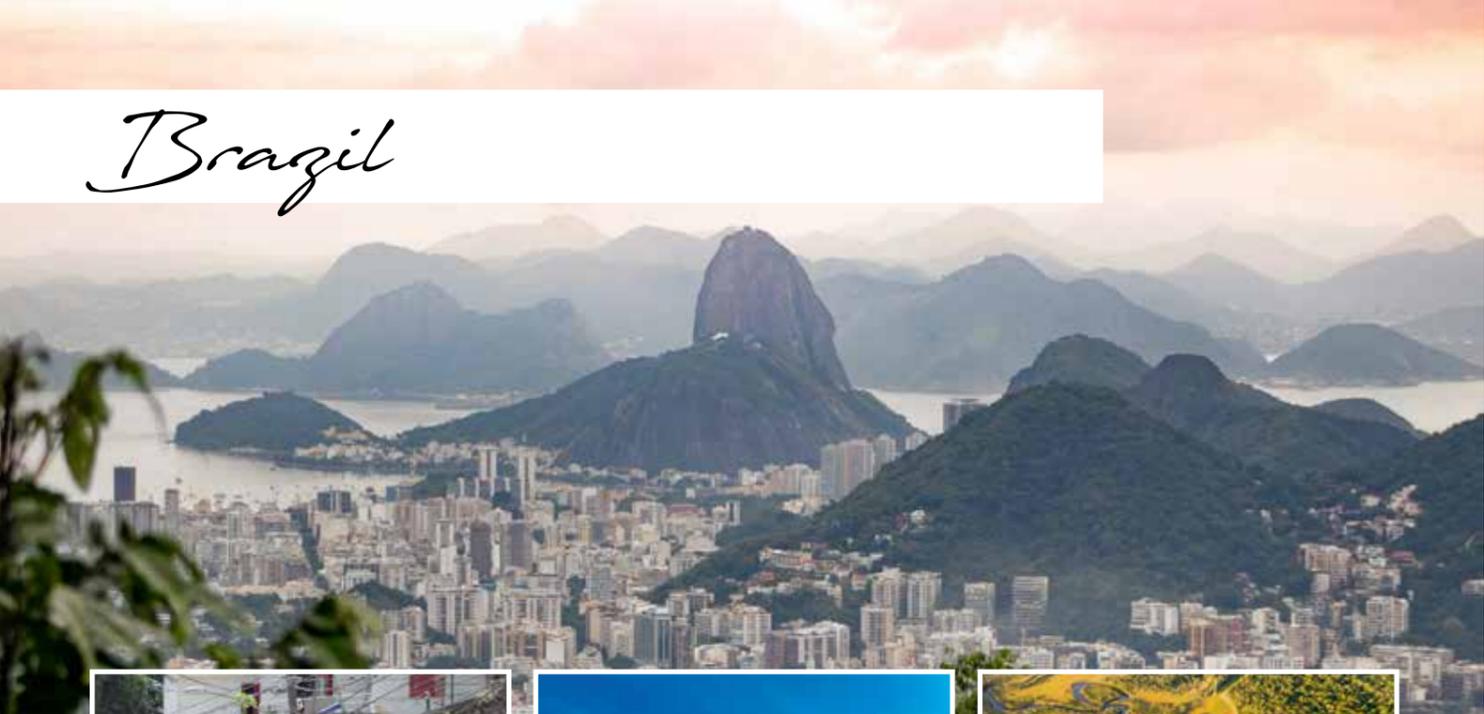
Situated in the heart of Colonia del Sacramento's UNESCO-listed historic quarter, just steps from cobblestone streets, riverfront views, and iconic landmarks, is Posada Plaza Mayor. Housed in a beautifully restored 18th-century Portuguese ranch and villa, the property blends colonial character with modern comforts. There are elegant rooms and peaceful courtyard gardens for guests to enjoy, and breakfast is served with views over the Rio de la Plata. With its serene atmosphere, rich heritage, and unbeatable location, Posada Plaza Mayor offers an inviting and memorable base from which to explore this enchanting Uruguayan gem.

Location: Colonia del Sacramento

Our rating: ★★★★★



# Brazil



## Contrasts of Brazil

10 days

This Brazilian adventure begins at the awe-inspiring Iguacu Falls, which lie between Brazil and Argentina, and where the thunder of the cascades sit against a backdrop of verdant rainforest. From here it's on to Rio de Janeiro, a city that dances to its own samba rhythm. Explore sun-kissed beaches, iconic landmarks and see why the city holds not one, but two UNESCO accolades. Salvador, the first capital of Brazil is the fitting finale, a thriving centre for Afro-Brazilian life, and considered the birthplace of Brazilian culture.

### Highlights

Iguacu Falls - Rio de Janeiro  
 Sugar Loaf Mountain  
 Christ the Redeemer - Salvador

### Tour Includes

- 9 nights accommodation
- Daily breakfast
- Sightseeing as stated and entrance fees
- Private transfers throughout

### Departure Dates

Daily, year round

### Day 1: Iguacu Falls

Transfer to your hotel on arrival with the remainder of the day at leisure.

### Day 2: Iguacu Falls

Explore Iguassu National Park's lush rainforest, sweeping canyon views, and thundering waterfalls, with trail and glass-elevator. Enjoy a Jungle Jeep ride to Macuco Falls, and an exhilarating upriver boat trip to Devil's Throat. (B)

### Day 3: Iguacu Falls

Explore the Argentinian side of the falls. Cross the Tancredo Neves Bridge before boarding a small train for a tour of the park, and see a spectacular view of the 'Cataratas'. (B)

### Day 4: Rio de Janeiro

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Rio de Janeiro, the vibrant "Marvellous City". With your guide, ride the cable cars to Urca Hill and Sugar Loaf Mountain for unforgettable panoramic views of Botafogo and Copacabana beaches, Corcovado, and downtown Rio. (B)

### Day 5: Rio de Janeiro

Visit Christ the Redeemer atop Corcovado Mountain by scenic train for sweeping city views. Enjoy lunch at a barbecue restaurant, then head to Samba City to learn about Carnival and try on vibrant costumes. (B,L)

### Day 6: Rio de Janeiro

Today is at leisure or additional touring can be arranged. (B)

### Day 7: Salvador

Fly to Salvador today, on arrival you will be transferred to your hotel. (B)

### Day 8: Salvador

Discover Salvador's rich heritage, from its scenic bay to the UNESCO-listed Pelourinho. Walk from Municipal Square through colourful streets lined with colonial architecture, visiting the ornate São Francisco Church and the vibrant Largo do Pelourinho. Continue exploring the tranquil lower city on the Itapagipe Peninsula, observing local life beneath Bonfim Church. Enjoy panoramic views from Monserrat, your day finishes at the lively Mercado. (B,L)

### Day 10: Departure

A private transfer will take you to the airport for your departing flight. (B)



### Rio de Janeiro

One of the world's most beautiful cities, surrounded by mountains, rainforest and ocean. The towering Christ the Redeemer statue offers panoramic views and is one of Brazil's most famous landmarks. Soak in the vibrant, lively culture celebrated through samba, and stroll the world-renowned beaches of Ipanema and Copacabana.

### Iguacu Falls

Made up of hundreds of powerful waterfalls stretching nearly 3 kilometres across, the sight and sound of the water crashing through the rainforest make this one of the world's most impressive natural wonders. On the Brazilian side of the falls, take in breathtaking views and trails leading to the powerful 'Devil's Throat'.

### The Amazon Rainforest

Covering a vast area of northern Brazil and home to millions of plant and animal species, visitors to the Amazon can explore winding rivers, dense jungle and learn about the indigenous communities that have lived here for centuries. Embark on a river cruise to slow down and connect with the world's largest rainforest, for a unique ecological insight.



### Carnival Festival

Brazil's Carnival is a huge celebration that takes place annually between February and March. Filled with samba music, dancing and brightly coloured costumes, cities come alive with parades and street parties that showcase the country's joyful spirit and creativity.

### Brazilian Beaches

With some of the longest and most varied coastlines in the world, Brazil's beaches offer the perfect setting for surfing, swimming and relaxing. From lively city beaches to quieter tropical shores, there is a beach for every type of traveller to enjoy.

### The Pantanal Wetlands

The Pantanal is the world's largest tropical wetland and one of the best places to spot wildlife in South America. This UNESCO World Heritage site offers unparalleled access to an incredible concentration of wildlife, including jaguars, caimans, capybaras and hundreds of bird species in this wide open landscape.





## Brazil Itinerary Extensions

We have shared just a glimpse of Brazil, immerse yourself even further within this diverse country. Here are a few personal recommendations of extensions, which are easy to add on to your itinerary, perfect for crafting a trip that feels uniquely yours.

Picture yourself drifting along the mighty Amazon from Manaus, where the rainforest hums with life and every bend in the river reveals something new. Or maybe you'll escape to the slow, sun-drenched rhythm of Ilha Grande, where jungle trails lead to secluded coves and the ocean slips between emerald and sapphire.

Further up the coast, Praia do Forte invites you to unwind beside calm, reef-protected shores, with laid-back beach days, sea turtle sanctuaries, and breezy seaside charm. Visitors drawn to culture and character, Paraty offers a dreamy blend of colonial streets, hidden beaches, and forest-covered mountains, perfect for wandering, kayaking, or simply soaking up the magic of a town where time moves just a little more gently.



### Manaus, 4 days

#### Day 1: Manaus

On arrival in Manaus, transfer to the Amazon Ecopark Jungle Lodge. Enjoy a lodge activity before dinner this evening. (D)

#### Day 2-3: Amazon Ecopark Jungle Lodge

The lodge offers a daily menu of activities for guests to enjoy over the next few days. These include a nature hike to discover the incredible biodiversity of the forest. Join a tour of the Monkey Forest, which was created in 1991 to facilitate the rehabilitation and reintroduction of wild animals into their native habitat.

Other options include a visit to the Caboclos House, to learn about the traditions and customs of the native Amazonians, a fishing tour, and a nocturnal canoe tour, by paddle or motorised canoes to spot the creatures that bring the jungle to life as darkness falls. (B,L,D)

#### Day 4: Manaus

Your time in the Amazon comes to an end, return to Manaus for your onward connections. (B)



### Ilha Grande, 4 days

#### Day 1: Ilha Grande

A shared transfer will pick you up from your hotel in Rio for the drive to the pier and water transfer by ferry or speed boat to Abraão Village. On arrival it's a short walk to the pousada of your choice.

#### Day 2: Ilha Grande

There are 2 options for exploration today. The first is a tour to Lopes Mendes, a beautiful beach on Praia do Pouso, spend up to 3 hours snorkeling and swimming on this stunning beach. The second option is a full day boat tour which takes in the crystal clear waters of Angra Bay. Visit the Blue and Green Lagoons, and enjoy plenty of time to swim and snorkel to see the colourful underwater marine life.



A lunch stop (not included) is made at Maguariquessaba Beach, followed by further stops at Praia do Amor and Praia da Feiticeira. *Please note both options are not accompanied by a tour guide.*

#### Day 3: Ilha Grande

Today is at leisure to relax and enjoy the largest island in the bay of Angra dos Reis. Only accessible by boat, Ilha Grande retains a charming fishing village atmosphere and if you venture inland from the marine-rich waters you will find hiking trails that lead to creeks, rivers and waterfalls and the Village of Abraham.

#### Day 4: Rio de Janeiro

Retrace your steps by water and road transfer back to Rio de Janeiro.



### Praia do Forte, 4 days

#### Day 1: Praia do Forte

A transfer will collect you from your hotel in Salvador for the 1 hour journey to Praia do Forte.

#### Day 2-3: Praia do Forte

Praia do Forte feels like one of Brazil's best-kept seaside secrets, a protected stretch of coast with mile after mile of quiet, powder-soft beaches shaded by swaying coconut palms. Sitting beside Atlantic Rainforest reserves, the area is rich in wildlife, this is where sea turtles nest on sheltered sands, coral reefs create natural pools perfect for gentle swimming, and, in season, humpback whales can be spotted just offshore.



The village itself has an easy, laid-back charm. Car-free lanes are lined with stylish boutiques, craft shops and relaxed bars and restaurants. It's also home to the Tamar Project, Brazil's leading sea-turtle conservation programme, which has been based here since the 1980s and offers an insightful look at the region's vital preservation work. Nearby, the atmospheric ruins of the medieval-style Garcia D'Ávila Castle add a touch of history and sweeping coastal views.

#### Day 4: Salvador

Return to Salvador for your onward connection.



### Paraty, 4 days

#### Day 1: Paraty

A transfer will collect you from your Rio de Janeiro hotel for the journey to Paraty. Shared and private transfers are available.

#### Day 2: Paraty

There is time to relax today, however a guided, historical walking tour is also included. The historic centre of Paraty is a stunning UNESCO World Heritage Site, and your guide will take you back in time to the Portuguese discovery of Brazil. Learn how the town grew rich through sugar, gold and coffee.

#### Day 3: Paraty

Originally settled by the Portuguese in the 1660s, Paraty is blessed with original architecture and a culture which appears virtually unchanged. The car-free cobble-lined streets are flanked by intricate churches, whitewashed buildings, and charming restaurants. Paraty is tucked between rainforest-clad mountains and a calm bay, dotted with islands and bay cruises are a popular way to explore.

#### Day 4: Rio de Janeiro

Your transfer will return you to Rio de Janeiro, for your onward flight.



# Amazon River Cruise

5 days

Spend 5 days navigating the Rio Negro, aboard the Zaltana Riverboat. With just 10 elegant suites, exceptional dining, expert-led touring and immersive cultural experiences, this is a truly memorable Amazon river cruise. As you cruise, encounter the breathtaking Meeting of Waters, keeping your eyes peeled for river dolphins. Explore the Cuieiras River, the Anavilhanas Archipelago and the Jau National Park, home to pink river dolphins, macaws, sloths and the famed Manakin bird, with its violin-like song.

## Highlights

Rio Negro - Meeting of Waters  
Anavilhanas Archipelago - Jau National Park - Tumbira Lake - Acajutuba Lake

## Tour Includes

- Hotel to Manaus transfers
- 4 nights aboard the Zaltana Riverboat in a suite with a private bathroom
- All meals
- Naturalist Guides
- Sightseeing as stated
- Airport transfer

## Departure Dates

May – August

## Day 1: Manaus

Meet your host in Manaus and transfer to the Zaltana Riverboat. Take in the views from the top deck as you cruise towards the natural phenomenon that is the Meeting of Waters. Visit the Museu do Seringal Vila Paraiso, an open air museum that gives a glimpse into the Amazon's rubber boom. The day ends with a cultural visit to a local indigenous community for an insight into their traditions, crafts and way of life.

## Day 2-4: Upstream – Cuieiras River, Anavilhanas and Jau National Park

The next 3 days are spent sailing upstream. Navigate the Cuieiras River and the Anavilhanas Archipelago. Embark on guided jungle walks to explore the Amazonian flora and fauna. Wildlife spotting excursions can be enjoyed by canoe and speedboat and this is where there is opportunity to spot the famous Manakin bird in the Jau National Park. For night owls the guided nocturnal excursions add another layer to the Amazonian highlights. At Tumbira Lake time is spent at a riverine village where you can connect with the local community and learn about their sustainable way of life. Each day ends onboard with a delicious Amazonian-inspired dinner.

## Day 5: Acajutuba Lake – Manaus

As you head back downstream, explore Acajutuba Lake, a scenic place and a photography-lovers dream of breathtaking landscapes and unique wildlife. Lunch is served onboard as you return to Manaus. After disembarking a transfer will take you to the airport for your onward connection.



Sunset Views



Iguana



Zaltana River Boat



Zaltana River Boat

# Pantanal River Cruise

6 days

This immersive cruise offers an intimate journey through the wild heart of the Grand Pantanal. Aboard a comfortable 7-cabin vessel, explore the Paraguay and Cuiabá rivers and the remote Amolar Mountains. Discover diverse ecosystems and reserves, home to jaguars, giant otters, caimans, Victoria Regia lilies, and extraordinary birdlife across South America's most vibrant wetland.

## Highlights

Meeting of Waters - Negrinho River  
Paraguay River - Corumbá

## Tour Includes

- Transfers Cuiabá airport (or hotel) / Porto Jofre and Corumbá / Campo Grande airport (or hotel)
- 5 nights in an ensuite cabin
- All meals
- Naturalist guides
- Daily speedboat departures in search of wildlife

## Departure Dates

June – September

## Day 1: Cuiabá - Porto Jofre

Arrive in Cuiabá and transfer by road to Porto Jofre, passing through Poconé and along the wildlife-rich Transpantaneira Park Road. Stop for lunch en route before boarding your riverboat. Settle in, enjoy dinner onboard, and begin your journey into the heart of the Pantanal.

## Day 2: Meeting of the Waters State Park

Begin with breakfast, then head out on a river safari through the Meeting of the Waters State Park, prime jaguar territory. Spot capybaras, caimans, giant otters, and a variety of birds. Return for lunch, enjoy a sunset safari this afternoon, and relax over dinner this evening as you reflect on the day.

## Day 3: Amolar

After breakfast, cruise through jaguar-rich waterways before sailing toward the Amolar mountain range. Enjoy lunch onboard, then set off to explore the Negrinho River by boat. Return for dinner and relax overnight as you continue your journey downstream under the vast Pantanal night sky.

## Day 4: Acurizal - Pantanal National Park

Disembark at Acurizal Ranch for a guided nature walk in search of the endemic Titi Monkey. After lunch, explore near Pantanal National Park, observing its rich wildlife and birdlife. Return at sunset for dinner onboard.

## Day 5: Amolar - Paraguai Mirim

Cruise through the biodiverse Amolar region, followed by lunch. This afternoon, enjoy a final river safari with a chance to swim or snorkel in the crystal-clear waters of Paraguai Mirim. Return for a farewell dinner as your riverboat sails overnight toward Corumbá.

## Day 6: Corumbá - Campo Grande

After breakfast, disembark in Corumbá. There is time for a short historical visit, including the Museu do Homem Pantaneiro before transferring by road to Campo Grande, stopping for lunch en route. Arrive in time for an evening flight, concluding your unforgettable journey through the wild heart of the Pantanal.



Akaia boat hotel



Akaia boat hotel



Jaguar



Jaguar Watching

## Fairmont Rio de Janeiro Copacabana

Located on the shores of iconic Copacabana Beach, the Fairmont Rio exudes 1950s glamour infused with modern luxury. Its 375 elegantly designed rooms and suites, some offering Sugarloaf and ocean views, provide balconies, plush amenities and exclusive Fairmont Gold options with added lounge access. Guests can enjoy an infinity pool with beach views and unparalleled scenery, rainforest-inspired treatments and unique spa products at The Fairmont Spa and a fitness centre. Dining delights range from Michelin-recommended, seafood-focused Marine Resto to beachside lunches and a Brazilian coffee experience. With an unrivalled location set steps from the sands, surf and vibrant nightlife, this property is the gateway to the cultural heart of Rio.

**Location:** Rio de Janeiro

Our rating: ★★★★★



## Sanma Hotel

Just a few steps from Iguacu National Park on the site of the former Hotel San Martin, the Sanma is a fully renovated boutique property designed by Brazilian architecture and design company EMDAStudio. Blending elegant design and nature, this striking renovation features lush gardens, serene rooms and an art collection honouring Brazilian heritage. Guests are welcome to relax with refined spa services, a heated pool and gourmet dining including fondue, traditional feijoada and wine-bar experiences. Daybeds are available poolside with exclusive service and a stocked mini bar, and a spa and fitness centre. For those more inclined to have an outdoor adventure, the hotel is surrounded by forests and trails leading to viewpoints of the Iguacu River.

**Location:** Iguacu Falls

Our rating: ★★★★★



## Pousada Literária de Paraty

Tucked within Paraty's UNESCO-listed historic centre, Pousada Literária is a beautifully restored colonial townhouse blending cultural charm with modern luxury. 28 rooms and villas are set around a central garden, designed with bold colours, polished wood and geometric décor, some of which offer private Jacuzzis and two-storey living. Relax with a book in the library or unwind poolside in the lush courtyard, indulge in spa treatments at Poesia Spa or take a trip to nearby islands on the hotel's private boat. With a focus on local and organically grown ingredients celebrating the Atlantic Forest's native flavours, dining options are a unique part of your stay. Choose to have breakfast anytime, with a changing daily menu, or a cocktail around the pool before eating at Quintal Das Letras restaurant, one of the area's best.

**Location:** Paraty

Our rating: ★★★★★



## La Villa Bahia

Set in the heart of UNESCO-listed Salvador, Villa Bahia is housed in 2 mansions from the 17th and 18th centuries with their colourful Portuguese colonial facades accurately depicting Salvador's soul. Featuring 2 garden courtyards, a rooftop terrace and a plunge pool, the hotel offers an atmospheric stay in this captivating city. 17 rooms are arranged over 3 floors, each one reflecting a particular period of the history of Portuguese colonial exploration including Goa, Mozambique and Cape Verde. Canopy beds, antique furniture, wooden floors and vibrant colours give them a distinct Bahia style, and some feature views over churches and rooftops.

**Location:** Salvador

Our rating: ★★★★★



## Casa Caiman

Nestled in the heart of Brazil's breathtaking Pantanal, Casa Caiman is a serene and luxurious eco-lodge that invites guests to immerse themselves in untamed nature without sacrificing comfort. Overlooking a cinematic bay and surrounded by lush greenery, this beautifully restored farmhouse-style retreat features 18 elegant suites, each with air conditioning and private outdoor terraces that bring the sights and sounds of the wild right to your doorstep. Between guided wildlife excursions, canoe tours and nature walks, unwind by the shimmering swimming pool, sip cocktails on the deck, curl up in a hammock among gardens alive with bird song or gather around the firepit beneath star-filled skies.

**Location:** Pantanal

Our rating: ★★★★★

## Vila Kalango

Vila Kalango is an enchanting beachfront eco-pousada tucked between the golden sands of Jericoacoara and the iconic Duna do Pôr do Sol on Brazil's northeastern coast. Preserving the spirit of the original Jeri, this rustic-chic retreat blends sustainable design with the region's vibrant culture amid coconut and cashew trees. Choose from charming bungalows, palafitas and apartments - each thoughtfully crafted with natural materials and open breezeways for easy, peaceful living by the sea. Whether lounging in a hammock on your private veranda, taking a dip in the lagoon-style pool, or enjoying fresh regional cuisine at the open-air restaurant, Vila Kalango offers an authentic connection to nature.

**Location:** Jericoacoara

Our rating: ★★★★★



## Anavilhanas Jungle Lodge

Anavilhanas Jungle Lodge is a serene eco-hideaway nestled on the banks of the majestic Rio Negro opposite the UNESCO-protected Anavilhanas National Park, one of the world's largest freshwater archipelagos. This charming lodge blends authentic rainforest immersion with comfort, offering cozy cottages, bungalows and panoramic rooms that open onto lush jungle vistas. Wake to birdsong, relax by the pool overlooking the river, or sip a drink at the floating bar. Days here are filled with adventure and discovery: glide through winding waterways by canoe, spot pink river dolphins, hike forest trails with expert guides, or visit local river communities. After thrilling excursions, indulge in creative Amazonian cuisine in the lodge's restaurant.

**Location:** Anavilhanas National Park, Amazon

Our rating: ★★★★★



## Insólito Boutique Hotel & Spa

Perched above the sparkling waters of Ferradura Bay in beautiful Búzios, Insólito Boutique Hotel & Spa offers a chic and serene seaside escape where art, design and natural beauty converge. Guests enjoy stylish rooms and suites with panoramic ocean views, elegant terraces and luxurious comforts, including whirlpool tubs and bespoke décor inspired by Brazilian culture. Start your day with breakfast overlooking the sea and unwind by one of the refreshing pools. The rooftop restaurant serves exquisite Brazilian cuisine in a vibrant yet intimate setting framed by hand-painted art and coastal vistas, while the spa provides soothing treatments and wellness experiences that meld Eastern and Western traditions.

**Location:** Búzios

Our rating: ★★★★★



# Cruises

Numerous cruise lines sail around Central and South America and beyond. We are able to offer a variety of durations and itineraries to suit your needs, taking into account the sites and ports that you are wanting to visit.

Cruising makes it simple to explore multiple countries in one trip, coupled with the luxury of unpacking just once whilst having deluxe amenities and service on hand to make your journey seamless.

## Cruising in Central & South America

Consider an ocean cruise line such as Holland America, Oceania or Silversea, bringing luxury to the wild, rugged fjords of Argentina and Chile, or perhaps set sail on an expedition with Quark to the Antarctic, crossing the legendary Drake Passage and exploring pristine wilderness against an icy backdrop.

Uniworld offer the chance to see the Amazon on a boutique river cruise, uncover the secrets of the rainforest and its inhabitants. Aqua Expeditions superyacht Aqua Mare is the pinnacle of luxury exploring the enchanting scenery and unforgettable wildlife of the Galápagos Islands.

The following pages will give you some inspiration on where and how to include a cruise into your discovery of Central and South America, our Destination specialists will be able to tailor-make your arrangements to ensure a unique trip that is truly your own.

### Our featured cruise lines:

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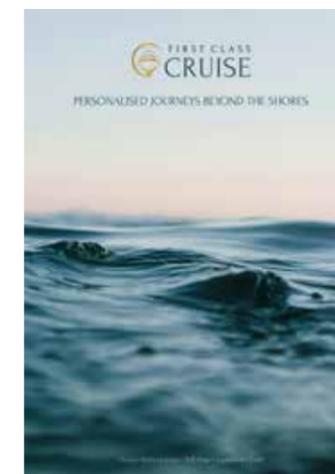
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For further information on the multiple cruise lines we feature, other than those in this brochure, consider our sister company First Class Cruise – part of the First Class Travel Group.

# Holland America Line

For over 150 years Holland America have been sailing to new destinations opening up the world to inquisitive guests. They are one of our favourite cruise companies to work with and for good reason.

Holland America work on the basis that bigger isn't better and offer a fleet of spacious, mid-size ships. Onboard you will find sleek, nautical lines and a warm and welcoming service. There is a choice of dining options including speciality restaurants and pop ups, there are live cookery demonstrations and culinary shore experiences too. Holland America's Explorations Central (EXC™) programme adds depth and authenticity to their offered programme of excursions and experiences.



## South America Passage, 14 Days

A memorable journey that starts in Buenos Aires and takes in Uruguay, Chile and the Falkland Islands, traversing Glacier Alley and Cape Horn.

**Sails:** Buenos Aires-Santiago

**Ports of Call and Cruising:** Buenos Aires, Montevideo, Port Stanley, Cape Horn, Ushuaia, Beagle Channel, Glacier Alley, Strait of Magellan, Punta Arenas, Puerto Montt, Santiago



## Southern Legends, 22 Days

Trace the rugged coast of Chile, tranquil fjords and icy glaciers, and sail legendary passages before 4 truly memorable days in Antarctica.

**Sails:** Santiago-Buenos Aires

**Ports of Call and Cruising:** Santiago, Puerto Montt, Puerto Chacabuco, Chilean Fjords, Amalia or Brujo Glacier, Sarminento Channel, Strait of Magellan, Punta Arenas, Cockburn Channel, Beagle Channel, Glacier Alley, Ushuaia, Cape Horn and Drake Passage, Antarctica, Port Stanley, Puerto Madryn, Punta del Este, Montevideo, Buenos Aires



## Rainforests, Reef & the Great Canal, 12 Days

Set sail from Florida on a round trip voyage that takes you through the Caribbean, Colombia, the Panama Canal and Costa Rica.

**Sails:** Fort Lauderdale-Fort Lauderdale

**Ports of Call and Cruising:** Fort Lauderdale, Bahamas, Curacao, Cartagena, Panama Canal, Gatun Lake, Colon, Costa Rica, Cayman Islands



## Canal to Condors, 16 Days

Explore historic landmarks, golden beaches and lush rainforest, transit the legendary Panama Canal and enjoy overnight stays in Panama and Peru.

**Sails:** Santiago-Fort Lauderdale

**Ports of Call and Cruising:** Fort Lauderdale, Cayman Islands, Panama Canal, Fuerte Amador, Manta, Salaverry, Lima, Pisco, Coquimbo, Santiago

# Oceania

Oceania Cruises is the world's leading culinary and destination-focused cruise line. With a fleet of 8 small, luxurious ships designed to carry a maximum of 1,250 guests, the experience includes The Finest Cuisine at Sea and destination-rich itineraries that span the globe. Expertly curated travel experiences are available aboard the designer-inspired, small ships, which call on more than 600 ports, in over 100 countries on seven continents.



Oceania Cruises' enhanced value promise redefines luxury cruising with a seamless blend of simplicity, generosity and flexibility, ensuring that every aspect of your voyage is taken care of. On all voyages, gourmet speciality restaurants, shipboard gratuities, unlimited Wi-Fi, sodas, speciality coffees and teas, still and sparkling water, juices, smoothies, ice cream and laundry services are always included. You'll also have the 'Luxury of Choice' to choose between wine and beer by the glass, or a generous shore excursion credit.



## Bounty of Brazil, 12 Days

Wind your way north along the South American coastline enjoying ports of call in Uruguay before port hopping through Brazil.

**Sails:** Buenos Aires-Rio de Janeiro

**Ports of Call may include:** Buenos Aires, Montevideo, Punta del Este, Itajai, Porto Belo, Sao Paulo, Parati, Ilha Grande, Buzios, Rio de Janeiro



## Treasures of Central America, 10 Days

A voyage filled with ancient civilisations, rainforests, reefs and the iconic Panama Canal.

**Sails:** Miami-Panama City

**Ports of Call and Cruising may include:** Miami, Cozumel, Costa Maya, Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, Costa Rica, Panama Canal, Panama City



## Palms to Penguins, 24 Days

An epic journey of contrasts from vibrant Rio de Janeiro, and magnificent Buenos Aires to the isolated Falkland Islands, the white deserts of Antarctica and through to the Chilean fjords to Santiago.

**Sails:** Rio de Janeiro-Santiago

**Ports of Call and Cruising may include:** Rio de Janeiro, Ilha Grande, Sao Paulo, Balneario Camboriu, Montevideo, Buenos Aires, Port Stanley, Antarctica, Drake Passage, Ushuaia, Punta Arenas, Chilean Fjords, Puerto Chacabuco, Puerto Montt, Santiago

# Silversea

For those seeking an intimate voyage of discovery, Silversea cruises are a perfect match. Their smaller ships enable you to get closer to the charm and unexplored areas of the ports of call. A dedicated butler service for all suites ensures that this unique, intimate service continues back on board with your every need taken care of. A truly personal and customisable experience from the in-suite amenities to food and beverage offering. Guests will enjoy a home from home wherever you choose to travel with Silversea in the highest standard of luxury.

Offering a range of fare options, you can choose what to include in your Silversea experience. Destination-inspired dining, premium beverages, on-board gratuities and complimentary Wi-Fi come as standard. Coupled with butler service and an almost 1:1 crew to guest ratio, the only thing you need to worry about is which destination you'll choose to explore next.



## Rio de Janeiro – Buenos Aires, 10 Days

This 10 day cruise hops along the coast from vibrant Rio de Janeiro to beautiful Buenos Aires with 6 ports of call including Uruguay and is the perfect way to experience 3 South American countries. With 77 different shore excursions to choose from, there is something to suit all tastes and interests.

**Ports of Call:** Rio de Janeiro, Buzios, Ilhabela, Paranagua, Balneario Camboriu, Punta del Este, Buenos Aires



## Antarctica Fly Cruise

Journey to the end of the world in comfort and style on a once in a lifetime voyage. Stay at the southern most hotel on earth, before taking a flight over the Drake Passage to join your ship in Antarctica. As your expedition leaders take you deep into the Antarctic wilderness discover the incredible natural beauty and untouched splendour of the 7th continent.



## King George Island, 6 Days

Embark on a 6-day voyage like no other as you explore the pristine landscapes of the Antarctic Peninsula and Antarctic Sound. See icebergs the size of cathedrals, turquoise-hued glaciers and elephant seals, penguins, Weddell, leopard seals and watch for cape petrels swooping overhead.

**Sails:** King George Island - King George Island

**Ports of Call:** King George Island, Antarctic Sound, Antarctic Peninsula, South Shetland Islands

# Quark Expeditions

Quark is the original polar expedition company and for adventurers into the untouched wilds of the White Continent, their experience and expertise is unsurpassed. Setting sail on a voyage with Quark ensures you have the benefit of a team of world-class polar experts, ships designed for the regions in which they explore and an incredible range of immersive off-ship polar activities. Polar is all Quark do, so you know you are travelling in the hands of those that have a deep passion, and understanding of these regions.

Expedition fares include all meals, snacks, soft drinks and juices, beer, standard wine, spirits and cocktails during bar service hours and dinner, tea, coffee and hot chocolate around the clock. Guests also benefit from experienced expedition leaders, a daily programme of activities with Zodiacs, Quark Expeditions® parka to keep at the end of your voyage, Wi-Fi and photo journal of your time on board.



## Essential Patagonia - Chilean Fjords and Torres del Paine, 15 Days

Retrace Darwin's voyage to the end of the world as you navigate remote fjords and take helicopter flights above dramatic peaks and tidal glaciers. Wildlife encounters might include penguins, sea lions, elephant seals and seabirds, all whilst exploring one of the most spectacular frontiers on earth.

**Sails:** Buenos Aires - Santiago

**Ports of Call and Cruising:** Ushuaia, Cape Horn, Glacier Alley, Dainelli Glacier, Chilean Fjords, Puerto Natales, Torres del Paine National Park, Canal de las Montanas, Tucker Islets, Ainsworth Bay, Bahia Brookes, Marta Island



## Antarctic Explorer - Discovering the 7th Continent, 11 or 12 Days

This unforgettable journey crosses the legendary Drake Passage, and explores the best of the Antarctic Peninsula by kayak, on foot and by Zodiac. See penguins, whales and seals against a pristine backdrop of towering ice.

**Sails:** Ushuaia - Ushuaia

**Ports of Call and Cruising:** Ushuaia, Drake Passage, South Shetland Islands, Antarctic Peninsula



## Antarctic Express - Fly the Drake, 8 Days

Take to the skies rather than the seas and fly over the Drake Crossing for the swiftest route to and from Antarctica. The 3 hour flight leaves for King George Island from Punta Arenas, from here enjoy an incredible week exploring the rugged polar landscapes, unique wildlife and experience the thrill of standing on a continent that few ever get to experience.

**Sails:** Punta Arenas - Punta Arenas

**Ports of Call and Cruising:** King George Island, Antarctic Peninsula, South Shetland Islands



# Polar Latitude Expeditions

Polar Latitude Expeditions believe that the polar regions are not places to be travelled to, they are places to be experienced, first hand, up close and personal. This resonates throughout the expedition cruises they operate. Their expedition team is one of the most knowledgeable in the business and there is an explorer in each and every one of them. This is small ship expedition cruising with no more than 180 passengers onboard, with vessels built specifically for polar regions, which are also some of the most fuel-efficient in the industry.

No matter which voyage you choose with Polar Latitude Expeditions, there are two things for certain: you'll fall in love with the planet and have a life-changing adventure. On all sailings, enjoy welcome and farewell receptions, beer, wine and soft drinks at dinner along with hot drinks served throughout the day. All landings and excursions are included, along with expedition equipment to use throughout your voyage.



## An Explorers Expedition, 11 Days

This is the perfect introduction to Antarctica. Starting and ending in Ushuaia, you will cross the Drake Passage, spot orca and humpback whales, penguins galore and see vast icebergs and glaciers that glow blue from within.

**Sails:** Ushuaia-Ushuaia

**Ports of Call and Cruising:** Ushuaia, Drake Passage Crossing, South Shetland Islands, Antarctic Peninsula



## The Classic Voyage, 12 Days

Discover the best of Antarctica's diverse wildlife and otherworldly landscapes on this expedition that gives an additional day to explore. You may travel further into the historic South Shetland Islands, or head deeper into the Antarctic Peninsula, the possibilities are endless.

**Sails:** Ushuaia-Ushuaia

**Ports of Call and Cruising:** Ushuaia – Drake Passage Crossing, South Shetland Islands, Deception Island, Antarctic Peninsula



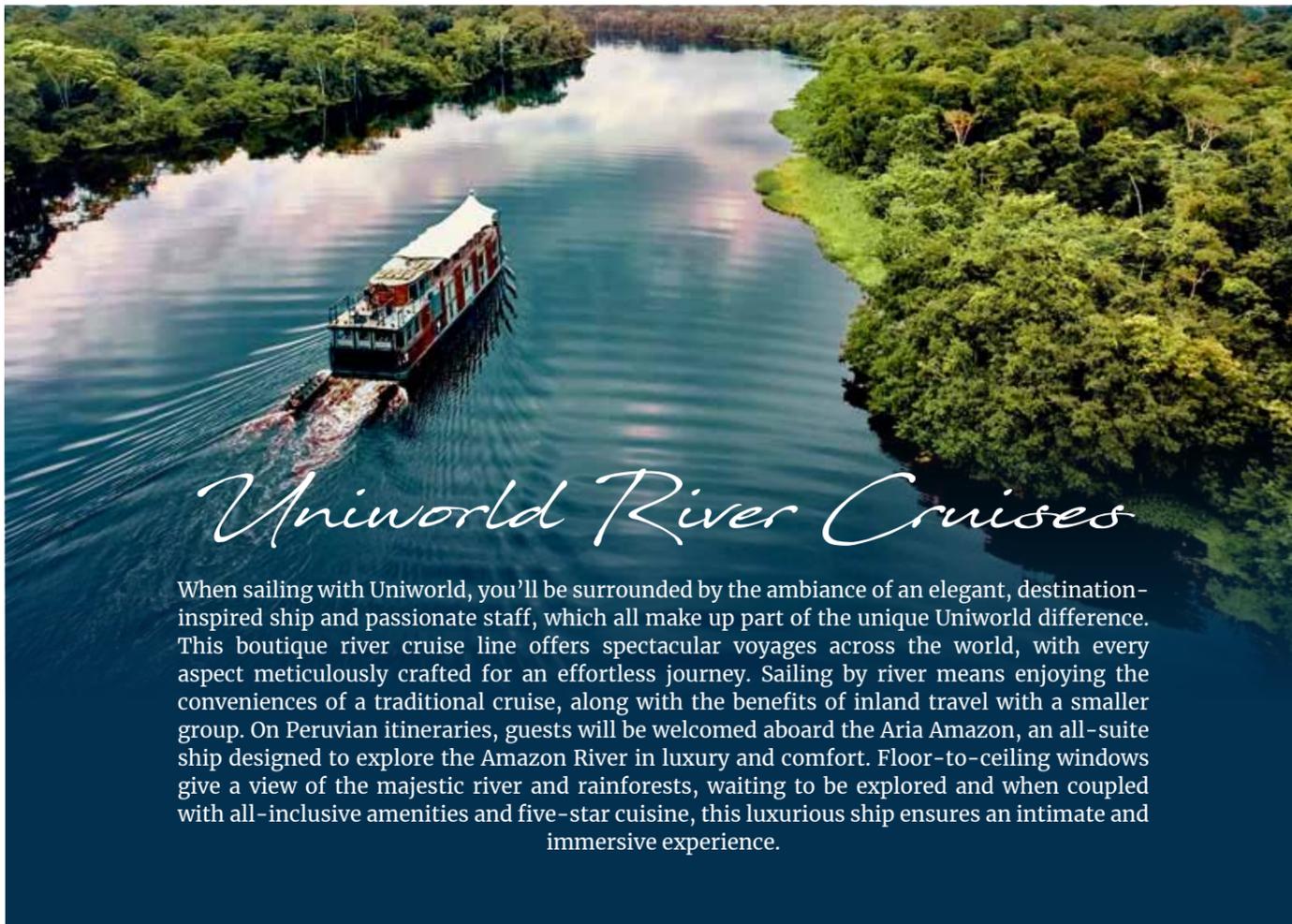
## The Falkland Islands, South Georgia & Antarctica, 20 Days

This is a wildlife lover's dream, take to the high seas and explore the sub-Antarctic Falkland Islands and South Georgia, home to some of the most unique and abundant wildlife on the planet. Beaches covered in fur seals, elephant seals and penguins as far as the eye can see. You'll then head further south to Antarctica, the South Shetland Islands and the Antarctic Peninsula before crossing the famed Drake Passage on your homeward sailing.

**Sails:** Ushuaia-Ushuaia

**Ports of Call:** Ushuaia, Southern Ocean, West Falklands (Malvinas), Stanley, South Georgia, Scotia Sea, Antarctic Peninsula, South Shetland Islands, Drake Passage





## Uniworld River Cruises

When sailing with Uniworld, you'll be surrounded by the ambiance of an elegant, destination-inspired ship and passionate staff, which all make up part of the unique Uniworld difference. This boutique river cruise line offers spectacular voyages across the world, with every aspect meticulously crafted for an effortless journey. Sailing by river means enjoying the conveniences of a traditional cruise, along with the benefits of inland travel with a smaller group. On Peruvian itineraries, guests will be welcomed aboard the Aria Amazon, an all-suite ship designed to explore the Amazon River in luxury and comfort. Floor-to-ceiling windows give a view of the majestic river and rainforests, waiting to be explored and when coupled with all-inclusive amenities and five-star cuisine, this luxurious ship ensures an intimate and immersive experience.



### Peruvian Rivers & Rainforest Discovery – 11 Days

Explore the colours and wonders of Peru on this itinerary. A land of mysteries and ancient cultures, begin in Lima before heading to Iquitos, the largest city in the Amazon rainforest to delight in exotic fruits and flavourful cuisine. After taking to the waters of the Amazon, explore vibrant wildlife and stargaze on the 'Enchanted Lake', and journey to the merging point of the Ucayali and Marañón Rivers where the Amazon River begins.

**Destinations and Ports of Call may include:** Lima, Iquitos, Ucayali River, Clavero Lake, Yarapa River, Amazon River, Tahuayo River, San Pedro Forest, Nauta, Marañón River, Yanayacu-Pucate River, Samiria River, Puerto Prado Forest



### Peruvian Amazon & Machu Picchu Exploration – 16 Days

After exploring Lima – the 'City of Kings' – journey into the Amazon onboard the Aria Amazon. Embark on river skiffs to explore rivers, and diverse flora and fauna, before disembarking and travelling to the heartland of the Inca Empire, known as the Sacred Valley. Trek to the world-famous Machu Picchu, which has long fascinated both historians, archaeologists and travellers alike.

**Destinations and Ports of Call may include:** Lima, Iquitos, Ucayali River, Clavero Lake, Yarapa River, Amazon River, Tahuayo River, San Pedro Forest, Nauta, Marañón River, Yanayacu-Pucate River, Samiria River, Puerto Prado Forest, Cusco, Urubamba, Ollantaytambo, Machu Picchu



## Aqua Expeditions

Since their inception, Aqua Expeditions have focussed on unique, small-ship journeys designed to explore remote destinations around the world. Their award-winning fleet of six showcases the perfect blend of adventure and luxury, setting a new standard for expedition cruising. State of the art vessels from river ships to super yachts feature immaculate attention to detail with boutique suites, cabins and social spaces, offering the perfect retreat between adventures. Guests will enjoy a highly curated experience in awe-inspiring destinations across the globe, with a 1:1 crew to guest ratio and tailored experiences to match each ability and interest. Enjoy excursions to suit everyone – whether its up-close wildlife spotting with expert guides or exploring landscapes only accessible by tender, the signature Aqua experience remains at the core of each sailing.



### Galápagos Islands Expeditions

Adventure through volcanic islands containing the highest biodiversity on earth, complete with enchanting scenery and unforgettable wildlife. The Galápagos Islands are home to unique endemic animals including Galápagos penguins, giant tortoises, sea lions and marine iguanas, that inspired Charles Darwin's Theory of Evolution. Hike through remote trails and snorkel in pristine waters before retuning to the luxury of super yacht Aqua Mare on this unforgettable voyage.

**Choose from a 7- or 14-night itinerary. On a West Galápagos Expedition, ports of call may include:** Baltra Island, Santa Cruz Island, Floreana Island, Isabela Island, Fernandina Island, Santiago Island, Rábida Island



### Aqua Mare

With the luxury of size and world-class pedigree, Aqua Mare is the Galápagos Islands' first true superyacht. On board, guests will find 6 luxury cabins plus an opulent Owner's Suite all equipped with deluxe amenities, extravagant indoor and outdoor social spaces and pristine attention to detail. With a total of 16 guests and 16 crew, Aqua Mare is a sanctuary to relax and unwind aboard after days of exploring this archipelago. Included with each voyage is world-class cuisine, twice daily expert-led excursions, entry to the parks and landing fees, selected wines, beers and non-alcoholic beverages, kayaking, paddleboarding and snorkelling equipment, laundry and high-speed Wi-Fi.

### Ecuador & the Galápagos

		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Guayaquil	°C	31	31	31	31	31	29	29	29	30	30	30	31
		182	212	216	152	41	9	1	0	1	2	5	31
Quito	°C	19	19	19	19	19	19	20	20	20	20	19	20
		121	142	169	186	116	57	25	36	83	126	121	107
The Amazon	°C	29	30	29	29	29	28	28	29	30	30	30	30
		195	204	245	337	323	362	285	178	253	312	304	233
Quito	°C	30	29	30	30	28	26	24	24	24	24	25	26
		75	73	67	61	22	22	26	20	25	20	20	27

### Peru & Bolivia

		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Arequipa	°C	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	23	23	23	23
		25	31	19	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	4
Colca Canyon	°C	18	18	18	8	18	18	17	18	19	20	20	19
		100	106	29	24	6	1	2	5	11	13	19	54
Cuzco	°C	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	24	24	24	24
		20	25	15	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	2
La Paz	°C	16	15	16	16	15	15	15	16	16	18	18	17
		118	99	70	30	13	5	7	12	31	35	48	90
Lake Titicaca	°C	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	16	15	17	17	16
		166	129	104	55	21	7	7	16	43	44	57	108
Lima	°C	26	27	27	25	22	20	19	19	19	21	22	25
		2	0	0	0	1	2	2	3	3	1	0	0
Machu Pichu	°C	25	24	25	26	25	25	25	26	25	27	26	25
		206	217	196	106	33	18	24	34	53	91	115	173
Puno	°C	15	15	14	15	14	14	14	15	15	17	17	16
		153	148	125	43	11	3	3	8	29	34	52	105
Sacred Valley	°C	19	19	19	19	20	19	19	20	20	21	21	19
		151	130	115	53	10	5	9	15	30	53	86	119
Southern Altiplano	°C	21	20	20	20	18	12	13	13	18	19	21	21
		46	40	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	19

### Uruguay

		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Carmelo	°C	29	29	26	23	19	16	15	17	19	22	25	28
		87	85	110	80	64	60	56	65	61	99	90	81
José Ignacio	°C	26	26	19	21	19	16	15	16	17	19	22	25
		87	97	169	87	91	97	91	98	102	87	77	63
Montevideo	°C	29	28	29	22	19	15	15	16	18	20	24	27
		79	83	245	90	83	80	73	81	77	91	80	70

### Argentina

		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Bariloche	°C	21	22	19	15	10	7	6	7	10	14	17	20
		28	28	48	68	127	133	162	133	76	47	35	39
Buenos Aires	°C	29	28	26	21	18	15	15	16	18	21	25	28
		98	97	117	95	78	59	57	62	69	103	97	94
El Calafate	°C	18	17	15	12	7	5	5	6	9	14	16	18
		15	13	19	29	32	25	29	22	19	16	12	15
Iguazú Falls	°C	32	32	30	27	24	22	23	25	27	29	31	31
		165	140	145	148	153	131	99	103	142	192	162	148
Mendoza	°C	32	32	30	23	19	15	15	18	21	25	29	31
		34	29	26	12	8	7	7	5	11	20	21	27
Los Glaciares National Park	°C	18	17	15	12	7	5	5	6	9	14	16	18
		15	13	19	29	32	25	29	26	19	16	12	15
Salta	°C	28	26	25	23	21	19	20	22	25	26	28	28
		176	150	102	28	7	4	3	4	6	27	62	125
Ushuaia & Tierra del Fuego	°C	14	13	12	10	7	5	5	5	8	10	12	13
		56	49	54	54	54	52	46	46	36	31	50	47

### Chile & Easter Island

		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Easter Island	°C	27	27	27	26	24	22	22	30	22	23	24	26
		85	74	85	114	134	106	110	103	83	82	73	93
Atacama Desert	°C	24	24	23	21	19	16	16	28	21	22	23	24
		22	4	3	2	1	0	0	177	3	3	1	3
Santiago	°C	27	29	26	23	19	15	15	24	19	22	26	28
		0	2	3	20	64	93	93	265	30	19	16	3
Torres del Paine National Park	°C	11	10	9	6	2	0	0	1	4	7	8	10
		81	86	115	105	87	79	91	85	75	85	79	87
Valparaíso	°C	23	22	21	19	17	15	18	15	17	18	20	22
		4	1	5	25	89	161	175	81	39	20	8	4

### Brazil

		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Manaus	°C	31	31	31	31	31	31	33	33	33	32	32	32
		268	262	295	284	207	109	76	57	78	126	166	224
Rio de Janeiro	°C	30	30	29	27	26	25	25	25	25	26	28	28
		146	145	146	127	90	56	53	56	72	98	113	144
Salvador	°C	30	30	30	29	27	27	26	27	28	29	29	29
		77	98	161	256	301	214	195	136	76	81	124	114
The Pantanal	°C	33	33	33	32	30	30	31	32	33	35	33	33
		212	181	154	95	56	23	19	19	50	90	147	187

## Central America Climate

## Costa Rica

		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Corcovado & Osa Peninsula	°C 	32	33	34	34	32	31	32	31	31	30	30	31
		87	62	140	218	442	474	487	601	722	801	604	217
San Jose & Central Valley	°C 	24	25	26	26	26	25	25	25	25	25	24	24
		11	11	13	52	240	289	211	262	351	326	142	41
Tortuguero & Caribbean Coast	°C 	30	30	32	32	31	30	30	30	30	30	29	29
		374	238	186	242	306	365	537	397	250	329	557	569

## Guatemala & Belize

		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Antigua	°C 	22	23	25	25	25	23	23	24	23	23	23	22
		1	3	4	28	119	240	178	151	232	136	20	6
Flores	°C 	27	28	29	31	32	33	31	31	31	29	27	27
		65	54	43	34	137	209	186	182	228	208	116	87
Coastal Mainland	°C 	27	28	30	31	32	31	31	31	31	30	28	28
		142	72	59	49	111	284	308	290	320	302	217	180

## Panama

		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Bocas del Toro	°C 	28	29	29	30	30	30	29	30	30	30	29	29
		201	168	142	245	233	328	291	294	196	199	318	287
Panama City	°C 	31	32	32	33	31	30	31	31	30	30	30	31
		42	15	11	71	212	204	177	208	204	292	240	112

## Colombia

		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Bogotá	°C 	19	20	20	19	19	18	18	18	19	18	19	19
		37	50	71	102	102	57	42	45	62	130	110	65
Cartagena	°C 	31	31	31	32	32	32	32	32	31	31	32	32
		2	0	0	17	105	115	83	82	119	193	108	24
Coffee Region	°C 	23	23	23	22	22	22	23	22	22	21	21	22
		175	189	234	307	250	186	127	155	198	364	311	226

## Mexico

		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Yucatan Peninsula	°C 	30	31	33	35	35	34	34	34	33	32	31	28
		37	36	33	46	108	174	168	169	202	146	50	81
Mexico City	°C 	22	24	26	27	27	26	24	25	24	23	23	22
		9	7	11	23	54	114	129	123	107	52	8	7
Oaxaca	°C 	26	28	30	31	31	29	28	28	27	27	27	26
		2	5	10	32	71	158	108	108	127	41	9	3

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°C Average daily maximum temperature

 Average monthly rainfall (mm)

The following pages give information relevant to certain products and services in this brochure, the details shown here form part of your contract with us.

### ESCORTED TOURS

**International Flights:** All our tours exclude international flights to allow us to source the best airline and fare to suit your needs.

**Airport Transfers:** Arrival and departure airport transfers are included if you arrive and depart on the days shown in the itineraries. If you should add pre or post tour accommodation or packages, transfers are excluded, we can arrange these however additional costs will apply.

### WENDY WU TOURS

Tours operated by Wendy Wu Tours, below is some important information relevant to these tours.

**Tour Style - Classic Tours:** The tours we feature are classified as 'Classic Tours' by Wendy Wu Tours. These tours are designed for those who wish to see the iconic sites and magnificent treasures of Central and South America on an excellent value group tour whilst travelling with like-minded people. The tours are on a fully-inclusive basis so you will travel with the assurance that all your arrangements are taken care of. You will be accompanied by dedicated and professional National Escorts or local guides, whose unparalleled knowledge will turn your holiday into an unforgettable experience.

**Physical Fitness Ratings:** Wendy Wu Tours all have a physical rating to guide you in selecting a holiday that suits your comfort level. Joining any of the tours involves independent mobility and the ability to stay active throughout the day, which is essential for fully enjoying the unique charm of each destination. The tours we feature are all classified as Physical Level 1 category. This indicates a level of fitness that allows you to comfortably remain on your feet with occasional rest. Expect to effortlessly navigate boarding and disembarking from various modes of transport, including coaches, trains, and boats. You will be walking around remarkable sites and ascending steps to capture those aweinspiring views. Please consider:

- Sightseeing may often involve walking for a reasonable duration, sometimes over multiple steps, or uneven surfaces. Fortresses and some temples involve climbing quite a number of steps, which can be large, not level and sometimes without handrails.

The National Escort is dedicated to providing a high level of service and support throughout your journey however, their primary role is to manage the daily aspects of the tour. They are unable to offer extensive personal physical assistance. We kindly ask our travellers to be prepared for the physical aspects of the tour to ensure a comfortable and enjoyable experience for everyone.

**Tour Accommodation:** Your accommodation is selected for convenience of location, comfort or character. In more remote areas, accommodation may be of a lower standard. Please note that double bed requests can be made at the time of booking but cannot be guaranteed. Hotels are generally rated as local three to four-star standard, but please note that there is no international classification system for hotels and differences in facilities and quality will exist between your home country and Central and South America. All group tour hotels have private western bathroom facilities, air conditioning, TV and a telephone.

Rest assured that all hotels used by Wendy Wu Tours are regularly inspected by their staff and partners to ensure that standards meet needs.

**Luggage & Portage:** Luggage restrictions apply and will be provided with your documentation. Portage whilst on tour is not included, you must be able to handle your own luggage within the hotel and when using transportation like trains and coaches.

### TRANSPORT

**Coaches:** Coaches with air conditioning are used on for city sightseeing, short excursions to the countryside and longer transfers where necessary. Coaches and mini buses do not have on board toilet facilities; however, frequent bathroom stops are made for passengers' comfort.

**Group Size:** Most of Wendy Wu tours consist of 10 travellers or more and will be accompanied by a national escort. There will usually be no more than 28 travellers in each group although you may encounter other Wendy Wu tour groups while you are travelling. All departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 8 travellers booked (unless cancelled due to factors beyond control). A national escort will accompany each group of 10 or more. However, at their discretion, they may operate departures with a smaller group size.

**Solo Travellers:** On certain tours, selected dates are exclusively for customers who prefer to travel with a group of like-minded solo travellers. You will have a room of your own with no single supplement to pay, while the expert guides take care of you throughout the tour. Ask for details of which tours and dates have Solo Departures.

**Itinerary Changes:** It is the intention to adhere to the day-to-day itinerary as printed; however, the order of events or sightseeing may change as we look to improve tours or as local conditions dictate. In these circumstances, the best possible arrangements will be made to maintain the integrity of your trip.

### TRAVELMARVEL

Tours featured by Travelmarvel.

**Accommodation:** Accommodation is handpicked by Travelmarvel, you will stay in some of the most charismatic and evocative properties that capture the essence of Central and South America.

**Tour Itinerary:** Inclusions and itinerary shown are correct at the time of printing but is subject to change. Your tour includes English-speaking experienced local guides.

**Group Size:** Standard escorted tours have a maximum group size of 48 travellers or less. Travelmarvel Small Group Tours operate with a maximum of 24 travellers. If on a river cruise please be aware that the maximum number of guests onboard will usually exceed the tour group size.

**Luggage & Portage:** Luggage restrictions apply and will be provided with your documentation. Portage whilst on tour may be included, however you must be able to handle your own luggage within the hotel and when using transportation like trains and coaches.

**Physical Fitness:** Travelmarvel tours can be physically demanding due to the nature of many sites you'll visit. Some tours require a good level of fitness and health to participate. In some destinations, there are long walking excursions which involve standing for extended periods, walking on uneven ground, and may include stairs or steep inclines. Some tours may not be suitable for people with certain medical conditions or mobility restrictions. You should be able to stand on your feet for an extended period of time to visit museums, temples, attractions and other sites. You must be able to get on and off trains without assistance. For tours that do not include full portage, this means you will need to be able to carry your luggage on/off a train, change platforms and navigate steps.

### G ADVENTURES

Tours operated by G Adventures

**Tour Style:** G Adventures operate a range of tours. The options included in this brochure are from the Classic and National Geographic Journeys collection. These tours are designed to connect you with the people and history of the places you will visit and include upgraded accommodation and transport and more inclusions.

**Tour Itinerary:** Inclusions and itinerary shown are correct at the time of printing but are subject to change. Your tour includes a G Adventures CEO (Chief Executive Officer) Tour Guide.

### ESCORTED TOURING

**Guaranteed departures:** The operation of most tours is subject to minimum numbers being reached and you will be told 6 weeks in advance of departure if the tour is not going ahead. If your tour is cancelled you will be offered a choice of another date or a full refund. Some tours are guaranteed to operate and our sales team will be happy to advise on the latest status.

**Luggage:** Luggage is restricted to one item per person with a maximum weight of 20kgs to comply with strict weight regulations on coaches; this may be less than your airline allowance. Additional luggage, if it can be carried, may be charged for locally. Hand luggage is restricted to one small item per person; please be aware that hand luggage with wheels does not always fit into the overhead racks or lockers on coaches.

**Seat rotation:** Operates on tour coaches to give every passenger a chance of the best views. Bookings cannot be accepted that are dependent on sitting in a particular seat throughout the tour regardless of the reason.

**Smoking:** Smoking is not allowed on board any coach.

**Tour Pace:** Early departures and late arrivals may sometimes be necessary in order to include the fuller days in some itineraries but generally our tours are designed to allow sufficient time in key locations and to offer a relaxed touring pace.

**Tour Participation:** Escorted tours are suitable for most people, but not everyone, due to the nature of the itineraries, the hotels and locations they visit and the way that coaches are built. Children do not generally enjoy coach tours and often become restless on the longer journeys involved; for the enjoyment of others, children under the age of 7 are not usually accepted on any tour. Persons under 21 must be accompanied by, and share their room with, an adult at least 21 years of age. Some hotels may also require that at least one of the room occupants is 21 years of age or older. Clients with disabilities are welcome but must be accompanied by a companion who is capable of providing all the assistance they will require without further help from the coach crew. The coach driver and tour director are not able to provide one to one assistance or to lift passengers onto or off the coach.

### FLIGHT INFORMATION

**Flight tickets:** All airlines now issue e-tickets for your flights, which are electronic paperless tickets. An itinerary will be issued with your documents showing all your flight arrangements that you can present at check in.

**Checking in:** You must check in for your international flights approximately 3 hours prior to departure time on your ticket or e-ticket. Please note that due to increased security measures, some airlines may request personal information on check in such as home address or address for your initial stay.

**Special Requests:** Unfortunately, we have no control over the allocation of seats on a flight and cannot guarantee that you will be sitting with your travelling companion. If you require special seating for medical reasons, please let us know. Some airlines allow you to pre-book your seats for a fee, please ask us for more information.

**Airlines/Aircraft:** Airlines reserve the right to substitute carriers, aircraft types, seat configuration and cabin classes on their flights. Some airlines may still consider an intermediary touchdown on a flight as a 'direct' flight.

**Alcohol Policy:** All airlines operate a zero-tolerance policy for excess consumption of alcohol on board their flights. Some airlines may or may not serve alcohol on their flights, and some will charge for alcoholic and soft drinks.

**Delays:** Liability for flight delays are as per the airline's own conditions of carriage. Please see our terms and conditions or call for more information.

**Schedule Changes:** Flight schedules are arranged many months in advance, and although rare, some flight rescheduling does occur. A schedule

change may range from five minutes to a day or more. If a schedule change does occur, and we are told about it before departure, we may offer a revised itinerary and holiday cost to reflect that change. Please note that the holiday price could be higher or lower, depending on the flight affected. Notwithstanding the above, the provisions of paragraph 10 of our Booking Terms & Conditions apply. Please note that schedule changes are made by the airline, not by First Class Holidays. We cannot accept liability for any extra charges incurred as a result of a rescheduled flight.

**Additional Deposits & Cancellation Terms:** Some suppliers, such as but not limited to, rail journeys, cruise lines, lodges and wildlife viewing tours, escorted tour companies, specialist activities may require an additional deposit in order to confirm a booking. Where this is the case, we will advise at the time of booking. Some of these suppliers may also have different cancellation conditions to ours and we will advise these to you at the time of booking.

**Meal Requests:** Most international flights include a meal service however flights within Central and South America may not include meals. Your Airline may provide any special meals that you may require, please request your special meal with your consultant at the time of booking.

**Child Discounts:** These will vary dependent upon your airline but as a general rule Children 2-11 years pay 75% of the adult fare, infants under 2 and not occupying a seat pay 10% of the adult fare if the return date is prior to their 2nd birthday.

**Passports and Visas:** It is the traveller's responsibility to ensure that they have a valid passport and visa if necessary. First Class Holidays cannot be held responsible if you are not in possession of the correct documentation. Please stay up to date with [www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice](http://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice) for entry requirements for the country/countries you will be visiting.

**Baggage Allowance:** Each airline imposes its own baggage allowance, so please check the information for your flights. Airline allowances are strictly adhered to, and charges will be imposed for excess baggage. For the carriage of special items, like golf clubs, skis, wheelchairs etc. there may be an additional charge as this is extra to your normal baggage allowance. Some airlines will require to be told if you intend to take such items, so please check at the time of booking.

**Coach & Rail Tours:** Due to space limitation on coaches and trains, only one piece of baggage is permitted on all coach and rail tours.

### HOTELS & ACCOMMODATION

Central and South America offers a wide range of accommodations. Rooms sizes can vary and may be smaller than you have experienced in other parts of the world. Western-style hotels: These can be found in all major cities. These hotels should have the same amenities as other Western establishments, including TVs, air conditioning, heating and internet. In outlying areas and in jungle eco lodges, facilities may differ from these western-style hotels due to their location and rooms may sometimes be smaller than what you are typically used to. Please check with your consultant if you have any concerns about facilities available at your accommodations and we will advise if any facilities do differ from standard hotel accommodations. Please also note, in the Caribbean coastal areas of Colombia, hot water is uncommon.

**Hotel Ratings:** Please note that there is no international classification system for hotels and differences in facilities and quality will exist between the UK and Central and South America. We have added gradings to our hotel selection, these gradings are based on location and are purely for guidance purposes, they are not official ratings.

**Cultural Awareness:** Central and South America consists of countries steeped in tradition and history, and it is recommended that you research any local customs and etiquette before you visit. Visitors to holy and historic sites will be required to observe local customs and be respectful of residents. Visiting Indigenous communities in Central and South America offers deep cultural immersion but requires respect, consent and ethical engagement, and we facilitate this by using trusted local partners and guides.

**Cash & Credit Cards:** In Central and South America, a mix of cash (local currency and USD) and credit/debit cards are essential to travel. Cash dominates in small towns, markets, transport and street food, whereas cards work in larger cities and hotels, but we recommend to always carry backup cards and some USD for emergencies. Avoid large amounts of exotic currencies and use local ATMs and banks to withdraw cash.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Passports & Visas:** Please ensure that you are in possession of the correct documentation for both entry into Central and/or South America and for any other country or airport you visit, or transit through, on your journey.

Please check for the most up to date rules at [www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice](http://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice)

**Health & Vaccinations:** Please check these sites for the latest health and vaccination requirements [www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice](http://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice) [www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk/destinations](http://www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk/destinations)

**Foreign Office Advice:** The safety of our customers is our priority and as such we work in line with the advice provided by the Foreign & Commonwealth Office. We recommend that you keep up to date with this advice, which can be accessed via the Foreign & Commonwealth office website at [www.fcdo.gov.uk](http://www.fcdo.gov.uk).

**Building Works:** Where we are advised of building work taking place at your hotel, we will notify you of the work being undertaken, however we cannot take liability for building works outside your accommodation or elsewhere in your destination.

**Hotel Check in & out times:** Check in time is generally after 3pm on the day of arrival; check

## General & Important Information

our time varies between 10am and 12 noon. If you require a late check out, you should speak to the hotel directly, they may be able to arrange a day room for which you should pay the hotel directly (subject to availability).

**Data Protection Statement:** Please be assured that we have measures in place to protect the personal booking information held by us. This information will be passed on to the principal and to the relevant suppliers of your travel arrangements. The information may also be provided to public authorities such as customs or immigration if required by them, or as required by law. Certain information may also be passed on to security or credit checking companies. If you travel outside the European Economic Area, controls on data protection may not be as strong as the legal requirements in this country. We will only pass your information on to persons responsible for your travel arrangements. This applies to any sensitive information that you give to us such as details of any disabilities, or dietary/religious requirements. (If we cannot pass this information to the relevant suppliers, whether in the EEA or not, we will be unable to provide your booking. In making your booking, you consent to this information being passed on to the relevant persons.) Full details of our data protection policy are available upon request.

**Documentation:** Once your booking is confirmed, you will receive a confirmation invoice which will detail all the arrangements made on your behalf. On receipt, please check all details thoroughly, including the spelling of all names and advise your travel agent immediately if you have any concerns. Your final travel documents will be sent to your travel agent 2 to 3 weeks before departure and may include airline e-tickets, hotel and travel vouchers, maps, tourist information and a day-by-day personalised itinerary. For some packages, a more detailed documentation kit may be sent to your first hotel.

**Excursions:** Any excursions or tours that you book independently and pay for whilst on holiday are not part of your package holiday provided by us. For anything that you do book in this way, your contract will be with the operator of the excursion or tour and not with us. We are not responsible for the provision of these excursions or tours or for anything that occurs during them.

**Hotels Additional charges:** Hotels may charge for items such as local city taxes, telephone, safe, parking, newspapers, movies, internet and other items. Please check with your hotel for a list of charges which are payable locally.

**Hotel Guests:** As First Class Holidays do not own the properties featured in our brochure, we have no control over other guests or individual hotel policies. We are unable to accept liability for conferences or conventions being held at your hotel, or for any facilities or amenities, which may be restricted as a result.

**Meal arrangements:** Most hotels featured in our brochure are booked on a room only basis. This means that no meals are included. If you are taking an escorted tour, independent tour or any other package that includes meals our descriptions will show the number of meals included, if none are stated, none are included. Alcoholic and soft drinks are not included. Meal inclusions are correct at time of print but subject to change.

**Non-Brochure Hotels:** Please note that if your chosen hotel is not featured in our brochure, we may be able to contact the hotel to obtain rates and make a reservation on your behalf. Please note however that our suppliers and handlers may not have inspected some non-featured hotels and therefore we cannot accept liability for any lapse in standard or facilities.

**Our Prices:** Hotel prices fluctuate based on demand and we are constantly in contact with our suppliers to ensure that we offer the very best prices available; for that reason prices are not shown so that we can search for and confirm the best available price at the time of booking.

## Terms & Conditions

### 1st Class Holidays Limited Booking Conditions

The following Booking Conditions together with the Important Information, our Privacy Policy and any other written information we brought to your attention before we confirmed your booking form the basis of your contract with 1st Class Holidays Ltd, trading as First Class Holidays, company number 03462240, a registered address, Trafford House, Chester Road, Manchester M32 0RS (“we”, “us”, “our”).

Please read them carefully as they set out our respective rights and obligations. In these booking conditions, “you” and “your” means all persons named on the booking and all persons on whose behalf a booking is made or any other person to whom a booking is added or transferred. Except where otherwise stated, these booking conditions only apply to holiday arrangements which you book with us in the UK and which we agree to make, provide or perform (as applicable) as part of our contract with you. All references in these booking conditions to “holiday”, “booking”, “contract”, “package”, “tour” or “arrangements” mean such holiday arrangements unless otherwise stated.

By making a booking, the first named person on the booking, the (“party leader”) agrees on behalf of all persons detailed on the booking that:

A) He/she has read these Booking Conditions and has the authority to and does agree to be bound by them;

B) He/she consents to our use of personal data in accordance with our Privacy Policy and is authorised on behalf of all persons named on the booking to disclose their personal details to us, including where applicable, special categories of data (such as information on health conditions or disabilities) and dietary requirements;

C) He/she is over 18 years of age and resident in the United Kingdom and where planning an order for services with age restrictions declares that he/she and all members of the party are of the appropriate age to purchase those services

D) He/she accepts financial responsibility for payment of the booking on behalf of all persons detailed on the booking.

#### 1. Making a booking

Subject to the availability of your chosen arrangements, we will confirm your holiday by issuing a confirmed invoice. This invoice will be sent to the party leader or your travel agent. A binding contract will come into existence between you and us as soon as we have issued you with a booking confirmation that will confirm the details of your booking and will be sent to you or your travel agent. If your confirmed arrangements include a flight, we (or our authorised agent or our travel agent or ours, that agent) will also issue you with an ATOL Certificate. Upon receipt, if you believe that any details on the ATOL Certificate or booking confirmation or any other document are wrong, you must contact us immediately as it may not be possible to make changes later. We regret we cannot accept any liability if we are not notified of any inaccuracies or omissions in our booking confirmation in any document within ten days of our sending it out (five days for tickets). We will do our best to rectify any mistake notified to us outside these time limits, but you must meet any costs involved in doing so.

#### 2. Payment

In order to confirm your chosen holiday, a deposit of 10% of the total holiday cost (or full payment if booking within 89 days of departure) must be paid at the time of booking. The balance of the holiday cost must be paid to us not less than 29 days prior to departure. This date will be shown on the confirmation invoice. Reminders are not sent. If we do not receive all payments due (including any surcharge where applicable) in full and on time, we reserve the right to treat your booking as cancelled by you, in which case the cancellation charges set out in clause 5 below, will become payable.

Except for flight inclusive bookings, all monies you pay to one of our authorised travel agents for your holiday with us will be held by the agent on our behalf until the contract between us comes into existence. After that point, your agent will hold the monies on our behalf until they are paid to us. For flight inclusive bookings, all monies paid to any authorised travel agent of ours for your holiday with us will be held on behalf of and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust subject to the travel agent’s obligation to pay such monies to us in accordance with our trading terms unless we fail. In the unlikely event of our financial failure, all monies then held by the travel agent or subsequently paid by you to the travel agent will be held by the agent on behalf of and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust without any obligation on the agent to pay such monies to us.

#### 3. Contract

A binding contract between us comes into existence when we issue our confirmation invoice to the party leader or your travel agent. We both agree that English Law (and no other) will apply to your contract and to any dispute, claim or other matter of any description which arises between us (“claim”) (except as set out below). We both also agree that any claim (and whether or not involving any personal injury) must be dealt with under the ABTA Alternative Dispute Resolution Process (if the process is available for the claim in question and you wish to use it – see clause 13) or by the Courts of England and Wales only unless, in the case of Court proceedings, you live in Scotland or Northern Ireland. In this case, proceedings must either be brought in the Courts of your home country or those of England and Wales. If proceedings are brought in Scotland or Northern Ireland, you may choose to have your contract and claim governed by the law of Scotland/Northern Ireland as applicable (but if you do not so choose, English law will apply).

#### 4. Holiday Insurance

We consider adequate travel insurance to be essential. It is a condition of your contract with us that you should take out insurance to cover you in the event of illness, personal injury or death during the course of your holiday and for cancellation.

Please read your policy details carefully and take them with you on your holiday. It is your responsibility to ensure that the insurance cover you purchase is suitable and adequate for your particular needs. We do not check alternative insurance policies.

### 5. If you change your booking & transfers of booking

If, after your confirmation has been issued you wish to make changes to your confirmed holiday, you must notify us in writing as soon as possible. This should be done by the first named person on the booking. Whilst we will endeavour to assist, we cannot guarantee we will be able to meet any such requests. Where we can, an amendment fee of £50.00 per person will be payable together with any costs incurred by ourselves and any costs or charges incurred or imposed by any of our suppliers. You should be aware that these costs could increase the closer to the departure date that changes are made and you should contact us as soon as possible. A change of holiday dates will normally be treated as a cancellation of the original booking and rebooking in which case cancellation charges in accordance with clause 6 of these Booking Conditions, will apply. Changes may result in the recalculation of the holiday price where, for example, the basis on which the price of the original holiday was calculated has changed.

**Transfer of Booking:** If you or any member of your party is prevented from travelling, that person(s) may transfer their booking to someone else, subject to the following conditions:

a. that person is introduced by you and satisfies all the conditions applicable to the holiday;

b. we are notified not less than 7 days before departure;

c. you pay any outstanding balance payment, an amendment fee of £50 per person transferring, as well as any additional fees, charges or other costs arising from the transfer; and

d. the transferee agrees to these booking conditions and all other terms of the contract between us.

You and the transferee remain jointly and severally liable for payment of all sums. If you are unable to find a replacement, cancellation charges as set out in clause 6 will apply in order to cover our estimated costs. Otherwise, no refunds will be given for passengers not travelling or for unused services.

**Important Note:** Certain arrangements may not be amended or transferred after they have been confirmed and any alteration could incur a cancellation charge of up to 100% of that part of the arrangements. Most airlines do not permit name changes and such changes are likely to be the full cost of the flight.

#### 6. If you cancel your holiday before departure

You or any member of your party, may cancel your holiday at any time provided that the cancellation is made by the party leader and is received by us in writing. As we incur costs from the date we confirm your booking we will retain your deposit and in addition apply cancellation charges up to the maximum amount shown below. The amount of cancellation charge shown is a percentage of the total holiday price excluding insurance premiums and amendments charges which are non-refundable in any event. These charges are calculated from the date we receive your written notification at our offices.

Period before departure in which we receive your notification	Cancellation charge payable
More than 89 days	Deposit Only
Between 88 and 31 days	50%
Between 30 and 15 days	75%
14 days or less	100%

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Certain arrangements on this website and in our brochure have different cancellation terms than those stated above. These are either noted on the website, the relevant transport and/or travel agent or our confirmation invoice.

**NOTE:** Depending on the reason for cancellation, you may be able to reclaim these charges if the reason for cancellation is covered under the terms of your holiday insurance policy.

Where any cancellation reduces the number of full paying party members below the number on which the holiday was booked, you may be entitled to any concessions agreed for your booking were based, we will recalculate these items and re-invoice you accordingly. See clause 5 “If you change your booking & transfers of booking” if any member(s) of your party are prevented from travelling.

#### Cancellation by You due to Unavoidable & Extraordinary Circumstances:

You may terminate the package travel contract at any time before the start of the package without paying a cancellation charge in the event of “unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances” occurring at the place of destination or its immediate vicinity which will significantly affect the performance of the package or carriage to your holiday destination. In these circumstances, we shall provide you with a full refund of the monies you have paid but we will not be liable to pay you any additional compensation. For the purposes of this clause, “unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances” may include warfare, other serious security problems such as terrorism, significant risks to human health such as the outbreak of serious disease at the travel destination, or natural disasters such as floods, earthquakes or weather conditions which make it impossible to travel safely to the travel destination as agreed in the package travel contract. This clause 6 outlines the rights you have if you wish to cancel your booking. Please note that there is no automatic statutory right of cancellation under the Consumer Contracts (Information, Cancellation and Additional Charges) Regulations 2013.

#### 7. If you have a complaint

We do not wish you to have any reason to complain or experience any problems with your holiday whilst away, you must immediately inform our local representative or agent (if we have one) and the supplier of the service(s) in question. Any verbal notification must be put in writing and given to our representative / agent and the supplier as soon as possible. If we do not have or you cannot contact our local representative or agent and/or any complaint or problem is not resolved to your satisfaction by the supplier, you must contact us in the UK using the contact details we have provided you with during your holiday, giving us full details and a contact number. Until we know about a complaint or problem, we cannot begin to resolve it. If you remain dissatisfied, however,

you must notify us in writing within 28 days of the completion of your holiday and this must be to us at the address detailed in paragraph one of these Booking Conditions.

You must quote your booking reference number, holiday number and departure date. For all complaints and claims which do not involve death, personal injury or illness, we regret we cannot accept liability in respect of any complaint or claims which are not notified to us in accordance with this clause. If you fail to follow this simple complaint procedure, your right to claim any compensation you may otherwise have been entitled to may be affected or even lost as a result. Please note that we offer an Alternative Dispute Resolution Service through our ABTA membership. Please see clause 18 for further details.

#### 8. Behaviour and damage

When you book with us, you accept responsibility for any damage or loss caused by you or any member of your party. Full payment for any such damage or loss (reasonably estimated if not precisely known) must be made direct to the accommodation owner or manager or other supplier or to us as soon as possible. If the actual cost of the loss or damage exceeds the amount paid where estimated, you must pay the difference once known. If the actual cost is less than the amount paid, the difference will be refunded to you. You will also be responsible for meeting any claims subsequently made against us and all costs incurred by us (including our own and the other party’s full legal costs) as a result of your actions. You should ensure you have appropriate travel insurance to protect you if this situation arises.

All our customers are expected to conduct themselves in an orderly and acceptable manner and not to disrupt the enjoyment of others. If in our reasonable opinion or in the reasonable opinion of some other person in authority, you or any member of your party behaves in such a way as to cause or be likely to cause damage, distress, danger or annoyance to other clients, employees, property or to any third party, or damage to property, we reserve the right to terminate the holiday of the person(s) in question and in the reasonable opinion of some other person in authority, you and/or your party will cease and you and/or your party will be required to leave the accommodation or other service immediately. We will have no further obligations toward such person(s) including any return travel arrangements. No refunds will be made, and we will not pay any expenses or costs incurred as a result of the termination.

#### 9. Entry Passport, Visa and Immigration Requirements, Safety & Health Formalities

It is your responsibility to ensure that the entry, passport, visa, immigration requirements, safety and health formalities applicable to your itinerary. We can only provide general information about this. You must check requirements for your own specific circumstances with the relevant Embassies and/or Consulates, the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) and your own doctor as applicable. Requirements and the safety of the countries and areas in which you will be travelling to, do change and you must check the up to date position in good time before departure in order to make your decisions accordingly.

Most countries now require passports to be valid for at least 6 months after your return date. If your passport is its final year, you should check with the Embassy of the country you are visiting. For further information contact the Passport Office on 0870 5210410 or visit https://www.gov.uk/browse/citizenship/passports.

Special conditions apply for travel to the USA, and all passengers must have individual machine readable passports. Please check https://uk.usembassy.gov.

For European travel you should obtain a UK Global Health Insurance Card (UK GHIC) prior to departure unless you are able to rely upon an existing European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). For travel to Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Switzerland, UK GHIC and EHIC can not be used for medical treatment. Passengers to these destinations should obtain comprehensive medical insurance prior to departure, including cover for emergency medical treatment and associated costs.

Up to date travel advice can be obtained from the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, https://www.gov.uk/traveladvise and Non British passport holders, including other EU nationals, should obtain up to date advice on entry, passport, visa, health and immigration requirements from the Embassy, High Commission or Consulate of your destination or country(ies) through which you are travelling.

We do not accept any responsibility if you cannot travel, or incur any other loss because you have not complied with any entry, passport, visa, immigration requirements or health formalities. You agree to reimburse us in relation to any fines or other losses which we incur as a result of your failure to comply with any entry passport, visa, immigration requirements or health formalities.

Please note: The impacts of Brexit may change your visa, ticket and health requirements. Third country citizens are advised to check the requirements when passing through EU Member States. There is the potential for disruption at borders when travelling between the UK and EU Member States and you should allow sufficient time for this when planning any onward travel. You should check any impacts of Brexit on your travel, in advance of your departure, to ensure that you fulfil the requirements post-Brexit, including any passport validity requirements.

#### 10. The price of your holiday

Please note, any prices shown are a guide only and do not include the cost of the carriage of passengers shown in this brochure have been calculated using exchange rates of 15 October 2023 as shown in the Financial Times Guide to World Currencies.

We reserve the right to amend the price of unsold holidays at any time and correct errors in the prices of confirmed holidays. We also reserve the right to increase the price of confirmed holidays solely to allow for increase which are a direct consequence of changes in:

i. the level of tax on the carriage of passengers resulting from the cost of fuel or other power sources;

(ii) the level of taxes or fees applicable to the holiday imposed by third parties not directly involved in the performance of the holiday, including

tourist taxes, landing taxes or embarkation or disembarkation fees at ports and airports; and (iii) the exchange rates relevant to the package. Such variations could include but are not limited to airline cost changes which are part of our contracts with airlines (and their agents), cruise ship operators and any other service providers.

We will absorb and you will not be charged for any increase equivalent to 2% of the price of your travel arrangements, which excludes insurance premiums and any amendments or travel arrangements. You will be charged for the amount over and above that. However, if this means that you have to pay an increase of more than 8% of the price of your confirmed holiday (excluding any insurance premiums, amendment charges and/or additional special or travel arrangements, you will have the option of accepting a change to another holiday if we are able to offer one (if this is of equivalent or higher quality you will not have to pay more but if it is of lower quality you will be refunded the difference in price), or cancelling and receiving a full refund of all monies paid to us, except for any insurance premiums and any amendment charges and/or additional services or travel arrangements. Should you decide to cancel for this reason, you must exercise your right to do so within 7 days from the issue date printed on your final invoice. We will consider an appropriate refund of your insurance premiums paid if you can show that you are unable to depart.

a) where we make a significant change and you accept those changed arrangements or you accept an offer of alternative travel arrangements;

b) where we make a significant change and you accept those changed arrangements or you accept an offer of alternative travel arrangements;

c) where we make a significant change and you accept those changed arrangements or you accept an offer of alternative travel arrangements;

d) where we have to cancel your arrangements as a result of your failure to make full payment on time;

e) where the change or cancellation by us arises out of alterations to the confirmed booking requested by you;

f) where we are forced to cancel or change your arrangements due to Force Majeure (see clause 12) If we become unable to provide a significant proportion of the arrangements that you have booked with us after you have departed, we will, if possible, make alternative arrangements for you at no extra charge and where those alternative arrangements are of a lower standard, provide you with an appropriate price reduction.

**12. Force Majeure** Except where otherwise expressly stated in these Booking Conditions, we regret we cannot accept liability or pay any compensation if our contractual obligations to you are affected by “Force Majeure”

In these booking conditions, “force majeure” means any event beyond our or our supplier’s control, the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all reasonable measures has been taken. Such events may include actual or threatened war or terrorism, riot, civil strife, significant risks to human health such as the outbreak of serious disease at the travel destination or natural disasters such as floods, earthquakes or weather conditions which make it impossible to travel safely to the travel destination or remain at the travel destination, the act of any government or other national or local authority including port or river authorities, industrial dispute, labour strikes, lock closure, natural or nuclear disaster, fire, chemical or biological disaster, unavoidable technical problems with transport and all similar events outside our or the supplier(s) concerned’s control.

#### 13. Our responsibility to you

(1)We will accept liability for the arrangements we agree to provide or arrange for you as an “organiser” under the Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018, as set out below and as such, we are responsible for the proper provision of the travel services specifically included in your package, as set out in your confirmation invoice and the information we provided to you regarding the services prior to booking. Please note that we shall not be responsible for any additional services provided to you, whether provided by the travel service providers or otherwise, which are not set out in your confirmation invoice and the information we provided to you regarding the services prior to booking.

(2) We will not be responsible or pay you compensation for any personal injury or death unless you are able to prove that it was caused by our negligence or the negligence of our suppliers.

(3) We will not be responsible or pay you compensation for any injury, illness, death, loss, damage, expense, cost or other claim of any description if it results from:

- (a) the acts and/or omissions of the person affected; or
- (b) the acts and/or omissions of a third party unconnected with the provision of the services contracted for and which were unforeseeable or unavoidable; or
- (c) Force Majeure (as defined in clause 12).

(4) We limit the amount of compensation we may have to pay you if we are found liable under this clause:

- (a) loss of and/or damage to any luggage or personal possessions and money: the maximum amount we will have to pay you in respect of these claims is an amount equivalent to the excess on your insurance policy which applies to this type of loss per person in total because you are required to have adequate insurance in place to cover any losses of this kind.
- (b) Claims not falling under (a) above and which do not involve injury, illness or death: the maximum amount we will have to pay you in respect of these claims is up to three times the price paid by or on behalf of the person(s) affected in total. This maximum amount will only be payable where everything has gone wrong and you or your party has not received any benefit at all from your booking.
- (c) Claims in respect of international travel by air, sea and rail, or any stay in a hotel:

- i. The extent of our liability will in all cases be limited as if we were carriers under the appropriate Conventions, which include The Warsaw/Montreal Convention (international travel by air); The Athens Convention (with respect to sea travel); The Berne/ Cotif Convention (with respect to rail travel) and The Paris Convention (with respect to hotel arrangements). You can ask for copies of these Conventions from our offices. Please contact us.

or offer. If we do not hear from you within 7 days, we will contact you again to request notification of your choice. If you fail to respond again, we will assume that you have chosen to accept the change or alternative booking arrangements.

#### Compensation

In addition to a full refund of all monies paid by you, we will pay you compensation as detailed below, in the following circumstances:

a) If, where we make a significant change, you do not accept the changed arrangements and cancel your booking;

b) If we cancel your booking and no alternative arrangements are available

The compensation that we offer does not exclude you from claiming more if you are entitled to do so.

Period before departure in which we notify you	Compensation per person
Over 89 days	NIL
Between 29 and 88 days	£10
Between 15 and 28 days	£15
Between 8 and 14 days	£20
7 days or less	£25

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** We will not pay you compensation in the following circumstances:

a) where we make an insignificant change

b) where we make a significant change or cancel your arrangements more than 89 days before departure

c) where we make a significant change and you accept those changed arrangements or you accept an offer of alternative travel arrangements;

d) where we have to cancel your arrangements as a result of your failure to make full payment on time;

e) where the change or cancellation by us arises out of alterations to the confirmed booking requested by you;

f) where we are forced to cancel or change your arrangements due to Force Majeure (see clause 12) If we become unable to provide a significant proportion of the arrangements that you have booked with us after you have departed, we will, if possible, make alternative arrangements for you at no extra charge and where those alternative arrangements are of a lower standard, provide you with an appropriate price reduction.

**12. Force Majeure** Except where otherwise expressly stated in these Booking Conditions, we regret we cannot accept liability or pay any compensation if our contractual obligations to you are affected by “Force Majeure”

In these booking conditions, “force majeure” means any event beyond our or our supplier’s control, the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all reasonable measures has been taken. Such events may include actual or threatened war or terrorism, riot, civil strife, significant risks to human health such as the outbreak of serious disease at the travel destination or natural disasters such as floods, earthquakes or weather conditions which make it impossible to travel safely to the travel destination or remain at the travel destination, the act of any government or other national or local authority including port or river authorities, industrial dispute, labour strikes, lock closure, natural or nuclear disaster, fire, chemical or biological disaster, unavoidable technical problems with transport and all similar events outside our or the supplier(s) concerned’s control.

#### 13. Our responsibility to you

(1)We will accept liability for the arrangements we agree to provide or arrange for you as an “organiser” under the Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018, as set out below and as such, we are responsible for the proper provision of the travel services specifically included in your package, as set out in your confirmation invoice and the information we provided to you regarding the services prior to booking. Please note that we shall not be responsible for any additional services provided to you, whether provided by the travel service providers or otherwise, which are not set out in your confirmation invoice and the information we provided to you regarding the services prior to booking.

#### 14. Arbitration

Disputes arising out of, or in connection with your booking which cannot be amicably settled may be referred to ABTA’s approved Alternative Dispute Resolution process if you so wish under a special scheme arranged by ABTA Ltd and administered independently. The scheme provides for a simple and inexpensive method of arbitration on documents alone without the supplier or customer in respect of costs. Full details will be provided on request or can be obtained from the ABTA website (www.abta.com). The scheme does not apply to claims for an amount greater than £5,000 per person. There is also a limit of £25,000 per booking. Neither does it apply to claims, which are solely in respect of physical injury or illness or their consequences. The scheme can however deal with compensation claims, which include an element of minor injury, or illness subject to a limit of £1,500 on the amount the arbitrator can award per person in respect of this element. Your application for arbitration and other required documents must be received by ABTA within 18 months of the occurrence of the holiday. Outside this time limit arbitration under the scheme may still be available if we agree, although the ABTA Code does not require such agreement. For injury and illness claims, you can request the ABTA mediation procedure and we have the option to agree to this. Where we act as agent, please bear in mind that our role is limited to the supplier or the arrangements concerned. Unless the supplier is also a member of ABTA, only disputes relating to our actions as agent can be dealt with by the arbitration scheme or mediation procedure and not complaints about the arrangements themselves or the acts / omissions of the supplier.

**15. Conditions of suppliers**

Many of the services, which make up your holiday are provided by independent suppliers. Those suppliers provide the services in accordance with their own terms and conditions. Some of these terms and conditions may limit or exclude the supplier’s liability to you, usually in accordance with applicable international conventions (see clause 13). Copies of the relevant parts of these terms and

conditions and of the international conventions are available on request from ourselves or the supplier concerned.
**16. Special requests and medical conditions / disabilities**
If you have any special request, you must advise us at the time of booking. Although we will endeavour to pass any reasonable requests on to the relevant supplier, we regret we cannot guarantee any request will be met. Failure to meet any special request may be a breach of contract. On our part, Confirmation that a special request has been noted or passed on to the supplier or the inclusion of the special request on your confirmation invoice or any other documentation is not confirmation that the request will be met. Unless and until specifically confirmed, all special requests are subject to availability. For your own protection, you should obtain confirmation in writing that a special request will be complied (where it is possible to give this) where it is important to you.

We regret we cannot accept any conditional bookings, i.e. any booking which is specified to be conditional on the fulfilment of a particular request. All such bookings will be treated as “standard” bookings subject to the above provisions on special requests.

If you or any member of your party has any medical condition or disability which may affect your holiday or has any special requirements as a result of any medical condition or disability (including but not limited to the use of a wheelchair), please tell us before you confirm your booking so that we can assist you in considering the suitability of the arrangements and/or making the booking. In any event, you must give us full details in writing at the time of booking and whenever any change in the condition or disability occurs. You must also promptly advise us if any medical condition or disability which may affect your holiday develops after your booking has been confirmed. If we reasonably feel unable to properly accommodate the particular needs of the person concerned, we must reserve the right to decline their reservation or, if full details are not given at the time of booking or the condition / disability develops after booking, to not automatically entitle you to a refund of your holiday price from us. If, for any reason, you do not claim against the airline and make a claim for compensation from us, you must, at the time of payment of any compensation to you, make a complete assignment to us of the rights you have against the airline in relation to the claim that gives rise to that compensation payment. A delay or cancellation to your flight does not automatically entitle you to cancel any other arrangements even where those arrangements have been made in conjunction with your flight.

We cannot accept liability for any delay which is due to any of the reasons set out in clause 10 above. If you are a passenger on a flight, you must be the behaviour of any passenger(s) on any flight who, for example, fails to check in or board on time). The carrier’s, flight timings and types of aircraft shown in this brochure or on our website and detailed on your confirmation invoice are for guidance only and are subject to alteration and confirmation. We shall inform you of the identity of the actual carrier(s) as soon as we become aware of it. The latest flight timings will be shown on your tickets and the applicable conditions contained in clause 12(I) of our booking conditions will not apply to them. We do not however exclude liability for the negligence of ourselves or our employees resulting in your death or personal injury.

(6) It is a condition of our acceptance of liability under this clause that you notify any claim to us and our supplier(s) strictly in accordance with the complaints procedure set out in these conditions.

(7) Where any payment is made, the person(s) receiving it and their parent or guardian if under 18 years) must also assign to us or our insurers any rights they may have to pursue any third party and must provide ourselves and our insurers with all assistance we may reasonably require.

(8) Please note, we cannot accept any liability for any damage, loss or expense or other sum(s) of any description:

(a) which on the basis of the information given to us by you concerning your booking prior to our accepting it, we could not have foreseen you would suffer or incur if we breached our contract with you; (b) relate to any business;

(c) indirect or consequential loss of any kind.

(9) We will not accept responsibility for services or facilities which do not form part of our agreement or where they are not advertised in our brochure. For example any excursion you book whilst away, or any service or facility which your hotel or any other supplier agrees to provide for you.

(10) Where it is impossible for you to return to your departure point as per the agreed return date of your package, due to “unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances”, we shall provide you with any necessary accommodation (where available) of a comparable standard for a period not exceeding three nights per Please note that the 3 night cap does not apply to persons with reduced mobility, pregnant women or unaccompanied minors, nor to persons needing specific medical assistance, provided we have been notified of these particular needs at least 48 hours before the start of your holiday. For the purposes of this clause, “unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances” mean warfare, acts of terrorism, significant risks to human health such as the outbreak of serious disease at the travel destination or natural disasters such as floods, earthquakes or weather conditions which make it impossible to travel safely back to your departure point.

**14. Arbitration**
Disputes arising out of, or in connection with your booking which cannot be amicably settled may be referred to ABTA’s approved Alternative Dispute Resolution process if you so wish under a special scheme arranged by ABTA Ltd and administered independently. The scheme provides for a simple and inexpensive method of arbitration on documents alone without the supplier or customer in respect of costs. Full details will be provided on request or can be obtained from the ABTA website (www.abta.com). The scheme does not apply to claims for an amount greater than £5,000 per person. There is also a limit of £25,000 per booking. Neither does it apply to claims, which are solely in respect of physical injury or illness or their consequences. The scheme can however deal with compensation claims, which include an element of minor injury, or illness subject to a limit of £1,500 on the amount the arbitrator can award per person in respect of this element. Your application for arbitration and other required documents must be received by ABTA within 18 months of the occurrence of the holiday. Outside this time limit arbitration under the scheme may still be available if we agree, although the ABTA Code does not require such agreement. For injury and illness claims, you can request the ABTA mediation procedure and we have the option to agree to this. Where we act as agent, please bear in mind that our role is limited to the supplier or the arrangements concerned. Unless the supplier is also a member of ABTA, only disputes relating to our actions as agent can be dealt with by the arbitration scheme or mediation procedure and not complaints about the arrangements themselves or the acts / omissions of the supplier.

**15. Conditions of suppliers**
Many of the services, which make up your holiday are provided by independent suppliers. Those suppliers provide the services in accordance with their own terms and conditions. Some of these terms and conditions may limit or exclude the supplier’s liability to you, usually in accordance with applicable international conventions (see clause 13). Copies of the relevant parts of these terms and

conditions and of the international conventions are available on request from ourselves or the supplier concerned.

**16. Special requests and medical conditions / disabilities**
If you have any special request, you must advise us at the time of booking. Although we will endeavour to pass any reasonable requests on to the relevant supplier, we regret we cannot guarantee any request will be met. Failure to meet any special request may be a breach of contract. On our part, Confirmation that a special request has been noted or passed on to the supplier or the inclusion of the special request on your confirmation invoice or any other documentation is not confirmation that the request will be met. Unless and until specifically confirmed, all special requests are subject to availability. For your own protection, you should obtain confirmation in writing that a special request will be complied (where it is possible to give this) where it is important to you.

We regret we cannot accept any conditional bookings, i.e. any booking which is specified to be conditional on the fulfilment of a particular request. All such bookings will be treated as “standard” bookings subject to the above provisions on special requests.

If you or any member of your party has any medical condition or disability which may affect your holiday or has any special requirements as a result of any medical condition or disability (including but not limited to the use of a wheelchair), please tell us before you confirm your booking so that we can assist you in considering the suitability of the arrangements and/or making the booking. In any event, you must give us full details in writing at the time of booking and whenever any change in the condition or disability occurs. You must also promptly advise us if any medical condition or disability which may affect your holiday develops after your booking has been confirmed. If we reasonably feel unable to properly accommodate the particular needs of the person concerned, we must reserve the right to decline their reservation or, if full details are not given at the time of booking or the condition / disability develops after booking, to not automatically entitle you to a refund of your holiday price from us. If, for any reason, you do not claim against the airline and make a claim for compensation from us, you must, at the time of payment of any compensation to you, make a complete assignment to us of the rights you have against the airline in relation to the claim that gives rise to that compensation payment. A delay or cancellation to your flight does not automatically entitle you to cancel any other arrangements even where those arrangements have been made in conjunction with your flight.

  
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