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25 Day Grand South America Tour (Tour Code: SAT)

Combining four countries like Brazil, Argentina, Chile and Peru will allow you to really get a feel for the destinations. You'd get to explore the Statue of Christ and Sugarloaf Mountain in Rio, Brazil, marvel on an adventurous boat tour through the breathtaking Devils Throat in Iguazu, sightsee Buenos Aires, Argentina's big, cosmopolitan capital city, view the calving of the glacier in the Perito Moreno Glacier in Argentina, interact with different types of animals and intoxicated yourself in the colorful lakes and photograph the incredible landscape and wildlife in Torres del Paine National Park in Chile, trek the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu and wander in the fairytale-like Uros Island on glittering Lake Titicaca in Peru, immerse yourself in the beautiful atmosphere in the Amazon and tour Santiago, Chile's capital and largest city. This is probably one of the most stunning tours in South America.



Day 01, 04 Sep: Sydney – Santiago de Chile – Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (D)

QF 27, 04 SEP. SYDNEY – SANTIAGO 11:55/10:25

QF3893, 04 SEP. SANTIAGO – RIO DE JANEIRO (GIG) 11:59/17:05

Depart to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil via Santiago, Chile at noon and arrive in the evening on the same day. After arriving at Rio airport (GIG), you will be welcomed by your guide at the airport and transferred to your hotel. Dinner will be at hotel.

Accommodation: Arena Leme Hotel or similar

Day 02, 05 Sep: Rio de Janeiro sightseeing (B.D)

After breakfast, you will go to visit Sugar Loaf Hill (4 hours). The first stop is the Urca Mountain, with a wide viewing area that also offers the possibility to have a snack in the restaurant on top of the mountain. On the mountain of Sugar Loaf Hill, you will have a beautiful view of Rio de Janeiro, Copacabana beach, the Bay, the surrounding mountains, islands in the ocean, bridge Niteroi, and the statue of Christ on Corcovado Mountain. After going down by cable car, the tour continues by car to the central regions of the old town of Rio de Janeiro where you can admire several old churches, monasteries, the main cathedral of the city as well as buildings in colonial style. Our guide will take you to a local restaurant where you can taste the delicious dishes of the local cuisine.

Accommodation: Arena Leme Hotel or similar

Day 03, 06 Sep: Rio de Janeiro sightseeing (B.D)

Today you will go on an amazing tour visiting Christ the Redeemer Statute (4 hours). Arriving at the station, the environmentally friendly train will take us through the jungle to the top of Corcovado. On both sides of the railway you will have spectacular views of Tijuca forest, inhabited by monkeys and other exotic animals and birds. On top of Corcovado, at an altitude of 700 m above sea level, you will stand in front of the symbol of Rio de Janeiro: Statue of Christ the Savior (38m) that was built in 1931. From top of Corcovado, you have a breathtaking panoramic view of the city and its surroundings like the Bridge Niteroi, Guanabara Bay, the Botanical Garden, the world's largest Maracana stadium and the Sugar Loaf. In the afternoon you will obtain an interesting experience by having a quick visit to the favela by jeep (3 hours). The tour is not only to explain about favelas, but to give you a whole new understanding about different aspects of Brazilian society. Dinner at "Chon Kou Restaurant" (Asian food). After dinner, you are transferred to see & experience how Cariocas (Rio's inhabitant) enjoy the nights. You will go to watch an authentic Samba Show at Ginga Show (Marriott Hotel).

Accommodation: Arena Leme Hotel or similar

Day 04, 07 Sep: Rio de Janeiro – Iguazu, Brazil (B.D)

LA3684, 07 SEP. RIO DE JANEIRO (GIG) – Iguazu (IGU) 11:50/14:05

After enjoying your breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport to board your flight to Iguazu. Upon arrival, you will be transferred to your hotel and then you will be visiting the Brazilian falls in a half day tour. Foz de Iguassu Falls are located on the borders of Brazil, Argentina and Paraguay - and have 275 large water flows, falling from a terrible height. Falls are located in the National Park with its unique flora and fauna, which appeared after a volcanic eruption, and the displacement of the earth formations. The name Tupi-Guarani Indian tribe is translated from the waterfalls and means "big water". There are 275 waterfalls, each of which has its own name, which rush down with a crash into the canyon of "Devil's Throat". There is an amazing contrast between the calm and even lazy river water over Iguassu Falls above and the powerful overthrow boiling water flows from a height of 72 meters into the abyss. You can stand for hours without stopping, watching this show and thinking about the magnificence of the universe and eternity. You are transferred back to your hotel. Enjoy your dinner at a local restaurant with round trip transfer.

Accommodation: Vivaz Cataratas Hotel or similar

Day 05, 08 Sep: Iguazu (B.L.D)

Pick up at your hotel and full day crossing the border to Argentina with lunch. The first stop is at the Cataratas Station. The Argentina side is different from the Brazilian; you will walk on paths through the falls which give you the opportunity to have a look under the falls. On this side you are faced with the full view of the river and the magnitude of the gigantic Devils Throat. Lunch is included inside the park. The tour includes the amazing Great adventure boat Tour (SIC): it will be done while visiting the argentine route to the waterfalls. This safari combines a tour of 5 miles through the rainforest in four-wheel-drive vehicles and a sailing tour along the Iguazú River. The trip starts in the Macuco Port on board of semi rigid rubber dinghies. The navigation along the river includes 1.25 miles of rapids, even entering into the great Canyon called Garganta del Diablo, which is the more outstanding fall of the group. We are talking of a unique experience that allows you- if you feel like getting pretty wet and joining intense emotions – reach the base of one of the falls. After tour, you will be transferred back to the hotel and then will enjoy a delicious dinner at the hotel.

Accommodation: Vivaz Cataratas Hotel or similar

Day 06, 09 Sep: Iguazu – Buenos Aires, Argentina (B.D)

AR1775V 09 SEP IGUAZU (IGR) – BUENOS AIRES (AEP) 10:40/12:40

In the morning you will be transferred to the airport to board your flight to Buenos Aires. Upon arrival you will be transferred to have lunch. After lunch, enjoy an orientation city tour (4 hours). When it comes to shopping, Buenos Aires can be one of the most charming cities in the world. From grand boulevards to the winding streets of Arroyo, the city offers an endless variety of boutiques, galleries and antique shops. Shopping malls have become a daily getaway and a convenient shopping location for many Portenos. You will have a chance to do some shopping in Buenos Aires as you will visit the most famous and exclusive stores in Buenos Aires. At night enjoy an amazing night in one of the most traditional tango venues of Buenos Aires! La Ventana. Enjoy traditional dishes of Buenos Aires (3 steps), accompanied by delicious wine (1/2 bottle per pax). The show goes through the history of the tango and life at the beginning of last century, with different dance couples and famous singers of tango.

Accommodation: Design Suites Buenos Aires or similar

Day 07, 10 Sep: Buenos Aires Sightseeing (B.D)

Today you will do a half-day Buenos Aires City Tour (3 hours). With this tour you will understand why it's known the beautiful city of Buenos Aires as the "Paris of South America". The tour begins with a tour of 9 de Julio Avenue, one of the widest avenues in the world, where you can find the symbol of the city: the Obelisk. You will stop at Plaza de Mayo, where you will visit the Casa Rosada, name by which it is popularly known the presidential palace, and the magnificent Metropolitan Cathedral, with its incredible neoclassical facade, mausoleum of national hero, General San Martin. You will also visit squares as San Martin, Alvear and Plaza del Congreso. Important avenues like Corrientes, Av. De Mayo, among others. Important areas of the city like La Boca, San Telmo, Palermo, Recoleta and the most modern: Puerto Madero. At night dinner at a local restaurant. Transfers are included.

Accommodation: Design Suites Buenos Aires or similar

Day 08, 11 Sep: Buenos Aires – El Calafate (B.D)

AR1838, 11 Sep. Buenos Aires (AEP) – El Calafate (FTE) 05:30/08:50

In very early morning, you are transferred to airport for your flight to El Calafate. Upon arrival, you are met and start to pay a visit to Glaciarium Museum, a modern glacier Interpretation Centre, built to entertain and educate about ice, glaciers and the Patagonian Ice Fields. Dinner will be at your hotel.

Accommodation: Rochester Calafate or similar

Day 09, 12 Sep: Perito Moreno Glacier (B.D)

Today you'll start a full day excursion to Perito Moreno Glacier (one of Patagonia's only growing glaciers and a UNESCO World Heritage Site). Once inside Los Glaciares National Park, you'll follow the route around Lago Argentino where 50 miles (80km) from El Calafate, Perito Moreno Glacier lies imposing with its 200 foot (60 meter) high ice walls. Follow the paths that lead you to face the glacier and get different impressive views, all while continuous detachments and constant ice breaking noises echoes in your surrounds! Next, hop on a boat (Nautical Safari; regular) for a cruise that will give you closer views of the stunning glacier. Dinner will be at your hotel.

Accommodation: Rochester Calafate or similar

Day 10, 13 Sep: El Calafate – Torres del Paine (B.D)

After breakfast, you are transferred to Torres del Paine National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage biosphere. Our destination is Lake Sarmiento where we will be setting off on a beautiful walk around the shores of this deep blue lake. This area is normally home to large breeding groups of guanaco which we will spend some time photographing and observing. We will then walk across the Patagonian scrub with its unusual plantlife towards the salty shores of Laguna Amarga (bitter lake). Often frequented by Chilean flamingos, this is another good area for photographing wildlife. Reunited with our transfer vehicle, our next destination is the aptly named Laguna Azul. This is one of the prettiest areas in the park with far reaching views of the Towers across the blue waters of the lake. Inhabited by a variety of geese, ducks and grebes we can relax and enjoy the scenery before driving to our hotel for the night.

Accommodation: Costaustralis or similar

Day 11, 14 Sep: Torres del Paine – Puerto Natales (B.D)

After breakfast, we will be meeting our guide to start our drive west towards the heart of the Park where we will have a chance to hike to waterfalls and glacier lookouts while photographing the incredible landscape and wildlife in front of us. One of these lookouts “Mirador Condor” will hopefully give us a glimpse of the huge Andean Condor that nests high up in the rocky outcrops and hills of the area. With a huge wingspan this member of the vulture family is as imposing when seen on the ground as when soaring high in the air. After plenty of time enjoying the landscape, we will continue to travel to Puerto Natales for the night. Diner will be at your hotel.

Accommodation: Costaustralis or similar

Day 12, 15 Sep: Puerto Natales – Punta Arenas – Santiago (B.D)

LA 94, 15 SEP. PUNTA ARENAS (PUQ) – SANTIAGO 11:36/15:01

After breakfast, you are transferred to Punta Arenas airport (Approximate travel time is 3 hours to Punta Arenas) to take your flight to Santiago. Upon arrival, you are met and transferred to hotel. Your dinner will be at your hotel.

Accommodation: Novotel Santiago Providencia or similar

Day 13, 16 Sep: Santiago, the Chile – Lima, Peru (B.D)

LA 650, 16 SEP. SANTIAGO – LIMA 08:50/10:40

After breakfast at the hotel, you are transferred to airport for your flight to Lima (driver only), capital of Peru. Upon arrival, you are met and enjoy a great city tour of Lima (SIC). The tour includes visits to the main Colonial attractions such as the Main Square with the Cathedral, San Francisco Convent. Afterwards you will visit the other heart of Lima, the uptown shopping and business area, Miraflores with its Central Park, City Hall and Main shopping streets such as Larco Avenue. Dinner will be at your hotel.

Accommodation: Miraflores Colon Hotel or similar

Day 14, 17 Sep: Lima – Puno – Uros Island– Puno (B.D)

LA2207, 17 SEP LIMA – JULIANA 11:30/13:05

After breakfast, you are transferred to airport for your flight to Juliana airport in Puno area. Upon arrival, start your tour to the idyllic floating islands of Lake Titicaca, cradle of the legendary Inca Empire on an exciting full-day tour. Feel relaxed during a scenic drive parallel to the glittering Lake Titicaca. Climb aboard a small boat and set sail for the island of Uros, man-made structures made entirely of reeds. Enjoy a warm greeting by the friendly locals, who show you round their rustic homes while your knowledgeable guide explains the fascinating history of the islands; originally built as a defense mechanism, the islands were designed with flexible reeds in order to move easily during attack. You will gain insight into the indigenous inhabitants of the unique islands and enjoy an authentic experience of culture untouched by mainland modernity. After this visit, return to the city and check into your hotel. Dinner will be at your hotel.

Accommodation: Hacienda Puno or similar

Day 15, 18 Sep: Puno – Cusco, Peru (B.D)

Early breakfast. In the morning go on your journey to Cusco by SIC bus. And visit Andaguaililyas - Sistine Chapel of South America, Raqchi - administrative building of the Incas on the way. In the late afternoon, you will arrive at Cusco. Dinner will be at your hotel.

Accommodation: Hotel Monasterio San Pedro or similar

Day 16, 19 Sep: Cusco – Maras –Moray – Cusco (B.D)

After breakfast, we will pick you up from your hotel and you will board our transport to drive you by the way of Chinchero on a trip of approx 50 minutes. Then continue onto the village of Maras where you will visit their typical streets. You will also have the opportunity of tasting Chicha, a local drink made of corn. Continue on your drive for 30 minutes more and arrive at the archaeological site of Moray, an important agricultural system. Moray was possibly in the Inca times an agricultural research center where experiments were conducted at different heights crop, the arrangement of its platforms produces a variety of micro-climates taking the center of the concentric circular terraces higher temperature and decreasing gradually outward lower temperatures. Here you will stay for about one hour and then conclude the tour by visiting the salt mines (Salineras) where salt is extracted in artesanal form. The Salt Mines are very famous made up of about 3000 small wells which have been exploited since the Inca times and it was an economic exchange. Return to Cusco in the afternoon. Dinner will be at your hotel.

Accommodation: Hotel Monasterio San Pedro or similar

Day 17, 20 Sep: Cusco – Machu Picchu, Peru – Cusco (B.L.D)

Early breakfast. At proper time transfer to the train station located in Ollantaytambo. Depart by Vistadome train from Poroy to Machu Picchu. Upon arrival to Aguas Calientes, start the tour of Machu Picchu, which is considered the most powerful energy center of South America. The Inca Pachacutec built the Citadel using sharp stone blocks, fitted together perfectly. Houses, temples and a public square are all connected by narrow roads and steps cut into the mountainside. Then, you will have free time to walk around the citadel. (Private Services). Depart by vistadome train from Machu Picchu to Poroy. Arrive and transfer to your hotel. Dinner will be at your hotel.

Accommodation: Hotel Monasterio San Pedro or similar

Day 18, 21 Sep: Cusco – Puerto Maldonado – Amazon (B.L.D)

LA2320, 21 SEP. CUSCO – PUERTO MALDONADO (PEM) 11:45/12:45

After breakfast, you are transferred to Cusco airport for your flight to Puerto Maldonado. Upon arrival, you are met and transferred to the WASAÍ Maldonado Ecolodge, where you will receive a welcoming tropical fruit beverage. You will travel for 3 to 4 hours in motorboat trip up the Tambopata river to WASAI Tambopata Lodge (box lunch on board). During the trip into the heart of the rainforest we will be able to observe clouds of butterflies, birds of the tropical rainforest passing above the boat, Caymans, capybaras and many other species of the local wildlife. We will also pass by typical Amazon communities. Reception and accommodation at Wasai Tambopata lodge. Introductory walk to understand rainforest ecosystems and see some of the amazing trees.

Return to the lodge for dinner. We will enjoy diverse sounds of the jungle which will accompany our first night in the Amazon.

Accommodation: Inkaterra Hacienda Concepcion

Day 19, 22 Sep: Boat trip to the Upper Tambopata River & Macaws (B.D)

Early wake up at 4:30 am to take a light breakfast (coffee or mate), to begin with our 40-minute travel upstream to the Macaw Clay Lick “El Chuncho” in the Bahuaja-Sonene National Park. We will have the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful natural sceneries and wildlife of the riverbanks. At our arrival, if weather permits, we will observe one of the greatest wildlife spectacles where hundreds of parrots and different species of macaws gather to eat clay, an unforgettable experience that makes this one of the greatest tours in the Amazon. Then, we will walk through the river beach searching for animal footprints while we have refreshment. In the middle morning we return to the lodge to have breakfast and then take a rest to relax or do the adventure activities or enjoy the facilities and the surroundings of Wasai. Also, you will have the chance of swimming in the Tambopata River. Those who wish can do kayaking on the river or you can join us to fish in the river where inhabit more than 250 species of fish. On route if the level of river is adequate, we will visit the Cat cascades. In the afternoon, we will have an ethno botanical walk into the rainforest by the Tambopata cross path, to learn about plants and medicinal trees of the area; and to observe the amazing jungle ecosystem where we will see walking palm trees, giant lupuna trees, snake trees and so on. At nightfall, we embark again to make a nocturnal caiman search.

Accommodation: Inkaterra Hacienda Concepcion

Day 20, 23 Sep: Puerto Maldonado – Lima, Peru (B.D)

LA2265, 23 SEP. PUERTO MALDONADO (PEM) – LIMA 17:20/18:55

After breakfast, you are at leisure until returning to Puerto Maldonado for your flight to Lima. Upon arrival, you are met and transferred to your hotel. Dinner will be at the hotel.

Accommodation: Miraflores Colon Hotel or similar

Day 21, 24 Sep: Lima, Peru – Santiago, de Chile (B.D)

LA2697, 24 SEP. LIMA – SANTOAGO 09:30/15:00

After breakfast at the hotel, you are transferred to airport for your flight to Santiago. Upon arrival, you are met and transferred to your hotel (driver only). The rest of the day is yours to explore Santiago on your own. Your dinner will be at your hotel.

Accommodation: Novotel Santiago Providencia or similar

Day 22, 25 Sep: Santiago Sightseeing (B.L.D)

After breakfast you will have a Panoramic City Tour over Santiago de Chile. Today you will discover the capital city from the history of the colonial neighborhoods to the modernity of the new financial center also known as “Sanhattan”, be part of this trip through the different sceneries that characterize this South American Metropolis. We will begin by the city's old residential area, passing by beautiful residences that today are part of the Barrio Universitario (university area). Our trip continues to the historical and financial City Center where the La Moneda government Palace, the Main Square and its buildings are the main highlights. Dinner will be at your hotel.

Accommodation: Novotel Santiago Providencia or similar

Day 23, 26 Sep: Santiago (B.D)

On the last day of the tour you will embark on a half day wine tour at Santa Rita Winery with premium wine tasting and lunch. For a long time it was a privilege for a few people, nowadays, they open their doors of their centenary park for all the wine and exclusive moments lovers. This park has the Casa Real Hotel and a beautiful Neo-Gothic Church as the main attractions for visiting. Here you can learn all about the history that it has been connected for 120 years with noble and poet's families. The tour finishes with an exclusive tasting of icons Santa Rita wines! In the afternoon, you are at leisure to explore this exciting city.

Dinner will be at your hotel.

Accommodation: Novotel Santiago Providencia or similar

Day 24, 27 Sep: Santiago – Sydney (B)

QF 28, 27 SEP. SANTIAGO – SYDNEY 13:25/16:45 (28 SEP.)

After breakfast, you are transferred to airport (driver only) for your flight homeward to Sydney and fly overnight.

Day 25, 28 Sep: Sydney

You arrive in Sydney in the afternoon. Your unforgettable South America tour ends.

Tour Price: \$16,880 per person, twin or double share

Single Supplement: \$2,980

This tour price includes:

1. Qantas return economy class air-ticket: Sydney – Santiago – Sydney and airport taxes;
2. All the air-tickets with taxes for all the internal flights within our itinerary in South America including Santiago – Rio de Janeiro – Foz de Iguazu – Buenos Aires – El Calafate//Punta Arenas – Santiago – Lima – Cusco//Juliaca//Cusco – Puerto Maldonado – Lima – Santiago;
3. 23-night accommodation mainly at 4-star hotels;
4. Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B = breakfast, L = lunch and D = dinner), mostly local cuisines in local restaurants or hotels;
5. Transfers and transport all through by deluxe air-conditioned coach;
6. Night entertainments such as Samba Show, Tango Show, folklore show etc.;
7. Sightseeing tours with entry fees and national park fees as mentioned in the itinerary;
8. Professional English-speaking guide;
9. Government tax for accommodation in Brazil (it varies between USD \$1 - \$3 per room, per night).

This tour price excludes:

1. Travel insurance;
2. Visa fees (Le Chile: \$200, Brazil: \$260, subject to change);
3. Gratuities to guides and drivers (In South America tips often represent a substantial part of a workers earnings as wages are generally low. We suggest USD \$5 per person, per day for the tour guides and USD \$3 per person, per day for the drivers);
4. Any meals or services not stated in the itinerary;
5. All items of a personal nature such as telephone calls, drinks, excess baggage; Important Notice: All the flights are for your reference only and are subject to change. For the domestic flight from Foz de Iguazu – Buenos Aires to El Calafate with Argentina Airlines, the luggage allowance is 15kg, one piece for each passenger.