

South America Discovery

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Day 1 | Arrive Rio de Janeiro



Golden swathes of famous coastline, tropical landscapes and a certain joie de vivre will welcome you to one of the world's most vibrant cities, Rio de Janeiro. Energy pulses through every pore of this passionate and fun loving city, flooding from the favelas to the football fields and cumulating in nightly parties where the caipirinhas are free flowing and the samba rhythm is infectious. Rio may be best known for its annual Carnival, but visiting here you'll realise that every day is cause for celebration. Settle in to your hotel before meeting up with your Travel Director this afternoon. Then perhaps hit the sands of Copacabana to watch the sun set whilst you sip your first Cachaça.

Hotel: Windsor Plaza Copacabana

Day 2 | Rio de Janeiro sightseeing and free time



The picturesque Cosme Velho district will be your first stop today, where 1920s neo-colonial buildings will surround you as you board the Corcovado Rack Railway, an old cogwheel train. Hopping on board, you'll wind your way through the Tijuca Forest to the very top of Mount Corcovado, standing in awe as you catch a first glimpse of the 30-metre-high Christ the Redeemer. The undisputed icon of Rio, this magnificent art deco statue is one of the New 7 Wonders of the World and offers the best vantage point of the 'Marvellous City' stretching out below. Take your time exploring here before heading on to visit lively Copacabana and beautiful Ipanema, Rio's best beaches. Tonight, celebrate the culture of South America at the Carretão Ipanema Churrascaria. Distinctly a South American-style rotisserie, it owes its origins to the fireside roasts of the gauchos of southern Brazil, traditionally from the Pampa region, centuries ago.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Windsor Plaza Copacabana

CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Santa Teresa including Selarón Steps - Take a scenic drive to Santa Teresa, Rio's hilltop gem known for its narrow, winding streets, vibrant buildings, and artsy, bohemian vibe. Stroll past "Largo das Neves" plaza and the "Nossa Senhora das Neves" Church, soaking in the local charm. Head to "Parque das Ruínas" to explore an old mansion turned art venue with breathtaking views of Rio and Guanabara Bay. Wrap up your tour at the iconic Selarón Steps, a masterpiece by Jorge Selarón featuring 215 steps adorned in vivid ceramic mosaics.

Adult: 40.00 USD

Day 3 | Rio de Janeiro City free time



Waking up to your final full day in Rio, today is free to explore your way. For those keen to get a closer look, you could also opt for a half day city tour of Rio which includes ascending the Sugarloaf Mountain by cable car for absolutely stand out views of Guanabara Bay.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Windsor Plaza Copacabana

CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Half Day City Tour including Sugar Loaf - Start your tour in Rio, where colonial charm meets skyscraper grandeur. Explore the Paço Imperial palace, dive into the Banco do Brasil Cultural Center, and marvel at the Candelaria Church. Zip down Presidente Vargas Avenue, eyeing vibrant markets and Tiradentes Square on the way. Gaze at the Metropolitan Cathedral, the historic aqueduct, and architectural gems like BNDES and Petrobras. Lapa's nightlife beckons next, with views of the Teatro Municipal and National Library. Top it off with a cable car ride to Sugar Loaf Mountain for breathtaking vistas.

Adult: 79.00 USD

You will have the opportunity to choose between the following two Choice Experiences:

An Adventure in Rio's Tijuca Forest - Nestled at the base of Corcovado Mountain, under Christ the Redeemer, Botanical Park is a green sanctuary in Rio. With over 6,000 species of tropical and subtropical flora, it's not just a feast for the eyes but a hub for botany research and a keeper of monuments rich in history and art. Next up, dive into the lush Tijuca Atlantic Forest, with a stop at the breathtaking Chinese View gazebo. Here, vistas of beaches and iconic spots unfold. The journey back includes a stop at Pepino Beach to marvel at the hang gliders soaring above.

Adult: 75.00 USD

Ginga Tropical Show - "Ginga Tropical" takes you on a vibrant journey through Brazil, celebrating the rich tapestry of cultures from the Northeast, Amazon, Pampas, Bahia, to Rio de Janeiro, all through the universal languages of music and dance. Immerse yourself in the essence of bohemian culture, folklore, and mystical rituals, brought to life by the rhythm of the drummers and the allure of dancers adorned in dazzling carnival costumes.

Adult: 125.00 USD

Day 4 | Rio de Janeiro – Iguassu Falls



Leaving the colourful costumes and infectious rhythms of Rio behind, this morning you'll head to the airport to catch your flight to Iguassu Falls. Words can't really describe the magnificence of the world's largest series of waterfalls (275 to be exact), which straddle the border between Argentina and Brazil and are surrounded by lush expanses of national park. Settle in to your hotel this afternoon and spend the evening relaxing, no doubt bubbling with excitement for the natural spectacle that tomorrow will bring.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Viale Cataratas Hotel

Day 5 | Iguassu Falls and Free Time



Pack your raincoat and your sense of adventure this morning as you're off to visit the Iguassu National Park, entering on the Brazilian side of the falls. You'll be venturing down to the ominously named and utterly exhilarating Devil's Throat, the tallest and most impressive of Iguassu's waterfalls. Remember that raincoat? Now's the time to use it! This afternoon opt to go on an open-air tram ride^ through the jungle to the Macuco Falls, where you'll then board a custom-designed inflatable motorboat for a high intensity ride to the base of the falls. If keeping things a little more sedate is more your style, opt to visit a bird park on a Make Travel Matter Experience® where you can spot more than 150 different species of birds.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Viale Cataratas Hotel

CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

You will have the opportunity to choose between the following two Choice Experiences:

Explore Macuco Safari - Begin your adventure in open-air wagons, weaving through vibrant subtropical forests en route to the majestic Macuco Falls. Feel the anticipation build as you hike down into the canyon, where the falls cascade dramatically over basalt cliffs into the Iguassu Basin. Then, ramp up the excitement as you hop aboard a custom-designed inflatable motorboat for an exhilarating 20- to 30-minute ride right to the base of the falls.

Adult: 135.00 USD

Journey through Bird Paradise - Step into a world where feathers flutter and songs fill the air at this family-owned park, a sanctuary for over 900 native birds spanning 150 species. Wander at your own pace on a self-guided walking tour along a clearly marked trail that meanders through lush subtropical forests. Venture into aviaries for an intimate encounter with these winged wonders, witnessing their beauty up close.

Adult: 44.00 USD

Samba, Tango and Brazilian Barbecue - Embark on a vibrant South American adventure with a folkloric show that brings the rhythm of Samba, the passion of Tango, and the harmony of Paraguayan music to life.

Pair this cultural feast with a traditional Brazilian barbecue dinner, where the flavours are as rich and diverse as the performances.

Adult: 95.00 USD

Day 6 | Iguassu Falls – Buenos Aires



Country hopping between Brazil and Argentina, today you'll cross the Tancredo Neves Bridge, otherwise known as Fraternity Bridge, to explore the Argentinian side of the falls. Adding a new stamp to your passport as you cross through customs, you'll drive through the lush and wildlife rich Argentinian Iguassu National Park to reach the falls and cascades which are equally as impressive from this side of the border. Boarding the open sided and near silent Ecological Jungle Train which is every bit as scenic and sensual as it sounds, you'll pay a second visit to Devil's Throat before heading to the airport to catch a flight to passionate, sexy, European influenced Buenos Aires.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: NH City

Day 7 | Buenos Aires sightseeing and free time



Waking up in sultry, red bloodied Buenos Aires this morning is a prospect that should fill you with excitement. This meat loving, tango obsessed capital city is a mix of sultry charm and gritty splendour, with European inspired buildings and street art pops from every corner. Dive in to all Buenos Aires has to offer on a sightseeing tour that will visit 9 de Julio Avenue, the widest avenue in the world, outstanding Colon Theatre, Plaza de Mayo, Metropolitan Cathedral and San Telmo, the oldest district in the city. Finishing up in colourful and charming La Boca you'll then have time to explore by yourself with the remainder of day at your leisure.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: NH City

CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Dinner Tango Show - Step into the vibrant San Telmo neighbourhood for an unforgettable evening at Aljibe Tango. Enjoy a delicious, wine-paired dinner before being captivated by a thrilling tango show featuring talented singers, dancers, and musicians. The night concludes with a mesmerizing boleadoras performance, celebrating Argentina's rich folklore traditions.

Adult: 76.00 USD

Day 8 | Buenos Aires free time



Make the most of your free day in Buenos Aires with a variety of exciting Choice Experiences. One option is to head out into the glorious pampas (grasslands) surrounding Buenos Aires to visit a working ranch to learn more about the gaucho culture, enjoying folk music, traditional dances and carriage rides before rounding off the experience with a juicy BBQ lunch. You also have the option of visiting the lush countryside region of Tigre Delta, which offers a laid-back vibe and a chance to see a different side of Argentine life. Or, soak in another type of culture with a visit to "El Querandi," a house in the historical district considered a living testimony of the city for a wine tasting. You can also join an Argentinean Culinary Experience making your own empanada and sampling Argentinean steak. Lastly, take a lesson in the iconic tango.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: NH City

CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Day at El Ombu de Areco Ranch - Head out from Buenos Aires for a 110km journey to San Antonio de Areco, the pulsing heart of gaucho culture. Your destination is El Ombu de Areco, a sprawling 300-hectare ranch where agriculture and livestock roam freely. The estate, crowned by a late-colonial style mansion built by Lieutenant-general Pablo Riccheri, offers a glimpse into a grand era. Savour a traditional asado lunch and spend your day riding horseback, strolling by the Areco river, or soaking in ranch life. The day caps off with a cosy folklore show, featuring a gaucho's guitar melodies, and expert horsemanship.

Adult: 239.00 USD

* * The swimming pool is open only during the summer.

* * * For an additional fee, add optional activities such as gaucho folk dance troops, local music groups, horseback skill events like sortija races, horseback sprints, bullock lassoing and hog-tying.

You will have the opportunity to choose between the following two Choice Experiences:

Journey to Tigre Delta - Escape to the peaceful Tigre Delta, a verdant oasis on the northern fringe of Buenos Aires. This beloved retreat is where city dwellers flock for the weekend. Get ready for picturesque landscapes, charming summer homes and a laid-back atmosphere. Immerse yourself in leisurely yacht rides and discover a slice of Argentine life far removed from the urban hustle and bustle.

Adult: 118.00 USD

Wine Tasting - Set off from your hotel to "El Querandi," an emblematic establishment nestled in the historic heart of the city, revered as a living testament to its rich past. Originally opened as a bar in 1920, it underwent meticulous restoration in 1992. Here, embark on "La Cave" wine tasting journey, where local wines await to enchant you with their exquisite flavours.

Adult: 50.00 USD

You will have the opportunity to choose between the following two Choice Experiences:

Tango Dance Lessons - Dive deeper into the heart of Buenos Aires, where Tango isn't just a dance; it's a way of life. Beyond the dazzling stage shows synonymous with the city, you're invited to experience Tango where the locals do – at the Milongas. Here, you'll get more than just a show; you'll receive an insider's introduction to the codes and traditions of Tango. Embrace the chance to learn the dance steps yourself and sway to the rhythm of real Tango among the Porteños.

Adult: 45.00 USD

Authentic Argentine Immersion - Dive into Argentina's heart with a culinary experience that's as fun as it is flavourful. Start with a welcome drink and appetisers, then get hands-on making empanadas, choosing your fillings and learning the sealing technique. While they bake, enjoy a playful lesson on Argentine hand gestures. The main event? A 24-hour perfected steak, regarded as one of Argentina's best, paired with exquisite Malbec from Mendoza. Also taste local cheeses and sweets, including crafting alfajores. Finish with a traditional mate, reflecting on a packed day full of discoveries and cultural fun.

Adult: 110.00 USD

* The tour is from 19:30-23:00h and operates daily.

Round transfers are included.

There is a maximum capacity of 58 people.

Private venues can be customized: mini tango show with dancers, a tango class, upgrade on wines, aprons and cooking hats with group logo as souvenirs.

Rates are not valid for December 24th, 25th, and 31st

Vegetarian, pescatarian, and celiac options are available upon request.

Day 9 | Buenos Aires – Lima



From Argentina you'll fly to Peru this morning, bound for the 'City of the Kings', Lima. Rising above a long coastline of crumbling cliffs the city has a real sense of faded yet romantic grandeur, with historical sights a plenty and a culinary scene that is revered the world over. Arriving here you'll have the rest of the day free to explore, which isn't hard to do in this cultural and artsy city. Head to Parque del Amor to admire the Gaudi style architecture with beautiful views over Lima Bay, or take a wander around popular and bustling Miraflores.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn Lima

Day 10 | Lima sightseeing and free time



Visit the famous Plaza Mayor and Cathedral as well as the Government Palace, Archbishop's Palace and City Hall. Delve into the dark history of the San Francisco Monastery, a museum featuring mysterious catacombs. Your afternoon and evening are free to join one of our exciting choice experiences. Take a walking tour with a local expert of the lively Miraflores district highlighting the Boardwalk of Miraflores, a cliff rising above the ocean at around 130 feet and the Larcomar shopping area. Or, indulge your taste buds on a food tour through Barranco or a street food tour – from coffee to churros – through Lima's city centre. In the evening, opt to visit the colourful, musical Magic Water Fountains of Lima.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn Lima

CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

You will have the opportunity to choose between the following three Choice Experiences:

Walking Tour of Miraflores - From your hotel hit the streets on a walking tour with a Local Guide to the Miraflores Boardwalk. Perched about 130ft above the ocean, it's a view you can't beat. Stroll past the bustling Larcomar shopping centre and on to the heart of it all, Kennedy Park. Soak it all in as your Local Guide fills you in on stories and everyday life for the locals. Wrap things off by exploring more on your own at Kennedy Park, grab dinner at "Pasaje de Ramón," or head back to the hotel with your Local Guide.

Adult: 29.00 USD

Food Tour through Barranco - Explore the vibrant Barranco by tasting your way through its heart. Start with a coffee kick, munch on an empanada, cool down with artisanal ice cream, and get a taste of Lomo Saltado paired with an Inca Cola. Dive into a world of flavour with a variety of fruits and chocolates, then check out Barranco's stars, the Bajada and Puente de los Suspiros. Watch experts whip up ceviche, causa, and punch andino, and end on a high note with a Pisco sour demo and tasting. Price includes transportation from and to hotel.

Adult: 168.00 USD

Lima's City Centre – Street Food Tour - Dive into Lima's street food scene on this tour starting at the iconic Hotel Gran Bolivar. Kick off with humitas and coffee, then chow down on a pan con chicharron for a morning treat. Next, hit up Mercado Central for some fresh fruit and a cool ponche. Wander into the Chinese Quarter for some typical Chinese snacks and anticuchos skewered beef. In San Francisco, indulge in delicious churros and knock back a Chilcano. Stroll through Plaza de Armas and wrap up at Al. Chabuca Granda.

Adult: 129.00 USD

Experience The Magic Circuit Of The Water - The Magic Water Circuit is the world's largest fountain complex of beautiful interactive fountains featuring swaying water, coloured lights and lasers dancing with the music. The first fountain to welcome you, known as the Magic Fountain, forces water to a height of more than 250 feet (80 meters).

Adult: 42.00 USD

Day 11 | Lima – Cusco – Sacred Valley



Flying into Cusco, welcome to the Incan capital of the world! Boasting the richest heritage of any South American city, Cusco is a wealth of archaeological greatness and the oldest continuously inhabited city on the continent. It's also the gateway to Machu Picchu, so throbs day and night with visitors exploring its ancient streets. Take in the ornate temples and Incan ruins as you arrive here. On the way to Sacred Valley, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience during your visit to Chinchero Sunday market, still a very original market where you can find fruit and vegetable vendors as well as the occasional souvenir stall. Your guide will introduce you to some local produce such as potatoes, and if you wish, you can also taste some of the fruit. MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® as you learn about Chicha, a local drink made of corn and admire llamas and alpacas before making your way to the hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Hotel: Ava Valle Sagrado Spot

Day 12 | Machu Picchu excursion



Today's the day! Up bright and early this morning, you'll travel to the ancient little town of Ollantaytambo to board the train to Aguas Calientes, the Incan village at the base of Machu Picchu. Slowly chugging your way through the rugged lands of the Sacred Valley, feel the excitement levels build as you pass by village settlements and towering mountains, the landscape changing as you descend. Making the last leg of the journey via shuttle, you'll finally arrive at the most famous archaeological site of South America and one of the New 7 Wonders of the World, Machu Picchu. Catching a first glimpse of this awe inspiring ancient city above the clouds is a moment you'll never forget, so be sure to take a few minutes just to soak it all in. Take your time exploring the vast complex of fascinating ruins and let the mind boggle at how it was all built, before descending the mountain and making your way back to the Sacred Valley. Visit the local home of Mrs. Rosa. Her house goes at least 7 generations back and is a fine example of Incan architecture. Learn more about how guinea pigs are raised, as well as ancient traditions kept alive until this day.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Ava Valle Sagrado Spot

Day 13 | Sacred Valley – Cusco



Begin your day in Písaq, famous for its local market and empanadas. Taste the local food at a women-owned and operated empanada workshop. Learn from Mrs. Ernestina how to make empanadas out of seven different kinds of flour before enjoying the empanadas for lunch. Continuing on to Cusco you'll also stop by the fortress of Sacsayhuaman, a UNESCO World Heritage site that dates back to the 13th century, before arriving at the Incan capital of Cusco. Embark on a sightseeing tour of ancient Cusco visiting Coricancha, the Temple of the Sun and most important temple in the Incan Empire, before admiring the bounty of colonial art on display in the Cathedral.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: San Agustín Plaza

Day 14 | Cusco sightseeing and free time



Kick off the final day of your tour joining for an optional experience. Head to Moray and Maras to see Incan farming and salt mining techniques at play or visit 17th century Piquillacta to view the pre-Incan citadel built by the Wari people. Another option is to indulge your sweet tooth with a visit to the Choco Museum to learn more about the Peruvian chocolate making process. In town, tour Cusco after dark learning the secrets of this ancient city or experience Cusco off the beaten track visiting tiny stores and cemeteries with plenty of personal stories along the way. If you're looking for an all-day adventure, join a trip to Rainbow Mountain where you'll take a rigorous hike through breathtaking scenery of mountains and lakes.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: San Agustín Plaza

CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

You will have the opportunity to choose between the following two Choice Experiences:

Moray and Maras incl fee - Dive into history at the Maras Salt Mines, where salt once harvested by the Incas now travels globally. Learn how ancient techniques used salty streams to create terraces for collection of this "white gold." Nearby, explore Moray, the Incas' agricultural laboratory in the Sacred Valley. Be wowed by this spectacular engineering wonder and learn how this ancient culture built round terraces on a high plateau to drive crop production.

Adult: 100.00 USD

Rainbow Mountain Hike - Embark on a thrilling day-long journey to Rainbow Mountain. The adventure starts early with a hotel pickup, whisking you off to Cusipata for a hearty breakfast. Then, head to the community of Wasi Pata, to begin your hike. On the way, marvel at the Red Valley, the majestic Ausangate mountain chain, and the stunning South American camelids, shimmering lakes, and breathtaking landscapes. Reach the summit to be greeted by the spectacular Vinicunca Mountain. Don't forget to capture this moment with photos before having lunch back at Cusipata. Hiking distance: 10km / Highest point: 5,040m

Adult: 167.00 USD

You will have the opportunity to choose between the following three Choice Experiences:

Visit and Workshop at Choco Museum - Hit up the Choco Museum to dive deep into the journey of Peruvian chocolate, from the humble cacao bean all the way to the luscious chocolate bar. Get hands-on and craft your own chocolate, experiencing the life of a true chocolatier.

Adult: 47.00 USD

Cusco Secrets After Dark - Unlock Cusco's hidden tales on a unique walking tour that takes you beyond the usual paths, right into the heart of the city's deepest secrets. Discover stories known only to locals, shared on this adventure. Step away from the ordinary and gather unique insights to share as your own anecdotes. For an added twist, choose to embark on this tour either at the crack of dawn (5 am) or under the cloak of night (starting at 6 pm).

Adult: 37.00 USD

Cusco - Off the Beaten Track - Kick off your exploration at Cusco's oldest resting place, the Cementerio General de la Almudena. Dive into a world beyond the grave with your Local Guide, who'll share not just the local burial customs, but also personal and city tales—ranging from the humorous to the heart-wrenching. Then, meander through the Coripata neighbourhood back to Plaza de Armas, catching a rare glimpse of Cusco. Discover tiny shops selling everything from tombstones to daily necessities, and soak up tales of local life and the city's evolution from the Incan capital to the vibrant hub it is today.

Adult: 46.00 USD

Flavours of Peru - Experience the flavors of Peru in a fun and interactive setting! Discover traditional dishes, connect with friendly Peruvian hosts, and learn to make classic recipes. Enjoy anticuchos, traditional canapés, local liqueurs, a Pisco Sour demo, a main course, and dessert.

Adult: 61.00 USD

Day 15 | Depart Cusco



3 countries, 2 New Wonders of the World and 1 incredible adventure later, your trip will finally come to an end this morning. Leaving with priceless memories, a wealth of new knowledge and a wonderful group of new friends, you'll make your way to the airport today. Departure is at leisure from Cusco Airport.

Meals: Breakfast