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The Splendors of South America

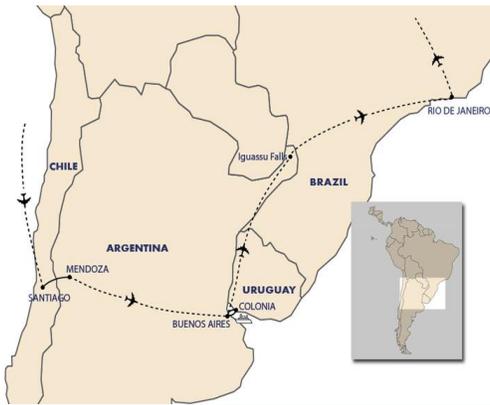
A 15 Day tour of Santiago, the Wine District, the Andes Mountains Crossing, Mendoza, Buenos Aires, Iguassu Falls and Rio de Janeiro.

The following idea is very different to the other programs we offer to Latin America.

"Splendours of South America" is the perfect introduction to South America. It highlights some of the regions and world's most famous sites and cities such as Rio de Janeiro, Iguassu Falls, Buenos Aires, Mendoza and Chile's Wine Region plus Santiago. This journey of discovery encapsulates all that this amazing continent has to offer.

Your professional tour director will take care of all the day-to-day details allowing you to enjoy the history, culture and natural beauty of each country you visit.

Don't expect just another escorted tour... you are on the Holidays of a Lifetime!



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Day 1: Departing from Home

Depart your hometown for your flights to Chile, your first stop on our Splendours of South America Tour.

Day 2: Arrival in Santiago

Welcome to Chile! Upon arrival at the Santiago International Airport, we clear Customs and are met by a local representative who will assist with our transfer to the hotel.

The capital of Chile, Santiago was founded by Pedro de Valdivia in 1541 and is located in the Central Valley between the Cordillera de la Costa and Cordillera de los Andes. Not only is Santiago the national capital, it is also Chile's largest city and is where the majority of the economic, administrative, cultural, commercial, industrial and political activities of the country are concentrated.

The remainder of the day is free for relaxing. Tonight we will enjoy a "Welcome to Chile" dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight in Santiago.

Day 3: Santiago sightseeing (B, L)

Today is a day when you will experience and feel Santiago like a true "Santiaguino." We will board one of the most efficient and clean subways in the world, Santiago's Metro. In it, we will reach the classic and most important subway station in town, Universidad de Chile, where gigantic murals of local artists are displayed showing a piece of Chile's rich urban culture. Exiting the station you will find yourself in the middle of Santiago's busy downtown. We will walk to the Stock Exchange via the classic streets of down town Santiago, partaking in a Santiago classic coffee experience in one of the many coffee shops. We continue to the Paseo Ahumada, viewing the many different shops and shoe shine stands and all sorts of local characters that dot the neighborhood, eventually arriving at the main square, Plaza de Armas, a meeting point of several immigrant influences from neighboring

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Latin countries. We will visit the Cathedral, and also sample some of Chile's classic street foods, such as Sopaipillas, or any snack that you feel adventurous enough to sample.

We will continue walking through Puente Street, which is characterized by the many shoe stores popular with the locals and the Mercado Central (local fish market) where we will see the many varied types of fish and shellfish that the Pacific Ocean has to offer.

Here you will have lunch alongside the locals. Our local guide will be with us at all times to explain the local culture and help you translate and interact with shop owners, waiters and everyone you might want to meet. After lunch, we will walk across the Mapoc river to visit the Vega Central (local food market) where we will see the different fruits and vegetables that the fertile lands of Chile offer. Then we head to the Bellavista district, also known as the bohemian district to try out a refreshing local drink called "The Terremoto" (Pipeño with pineapple ice-cream).

After this stop you will continue to San Cristobal Hill where we reach the top in a traditional funicular (Cable Car). On top we will have a great panoramic view of Santiago and be able to spot all the places we visited during the day. We will travel back to the hotel. You will now be a true "Santiaguino."

Overnight in Santiago.

Day 4: Day tour to Valparaiso and Vina Del Mar (B, L, D)

After breakfast, we will travel towards the Pacific Coast, through the valley of Casablanca, known for its vineyards. On arrival at the coast, visit the town of Viña del Mar with its pretty parks and floral ornaments. Continue travelling to the picturesque port of Valparaíso, founded in the 16th Century. The oldest part of town was recognized as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 2003.

The town is built on many hills which are accessed by narrow streets, long stairways and a series of lifts which were built towards the end of the 19th Century. Lunch is included today in Valparaiso in a beautiful restaurant overlooking the harbour. This afternoon en-route back to Santiago, we take time to visit a local vineyard for a tour and wine tasting

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before heading back to your hotel. This evening we will transfer to our dinner venue in Borderio for some authentic Chilean food.

Overnight in Santiago.

Day 5: Crossing the Andes - Santiago to Mendoza (B, D)

Although it takes most of the day, crossing the Andes is something you will never forget. Our journey, which includes buses and ferries, is a scenic one connecting two countries. On arrival in Mendoza in the early evening, we will check into our hotel. Later, we have dinner at Francis Mallman's restaurant, considered to be one of the finest in Mendoza.

Day 6: Mendoza (B, L)

After breakfast, we head for a day of gourmet meals and fine wine at Casa del Visitante at Familia Zuccardi. The winery has created a program that includes a cooking class where the Chef will teach you how to use regional products to prepare Argentinian traditional dishes that you then enjoy during lunch with an appropriate world famous Argentinian wine. Among the delicacies you will learn how to prepare will be the typical "empanadas" (turnovers) and homemade bread. The visit includes a complementary apron to take as a memento of your full day and a full stomach of fine Argentinian food and wine.

Day 7: Fly from Mendoza to Buenos Aires (B, D)

After breakfast, we transfer to the airport for our flight over the mountains and down to the vast pampas of Argentina as we make our way to the cosmopolitan capital, Buenos Aires. Upon arrival, we are met and transferred to our hotel. The remainder of the afternoon is free.

Tonight we dine at a local Parrilla (steak house).

Day 8: Day trip to Colonia, Uruguay (B, L)

After breakfast this morning, we transfer to the ferry terminal for the high speed ferry journey across the River Plate to Colonia, Uruguay. Colonia was founded in 1680 by the

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Portuguese and is a quaint town with narrow cobble-stoned streets flanked by whitewashed buildings. It is a cultural jewel and was declared a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1995. We will have time to explore Colonia on our own, as well as enjoy a fabulous lunch at a local winery before we return by ferry to Buenos Aires and our hotel in the late afternoon.

Our evening is free.

Day 9: Buenos Aires Site Seeing (B, D)

Our touring today includes a visit to La Boca, the oldest, most colorful, and most authentic neighborhood in Buenos Aires. The neighborhood was settled and built by Italian immigrants that worked in the warehouses and meatpacking plants in the area. La Boca is also an artist colony. Later, we visit Casa Rosada where Evita waved to the crowds from the balcony.

Casa Rosada is also the official home in Buenos Aires of the president of the Republic Argentina. Built in 1580, it was designed by Don Juan de Garay. Its characteristic color (that gives it its name) was chosen by Domingo Faustino Sarmiento in 1873 and never changed. Next we visit the Plaza de Mayo, which has played a fundamental role in almost all the important political and social events in Argentina's history.

Our next stop is Recoleta, a truly European and luxurious neighborhood that is packed with elegant restaurants, outdoor cafes, and bars. We also take the time to enjoy a coffee stop at the famous Cafe Tortoni.

This evening we will be entranced by experts at one of Buenos Aires' famous dinner and tango shows.

Day 10: Fly from Buenos Aires to Iguassu Falls (B, D)

Today we fly to one of the most spectacular natural wonders of the world - Iguassu Falls. Taller than Niagara Falls and twice as wide with 275 cascades spread in a horseshoe shape over nearly two miles of Iguassu River, the falls are 400 miles (890km) from their spring and have a water volume that varies from 300 to 6,500 cubic meters per second.

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The biggest attraction in Iguazu is the Garganta del Diablo, or the so called Devil's throat, where the biggest volume of water passes and creates the most memorable spectacle. The sheer power of the falling water creates an impressive roar that can be heard from even a few miles away. We spend the afternoon walking the catwalks on the Argentinean side.

Tonight we enjoy dinner at our hotel near the falls.

Day 11: Fly From Iguassu Falls to Rio de Janeiro (B, L, D)

After breakfast, we cross into Brazil and spend time exploring the Brazilian side of the falls on foot or by optional small boats. There is also a chance to take an optional helicopter tour over the falls. Lunch is included today at the falls before we are transferred to the airport for our flight to the magical city of Rio. Upon arrival, we are met and transferred to our hotel.

Rio de Janeiro is the cultural capital of Brazil. Rio's architecture embraces churches and buildings dating from the 16th to the 19th centuries that blend in with the world renowned designs of the 20th century. Rio was home to the Portuguese Imperial family and capital of the country for many years and was influenced by Portuguese, English and French architecture. Today, these wonderful old buildings contrast with the high-rise, ultra-modern structures in a city that knows how to progress, while at the same time preserving its past.

Tonight we take a short stroll from our hotel to our restaurant for a sumptuous "Welcome to Rio" dinner.

Day 12: Rio Sightseeing (B, L, D)

A great day today as we depart on a city tour which includes a breathtaking ride in a cable car to the top of the Sugar Loaf Mountain for stunning, panoramic views of one of the world's most beautiful cities. We will also visit Rio's giant Maracana Stadium, which accommodates over 100,000 people and has been host to many championship games over

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the years, including the 1950 World Cup of soccer and Pele's last game. Lunch is included today in one of Rio's popular BBQ restaurants.

Our final stop of the day is at Corcovado, Rio's main attraction and one of the seven modern wonders of the world. At 710 m (2,329 ft) above sea level, this mountain supports the world famous statue of Christ the Redeemer. The 38 meter (125 ft) high statue weighs 1,145 tons (1,262 net tons) and was inaugurated in 1931. After a day of memorable and stunning sights, we will enjoy dinner and an entertaining Brazilian Cultural Show at one of Rio's popular nightspots.

Day 13: Free Day in Rio (B, D)

A free day in one of the world's greatest cities! There is so much or so little to do... put on your swimsuit and relax on one of Rio's famous beaches such as Ipanema or Copacabana, shop 'til you drop in all the boutiques and markets in and around the city, visit some of the colorful neighborhoods, take a day tour to Petropolis or just relax by the hotel pool! Tonight we go out "on the town" for our "Farewell to South America" dinner at a restaurant located on famous Copacabana Beach.

Day 14: Fly from Rio de Janeiro to North America (B, L)

This morning we depart for a shopping tour at Ipanema, where we have the opportunity to pick up any last-minute souvenirs for family, friends or ourselves! Lunch is included in Ipanema before we transfer to the airport to connect to our flights home.

Day 15: Arrive in North America

Arrive at your home destination.

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