

Flavors Of South America

12 Nights / 13 Days

Amazon * Rio De Janeiro * Iguacu * Buenos Aires * Cuzco * Lima

Day 01: Sao Paulo – Manaus - Amazon

On arrival at Sao Paulo Airport, you will be met by our local representative and transferred to the pier. After a short rest, visit to the home of local Amazonian residents **with fishing tour**. Evening tour by canoe with opportunity for **Alligator Spotting**. Dinner and overnight at the Lodge.

Day 02: Full Day Excursion – Meeting of the Waters

After buffet breakfast, proceed for a full day excursion to see the "Meeting of the Waters" where the Negro River meets the Amazon River traveling together for miles without mixing their waters; continue for "dugout" canoe trip through the flooded jungle, called "Igarapes" and "Igapos" where you will see the huge famous "Victoria Regias" (Amazon water lilies). Lunch will be served during the tour. Dinner and overnight at the Lodge.

Day 03: Manaus – Rio De Janeiro

After buffet breakfast, visit the Jungle Monkey. Check out and transfer to the airport for your flight to Rio De Janeiro. On arrival you will be met by our local representative and transferred to the hotel. Overnight at Hotel.

Day 04: Half Day Tour to Corcovado & Beaches

After buffet breakfast, we proceed to Cosme Velho Station to board a cog-train for the ride through Tijuca Forest up Corcovado Mountain. The train ride takes 20 minutes and is a wonderful opportunity for a closer look at the forest's lush tropical vegetation and to enjoy scenic landscapes of the beaches and city. Disembarking at the top of Corcovado and then proceeding up the steps that lead to the top lookout where the towering statue of Christ the Redeemer stands at 2,300 ft above sea level, a breathtaking view of the city of Rio de Janeiro, the Guanabara Bay, Sugar Loaf Mountain, the 9 mile Rio-Niteroi Bridge, the Rodrigo de Freitas Lagoon and the Atlantic Ocean. After appreciating the breathtaking view unfolding below, you will descend by train. The tour proceeds passing by Rio's world-famous beaches. Return to the hotel and overnight at Hotel.

Day 05: Day at Lesiure

After buffet breakfast, the day is at leisure to enjoy the beaches of Ipanema or Copacabana, the sidewalk cafes and Rio's night life. Overnight at Hotel.

Day 06: Rio De Janeiro – Iguazu (Brazilian Side)

After buffet breakfast, we proceed to International Airport for your flight to Iguazu. On arrival at Iguazu, meet and greet by our local representative and transfer to the hotel. Overnight at Hotel (Brazil Side).

Day 07: Half Day Iguassu Falls (Brazilian Side)

After buffet breakfast, we proceed for half day tour of Iguassu Falls, exploring of the never-to-be-forgotten spectacle of 175 cataracts, miles of water hurtling over precipices higher than a 30-storey building, Walking along the 1.500 mts long paths following cascades and then walking along the catwalk that leads very close to the bottom of the Devil's Throat, you will enjoy magnificent views. There is also an elevator for those wishing to view and shoot the falls from the top. **(including entrance fee to the National Park)**. Also you will visit the city of Puerto Iguassu and the point of the 3 frontiers (where

Paraguay, Argentina and Brazil come together) at an optional cost. Afternoon at leisure to explore the area on your own or visit the Itaipu Dam at an optional cost. Overnight at Hotel (Argentina side).

Day 08: Iguazu – Buenos Aires

After buffet breakfast, transfer to Puerto Iguazu airport, take a flight to Buenos Aires. Arrive in Buenos Aires, Capital of Argentina and well known as the Paris of South America. Meet and greet by our local representative, transfer to hotel, Overnight at Hotel.

Day 09: Buenos Aires - Half Day City Tour

After buffet breakfast, we then proceed for the Half day city tour of South America's most elegant capital. During this tour we will visit Avenida de Mayo that runs into the Plaza De Mayo, which is surrounded by the Casa Rosada (Government House), the Metropolitan Cathedral and the Cabildo (first City Hall, built during Spanish rule). At the other end of Avenida de Mayo you find the Congress building. Then we continue to San Telmo, the best kept historical neighborhood and eldest district of Buenos Aires. Here we have time to stroll around Plaza Dorrego, where you find many antique shops. On Sundays Plaza Dorrego is a "MUST", as an antique market takes place there. If you till now did not find the right souvenir, here for sure you will get it. In the fresh shadow of huge trees and also in the streets you will see couples dancing the Tango. Next stop is La Boca, a most colorful area. At the famous street Caminito people will meet painters offering their Tango pictures. Passing Colon Theatre, one of the world's best known opera houses and the cultural pride of the "porteños" (as the inhabitants of Buenos Aires are commonly called), we continue to Palermo with its beautiful parks, the City Zoo, Botanical Garden, Argentine Horse Track and National Polo Fields. Palermo is beautiful for its artificial lakes. At the end of the tour we will visit Recoleta area, one of the city's glamorous spots. Recoleta is the quarter of the rich of Buenos Aires, even though it once hosted a slaughterhouse. Here you will find the Municipal Cultural Center, elegant boutiques and excellent restaurants, surrounded by centennial trees. Afternoon is free to explore on your own. Overnight at Hotel.

Day 10: Buenos Aires – Lima – Cuzco – Half Day City Tour

After buffet breakfast, we transfer you to the International Airport with the assistance of local guide. Take a flight to Lima. On arrival at Lima, take a connecting flight to Cuzco. On arrival at Cuzco meet and greet by our local representative and transfer to the hotel. Afternoon, we proceed for the excursion of Cuzco "The Capital of the Inka Empire", by combining archaeology and art with a visit to the city. Here we will enjoy the Lima Cathedral, built in the palace of Wiracocha and the Koricancha, now the Temple of Santo Domingo and built on the old Temple of the Sun. We then proceed to the outskirts of Cusco to visit four bordering ruins of Sacsayhuamán, a military fortress and astronomy observation area, Kenko, a temple where the world and its link with men are represented, Puka Pucara, a place that allows to control the routes and close territories of the area and Tambomachay, an important center of cult and worship to the water. Overnight at Hotel.

Day 11: Cuzco – Aguas Calientes – Cuzco

After buffet breakfast, transfer to the train station to begin the full day tour to Machu Picchu, the lost city of the Incas. Departure by train to Aguas Calientes, where we will take a bus to the archaeological area considered one of the Wonders of the World. It is known as the Citadel of Machu Picchu. Located at the subtropical zone and 113 kilometers from Cusco by railroad. This Incan city was discovered by Hiram Bingham in 1911. At a height of 2,350 meters above sea level, Machu Picchu has an annual average temperature of 11° Celsius. The archaeological area is divided in two sections, agricultural and urban. We will visit the entire archaeological area, including squares, temples, palaces, warehouses, factories, stairs and water sources. In addition, we will see the watch tower, the superior cemetery and ritual rock, temple of the sun, Intiwatana, sacred rock, temple of the three windows, principle temple, the doors, the sources, the springs, and the tombs. Return to Cusco by train and transfer from train station to the hotel. Overnight at Hotel.

Day 12: Cuzco – Lima

After buffet breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight to Lima, on arrival you will be met by your local representative and transfer to the hotel. Afternoon, we proceed for Half day city tour. This tour includes an exploration of Lima's unique historical center and UNESCO World Heritage Site. With its majestic monuments and constructions, you will see such popular sites as the Lima Cathedral, the San Francisco Convent and its catacombs, Main Square, San Martin Square and the Rimac district. From there, we will continue through the modern districts of San Isidro and Miraflores where we can enjoy the Green Coast, with its beaches and bohemian district of Barranco. Overnight at Hotel.

Day 13: Return Home

After buffet breakfast, we transfer to the International airport for your flight back home.