



Discover Grand South America - 15 Days

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Trip Highlights

Lima-Cusco-Puno-Huatajata-La Paz-Buenos Aires-Iguazu-Rio De Janeiro

Detailed Itinerary

Day 01

DAY 1 (Sunday) LIMA – INTERNATIONAL ARRIVAL

A transportation service with a guide will pick you up from the airport at the established time and will transfer you to your hotel. Lima is a modern metropolis full of history, which approximately ten million inhabitants and is going through an exciting process of cultural and economic changes. Rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight at selected hotel in Lima.



Day 02**DAY 2 (Monday) DAY 2 (Monday) LIMA – CITY TOUR, LARCO MUSEUM (HD) Y**

Breakfast included.

Explore Lima's old town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, packed with fascinating historic buildings. The route begins at the traditional Pueblo Libre district, where you visit the Larco Museum, located in a beautifully restored viceregal mansion built on a pre-Columbian pyramid from the seventh century. The museum boasts a complete pre-Hispanic collection of gold and silver objects, as well as pieces of erotic art. Then visit the Casa Aliaga, a colonial mansion granted by chief conquistador Francisco Pizarro to one of his captains, Jeronimo de Aliaga. This is the only house from that time, still belonging to the same family. Continue with a scenic tour through the colonial downtown. See the Main Square, where you can appreciate the grandiose architecture of the Spanish Empire. Admire Lima's Cathedral, built during the 16th century. Finish the trip returning to your hotel.

Overnight at selected hotel in Lima.

Meal: Breakfast

Day 03**DAY 3 (Tuesday) LIMA – CUSCO SACRED VALLEY - PISAC – OLLANTAYTAMBO**

Enjoy a pleasant transfer from the selected hotel to the airport. A representative will assist you along the way.

Flight Lima-Cusco (not included)

Enjoy a comfortable transfer from Cusco Airport to your hotel. A representative will meet and greet you, and then transfer you to the selected hotel in Cusco.

Enjoy a guided tour of this charming city, which was the capital of the Inca Empire. The tour begins with a visit to the Convent of Santo Domingo, which was built over the Inca temple of Coricancha, one of the most important precincts dedicated to the cult of the sun. Ancient chronicles say that its walls were covered with gold leaf and filled with golden representations of nature. Next, visit the Cathedral, the most imposing monument in the Plaza de Armas. Then head to the hills of Cusco where the fortress of Sacsayhuaman is located, whose imposing walls offer an impressive panoramic view of Cusco. Continue to Qenqo, an archaeological complex of religious use where it is believed that the Incas practiced rituals related to agriculture. Continue the tour to Puka Pukara, the "red fort" in Quechua; an architectural complex of supposed military use, with multiple environments, plazas, baths, aqueducts and towers. It is believed to have been used by the Inca entourage while the leader rested in Tambomachay, which is the last archaeological stop on the tour. It is believed that it was an enclosure of water worship, which had an extraordinary hydraulic system. At the end of the tour, return to your hotel.

Overnight at selected hotel in Cusco.

Meal: Breakfast



Day 04**DAY 4 (Wednesday) CUSCO - SACRED VALLEY - PISAC – OLLANTAYTAMBO**

During the morning, you are picked up from your hotel in Cusco to visit the town of Chinchero, a traditional Cusco urban center located at an elevated point with a beautiful view of the valley. The inhabitants of this area preserve the artisan traditions and the inherited knowledge of the Incas and display them in their clothes and customs. Chinchero also has archaeological remains and a beautiful seventeenth-century church, one of the first Catholic buildings in Peru. Then, you are transferred to the Living Museum of Yucay, a centre Andean traditions interpretations, where demonstrations of the elaboration of textile work, adobe, pottery and silverware are carried out in the same way in which they used to in antiquity; an original recreation of Inca traditions. Also, residents of the museum include llamas, sheep and alpacas, and they can be fed! Then, free time for lunch in a selected restaurant in the town of Ollantaytambo and, on the way to the fortress, witness the Andean essence breathed in the place, which still maintains Inca urban planning and has been inhabited since then. Go up the iconic steps of the iconic enclosure, built next to the mountain. You are transferred back to your hotel at the end of this activity.

Overnight at selected hotel in Sacred Valley.

Meal: Breakfast

Day 05**DAY 5 (Thursday) SACRED VALLEY – MACHU PICCHU (FD) – CUSCO**

The traveler will be picked up in their hotel in Urubamba, to be transferred to the Ollantaytambo station to begin their journey to Machu Picchu aboard the Expedition train, towards the town of Machu Picchu Pueblo. In A town with an artisanal market, restaurants and lodgings of different categories. After a short bus ride, the visitor will arrive to Machu Picchu, a masterpiece of engineering and architecture that is believed to have served as a sanctuary and resting place for the Inca Pachacutec. Machu Picchu, which means 'Old Mountain', is considered a World Heritage Site by UNESCO and one of the Seven Wonders of the Modern World. At the end of the tour, they will head back to Machu Picchu Pueblo by bus, to enjoy a delicious meal at the foot of the mountain at Café Inkaterra. Finally, the traveler will take the Expedition train back to Ollantaytambo Station, where they will be picked up, to be transferred back to their hotel in Cusco. Overnight at selected hotel in Cusco.

Meal: Breakfast and Lunch

Day 06**DAY 6 (Friday) CUSCO – PUNO**

To begin our trip from Cusco to Puno, board the touristic bus that will take you through the wonderful Andes sceneries. First, stop in Andahuaylillas, a town located 40 kilometres from Cusco that has as its main attraction the Church of Andahuaylillas, nicknamed the 'Sistine Chapel of America', due to the impressive art found in it. After this, continue the route to Racchi, where the Wiracocha Temple is located, a surprising 30-meters wide by 20-meters high construction of rectangular shape. Have a tasty lunch in Sicuani, followed by a brief stop in La Raya, the highest point between Puno and Cusco, over 4,313 metres above sea level. Then, arrive at the town of Pucara, where the Pucara Lithic Museum is located. Developed between the years 100 and 300 AC, this town was the first proper urban settlement of the lacustrine highlands. Finally, arrive in the city of Puno. Overnight at selected hotel in Puno.

Meal: Breakfast and Lunch

Day 07**DAY 7(Saturday) PUNO – HUATAJATA**

Overland journey from Puno to Copacabana, located at the shores of Lake Titicaca. Once in Copacabana, visit the shrine and the Dark Indian Virgin. Hydrofoil cruise to Moon Island, visit the Sun Virgins Temple "Iñak Uyu". Continue to Sun Island. Visit the Inca "Grand Stairs" and the Sacred Fountain; taste the water believed to give eternal youth and happiness. Lunch at the Uma Kollu archaeological Restaurant; Visit the small handicraft market. Hydrofoil cruise back to Copacabana and overland journey to Huatajata. On arrival, visit the Andean Roots Eco Village: The Altiplano Museum; Handicrafts village, the Mud Igloos and the mortuary towers of the Urus Chipayas. Meet the Limachi family, builders of the RA II and Tigris for epic expeditions across the Atlantic Ocean. Enjoy our elegant vicuñas, llamas, alpacas and the mythical Suri. Audiovisual and night experience of "The Mystic World of the Kallawayas", natural healers of Bolivia. They believe that you first have to heal the soul in order to heal your body. Tata Benjo, -our Kallawayaya- will bless visitors and answer questions by casting his sacred coca leaves.

Enjoy a nocturnal visit to the Native Observatory Alajpacha. Learn from the Aymaras Cosmovision and watch the southern constellations.

Overnight at the Inca Utama Hotel & Cultural Complex

Day 08**DAY 8 (Sunday) HUATAJATA – LA PAZ**

OPTIONAL TOUR: TOUR AT THE ARCHEOLOGICAL RUINS OF TIWANACU

Half day tour to the Archaeological site of Tiwanaku - AM

Tiwanaku culture (1.580 BC-1.000 AD), the magnificent ruins of Bolivia and one of the oldest civilizations in the Americas.



The Sun Gate, the Temple of Kalasasaya and the Pyramid of Akapana are the sample of a glorious past. Tiwanaku culture was an agrarian based economy with an estimated population of 115.000 inhabitants. The state controlled agriculture produced the surplus wealth to support the urban centre and administrative system. They were outstanding in agriculture, hydraulic, architecture & medicine, as well as in social organization. Due to an economic crisis caused by a long dry season, Tiwanaku collapsed around 1.000 AD.

P.M. Half day City Tour of La Paz and Moon Valley

The City of La Paz and its surroundings can transport you to a mysterious past where any corner, any street, is a hidden treasure where adventure begins; a living history which treasures the pre-Hispanic times with all their traditions and magic rites on its streets. The indigenous, colonial and modern areas, Indian Market, Witch Doctor's Market & breathtaking panoramas are all framed by the majestic "Illimani" mountain. Visit the Moon Valley, a clay formation resembling the face of the Moon. Cable car ride from one point of the city to another and enjoy the view. Overnight at selected hotel in La Paz city.

Meal: Breakfast

Day 09**DAY 9 (Monday) LA PAZ - BUENOS AIRES**

Transfer from the hotel to the airport in La Paz. Included: Transportation, bilingual guide, assistance on arrival or departure and portorage at the airport. Flight to Buenos Aires- Argentina not included

Upon arrival in Buenos Aires you will be greeted at Ezeiza International Airport by an experienced guide who is just waiting to introduce you to one of the world's most exciting cities. A private vehicle will transfer you to your selected hotel form your check-in. The afternoon will be free to rest and recover from your flight.

OPTIONAL TOUR: TANGO SHOW WITH DINNER "LA VENTANA"

In the heart of San Telmo, this historic restored "conventillo" is a classic example of the culture of the old city of Buenos Aires. The interior, which preserves the building in its purest style, creates the ideal setting for a unique experience, which includes 32 performers, 2 tango orchestras, an Argentine folk music group, dancers and singers.

Overnight at selected hotel in Buenos Aires.

Meal: Breakfast

Day 10**DAY 10 (Tuesday) BUENOS AIRES**

HD City tour in Buenos Aires

We will visit Av. 9 de Julio, Colón Theatre, the Obelisk, Plaza de Mayo, San Telmo with its "tanguerías", La Boca, Caminito and Puerto Madero. Also the biggest green space of Buenos Aires, Palermo and last Recoleta, a neighbourhood where culture and elegance live together. Overnight at the selected hotel in Buenos Aires.

Meal: Breakfast

Day 11**DAY 11 (Wednesday) BUENOS AIRES - IGUAZU**

Transfer to the airport for the flight to Iguazu.

Flight to Iguazu not included.

Your local guide will meet you, and share their insights into the stunning national parks of this area where Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay meet. Enjoy an excursion to the falls on the argentine side; this will end at your hotel. Overnight at the selected hotel in Iguazu.

Meal: Breakfast

Day 12**DAY 12 (Thursday) IGUAZU – RIO DE JANEIRO**

The Indians called the gigantic falls of the Rio Iguacu "Great Water". The falls are one of the most impressive natural sights of South America. During a guided walk on the Brazilian side you will always enjoy breathtaking views of the waterfalls.

Transfer to the airport for the flight to Rio.

Afternoon flight to Rio de Janeiro not included.

Meeting with the tour guide and transfer to the hotel.

Overnight at the selected hotel in Rio de Janeiro.

Meal: Breakfast

Day 13**DAY 13 (Friday) RIO DE JANEIRO**

Today you take part in a city tour including Sugar Loaf and Corcovado

In the morning drive to Corcovado. Take the bus to the station of the rack railway that leads through the Tijuca National Park to the 710 m high Corcovado. From the foot of the 38 m high statue of Christ you can enjoy a unique view of the “most



beautiful city on earth". Continue to the city center and walk around the busy core of Rio, including a visit to the cathedral and the oldest Cafe Confeitaria Colombo. Then drive to the world-famous "postcard view" - the Sugar Loaf. The ascent to the Sugar Loaf is done in a cable car. 370 meters above Guanabara Bay, there is a wonderful view of the beaches, the city center and the nearby islands. Tingling like a tropical downpour, sparkling with sensual joie de vivre - that's only Rio de Janeiro.

Overnight at the selected hotel in Rio de Janeiro.

Meal: Breakfast

Day 14**DAY 14 (Saturday) RIO DE JANEIRO**

Day at leisure

Overnight at the selected hotel in Rio de Janeiro

Meal: Breakfast

Day 15**DAY 15 (Sunday) RIO DE JANEIRO – INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT**

Transfer out to the airport.

Meal: Breakfast

Inclusions

Transportation as mentioned in the itinerary.

Excursions as mentioned in the itinerary.

Meals as mentioned in the itinerary (B-Breakfast/L-Lunch/BX-Box Lunch/D-dinner). Please note that some hotels do not serve full or any breakfast before 07:00 am, what should be inform to your customers in cases of early flights or other reasons for an early departure. There is no price reduction from the side of the hotel.

Accommodation as mentioned in the itinerary

Private Transfer

Local English speaking guides

Train to Machu Picchu from the railway station in Ollantaytambo.

Tourist tax in Cusco



Admission to the indicated visits.

The bus from Cusco to Puno, as well as the bus and hydrofoil of the Titicaca package on days 7/8 are always shared with other travelers during the tour program as well as during a private tour, but a dedicated tour guide is provided.

Entrances to the mentioned attractions in the itinerary, besides Iguazu National Parks- prices on request.

Permanent assistance by our Operations Department.

Exclusions

Personal expenses

National and international airport Taxes

Flights

All drinks (unless otherwise indicated) will be billed on consumption on spot.

Travel Insurance

Personal expenses. Rio de Janeiro transfer from the hotel to the airport on day 15 for only 1 pax with different flight schedule than the rest of the group is not included. Additional price .

Note

Hotels Used OR Similar

LIMA: Arawi Mairaflores Express www.arawihotels.com

CUSCO: Tierra Viva Cusco Saphi tierravivahoteles.com/tierra-viva-cusco-saphi/

VALLE SAGRADO: Agustos Urubamba hotelagustos.com

PUNO: Hotel La Hacienda Puno Plaza de Armas www.hhp.pe

HUATAJATA: Inca Utama www.titicaca.com

LA PAZ: Hotel Presidente <https://www.hotelpresidente.com.bo/>

BUENOS AIRES: Eurobuilding www.hoteleuro.com

IGUAZU: Viale Cataratas <https://www.vialehoteis.com.br/viale-cataratas>

RIO DE JANEIRO: Hotel South American <https://www.southamericanhotel.com.br/>

Optional tours are on request at an additional cost.

When entering to Brazil, the original certificate of yellow fever vaccination may be required and without it the entry can be refused.

In all Machu Picchu train services passenger may bring onboard a carry-on baggage. The checked allowance is:

One piece of 5Kg / 11 lb. luggage



Dimension 158 c.m./62 in.

Please note that in case Iguazu Park entrances fees changes the prices will have to be adjusted.

Ticket price may change at any time before tickets are issued. Regional flights may also be issued by you after previous coordination with our office.

Program Touring / Guide

Escorted Experience

Fixed-Departure

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