

SOUTH AMERICA - BUENOS AIRES TO RIO DISCOVERY



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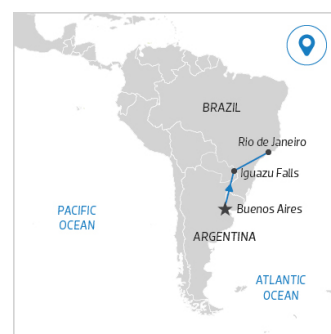
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DURATION

10 Days

LOCATIONS

Argentina, Brazil



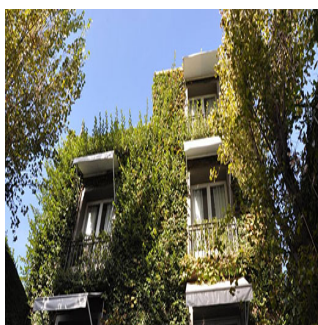
INTRODUCTION

Experience two of South America's most famous countries Argentina and Brazil. Discover Argentina's elegant and cosmopolitan city of Buenos Aires, through to the magnificent Iguazu waterfalls with an added visit to the Jesuit Ruins and finally to the bustling and vivid city of Rio de Janeiro, this itinerary guides you through the highlights of these two countries. This itinerary allows you free time in Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro to do additional exploring.

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DAY 1: Arrival transfer in Buenos Aires

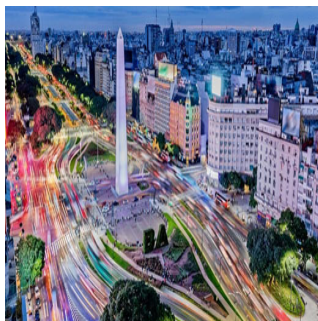
On arrival, please make your way through to the Arrivals Hall where our representative will be waiting for you to transfer you to your hotel. He/she will be holding a sign with your name on it. Should you not be able to locate them, please refer to the front of your itinerary for emergency contact details of our representative office. Please note this service is with a driver only.



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DAY 1: Buenos Aires

Buenos Aires, Argentina's elegant, historic and cosmopolitan capital, is known as the "Paris of the South" due to its European atmosphere with glamorous avenues lined with fashionable shops and Parisian-style restaurants and cafes. Located on the western shore of the estuary of the Río de la Plata, Buenos Aires has many fascinating neighbourhoods to explore including the colourful and lively La Boca, home to art galleries and tango shows; San Telmo with its restored mansions and antique stores and Recoleta, the city's most exclusive area.



DAY 2: Buenos Aires City Tour

This morning (or afternoon if you prefer) you will be collected by a local guide and a driver for a tour of Buenos Aires. The guide will take you on and off the beaten track in this lively and beautiful city. You will have a car at your disposal, but we recommend getting out and walking for some of the tour. Obviously the tour will take in the main highlights, but we would prefer to tailor the trip to your liking. It could be that you want to see more of the main sites, or it could be that you wish to stroll amongst the small local boutiques of Palermo or the Parisienne buildings of Recoleta. Duration: 5 hrs.



DAY 3: Transfer to the airport for onward destination

You will be collected from your hotel at the appropriate time and transferred to the airport for your onward flight.



DAY 3: Arrival transfer in Hotel Puerto Valle

Transfer from Posadas to the Hotel Puerto Valle.



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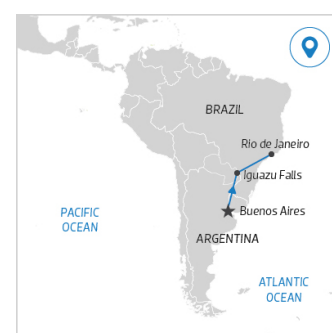
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DAY 4: Exploring the Parana River

Departing from the hotel's pier, it is possible to navigate the Paraná River on a small 7 person boat, touring the waterways that reach into the Paranaense forest. The forest is home to more than fifty tree species per hectare, resulting in an ecosystem that is ideal for watching birds and howler monkeys. While the boat proceeds on the calm waters in search of the animals, the guide will treat guests to a tasting of local goodies. Kayaks are also available for the more active guests. Only ten kilometers from the hotel, leaving behind fields, plantations and marshlands, one gets to the wharf, the starting point for a true adventure along a waterway leading to Laguna Valle. Caimans, capybaras, pampa deer, marshland deer and neotropical otters (lobitos de río) are some of the species that can be observed at a close distance along the way. As the solitary boat proceeds along the lake shores, making its way through the exuberant vegetation, you can try to identify the sound of some of the countless bird species. As the sun sets, the guide will serve a tasty local snack paired with the most traditional local beverage: mate. Overnight at Puerto Valle with all meals included.



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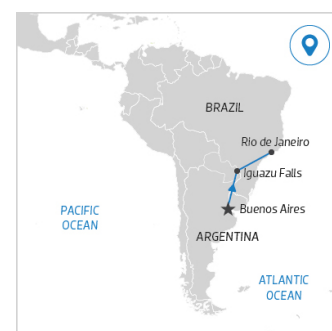
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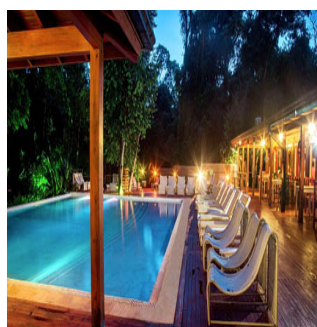
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DAY 5: Transfer to Iguazu & Tour to Jesuit Ruins

Today's transfer to Iguazu includes a visit to the World Heritage Jesuit Ruins of San Ignacio Mini.



DAY 5: Iguazu Falls

The spectacular Iguazu Falls that straddle the Argentine-Brazil border, are made up of 275 individual waterfalls lining a 2.7km wide horseshoe-shaped gorge. The Falls are located where the Iguazu River cascades over the edge of the Paraná Plateau. The Falls can be viewed from both the Argentinian and the Brazilian sides, the Brazilian side offering a broader, panoramic view, with the Argentinian side offering a series of catwalks that allow you to experience the Falls from close range.



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DAY 6: Full Day Iguazu Argentinian Falls

This morning we head to the Argentinean side of the Iguazu Falls. Beginning at the visitor’s centre, we take a ride on the Rainforest Ecological train before exploring the upper and lower circuit footbridges. The footbridges, which are raised off the jungle floor, provide panoramic views from above and below the falls. A visit to Devil’s Gorge arguably the most spectacular falls, is one of the day’s many highlights. National Park entry fees included.



DAY 7: Iguazu Half Day Brazilian Falls

Today enjoy a half day tour of the Brazilian side of the falls. You will be taken to the Visitors Centre and from here board one of the Park Authority’s tourist buses and enter the National Park. Equipped with panoramic windows, the buses are designed to maximize your views of the falls, while the walkways and steps provide you with great panoramic views of the Argentinian side of the falls. Views of the Floriana Falls, the Devil’s Gorge Canyon and the Iguazu River are spectacular and are guaranteed to impress. National Park Fee included.



DAY 7: Transfer to the airport for onward destination

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DAY 7: Arrival Transfer in Rio de Janeiro

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DAY 7: Rio de Janeiro

Known as the "Cidade Maravilhosa", or Marvellous City, Rio never fails to amaze with its sandy beaches, carefree lifestyle and unparalleled natural beauty. As the capital of Brazil until 1960, Rio is today one of the most culturally and economically prominent cities in the country, receiving more tourists than any other part of Brazil.



DAY 8: Corcovado & Sugarloaf with Lunch

After departing from the hotel, the tour takes a scenic drive from Copacabana beach, continuing along Botafogo beach and passing the Palácio Guanabara, official residence of the State's Governor, on the way to Corcovado Hill (704m), and the greatest national icon - The Christ Redeemer of Rio de Janeiro. Here, you will have time to enjoy panoramic views of Rio and appreciate the giant statue, which was recently named as one of the seven new wonders of the world. From here, the tour continues to the district of Urca and the world-famous Sugar Loaf, where you will board the first cable car to the top of Urca Hill (215m), which offers spectacular views of Guanabara Bay. A second cable car will take you on to the Sugar Loaf (395m), giving you a chance to take in the spectacular 360-degree views of the city and surrounds. Upon descending from the Sugarloaf, we pass through the famous beaches of Copacabana and Ipanema en route to a traditional Brazilian BBQ lunch at a local Churrascaria (lunch is included - all beverages are at your own expense). Following lunch, the tour continues with a visit to the Maracanã Stadium (Bellini's statue and Hall of Fame. Entry into the stadium is not included) and a stop at the Sambadrome. While in the city's historic downtown area, you will have a chance to see the Duque de Caxias Palace, Itamaraty Palace, Tiradentes Square and Lapa Arches, followed by a visit to the Metropolitan Cathedral. From here the tour will also make a quick stop to visit the Selaron Stairs, an amazing urban work of art by the late Jorge Selaron. Returning to the hotel along Aterro do Flamengo, we pass by the Monument to the Fallen in World War II and the beaches of Flamengo and Botafogo. Lunch and all entrance fees (for Corcovado & Sugarloaf) are included.



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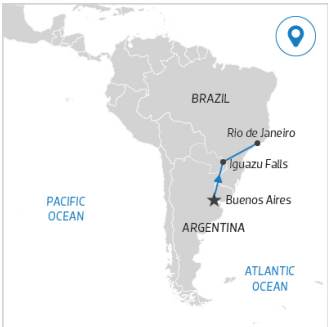
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DAY 9: Rio de Janeiro - Free Day

Today is free to enjoy the rhythm of this vibrant, bustling city. From spotting the “beautiful people” on the legendary beaches of Copacabana and Ipanema, to exploring the famous favelas on a tour there is always something to do in Rio.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Hotels
Inclusions	Airport transfers Accommodation with breakfast Guided tours as stated on the itinerary Internal flights Other meals where stated
Difficulty Rating	1 (easy)
Single Surcharge	Available upon request
Notes	Not Available
Price Dependent upon	Season and Availability.

SUSTAINABILITY

Chimu Adventures is pationate and dedicated to sustainibility measures and understands the crucial part sustainability plays within the tourism industry.

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We use local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprint. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you're visiting. Our guides are all highly qualified (most with university degrees) or equipt with many years of experience and are paid above the standard wage. Whether it be our knowledgeable local guides, locally produced meals or the transport on tour, we do not use imported goods when local products are available. We aim to minimise our impact on the environment and give as much back as possible to the communities we work in.

We ensure that we have as little negative impact on the wildlife as possible and minimise disturbances. We also encourage the education and visitation of protection and conservation services, specifically associated with the are. You will also find that we visit many locations and landmarks of which we encourage you to explore yet advise you to remain culturally aware and sensitive. Accomodation such as Puerto Valle has been chosen in regards to their environmental and sustainability awareness, aligning with some of our core values. We further encourage you to buy appropriate souveneirs and discourage the buying of anything wrongfully made or taken from the environment i.e. shells and endagered species products. Information on how you can be environmentally conscious, and travel responsibly will be made available in pre-departure information and en-route by guides and staff. Furthermore, in our further efforts of supporting the communities, a percentage of the funds generated from your tour (10%) will go back to our charities and assist us supporting the next generation and the environment they live in.

Being environmentally accountable is a crucial part of our organisation. Chimu is currently striving towards using less paper, taking several initiatives to do so and tracking our progress along the way. Our goal: A paperless organisation. For this reason, all information given to you will be sent electronically. We encourage those who choose to travel with us to support our aspirations and actions and ask that you reconsider printing out documentation. To view these documents, you can download them to your iPad or portable computer before and during your trip.

For more information visit our [sustainability page](#).

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