

## SOUTH AMERICA - SIGNATURE SOUTH AMERICA CIRCLE



### INTRODUCTION

The best of what **South America** has to offer has been handpicked for the discerning traveller, ensuring you get the most out of the continent whilst travelling in comfort.

Begin your **21-day** journey in Chile's vibrant capital nestled in the snowcapped Andes, Santiago. Experience local art and traditions while walking through **Santiago's** authentic streets. Continue your trip to Argentina's cosmopolitan capital, **Buenos Aires**, where you will have time to explore the elegance of the city before being swept away to the mighty and spectacular **Iguazu Falls**. Then, moving on to **Rio de Janeiro**, one of the most attractive cities in the world, you'll explore the unparalleled natural beauty and the rich culture that Rio has to offer. Complete your visit with a traditional Brazilian BBQ lunch before flying to Peru.

Start your Peru journey in Lima. Try popular on-the-go delicacies while strolling through **Lima's** historical streets. Continue your journey to **Sacred Valley** and visit the famous market village of Pisac before arriving in the iconic **Machu Picchu**, known as the Lost City of the Incas. You will end this exciting journey in the ancient capital of the Inca Empire, **Cusco**.

**On this all-encompassing personalised itinerary, Chimu will provide travel logistics for your travel party for the duration of your journey, plus expert guides for all the major sightseeing as per itinerary. Each night you will stay in superior accommodation, handpicked by our experienced team for their creature comforts, convenient locations, and impeccable service.**

This itinerary is also available in reverse. [Ask us](#) for more information.

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DAY 1: Arrival transfer in Santiago

On arrival at Santiago Airport, please make your way through Customs and Immigration. There are now two exiting gates, one for taxis and one for pre-booked transfers. All travellers who have prebooked and prepaid for an arrival transfer, must exit through gate 4, which is for pre-booked transfers. Our representative will be holding a sign with your name on it and waiting for you outside this exit. Please only make contact with our representative and if you can't locate them you can use the emergency contact details to call them or use WhatsApp to contact them. We ask that you contact our emergency contact number directly and don't let anyone else do this, as it's a common scam in Santiago Airport. Your transfer includes an English speaking guide.



DAY 1: Santiago de Chile

Santiago, Chile’s capital and largest city, lies in a valley surrounded by the snow-capped mountains of the Andes and the Chilean Coastal Range. Founded in 1541, Santiago has been Chile’s capital since colonial times. It is a vibrant and cosmopolitan city and although it features many colonial buildings, it has grown into a modern metropolis and the cultural centre of the country. \*Please note Australian passport holders are required to obtain a Chilean tourist visa or if transiting for longer than 8 hours before arrival.



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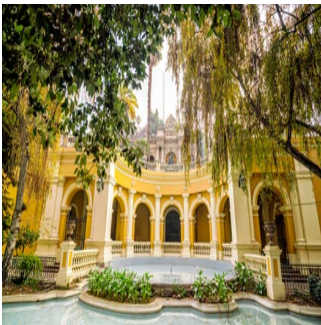
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## DAY 2: Santiago Panoramic City Tour

You will be picked up from your hotel to start your tour of Santiago, exploring both the old and new areas of the city. Highlights include the Plaza de Armas, the central square and the heart of the city's colonial core. The Plaza de Armas features the beautiful 18th-century Metropolitan Cathedral, the Royal Court Palace from the early 19th century (housing the Natural History Museum), and the Central Post Office completed in 1882. Most days, you can observe the Chess Club of Chile meeting here—a great opportunity to witness locals engrossed in a game of chess. Next, venture to Cerro Santa Lucia, the hill where Santiago was founded in 1541. Now transformed into a park with fountains, stairs leading to a fort, and a panoramic viewpoint across the city, it offers a captivating experience. Upon completing your tour, you will be transported back to your hotel. Note: This is a half day shared with a small group. The tour includes transfers and English-speaking guide.



## DAY 2: Local Chilean Dinner in Santiago

This evening, you'll enjoy a five-course dining experience with wine pairing at a private and centrally located apartment in Santiago. This experience is exclusive to our guests, where you will be joined by like minded travellers for dinner. Guided by an expert local chef, you will embark on a culinary journey through Chile's diverse cooking styles, experiencing their unique flavors through carefully crafted dishes and local ingredients. The meal is designed to be farm to table style cooking. Note: This is a shared dinner lasting approximately 3 hours. It includes a guided walk to/from your hotel (if you are staying in a district other than Lastarria then transfers will be required and an additional cost will apply,) a five -course meal with wine pairings, aperitif and local drinks. Please note that arrangements in Santiago may be rearranged based on dining numbers and this will be advised on arrival in your welcome letter. The dinner has a minimum of 2 travellers to operate. If you are a single traveller we may be able to add you to a waitlist if no one else has booked, or you can pay a 100% supplement. Please let us know if you have any dietary requirements and we will reconfirm that these can be catered to prior to your arrival. If you do not advise us of these in advance then we will be unable to accommodate.



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DAY 3: Full day Valparaíso & Casablanca valley

This morning, you'll be picked up from your hotel to journey westward towards the Pacific Ocean. Our first destination is the enchanting Valparaíso, once a vital port in South America until the opening of the Panama Canal in 1914. Traces of European emigration history permeate the streets and neighborhoods. Valparaíso, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site and hailed as the cultural capital of Chile, boasts charming, colorful houses cascading down the hills, forming a natural amphitheater where historic port life seamlessly intertwines with cultural activities. As we stroll along the hills, we'll uncover hidden treasures such as art galleries, cozy coffee shops, breweries, vibrant graffiti, beautiful old houses, and a variety of bars and restaurants. Our journey continues to the Casablanca Valley, renowned for its numerous wineries and towns steeped in Chilean traditions. On our return to Santiago, we'll make a stop at one of these world-class wineries for a premium wine tasting before heading back to your hotel. Note: This is a small group tour conducted by an English-speaking guide.



DAY 4: 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. This service includes a Spanish speaking driver only.



DAY 4: 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. This service includes a driver and local English speaking guide, who will provide you with any useful information needed for your stay. He/she will be holding a sign with your name on it.



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## DAY 4: 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. There are additional tourist taxes at Buenos Aires hotels of approximately 2 USD per person per night, which will be charged on checkout. The costs are subject to change.



## DAY 5: Half Day Buenos Aires City Tour

This afternoon, you will be picked up from your hotel for a half-day tour of the cosmopolitan city of Buenos Aires. Specifically designed for our travelers, the tour draws from our team's own experiences and expertise. Explore the history of Plaza de Mayo Square, the site of Argentina’s most significant historical events, and learn about its surroundings and emblematic buildings. Continue to San Telmo, where you can immerse yourself in the original Tango vibes of the La Boca neighborhood, strolling along the famous Caminito Street. Enjoy the atmosphere and, if timing allows, witness a short tango demonstration. Pass by the Boca Juniors soccer stadium. Return to Recoleta and enter the Recoleta Cemetery with your guide. Wander through shadowed walkways adorned with towering marble mausoleums in various architectural styles. Discover the final resting place of Eva Peron, among other notable figures. Note: This tour is shared with a small group. It includes transfers and English-speaking guide.



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### DAY 6: Half Day Walking with a Local Tour

Today, your guide will meet you at your hotel or a central meeting point in Recoleta, initiating a city exploration on foot. Begin in the upscale Recoleta neighborhood, marveling at classical architecture, discovering hidden gems, and exploring must-visit bars and coffee shops. Transition to the heart of the city, Retiro, known for government buildings and rich history as one of the world's wealthiest cities. Pause for a chat over local Patagonian ice cream or coffee before taking a taxi (or an adventurous local bus) to the bohemian barrio of San Telmo. As the city's oldest neighborhood, San Telmo boasts a diverse history and multicultural charm. Explore the San Telmo market, indulge in a tasty empanada, and wander cobblestone streets. Visit an old Conventillo, explore Plaza Dorrego, and experience an authentic antiques market. Conclude the tour with a taxi ride back to Recoleta for a yerba mate demonstration and tasting—an Argentine traditional tea. Optionally, your guide can drop you off at a hidden speakeasy bar inside a flower shop. Note: This tour is not available on Sundays. Starting at approximately 1 pm, it lasts about 4 hours. If you're staying outside Recoleta, we can arrange a transfer (at an additional cost) to the starting point. Your guide can assist in organizing a taxi at the tour's conclusion. The tour is mostly on foot, so please inform us in advance if you have any mobility impairments. We recommend combining this tour with our 'Half Day Buenos Aires City Tour.'



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## DAY 6: Fogón Asado Experience & Wine Pairing

This evening you will be collected from your hotel and transferred to Fogón to immerse yourself in their Asado Experience. From the chefs of the famous Uco Restaurant in Buenos Aires and Butterfly in Bariloche comes Fogón - a new way of living the traditional Argentine Asado, served with a twist. A closed-door dining experience awaits you that explores new ways of serving Argentine Asado classics. While seated at the bar you'll see, feel and taste traditional and modern grill cooking techniques up close and personal as you sit with the chefs around the parrilla. Every Asado is unique but always includes the best cuts of meat available and fire roasted seasonal vegetables. The chefs have designed the tasting menu to combine new grill techniques with tried and true Argentine recipes that elevate the Asado to new heights. The wine pairing menu has also been designed to best enhance the flavours of the ingredients, while presenting you with some of the best boutique wines from Argentina. Includes: Return transfers hotel to restaurant, welcome cocktail & olives, First Course/Empanada, Second Course/Chorizo & Morcilla, Third Course/Provoleta Cheese & Matambre, Fourth Course/The Seasonable One, Main Course/Steak Three Ways, Dessert/Pancakes of Dulce de Leche and Coffee, wine pairings with each course. Note: Please advise us of any dietary requirements at the time of booking. If you are a vegetarian or vegan this can be catered to, but you will see some meat cooking demonstrations, if this is something you may be uncomfortable with, we can suggest alternative options. Please note transfers are included with a local Spanish speaking driver only to/from your hotel. If you would like to explore some of the bars and enjoy the nightlight in Palermo we can remove the return transfer. Please advise at the time of booking if you wish to do this.



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## DAY 7: Transfer to the airport for onward destination

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## DAY 7: Arrival Transfer in Iguazu with Guide

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. This is a shared service including a driver and local English speaking guide, who will provide you with any useful information needed for your stay. 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.



## DAY 7: 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. There are additional tourist taxes at Iguazu hotels of approximately 2 USD per person per night, which will be charged on checkout. The costs are subject to change.



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## DAY 8: Full Day Iguazu Argentinian Falls Tour

Early morning pick up from your hotel for your full day of exploring the Argentine side of the falls. This tour always starts early in order to beat the crowds and get the first train to the Devil’s Throat. There are walkways over the islands which take you to a balcony over the falls and the most spectacular view of the entire Devil’s Gorge. You will then have plenty of time to walk the 800 metres of paths on the upper circuit. These new suspended walkways are detached from the jungle surface so as to protect the fauna by preventing disruption of the natural trails. From this circuit you have a higher sight of the falls, providing you with a magnificent panoramic view. It takes around one hour to cover the upper circuit. The lower circuit contains 600 metres of walkways, also detached from the jungle floor, and has great views from below and around the falls. Once you have finished all the circuits, return to the visitor centre where your vehicles will be waiting to transfer you back to your hotel. Please note there is some degree of difficulty as the path includes many stairs, particularly on the lower circuit. On completion of the tour, you will be taken to your hotel. Note: This is small group tour and National Park Entrance Fee is included. We suggest you do this tour from a hotel on the Argentine side of the falls. If you are staying on the Brazil side of the falls you may be required to cross the border multiple times and present a visa if required. If you would like to enjoy a jetboat ride and go under the waterfalls at Iguazu, this can be added onto your Iguazu Falls tour from the Argentine side at an additional cost. There are a number of stairs to get to where the jetboat departs, so it may not be suitable for those who have mobility issues. Please contact your booking agent if you would like to include this.



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DAY 9: Half Day Brazillian falls tour, drop off airport

After checking out, you will be collected from your hotel for a tour of the Brazilian Falls followed by a transfer to the airport. You will first go through Brazil's immigration, and then you'll reach the visitor center, where you'll board buses specially designed for the park tour. These buses, with panoramic windows, are designed to enhance your views of the falls. Head down and take advantage of the national park's walkways and steps for a close-up experience with the waterfall's refreshing spray. Prepare to be mesmerized by the spectacular views of Floriania Falls, Devil's Gorge Canyon, and the Iguazu River. After the tour, you will be transferred to the airport in time to check in for your flight. Note: This is a small group tour including transfers, English-speaking guide and National Park Entrance Fees. Please bring your passport with you for any required border crossings and ensure you have a visa if required.



DAY 9: Arrival Transfer in Rio de Janeiro


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. Please note this service is with a driver only.



DAY 9: 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.

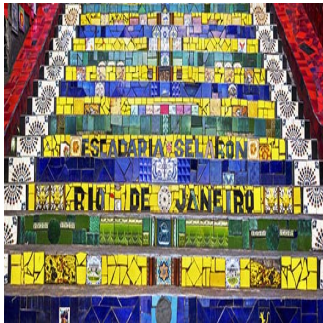


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### DAY 10: Santa Teresa and Lapa Walking Tour

Embark on our exclusive tour to explore two of Rio's cherished neighbourhoods, Santa Teresa and Lapa. Journey with our knowledgeable local guide via the subway to experience the city's local transportation. Disembark at Carioca Station and traverse the Financial District en route to Lapa—a lively suburb renowned for its vibrant nightlife, historical monuments, and the Roman-style Arcos da Lapa aqueducts. Board the charming tram for a 20-minute ride over the aqueducts to Santa Teresa. Alighting at Largo dos Guimaraes, immerse yourself in exploring the cobblestone streets of one of Rio's oldest suburbs. Ascend through the hilltop suburbs, where your guide will highlight hidden local gems and vantage points offering fantastic views over downtown Rio and Guanabara Bay. Once a neighbourhood dominated by the elite, Santa Teresa has transformed into an artistic center, attracting numerous artists as residents. Visitors often liken Santa Teresa to the bohemian district of Montmartre in Paris—an apt comparison. During Carnival, experience street performances, with the famous "Bloco das Carmelitas" a notable highlight. Descend towards Lapa, where your guide will introduce you to a Brazilian specialty—Acai, a superfood made from a blue-violet berry predominantly found in the Amazon. Blended with Guaraná, a nutty seed native to the Amazon, Acai boasts a distinctive sweet taste. Indulge in this authentic local dish. Proceed to the final and significant stop on your tour: Selaron's Staircase, a masterpiece crafted by the late artist and a highlight of our Rio tour. Note: This tour is in the morning and approximately 4 hours. It's run on a small group shared basis with a local English-speaking guide.. The tour does not run on Sundays due to traffic restrictions.



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## DAY 11: 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. Descending from Corcovado hill, we make a quick stop at Santa Marta lookout, which sits at 360 meters above sea level, and offers a panoramic view of the Sugarloaf, Maracanã, Guanabara Bay and of the Christ Redeemer, providing visitors with a more comprehensive view of the city’s biggest attractions. 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 return to the famous beach of Copacabana 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 city’s historic city centre and Saint Benedict Monastery, located on Sao Bento Hill in the city centre. Founded in 1590, the museum is one of the main monuments of colonial art in the city and the country. After a quick stop at the home of Brazilian Carnival, the Sambadrome, the tour makes it’s way to the Metropolitan Cathedral, before continuing on to Lapa via the famous arches to the Selaron Stairs, an amazing urban work of art by the late Jorge Selaron. Returning to the hotel along the Aterro do Flamengo, we pass by the Monument to the Fallen in World War II and the beaches of Flamengo and Botafogo.

Notes: \*This is a full day tour small group tour, and includes and English-speaking guide, transport, entry fees and lunch. \*\*During periods of major events and subsequent road closures, the Sambadrome is inaccessible to the public, thus visitation is not guaranteed. If you have already visited Seralon Stairs we will endeavour to allow an alternative stop if time permits.



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DAY 12: 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 12: Arrival Transfer in Lima - Airport to Hotel

On arrival in Lima, please proceed to the arrivals hall where our representative will be waiting for you to transfer you to your hotel. This service includes a driver and local English speaking guide, who will provide you with any useful information needed for your stay. 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.



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### DAY 12: Arrival in Lima

Lima, the capital of Peru, sits on the country's arid Pacific coast. Founded in 1535, its colonial centre is well preserved, but today Lima is a bustling metropolis and one of South America's largest cities. The city is home to the various museums including the Museo Larco that houses a collection of pre-Columbian art and the Museo de la Nación, tracing the history of Peru's ancient civilizations. Lima is known as the "gastronomical capital of the Americas", encompassing specialties from ceviche and traditional coastal cooking to refined global fare. It even boasts several of the top restaurants in the world. If you have any free days during your stay, we recommend that you take a visit to the Larcomar shopping centre. Located on a cliff with spectacular views of the Pacific Ocean in the heart of Lima's Miraflores district, it is worth the visit. You can either walk from Barranco or have your hotel arrange a taxi for you. Additionally, Huaccu Pucllana is a massive adobe and clay pyramid built between 200 and 700 AD. It served as an important ceremonial and administrative centre for the advancement of Lima culture, constructed from seven staggered platforms. Take a taxi to this amazing site in Miraflores (closed on Tuesday & Thursdays). You can take a tour upon arrival, or simply admire the structure while sipping a coffee or a pisco sour in the lovely Peruvian restaurant overlooking the site (opening hours are Mon-Sat 12:00pm - 10:00pm and Sun 12:00pm - 8:00pm). Or if you are interested in history and archaeology, a visit to the one-of-a-kind private Museo Larco could be an unforgettable experience. Discover over 5000 years of ancient Peruvian civilisations and the intimate bond that existed between pre-Columbian societies and the natural world. Open daily, however it is a good idea to check if a guided tour in English is available prior to visiting.



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DAY 13: Taste of Tradition & History

Start your journey with a convenient pick-up from your hotel, ready to explore Lima’s culinary and historical treasures. The tour starts at a bustling local market, where you can sample a variety of exotic fruits unique to Peru. From there, take a short taxi ride to Lima’s historic downtown for a scenic stroll from Plaza San Martin to Plaza de Armas. As you walk, immerse yourself in the stunning colonial architecture and vibrant local atmosphere, stopping at the iconic El Cordano restaurant to enjoy a delicious traditional pork sandwich, a beloved local specialty. The adventure continues as you dive into Lima’s past with a guided tour of the famous San Francisco catacombs, a fascinating underground network filled with centuries of history. Following this, indulge in a traditional dessert that’s sure to satisfy your sweet tooth. Then, head over to Casa de Aliaga, one of the oldest colonial homes in Lima, where you’ll experience the elegance and charm of the Peruvian colonial era. Wrap up your day on a perfect note with a tasting of Peru's iconic Chilcano or Pisco Sour cocktail. Finally, sit back and relax as you are taken back to your hotel, concluding a delightful day of culture, history, and local flavors. Note: This private tour has a duration of approximately 5 hours. It includes transportation, private guide, snacks and entrance fees.



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DAY 14: Departure Transfer - Lima Hotel to Airport

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



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DAY 14: Arrival in Cusco and transfer to the Sacred Valley

On arrival in Cusco, please proceed to the arrivals hall where our representative will be waiting to transfer you to your hotel in the Sacred Valley. He/she will be holding a sign with your name on it. Please note that this service includes a driver only. You have arrived to 3400m. Please walk slowly and take it easy, allow porters to assist with luggage if required. You will descend to 2700m on the 90 minute drive to the Sacred Valley Enjoy the spectacular local scenery and views of the Andes. (NB Average altitudes - Cusco 3400m, Sacred Valley 2700m , Aguas Calientes 2050m, Machu Picchu 2400m)



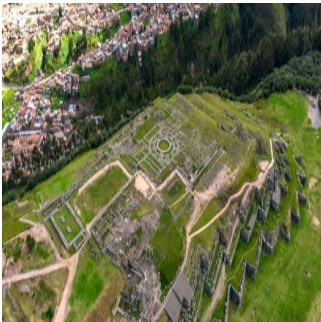
DAY 14: Full Tourist Ticket of Cusco

Full BTG: Valid for 10 days. It grants you entry into the following sites in and around Cusco: Cusco cathedral, Religious Art Museum, Church of San Blas, Regional History Museum, Sacsayhuaman, Qenko, Puca Pucara, Tambomachay, Pisac ruins, Ollantaytambo, Chinchero, Pachacutec Monument, Performance of Andean dance and live music.



DAY 14: Arrival in Sacred Valley

The Sacred Valley of the Incas is a region in Peru's Andean highlands which, along with the nearby town of Cusco and the ancient city of Machu Picchu, formed the heart of the Inca Empire. Stretching roughly 60 kilometres from Pisac to Ollantaytambo, it's an area of fertile farmland irrigated by the Urubamba River and Spanish colonial villages like Pisac and Ollantaytambo.



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## DAY 15: Sacred Valley Full Day Tour

Embark on a captivating day as you collected from your hotel to explore the enchanting Sacred Valley of the Incas. This fertile river valley unfolds a tapestry of vital sites for the Incas, blending both strategic and religious significance seamlessly. Our initial destination is the charming village of Pisac, renowned for its bustling market and ancient Inca Ruins. Take leisurely moments to wander through the vibrant market stalls, alive with a myriad of colors, before ascending to explore the Pisac, Intihuatana, Q’allaqasa, and Kinchiracay ruins. As the day unfolds, relish a delightful lunch in gardens that offer panoramic views of the Valley. Continue your journey tracing the meanders of the river Urubamba, guiding you to Ollantaytambo. This town, crowned by a colossal Inca fortress, stands as an exquisite testament to Inca town planning. A rare historical chapter unfolds here—a momentous Inca victory over the Spanish invaders. Note: This is a full day tour shared with a small group departing at 8am daily. The tour includes transfers, lunch, and entrance fees.



## DAY 16: Sacred Valley to Machu Picchu

Early this morning you will be collected from your hotel and transferred to Ollantaytambo train station. \* Please note: Your main luggage will be left at the hotel due to luggage restrictions on the train. For this reason, we ask that you bring an overnight bag with you for the journey.



## DAY 16: Luggage Transfer

Your main luggage will be collected from your hotel in the Sacred Valley and transferred to your hotel in Cusco, ready and waiting for your arrival after your visit to Machu Picchu.



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## DAY 16: 360 Machu Picchu Train

Today will be one of your highlights in South America with a visit to Machu Picchu. You will travel by train from Ollantaytambo in the Sacred Valley to Aguas Calientes onboard the scenic 360 Machu Picchu Train. Arriving in one of the world’s most famous ruins after the morning fog and crowds have cleared. On arrival at the train station in Aguas Calientes a representative from the hotel will be waiting to meet you. They will assist in taking your belongings to the hotel before you journey by bus up to Machu Picchu for your guided tour. Entrance times to Machu Picchu must now be pre selected and you can select a route from 4 available circuits on the day. Your first visit must be with a guide and you must stay within your chosen circuit. Each entrance ticket will grant up to 3 hours at the citadel. If you would like to spend more time exploring the ruins we recommend you book an additional entrance ticket. \*Please note: Due to limited space for luggage storage on trains, luggage restrictions apply: one bag or backpack (carry-on luggage) with a maximum weight of 5.0 kg/11 lb, measuring no more than 62 linear inches/157 linear cm (height + length + width)



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### DAY 16: Machu Picchu Visit

Machu Picchu is a 15th century Inca site, located 2,430 metres above sea level on a mountain ridge above the Sacred Valley. It is the most famous of all Inca sites, but it was not until 1911 that it was brought to the world's attention by the American historian Hiram Bingham. The Incas abandoned the city just prior to Spanish colonization, the city was never pillaged and as a result the ruins are still in fantastic condition. With its location on a dramatic ridgeline surrounded by sheer cliffs and the Urubamba River on three sides, the city of Machu Picchu is a remarkable place to visit. Machu Picchu was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1983 and in 2007 it was voted one of the new Seven Wonders of the World. The tour starts with a bus ride from Aguas Calientes to Machu Picchu. You will be astonished at your first view of Machu Picchu, a stunning display of ancient architecture with incredible surroundings. The preferred circuits we will book are 2A and 2B (subject to availability at the time of tickets being booked). Either circuit will take around 2 hours and 30 minutes to complete. Both circuits encompass the main citadel, including the Temple of the Sun, Main Temple, Temple of the Three Windows, Sacred Rock, as well as the quarries and Quolqas sectors. Additionally on circuit 2A you will explore the upper platforms of Machu Picchu, offering panoramic views and opportunities for postcard-perfect photos. On Circuit 2B you'll delve into the lower terraces, agricultural and urban sectors, Towards the end of the circuit, you have the option to choose an alternative route that visits either the Hall of Mirrors or the Temple of the Condor. Your tour includes a local expert English speaking guide, entrance tickets and the bus to/from Aguas Calientes. Please be aware that your tour of Machu Picchu does not include an entry permit to Huayna Picchu (the iconic hill behind the Machu Picchu ruins). If you want to climb Huayna Picchu, then you need to pre-book your permit at least 3 months in advance. Please contact your travel specialist if you would like to do this. All circuits are subject to availability at the time of booking. If you have a specific preference, please let us know and we will do our best to accommodate. NOTE: Full passport details and names are required to book Machu Picchu entrance tickets. We require these details to be provided at the time of booking to ensure we can secure the correct date and time of entrance that works best with your itinerary. Tickets cannot be pre-purchased without these details.



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DAY 17: Aguas Calientes to Ollantaytambo

Travel from Machu Picchu to Ollantaytambo in this comfortable train, and let your feet have a rest. Enjoy an authentic Andean experience, while relaxing in modern and comfortable interior design illuminated by Latin American music. Comfortable seats with tables in front to share the journey with friends. \*Due to limited space for luggage storage on trains, luggage restrictions apply: one bag or backpack (carry-on luggage) with a maximum weight of 5.0 kg/11 lb, measuring no more than 62 linear inches/157 linear cm (height + length + width)



DAY 17: Maras and Moray Tour ending in Cusco

Today, we will pick you up from Ollantaytambo train station for your Maras and Moray tour. The first stop will be Maras Salt ponds, believed to pre-date the Inca period. These shallow pools were dug into the mountainside, filled with salt water from an underground spring of an adjacent mountain. After water evaporation, the salt is carefully collected and packaged for sale. Witness locals harvesting salt in the traditional way practiced for well over 500 years. Approximately 7 km southwest of Maras, continue to Moray, which boasts an impressive Inca ruin of giant circular terraces believed to have been used for agricultural experimentation due to their exceptional irrigation system. Upon concluding the tour, you will be transported back to Cusco. Depending on the weather and available time, you may have the opportunity to visit Chinchero, a significant Inca town featuring a colonial church and a picturesque plaza along the way. Note: This is a private tour with a duration of approximately 5hours. The tour operates daily and includes transfers, English speaking guide and entrance fees.



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### DAY 17: Arrival in Cusco

Cusco, set at an altitude of 3,400 metres in the Peruvian Andes, was once the capital of the Inca Empire. It is known for its Spanish colonial architecture and Incan remains. Narrow, cobble-stoned streets lined by Inca walls stretch out from the main plaza in every direction. Many of the colonial buildings were built on top of Incan foundations and the stonework is unparalleled in its precision and beauty.



### DAY 18: Cusco Walking Tour and Sacsayhuaman

Today, explore the city's fascinating history, from the Inca times to colonial rule to the present day. Wind through narrow cobble-stoned streets and visit the market of Cusco. Along the way, get the chance to see the colonial buildings. Visit the fascinating Koricancha Temple of the Sun and the Cathedral, built on the ruins of an Inca Palace. From here, head to Sacsayhuaman, a former Inca fortress perched atop the hill above Cusco, it presents a work of impeccable engineering (gigantic carved rocks that fit with absolute precision).



### DAY 19: Free day in Cusco

Today is at leisure allowing you to spend time wandering the cobble-stoned streets of the ancient Inca capital. With treasures around every corner, Cusco is a wonderful city to explore on foot. Vibrant markets and stores give the traveller a plethora of shopping opportunities set amongst fine Inca and Spanish colonial architecture. The UNESCO World Heritage city is lined with history and ancient monuments, a truly enthralling city to spend time in.



### DAY 20: Transfer to the airport for onward destination

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### DAY 20: Arrival transfer in Santiago

On arrival at Santiago Airport, please make your way through Customs and Immigration. There are now two exiting gates, one for taxis and one for pre-booked transfers. All travellers who have prebooked and prepaid for an arrival transfer, must exit through gate 4, which is for pre-booked transfers. Our representative will be holding a sign with your name on it and waiting for you outside this exit. Please only make contact with our representative and if you can't locate them you can use the emergency contact details to call them or use WhatsApp to contact them. We ask that you contact our emergency contact number directly and don't let anyone else do this, as it's a common scam in Santiago Airport. This service includes a Spanish speaking driver only



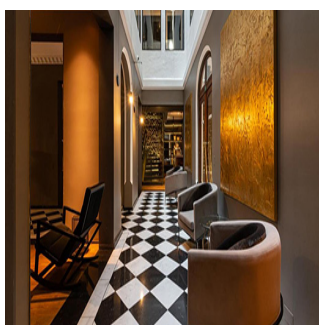
### DAY 20: Santiago de Chile

Santiago, Chile's capital and largest city, lies in a valley surrounded by the snow-capped mountains of the Andes and the Chilean Coastal Range. Founded in 1541, Santiago has been Chile's capital since colonial times. It is a vibrant and cosmopolitan city and although it features many colonial buildings, it has grown into a modern metropolis and the cultural centre of the country. \*Please note Australian passport holders are required to obtain a Chilean tourist visa or if transiting for longer than 8 hours before arrival.



### DAY 21: 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. This service includes a Spanish speaking driver only.



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Inclusions	<b>Inclusions</b> Airport/hotel transfers throughout Internal flights as part of this itinerary (based on LATAM Airpass which must be combined with LATAM international flights) Accommodation with breakfast daily Sightseeing with local English-speaking guide as detailed in itinerary Other meals where stated Most Entrance/National Park Fees
	<b>Exclusions</b> International flights and internal flights other than where specified Visa & reciprocity fees (if applicable) Travel insurance Beverages Personal expenses Gratuities for tour guides & drivers Any items not mentioned as included
Difficulty Rating	2 (Light Adventure - High Altitude In Some Areas)
Single Surcharge	A single supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please <a href="#">contact us</a> for more information.
Notes	Prices are based on per person, twin share. Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time. All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice.
Price Dependent upon	Seasonality and availability at time of booking.

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