

Spirit of South America

Rio de Janeiro - Iguazu Falls - Buenos Aires – Lima – Cusco - Machu Picchu

14 days/13 nights

Itinerary:

DAY 01: RIO DE JANEIRO

Arrival in Rio de Janeiro, meet and greet at the airport, transfer to your hotel. Rest of the day at leisure.

DAY 02: RIO DE JANEIRO (Full day tour to Sugar Loaf and Corcovado Mtn)



Breakfast. Two of the most famous sights in Rio de Janeiro are at your fingertips on this day-long tour. Sugar Loaf and Corcovado Mountains, including the impressive Christ Redeemer statue Overlooking the city should definitely be at the top of your list, and Gray Line rio de Janeiro is the perfect guide for your day. First thing in the morning, you'll be picked up from your hotel and taken through downtown Rio for a panoramic tour. See the Sambrodome, stop at the Metropolitan Cathedral and discover the Cinelandia Square and its wealth of historical buildings. The Municipal Theater, National Library, and National Museum of Fine Arts are all on your way as well as you head toward toward the Urca neighborhood, home of Sugar Loaf Mountain. Ride the iconic cable cars all the way up the mountain, stopping at Urca Hill and its vantage point overlooking Guanabara Bay and its islands, the Rio-Niteroi bridge and Corcovado mountain. Finish your ascent to the top of Sugar Loaf, enjoying gorgeous views of the Copacabana beach and Santa Cruz Fortress.

Enjoy a lunch before you head over to the base of Corcovado Mountain via the Cosme Vehlo Train. Ride through the lush and dense Tijuca rainforest to the towering Christ Redeemer statue. Standing guard over the city of Rio, the statue has a fascinating history—your knowledgeable hometown guide will share all the secrets with you before you head back to your hotel. **(Meals: Breakfast & Lunch)**

DAY 03: RIO DE JANEIRO (Samba Show with dinner)



Breakfast. Today you will have an entire day at leisure to enjoy this wonderful city and beaches.

In the evening pick up from your hotel and transfer to Brazilian Restaurant.

Following dinner, transfer to



Plataforma 1 Samba Show... an experience of live music, brilliant costumes, rhythmic drumming and unbelievable dancing! Come and enjoy the most famous spectacle of the authentic Brazilian folklore! It is in the Plataforma Show that you will feel the effervescent rhythm of Samba, that you will hear the most famous songs of this musical genre. It was inside of the cariocas' joints, with the beat of forks and glasses or "batacadas" on matchboxes that the most beautiful Samba songs were written.

Night in Rio makes the heart beat faster. Music and joy, key ingredients to a good nightlife, go together with a permanent parade of artists in the show houses. You'll be taken to Plataforma to enjoy a spectacular Samba music show. You will feel the energy expressed in Carnival - an enchantment that touches all, a charm that is distinctly Rio! **(Meals: Breakfast & Dinner)**

DAY 04: RIO DE JANEIRO / IGUAZU FALLS (Tour to Brazilian Falls)



there are several gorgeous panoramic views of the Falls and other main falls. **(Meals: Breakfast)**

Breakfast. Transfer to the airport for your flight to Iguazu Falls. Reception at the Airport. Transfer to your Hotel. Later pick up from your Hotel Lobby to go to the Brazilian side of the Falls, located 24 kilometers from downtown Foz do Iguacu. Arrival to the Visitors Center, at the entrance of the Iguassu National Park, about 10 kilometers from the city center. After passing through the Center, the visits continue, now inside the National Park, along a paved road that will take us to the magnificent Iguassu Falls. There, happens the walking tour along the catwalk measuring one kilometer of easy hike. Along this easy trek,

DAY 05: IGUAZU FALLS (Tour to Argentine Falls)

After breakfast, early in the Morning, get your cameras ready because a memorable experience awaits you as you explore this natural wonder of the world. The 200,000 year old falls span across the border of Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay and are known to pour over 400,000 gallons of water a second onto the rocks below! We will travel outside the city of Iguassu to the national park where we will spend the day exploring the falls and learning about the history and culture. We will explore the three tiers of the park to see the falls from different vantages. The lower path leads to the base of the falls where the intense crash of the falls releases a thick mist into the air. The upper path leads to incredible panoramic views of the falls from an extensive footbridge, also an unforgettable experience. You will be guided throughout the tour but will have lots of free time to take pictures, enjoy the nature and see the falls at your own pace. At the end of the tour we will all meet back up for transportation back to the hotel. **(Meals: Breakfast)**



DAY 06: IGUAZU FALLS / BUENOS AIRES

Breakfast. Transfer to the airport for your flight to Buenos Aires. Arrival and transfer to your hotel. Rest of the day at leisure. **(Meals: Breakfast)**

DAY 07: BUENOS AIRES (City Tour – Tango Show with dinner)



After breakfast pick up from your hotel lobby to see Buenos Aires. We will see the symbol of our city - The Obelisk, visit different city squares such as Plaza de Mayo, Plaza San Martín, and Plaza Congreso, and ride along several avenues such



as Corrientes Ave., May Ave, 9 of July Ave., among others. The tour will take you to such historical neighborhoods as La Boca, San Telmo, and Montserrat, as well as the elegant neighborhoods of Palermo and Recoleta, and the modern Puerto Madero. We will visit some parks such as Lezama and Tres de Febrero, as well as the famous Football Stadium.

After the tour return to the Hotel to rest and later get ready to go and enjoy of a beautiful Tango show.



Fuel your passion with a night of tango in Buenos Aires, complete with a beginner's tango lesson, dinner, and a magnificent floor show: Sabor A Tango is the best way to live the tango experience in all its glory. Over 27,000 square feet of the building are devoted entirely to the performance of Tango. Deep in the heart of Buenos Aires, the venue offers guests a professional dance floor and stage where renowned Tango artists make their appearance. Or take a lesson in the "El Patio de la Morocha" hall, which is specially devoted to the "Milonga Italia Unita." It houses Tango lessons for beginners. Enjoy dinner in between dances. The restaurant serves

up some of the best Argentine and International cuisine in the city. After the show transfer to your Hotel. **(Meals: Breakfast & Dinner)**

DAY 08: BUENOS AIRES (Full day tour to Fiesta Gaucha)



After breakfast join the gaucho fiesta at the Estancia Santa Susana, a typical gaucho ranch located in the

district of Campana, just an hour from Buenos Aires. The Estancia's 1200 Hectares (2965 acres) are dedicated to agricultural activities and have been a popular tourist destination for the last 20 years. During your camp day at Santa Susana ranch you will be able to enjoy a tour with the magnificent landscape of the Argentinean Pampas, just beyond Buenos Aires. Experience the real gaucho lifestyle, Argentinian folklore and understand how the cowboys of Argentina, who made up the majority of the rural population, made a living from hunting and herding cows. During this full day tour you will have the most authentic experience by horse riding into the enchantment of the endless landscape of the remote Pampas. Be amazed by the true tradition of the cowboys and their typical gaucho skills, enjoy a folkloric performance of typical gaucho dances, Tango and other traditional rhythms, and delight in a full gaucho barbecue that includes the best Argentine beef, salads, drinks and as much quality Argentinean wine as you can take!

Late afternoon return to your hotel. **(Meals: Breakfast & Lunch)**

DAY 09: BUENOS AIRES / LIMA (City Tour)



Breakfast. Transfer to the airport for your flight to Lima. Arrival and transfer to your hotel.

In the afternoon we will have a tour through Lima's streets and plazas. Starting at the Love Park in Miraflores, with a spectacular view of the Pacific Ocean, and then heading to the Huaca Pucllana, ceremonial center of the Lima culture. Later we will go to San Isidro, financial center of the city. After this, we go on to the Main Square where the Government Palace and the Town Hall are located. We will visit the Cathedral and explore the San Francisco convent, built in the seventeenth century, to discover the mystery

of its catacombs. **(Meals: Breakfast)**

DAY 10: LIMA

Free day to explore the city. **(Meals: Breakfast)**

DAY 11: LIMA / CUSCO (City Tour)

Breakfast. Transfer to the airport and flight to Cusco. On arrival, meet and greet, transfer to hotel. In the afternoon our exclusive city tour starts with a visit to the San Cristobal Plaza to enjoy its panoramic view of the city. Then, we will visit the San Pedro Market to soak in its local flavors and to learn about more of the products grown in the area which supply the whole city. After this, the Korikancha temple will welcome us in all his magnificence; this temple, whose Quechua name means "Gold Enclosure" still bedazzles us with the thought of its gold covered walls. Then it is the turn to visit the Santo Domingo Church. We will walk from San



Blas, the artisans' neighborhood, to the Hatun Rumiyoq street, stopping at the Inca Roca Palace, nowadays home to the Archbishop's Palace and also at the famous Twelve Angle Stone. We will continue our walk to the Main Square to visit the Cathedral and its valuable and beautiful colonial masterpieces. **(Meals: Breakfast)**

DAY 12: CUSCO (Tour to Sacsayhuaman, Puca Pucara and Tambomachay)



Breakfast. In the morning we will distance from the crowds and visit Sacsayhuaman, a huge and impressive fortress of colossal constructions and surrounded by beautiful views blending together perfectly. Our adventure continues at the Inca Shrine Qenqo, to see the sacrificial altar embedded inside a rock cave. Finally we will arrive to the Puca Pucara viewpoint and Tambomachay, monument of impressive architectonic knowledge considered as one of the pillars of Andean Cosmo vision. Free afternoon to explore the city. (Breakfast)

DAY 13: CUSCO / MACHU PICCHU (Tour to Machu Picchu)



Early breakfast. A train trip away to see one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. We arrive at the Aguas Calientes station where our staff will assist us on boarding the bus to go up the winding road to Machu Picchu, amid a spectacular view of the Urubamba River and its canyon. The Lost City of the Incas, Machu Picchu, will astonish us with its terraces, ceremonial shrines, steps and urban areas. Energy is all around us. After a guided visit, we will have lunch at one of the restaurants in the area. At the arranged time, we will take the train back to Cusco to be transferred to the hotel. **(Meals: Breakfast & Lunch)**

DAY 14: CUSCO / LIMA – END OF THE TOUR

Breakfast. Check out and transfer to the airport. **(Meals: Breakfast)**

COME HOME WITH WONDERFUL MEMORIES OF THE TOUR!!!

Inclusions :

1. 3 nights in Rio de Janeiro
2. 2 nights in Iguazu Falls
3. 3 nights in Buenos Aires
4. 2 nights in Lima
5. 3 nights in Cusco
6. Day trip to Machu Picchu
7. Accommodation at selected hotels with breakfasts.
8. All transfers, visits and excursions on regular basis.
9. Local English-speaking guides are included on the tours.
10. Meals mentioned.