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# WELCOME TO JOURNEY LATIN AMERICA

After the tumultuous global events of the past two years Latin America is officially open and welcoming back visitors. Our tours are all up and running and our tour leaders are extremely excited to be back to doing what they do best – helping you connect with the people and places we love.

So why visit Latin America? Well, this most exotic of continents is cloaked in glorious scenery, from dazzling peaks and glaciers through sun-scorched deserts to luxuriant jungles. Some twenty countries are peppered with the vestiges of bygone empires, and the markets, music and melodramas of everyday life provide a real-time theatre for the visitor.

In this comprehensive brochure you'll find inspirational holidays we've perfected using the knowledge and experience gained over the 40 years that we have been leading the field.

Our group tours are for first-timers to Latin America as well as for those who want to revisit the continent.

They are led by knowledgeable tour leaders and comprise mixed ages and often various nationalities. Group sizes are small and our style of travel is comfortable, friendly, and informal. Our holidays draw upon the personal travel experience of our staff, the assistance of our partners in Latin America, and the feedback we have received from those who travel with us.

To help you get the best out of your trip, we have a team of well-travelled, enthusiastic and articulate tour leaders, all selected and trained by ourselves. They deal with the practicalities and keep you informed and entertained.

Let us show you the best of Latin America, from the much heralded highlights to the secrets we've discovered.



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# OUR STRENGTH IS IN OUR EXPERIENCE

For more than four decades, we've been creating award-winning holidays to every corner of Central and South America. We pride ourselves on being the most knowledgeable people there are when it comes to travel in the region. Here's why we think our experience puts us ahead of the rest:

## EXPERTISE

Our team of travel experts have explored the length and breadth of Latin America, and have an unrivalled knowledge of travel in the continent. We've forged long-standing relationships with the best local suppliers of services and hotels, and are constantly on the lookout for new talent. Top local guides work alongside our expert tour leaders to entertain and provide specialist insight.



Cesar Pineda

## OUR SERVICE

From the first time you contact us to the moment you return, we strive for every part of the service we provide to be exceptional. That's why 97% of clients rated their experience with us as Excellent or Good, and why we appear consistently among the winners of many prestigious travel awards.

## THE EXTRA MILE

As the UK's No. 1 specialist in travel to Latin America, a passion for the region runs through all we do. No other operator can offer such a wide range of hand-picked accommodation, activities and experiences in Central and South America.



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## TRUST

We are a fully bonded tour operator, registered with ATOL, ABTA and AITO, meaning our holidays include full financial protection. Whilst you're away you'll also have access to our 24/7 emergency UK helpline.

## PRICING

We constantly monitor the latest special offers and provide our clients with exclusive deals on hotels and excursions, ensuring your money goes further.

## SUSTAINABILITY

We strive to operate responsibly in everything we do, by creating authentic, sustainable holidays which have a positive impact on the people, places and wildlife that we promote.



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# THE STYLE OF OUR JOURNEYS



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Every year we find yet more in Latin America for you to enjoy. We pride ourselves on having the most comprehensive and wide-ranging selection of tours available from any UK tour operator. On the following pages, you'll find new journeys as well as old favourites.

All our group holidays are designed to embrace the ideas, expectations and preferences of those who have travelled with us over 40 years, and to cater for travellers of different nationalities, ages, tastes and budgets.

## DISCOVERY JOURNEYS

Our Discovery Journeys offer a deeper insight into the magnificent landscapes, vibrant cultures and ancient history of Latin America. Staying in cosy, family-run hotels and guesthouses, you'll get a real feel for the local way of life.

We'll visit once-remote regions, which have now been opened up thanks to vastly improved road, air and rail transport connections. Our award-winning tour leaders have an unrivalled knowledge of Central and South America and will show you the back roads that tourists don't often see. We'll explore everything from quirky bars to bustling marketplaces serving traditional delicacies, with plenty of local fiestas along the way! There are also opportunities to try something active: hike along new trails, ride a horse, or trek across the surface of a colossal glacier. To get you around as quickly and comfortably as possible, we use a mixture of private and public transport.

## CLASSIC JOURNEYS

Take in Latin America's most iconic destinations in complete comfort and style on a Classic Journey. With good roads, luxury trains and comprehensive local flight networks now connecting the continent's key destinations, we've planned comfortable routes with private vehicles to take you from place-to-place. You'll experience the awe-inspiring natural beauty and cities of the region by day, then return each evening to top quality hotels chosen for their superb facilities, elegant décor and first-rate services.

You'll be eating well, too. Our expert tour leaders will let you in on Latin America's best-kept culinary secrets, and can recommend delicious regional specialities and wines at some of the finest restaurants across the continent.

## BUBBLE TOURS

Would you prefer to keep your travelling companions to a select group of friends or family? Choose from any of our featured itineraries to create your own personal Bubble Tour. Not only will you be accompanied at all times by one of our expert leaders, but you'll also benefit from complete flexibility to choose your own departure dates. Your group should have at least six members, with a supplement of just £250 per person, while for groups of eight or more there is no extra cost.



Sergio Guevara



# OUR TOUR LEADERS



Liz Luck

Every member of our team has lived, worked or travelled extensively in Central and South America – you won't find more committed and enthusiastic travel experts. We were among the first to offer escorted group tours in the region, and some of our travel specialists and tour leaders have been with us for over 30 years.

As well as being friendly, approachable and enthusiastic, our tour leaders' passion for the culture and history of Latin America means they are always happy to go the extra mile. Here, we introduce you to some of our exceptional team...

## ETIENNE FRANS

Such is his love for Latin America and sharing it with others that Etienne, resident of Rio and Cusco, has worked with us as a tour leader for over 30 years. He has accrued a vast network of contacts, and a huge fund of knowledge and anecdotes.

## ADRIAN GALLOP

For over 15 years Adrian was a part of our operations team in London. Now as a tour leader he's a magnificent ambassador for Journey Latin America and has many a story to tell about his exploits. Based in Arequipa he packs his bags regularly to lead tours all over Latin America.

## DELIA POCON

Delia's native Antigua, Guatemala has been her base for her work in tourism for many years now. Her reputation precedes her as being one of the most enthusiastic and passionate guides in the region with an extensive knowledge of Guatemala and Central America.

## JESSICA DE GIER

Dutch-born Jessica travelled to Peru in the 90s and immediately fell in love with the Latin American landscapes, wildlife and nature. Now two decades later, Jessica has lived in both South and Central America, and spends her downtime residing in Mexico City.

## CESAR PINEDA

Born and raised in Guatemala, César's passion for travel inspired his journeys across the globe. Having finished his studies, he set out to explore the vibrant sights and sounds of Latin America and ventured as far as Europe before returning to Central America as an expert tour leader.

## MAX WOOD

Max has worked as a tour leader all over the world, but his greatest love is Latin America. Having lived in Panama, Argentina and Chile it is the continent he knows best and where he feels most at home and it is his passion to show clients the area of the world he is happiest in.

## DUNCAN GRIFFIN

Having travelled extensively around the world, Duncan fell for South America as his favourite continent and settled in Lima where he also owns a hostel. He has accumulated a wealth of experience in 16 years of tour leading for us which he happily shares with his group.



Cesar Pineda



Jo Lunn



Adrian Gallop



Max Wood



Jessica De Gier



Berner Torres

## LUCHO DIAZ

Lucho works out of his native Cusco and is so popular and valued that he has reached the top five in Wanderlust magazine's worldwide Guide of the Year. His knowledge of his country and its history is boundless and he'll pass it on at every turn.

## BERNER TORRES

Peruvian Berner has been leading trips with Journey Latin America for 20 years, during which time he has become an expert tour leader in all respects. His enthusiasm, passion and extensive knowledge for his country and the rest of the continent is unmatched and infectious.

## ELIZABETH LUCK

Elizabeth spent a year travelling around the world, including 6 months in South America, before deciding to make her visit to Peru more permanent. She travels the length and breadth of the continent for us and is a great enthusiast for all things Latin.

## JO LUNN

An avid traveller who could frequently be found exploring a new part of Latin America, Jo swapped 15 years of working in advertising to follow her heart into a new career as a tour leader. Effervescent and always ready for the next adventure she can lead tours in almost every country.

## CUBA TOUR LEADERS

Owing to government restrictions on tour leaders working for foreign based companies, things work a little differently for our two Cuban tours. The tour leader will be a local guide who has been handpicked by Journey Latin America and our local supplier in Cuba.

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# HOW DOES GROUP TRAVEL WORK?

How will you know whether our escorted group tours are right for you? Travelling in a group is an entirely unique experience with a huge number of benefits, which we'd love to share with you. Each group tour is accompanied from start to finish by one of our expert tour leaders, so you'll always be in safe hands.

You'll also enjoy the company of other like-minded travellers, sharing new experiences from exciting outdoor excursions to mouthwatering traditional meals. We take care of all the practical arrangements, so you can rest assured that every logistical detail has been planned on your behalf. Whether you're taking in Latin America's most iconic attractions or exploring off-the-beaten-track routes, you'll enjoy the experience in great company.

Though we take care of all the organising, our flexible approach means you'll have plenty of freedom to adjust your holiday to suit you. That means you can spend money where you like and choose any activities in your free time, but also that we can

help alter your route according to your exact needs. Perhaps you plan to join a trip late, or leave one early. You may have already visited a destination on our tour and would like to see an alternative highlight or upgrade your accommodation for a night. Maybe you wish to extend your trip before or after the group tour to include another location, such as the example customisations we've suggested with each tour in this brochure. Whatever your preference, our specialists can provide expert advice and tailor a holiday to meet your specific requests, so that all your plans run smoothly.

## WHO ARE YOU TRAVELLING WITH?

We welcome everyone from ages 12 and up on our group tours, which are made up of a friendly mix of families, friends and solo travellers. If you are joining a tour alone, there is no extra charge to pay as long as you are willing to share a room with another person of the same sex. If there is no one available to share with on the tour, you'll have a room to yourself but still won't be charged any extra. If you'd prefer to guarantee a single room, a supplement is charged dependent on which holiday you pick. You may be charged a single supplement if you book within one month of departure, but it's easy to check in advance with our consultants who can provide more information about charges for each tour.

Our group journeys run with a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 12 to 20 guests, depending on the tour. On average most groups are made up of 8 or 9 travellers, creating

a cosy dynamic which is neither too anonymous nor too intimate. These small group sizes also ensure we minimize our impact on the environment and local communities, and allow greater flexibility when catering for individuals' interests. By guaranteeing a departure when the number of booked clients reaches just 4, we can confirm well in advance that your tour will run.

## HOW TO GET THERE

We understand that some clients may wish to book their own flights, choosing their airline, route and travel dates. We recognise that some travellers may also be joining us from outside the UK. For this reason, we offer a price including flights from the UK (based on flights from London Heathrow) or without. If you do choose to book your flights with us, we will do our best to include flights from any regional UK departure point, with your airline of choice, for no extra cost. If there is a slight supplement, we'll be sure to explain all the available options to you. Our travel experts

are also happy to give you quotes for flight upgrades and alternative dates. Whether you book your international flights with us or not, any domestic flights within the tour itinerary are of course included in the overall holiday price, and booked for you by our operations team.

## HOW WE TRAVEL

Our group tours take you across the continent using a combination of planes, trains, boats and road vehicles. Whatever the means of travel, we always choose the best available option, taking into careful consideration the size of our group. On Classic Journeys, all road transport is undertaken in private vehicles, whilst Discovery Journeys use private vehicles 85% of the time. For practicality and comfort, a few of our tours include road journeys by luxury local coaches and buses.

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#### LIFE ON THE ROAD...

Whether you're flying directly from the UK or joining us after some pre-tour travel arrangements, you'll meet our expert tour leader and the rest of the group in Latin America on day one. Upon arrival we will include a transfer from the airport to your hotel – this is always included, whether you booked your own flight or not. You can simply sit back and let the adventure begin.

You'll travel together as a group, staying in the same accommodation, enjoying the same included excursions and hopping on planes, trains and coaches together. Your tour leader will be with you every step of the way, not only to guide and assist you but also as a local expert and friendly travel companion.

As the most important meal of the day, breakfast is always included on all our journeys. Some excursions or lodgings may come with additional included meals, but for the most part we prefer to let you choose where you'd like to eat. Our groups often enjoy eating out together, accompanied by the tour leader who can guide you towards the lesser-known gems and traditional eateries which offer a range of options to suit all dietary needs. You'll pay only for what you eat, there are no split bills or 'kitty' system. However, we know everyone has their own preferences and you may wish to enjoy a meal at a separate restaurant recommended by the tour leader or a local guide – it's entirely up to you.

No matter which group tour you choose, an exciting range of excursions will always be included in the overall price. These typically include trips to the most iconic highlights, guided walks, local tours and any other adventures which we think would appeal to everyone. The majority of our tours also offer the chance to enjoy optional excursions, which can be booked and paid for locally. For a list of some of the available optional excursions on each trip, browse through our in-depth tour dossiers on our website. On top of those listed, our tour leaders can generally organise any activity you'd like to try – time and weather permitting! The wide range of activities on offer during free time cater to many different interests, but should none appeal, you'll always have the option to relax at the hotel or unwind in a cosy local café.



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## LOCAL GUIDES

All of our excursions, whether optional or included in your tour, are led by an expert local guide.

The unrivalled knowledge of each carefully selected guide means that you'll enjoy the most memorable and informative experience possible, usually accompanied by your friendly tour leader as well. Whether you spend the day hiking in a picturesque national park, spotting wildlife in thriving forests or admiring the cathedrals of a colonial town, our handpicked specialists will provide fascinating insights into your surroundings. This gives you the chance to learn about the culture, history and traditions of each area from local people, who will go above and beyond to create a unique, illuminating experience you'll never forget.

Dear JLA,

With clear blue skies our fantastic local guide Cristina found the perfect spot on the edge of the Colca Canyon where we watched condors float and swoop above us.

Thanks for a wonderful day, Pelicano Group



Carrie Gallagher

To the Group Tours team,

Our guide Cynthia has wowed us on our excursions in and around La Paz with her passion and knowledge. She even dressed up in a local cholita outfit much to our surprise.

Warm regards from Bolivia, The Hummingbirds



Carrie Gallagher

Dear Carrie,

We have just spent the most fascinating day in the Sacred Valley thanks mostly to our brilliant local expert Edwin. He truly made it a captivating experience.

Now to enjoy a well earned Pisco Sour!

Love the Butler family



Carrie Gallagher

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# HIGHLIGHTS OF LATIN AMERICA



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## 1 MEXICO

Mexico's rich colonial and Mayan heritage is entirely unique. Discover its jungle-clad temples and pyramids at Chichén Itzá and Palenque; wander through its graceful colonial towns and gaze at its coastline of white sands and aquamarine seas.

[Eagle Classic Journey - p16](#)



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## 2 CUBA

Cuba's beautiful, crumbling colonial towns lie alongside stunning natural landscapes, from Caribbean beaches to rugged mountains and forests. The island's eventful history is mirrored in its fascinating culture. Soviet buses, classic 1950s cars and revolutionary art make for an exhilarating experience.

[Parakeet Discovery Journey - p14](#)  
[Tocororo Classic Journey - p15](#)



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## 3 CENTRAL AMERICA

A unique fusion of Caribbean, Mayan, Spanish and even Mennonite cultures come together in Central America. Its landscapes are similarly varied, sheltering volcanoes, glimmering lakes, palm-fringed beaches and rainforests alive with abundant wildlife. What's more, the region is home to some of the best preserved colonial cities in Latin America.

[Alción Discovery Journey - p18](#)  
[Tanager Discovery Journey - p23](#)

## 4 COLOMBIA

Explore Bogotá's captivating Gold Museum, the lush green hills of the coffee region and the exotic beaches of Tayrona National Park where dense jungle tumbles down to hidden coves. Cartagena – with its cobbled streets and flower-filled balconies – is perhaps the most romantic colonial city on the continent.

[Weaverbird Discovery Journey - p26](#)  
[Chachalaca Classic Journey - p28](#)



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## 5 GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

Formed from the peaks of colossal volcanoes, the Galápagos archipelago is home to an extraordinary array of plants and animals. The unique adaptations of the islands' wildlife famously gave rise to Darwin's theory of evolution. Spot sea lions, marine iguanas, giant tortoises and incredibly diverse birdlife including comical blue-footed boobies.

[Galápagos Hawk Classic Journey - p31](#)

## 6 ECUADOR

The natural landscapes of Ecuador are staggeringly diverse, from snow-capped Andean peaks to misty highland cloud forests, as well as dripping Amazon rainforest and wild Pacific beaches. There's a strong indigenous tradition in the highlands where you'll find hand-woven textiles and crafts in vibrant markets, while the capital Quito is an impressive colonial city overlooked by an imposing volcano.

[Albatross Classic Journey - p30](#)



Tom Parrott

## 7 NORTHERN PERU

The less-visited northern regions of Peru boast snow-dusted mountains, deserts, sweeping beaches and the vestiges of advanced pre-Inca civilisations. Experience the ancient adobe city at Chan Chan, the colonial charm of Cajamarca and a mountaintop temple at Kuelap.

[Tico Tico Discovery Journey - p32](#)



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## 10 BRAZIL

Brazil's vast territory encompasses Amazon jungle, desert sand dunes, roaring waterfalls and vibrant cities, while perfect beaches stretch across almost the entire length of its coastline. Explore Rio de Janeiro, one of Latin America's most intriguing cities where tropical mountains swoop down to sparkling bays. The wetland region of the Pantanal is a haven for wildlife enthusiasts.

[Toucanet Classic Journey - p48](#)  
[Trogon Discovery Journey - p48](#)



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## 13 THE GUIANAS

Largely untouched and unexplored, Guyana, Suriname and French Guiana have fascinating cultures and offer remote adventures. Delve into vast jungles, sweeping savannah and ancient tablelands, and gasp at the vast Kaieteur Falls – the world's widest single-drop waterfall.

[Coq of the Rock Discovery Journey - p29](#)



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## 14 PATAGONIA

The dramatically beautiful region of Patagonia is split across southern Chile and Argentina. Marvel at its towering granite peaks, lush green forests and meadows, turquoise lakes and impossibly vast glaciers. Widely considered to offer some of the world's best hiking trails, you'll be spoiled with unparalleled scenery.

[Nandú Discovery Journey - p50](#)  
[Penguin Classic Journey - p60](#)



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## 15 BUENOS AIRES

This lively, cosmopolitan city is full of delights: wander among the brightly painted houses of La Boca, shop in glitzy Recoleta and watch a tango show in San Telmo. Enjoy flea markets and exquisite fine dining in this elegant metropolis.

[Magellanic Classic Journey - p55](#)  
[Sandpiper Classic Journey - p52](#)  
[Gaucha Classic Journey - p58](#)

## 11 IGUAZU FALLS

Straddling the border between Brazil and Argentina, the thunderous Iguazú Falls are undoubtedly one of Latin America's most awe-inspiring natural sights. 276 individual cascades crash through tangled sub-tropical jungle alive with butterflies and birds. Both sides offer a unique experience – from Brazil, enjoy a full panorama; in Argentina get up close to the foaming water on a series of walkways.

[Jacana Discovery Journey - p38](#)  
[Hummingbird Classic Journey - p42](#)

## 12 PARAGUAY & URUGUAY

Situated at the heart of the continent, landlocked Paraguay harbours a wealth of wildlife and indigenous communities. Explore the remains of the Jesuit Mission settlements dating back to the 17th century.

In contrast, famed for its rolling plains and lush pasture, Uruguay boasts 6,600km of glorious coastline. Visit the lively waterfront capital of Montevideo before heading East to the UNESCO World Heritage Site; Colonia.

[Jabiru Discovery Journey - p49](#)

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The image is a composite featuring a sunset scene over Mayan ruins in a jungle. In the top left, a white outline map of Mexico is superimposed on the orange-hued sky. The main scene shows ancient stone structures, including a large pyramid with a wide staircase, partially obscured by dense green and brown trees. In the background, a prominent stone tower sits atop a hill. The overall atmosphere is warm and historical.

# TEQUILA, SALSA AND MAYANS



# PARAKEET: CUBA BEYOND THE BEACH



DISCOVERY JOURNEY

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This group holiday takes you off-the-beaten-track to the authentic heart of Cuba. Enjoy Havana, Trinidad and Santiago, the mountains of the Sierra Maestra, and Caribbean beaches.

15 days from £3,276pp

## DAYS 1-3

After a night of salsa music in Havana's beautifully restored colonial quarter, fly to Baracoa in the east, set on the coast beneath a spectacular curve of mountains. Enjoy a boat trip past cocoa and coconut crops on the Yumuri River.

## DAYS 4-5

Drive to Santiago through winding mountain roads, glimpsing panoramas of the sparkling coastline. Cuba's vibrant second city is the perfect spot to enjoy a nighttime salsa show and discover the revolutionary history of the Moncada Barracks.

## DAYS 6-7

From Cuba's oldest town, Bayamo, continue on to Sierra Maestra National Park, home to spectacular scenery with lush hills stretching as far as the eye can see. These remote mountains shelter Castro's revolutionary hideout.

## DAYS 8-10

Stop off at Camagüey, a university city known for its ballet and colonial architecture. Then it's on to the brightly painted houses and cobbled streets of UNESCO World Heritage Site Trinidad.

## DAYS 11-15

Visit Che Guevara's memorial in Santa Clara before reaching Viñales in the west. Explore the fairytale landscapes with dramatic limestone mountains and tobacco plantations; then return to the music-filled street life of Havana.



Tom Parrott

## DEPARTURE DATES

2023 31 JAN 28 MAR 07 NOV 12 DEC  
2024 30 JAN 26 MAR

## SUMMARY NIGHTS

15 days, 14 nights: Havana 1; Baracoa 2; Santiago 2; Bayamo 1; Sierra Maestra 1; Camagüey 1; Trinidad 2; Viñales 2; Havana 2.



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## Make It Your Own

Just north of Viñales lie the unspoilt white sand beaches of Cayo Levisa. If you want to bathe in the warm waters of the Caribbean, we can organise for you to leave the group in Viñales and spend some quality relaxation time on this idyllic island. You'll then rejoin the group in Havana for your final couple of nights; enjoy salsa music and a cocktail or two before flying home.

## WHAT YOU SAY

Cuba is a fascinating country and JLA has pulled together a fantastic trip with excellent local guides. It exceeded my expectations and I do hope to return one day.

AES, Eastbourne

## WHAT WE LOVE

This is a great tour because it travels the entire length of the country, providing the opportunity to see the contrast of the undeveloped east, with the wealthier west, all the while soaking up the country's unusual and turbulent history.

Paul Winrow-Giffin  
Travel Expert

# TOCORORO: RUM AND REVOLUTION



CLASSIC JOURNEY

Tom Parrott

Experience Cuba's revolution, arts scene and beautifully restored colonial architecture. Travel in style with private transport and good quality hotels as well as homestays.

12 days from £3,082pp

## DAYS 1-2

Arrive in Cuba's beating heart, the uniquely charming capital of Havana. Wander along cobbled streets past the pastel-hued mansions and leafy plazas of La Habana Vieja and admire vintage cars cruising along pot-holed streets.

## DAYS 3-5

Your drive to Trinidad is punctuated with visits to Santa Clara, a vibrant university town home to Che Guevara's mausoleum, and the Valley of the Sugar Mills. Exploring colonial Trinidad, you'll admire its picturesque streets with brightly painted houses and live music outside the Casa de la Música.

## DAY 6-7

Spend a night in the elegant city of Cienfuegos then head for the unspoilt nature and sparkling beaches of the Zapata Peninsula, home to the Bay of Pigs, before driving on to the peaceful biosphere of Las Terrazas.

## DAYS 8-12

Wander through Viñales Valley, admiring the dramatic limestone mountains and abundant tobacco plantations. You might try swimming in hidden caves, or taking in the scenery on horseback. Then it's back to Havana for a final mojito or night of salsa dancing before heading home.

## DEPARTURE DATES

2023 05 FEB 02 APR 12 NOV 17 DEC  
2024 04 FEB 31 MAR

## SUMMARY NIGHTS

12 days, 11 nights: Havana 2; Trinidad 3; Cienfuegos 1; Las Terrazas 1; Viñales 3; Havana 1.



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## Make It Your Own

As well as Havana's traditional casas particulares that we stay in on this tour, there are a number of uniquely beautiful hotels located within the old town. If you wish to add a little luxury to your final nights in the vibrant capital, we can happily provide suggestions of some of our favourite properties.

## WHAT YOU SAY

I saw hummingbirds, swam in the Caribbean, had a ride in a 1952 bright pink Chevrolet and had guava and pineapple for breakfast. There was music, fun and sunshine everywhere. Our guide wanted us to meet her favourites – musicians, craftsmen, service people, who all had passion.

PB, Romsey

## WHAT WE LOVE

Tocororo is a great introduction to the sights and sounds of Cuba, with its stunning landscapes, architecture and the sense of being propelled back in time. The contrasting experiences of atmospheric towns, beaches, countryside and nature make for a wonderful combination.

Ed Welham  
Customer Service Manager



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# EAGLE: AZTECS, MAYAS AND CONQUISTADORES



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Get a flavour of one of Latin America's most vibrant destinations – Mexico. You'll discover a huge diversity of cultural and natural attractions on this group tour.

15 days from £3,368pp

## DAYS 1-3

Vast, chaotic and vibrant, Mexico City was built on the site of the Aztec Empire's capital. There is so much to discover, including remarkable displays of ancient civilizations at the Museum of Anthropology and the megalithic archaeological site of Teotihuacán.

## DAYS 4-6

Travel by road to the southern highlands. We'll spend a few days in sunny Oaxaca, a well-preserved colonial city famed for its thriving art scene and excellent cuisine. Nearby, the archaeological sites of Mitla and Monte Albán feature mysterious burial chambers and temples.

## DAYS 7-10

Travel to San Cristóbal, an atmospheric town of markets, bohemian cafés and hilltop churches. Explore nearby indigenous villages before heading to the maze-like Mayan site of Palenque.

## DAYS 11-15

Continue north to Campeche, a UNESCO World Heritage city with restored colonial mansions and incredible sunset views over the Gulf of Mexico. We'll marvel at the imposing pyramids of Uxmal en route to Mérida, Yucatán's thriving capital with an opulent, crumbling colonial centre. Spot flamingoes at the Celestún wildlife sanctuary, and roam through the grandest of all Mayan sites, Chichén Itzá.



Tom Parrott

## DEPARTURE DATES

2023 18 JAN 15 FEB 22 MAR 02 AUG 28 OCT 20 DEC  
2024 17 JAN 14 FEB 20 MAR

## SUMMARY NIGHTS

15 days, 14 nights: Mexico City 3; Oaxaca 3; San Cristóbal 2; Palenque 2; Campeche 1; Mérida 2; Chichén Itzá 1.



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## Make It Your Own

After a busy two weeks of exploring across Mexico, it's time to unwind on the beach. The Caribbean coastline of the Riviera Maya is just a few hours from Chichén Itzá and features beautiful towns and hotels to choose from. We'll organise a transfer to your relaxing beachside property of choice directly after the tour.

## WHAT YOU SAY

This tour brings Mexico's cultural and historical diversity vividly to life, and is an excellent introduction to this important Latin American country.

JRF, Cambridge

## WHAT WE LOVE

From Mayan ruins to Spanish colonial towns, pristine beaches to tropical forests and rocky deserts, this trip truly packs in all of Mexico's highlights. Nothing beats the incredible food and friendliness of the Mexicans but my biggest highlight was exploring the jungle clad ruins of Palenque.

Jenny Powles  
Head of Press and Marketing

# KINKAJOU: BEST OF GUATEMALA AND BELIZE



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Take in the contrasting cultural highlights of two Central American countries. Enjoy Guatemala's mysterious ruins before unwinding in a rainforest retreat in Belize.

12 days from £2,966pp

## DAYS 1-3

Our journey begins in Antigua, a colonial work of art with cobbled streets, independent art galleries and a beautiful, leafy central plaza. On a guided tour of the historic centre, discover ruined churches and floral courtyards.

## DAYS 4-6

Ascend further into the highlands by road, stopping off at the market town of Chichicastenango to stroll through its mystical labyrinthine streets. Arrive at Lake Atitlán, whose serene cobalt waters reflect sloping forested volcanoes. We'll also visit traditional indigenous villages.

## DAYS 7-8

Next we'll fly to Flores, in the lush jungles of northern Guatemala which teem with wildlife. On a guided tour of the archaeological site at Tikal, clamber up ruins and discover breathtaking panoramic views of Mayan temples emerging from the rainforest canopy.

## DAYS 9-12

Spend a morning in the little-known Mayan ceremonial site of Yaxha, on the shores of a vivid lagoon, before a beautiful scenic drive into Belize. Enjoy activities from your tranquil jungle lodge at Chaa Creek, including strolls along orchid-lined trails, wildlife-spotting canoe rides on the River Macal and horseback journeys through the rainforest.

## DEPARTURE DATES

2023 19 JAN 06 APR 10 AUG 10 OCT 30 NOV  
2024 18 JAN 28 MAR

## SUMMARY NIGHTS

12 days, 11 nights: Antigua 3; Lake Atitlán 3; Tikal 2; Chaa Creek 3.



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## Make It Your Own

The perfect way to end any visit to Guatemala and Belize is to spend a few nights on one of the cayes that pepper the Caribbean Sea. With an airstrip just a few miles from Chaa Creek, simply board a light aircraft and be whisked away to the idyllic paradise of your choice.

## WHAT YOU SAY

Every day was exhilarating and exciting... I was extremely fortunate to see the national bird of Guatemala in its natural habitat – the resplendent quetzal. I even saw the kinkajou in Belize.

JH, Weybridge

## WHAT WE LOVE

Being Guatemalan I may be biased but for me nothing beats the Mayan ruins of Tikal. The way the temples emerge from the dense jungle is awe inspiring and this tour offers plenty of time to explore its hidden secrets.

Cesar Pineda  
Tour Leader



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## CENTRAL AMERICA

### DISCOVERY



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From Mayan ruins and colonial towns to coral beaches and pristine rainforests, this adventurous tour reveals the breathtaking highlights of six Central American countries.

22 days from £3,504pp



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#### DAYS 1-5

We'll explore the glittering skyscrapers and colonial heart of Panama City before heading to the Panama Canal, an astounding feat of engineering. From there it's up to the cool cloud forests of the Boquete highlands, then on to Panama's lush Caribbean coast. The islands of Bocas del Toro, where we'll stay for two days, are home to secluded bays, turquoise waters and coral reefs.

#### DAYS 6-9

Cross the border to Costa Rica, where we'll stay in the peaceful town of Sarapiquí. Hike, river raft or simply unwind in the surrounding national parks, which are densely forested and teeming with colourful wildlife. We'll continue on to the magical cloud forests of Monteverde National Park, home to one of Central America's most iconic birds: the resplendent quetzal.

#### DAYS 10-15

Continue northwards into unspoilt Nicaragua where twin volcanoes overlook serene Ometepe. Explore this traditional island, before heading to the charming colonial town of Granada. We'll enjoy a day trip to an active volcano and the handicraft markets of Masaya and then continue northwards to León, the country's radical and intellectual centre.

#### DAYS 16-19

The atmospheric colonial city of Suchitoto awaits in El Salvador. Virtually untouched by tourists, the town spreads down to the shores of Lake Suchitlán. Continuing to Honduras, we'll visit the impressive Mayan ruins of Copán which feature intricately carved statues and hieroglyphs.

#### DAYS 20-22

Ascend into the cool highlands of Guatemala, arriving in Antigua. This beautiful colonial city of cobbled streets, overhanging tiled roofs and a leafy central plaza is overlooked by smouldering volcanoes. Relax and unwind, wandering around the city's magnificent ruined churches and beautifully tended gardens.

### Make It Your Own

The Panama Canal is one of the world's most iconic feats of engineering. On this tour you'll marvel at the colossal waterway from one of the locks near Panama City, but those seeking the full experience can also fly out a day early to take a cruise along the canal. Pass through the same locks as the world's largest ships before returning to the group hotel as your fellow passengers arrive.



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### WHAT YOU SAY

A really interesting, varied and contrasting tour encapsulating the spirit and culture of the region. Excellent value and made even more enjoyable by a fantastic tour leader.

RG, Bishopton

### WHAT WE LOVE

The Alcion 3-week road journey combines the highlights of six Central-American countries. A colourful medley of dramatic landscapes where active volcanoes tower over farmlands, lakes and steamy jungles. The stories about Mayan Empires, pirates and banana republics continue to fascinate me.

Jessica de Gier  
Tour Leader

### DEPARTURE DATES

2023	07 JAN	11 FEB	18 MAR	24 APR	29 JUL
	14 OCT	11 NOV	09 DEC		
2024	06 JAN	10 FEB	09 MAR		

### SUMMARY NIGHTS

22 days, 21 nights: Panama City 2; Boquete 1; Bocas del Toro 2; Sarapiquí 2; Monteverde 2; Ometepe 3; Granada 2; León 1; Suchitoto 2; Copán 2; Antigua 2.

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# TROPICBIRD: HIGHLIGHTS OF CENTRAL AMERICA



CLASSIC JOURNEY

From smouldering volcanoes to ancient ruins, discover some of Central America's most impressive cultural and natural highlights at a relaxed pace on this comfortable group tour.

19 days from £4,476pp



## DAYS 1-5

We begin our journey in unspoilt Nicaragua, exploring the charming colonial buildings and churches of Granada. We'll visit Las Isletas a chain of 365 islands teeming with birdlife and the active Masaya volcano before heading to León, Nicaragua's radical and intellectual centre. From this vibrant city, there are excursions to pristine Pacific beaches, mangrove forests or an archaeological site.

## DAYS 6-7

Fly to El Salvador where we'll continue by road to the atmospheric town of Suchitoto. Virtually untouched by tourists, its colonial buildings and cobbled streets spread down to the shores of glittering Lake Suchitlán. Head out on a leisurely boat trip, or spot migrating birds in the surrounding forests.

## DAYS 8-15

Travel to Guatemala's highlands, stopping off at a 600 AD Mayan town preserved by volcanic ash. We'll explore Antigua, a colonial jewel with cobbled streets, tiled roofs and a beautiful, leafy central plaza. Head onwards to Lake Atitlán, where cobalt blue waters reflect conical volcanoes and traditional indigenous villages line the shores. A short flight takes us to the tangled jungles of the north, where the elegant Tikal ruins rise up above the rainforest canopy.

## DAYS 16-19

Spend a morning in the little-known Mayan ceremonial site of Yaxha before a scenic drive across the border into Belize. We'll spend three nights at Chaa Creek, a tranquil rainforest retreat. Stroll along orchid-lined trails, spot wildlife from a canoe along the Macal River, explore on horseback or simply unwind in the luxurious spa.

## Make It Your Own

Fancy treating yourself to a stay on a private island during the tour? Whilst exploring Granada you have the chance to spend a night at the wonderfully luxurious Jicaro Eco Lodge. This natural haven on Lake Nicaragua is a unique experience not to be missed. Following your excursion to Las Isletas, you'll be dropped off on Jicaro Island and will rejoin the group the next morning.



Jicaro Eco Lodge

## WHAT WE LOVE

This is a great tour for exploring the most beautiful cities in Central America, the colonial chain of Granada, León, Suchitoto and Antigua. The colourful buildings, grand churches and distant volcanoes showcase the individual beauty and differences, of each iconic city.

Delia Pocon  
Tour Leader

## WHAT YOU SAY

I had three wonderful weeks in Central America. I loved the stunning scenery, the friendly people, the amazing Mayan ruins, the diverse flora and fauna, and the beautiful colours of the traditional dress.

JR, Cambridge

## DEPARTURE DATES

2023 12 JAN 30 MAR 03 AUG 03 OCT 23 NOV  
2024 11 JAN 21 MAR

## SUMMARY NIGHTS

19 days, 18 nights: Granada 3; León 2; Suchitoto 2; Antigua 3; Lake Atitlán 3; Tikal 2; Chaa Creek 3.

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# COTINGA: OFF-THE-BEATEN- TRACK NICARAGUA

DISCOVERY JOURNEY

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Embark on an adventure through the charming colonial towns, jungle-fringed beaches and wildlife-rich islands of unspoilt Nicaragua.

18 days from £3,270pp

## DAYS 1-5

Unwind on a tranquil coffee farm before heading to Lago Nicaragua. Out of this vast freshwater lake rises Ometepe, an island of conical volcanoes, pre-Columbian statues and untouched rainforest teeming with howler monkeys.

## DAYS 6-7

The historic city of Granada charms visitors with its tiled buildings and colonial churches. Nearby, the summit of Masaya volcano offers breathtaking countryside views and the market at Masaya is packed with artisan goods.

## DAYS 8-9

The timeless Solentiname Islands are cloaked in rainforest and studded with tropical flowers. Local artists sell carved ornaments, and on a guided boat tour of Los Guatuzos Wildlife Refuge, spot caiman and a kaleidoscope of colourful birds.

## DAYS 10-11

Head to El Castillo, a magical town-on-stilts only accessible by river. Climb to its hilltop fortress for panoramic rainforest vistas and spot white-faced monkeys and river otters in the Indio Maíz Reserve.

## DAYS 12-15

Return to Managua, then it's a short flight to the exquisite Corn Islands, home to rocky bays and sparkling palm-fringed beaches. Eat at local fish restaurants and snorkel among coral reefs in turquoise waters.

## DAYS 16-18

Continue to Nicaragua's intellectual hub, León, and discover its revolutionary murals on a guided walking tour. You may visit pristine Pacific beaches, mangrove forests and the historic León Viejo.



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## DEPARTURE DATES

2023 29 MAR 29 NOV  
2024 27 MAR

## SUMMARY NIGHTS

18 days, 17 nights: Dolores 2; Ometepe 3; Granada 2; Solentiname 2; El Castillo 2; Managua 1; Corn Islands 3; León 2.

## WHAT WE LOVE

An often overlooked country, Nicaragua is a great all-rounder, offering wildlife-filled jungles, amazing beaches, colonial architecture and volcanoes. This tour gives a rare opportunity to get under the skin of this fascinating country with its friendly people, travelling to little-visited destinations and experiencing the colourful vibrancy of its communities.

Hannah Waterhouse  
Travel Expert



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## Make It Your Own

If you are running short on time and only have a two week window to enjoy this tour, we offer the chance to leave on Day 13 in Managua. This will mean you skip the stay on the Corn Islands, which will of course be reflected in the reduced price of your holiday.

## WHAT YOU SAY

Highlights? Looking into the boiling cauldron of magma in the volcano at Parque Nacional Volcán Masaya. Not many people will have seen anything like this before. It should be included in the New 7 Wonders of the Earth.

JC, Dorking



DISCOVERY JOURNEY

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# TANAGER: FLORA AND FAUNA OF COSTA RICA

This thrilling tropical holiday in Costa Rica is bursting with wildlife. We'll explore the country's highlights as well as many lesser-known destinations on an unforgettable group tour.

12 days from £3,168pp

## DAYS 1-3

From the bustling capital, head to Costa Rica's wild Caribbean coast. A boat ride through twisted mangrove forests takes us to the remote village of Tortuguero. Here the national park shelters an astounding variety of tropical wildlife, including nesting turtles, monkeys and three-toed sloths.

## DAYS 4-7

Continue to the forested national parks of Sarapiquí. Explore intact tropical rainforests teeming with wildlife in the Tirimbina Reserve, before driving to peaceful Bijagua. Hiking opportunities abound, including a winding riverbank trail along the turquoise Rio Celeste.

## DAYS 8-9

The adventure continues along a bumpy road to the cloud forest. Explore suspension bridges over deep canyons in the lush Selvatura Park, while in the Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve keep your eyes peeled for resplendent quetzals and howler monkeys among the misty foliage.

## DAYS 10-12

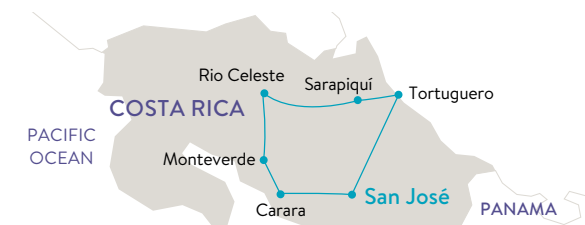
Head for the tropical dry forests of the Pacific coast. In Carara we'll view bright scarlet macaws and crocodiles basking along the Tárcoles River, before taking a cookery class. Drink in panoramic views over the forest from our lodge, explore hiking trails or try bird-watching.

## DEPARTURE DATES

2023 07 FEB 21 MAR 21 NOV  
2024 06 FEB 19 MAR

## SUMMARY NIGHTS

12 days, 11 nights: San José 1; Tortuguero 2; Sarapiquí 2; Rio Celeste 2; Monteverde 2; Carara 2.



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## Make It Your Own

Your last night finds you in Carara, just a few kilometres from the Pacific Ocean. Instead of journeying back to San José, why not continue down the stunning wild coastline? There are plenty of beachside resorts near Jaco, or you could venture to the rainforests and picturesque beaches of Manuel Antonio National Park.

## WHAT YOU SAY

A superb holiday for those with an interest in wildlife and the environment, it is intense, but this results in a highly rewarding experience. The whole holiday was greatly enhanced by having a single guide throughout, who had extensive local knowledge and experience.

JR, Cambridge

## WHAT WE LOVE

This tour showcases Costa Rica's natural diversity and amazing wildlife, covering everything from the jungle lowlands and mystical cloud forests the country is known for, to some less-visited areas such as Sarapiquí, Rio Celeste and Carara.

Kathryn Rhodes  
Travel Expert



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# CEVICHE, ALPACAS AND INCAS



# WEAVERBIRD: SPIRIT OF COLOMBIA



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Discover the mysterious stone statues of San Agustín, enjoy a rural stay in Colombia’s idyllic coffee country and soak up the Caribbean sunshine of Tayrona National Park and romantic Cartagena.

16 days from £2,904pp



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**DAYS 1-5**

In the vibrant capital Bogotá, explore the fine historic buildings of Candelaria, visit the Gold Museum and enjoy optional excursions including a tour of a vast underground salt cathedral. Continuing to the pretty town of San Agustín, we’ll admire its enigmatic archaeological park and hike down steep gorges of the Magdalena River.

**DAYS 6-9**

Drive through verdant hills to the stately colonial town of Popayán, before heading to the heart of the coffee region. In this wonderfully relaxing countryside we’ll sample fresh coffee on local farms and explore colourful walking trails in the Valle de la Cocora nature reserve.

**DAYS 10-13**

Along Colombia’s Caribbean coastline, explore the thick jungles and exquisite beaches of Parque Nacional Tayrona, before heading to the provincial colonial towns of Aracataca and Mompós which inspired the legendary writer Gabriel García Márquez. In these beautiful surroundings, relax in the shady plazas and enjoy the natural scenery on the river banks on an included boat trip.

**DAYS 14-16**

You’ll be charmed by romantic Cartagena, with its brightly painted buildings, labyrinth cobbled streets and floral balconies. Soak up its atmosphere on a guided tour of the 16th and 17th century palaces, churches, leafy plazas and imposing mansions.

## Make It Your Own

Cartagena mixes colonial history with the rhythm of the Caribbean, and its vibrant street life makes this city a fascinating place to soak up the atmosphere. We include two nights as standard on this tour, but if you’d like to extend your stay just let us know. We’ll make sure you have plenty of time to enjoy the fantastic food and wander through romantic cobbled streets.



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## DEPARTURE DATES

2023	07 JAN	18 FEB	18 MAR	08 APR	05 AUG	07 OCT	02 DEC
2024	06 JAN	17 FEB	16 MAR				

## SUMMARY NIGHTS

16 days, 15 nights: Bogotá 2; San Agustín 3; Popayán 1; Coffee region 3; Santa Marta 2; Mompós 2; Cartagena 2.



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## WHAT YOU SAY

Colombia is a diverse, beautiful, vibrant and amazing country to visit. I felt welcomed and safe at all times, Colombia’s people are eagerly waiting to share their culture and country with those who care to visit

LH, Wangara, Australia

## WHAT WE LOVE

What I love about our Weaverbird tour is that is has so much variety! You’ll experience vibrant and modern cities as well as charming historical towns. Look out for coffee plantations, lush rolling mountains, fascinating indigenous sites and gorgeous jungle-fringed beaches!

Millie Davies  
Travel Expert



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# CHACHALACA: COLOMBIA'S COLONIAL AND COFFEE CULTURE



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Experience the sumptuous landscapes and vibrant cities of Colombia, from cosmopolitan Bogotá and dynamic Medellín to the tranquil coffee region and sun-soaked Cartagena.

14 days from £3,864pp

## DAYS 1-4

Arrive in lively Bogotá, where we'll explore the colonial Candelaria district and dazzling Gold museum before ascending Mount Monserrate which towers over the capital. Visit an extraordinary underground salt cathedral before heading to the pretty Spanish-style town of Villa de Leyva.

## DAYS 5-7

Discover vivid Laguna Guatavita, the origin of the legend of El Dorado, before flying to the verdant mountains and towering wax palms of the coffee region. Tour a local coffee farm, explore beautiful nature reserves and wander through quintessential villages with brightly painted houses.

## DAYS 8-10

Medellín is dotted with beautiful parks, plazas and Botero sculptures. Swoop over the colourful city on a cable car then set off for the tranquil village of Guatapé where we'll ascend the striking 200m Peñol Boulder for panoramic views over brilliant blue lagoons.

## DAYS 11-14

Fly to the romantic Caribbean city of Cartagena. Wander through its labyrinthine cobbled streets, admiring imposing fortresses and colourful mansions with floral balconies. With an array of restaurants, cafes and bars it's a fantastic place to sit and watch the world go by.

## WHAT YOU SAY

So many memorable moments on this tour but watching the sunset and enjoying the independence day parades in Cartagena were particularly special and playing the traditional Colombian game of tejo was great fun.

HP, Richmond

## WHAT WE LOVE

Colombia is not just about the beautiful countryside, colourful towns and friendly smiles. When visiting Medellín you will learn how a city with a troubled past has reinvented itself winning global awards for its social, cultural and environmental transformation.

Lina Fuller  
Travel Expert



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## DEPARTURE DATES

2023 22 JAN 05 MAR 22 OCT  
2024 21 JAN 03 MAR

## SUMMARY NIGHTS

14 days, 13 nights: Bogotá 2; Villa de Leyva 2; Coffee region 3; Medellín 3; Cartagena 3.



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## Make It Your Own

If you are pushed for time but still wish to discover as much of Colombia as possible, you could consider joining the tour on Day 5 before we travel to the coffee region. Fly into the capital and meet the group at Bogotá Airport, or spend a few nights in the capital beforehand. Either way, we will skip the Villa de Leyva element of the itinerary and reflect this in the overall price of the tour.

# COQ OF THE ROCK: TRAILBLAZING THE GUIANAS



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This trail-blazing group holiday traverses the three Guianas, exploring remote wilderness terrains that are rarely seen by tourists.

16 days from £4,444pp

## DAYS 1-3

Begin in Latin America's most intriguing city, Rio de Janeiro, where tropical foliage swoops down to white-sand beaches. We'll glide along a steep railway to the iconic Christ the Redeemer statue, and whizz up to Sugar Loaf mountain on a cable-car, before travelling to the border city of Boa Vista in northern Brazil.

## DAYS 4-9

Cross the border to Guyana's Iwokrama forest reserve, home to jaguars, jaguarundi and harpy eagles. Continue to the welcoming village of Iwokrama in the savannah, then fly to cultural melting pot Georgetown. Those who dare may peer over the edge of the tumultuous Kaieteur Falls.

## DAYS 10-12

A coastal road takes us to Suriname, where we'll explore the capital Paramaribo and spot seabirds on the Commewijne river.

## DAYS 13-16

Travel by boat into French Guiana. We'll tour the islands of a former penal colony and visit a space centre, before continuing to Cayenne. Here, roam through busy marketplaces and admire belle époque architecture.

## WHAT YOU SAY

The trip lived up to my expectations. It's a great opportunity to follow a less travelled path through three completely different, but fascinating countries – Guyana, Suriname and French Guiana – and to experience beautiful scenery, remote locations and vibrant cities. Well done JLA for organising this tour.

JB, Chipping Norton

## WHAT WE LOVE

The Guiana's remain some of the least explored parts of South America. This tour offers the chance to explore these fascinating countries which can be difficult to navigate on your own whilst accompanied by an expert tour leader and like-minded travellers! A must for those with real wanderlust.

Jim Ashworth  
Groups Manager



## DEPARTURE DATES

2023 03 OCT 2024 08 OCT

## SUMMARY NIGHTS

16 days, 15 nights: Rio de Janeiro 2, Boa Vista 1, Rock View 2, Atta rainforest 2, Georgetown 2, Paramaribo 3, Kourou 2, Cayenne 1.



Wilderness

## Make It Your Own

This tour was designed to start in Venezuela before travelling through the Guiana's. Unfortunately, due to the recent political situation in Venezuela we have been unable to send any passengers there. However, if this were to ever change we would love to give you the option to start our tour in this breathtakingly beautiful country.



Tom Parrott







# TICO TICO: CULTURE OF THE NORTHERN ANDES



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This adventurous itinerary through northern Peru offers a fascinating insight into the country's rich cultural history, exploring its magical landscapes and archaeological treasures.

14 days from £2,880pp

## DAYS 1-5

After a walking tour of Peru's bustling capital, Lima, fly to the coastal town of Trujillo. Wander round it's pretty colonial centre, before taking in the extraordinary beachside Chimú ruins, a traditional fishing town and captivating Moche artifacts from AD100-800. Heading into the highlands, explore peaceful Cajamarca where the last Inca Emperor was held ransom.

## DAYS 6-10

Enjoy a scenic drive past glistening lakes and river gorges to Leymebamba. Discover hundreds of mummies in the Chachapoyan museum, admire red pictographs carved into a cliffside in Revash then head to Chillo. Take a cable car to Kuelap, a majestic mountaintop city. Continue to peaceful Chachapoyas before hiking to the 771m tall cascades of Gocta Falls.

## DAYS 11-14

Drive through the Andes and desert plains to lively Chiclayo, home to colourful markets selling magic potions and lucky charms. Marvel at Peru's treasures in the Sipán museum, and watch the sunset over the pyramids and walled citadels at Túcume.



## DEPARTURE DATES

2023 21 MAY 13 AUG 24 SEP  
2024 19 MAY

## SUMMARY NIGHTS

14 days, 13 nights: Lima 1; Trujillo 2; Cajamarca 2; Leymebamba 1; El Chillo 1; Chachapoyas 3; Chiclayo 2; Lima 1.



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## Make It Your Own

This tour explores the unique ancient cultures of Northern Peru. To get an even better insight into the earliest civilisations, fly to Lima a few days early and head down the coast to the mysterious geoglyphs of the Nazca Lines. You'll spend two nights in the Nazca region, before joining the rest of the tour as they arrive in Lima on the first night.



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## WHAT YOU SAY

The tour makes you realise how diverse Peruvian history is, and is more than just the Incas and Spanish Conquistadores.

JDC, Sheffield

## WHAT WE LOVE

For those that might have visited the more famous regions of Peru or like the path less travelled this is a brilliant way to discover the unique history and culture of little-known northern Peru. I love exploring the archaeological and natural wonders this part of the country has to offer and you will too!

Adrian Gallop  
Tour Leader

# SWIFT: ULTIMATE HIGHLIGHTS OF PERU



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Take in Peru's must-see highlights in comfort. Experience the Inca temples of Machu Picchu; Cusco and the Sacred Valley as well as Lake Titicaca's vast expanse of shimmering sapphire waters.

10 days from £2,606pp

## DAYS 1-3

From the vibrant capital city Lima, fly to Cusco where impressive Inca stoneworks are interspersed with grand colonial churches and inviting bars and restaurants. We'll tour the Inca Sun Temple and wander through steep, cobbled streets to bustling markets.

## DAYS 4-6

In the peaceful Sacred Valley of the Incas, we'll admire the temple of Ollantaytambo with a picturesque backdrop of the snow-capped Andes. Sail past patchwork fields on a train ride to Machu Picchu, the majestic ruined city set among forested peaks and a dramatic river canyon.

## DAYS 7-10

Drive through snowy mountain peaks to the windswept altiplano where the vast, indigo Lake Titicaca shimmers under a brilliant Andean sky. We'll visit traditional adobe villages, floating reed islands and the towering tombs of a chief's burial site. Return to Lima for a tour of the historic centre and its world-class museums.



## DEPARTURE DATES

2023 20 JAN 17 FEB 14 APR 26 MAY 29 SEP 08 DEC  
2024 19 JAN 16 FEB

## SUMMARY NIGHTS

10 days, 9 nights: Lima 1; Cusco 2; Sacred Valley 1; Machu Picchu 1; Cusco 1; Puno 2; Lima 1.



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## Make It Your Own

Fancy an active adventure? Although we don't have time for the full Inca Trail on our tour, we can book the Mini Inca Trail which is a fantastic way to approach the ruins. On the day we travel by train to Machu Picchu, you'll jump off at KM104 and spend the day walking to the majestic hilltop ruins before rejoining the group in the evening. We can offer this on any of our tours that visit Machu Picchu.

## WHAT YOU SAY

The holiday was wide-ranging, expertly organised and allowed us time to go 'off-tour' and enjoy the locations independently which I appreciated, given the swift nature of the journey.

MB, London

## WHAT WE LOVE

Arriving at Machu Picchu is one of the most memorable experiences I've ever had. As you enter the site and take your first glimpses of the myriad of agricultural terraces and impressive temples slowly coming into view. A truly stunning view.

Chris Rendell-Dunn  
Travel Expert

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# CONDOR: PERU IN DEPTH



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Explore all three of Peru’s contrasting natural landscapes: the desert, Andean mountains and the Amazon rainforest.

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**DAYS 1-6**

Begin in Peru’s dynamic capital Lima, we’ll tour the grand historic centre and take in its imposing cathedral and palace. Fly to the colonial city of Arequipa, where most of the striking low-rise buildings are made from white volcanic stone. We’ll then enjoy a scenic road journey across wildlife-rich plains to reach the colossal Colca Canyon. Here there is time to soak in hot springs, visit rural villages and watch condors soar above the intricately terraced hillsides.

**DAYS 7-12**

Ascend to the altiplano, where the impossibly vast Lake Titicaca glimmers under a bright Andean sky. We’ll visit floating reed islands, towering stone tombs, and the birthplace of Inca civilisation. Continue to Bolivia’s high-altitude capital La Paz, and optionally venture out to see the mysterious ruins of Tiwanaku.

**DAYS 13-17**

Fly to the centre of the Inca Empire, Cusco, where intricate, original Inca walls and temples are still intact among the colonial churches and handicraft shops. We’ll wander through traditional villages and archaeological sites in the tranquil Sacred Valley of the Incas, before touring the breathtaking Lost City of Machu Picchu.

**DAYS 18-20**

It’s a dramatic change of scenery when we arrive in the tangled rainforests that hug the banks of the Madre de Dios River. From our comfortable jungle lodge, canoe along tributaries and follow nature trails where you may spot monkeys, caiman, otters and a wide variety of colourful birdlife.

## Make It Your Own

Our comprehensive tour of Peru, which also stops off in Bolivia, takes in the most awe-inspiring highlights of this captivating country. This includes a visit to the Amazon Rainforest, but we know that jungles aren’t for everyone. If you’d prefer to miss this part of the trip, we can easily arrange for you to return home from Cusco instead.



Tom Parrott

## DEPARTURE DATES

2023	08 JAN	26 MAR	08 MAY	05 JUN	31 JUL	03 SEP	15 OCT
2024	07 JAN	24 MAR					

## SUMMARY NIGHTS

20 days, 19 nights: Lima 2; Arequipa 2; Colca Canyon 2; Puno 1; Copacabana 2; La Paz 3; Cusco 2; Sacred Valley 1; Machu Picchu 1; Cusco 1; Amazon 2.



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## WHAT WE LOVE

I love leading this tour, it really gets to the heart of my fascinating and beautiful country. You get to experience the mix of cultures, history and landscapes of Peru from the coast to the jungle and the high Andes, not forgetting the chance to explore La Paz in neighbouring Bolivia.

Lucho Diaz  
Tour Leader

## WHAT YOU SAY

We loved our Condor discovery trip – an experience rather than a holiday with so much packed into three weeks. We added four days on at the end to visit Sipán and Chan Chan – well worthwhile and a relaxing end to a hectic schedule.

AS, Tenbury Wells



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# PELICANO: ESSENTIAL PERU



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# ANDEAN FLAMINGO: THE ANDES LAID BARE



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Visit Peru's top highlights in utter comfort, taking in mountainous landscapes of breathtaking variety on this tour.

14 days from £3,878pp

## DAYS 1-5

After a walking tour through the historic centre of vibrant Lima, fly to Arequipa where white-grey volcanic stone buildings contrast against rich blue skies. Wander past flowery plazas and architectural masterpieces before setting out on the road to the colossal Colca Canyon. Its intricately terraced fields and traditional villages are patrolled by soaring condors.

## DAYS 6-7

Ascend into the vast, windswept altiplano where Lake Titicaca shimmers under a bright Andean sky. We'll visit floating reed islands, and towering tombstones of the ancient Hatun Colla chiefs.

## DAYS 8-14

Take in dramatic scenery aboard a luxurious train to Cusco, where we'll visit original Inca temples and imposing zigzagging walls. Continue to the patchwork fields of the Sacred Valley, then travel by train to the majestic ruined city of Machu Picchu. Follow trails up the iconic citadel, which sits amid jungle-clad mountains. There's time to enjoy active adventures near Cusco before heading home.



## DEPARTURE DATES

2023 09 JAN 27 MAR 01 MAY  
19 JUN 07 AUG 18 SEP  
13 NOV  
2024 08 JAN 25 MAR

## SUMMARY NIGHTS

14 days, 13 nights: Lima 1; Arequipa 2; Colca Canyon 2; Puno 2; Cusco 2; Sacred Valley 1; Machu Picchu 1; Cusco 2.



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## Make It Your Own

Take in Peru's most breathtaking highlights while travelling in comfort and style. Return to Cusco from the iconic ruined city of Machu Picchu onboard the luxury Hiram Bingham train. Enjoy breathtaking views while enjoying a four course dinner and open bar on this 1920s Pullman style train, before rejoining the rest of the group back at the hotel later that evening.



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## WHAT YOU SAY

We cannot pick out one most memorable part of our trip as every day provided us with a new and exciting experience. We saw and experienced things we had only dreamed of, some of which had been in our dreams for over 48 years.

TC, Hayle

## WHAT WE LOVE

This tour offers the perfect way to see the highlights of Peru whilst staying in fantastic hotels. Everything you see on this trip will dazzle you but I especially love the first glimpse I get of the blue shimmering waters of Lake Titicaca as you arrive from the altiplano.

Duncan Griffin  
Tour Leader

This tour to Peru, Bolivia and Chile provides comfort as well as remote adventure in horizon-bending Andean landscapes.

17 days from £5,116pp

## DAYS 1-6

In the Peruvian capital, Lima, we'll wander through the charming historic centre. Continuing to Cusco, discover original Inca fortresses and temples before descending into the tranquil Sacred Valley. Here we'll admire patchwork fields and the temple of Ollantaytambo, overlooked by snow-frosted Andean cordillera. A scenic train journey takes us to the majestic Lost City of the Incas, Machu Picchu.

## DAYS 7-11

Ascend into the chilly Altiplano, dotted with market towns and herds of llamas, where the vast Lake Titicaca shimmers under a vivid blue sky. Cross into Bolivia to visit lakeside town Copacabana and the mysterious Sun Island. Then it's on to the busy streets and markets of La Paz.

## DAYS 12-17

Be humbled by the other-worldly beauty of Bolivia's dazzling white salt flats, traversing this remote land into Chile and the Atacama Desert. Hissing geysers, gemstone-hued lagoons and the dramatic canyons of the Moon Valley await exploration. Then unwind in the Chilean capital Santiago; enjoy panoramic views from San Cristóbal and a cosmopolitan stay in gentrified Lastarria.



## WHAT YOU SAY

Travelling across the high desert surrounded by snow-topped peaks with herds of wild llama running away from us. Then vivid pink/blue lakes appeared with flamingo feeding. This experience was the best but the salt flats are dramatic and fascinating.

PC, Broughton-in-Furness

## WHAT WE LOVE

This tour visits some of South America's most stunning landscapes including the dazzling salt flats of Bolivia. We spend 3 days and two nights on the flats themselves as we cross the shining white ground into Chile in comfortable private 4x4's.

Berner Torres  
Tour Leader



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## DEPARTURE DATES

2023 23 APR 30 JUL 17 SEP  
2024 21 APR

## SUMMARY NIGHTS

17 days, 16 nights: Lima 1; Cusco 1; Sacred Valley 1; Machu Picchu 1; Cusco 2; Puno 1; Copacabana 1; La Paz 3; Uyuni area 2; San Pedro 2; Santiago 1.



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## Make It Your Own

This tour ends in the bustling city of Santiago. But for those of you who have already explored Chile's capital, we can make alternative arrangements. Upon arrival at Arturo Benítez Airport, we'll whisk you away to the vibrant seaport town of Valparaíso for two or three nights in a boutique hotel before heading home.



# JACANA: CROSSING THE CONTINENT



DISCOVERY JOURNEY

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This panoramic group tour takes us from the Andes through the South American heartland to the Atlantic Ocean in Brazil. Wonder at the Inca heritage of Peru, the icy peaks and plains of Bolivia, remote Paraguay and the epic Iguazú Falls.

19 days from £4,086 pp

## DAYS 1-7

From Lima, head to the Inca temples, imposing fortresses and cobbled streets of Cusco. Continue to picturesque villages in the Sacred Valley, before catching a train to Machu Picchu, set amid densely forested mountains. Back in Cusco, choose between mountainside salt pans or white-water rafting.

## DAYS 8-12

Traverse the windswept plains of the altiplano to the glimmering shore of Lake Titicaca, where we'll visit floating reed islands and a Bolivian lakeside town, Copacabana. A short boat ride takes us to Isla del Sol, the birthplace of Inca civilisation. Then we'll explore high-altitude La Paz and an enigmatic Witches' market.

## DAYS 13-19

Explore Paraguay's eclectic riverside capital, Asunción, before driving to the thunderous Iguazú Falls which straddle Argentina and Brazil. On the Argentinian side, walkways overlook the colossal cascades, while the Brazilian side offers panoramic views. Soak up the striking city of Rio de Janeiro, where tropical foliage swoops down to sparkling bays. Take a cable-car to Sugar Loaf Mountain and visit the Christ Redeemer statue overlooking the city.



## DEPARTURE DATES

2023 18 JAN 29 MAR 03 MAY  
07 JUN 02 AUG 20 SEP  
18 OCT 13 DEC  
2024 17 JAN 27 MAR

## SUMMARY NIGHTS

19 days, 18 nights: Lima 1; Cusco 2; Sacred Valley 1; Machu Picchu 1; Cusco 2; Puno 1; Copacabana 1; La Paz 3; Asunción 1; Puerto Iguazu 2; Rio de Janeiro 3.



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## Make It Your Own

This epic journey takes you across the continent from Lima to Rio de Janeiro. But for those travellers who have already visited Brazil's iconic beachside city, we will happily reduce the price of the holiday and fly you straight home from the Iguazú Falls. Alternatively you might like to spend a few days in colourful Buenos Aires, Argentina's elegant capital.



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## WHAT YOU SAY

The Jacana was a fascinating, very well organised three week tour through Brazil, Paraguay, Bolivia and Lima taking in the highlights of each country. Every day gave us a new experience which will stay in our memories for a long time to come.

VT, London

## WHAT WE LOVE

Jacana is the ideal tour to join for first timers to South America. I led it 18 years ago! Travelling from Peru to Brazil, you'll not only witness awe-inspiring landscapes but also some of the continent's biggest attractions and lesser known spots such as Paraguay!

Laura Rendell Dunn  
PR Manager

# ZAMPULLIN: VISTAS OF BOLIVIA



DISCOVERY JOURNEY

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Delve into the farthest reaches of one of Latin America's most adventurous and evocative destinations, Andean Bolivia.

13 days from £3,552pp

## DAYS 1-3

Begin in sunny lowland Santa Cruz, wandering round indigenous Abasto craft shops and the city's handsome colonial core. Stop off at Inca ruins before heading up to the Spanish-style mountain towns of Samaipata and Vallegrande. Continue through arid canyons to the remote spot where Che Guevara met his end.

## DAYS 4-7

In peaceful Sucre, visit an indigenous Art Museum and a beautiful Franciscan convent with sweeping valley views. Ascend into the starkly beautiful altiplano to reach Potosí, the world's highest city. Roam narrow streets past grandiose architecture, and visit a working mine.

## DAYS 8-13

Explore the horizon-bending wilderness of the dazzling white Uyuni salt flats, taking in brilliant red and emerald lagoons before heading to the capital La Paz. Here we'll visit the colonial heart and Witches' Market, before a breathtaking road journey to the vast, glittering Lake Titicaca. Marvel at its floating reed islands, the mythical birthplace of Inca civilisation and pretty lakeside town Copacabana.



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## Make It Your Own

Unlike the rainforests in neighbouring Peru and Brazil, the Bolivian Amazon is far less visited by tourists and remains untouched by development. Leave the tour before the final night in Santa Cruz and catch a flight to the jungle town of Rurrenabaque. Here you can take a boat through dense, tangled forests teeming with wildlife to reach the Madidi reserve for a two night Amazon experience.

## WHAT WE LOVE

Heading well and truly off-the-beaten-track, including retracing Che Guevara's final footsteps, this comprehensive tour really gets you under the skin of a fascinating and varied country of sublime landscapes, deep rooted traditions and a colourful resilient people.

Ben Line  
Head of Sales



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# PATO ANDINO: PANORAMA OF THE ANDES



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A true wilderness adventure, this group journey explores the dramatic and ethereally beautiful Andean mountains from Argentina through Chile and Bolivia to Peru.

20 days from £4,562pp



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## DAYS 1-6

In Argentina's elegant capital, Buenos Aires, we'll wander past the pink-hued presidential palace and trendy bohemian neighbourhoods. Then fly to Salta in the Andean foothills, a charming town with fertile vineyards, first-class wineries and rust red canyons nearby. Continue by road to Chile's Atacama Desert, a surreal wilderness punctuated by vivid lagoons, dramatic rock formations and imposing volcanoes.

## DAYS 7-13

Our road journey to Bolivia is visually one of the most extraordinary in the world, past luminous lagoons and ashen hills to the dazzling white salt flats of Uyuni. We'll explore the horizon-bending salt desert by 4WD before flying to the glittering high capital La Paz. There are mysterious ruins nearby, as well as fascinating markets to visit before driving to vast Lake Titicaca. Admire sweeping views of the shimmering cobalt blue waters from the pretty lakeside town of Copacabana, then cross into Peru to visit floating reed islands.

## DAYS 14-20

Journey across the windswept altiplano and descend into vibrant Cusco, former Inca capital where intricately carved Inca walls and temples still stand amidst ornate churches and lively restaurants and bars. Continue to the fertile fields and traditional villages of the picturesque Sacred Valley, backed by the Andean cordillera, where we'll hop aboard a train to the majestic ruined city of Machu Picchu. Finally, fly to Peru's bustling capital city, Lima, where we'll explore the grand historic core and excellent museums.

## Make It Your Own

If you have already visited Peru, but are still keen to explore Buenos Aires, northern Argentina, the Atacama Desert and Bolivia, we can make changes to your holiday without a problem. Simply leave the tour and catch your return flight home once your stay in La Paz is over- we'll reduce the holiday cost accordingly.



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## DEPARTURE DATES

2023 21 MAR 09 MAY 06 JUN 08 AUG 12 SEP 24 OCT  
2024 19 MAR

## SUMMARY NIGHTS

20 days, 19 nights: Buenos Aires 2; Salta 2; San Pedro de Atacama 2; Uyuni salt flats 2; La Paz 3; Copacabana 1; Puno 1; Cusco 2; Sacred Valley 1; Machu Picchu 1; Cusco 1; Lima 1.



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## WHAT YOU SAY

A fantastic trip which includes highlight after highlight – from natural beauty to historical ruins... Highlights of the trip were Uyuni salt flats, Atacama Desert and lagunas (flamingos so close you could touch them) and a return to Machu Picchu after 25 years. Our extension to Easter Island was a fantastic experience.

DN, Peterborough

## WHAT WE LOVE

This route gives a fantastic taste of the variety of landscapes and cultures that exist in South America. From bustling cities to unimaginably vast deserts, historical ruins and indigenous villages. An epic journey full of highlights.

Elizabeth Luck  
Tour Leader



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# HUMMINGBIRD: OCEAN TO OCEAN



Marvel at South America’s most unforgettable highlights, crossing the continent from vibrant beach city Rio de Janeiro to Peru’s bustling capital Lima. Along the way, discover the colossal Iguazú Falls, cosmopolitan Buenos Aires, glimmering Lake Titicaca and the ruined city of Machu Picchu.

21 days from £5,448pp



## DAYS 1-3

What better place to start than Rio de Janeiro on the palm-studded shores of the Atlantic. We ride the cable car up Sugar Loaf with its resident monkeys and, ascending higher, drink in sweeping panoramas at the feet of the watchful statue of Christ the Redeemer.

## DAYS 4-7

We fly west to the Iguazú Falls, where vast veils of water crash through tropical forest on the Argentine border. Stroll along walkways above and below the foam, feel the spray and watch parrots flit by. Fly on to Buenos Aires’s leafy plazas and aristocratic boulevards, discovering a thriving art, gastronomic and café scene.

## DAYS 8-11

Slow the pace in Andean Sucre, Bolivia, where sedate whitewashed houses and baroque churches adorn quiet colonial streets. You might take a day trip to silver-city Potosí, or relax in an artisan ice cream parlour in sunny Sucre. In contrast, buzzy La Paz, set in a ravine at the foot of snow-capped Mount Illimani, teems with a multitude of street markets.

## DAYS 12-21

Travelling across the tawny altiplano steppes we are astonished by the vivid hues of Lake Titicaca from where we travel by rail to Cusco, Peru. Explore intricately crafted Inca temples and the monumental Spanish cathedral before we head to the fields of the fortress-flecked Sacred Valley. A riverside train ride through a narrowing canyon takes us to the Inca masterpiece Machu Picchu before we descend to Pacific-side Lima, where you might visit some excellent museums, a trendy pisco bar – or both.

## Make It Your Own

This epic cross-continent adventure encompasses many of South America’s highlights, but we can always organise one more stop. Instead of spending your last night in Lima, fly to Puerto Maldonado and spend two or three nights in a comfortable lodge in the Amazon rainforest. Cruise the tributaries of the Amazon river and spot monkeys and macaws among the trees.



## DEPARTURE DATES

2023	09 JAN	27 FEB	27 MAR	22 MAY	31 JUL	04 SEP
	16 OCT	27 NOV				
2024	08 JAN	26 FEB	25 MAR			

## SUMMARY NIGHTS

21 days, 20 nights: Rio 3; Iguazú 2; Buenos Aires 2; Sucre 2; La Paz 3; Copacabana 1; Puno 1; Cusco 2; Sacred Valley 1; Machu Picchu 1; Cusco 1; Lima 1.



## WHAT WE LOVE

This is an excellent introduction to South America. It takes in 4 different countries and shows the enormous variety this continent has to offer. Buzzing cities like Rio and Buenos Aires, splendid nature like Lake Titicaca and the Iguazú Falls and plenty of history and culture.

Etienne Frans  
Tour Leader

## WHAT YOU SAY

Overall this was the most interesting and varied holiday I have ever been on and was a superb introduction to what was, for me, a new area of the world.

PM, Motherwell



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A scenic landscape of a turquoise lake reflecting snow-capped mountains. A semi-transparent map of South America is overlaid on the right side of the image. The text "WINE, GLACIERS AND TANGO" is centered over the map.

# WINE, GLACIERS AND TANGO



# TROGON: NATURAL BRAZIL



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Discover an exotic variety of wildlife thriving in the spectacular natural landscapes of Brazil.

12 days from £3,492pp



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## DAYS 1-3

Rio de Janeiro is a truly extraordinary city built around magnificent sandy bays and forested mountains. Take in panoramic views from Sugar Loaf and Corcovado mountains before continuing along the lush 'green coast'. We'll stop off at hidden beaches, leafy islands and the beautiful colonial town of Paraty.

## DAYS 4-6

Fly to the Iguazú Falls, where 275 cascades thunder through subtropical forest alive with colourful birds and butterflies. From the Brazilian side there is a broad panorama of the magnificent falls, while walkways on the Argentinean side take you beneath and even behind some of the dramatic cataracts.

## DAYS 7-12

In the vast wetland wilderness of the Pantanal, ride a horse across open grasslands, canoe along flooded rivers and spot abundant wildlife. This thriving ecosystem shelters an astonishing variety of birds, as well as caiman, giant anteaters, armadillos, howler monkeys, capybara and even elusive jaguars. Then fly back to Rio for one final night in one of the world's most intriguing cities.

## Make It Your Own

For the ultimate wildlife experience and the perfect accompaniment to the Pantanal, why not spend a few days exploring the Amazon rainforest? Instead of flying back to Rio de Janeiro for a final night, leave the group and fly north to the city of Manaus. From here you head to a remote jungle lodge, your base for exploring the rainforest over the next few nights. Then return to Rio for a final night before flying home.



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## DEPARTURE DATES

2023 06 MAY 23 SEP 18 NOV  
2024 04 MAY

## SUMMARY NIGHTS

12 days, 11 nights: Rio 2; Paraty 2; Iguazu 2; Pantanal 4; Rio 1.



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## WHAT YOU SAY

An excellent choice of nature highlights in a great country, guided by a tour leader who understands both worlds and can provide unique insights. I drew energy and inspiration from this experience by visiting so many diverse sights yet I had a very good rest – the perfect holiday.

EU, Basel, Switzerland

## WHAT WE LOVE

Our Trogon tour is the perfect holiday for first time visitors to Brazil. You get a real taste of the country's nature from the crystal blue waters of Paraty to the thundering Iguazú Falls. The real highlight for me is the Pantanal wetlands, where the wildlife is easily spotted and the landscape is dramatic whether it's the wet or dry season.

Charlotte Daubeney  
Travel Expert



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# TOUCANET: CITIES AND CASCADES



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Explore two of South America’s most iconic cities on this luxurious escorted group tour, from the sparkling bays of Rio de Janeiro to the graceful boulevards of Buenos Aires. In between you’ll marvel at the Iguazú Falls, one of the world’s most extraordinary natural wonders.

9 days from £2,614pp

### DAYS 1-3

Begin in Brazil’s most intriguing and romantic city, Rio de Janeiro, where dramatic mountains swoop down to sparkling bays. We’ll whizz up Sugar Loaf Mountain on a cable car and admire panoramic views over the city from the 40m Christ the Redeemer statue atop Corcovado Mountain.

### DAYS 4-5

Fly to the thunderous Iguazú Falls, where 275 cascades crash through subtropical rainforest. Admire a broad panorama from Brazil before crossing the border into Argentina, where a sequence of walkways allows you to peer over precipices and watch the water plummet into the vortex below.

### DAYS 6-9

Continue to Buenos Aires, Argentina’s elegant and cosmopolitan capital. Admire brightly painted houses in La Boca, the birthplace of tango, and wander past the pink-hued presidential palace in the grand historic centre. You can even cross the River Plate border into Colonia in Uruguay, a quaint colonial city.

### WHAT WE LOVE

This great tour takes in three of the most iconic places in South America, not only do you get to explore the bustling cities of Rio and Buenos Aires you also visit the spectacular Iguazú Falls, one of the most awe-inspiring waterfalls anywhere in the world.

Jamie Swan  
Product and Tour Leader Manager



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### DEPARTURE DATES

2023 03 FEB 10 MAR 13 OCT 17 NOV  
2024 02 FEB 08 MAR

### SUMMARY NIGHTS

9 days, 8 nights: Rio de Janeiro 3; Iguazú 2; Buenos Aires 3.



### Make It Your Own

Why not finish your holiday in style by spending a few additional nights at one of Argentina’s famed estancias. Only a few hours from the bustling capital Buenos Aires, you’ll find yourself in the iconic Pampa dominated by cattle ranches and gauchos. On the final day of the tour, instead of travelling to the airport with the group, you’ll venture inland to spend time at a traditional estancia before returning to Buenos Aires for your flight home.



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# JABIRU: WILDLIFE, WINE AND JESUIT MISSIONS



DISCOVERY JOURNEY

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Take a step off-the-beaten-track and uncover fascinating Uruguay and Paraguay. From Jesuit Missions dating back to the 1600’s to the extensive wildlife found in the marshy Iberá wetlands this is an inspirational journey through the lesser travelled South America.

14 days

### DAYS 1-5

Spend the night in cosmopolitan Buenos Aires before setting sail across the Río de la Plata to neighbouring Uruguay and the old-world charm of Colonia. Having explored the historic town use it as a base to visit the bucolic countryside around Carmelo and one of its celebrated wineries, before a scenic drive to the capital Montevideo.

### DAYS 6-8

A short flight takes you north to lesser-travelled Paraguay and its eclectic riverside capital of Asunción. The next 2 days are spent exploring the unique cultural history and peaceful rolling lands of the Jesuit Missions, established in the 1600s. Cross back into Argentina and arrive in the town of Posadas nestled on the banks of the mighty Paraná River.

### DAYS 9-14

The Iberá wetlands lie just to the south and it is here we’ll spend 3 nights based at a lodge in this remote region of marshy wetlands, lagoons, floating islands and streams. Take daily excursions via foot, boat and horseback, where you can expect an abundance of wildlife, with caiman, otters, swamp deer, capybaras, wolves, howler monkeys and over 400 bird species.

### WHAT WE LOVE

It is really exciting to have a new tour that incorporates both Paraguay and Uruguay. Travelling to 3 fascinating capital cities, the historic, cobbled streets of Colonia with stunning Portuguese and Spanish architectural influences to the wildlife of the Iberá wetlands, this is not a trip to miss.

Heloise Buxton  
Marketing Executive



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### DEPARTURE DATES

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OUR WEBSITE FOR DETAILS

### SUMMARY NIGHTS

14 days, 13 nights: Buenos Aires 1,  
Colonia 2, Montevideo 2, Asuncion  
1, Bella Vista 1, Posadas 1, Ibera  
Wetlands 3, Buenos Aires 2.



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### Make It Your Own

Instead of returning to Buenos Aires extend your trip and head North from Posadas to the remarkable Iguazú Falls. Expect spectacular views of the 275 cascades from both the Brazilian and Argentine side before flying home from here.



# NANDU: PEAKS AND PLAINS OF PATAGONIA



DISCOVERY JOURNEY

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Explore the breathtaking wilderness of the Patagonian Andes in Chile and Argentina, from the volcano-dotted lake district to the fjords of Tierra del Fuego.

20 days from £4,738pp



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## DAYS 1-6

Enjoy a walking tour of Chile's capital, Santiago, with optional trips to bohemian seaside city Valparaíso and nearby wineries. Then we'll head to Pucón in the lake district. Cycle past shimmering lakes and natural thermal springs, or try river rafting. There are monkey puzzle forests and icy volcanoes to explore, as well as the crystalline Petrohué Falls near Puerto Varas. On Chiloé island, admire colourful houses on stilts and, from November-March, spot penguins.

## DAYS 7-10

Journey to the small lakeside town of Puerto Natales, our base for explorations in Torres del Paine National Park. Be astounded by the granite massif of the Cuernos, turquoise lakes dotted with icebergs and abundant wildlife including condors, guanacos and pumas.

## DAYS 11-14

Cross the wildlife-rich Patagonian steppe to the tranquil Argentinian town of El Calafate. Marvel at the colossal vivid-blue Perito Moreno Glacier, which you may trek across, before heading to El Chaltén. This small town is surrounded by the spectacular jagged mountains of the Fitz Roy range in the Los Glaciares National Park. Enjoy mesmerising mountain views along the park's forest trails.

## DAYS 15-20

We'll fly to the world's southernmost city, Ushuaia. Roam among the bright green beech forests, hidden lakes and shadowy fjords of Tierra del Fuego National Park before flying to Argentina's capital, Buenos Aires. In this elegant city you can sample local wines, enjoy a tango show and wander through colourful, bohemian neighbourhoods. You can even catch a boat across the River Plate to the pretty town of Colonia in Uruguay.

## Make It Your Own

This is our most comprehensive tour of southern Chile and Argentina, and we appreciate that three weeks may be a little too long for some travellers. If you would like to return a couple of days early, whether to return to work or because you have already visited Buenos Aires, we can shorten the tour for you. Once you fly from Ushuaia, you may need to spend one night in the capital, but we'll have you on a flight home the next day.



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## DEPARTURE DATES

2023 08 JAN 22 JAN 05 FEB 05 MAR 29 OCT 19 NOV 10 DEC  
2024 14 JAN 11 FEB 10 MAR

## SUMMARY NIGHTS

20 days, 19 nights: Santiago 2; Pucón 2; Puerto Varas 2; Punta Arenas 1; Puerto Natales 3; El Calafate 2; El Chaltén 2; Ushuaia 2; Buenos Aires 3.



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## WHAT YOU SAY

It was a very memorable and exciting holiday. As well as the magnificent scenery, I was bowled over by the birds, animals and flowers.  
KM, Edinburgh

## WHAT WE LOVE

For me this tour is a must for all those wishing to really experience everything Patagonia has to offer. Not only does it visit Torres del Paine and the Perito Moreno glacier but the contrasting region of the Chilean lake district, magnificent Fitz Roy and Tierra del Fuego – the end of the world!

Sarah Bradley  
Director



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# SANDPIPER: ATLANTIC TO PACIFIC IN STYLE

CLASSIC JOURNEY

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Thunderous waterfalls, picturesque lakes and ice-carved mountains await on this luxurious journey. Cross the breathtaking wilderness of Patagonia and take in some of Latin America's most iconic cities: Rio de Janeiro; Buenos Aires and Santiago.

19 days from £6,508pp



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## DAYS 1-5

Begin in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil's most iconic city built alongside sparkling bays and lush granite mountains. Take in panoramic vistas from Sugar Loaf and Corcovado Mountains, where the famous 40m Christ the Redeemer overlooks the city. Then fly to the thunderous Iguazú Falls, admiring sweeping views of the 275 cascades from the Brazilian side before crossing into Argentina, where walkways give close-up vantage points of the plummeting water.

## DAYS 6-8

Continue to Argentina's cosmopolitan capital, Buenos Aires, the birthplace of tango, famed for its colourful, arty neighbourhoods. Explore its historic centre or take an optional day trip across the river into tranquil Colonia in Uruguay.

## DAYS 9-12

Fly to Bariloche, on the shores of Lake Nahuel Huapi. Enjoy local chocolate in cosy cafés and trails through forested mountains. The famous lake crossing to Chile's Puerto Varas is breathtakingly scenic, passing snow-capped volcanoes, waterfalls and dense woodlands. Optionally visit Chiloé island, home to colourful houses on stilts and Magellanic and Humboldt penguins.

## DAYS 13-19

We'll journey to the heart of Torres del Paine National Park, where our hotel offers views of the ethereal Lago Grey. There are hiking trails alongside glacial lakes and to soaring granite towers, with options to go horse riding or head out on a boat to see the colossal Glacier Grey close up. Fly from Punta Arenas to Santiago, the cosmopolitan Chilean capital, and optionally visit bohemian seaport city Valparaíso or nearby vineyards.

## Make It Your Own

Fancy unwinding for a few days before the adventure begins? Fly out to Brazil a few days earlier and we can organise some beach time for you to soak up the sun- whether that be on the beaches of Búzios or the islands and bays of Ilha Grande. You could even head further afield to the vibrant north east of the country.



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## DEPARTURE DATES

2023 03 FEB 10 MAR 13 OCT 17 NOV  
2024 02 FEB 08 MAR

## SUMMARY NIGHTS

19 days, 18 nights: Rio de Janeiro 3; Iguazú 2; Buenos Aires 3; Bariloche 2; Puerto Varas 2; Torres del Paine 3; Punta Arenas 1; Santiago 2.



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## WHAT WE LOVE

What I love about this trip is that you start on the beaches of Rio and two weeks later you are marvelling at glaciers in Patagonia. Along the way, you've tangoed in Buenos Aires, crossed the Andes by boat and seen all manner of wildlife, waterfalls and volcanoes – all the while enjoying amazing food and wine!

Carrie Gallagher  
Travel Expert

## WHAT YOU SAY

A really fantastic holiday. The organisation, accommodation, excursions, fellow group members and our excellent tour leader all contributed to a wonderful experience.

DB, Bedford



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# LAPWING: PATAGONIAN ODYSSEY

CLASSIC JOURNEY

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Marvel at the remote Patagonian wilderness in Chile and Argentina while enjoying superior accommodation on this comfortable group holiday.

14 days from £4,544pp

## DAYS 1-6

Our journey starts in Chile's dynamic capital, Santiago, with optional visits to bohemian seaport Valparaíso and nearby vineyards. Fly to Punta Arenas in southern Patagonia before a breathtaking road journey into Torres del Paine National Park, to our hotel on the shores of Lago Grey. Admire the colossal Glacier Grey, hike to the park's monumental granite towers, or enjoy a leisurely horse riding trip along forest trails.

## DAYS 7-9

Drive past crystalline waterfalls and lakes to El Calafate, a small town in Argentina. Gasp at the awe-inspiring Perito Moreno Glacier, which towers 60m above the lake's surface. You can trek across the glacier's jagged surface, explore further in the ice fields or tour a local estancia.

## DAYS 10-14

Fly to Ushuaia and set sail for Tierra del Fuego National Park, home to dense beech forests, silvery lakes and fjords populated by water birds and beavers. Then head for Argentina's cosmopolitan capital, Buenos Aires, where you can enjoy a tango show and tour the city's colourful bohemian neighbourhoods and historic heartland.



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## DEPARTURE DATES

2023	15 JAN	12 FEB	05 MAR	26 MAR	15 OCT
	05 NOV	26 NOV	10 DEC		
2024	14 JAN	11 FEB	03 MAR	24 MAR	

## SUMMARY NIGHTS

14 days, 13 nights: Santiago 2; Punta Arenas 1; Torres del Paine National Park 3; El Calafate 3; Ushuaia 2; Buenos Aires 2.

## WHAT WE LOVE

I love this tour because we get to stay within the stunning Torres del Paine National Park. It is a nature lovers dream destination with towering peaks, wind open steppe, glaciers and lakes waiting to be explored.

Carla Ottone  
Tour Leader



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## Make It Your Own

If cities aren't to your liking, you can start this tour relaxing at a tranquil winery an hour from Santiago airport. Spend two nights among rolling hills and sunlit vineyards which stretch out to the horizon, discovering Chile's famed wine culture. Then meet the group at the airport to catch a flight to Punta Arenas together. If you'd like to explore both the vineyards and the capital, you can always fly out a few days earlier.

# MAGELLANIC: SOUTHERN VOYAGE

CLASSIC JOURNEY

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Explore the wonderfully diverse landscapes and thriving wildlife of southern Argentina on this comfortable group tour.

13 days from £4,372pp

## DAYS 1-5

In the captivating Argentinean capital, Buenos Aires, we'll tour vibrant neighbourhoods and historic sites. Then we fly to Bariloche, the principal town of Argentina's picturesque lake district. Enjoy idyllic walking trails with many panoramic vistas of the snow-capped Andes and glittering lakes, wander through ancient Patagonian beech forests or take a boat to Puerto Blest.

## DAYS 6-8

The bustling Patagonian town of El Calafate is our base for exploring Los Glaciares National Park. Drive through a stunning forest valley to the colossal, crystal-blue Perito Moreno Glacier, which stretches out across 5km. There is an optional trek atop the immense glacier, as well as trips into the ice fields and El Chaltén.

## DAYS 9-13

Journey to Puerto Madryn, a breezy seaside town from which we'll explore the wild, craggy Valdés Peninsula. Its cliffs, bays, lagoons and plains are teeming with wildlife, from gigantic elephant seals and southern right whales to a colony of Magellanic penguins half a million strong. We'll end our journey by returning to elegant Buenos Aires.

## WHAT WE LOVE

When you're out on your boat trip the southern right whales can come up so close to the boat that you can see the detail of their barnacle encrusted heads. It's truly mesmerising watching them in the water.

Hannah Donaldson  
Travel Expert



## Make It Your Own

This tour focuses on southern Argentina, but finishes in Buenos Aires where you'll be well positioned to explore more of the country. Fly north to the thunderous Iguazú Falls set in subtropical forests, or marvel at the rust red canyons of Salta. Head west to reach the heart of the wine region, Mendoza, or visit the beautiful lesser-known city of Cordoba. Ask us for details and we'll be happy to extend your stay.



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# CHARITO: PURE PATAGONIA

DISCOVERY JOURNEY

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Delve into untouched corners of Patagonia and explore two cosmopolitan capitals, Santiago and Buenos Aires.

12 days from £3,184pp

## DAYS 1-4

Our journey begins in Chile's capital Santiago, where we'll tour the city's highlights by foot. Head on to Puerto Varas in the Lake District. Visit the crystalline Petrohué Waterfalls, hidden in ancient forests, and explore the colourful stilt houses and raucous penguin colonies of Chiloé island.

## DAYS 5-7

Continue to Puerto Natales from where we'll take in the breathtaking sights of Torres del Paine National Park by boat, cruising through shadowy fjords, vast glaciers and untouched areas of staggering beauty which are seldom seen by tourists. We'll also explore the park on foot. There are a number of hikes available, including scenic routes to the iconic granite towers.

## DAYS 8-12

Cross the Patagonian steppe into Argentina, arriving at the bustling town of El Calafate. It's a scenic road journey through a forest valley to reach the vivid-blue Perito Moreno Glacier, which towers 60m above the surface of a lake. Fly to Buenos Aires, Argentina's elegant capital. Here we'll explore vibrant neighbourhoods such as La Boca and the historic heartland of the city on a guided walking tour.



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### DEPARTURE DATES

2023	03 JAN	31 JAN	28 FEB	14 NOV	05 DEC
2024	09 JAN	06 FEB	05 MAR		

### SUMMARY NIGHTS

12 days, 11 nights: Santiago 2; Puerto Varas 2; Puerto Natales 3; El Calafate 2; Buenos Aires 2.



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### Make It Your Own

The Charito offers a fantastic way to discover the best of Patagonia in under two weeks. But if you are pressed for time, we can condense the journey even more. With international flights arriving first thing in the morning to Santiago, we can put you straight on a flight to Puerto Montt. There you'll meet the group and begin your adventure in the lake district before travelling on to Torres del Paine and Argentina.



## WHAT YOU SAY

I had an absolutely wonderful holiday, thank you... Highlights? Walking in Patagonia – stunningly beautiful on both the Chilean and Argentinian sides.

CB, Surrey

## WHAT WE LOVE

As well as being great value for money, the Charito group tour is ideal for anyone looking to take in the most breathtaking highlights of Patagonia on a shorter journey. In just under two weeks, you'll discover the wildest landscapes of Chile and Argentina.

Charlie Thomas  
Product Executive



# UNTOUCHED AISEN: LITTLE-KNOWN PATAGONIA

DISCOVERY JOURNEY

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On this intrepid group tour, discover ancient forests, shimmering glacial lakes and shadowy fjords in Chile's pristine Aisén region.

15 days from £4,104pp

## DAYS 1-4

In the captivating Argentinean capital Buenos Aires, we'll tour vibrant neighbourhoods including the arty port district of La Boca. Fly to Esquel in the foothills of the Andes, and either board the Old Patagonian Express or wander among towering conifers in Los Alerces National Park.

## DAYS 5-8

Cross the Andes into Chile's remote Aisén region, characterised by pristine forests, snowy volcanoes and sapphire-tinted glaciers. Try white water rafting near the town of Futaleufú, before following the Carretera Austral to Puerto Puyuhuapi, a village at the head of a fjord, and marvel at the hanging glacier of Queulat National Park. Continue to Coyhaique, Aisén's pleasant capital.

## DAYS 9-15

Pass sweeping open valleys with snow-capped mountains to our lakeside lodge at Chile Chico, where optional activities include fly-fishing, kayaking, horse riding and trekking. Head north to Puerto Rio Tranquilo on the shores of a turquoise lake, from which there are trips to the vast Exploradores glacier and marble caves. Then fly to Santiago, Chile's dynamic capital, for a city tour and optional trips to bohemian seaport Valparaíso and nearby vineyards.



### Make It Your Own

If you are still keen to discover more of Chile's breathtaking landscapes after travelling down the Carretera Austral, spend a few days exploring the picturesque lake district as well. You'll travel with the group to Balmaceda Airport, but rather than fly to Santiago you'll instead make the short journey to Puerto Montt. From here you can explore mystical Chiloé, stay at the remote Futangue Lodge or even self-drive around this fascinating region.



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## WHAT YOU SAY

Highlights? All of it! Aisén is visually stunning and unforgettable. The whole thing was a great adventure we will never forget and we loved the cities as well.

TO, Loughton

## WHAT WE LOVE

For me, Aisén is Patagonia at its best for off-the-beaten-track travel. This magnificent region is still largely off the radar for visitors. And with little in the way of infrastructure, exploring it as part of a group can make a lot of sense.

David Nichols  
Product Manager



Turismo Chile

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# GAUCHO: VINTAGE ARGENTINA



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Enjoy gorgeous natural landscapes, with world renowned wine and top cuisine. Visit wine capital Mendoza, colonial Salta surrounded by blood red canyons, the Iguazú Falls and cosmopolitan Buenos Aires.

12 days from £3,322pp

## DAYS 1-4

In Santiago, Chile's vast capital, explore bustling markets and trendy neighbourhoods. We'll visit the bohemian seaside city of Valparaíso, stopping off for wine tasting at nearby vineyards. Fly to Mendoza in Argentina, where we'll tour three world-class wineries.

## DAYS 5-7

Fly to Salta in the Andean foothills, where we'll wander through the attractive main square and cable car to a hilltop with sweeping panoramic views. Journey through multi-coloured canyon country to the sleepy town of Cafayate where we'll tour local vineyards, and admire the vivid hues of the Humahuaca Gorge.

## DAYS 8-12

The tumultuous Iguazú Falls are truly awe-inspiring; individual cascades crash through lush subtropical forest. Enjoy panoramic views from the Brazilian side, and in Argentina explore walkways across the raging river, peering over precipices and watching the water plummet. Then fly to elegant Buenos Aires, where we'll admire grand colonial architecture and the brightly painted port district, before a food tour of San Telmo's traditional eateries.



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## DEPARTURE DATES

2023 12 FEB 30 APR 18 JUN 08 OCT  
2023 11 FEB

## SUMMARY NIGHTS

12 days, 11 nights: Santiago 2; Mendoza 2; Salta 3; Puerto Iguazú 2; Buenos Aires 2.



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## Make It Your Own

Just across the River Plate from Buenos Aires lies the little-visited country of Uruguay. Following your tour around Argentina, instead of flying home directly you can hop on the ferry to Colonia or Montevideo. We will swap your transfer to the airport for one to the port, and can organise any other activities in Uruguay which take your fancy.

# TANGARA: BLUE LAKES AND EMERALD COASTS



DISCOVERY JOURNEY

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This adventurous tour showcases Latin America's extraordinary diversity. Explore dynamic cities, volcanic lake districts and the Iguazú Falls, as well as the tropical beaches of Brazil's Emerald Coast.

15 days from £3,550pp

## DAYS 1-4

Arrive in Santiago, Chile's vibrant capital, from which there are optional trips to the lively seaport Valparaíso or tranquil vineyards. Continue to Puerto Varas in the heart of the Chilean lake district, overlooked by the perfectly conical Osorno and Calbuco volcanoes. You can also visit Chiloé island, home to stilt houses, fresh seafood and penguin colonies.

## DAYS 5-8

Cross the Andes past countless glacial lakes and snow-capped volcanoes. Arrive in Bariloche, Argentina, on the shores of Lake Nahuel Huapi. On picturesque mountain trails, glimpse shimmering lakes before flying to the elegant capital Buenos Aires. Tour the city's colourful port district of La Boca and the historic core.

## DAYS 9-15

Take in sweeping panoramas and breathtaking close-up views of the awe-inspiring Iguazú Falls from the Argentinian and Brazilian sides. Continue to the enchanting town of Paraty in Brazil, hop aboard a schooner to visit lush tropical islands, then head up the 'green coast' to Rio de Janeiro. Explore this intriguing city in depth, ascending to the summits of Corcovado and Sugarloaf mountains.



Ben Line

## Make It Your Own

This cross-continent tour ends in Rio de Janeiro. What better way to discover South America's most vibrant city then spending time immersed in the rhythms and colours of Rio Carnival? The end of our February departure coincides with the start of the festivities, so you can easily extend your stay and join in the celebrations.



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## WHAT YOU SAY

Most memorable? Impossible! Without exception every part of the trip was memorable and as the holiday progressed we ran out of superlatives to describe it! Max, our tour guide was the icing on the cake.

EJ, Crawley

## WHAT WE LOVE

This two-week coast-to-coast adventure crams in some of South America's best: the buzz of Santiago, Buenos Aires and Rio, as well navigating the awe-inspiring Andean lakes from Chile to Argentina, and sailing the clear blue waters of Brazil's Emerald Coast.

Stuart Whittington  
Head of Product

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# PENGUIN: EXTREMES OF CHILE



This luxurious group tour shows off the variety of Chile’s natural landscapes. Beginning in bustling Santiago, we’ll visit the otherworldly Atacama desert and the soaring peaks of Patagonia, via sunny vineyards and the volcano-dotted lake district.

14 days from £5,218pp



**DAYS 1-5**  
Discover the vibrant Chilean capital, Santiago, where we’ll take in panoramic views of the city from San Cristobal hill and wander among lively markets. There are optional visits to nearby vineyards and the bohemian seaside city Valparaíso. Then fly north to San Pedro, a timeless adobe town from which we’ll explore the lunar landscapes of the Atacama Desert. Rust red canyons and volcanic cones are reflected in vivid lagoons, while dramatic geysers throw jets of steam skyward.

**DAYS 6-8**  
Next we’ll travel to idyllic Puerto Varas in the lake district, which dazzles with its snow-capped volcanoes overlooking patchwork pastures and shimmering lakes. Admire turquoise waters at the Petrohué Falls, and glimpse exquisite views of forest trails along Lake Todos los Santos. You can also visit Chiloé island, home to traditional stilt houses known as palafitos, and colonies of Humboldt and Magellanic penguins which nest side by side.

**DAYS 9-14**  
We’ll continue to our cosy lodge on the edge of Torres del Paine National Park in Patagonia. Here there are a number of hikes past the awe-inspiring scenery of towering granite massifs, windswept plains, and glacial lakes. Optionally you may try horse riding along tranquil forest trails, or a boat trip across an icy lake to the colossal Glacier Grey. Stop off at the Milodon Cave on our way to Punta Arenas, where we’ll fly back to Santiago.

## Make It Your Own

This tour takes in the awe-inspiring wilderness landscapes of Chile, but you can always add on a visit to the enigmatic carved heads and sparkling bays of Easter Island. We can organise flights, hotels and excursions around the island over three or four nights, either before the tour begins or directly afterwards. It will make a remarkable addition to your Chilean adventure.



## DEPARTURE DATES

2023	04 JAN	25 JAN	22 FEB	11 OCT	08 NOV	06 DEC
2024	03 JAN	24 JAN	21 FEB			

## SUMMARY NIGHTS

14 days, 13 nights: Santiago 2; San Pedro 3; Puerto Varas 3; Torres del Paine 3; Punta Arenas 1; Santiago 1.



## WHAT WE LOVE

I love how this tour showcases the stark contrasts of this crazily beautiful country; from the russet colours of the Atacama Desert to the windswept steppe of Southern Patagonia via the lush greenery of the Lake District, this is a feast for your senses.

Mary Nelson  
Travel Expert

## WHAT YOU SAY

This trip exceeded our expectations and was excellent value for the money. And to top it all, despite being apprehensive about going on an organised tour, the group really gelled and we had great fun!

GD, London



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# EXTENSIONS

No need to miss out. If there's somewhere you particularly want to go that isn't included in your Journey itinerary, don't worry. We can add on an extension to take you there before or after the group trip.



## TAP INTO OUR KNOWLEDGE

Here we really do need to blow our own trumpet. With more than 40 staff, some of whom have been with us for over 25 years, and all of whom travel regularly around Latin America, we have put together a diverse selection of flexible itineraries to add on to your trip and help you make the absolute most of your holiday.

Many of these extensions are fully flexible, in terms of what you do, where you stay and how you get there. Others, such as cruises or treks, necessarily follow a fixed route.

None are escorted by your tour leader; where appropriate they will be led by an English speaking local guide, often with relevant expertise. A sample of what we can offer is featured here, and popular extensions are listed on our website. In addition, our travel experts are well-placed to offer various alternatives, and help put together the perfect trip for you.

Over the following pages we suggest a variety of extensions: relaxing at a modern spa, or on a palm-fringed beach; spotting wildlife; walking or driving through outstanding scenery; seeking out historical or contemporary culture; sampling regional cuisine and wines; or trying your hand at something more active, like horse-riding or kayaking.

## WILDLIFE

With much of Latin America still in its natural state, the prolific wildlife is left to roam undisturbed. Times are changing: the modern world and expanded areas of cultivation are definitely making an impact, but you can still find places, surprisingly accessible, where you can observe this flora and fauna close up, from your base at a jungle lodge or on a cruise.



### THE AMAZON OF PERU, ECUADOR AND BRAZIL

The Amazon rainforest is a vast, often impenetrable tropical wilderness, home to thousands of species of flora and fauna. A visit really makes your Journey in Peru, Ecuador or Brazil complete. Excellent jungle lodges are accessible via a short flight or a longer journey by road and by boat. All offer full board and a programme of activities and excursions into the rainforest led by naturalist guides. You can also take a river cruise.



### PERU

Only an hours flight from Cusco, the river-port of Puerto Maldonado gives access to a number of jungle lodges with excellent wildlife spotting opportunities. There are also lodges in the region around Iquitos (a two hour flight from Lima), a port from which cruises depart through the jungle.

### ECUADOR

Amazonia can easily and quickly be accessed from Quito by air, or road and river transport. Lodges here are surprisingly comfortable given their isolation and many are run by the local community.

### BRAZIL

Manaus, a direct flight from Rio or Sao Paulo, is the gateway to the Brazilian jungle. There's a range of accommodation, from rustic lodges to more upmarket properties; and cruises from 4-8 days in length.

Connects with all journeys starting/ending in Peru, Ecuador and Brazil.



### WILDLIFE WILDERNESS IN THE PANTANAL

The vast Brazilian Pantanal wetlands boast an extraordinary abundance of birds and wildlife. This protected wilderness is, according to season, home to flocks of parakeets, macaws and giant storks. In the dry season (Apr-Nov) caiman laze on riverbanks. You may also spot giant capybaras, armadillos, anteaters and howler monkeys. This huge concentration of birds, reptiles and mammals coexist with the cattle in this marshy grassland and, because of the sparse vegetation, are all easy to spot.

There are a number of eco-friendly, low-key, comfortable lodges, accessible from either Campo Grande or Cuiaba. Each offers activities including wildlife observation by boat safari, on horseback or on foot, on a full board basis, with most people staying three nights.

Connects with journeys starting/ending in Rio.

### GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

A short flight off the coast of mainland Ecuador, astride the equator in the Pacific ocean, lie the Galápagos Islands. These peaks of gigantic submarine volcanoes have never been attached to the continent, and over the millennia birds, reptiles and plants have come to adapt to their unique environment. It's one of the greatest wildlife shows on earth, home to dragon-like iguanas, sea-lions, flamingoes, crimson breasted frigate birds, blue footed boobies; and a rich variety of landscape, from lava scorched rocks, to rich woodland and white sand beaches.

The archipelago is usually appreciated by cruising around the islands. Vessels, from small motor cruisers to luxurious liners, operate varying itineraries from three to eight days long. If you prefer not to sail, there are a number of excellent land-based options. Details of accommodation, cruises and itineraries can be found on our website, or speak to one of our travel experts.

Connects with journeys starting/ending in Ecuador.





## NATURAL AND CULTURAL LANDSCAPES

You will be seeing many of the countries natural and cultural highlights as you pass through them on your group journeys, but it's not possible to include everything.

Some extensions are obvious and logical-for example, a visit to Easter Island is a popular choice for those visiting Chile. Others are rather less well-known, or more specialised, including estancia stays (wine, gastronomy, horse-riding) in Argentina. You may add on just a couple of days to see the Maya ruins at Tikal or the Nazca Lines in Peru; or a week or more to cruise to the 'white continent'. Antarctica.



Lina Fuller

### ANTARCTICA

A century after the first expeditions, the most popular form of access to this vast continent is still by sea. However in the last few years some commercial flights have started operating to this distant land. Cruises\* navigate their way between yawning ice fields, and mountains of staggering beauty, across waters that reflect the changing moods of the southern sky.

Huge conglomerations of penguins, and sea lions, albatrosses and other seabirds lay on a spectacular display.

Some of our journeys have Ushuaia, the gateway to the 'white continent' or Punta Arenas on the Chilean side of the border, as a port of call. You may leave the group here to join a cruise, or travel south by air at the end of your journey. There is a wide selection of ships from small expeditionary vessels to larger cruise ships with comprehensive facilities.

Connects with tours starting/ending in Buenos Aires.

\*Cruises last from 1-3 weeks.

### FITZ ROY, ARGENTINA

If your journey itinerary nears its end in El Calafate, you can choose to extend your time in Argentinan Patagonia before you travel north to Buenos Aires. Take a bus from El Calafate (3-4 hours) to the small mountain resort of El Chaltén. From here there are splendid scenic walks in the rugged countryside at the foot of the towering slabs of rock and icy pinnacles forming the Fitz Roy massif. Lakes sparkle like gemstones and the views are of cinematic proportions. Round off your holiday with two nights in the elegant capital, Buenos Aires.

Connects with journeys nearing the end of El Calafate.



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### THE FJORDS OF CHILE AND ARGENTINA

Patagonia, a wilderness of windswept steppes, jagged mountains and glaciers, is a landscape which feels truly remote. Nowadays, however, it can be visited in comfort: there are first class estancias in stunning countryside, state-of-the-art hotels, and luxurious motor-vessels that offer cruises\* exploring the innermost secrets of the ice.

The fjords of southern Chile configure a fairy tale land of deep, forested valleys, hanging glaciers and tiny maritime settlements. Further south, cruises explore the Beagle Channel and Tierra del Fuego, and even take you to rugged Cape Horn.

Connects with journeys that pass through Ushuaia, Puerto Natales and Punta Arenas.

\*Cruises last from 4-7 days.

### THE GLACIERS OF ARGENTINIAN PATAGONIA

Cross the border from Chilean Patagonia to the Argentinian side of the jagged, ice-capped Andes range and stay in El Calafate, a little resort town on wilderness plains close to the edge of the milky, turquoise waters of Lago Argentino. From here, visit the towering ice walls of the Perito Moreno glacier and the traditional ranch at Estancia Cristina. Both tourist and first class options are available. Round off your holiday with a couple of days in Argentina's elegant capital, Buenos Aires.

Connects with journeys nearing the end in Torres del Paine.



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### USHUAIA, TIERRA DEL FUEGO

For those whose group itinerary nears its end in Patagonia, an extension can be added to Ushuaia (a short flight from El Calafate). This, the world's most southerly city, and a busy port at the tip of the Andes range, is your base for explorations to the bays, lakes, rivers and peaks of the Tierra del Fuego National Park. Cruise down the Beagle Channel spotting penguins, and pay a visit to the historic Harborton Ranch, before flying north for a final night in Argentina's cosmopolitan capital, Buenos Aires.

Connects with journeys nearing the end in El Calafate.



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### IGUAZU FALLS

Perhaps the most stunning sight in Latin America is the Iguazú Falls: a 2.7km chain of 275 cataracts tumble and roar over a 60m precipice in a protected, sub-tropical rainforest that is alive with birds and butterflies. The cataracts straddle the border between Argentina and Brazil, and on either side there is a range of accommodation, from spacious tourist-class hotels to first-class traditional or contemporary establishments, many of which are set in extensive grounds with outside pool. Two nights in Iguazú is normally sufficient to see both sides of the falls, before flying home via Sao Paulo or continuing for a few days in Rio de Janeiro.

Connects with journeys starting/ending in Buenos Aires or Rio.



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### ATACAMA DESERT, CHILE

The Atacama Desert, where it approaches the Bolivian border, is a high-altitude landscape of volcanoes, salt lakes and supreme, rugged beauty. The Moon Valley, the geysers at El Tatio, and pretty mountain villages such as Toconao are among a host of attractions here. Stay in comfortable accommodation in San Pedro, an adobe town that is the hub for visits to the region, or at a more luxurious hotel, where excursions and excellent meals are included.

Connects with journeys starting/ending Santiago.



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### COPPER CANYON, MEXICO

The Copper Canyon has some of the continent's most awe-inspiring mountain scenery, with scores of epic gorges and ravines, some of which are deeper than the Grand Canyon. A spectacular rail journey begins in Chihuahua and climbs into the Sierra Madre, where a night is spent on the canyon rim. The descent crosses bridges, passes through tunnels and around sweeping bends to arrive at Los Mochis. Access is from Chihuahua in the north of Mexico.

Connects with journeys starting/ending in Mexico City

### PERU'S NAZCA LINES

No one knows for sure why an ancient, unknown civilisation etched huge geometric markings-the Nazca Lines-into the desert south of Lima. Their scale and complexity can be best appreciated from the air. You can either concentrate just on the lines themselves or combine your extension with a visit to the wildlife-rich Ballestas Islands just off the coast from Paracas.

Connects with journeys starting/ending in Lima.



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### EASTER ISLAND

Polynesian Easter Island lies 3,790km off the coast of Chile. This tiny, treeless territory, triangular in shape and with a volcano in each corner, has only 5,000 inhabitants, and is famed for its vast, brooding stone statues or moai. The balmy climate and the genuine warmth of the inhabitants make this unspoilt destination one of our most popular. Our featured extensions include three to four night stay at a secluded hotel, but there are a number of properties to choose from as well as shorter or longer stays.

Connects with journeys starting/ending Santiago.





Tom Parrott

All extensions are tailor-made so if you are unsure how they fit with your journey, or would like to consider other options, please call us to discuss your requirements. Our Travel Experts will be able to advise you, and help piece together the extension you are looking for.

#### SALVADOR DA BAHIA

The coastal city of Salvador is an unmissable highlight of Brazil, and integral to an understanding of the country. Here, the African influence is dominant, with food, dance and religious ritual all harking back to the mother continent, and there is some of the best Portuguese colonial architecture in the country-beautifully restored. It's a joyous place, heaving with music, alive with colour, and with some glorious beaches nearby.

Connects with journeys starting/ending in Rio.

#### TIKAL

If your holiday in Central America doesn't include a trip to the ruins, it is easy to add on a visit to what many regard as the most awe inspiring archaeological sites on the continent. From Antigua, it is a short drive to Guatemala City, for the hour-long flight to Flores. Accommodation is in a jungle lodge in the heart of the tropical national park, or the island town of Flores, your base for a two-day visit to the ruins. There is a guided tour of the temples and pyramids, from which you can look out over a jungle canopy full of monkeys and parrots. Fly back to Guatemala City for a final night.

Connects with journeys starting/ending in Guatemala.



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#### ESTANCIA STAYS

In colonial times, large tracts of land in Latin America were divided into estates-estancias or haciendas, which had elegant, palatial residences. Some have been refurbished and opened up to visitors: a few have been converted into luxury hotels, and a number are still operating ranches or wineries. They offer visitors a warm family-style welcome, excellent facilities and a range of activities from wine-tasting and bird-watching to nature trails and horse riding. One of our favourites is La Bamba in Argentina, but you can also spend several days unwinding in estancias in Chile, Mexico or Ecuador.



Estancia La Bamba

#### LAKE ATITLAN

Guatemala is a deeply traditional country, where indigenous and colonial culture and ritual have blended and developed over the centuries, and remain a unique feature of contemporary life. It's also blessed with gorgeous scenery, dominated by around 35 volcanoes. Lake Atitlan is a mystical body of water surrounded by volcanic cones and tiny farmsteads. Visit a couple of the little towns along the shore, where traditional dress is still worn.

Connects with tours starting/ending in Guatemala.

## BEACH WIND-DOWNS

Few of our itineraries offer you much opportunity to lounge on the beach. However a few days on the coast is a great way to round off a busy, invigorating holiday. Most itineraries begin or end within reasonable reach of a sandy beach or rocky cove with excellent hotel facilities.

#### THE MAYAN RIVIERA

The beaches of Mexico are some of the best on the continent, from the white powder sands of the Caribbean coast to the rocky coves and rolling surf of the Pacific, and there are some excellent hotels from which to enjoy them.

There are many properties on the Mayan Riviera, spread along the coast, where creamy beaches meet tropical forests. All of which are convenient if ending your journey in Cancun. There are also several attractive, mid-range hotels close to the resort of Playa del Carmen, and the iconic cliff edge ruins of Tulum.

Connects with journeys ending in Cancun or any end destination with flights to Mexico.



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#### AMBERGRIS CAYE

Fly to the coral island of Ambergris Caye off the coast of Belize, and spend a few days at the first class plantation style Victoria House. Alternatively pick one of the other stunning properties or cayes that stretch the length of the Caribbean coast.

Connects with journeys ending in Belize.

#### URUGUAY

This tiny, friendly country on the eastern shore of the River Plate, maintains a character of its own. Renowned for its beef-rearing grasslands, it also boasts glamorous golden beaches and plush hotels, perfect for a wind down after any group tour.

Connects with journeys starting/ending in Buenos Aires.

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#### THE BEACHES OF CUBA

Cuban beaches combine the best of the Caribbean's famous translucent turquoise seas and sugary sand with pristine cleanliness and unspoilt landscapes. There are a number of resorts around the island, which vary in terms of facilities and accessibility. Some, such as Varadero, are busy strips with a number of hotels, restaurants, bars and clubs; others are situated on remote islands (cayos), including Cayo Las Brujas and Cayo Levisa, with pearl white beaches and good snorkelling.

#### ILHA GRANDE

Down the 'green coast' from Rio lies Ilha Grande, a beautiful, forested island where tourism is kept low-key and informal. Trails lead across the lush, undulating interior and there are glorious beaches hidden among rocky coves. Accommodation ranges from hippyish to boutique, and the atmosphere is laid-back and utterly relaxing.

Connects with journeys starting/ending Rio.



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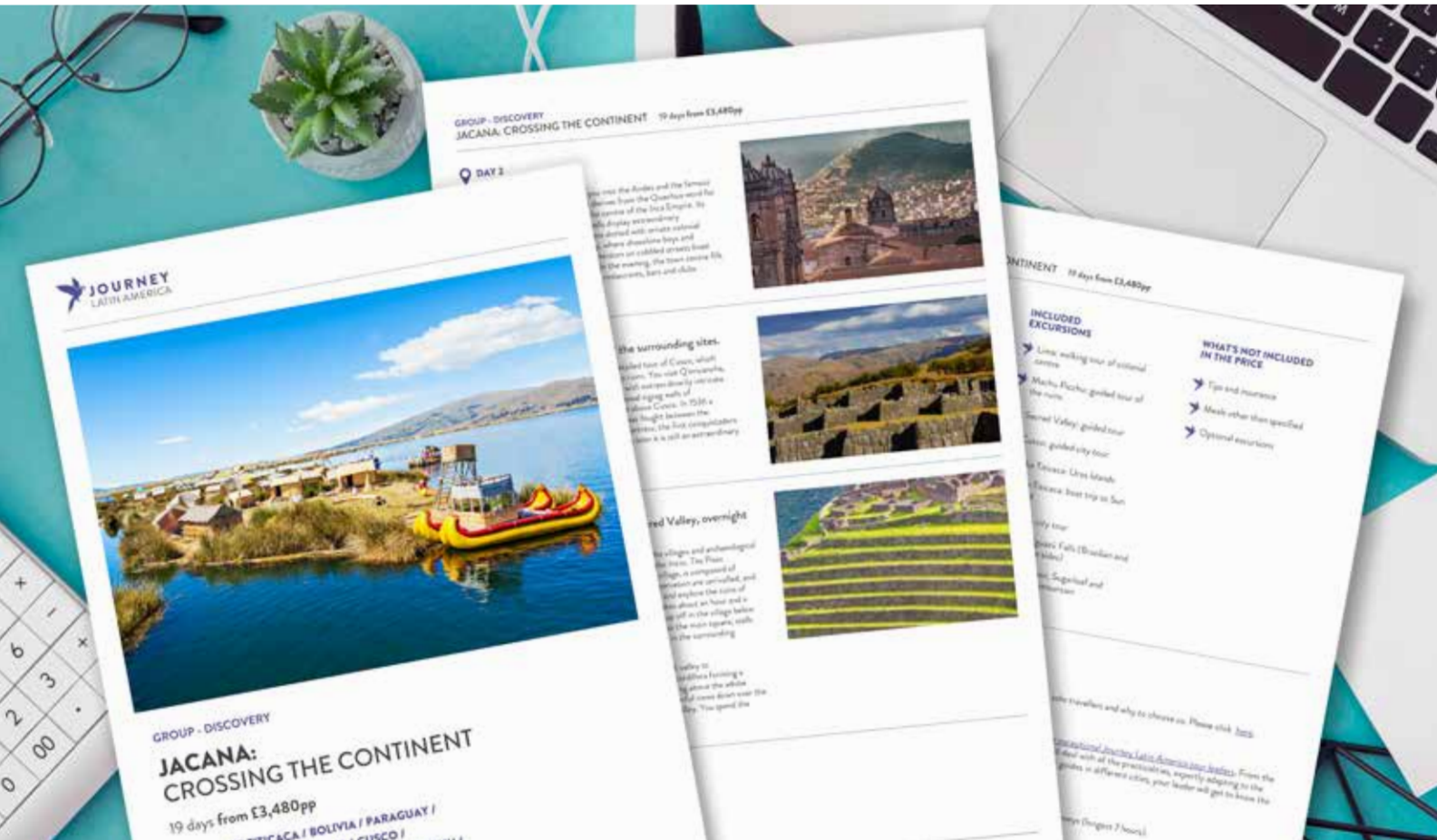
#### BUZIOS

Just up the road from Rio de Janeiro lies the Armação de Buzios peninsula; a sophisticated, informal resort scattered around a series of pretty bays. Cobble streets and small, low-rise pousadas give it a Mediterranean feel; its many stylish open-air bars, restaurants, boutiques and galleries are patronised by well-to-do Brazilians as well as foreign tourists. Outside the busy high season (Dec-Feb), the tranquillity and natural beauty make for a relaxing stay.

Connects with all journeys starting/ending in Rio.



# TRIP DOSSIERS AND OUR LOYALTY SCHEME



We understand that you'll have plenty of questions about each holiday.

“ Which accommodations are included in the tour?

“ Do I need to bring walking boots?

“ How many excursions are included in the price?

“ How will I get hold of local money?

While all the necessary information is available on our website's group journey pages, you may not want to check every detail online. This is why we've created a print-friendly Trip Dossier for each of our Group Journeys, which is available to download and print out for quick and easy consultation.

Each Trip Dossier includes a detailed day-by-day itinerary and our invaluable Essential Information to answer all your queries.

Visit [journeylatinamerica.com](http://journeylatinamerica.com) now to print your free copy.

## GROUP TRAVELLERS LOYALTY SCHEME

With so many breathtaking destinations to discover, we know many of you will want to return to Latin America time and again. All clients booking onto a Group Tour for a second time will benefit from our loyalty scheme, which means you'll receive **£100pp off** the cost of your trip.

What's more, any travellers booking onto their third (or more) Group Tour across Central and South America will receive a discount of **£150pp off** each trip.

Get in touch with one of our friendly Travel Experts to apply the discount to your booking. Terms and conditions apply.



# DISCOVER MORE ON OUR WEBSITE

For full details of any of our small group holidays, head to our website. The refreshed design makes it easy to search for your perfect trip by country, duration or preferred style of travel. As well as an overview, you'll find a detailed itinerary, a gallery of images, a comprehensive list of the hotels used, a trip dossier, ideas for extensions and reviews from past clients.

## ITINERARIES

Browse full itineraries, with details of the activities and highlights in store for each day. There are plenty of photos to inspire you.

## TRIP DOSSIERS

Each of our journeys has a specific dossier packed with essential information and handy advice about what to take with you, money matters, and much more. It's free to download and print out for easy reference.

## DATES AND PRICES

Find our most up-to-date prices as well as departure dates, including details of the 'tour-only' cost for those joining the trip in Latin America.

## EXTENSIONS

No matter which tour you choose, there are a huge selection of suggested tailor-made add-ons for your holiday.

## ACCOMODATION

From luxurious stays to cosy guesthouses, get an idea for the style of the accommodations on each journey. We've inspected thousands across Latin America to bring you the most comprehensive selection of our favourite places to stay. There are options for the budget-conscious as well as those looking for a luxury experience. Browse through our wide range of styles via the 'Accommodation' tab.

## REVIEWS

We publish ratings and reviews from past clients, so you can read about their experience on each of our group tours.

## SHARE

When you find a holiday you love, it's easy to send a link to friends and family using our quick share buttons. You can also share the trip to your Facebook, Twitter or Instagram feed.

## BOOK ONLINE

If you find your perfect journey and are ready to book, use our secure online booking system to pay your deposit and confirm your place on the tour.

## HIGHLIGHTS

In any of our destinations, there are a wide range of recommended 'Places to Visit' and 'Things to Do' to suit all tastes. Discover our favourite must-see attractions and the most exciting activities each area has to offer.

## DESTINATIONS

We'll introduce you to all our destinations with an at-a-glance summary of their most breathtaking highlights, with a wide array of photos and essential information on visas, vaccinations, and the best time of year to visit each region.

## WHERE TO GO WHEN

Latin America is home to a staggering variety of landscapes and climates, as well as countless cultural events and wildlife spectacles. Taking all this into account, we've used our expert knowledge to create an in-depth 'when to go' guide for each of our destinations and regions.

## TRAVEL HUB

Our Travel Hub offers all the practical information you need before travelling, from the latest health updates and government travel advice to the questions most frequently asked by our clients. Our clear and detailed guidelines will ensure your holiday planning runs smoothly.

## INSPIRATION

Keep updated with what's new and exciting in Latin America with Papagaio, our online travel inspiration magazine. You'll find mouthwatering recipes, cultural events, expert advice and travel blogs that bring the continent to life. This is also where you'll find our latest competitions, with incredible prizes including holidays to Latin America.



# SUSTAINABILITY

At Journey Latin America, we love the continent that we send our travellers to and have always endeavoured to protect its incredible places and people. For us, sustainable tourism is all about providing authentic experiences, developing worldwide relationships and bolstering the survival of culture and heritage. A deep commitment to benefitting local communities across Latin America runs through everything we do.

## OUR TRAVEL WALLETS

This year we are delighted to launch our brand new travel wallets, handwoven by local artisans near the Cotopaxi volcano in the Ecuadorian Andes. The local artisans we worked with on this project live two hours outside the capital, Quito. Spinning and weaving are an integral part of the fabric of their community, providing a stable income without the need to commute long distances into the city. We coordinated with SUSPIRO, who empower and promote the handmade work of textile artisans living in Ecuador's Andes. They told us that "The wallet project was really important to keep the spirits up among the artisans and seamstresses."



Journey Latin America



LATA Foundation

## LATA FOUNDATION

We also support a wide range of grassroots social and environmental projects across the continent through The LATA Foundation. This UK-based charity carefully chooses projects with the aim to relieve poverty through sustainable development and environmental conservation. Over the past 10 years the Foundation has upheld this aim through a number of different initiatives. Projects supported include the provision of clean drinking water fountains to schools around Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, free dental care for hundreds of children in the 'villas' of Buenos Aires and the planting of more than 30,000 native trees in the Sacred Valley of Peru by local communities. The Foundation is also able to support emergency relief to affected areas through working with trusted local organisations.



Sarah Gilbert

## THE PINTANDO PROJECT

When operating our holidays, Journey Latin America contributes to the community of Santa Catalina and the Pintando Project on the shores of Lake Atitlán in Guatemala. We do this by incorporating visits to the project into excursions taken by our clients. This helps to not only transform the lives of the families living there but also revive the local textile designs which the region is famous for. The Pintando Project is centred around painting houses and public buildings in a contemporary manner with influences from traditional Mayan textile designs.



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## WATER 2 GO

We've partnered up with Water To Go UK to offer clients a 30% discount on filtered water bottles. On a two week holiday, you could be buying 28 single use, plastic bottles of water. Not only does this cost around £30, but it also has a huge impact on the management of plastic waste. Water 2 Go has found an eco-friendly and cost effective solution. Their unique filter system technology eliminates 99.9% of all bacteria, viruses, chlorine, fluoride and heavy metals such as lead, as well as contaminants like pesticides; so you can fill up your bottle from any tap or stream and enjoy safe, fresh water.





# VAMOOS

## THE JOURNEY LATIN AMERICA APP

Make travel easy with the exclusive Journey Latin America app. Discover our wide range of user-friendly features, designed to keep your journey running smoothly.



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Keep all your important travel documents in one place, as well as local contact numbers both on and offline. You can let the excitement build as our app counts down the days to your holiday, and have a last minute check on the weather to see what to pack.

Scroll through your day-by-day itinerary to see which exciting places are in store, and share your login with friends and family so they can keep track of your trip. Stay one step ahead at the airport with live flights information, schedule changes, and boarding notifications sent straight to your smartphone or tablet device.

Upon arrival, browse the list of recommendations and begin exploring the restaurants, museums, cafes, bars and places of interest that come personally recommended by Journey Latin America's clients. Don't worry about getting lost on the way there – you'll have access to offline maps, so you can navigate the streets just like a local. After seeing the sites, make trip notes and share all your memories with friends and family using our digital diary.

### KEY FEATURES

- Store all your essential travel documents and local contact numbers in one place, ready to access even without internet connection.
- Stay one step ahead at the airport with pre-departure information, schedule changes and live flight updates at your fingertips.
- View your personalised day-by-day itinerary, which includes details about each destination, excursions and local contact details for all of the hotels you will be staying at.
- Explore recommended restaurants and bars as well as lesser-known local highlights with offline maps.
- Check the weather in each destination with local forecasts so you'll know what to wear each day.

The app is available to download for free before your journey, so you can relax and enjoy travelling without the stress.

# BOOKING CONDITIONS

If the text is too small for you to easily read please go to our website and search Booking Conditions.

We've abbreviated this information so you're more likely to consider reading it. However, it's very important that you do read (and acknowledge that you've read) the Booking Conditions in full, which are on our website. Or we'll be very happy to send you a printed copy on request. The direct link is at: [www.journeylatinamerica.com/booking-conditions/](http://www.journeylatinamerica.com/booking-conditions/). Additionally, if the detail of the Booking Conditions changes during the life of the brochure, we can update straight away.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

#### Tourist amenities

Infrastructure in Latin America has improved, but it's still largely an underdeveloped continent – both for provision of amenities, and the standard of them. Even the most meticulously planned arrangements can, and do, go wrong.

#### Things that might go wrong

There may be moments of discomfort, and delays are a way of life. Your bags might be delayed or go missing. There are risks that may occur: travelling in mountainous terrain, the forces of nature and the limited medical facilities of some regions. Passenger seat belt regulations are not widely enforced. Clients booking these holidays implicitly accept the above.

#### Itineraries

The itinerary of a trip will not be altered unless there is an unavoidable reason for it. But occasionally we may have to make small alterations to the accommodation, transport or order of an itinerary. In these circumstances, we won't pay refunds or compensation.

#### Trip Dossier

For all Classic and Discovery Journeys, we publish a Trip Dossier. They're on our website, you'll find them in the row of links above the text on the Journey description pages. Or just ring us ask for a printed version. They give a feel for what it's like on each trip, with additional information on how to prepare. You don't have to book anything to get this.

#### Briefing Dossier

When you book, we send a comprehensive booklet with detailed information on visas, inoculations, recommended personal baggage, currency, climate and photography.

#### Visas and Passports

More detailed information is in our Briefing Dossier. All visitors to Latin America require a full passport with at least six months' validity after the date you leave Latin America.

Apart from the three below, British passport holders require no visas to visit countries in Latin America.

1. Suriname: Full visa issued on arrival in Suriname
2. Cuba: Tourist Card before arrival
3. USA: ESTA form to be completed online before arrival at (UK) departure airport, even if you'll just be changing planes in USA.
3. Canada: eTA form to be completed online before arrival at (UK) departure airport, even if you'll be changing planes in Canada.

#### Airport transfers and flights

There's no additional charge for meeting you at the airport of the city where the trip starts provided you are travelling on an international flight arriving on the first day of the tour. Same if you're departing on the last day.

We will try to offer seats on these flights to clients travelling on the published group tour dates. However this is not always possible and we may have to make other flight arrangements for you, sometimes at extra cost. If you arrive/depart on different days, or on internal flights, we will charge you extra if you need transfers.

All airline 'tickets' issued in the UK are now electronic and will be sent by email and first class post. Occasionally, paper tickets can still be issued in Latin America.

#### Documentation

At each stage of the booking you will be sent a financial summary or confirmation. Final documents are usually ready for despatch 10 days to 2 weeks before departure date.

#### Over 70 (or not)

If you're 70 or over, we ask you to provide a self-assessment form, attesting fitness to travel on your trip. We might ask for a doctor's note if we feel it to be necessary.

#### Card payments

- If you pay by Debit or Credit Card: No surcharge
- You can also pay by bank transfer or cheque with no surcharge. Please ensure cheque payments are made in good time, as it takes 4 working days for us to confirm receipt.

#### Not included in the price of the holiday

- Side trips or excursions designated in the brochure as optional.
- Travel insurance.
- Tips, porterage, food other than stated, laundry, items of a personal nature.
- Entrance fees to some national parks, municipal taxes and immigration fees.
- Airport taxes. On the inbound (international) leg of flights from Latin America some taxes are included on the ticket and others not (the individual Trip Dossiers make it clear which are not).

#### Abbreviated Booking Conditions

The Booking Conditions in full are on our website – [www.journeylatinamerica.com](http://www.journeylatinamerica.com)

If you would prefer, we are happy to send by post a version of these printed on paper. You must read the Booking Conditions in full.

#### Contract

Your contract is with Journey Latin America Ltd. When you make a booking, you accept that you have read and are subject to the conditions set out in the Full Booking Conditions and Important Information. Your contract with us is also subject to the Terms and Conditions of Carriage of any airline used.

#### Deposits

We need a deposit of £500 per person when you book. The deposit is non-refundable unless we cannot confirm you on the tour, or if we cancel your chosen trip, including when the minimum numbers required for the tour has not been reached. You must read our FULL booking conditions before you pay a deposit. We will issue a confirmation, at which point we have accepted your booking and a contract exists.

#### Interim payments and Final payments

Final payment is due not less than 60 days before departure, or immediately if you book within 60 days of departure. However, it may be that to guarantee a price, we may have to ask you to pay in full for all or part of your holiday at an earlier date. Usually this involves the issue of flight tickets which can carry cancellation penalties.

#### Children

Children over 12 are treated as adults as far as pricing is concerned. There are sometimes reductions for one child (and sometimes two children) under 12 sharing the room of two accompanying adults.

#### Long-Haul flights (usually transatlantic)

Usually, escorted-group holidays show a flights-inclusive price. Tailor-made/bespoke holidays usually show them separately. If, at the time you book, there is a lack of availability in the specified booking class on any particular flight, we'll offer you an alternative economy class seat and tell you if it's more expensive (or cheaper!). We will not issue airline e-tickets until we have received full payment for them (see Interim payments above).

#### Land-Only tours

On our website, we offer a Land-Only price of our Classic and Discovery Journeys. This price excludes flights to the start of your trip. We strongly recommend you do not confirm or pay for any flight or other non-refundable arrangements until we have confirmed in writing your land-only reservation, and that the Journey has reached the minimum numbers to be viable.

If you do, we do not accept responsibility for any costs incurred for cancellation of such services if your chosen trip does not confirm.

We can often hold flight reservations from the UK without having to confirm or pay for the seats immediately. If you would like us to do this for you, please choose the flight inclusive option when booking online.

#### Independent arrangements and discontinuous itineraries

If you already have flight, accommodation or transport reservations in place when you book holidays with us, we accept no liability for dovetailing with these independent arrangements. Of course, we'll do all we can to help.

#### Alterations by you before departure

We'll do what we can to accommodate any reasonable changes – and, in principle, will only charge where we are ourselves liable for any costs.

#### Alteration or cancellation by you after commencement of travel

Where we believe it's possible and sensible, we'll allow you to do this, but there may be charges levied both for the new services, or for those already booked and unused. As a basic principle, no refund will be paid to clients who do not commence or complete a tour, extension, or sector.

#### Cancellations by you

If cancelled:	Maximum charge:
60 days or more before departure	Deposit (and interim payment where appropriate)
Between 59-30 days before departure	60% of tour cost or interim payment (where appropriate) whichever greater
29 days or less before departure	100% tour cost

#### Cancellations or alterations by Journey Latin America Alterations

We might have to change your holiday plans before you go. Usually these are minor, we'll notify you as soon as we can. Minor changes include: change of airline or flight routing, alteration of flight times by less than 12 hours, accommodation changes to the same or higher standard. We will not pay any compensation for minor changes.

If we make a material change (a change before departure, involving a significant change of resort or ground itinerary; a significant – usually more than 24 hours – change of outbound flight time) you may cancel your booking and obtain a prompt and full refund of all money paid by you to us. If we make a material change within 8 weeks of departure, you will also be entitled to compensation per person in accordance with the notification scale opposite.

Period of notification before scheduled departure date.

#### Compensation

55-43 days	£10
29-42 days	£20
15-28 days	£30
0-14 days	£40

Payment of compensation will not be made for any change or cancellation caused by force majeure.

#### Cancellations

We may cancel all or part of your travel arrangements, but NOT within 8 weeks of our booking departure date, except for force majeure, or if you haven't paid, or where the minimum number of clients required to run an integral excursion or element of the trip is not met. We'll try to offer you alternatives (if available) or a full refund of what you've paid us, but no compensation.

If we have to cancel all or some of your travel arrangements for reasons beyond our control, we'll offer alternative comparable arrangements, or a prompt full refund or the tour or cancelled element. If the alternative is cheaper we will refund the difference.

If any of the causes for cancellation or amendments happens after the tour has started, or after we can tell you about it, our local supplier or tour leader is entitled to amend the arrangements on your behalf. If these are force majeure amendments, no compensation will be paid. However, where amendments are not force majeure, you will be entitled to compensation of £40 per person.

#### FCDO Travel Advisories

If the FCDO ([www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice](http://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice)) offers advice against all or non-essential travel to a country or area, we'll follow the recommendations of ABTA and offer an alternative itinerary or if appropriate, a full refund. This does not apply if the FCDO advice is to "consider postponing travel". However, if we feel advice against travel is likely to be downgraded shortly, we may delay the offer of an alternative itinerary, or a full refund. See also "Your responsibilities".

#### Prices

#### Exchange rates

Prices and airfares we quote are based on exchange rates which may vary several times over a year or more, rather than at a single defined date. The website however is always more up-to-date – the price of a Journey or tour may be varied at any time before we have accepted your booking.

#### Surcharges

When your holiday is confirmed, we guarantee we will not surcharge for any additional costs associated with currency fluctuation, government (or airport) – imposed taxes/increases, overlying charges, increase in scheduled airfares or other transport costs action. The only exception is in limited circumstances (particularly with cruise arrangements), operators may reserve the right to pass on surcharges due to changes in the cost of fuel. In this case, we will absorb the equivalent to 2% of the price of your travel arrangements. If this still means you'd be paying more than 8% on the holiday price, you will be entitled to cancel your holiday, with full refund only of all money you paid to us.

#### Refunds and compensation

As a basic principle, no refund will be made for any unused arrangements. But if we can get a refund ourselves, we'll pass it on to you.

#### Variation of conditions of contract

Any agreement to vary the terms of booking must be in writing by one of our directors.

#### Jurisdiction

English law applies to all elements of the booking, in the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts.

#### Insurance

You must have travel insurance, and advise us of the name of the provider before you travel. The provider we recommend is Campbell Irvine Ltd, whom we have been dealing with for over 30 years on our clients' behalf.

#### Your responsibilities

Please refer to the FCO Travel Aware website to ensure that you are comfortable with the travel advice to the places you're going to travelaware.campaign.gov.uk.

You must use your common sense, behave responsibly, and agree to accept the authority and decisions of our tour leaders, and local suppliers whilst on holiday. Make sure all your travel documents, full passport, visas, inoculation certificates, credit cards, currency and travellers' cheques are in order. Yellow fever, typhoid inoculations and malaria tablets should be considered essential for all South and Central American countries within the tropics, please consult a qualified medical practitioner.

Your airline reservations must be in the name that appears on the full passport you're using.

If you've asked us to confirm a particular service – e.g. diets, flight seats, rooming, disabled facilities – please make a brief reference to it in writing at the time of booking. If we can't confirm it we'll tell you, but even if we do confirm, we can't guarantee any services which ultimately are at an airline's or local provider's discretion. You are responsible for ensuring that both the reservations and timings of flights, particularly homeward bound, are reconfirmed. All clients undertake tours and excursions of their own volition.

#### Our responsibilities

We accept responsibility for death, injury or illness caused by the negligent acts and/or omissions of our employees or agents together with our suppliers and sub-contractors whilst acting within the scope of, or in the course of their employment, as accepted under English law. We accept responsibility for the proper performance of the travel services included in the holiday itinerary. If any part is

not provided as promised, other than as a result of force majeure, we will compensate you up to a maximum of three times the total price of the package. This excludes any arrangements which do not form part of the booking with us.

We and our suppliers will take reasonable skill and care to arrange your holiday, complying with local regulations, but understanding that in Latin America, standards of quality, safety and hygiene may often be lower than those which would be expected in the UK.

If the contract we have with you is not performed or is improperly performed as a result of failures attributable to a third party unconnected with the provision of the services, or as a result of failures due to unusual and unforeseeable circumstances beyond our control; the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all due care had been exercised, or an event which we or our suppliers, even with all due care, could not foresee or forestall, and you suffer an injury or other material loss, we will offer you such prompt assistance as is reasonable in the circumstances.

Our liability will also be limited in accordance with the contractual terms of the companies that provide the travel services that make up your package and any relevant international convention. The terms and conditions of these conventions may limit or exclude liability for death or personal injury, delay to passengers and loss of, damage or delay to luggage.

EC regulations set down rules governing compensation and assistance applying to EU carriers and flights from EU, and covers cancelled flights, long delays, denied boarding and downgrades. Economy class cabins are often full; you may not be able to get seats together. We also recommend that, for a long flight, you check in not less than two hours before scheduled departure time. Our brochures and website are Journey Latin America's responsibility, and do not commit airlines mentioned or any other airline used in the course of your travel arrangements.

#### If you have a problem on holiday

If you have a complaint, please bring it to the attention of Journey Latin America's tour leader or local agents immediately to enable them to do their best to rectify the situation. Please put your complaint in writing. If the problem remains unresolved please write to us within 28 days of your return to the UK with all the relevant information. We aim to settle any complaints amicably. If we can't resolve your complaint you can refer to ABTA's Alternative Dispute Resolution scheme.

#### Rooming – singles

On group holidays Journey Latin America has allowed for a certain number of rooms to be occupied by clients travelling alone. These rooms will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis and the single supplement shown on the individual tour will apply. We also reserve the right to charge the single supplement to any client travelling alone who books within one month of departure, if no willing sharer is available.

#### Rooming – superior ocean view?

When we describe rooms, we have to use the naming convention that the hotel adopts – and sometimes the hotel's naming can be misleading. For hotels themselves, we have devised 7 self-explanatory categories (see our website).

#### Seasonality and maintenance

Day-to-day maintenance (or during off-season) may mean certain activities and hotel facilities, e.g. excursions, pools, restaurants, etc. are not available owing to weather conditions or lack of demand.

#### Baggage allowances

Airlines frequently change baggage allowances. There are weight and size restrictions as well as the number of pieces you may check-in or carry-on.

Within Latin America, certain excursions and tours have baggage limits as low as 5kg per person. Arrangements can usually be made to leave the rest of your baggage in safe storage.

#### Consumer protection, public liability and professional indemnity

Air holidays and associated flights arranged by Journey Latin America are ATOL(2828) protected, and the CAA will ensure that you are not stranded abroad and will arrange to refund any money you have paid to us for an advance booking. See [www.atol.org.uk](http://www.atol.org.uk), or use the search facility on our own website to read ATOL Standard Terms.

Arrangements where no flights are included are protected by our ABTA (V2522) bond. We also carry both public liability and professional indemnity insurance.

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#### Prices (Classic and Discovery Journeys)

For our most up-to-date itineraries, dates and prices please refer to our website, [www.journeylatinamerica.com](http://www.journeylatinamerica.com)

#### Covid-19 Acknowledgment

Entry requirements can and do change frequently, so for the most up-to-date information, we recommend visiting our website, [www.journeylatinamerica.com/covid-19](http://www.journeylatinamerica.com/covid-19) testing or the FCDO website to check that the destination country accepts tests from the testing centre used and that you meet all the entry requirements prior to departure.





“A really fantastic holiday. The organisation, accommodation, excursions, fellow group members and our superb tour leader all contributed to a wonderful experience.”

DB, Bedford

#### THE AITO QUALITY CHARTER

AITO is the Association for independent and specialist holiday companies. Our member companies, usually owner managed, strive to create overseas holidays with high levels of professionalism and a shared concern for quality and personal service. The Association encourages the highest standards in all aspects of tour operating.

#### EXCLUSIVE MEMBERSHIP

AITO sets criteria regarding ownership, finance and quality which must be satisfied before new companies are admitted to membership. All members are required to adhere to a Code of Business Practice which encourages high operational standards and conduct.

#### FINANCIAL SECURITY

An AITO member is required to arrange financial protection for all holidays and other arrangements (including accommodation only) booked by the customer with the member under the AITO logo. This financial protection applies to customers who are resident in the UK at the time of booking and to most overseas customers who have booked directly with the member. In doing so, the member must comply with the UK government regulations. Members are required to submit details of their financial protection arrangements to AITO on a regular basis.

#### ACCURATE HOLIDAY DESCRIPTIONS

All members do their utmost to ensure that all their brochures and other publications, print or electronic, clearly and accurately describe the holidays and services offered.

#### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND CONTINUAL IMPROVEMENTS

All members are committed to high standards of service and believe in regular and thorough training of employees. Members continually seek to review and improve their holidays. They listen to their customers and always welcome suggestions for improving standards.

#### MONITORING STANDARDS

AITO endeavours to monitor quality standards regularly. All customers should receive a post-holiday questionnaire from their tour operator, the results of which are scrutinised by the Association.

In addition, customers can leave detailed feedback from the AITO website, or via a direct link supplied by their AITO tour operator, about their holiday.

#### SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

Members acknowledge the importance of AITO's Sustainable Tourism ethos, which recognises the social, economic and environmental responsibilities of tour operating.

#### CUSTOMER RELATIONS

All members endeavour to deal swiftly and fairly with any issues their customers may raise. In the unlikely event that a dispute between an AITO member and a customer cannot be settled amicably, either party can call on an arbitration service to bring the matter to a speedy and acceptable conclusion.

Journey Latin America is a member of the Association of Independent Tour Operators. To contact the Association visit [www.aito.co.uk](http://www.aito.co.uk) or call 020 8744 9280.

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#### CONSUMER PROTECTION – IMPORTANT

The air holidays and flights in this brochure are ATOL Protected by the Civil Aviation Authority. Our ATOL number is ATOL 2828.

#### ATOL

All the flights and flight-inclusive holidays in this brochure are financially protected by the ATOL scheme. When you pay you will be supplied with an ATOL Certificate. Please ask for it and check to ensure that everything you booked (flights, hotels and other services) are listed on it. Please see our website for our booking conditions for further information or for more information about financial protection and the ATOL Certificate go to: [www.atol.org.uk/ATOL](http://www.atol.org.uk/ATOL) certificate.

#### ABTA

Journey Latin America Ltd is a Member of ABTA with membership number V2522. ABTA and ABTA Members help holidaymakers to get the most from their travel and assist them when things do not go according to plan. We are obliged to maintain a high standard of service to you by ABTA's Code of Conduct.

For further information about ABTA, the Code of Conduct and the arbitration scheme available to you if you have a complaint, contact ABTA, 30 Park Street, London SE1 9EQ. Tel: 020 3117 0500 or [www.abta.com](http://www.abta.com)

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