

## **Full Itinerary & Trip Details**

# **Exploring South America - 13 days**

- Feast on delicious Argentinian and Peruvian dishes
- Watch a fiery tango performance in Buenos Aires
- Discover archaeological treasure Machu Picchu
- Marvel at the natural wonder of crashing Iguazu Falls
- Hear the sounds of the samba and hit the beach in Rio



# **Trip Overview**



#### PRICE STARTING FROM

£2,980.21

#### **DURATION**

13 days

#### **IDEAL AGE**

From 1 to 99 year olds

#### STARTS IN → ENDS IN

Lima → Rio de Janeiro

#### **OPERATED IN**

English

#### **OPERATOR**

Say Hueque Argentina & Chile Journeys

#### **TOUR CODE**

#93506



# **Itinerary**

#### Introduction

From north to south, from the city of the Incas to the Paris of South America, our South America tours will give you a taste of the diversity of this incredible continent. You'll start out with travel to Peru and the great city of Cuzco, where you will explore the ruins one of the world's early civilizations. Then it's on to wine and Tango in Buenos Aires. Your Argentina travel will continue with a stop at Iguazu, one of the most incredible waterfalls in the world. Finally, you will travel to Rio de Janeiro, finishing your trip in an incredible beachside paradise.

\*If you choose the booking now option, please consider that is necessary 48 hours to process from booking date or book departure.

## Day 1: Lima

**Start Point** 

Main Entrance,
Aeropuerto Internacional Jorge Chávez
(LIM), Av. Elmer Faucett s/n, Callao,
Lima Province, Peru

00:00 - 23:55

Upon your arrival in Lima, you will be taken to your hotel.

Type of service: Private

Included: Transportation mentioned above, guide assistance during transfer



#### Day 2: Lima / Cuzco

At the appropriate time, we will pick you up at the hotel to take you to Lima Airport

Type of service: Private

Included: Transportation mentioned above, guide assistance during transfer

Cusco Tourist Ticket Entrance included

#### **Transfer Cusco airport / Hotel in Sacred Valley**

Upon arrival to Cusco, you will be transferred to your hotel in Sacred Valley.

Type of service: Private

Included: Transportation mentioned above.

#### **Half-Day City Tour**

We will pick you up at your hotel, to start your tour with a visit to the Coricancha, also known as the "Temple of the Sun" (or "Premises of the Gilded One"), the construction of which was ordered by Inca Pachacútec (1438-1471) and was used as a base for the construction of the Santo Domingo Convent upon the arrival of the Spaniards. This is when the Sun (Inti, in Quechua) was worshipped during the Inca Empire and at the time of the Incas its walls were fully covered with gold sheets and its courtyards were planted with golden corn and life-size llamas.

You will then go to the Cathedral, the most important building on the Main Square and one of the most splendid Spanish colonial churches in America, which is shaped as a Latin Cross and houses about 400 colonial paintings from the Cusco art school, and impressive goldsmith, silversmith and precious stones works. Its construction lasted almost a century, it started in 1560 and ended in 1654.

The Ecclesiastical Chapter ordered to extract and transport hundreds of stones from the Sacsayhuamán fortress for this purpose. You will then visit the said fortress, en emblematic work of the Incas, which protected the Holy City.

Conceived and built by Inca Pachacútec in the 15th century, The Sacsayhuamán complex was built with megalithic blocks, which transportation and construction continue to be a mystery.



#### Day 3: Cuzco / Full day Maras & Moray

Discover the beautiful colonial town of Chincheros and the spectacular Inca sites of Maras and Moray. Start your morning at the fascinating Maras Salt mines which feature more than 100 small pools fed by a salt-water mountain spring that is interconnected by channels. Be fascinated by the mysteries of the Incan civilization and hold your breathe while learning about this interesting and never equaled culture. In the afternoon, head along a dirt road towards another typical Andean village called Moray; famed for being an Inca agricultural experimental center.

At the end of this excursion, you will be drop off at your selected hotel in Valle Sagrado.

Duration: Half Day

Note: During the rainy season (December to March) this excursion may be changed for South Valley tour taking in the archaeological sites of Tipon and Pikillaqta, and the town of Andahuaylillas



#### **Day 4: Sacred Valley**

Today, you will be picked up at your hotel, and visit Pisac, a picturesque town located 19.8 miles or 32 Km. northeast of Cusco. It is famous for its colonial Church, where masses in Quechua are held every Sunday. Its colorful fairs also take place every day. Here merchants offer for sale all sorts of handicrafts, the most important of which are the textiles and ceramic goods such as ceremonial goblets called "Q'eros"; plates, ashtrays, necklaces, and replicas of pre-Hispanic pottery.

Later, you will visit the remarkable fortress of Ollantaytambo, built by the Incas. A very steep stone staircase leads into the fortress. Across an esplanade, there is a temple with 10 niches, and beside it is a block of partially unworked stones. Beyond another esplanade, six huge rectangular monoliths (estimated weight: 50 tons) form the Temple of the Sun. Vestiges of rooms are seen on top and on the other side of the hill a four-story building, either a military school or prison.

At the end of the excursion, you will be dropped off at your hotel in the Sacred Valley.

Type of service: Private

**Duration: 9 hours** 

Included: Transportation mentioned above, excursions mentioned above, bilingual guide (English-

Spanish), Cusco Tourist Entrance Ticket

Not included: Lunch

Difficulty: Low



#### Day 5: Valle Sagrado / Aguas Calientes

After breakfast at the hotel, your tour to Machu Picchu begins with a train ride to Aguas Calientes.

This town is also known as "Machu Picchu pueblo" and is the last stop before entering the remains of the most important archaeological site in Peru. In Aguas Calientes, there is a train station, a craft market, restaurants, and hotels of different categories for those who prefer to spend the night at the foot of the mountain and climb it early.

Finally, after a short transfer by bus, you will reach Machu Picchu, a masterpiece of engineering and architecture that served as a sanctuary and retreat for the Inca Pachacutec. Machu Picchu, which means "Old Mountain", is considered a World Heritage by UNESCO and one of the world's new seven wonders.

At the end of the tour, you will take a bus back to Aguas Calientes and have lunch at "Cafe Inkaterra" Machu Picchu. The rest of the afternoon will be free.

Overnight in Aguas Calientes.

Type of service: Shared

Included: Shared transfer from the hotel in Sacred Valley to Ollantaytambo train station. Train ticket from Ollantaytambo to Machu Picchu (the journey usually takes about 1h 40min). Lunch in a local restaurant. Bus from Aguas Calientes to Machu Picchu, entrance fee to Machu Picchu. Visit Machu Picchu with a bilingual guide. Bus from Machu Picchu to Aguas Calientes.

Notes: It is important to note that there is usually a waiting time between the train's arrival to Aguas Calientes and the boarding of the bus to Machu Picchu. In high season, there are usually long lines both on the way there and on the way back.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR LUGGAGE ON BOARD OF THE TRAIN TO MACHU PICCHU: Carry the same ID card submitted to the agency, as train tickets and entrance tickets to Machu Picchu will be issued with the same information. In all train services to Machu Picchu, the passenger may only carry hand luggage (backpack, purse, or briefcase), with a maximum weight of 5kg / 11lb. You will find your luggage at your chosen hotel. Size allowance: 62 linear inches, 157cm (height + length + width)



#### Day 6: Aguas Calientes / Sacred Valley / Cuzco

In the morning we suggest you return to Machu Picchu and visit any of the attractions of the citadel (second-day entrance not included, but may be requested.

You can visit the Intipunku or "Sun Gate", where the sun rises every day through this door if viewed from the most important buildings of the citadel; the Inca Bridge, an incredible stone building that served as entrance or exit of the citadel; and you can also climb the Wayna Picchu (subject to space availability), which means "Young Mountain" as opposed to Machu Picchu. This ascent takes about an hour and its main attraction is the "Temple of the Moon", a complex of underground constructions likely to have been used by the elite (re-entry to Machu Picchu and ticket to Wayna Picchu not included in original pricing).

In the afternoon you will head to the train station of Aguas Calientes and take the train back to Cusco.

Included: Transfer from the train station to your hotel in Cusco, train tickets

Roundtrip Vistadome train ticket included





## Day 7: Cuzco / Buenos Aires

At the appropriate time, we will pick you up at the hotel to take you to Cusco Airport

Type of service: Private

Included: Transportation mentioned above

#### **Transfer Buenos Aires Ministro Pistarini Ezeiza Airport / Buenos Aires Hotel**

Welcome to Argentina!

Upon your arrival, you will be transferred to your hotel and have the rest of the day to enjoy at your own pace.

Buenos Aires is a marvelous and furious cosmopolitan city, full of colors and different kinds of architecture. Capital of Argentina and described as the Paris of South America, Buenos Aires proudly embraces this title, as well as showing off plenty of its own culture!

Argentines are usually eager to host visitors: if you walk the streets with a map, someone will surely stop and ask if you need directions. That's our spirit! So, for this first day, feel free to wander the cobblestone streets lined with outdoor cafes, enjoy the mouthwatering aroma of prized Argentine beef sizzling on an open "parrilla" (barbecue) and browse the local antique and artisan markets that offer plenty of bargain shopping. And to travel deeper and have a firm grip of the Argentine spirit, find the perfect leather jacket or handbag (Buenos Aires is home to some excellent local designers) and explore the colorful Palermo Soho neighborhoods.

Type of service: Private

Included: Transportation mentioned above

Guide assistance during transfer.



## Day 8: Buenos Aires - Half Day City Tour & Dinner & Tango Show

In the evening you will be picked up from your hotel to be driven to a mythical place where you will discover one of our most ancient traditions.

You will have a memorable night out in Buenos Aires and will experience the passion of the Argentine tango. Tango is: our immigrant origins, the talent of our local artists, the sensuality of the Argentine woman and our way to deal with a broken heart, dancing our way through tragic and yet eternal love stories.

While having dinner, you will enjoy a professional display of tango and music with a group of local artists on stage immersed in an elegant and alluring place. The manners, ambience, clothes and dance steps which tango lovers used to practice 100 years ago will come to life again and you will travel in time for a night.

At the end of the evening, around midnight, you will be driven back to your hotel, fully in love with the bohemian spirit of our beloved Buenos Aires.

Type of service: Shared

Duration: 3/4 hs

Included: Transportation mentioned above, dinner with beverages, tango show

Note: Formal dress is not required



## Day 9: Buenos Aires / Puerto Iguazu

At the appropriate time, you will be taken to the domestic airport to take your next flight.

Type of service: Private

Included: Transportation mentioned above

Guide assistance during transfer.

#### Transfer Puerto Iguazú Airport / Hotel in Puerto Iguazú

Welcome to Puerto Iguazu!!

The small border town of Puerto Iguazú is the gateway to visit the impressive Iguazú Falls, one of the Seven Natural Wonders and a UNESCO World Heritage site, making it a must-see destination for any traveler visiting Argentina. You will have the day to relax and enjoy the tropical climate and jungle setting.

Upon arrival to Puerto Iguazú you will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel.

Type of service: Semiprivate

Included: Transportation mentioned above

Guide assistance during transfer



#### Day 10: Puerto Iguazu - Iguazu National Park: Argentine Side

Today we will pick you up from your hotel and drive you to Iguazú National Park, on the Argentine side. The falls are surrounded by a humid subtropical forest where the exuberant vegetation is home to many different species of wildlife. Our guide will help you spot some of them: toucans, parrots and coatis, just to name a few!

Lower and upper walkways weave in and around the falls, permitting up-close and personal experiences with this magnificent spectacle of nature. The Argentine side of the falls is filled with a myriad of paths, and walkways which allow you to have an experience from many different perspectives.

You will also have the chance to visit the "Devil's Throat"; the largest of the falls and for many, the most spellbinding. To get to the Devil's Throat, you'll take the ecological train and then walk out along boardwalks.

After walking around and taking pictures of waterfalls, animals and plants, you will have some free time to eat lunch in this amazing environment. This exciting, 7-hour excursion is highly recommended in order to experience the true power of Iguazú Falls!!

Type of service: Semi private

**Duration: 7 hours** 

Included: Transportation mentioned above, bilingual guide (English/Spanish), ecological train

Not included: Entrance fee to the Iguazú National Park (Argentinian side), meals (lunch/box lunch)



# Day 11: Puerto Iguazu - Iguazu National Park: Brazilian Side / Rio De Janeiro

Today we will pick you up from your hotel and drive you to Foz do Iguazú National Park, on the Brazilian side. Don't forget your passport!

While Argentina has 80% of the falls on its side, Brazil has the best panoramic view. On the Argentinian side, you have the sensation of being right inside the falls, but only by visiting the Brazilian side you will fully appreciate the immensity of Iguazú falls.

At the entrance of the National Park, you will get a bus with accompanied by a guide that will take your to the falls.

Take your time to enjoy it and feel it. Stroll the different walkways and feel the spray of water in your face. Take the boardwalk over the Salto Santa María, it feels like walking on the water! Get closer to the Devil's Throat and feel the power of water!

Once the tour is over, take the bus that will leave you at the access gate from where you will be driven to your hotel.

Type of service: Semi private

Duration: 2-3 hours

Included: Transportation mentioned above, bilingual guide (English/Spanish)

Not included: Entrance fee to the Iguazú National Park (Brazilian side), meals (lunch/box lunch), Visa to enter Brazil (please check the requirement with the consulate of your country)

#### Transfer Hotel Puerto Iguazú / Puerto Iguazú Airport

At the appropriate time you will be transferred to Puerto Iguazú airport to take your flight.

Type of service: Semiprivate

Included: Transportation mentioned above

Guide assistance during transfer



#### Day 12: Rio De Janeiro - Full Day Corvocado & Sugar Loaf with Lunch

We will pick you up at your hotel and go to Cosme Velho neighbourhood, where we will take the cog train that will go through the Tijuana Forest up to Christ the Redeemer statue. Once there, you will have a panoramic and extraordinary view of Rio, including the Sugar Loaf, the Guanabara Bay, Southern Zone beaches, and the Rodrigo de Freitas Lagoon.

After a lunch break, we will continue to the neighbourhood of Urca, where Sugar Loaf is located. The visit is made in two steps by cable car. The first one will take us to Urca Hill, which is 705 feet high and has a breathtaking view of the Guanabara Bay and its islands, the Rio-Niterói bridge and Corcovado hill. From there, we will board a second cable car that will go up to the top of the mountain, with 1296 feet high and a splendid view from Copacabana beach, the Santa Cruz fortress and some beaches of Niterói.

After, we will take you back to your hotel.

Type of service: Shared

**Duration: 8 Hours** 

Included: Transportation mentioned above, bilingual guide (English / Portuguese), Entrance Fees,

Lunch

Note: We recommend you to bring sunglasses, sunscreen and water

#### **Half-Day City Tour**

In the morning, you will be picked up from your hotel to enjoy our traditional Buenos Aires City Tour.

Over the course of the tour, you will have the chance to visit the historical and political center of the city: the May Square (Plaza de Mayo), San Telmo with its cobblestone streets, La Boca where Buenos Aires turns colorful and tango is ever present, and the chic and aristocratic Recoleta, where the big palaces remind us that Buenos Aires was once the Paris of the South.

At the end of this tour, you will be taken back to your hotel.

Type of service: Shared





## Day 13: Rio De Janeiro

Main Entrance,

Aeroporto Internacional do Rio de Janeiro / Galeão (GIG), Av. Vinte de Janeiro, s/n, Rio De Janeiro, Rio De

Janeiro 21941, Brazil

00:00 - 23:55

At the appropriate time, you will be transferred from your hotel to Rio de Janeiro Airport.

Type of service: Private

**End Point** 

Included: Transportation mentioned above

# What's Included

#### **Accommodation**

1 night in Lima

3 nights in Cuzco

1 night in Sacred Valley

1 night in Aguas Caliente

2 nights in Buenos Aires

2 nights in Iguazú and

2 in Rio de Janeiro



#### Guide

Bilingual guide (English / Spanish)

#### **Meals**

Breakfast and meals mentioned in the itinerary

## **Transport**

All transfers mentioned in the itinerary in private

#### **Others**

Tours described in the itinerary

Tickets to Corcavado & Sugar Loaf

Tickets to Qoricancha Templ, Monastery of Santo Domingo, Cusco Cathedral in Cusco, Moray archaeological remains, Maras salt deposits, Awana Kancha, Pisac market Ollantaytambo Fortress in the Sacred Valley and Machu Picchu.



# **Departure Dates**

STARTING IN Lima	ending in Rio de Janeiro
21 August 2023	02 September 2023
22 August 2023	03 September 2023
23 August 2023	04 September 2023
24 August 2023	05 September 2023
25 August 2023	06 September 2023
26 August 2023	07 September 2023
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# 8 reviews

Overall rating  $\uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow$  Guide  $\uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow$ 

Transportation ★ ★ ★ ★ Accommodation ★ ★

Meals  $\bigstar \bigstar \bigstar \bigstar$  Value for money  $\bigstar \bigstar \bigstar \bigstar$ 



#### **Anonymous**

Review on January 17th, 2020



We had an amazing time in South America! Thank you for all you did to make this possible. We are happy travelers!



#### **Anonymous**

Review on January 17th, 2020



Say Hueque helped make all of my travel plans a lot easier. I didn't have to worry about transportation once I arrived to my location or where I was going to stay. I felt very safe the entire time and like I was cared for well, which means a lot to me since I'm a young college student traveling in foreign country. I really liked the place we stayed at in Mendoza (Bohemia Hotel); it had personal homey touches and was very comfortable. It was also in a great location because we only had to walk a few blocks to get to some really great restaurants and bars. thank you for a wonderful experience.





#### Anonymous

Review on October 24th, 2019



The people who were supposed to meet us at airports were always there to pick us up. It is important to come out of the terminal and find that someone is already there and you are not going to be hanging around wondering if the pick up is going to show up. All the hotels were very good except for the first hotel upon our arrival in Lima from the states. That was the El Tambo II which was the pits. Other than that you made good hotel Picks with Casa Sur Palermo in Buenos Aires the best of the bunch. All excursions were good but we liked Machu Picchu; and Iguazu Falls best. One suggestion: Guides should not assume that because we look old we should cut things short. Ask us if we are tired or willing to go on and tell us what is ahead if we choose to go on.



#### **Anonymous**

Review on October 24th, 2019



must congratulate the agency for providing good accomodation and guide services throughout the journey. The hotels where I was put up were good. However, I would have liked tea/coffee making arrangements in the hotel rooms. Except for Igazu, other hotels did not have this facility. In Buenos Aires, I felt that the sightseeing programme could have been organized better. The half day programme of sightseeing was spent more on travelling to the city and except for seeing the Palace and the surrounding park, besides the cemetry of Eva Peron, there was nothing else. Since I was the only person in the group who stayed in Palermo, I was sent back to the hotel in a taxi. In Brazil, it was a taxi driver who informed me that the first day's sightseeing programme was cancelled owing to prospect of rain. I was left to visit museums on my own that day. Consequently, the last day in Rio de Janeiro was crowded and it was a miracle that I managed to get to the hotel and check out as agreed with the...





#### **Anonymous**

Review on October 24th, 2019



We did have to agree with you that Iguazu Falls were far superior to our Niagara Falls so this was definitely a highlight of our trip. We also enjoyed the atmosphere and friendliness of Buenos Aires which you so wonderfully shared with us. We really enjoyed the Fierro in BA - it felt very personal and they were so enthusiastic about advising us on any of our questions. The other 2 hotels were more of a "big city" experience but we were still very happy with them. We really enjoyed our day out at the ranch in BA - felt like a different world for us and very unique. Dale is still telling everyone about the demonstration we saw by the young gaucho who showed us how he breaks in a horse - it was breathtaking to watch him put the horse on his back, climb on the horse's stomach and then press his head against the horse's like they were kissing. We have never seen anything else like it..... Keep up the good work - great experience for both Dale and I and we will be coming to BA again!

# **Question & Answers**

## What hotels are used for accommodation?

This is a list of accommodations that the operator will typically use on this tour: In Cuzco: San Agustín Internacional Casa Andina San Blas Casa Andina Coricancha In Sacred Valley: Inkallpa La Casona de Yucay Augustos Urubamba Hotel Buenos Aires: Dazzler Palermo Dazzler Polo Hotel Clasico Iguazú: Costa Iguazu Apart Jardin de Iguazu Hotel Jasy Hotel Río de Janeiro: Golden Tulip Rio Leme Windsor Martinique Copa Sul Hotel Please note that upgrades are available. Hopefully, this list will give you a better idea of what kind of accommodation you can expect while on tour!





#### Do you offer Visa assistance?

TourRadar does not give visa advice due to the vast number of nationalities which our customers represent. Some nationalities can travel freely over borders, where others require advance permission to enter. There are also changes in requirements from time to time. We recommend checking your local embassy or consulate's website for the latest up to date information.

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#### What are the inclusions?

This tour includes the following: – All transfers mentioned in the itinerary in private- – 3 nights in Cuzco, 1 night in Sacred Valley, 1 night in Aguas Caliente, 2 nights in Buenos Aires, 2 nights in Iguazú and 2 in Rio de Janeiro with breakfast. – Breakfast and meals mentioned in the itinerary – Tours described in the itinerary – Tickets to Corcavado & Sugar Loaf – Tickets to Qoricancha Templ, Monastery of Santo Domingo, Cusco Cathedral in Cusco, Moray archaeological remains, Maras salt deposits, Awana Kancha, Pisac market Ollantaytambo Fortress in the Sacred Valley and Machu Picchu. – Bilingual guide (English / Spanish)



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