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2022
SOUTH AMERICAN ADVENTURE

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Tour Length: 26 Days Tour Departs: 05 August 2022 Tour Ends: 31 August 2022

OVERVIEW:

This is a remarkable tour in every respect, exploring South America – a spectacular continent like no other! Join us on this amazing tour as we witness the awe-inspiring scenery, different cultures and absorb the history of this captivating area. The itinerary is leisurely and comfortable, with an excellent standard of accommodation. Beginning in Buenos Aires, the tour includes all of the major highlights South America has to offer such as Iguazu Falls, Rio de Janeiro, Machu Picchu, the Sacred Valley & the Amazon.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Buenos Aires – The 'Paris' of South America.
- Iguazu Falls – surely the most beautiful waterfall in the world, in a magical setting
- Rio de Janeiro – Copacabana Beach, Corcovado and the Statue of "Christ the Redeemer",
- "Sugar Loaf", Carnival Show
- Cusco – Once the capital of the Inca Empire
- Full day tour of Sacred Valley
- Machu Picchu excursion
- Lima – The capital of Peru

Special Highlights include:

LUXURY PERU RAIL 'LAKE TITICACA' TRAIN JOURNEY: Discover the beauty of the Andes as you journey aboard this luxury train from Puno to Cusco. Let yourself be enchanted by some of South America's most attractive scenery as you travel along one of the most beautiful train routes in the world.

INKATERRA RESERVA AMAZONICA: Inkaterra Reserva Amazónica is a gracious rainforest lodge, adjacent to the lush Tambopata National Reserve (Amazon). Remote and pristine, the area is known as the "Biodiversity Capital of Peru", and awaits the opportunity for discovering an incredible variety of species — birds, mammals, reptiles, insects, trees, among others. We spend 3 nights at the lodge.

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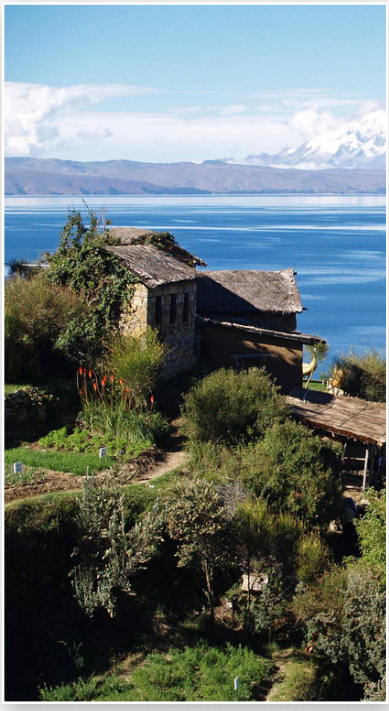
TOUR COST PER PERSON

Sharing Twin/Double Room
AUD $17,350.00

Supplement for Single Occupancy
AUD $3,895.00



TOUR COSTS INCLUDE:

- Economy Class Airfares from Sydney, Melbourne or Brisbane.
- All prepaid airline/government taxes and fuel
- surcharges as at December 2021
- First Class hotel accommodation
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- First Class air-conditioned coach transportation for all touring
- Sightseeing and entrance fees as indicated in the itinerary
- Services of local guides and hosts for touring and sightseeing
- Baggage handling of one suitcase per person
- Tips to local guides, coach drivers and cruise staff
- Fully escorted by a Maher Tours leaderBaggage handling of one piece per person
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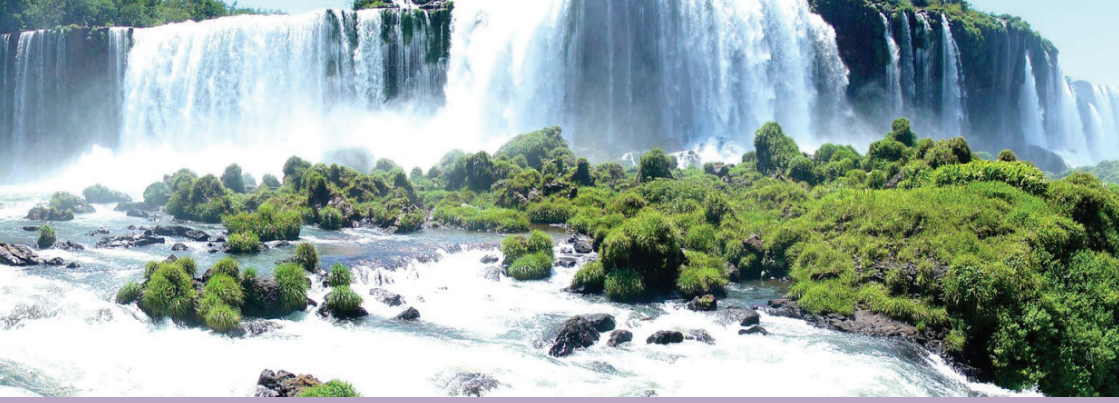
TOUR COSTS EXCLUDE:

- Any meals and sightseeing tours not specifically mentioned in the itinerary
- Travel insurance (advice and assistance supplied, visa fees, if required)
- Items of a personal nature such as room service, laundry, drinks, telephone charges etc.

BOOKING CONDITIONS: Deposit of AUD $1000.00 per person is due upon confirmation of the booking.

Final payment date: Thursday 16 June 2022.

To register for this tour please contact us on 1800 358 741 or info@mahertours.com



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Friday 05 August
Arrive Buenos Aires

Depart from your home International Airport on your flight to Dubai.

Saturday 06 August
Buenos Aires (B, D)

This morning enjoy a sightseeing tour of Buenos Aires, visiting the most important highlights of the city. Beginning at Plaza de Mayo Square, we then visit Mayo Avenue and the oldest residential neighbourhood in Buenos Aires; San Telmo. Other highlights include, Puerto Madero, Palermo, Recoleta, the colourful neighbourhood of La Boca, where tango first originated in the late 1800's, and Recoleta Cemetery, the famous and final resting place of "Evita". This afternoon is at leisure. This evening you will be transported back in time thanks to the La Ventana tango show. Enjoy the dancers, orchestras and local singers, while dining from the impressive menu that offers both local and international cuisine as well as an extensive list of Argentinean wines.

Sunday 07 August
Buenos Aires (B, D)

Today you have the day free to explore Buenos Aires. You could opt to make your way to San Telmo, where every Sunday they have the famous Antique Markets, you could choose to take a day tour to Colonia. Or simply just relax! This evening we enjoy dinner at a local steakhouse.

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Monday 08 August
San Isidro – Tigre Delta (B, D)

This morning, admire Buenos Aires from the Rio de la Plata as you travel by catamaran to the Tigre Delta. On arrival, transfer to Paseo Victoria, the most important neighbourhood in Tigre, and then to Puerto de Frutos. You will also see San Isidro, visit the towns historical centre and Cathedral, and the Presidential Residence in Olivos, before returning to the city. The afternoon is at leisure. Enjoy dinner at the hotel tonight.

Tuesday 09 August
Buenos Aires – Iguazu Falls (B, D)

This morning we return to the airport and join a flight to Cataratas del Iguazú, the main base for visiting the famed Iguazu Falls. On arrival, we will be transferred to our hotel and this evening, we embark on an unforgettable evening at "The Argentine Experience" – a unique dining experience which blends exquisite food, endless boutique wine, local culture and social integration. Led by a charismatic guide, learn how to make traditional empanadas, make your own alfajores, and learn the history and etiquette of 'mate', Argentina's traditional caffeine-rich infused drink.

Wednesday 10 August
Iguazu Falls – Argentinean Side (B, D)

Early this morning we visit the Iguazu Falls on the Argentinian side. We take the Rainforest Ecological train where we enjoy panoramic views from above and below the waterfalls. During our visit we will embark on the "Great Adventure Boat Ride" under the falls so prepare to get

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wet. We then visit the Devils Gorge, which is said to be one of the most spectacular falls and a major highlight of Iguazu Falls.

Thursday 11 August
Brazilian Falls & Exotic Bird Park – Rio de Janeiro (B, D)

Today we see the falls from the Brazilian side of the border as we board buses for a tour of the park. From the Brazilian side, there are breath-taking views of the Floriana Falls, the Devil's Gorge Canyon and the Iguazu River. Continuing on, we visit Parque das Aves, an ecological bird sanctuary, home to more than 900 birds of 150 different species. The visit allows direct contact with bird species that rarely could be seen elsewhere. At the conclusion of the tour, we will be transferred to the airport for our onward flight to Rio de Janeiro. On arrival into Rio, we will be met and transferred to our hotel.

Friday 12 August
Corcovado & Sugarloaf (B, L)

This morning begins at Corcovado Hill. Travel 4km by vehicle through the Tijuca Forest, the world's largest urban National Park, before arriving at Christ the Redeemer where we can experience a panoramic lookout of the city. We also see Maracana Stadium, the Sambadrome and the Metropolitan Cathedral, before passing through the famous arches of Lapa en-route to Copacabana. We have a traditional Brazilian BBQ lunch before visiting the famous Sugarloaf Mountain with views across the entire city. Tonight is at your leisure.

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Saturday 13 August
Rio de Janeiro – Culinary Experience Tour (B,L)

We believe that the best way to get to know a city is by strolling along the streets, eating the food and rubbing shoulders with the locals. You won't find the true spirit of Rio in the flashy bars and tourist-traps of Ipanema – you'll find it in the bustling street markets and little bars and restaurants that have been favourites with the locals for generations. Our culinary walking tour will take us through the neighbourhoods of Lapa, Glória, Flamengo and Laranjeiras. We taste Amazonian fruit juices, visit a street market, bars and some of Rio's older restaurants – in total we make 8 stops and finish up with a big meal and plenty of caipirinhas for those who are thirsty.

Sunday 14 August
Rio de Janeiro (B,D)

Today is a free day for you to relax on one of Rio's famous beaches such as Ipanema or Copacabana, or explore the city further at your leisure. Dinner is included at the hotel this evening.

Monday 15 August
Rio – Lima (B)

This morning is at leisure for you to explore Rio. A late check-out has been provided, before a late evening flight to Lima.
Lima, the capital of Peru is one of South America's largest cities and known as the 'Gastronomical Capital of the America's', encompassing specialties from traditional coastal cooking to a refined global fare. Lima is home to various museums including

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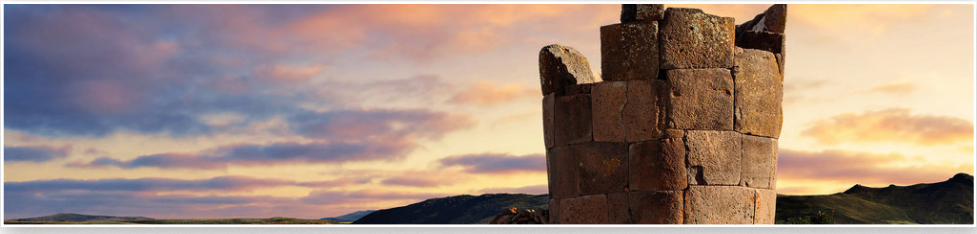

Museo Larco & Museo de la Nacion and even boasts several of the top restaurants in the world. On arrival in Lima, we are met and transferred to the hotel.

Tuesday 16 August
Lima (B,L,D)

Following breakfast, we embark on a Gastronomic Tour. We begin at the Peruvian markets before making our way to an exclusive Peruvian restaurant where we will learn to prepare the famous "Ceviche" and "Pisco Sour". Later you will enjoy a delicious lunch, consisting of the most symbolic dishes of Peruvian cuisine. Tonight, we head to a local restaurant for our evening meal.

Wednesday 17 August
Lima Pachacamac Museum (B, D)

Today you will visit the sacred Pachacamac. An archaeological site located 31 kilometres from Lima it is made up of pyramids and temples which date back to 200 – 300 BC. Wander through the grounds and marvel at the Sun God shrine and the Palace of the Chosen Women before visiting the site museum to view the ceramics, textiles and idols found in the original temple of Pachacamac. Tonight dinner is enjoyed at another great local restaurant.

Thursday 18 August
Lima – Reserva Amazonica (B, D)

This morning transfer to the airport for our outward flight from Lima. On arrival in Puerto Maldonado, we transfer to the pier for a 45-minute boat trip to our accommodation at Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica – a gracious rainforest lodge, adjacent to the lush Tambopata National Reserve. Spy on the secret lives of the world's largest rodent, the Capybara, search for elusive caimans and gigantic tarantulas by flashlight on a twilight river cruise or night walk, or if you prefer, head along to the nature presentation at the Eco Centre, followed by cocktails and dinner.

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Friday 19 August
Amazon (B, L, D)

After breakfast, enjoy an excursion to Lake Sandoval along with the Inkaterra Canopy Walkway & Anaconda Walk. Lake Sandoval is a beautiful, mirror-like oxbow lake that is home to the endangered giant river otter, as well as red howler monkeys, macaws, prehistoric hoatzins, also called "shanshos", point-tailed palm creepers and side-neck turtles. The canopy walkway and anaconda walk offers views unimaginable from below. Be on the lookout for different bird species such as toucans, woodpeckers, trogons and more.

Saturday 20 August
Amazon (B, L, D)

After breakfast, enjoy a motorised canoe ride to Gamitana creek. Take in the sights, scents, and sounds of the jungle as you meander through the rainforest, along the banks of a dark-water creek that is home to piranha, caimans, turtles and an abundance of vibrant birds, towards "Sanipanga". We then travel by canoe downstream to the Gamitana Model Farm to learn about an Amazon model farm and have the chance to make your own plantain flour which is used for breakfast in the nearby lodges. The afternoon is at leisure before we enjoy dinner together tonight.

Sunday 21 August
Amazon – Cusco (B,D)

After a buffet breakfast, we return to Puerto Maldonado by outboard motorised canoe to catch our flight to Cusco. On arrival into Cusco, we are met and transferred to hotel where we will enjoy dinner together.

Monday 22 August
Cusco (B, D)

This morning we begin a sightseeing tour, showing us the highlights of Cusco. See the 12-Angled Rock, Qorikancha Temple of the Sun, and the Cathedral, built on the ruins of an Inca palace. We also see Qenqo (giant rock), Puca Pucara, the Water Temple of Tambomachay, and more. The afternoon is left free for you to explore Cusco. This evening, we have dinner at Tunupa Museo Restaurant which features an exotic fusion of flavours and experience.

Tuesday 23 August
Sacred Valley Full Day Tour (B, L, D)

We begin our tour of the Sacred Valley at the village of Pisac, situated at the base of a spectacular Inca fortress perched on a mountain spur. On market days Pisac erupts with locals in traditional dress selling fruit and vegetables, as well as homemade crafts. There is time to explore the markets before lunch is served at a local restaurant. We continue

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the tour along the River Urubamba, to Ollantaytambo, the best surviving example of an Inca city, with narrow cobblestone streets that have been continuously inhabited since the 13th century. At the conclusion of the tour, travel by the modern Vistadome train to Aguas Calientes, featuring glass ceilings and panoramic views of the Andes mountain range.

Wednesday 24 August
Machu Picchu (B, D)

Located 2,430 metres above sea level on a mountain ridge, above the Sacred Valley is where you will find Machu Picchu, the most famous of all Inca sites and one of the new Seven Wonders of the World. This awe-inspiring ancient city was abandoned prior to the Spanish colonisation by the Incas and the ruins have remained in extraordinary condition. We see the Main Square, Circular Tower, the Sacred Solar Clock, the Temple of the Three Windows and the Cemeteries, and more. This afternoon, we return by the Vistadome train to Ollantaytambo. Tonight you will enjoy a dinner & show at Don Antonio.

Thursday 25 August
Cusco (B, D)

This day has been left free for you to enjoy Cusco at your leisure. The city has a long and interesting history dating back to 1200AD and is the continent's oldest continuously inhabited city. Narrow, cobble-stoned streets lined by Inca walls stretch out from the main plaza in every direction. Many of the colonial buildings were built on top of Incan foundations and the stonework is unmatched in its precision and beauty. Here, visitors to Cusco can get a glimpse of the richest heritage of any South American city. We enjoy dinner tonight at a local grill restaurant.

Friday 26 August
Cusco – Puno (B,L,D)

This morning we travel one of the most beautiful train routes in the world as we take the spectacular luxury Peru Rail Lake Titicaca train journey through to Puno. As we farewell Cusco and travel through to Lake Titicaca, enjoy the fresh air from the open-air observatory car, allowing you to take in the majestic views while enjoying the typical music and dances of the Peruvian highlands. On arrival in Puno later this evening, we will be met transferred to our hotel.

Saturday 27 August
Uros & Taquile Islands (B, D)

Early this morning we travel by motorboat to the floating reed islands of Uros, an archipelago of more than 60 floating islands inhabited by the Uros, an ethnic

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group of fishermen. Here, we explore the islands by an authentic reed raft, before returning to Puno later this afternoon. The remainder of the day at leisure before enjoying dinner at the hotel later tonight.

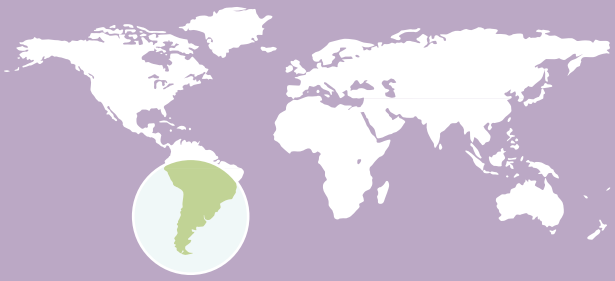
Sunday 28 August
Puno – Lima (B,D)

This morning we check out and transfer through to Juliaca to catch our onward flight to Lima. Enroute we stop to take in the pre-Inca burial ground of Sillustani. Here you can wander through the remarkable tombs built from volcanic stone, known as Chullpas which reach heights of up to 12 metres. Overlooking the beautiful lake Umayo, Sillustani is considered to be one of the most important necropolises in the world. On arrival into Lima, we are met and transferred to hotel. Tonight, we come together to enjoy our final dinner together at La Dama Juana Restaurant. Immerse yourself in Peruvian culture during a performance of traditional dance and music, and tuck into a delicious buffet dinner of typical Peruvian cuisine.

Monday 29 August
Lima – Home (B)

Today we are met and transferred to the airport in time to join your outward flight from Lima.

Wednesday 31 August
Arrive Home



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