

# ***SOUTH AMERICA***

## ***CHILE • BRAZIL • ARGENTINA***

***ENJOY THE COMFORT, SECURITY AND ECONOMY OF A TOUR  
WITH THE FREEDOM OF INDIVIDUAL TRAVELLING***



***Chile's picturesque countryside and volcano Osorno near Puerto Varas***



***Patagonia Argentina near El Calafate***

# ***SOUTH AM***



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RUSH  
NO FUSS

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## **INVITE YOU TO OUR IN-DEPTH**

# **JOURNEYS OF DISCOVERY**

**OUR UNIQUE APPROACH IS A RADICAL DEPARTURE FROM ANY  
CONVENTIONAL TOUR OF OBVIOUS AND COMMERCIALISED RESORTS**

**THERE ARE NO HIDDEN EXTRAS TO PAY FOR WHILST ON TOUR.  
WE RESPECT PEACEFUL ENJOYMENT. WE DON'T TALK ON THE MICROPHONE ALL THE TIME!!**



*Brazil coast is graced by hundreds of beautiful islands*



*Chile's Patagonia*

***South America is more than twice the size of Australia. Rather than cramming too many highlights in the shortest possible time, we offer quality tours featuring 4 nights in every place. Our programs include a daily schedule of free optional excursions to choose from and you set your own pace.***

These tours have been designed to offer the maximum flexibility and personal freedom to the participants, without any constraint. We simply provide options, guided orientations, free maps and information to cater for all kind of individual requirements. The number of participants is limited to 14.

Our tours provide a high standard of comfort with modern air conditioned coaches and are far less demanding than most European tours.

**Chile's** stunning beauty and exceptional length (4,300km) provide dramatic contrasts: the Andes with snowy peaks up to 7,000m, deserts, rainforests, hundreds of lakes, fjords and glaciers.

**Brazil** features a splendid coastline, dotted with beautiful islands, historic colonial towns as well as mountain resorts.

**Argentina's** main feature is the contrast between the huge eastern plains and the high mountain range of the Andes to the west. Climate ranges from mild to cold in Patagonia.





*Iguazu Falls (Argentina)*

## **QUALITY, AWAY FROM MASS TOURISM**

Our South American Tours represent a fresh new approach to the discovery of these spectacular and very diversified countries.

In a world where overpopulation is gradually spoiling most beautiful places, triggering massive waves of concrete developments, cars and pollution.....mass tourism can be the final straw to make any holiday unbearable.

Mass media vested interests only promote destinations which are heavily advertised (and paid for). So that more and more people are induced to go to the same places. They feel almost "compelled" by mass media manipulation.

We break away from this pattern. Our tours are a kaleidoscope of colourful surprises, picturesque highlights off the beaten track and sharp contrasts.

We deliver a fine balance of beautiful scenery, historical heritage and local culture in a framework of a comprehensive, yet unhurried holiday.

We maximise your personal freedom by providing excellent hotel locations, optional guided orientations and plenty of local maps to allow for independent sightseeing.

Our special gastronomic dinners provide a wide range of regional dishes in the traditional setting of picturesque and sometimes old fashioned restaurants.



*High Andes in Northern Chile: Lake Miscanti (at 4,100m) and local vicuñas*



# CHILE 27 DAYS AUD 11,790



DEPARTS 04 OCT 2018 EX SYDNEY, SHARE TWIN

TOUR SINGLE SUPPLEMENT AUD 2,350

## FOUR NIGHTS IN EVERY HOTEL

### OPTIONAL EIGHT DAY CRUISE THROUGH FJORDS & GLACIERS USD 3900 A class share twin ex Punta Arenas

The cruise includes all meals & wine + daily excursions ashore by way of Zodiac boats. Accommodation is in air conditioned panoramic cabins facing the sea.

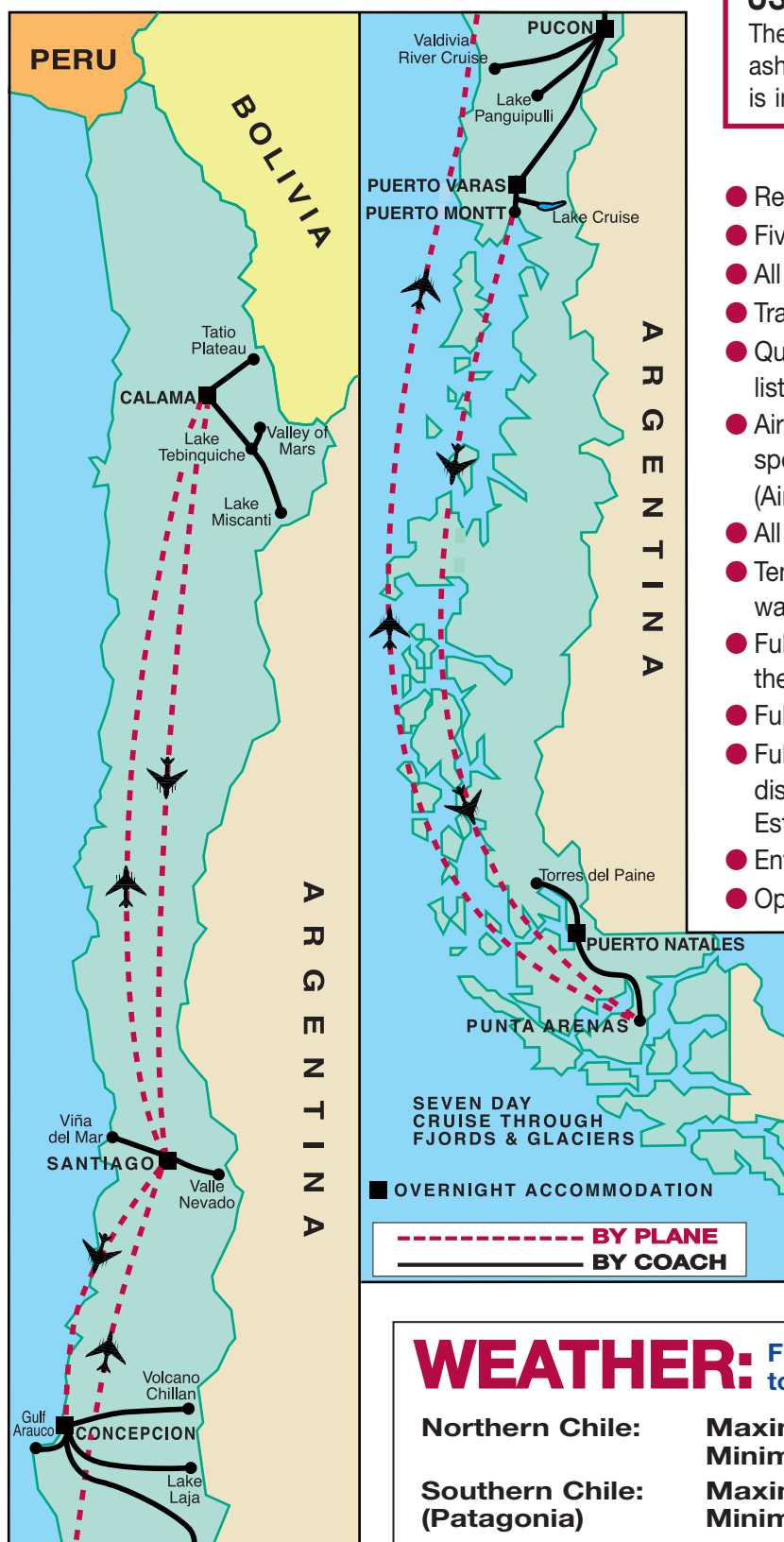
### INCLUDED IN THE PRICE

- Return air travel flying LATAM economy class.
- Five domestic flights, flying mainly SKY Airlines.
- All airport taxes (international and domestic).
- Transfer from all airports to hotels and vice versa.
- Quality hotel accommodation with breakfast. See hotel list in this brochure.
- Air conditioned coaches or mini coaches with English speaking tour guides from Calama to Punta Arenas. (Air travel is not escorted).
- All the coach tours listed in our program.
- Ten dinners with 1/4 bottle of wine and 1/2 bottle of water included. Two special gastronomic lunches.
- Full day river cruise by exclusive boat from Valdivia to the Ocean disembarking at the Isle of Mancera.
- Full day lake cruise in the Andes.
- Full day cruise at Puerto Natales along a fjord with disembarkation at Serrano Glacier and special lunch at Estancia Perales.
- Entrance fees to National Parks.
- Optional extension to your international ticket.

### AT YOUR OWN COST

- Fourteen optional dinners (3 course meal & wine \$50) and most lunches or snacks.
- One funicular, two chair lifts at snowy mountains, Wulff Castle at Viña del Mar, one park at Lota, live show in Santiago.
- Travel insurance.
- Single accommodation supplement.
- Entry tax into Chile (Australian passport holders only).

TOUR COST WITHOUT INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS **AUD 10,090**



## WEATHER: From mild conditions in Northern Chile, to cold conditions in Southern Patagonia.

Northern Chile:	Maximum day temperature	20° - 25°C
	Minimum night temperature	09° - 14°C
Southern Chile: (Patagonia)	Maximum day temperature	09° - 14°C
	Minimum night temperature	01° - 06°C



# NATURALLY EXTREME

Chile's length, when compared with Europe, exceeds the distance from Norway's northern tip to the Sahara desert.

With a total area of 742,000 sq km (three times the size of the United Kingdom) it has a population of only 18 million people and encompasses amazing extremes:

- a) In the north, the world's driest desert, the Atacama.
- b) In the centre, a mediterranean coast, lakes and rain forests.
- c) In the south, fjords and glaciers.

Yet, you can drive across the entire width of the country in a mere three hours, climbing from sea level to elevations higher than any peak in Europe or North America.

Here it's possible to ski on the slopes of active volcanoes, sail amongst icebergs, venture into lunar outposts, or raft down wild rivers.

Patagonia in the south, is a land of untamed beauty, with plenty of natural wonders. It boasts an impressive 400 km long ice-field, known as the Southern Ice Cap.

## SOME HIGHLIGHTS

**Lake Miscanti** – Located at 4,100m in the Northern Andes, at the edge of the Atacama desert, this small lake is set amongst a complex system of volcanoes, mostly around 6,000m high (*see photo in the brochure*).

**Atacama Desert** – It's a very unusual desert because it features plenty of spectacular gorges and it is flanked by the Andes with snowy volcanoes 6,000m high as well as high altitude lakes. Yet it's the world's driest.

**River Cruise** – Navigation by exclusive boat from Valdivia to the strategic Isle of Mancera, facing the ocean, at the mouth of the river. Disembarkation and visit to historic XVII century Spanish Fortress.

Disembarkation at the historic town of Niebla, on the banks of the river, opposite to Mancera Island.

**Puerto Varas** – The beautiful green countryside of Middle Chile graces this tranquil town set on the banks of Lake Llanquihue. The majestic snow capped volcano Osorno is mirrored in its waters.

**Torres Del Paine** – It's the most famous spectacular National Park in Chile. Its wilderness is unparalleled and features amazing untamed landscapes as well as a unique fauna: most prominent are the guanacos (similar to llamas), easy to see and approach.

**Patagonia-Tierra del Fuego cruise** – Expedition in the deep south of the country. It boasts an incredible scenic variety: emerald green rivers, a maze of fjords and giant glaciers, high rising snowy peaks, dense forests, waterfalls and abundant wildlife.

## PROGRAM

**Thu 4 Oct 09.30** – Departure from Sydney, flying LATAM to Santiago. **15.00** – Flight to Calama. **17.00** – Same day arrival in Calama (2,200m) and transfer to hotel. **19.30** – Dinner at the hotel (included).



*Lake Tebinquiche*

**Fri 5 Oct 08.30** – Departure for Lake Tebinquiche (2,400m). This is a scenic drive along the Atacama Desert. Local sightseeing. Lunch stop at San Pedro de Atacama. Return to Calama stopping at the spectacular Valley of Mars. **17.00** – Arrival back at the hotel. **19.30** – Dinner at the hotel (included).



**Sat 6 Oct 08.30** – Scenic drive in the Andes to the Tatio Plateau at 4,300m, flanked by impressive snowy peaks and endowed with amazing warm water pools! On the way back, stop at the picturesque village of Caspana. **16.00** – Arrival at the hotel. Afternoon at leisure. **19.30** – Dinner at the the hotel (Included).



*High Andes in Northern Chile: Lake Miscanti (at 4,100m) and local vicuñas*

**Sun 7 Oct 08.30** – Departure for Lake Miscanti (4,100m), a natural protected reserve in the high Andes. First, we drive to San Pedro de Atacama, and from there we gradually climb up to 4,100m through a spectacular road flanked by volcanoes as high as 6,000m. The deep blue waters of Lake Miscanti offer a fascinating contrast with the lunar landscape of mountains and volcanoes surrounding it. **17.00** – Arrival back at the hotel. **19.30** – Dinner at the hotel (included).

**Mon 8 Oct 07.30** – Transfer to airport. **09.30** – Flight to Santiago. **11.30** – Arrival and transfer to hotel. **15.30** – City orientation: a relaxed 1.5 hrs stroll through elegant downtown. **19.30** – Dinner at the hotel (included).

**Tue 9 Oct** – Morning at leisure. **14.00** – Spectacular funicular to San Cristobal Hill. The funicular gets you to the top (865m) in the centre of Santiago, with a sweeping view of the city and the snowy Andes. **19.30** – Optional dinner with live show and typical dances.

**Wed 10 Oct** – Departure for Valle Nevado (2,850m). The highly spectacular winding road climbs amongst some of the highest peaks in South America. Local sightseeing. Lunch/snack in picturesque setting. **16.30** – Arrival back at the hotel. **19.30** – Optional dinner.



*Heritage architecture in Viña del Mar: Vergara Palace (left) and Wulff Castle (right)*

**Thu 11 Oct 08.30** – Excursion to Viña del Mar, a seaside resort rich in heritage and natural beauty. Local sightseeing and visit to the Wulff Castle. **16.00** – Return to Santiago. **19.30** – Optional Dinner.





*Concepcion is the second largest city in Chile*

**Fri 12 Oct 10.30** – Transfer to airport. **13.00** – Flight to Concepcion. **14.10** – Arrival in Concepcion and transfer to hotel. **16.00** – Brief city centre orientation. **19.30** – Optional dinner.

**Sat 13 08.30** – Departure for Lake Laja. Spectacular uphill drive to lake level (1,200m) through wild rugged mountains. Local picnic and easy scenic walk on the banks of the lake, flanked by the Andes and massive snow capped Volcano Antuco. **17.30** – Arrival back in Concepcion. **19.30** – Optional dinner.

**Sun 14 Oct 08.30** – Scenic drive along the Gulf of Arauco. Morning stop at Lota and visit to historic mansion and its beautiful park. **11.00** – Departure from Lota and continuation on the coastal road. Lunch stop at restaurant in scenic spot. Return to hotel by **15.30**. Time at leisure. **19.30** – Optional dinner.

**Mon 15 Oct 08.30** – Excursion to the snowy Volcano Chillan (peak of 3,100m). We stop at the bottom of the volcano (at 1,680m) in a resort village which also boasts natural hot water thermae. Local time at leisure for lunch and optional chair lift above snow level. **16.30** – Arrival back in Concepcion. **19.30** – Optional dinner.



*Downtown Pucon with Villarrica Volcano (2,582m) in the background*

**Tue 16 Oct 08.30** – Departure for Pucon, the “resort-capital” of the lake district of Chile: a complex of seven beautiful lakes in the Andes. **15.00** – Arrival in Pucon. Afternoon at leisure in this beautiful resort. **19.30** – Dinner at the hotel (included).



**Wed 17 Oct 08.30** – Scenic drive throughout the green lush landscape of the Southern Andes, graced by snow-white peaks. Stop at the resort Termas de Huife and continuation eastward. Lunch at Curarrehue. **16.00** – Arrival back in Pucon. **19.30** – Optional dinner.

**Thu 18 Oct 08.30** – Departure for Valdivia. **10.30** – River cruise by exclusive boat to the Pacific Ocean. Disembarkation at the strategic island of Mancera, facing the ocean, at the mouth of the river, and visit to XVII century Spanish Fortress. Disembarkation at the historic town of Niebla. **18.30** – Arrival in Pucon. **19.30** – Optional dinner.



*Our lunch stop on the banks of Lake Pihueico*

**Fri 19 Oct 08.30** – Excursion to Lakes Calafquen and Panguipulli. This is a super spectacular scenic drive, which makes Swiss Alpine beauty pale in comparison. Lunch in picturesque panoramic spot at Lake Pihueico **16.00** – Arrival back in Pucon. **19.30** – Optional dinner.



*Puerto Varas, on the banks of Lake Llanquihue and Volcano Osorno*

**Sat 20 Oct 08.30** – Departure for Puerto Varas on the banks of Lake Llanquihue. This is a freeway journey along a pretty green countryside. Lunch stop in a picturesque spot on the banks of Lake Puyehue. **16.00** – Arrival at the hotel. Afternoon at leisure in this picturesque town. **19.30** – Dinner at the hotel (included).





*Chile's lake district: navigation at Lake Emerald*

**Sun 21 Oct 08.30** – Departure for Lake Emerald, in the heart of the Andes. Full day cruise through unspoilt snowy mountains with lunch stop in Peulla. **18.30** – Arrival back at the hotel. **19.30** – Dinner at the hotel (included).

**Mon 22 Oct 08.30** – Excursion to the snow capped volcano Osorno (peak of 2,700m). A scenic road reaches a chair lift station at 1,200m (bar/snack facilities). From here a two-segment chair lift climbs to 1,700m above snow line, boasting a panoramic view of the Andes and Lake Llanquihue. Return to Puerto Varas by lunch time. Afternoon at leisure. **19.30** – Dinner at the hotel (included).

**Tue 23 Oct 08.30** – Today's excursion takes us to Calbuco, a coastal colourful town south of Puerto Montt. We drive along a scenic coastline flanked by small islands. Local orientation in Calbuco and time at leisure. After lunch we return to Puerto Varas via a modern freeway. **17.00** – Arrival at the hotel. **19.30** – Dinner at the hotel (included).

**Wed 24 Oct 08.30** – Departure for Puerto Montt Airport. **11.00** – Flight to Punta Arenas **13.00** – Arrival at Punta Arenas and transfer to Puerto Natales (Southern Patagonia), on the banks of a beautiful bay surrounded by snowy peaks. **17.00** – Arrival at the hotel located in prime panoramic position. **19.30** – Optional dinner.



*Navigation towards Serrano Glacier*

**Thu 25 Oct 07.00** – Transfer to nearby harbour and embarkation on a small ship which will sail through the fjord "Ultima Esperanza" right to the end. Disembarkation at the foot of the Serrano Glacier. Transfer to a nearby estancia for a special lunch (included). Return to Puerto Natales. **18.00** – Arrival at the hotel. **19.30** – Optional dinner.





*Chile's Patagonia: Our scenic restaurant at Lake Pehoe in the National Park of Torres del Paine*

**Fri 26 Oct – 08.30** – Scenic drive in the National Park of Torres del Paine with a few stops in spectacular places. Lunch in splendid panoramic position on the banks of Lake Pehoe. **16.00** – Arrival in Puerto Natales. **19.30** – Optional dinner.

**Sat 27 Oct – 09.30** – Excursion to the Estancia Cerro Guido in the countryside at the foot of snowy peaks. A special Patagonian lunch is included. Return to Puerto Natales in the afternoon. **19.30** – Optional dinner.

**Sun 28 Oct – 09.30** – Departure for Punta Arenas. **12.30** – Arrival in Punta Arenas. (Passengers booked on the cruise will embark here). Transfer to airport. **18.00** – Flight to Santiago. **23.30** – LATAM flight to Sydney.

**Mon 29 Oct** – In flight.

**Tue 30 Oct – 07.30** – Arrival at Sydney airport.



*Our optional cruise-expedition sails through the southern Chilean Fjords*

**Sun 28 Oct** – Punta Arenas **13.00** – Check in at the quay prior to boarding ship.

**Mon 29 Oct** – Sail through Admiralty Fjord. Disembarkation by Zodiac at Ainsworth Bay near Marinelli Glacier and visit to a colony of elephant seals.

**Tue 30 Oct** – Navigation through the Beagle Channel and disembarkation by Zodiac at Pia Glacier.

**Wed 31 Oct** – Navigation to Cape Horn and local disembarkation by Zodiac, with walk to the “end of the earth”. Afternoon disembarkation by Zodiac at Wulaia Bay.

**Thu 1 Nov** – Disembarkation at Ushuaia, in Argentina: the southernmost town in the world. Day available for local excursions, which can be booked on board the ship.

**Fri 2 Nov** – Same program as Wednesday 31 (Cape Horn).

**Sat 3 Nov** – Navigation to Garibaldi Glacier and local disembarkation

**Sun 4 Nov** – Navigation along the Beagle Channel. Disembarkation by Zodiac and excursion at Aguila Glacier.

**Mon 5 Nov** – Early morning disembarkation at Magdalena Island, the home of a colony of penguins. Then the ship sails to Punta Arenas: **11.00** – Disembarkation.

***See hotel list next page***



# HOTELS

We believe that you are entitled to know exactly what you get for your money and that's why we clearly state not only the number of stars but also the location of the hotels we use.

Unless you are in a rush tour, where you get to the hotel late at night and leave early morning, we do believe that a good location makes a world of difference to the quality of your holiday.

**Calama** – Hotel DE ALMAGRO. Spacious modern four star hotel with a good downtown location. Everything at your fingertips. Best hotel in town.

[www.dahoteles.com](http://www.dahoteles.com)

**Santiago** – Hotel PANAMERICANO. It's the best in the historical city centre. Quality in this three star hotel is in junior suites which offer a very high standard of comfort.

[www.hotelpanamericano.cl](http://www.hotelpanamericano.cl)

**Concepcion** – Hotel ALBORADA. Excellent four star hotel (Best Western chain) in the heart of this major city. Its privileged location is within walking distance from all the main highlights. [www.hotelalborada.cl](http://www.hotelalborada.cl)

**Pucon** – GRAN HOTEL. This four star hotel is a very elegant complex. It is located on the banks of Lake Villarrica boasting great scenic views and it's adjacent to charming downtown centre.

[www.granhotelpucon.cl](http://www.granhotelpucon.cl)

**Puerto Varas** – Hotel BELLAVISTA. Elegant four star hotel in splendid central location overlooking Lake Llanquihue, with direct view of the snow capped volcano Osorno and the Andes. [www.hotelbellavista.cl](http://www.hotelbellavista.cl)

**Puerto Natales** – Hotel COSTA AUSTRALIS. Luxury four star hotel in splendid prime seaside location overlooking the beautiful bay of Puerto Natales and its snowy peaks. Yet it is within walking distance from the downtown district. [www.hotelcostaustralis.com](http://www.hotelcostaustralis.com)

**Cruising Ship** – All cabins have large windows boasting great scenic views of glaciers and fjords.

[www.australis.com](http://www.australis.com)

## TOUR ACCOMMODATION - 24 NIGHTS

4 in Calama, 4 in Santiago, 4 in Concepcion, 4 in Pucon, 4 in Puerto Varas, 4 in Puerto Natales.

## SHIP ACCOMMODATION - 8 NIGHTS



# SOUTH EAST BRAZIL AUD 12,480

**23 DAY TOUR - DEPARTS 13 SEP 2018**

**EX SYDNEY, SHARE TWIN**



**FOUR NIGHTS IN EVERY HOTEL !!**

**4 & 5 STARS IN EVERY HOTEL**



## AT YOUR OWN COST

- Meals, other than those included in the package.
- Shows of Brazilian Samba (in Rio de Janeiro) and Gaucha music (in Gramado) with typical dances.
- Cable cars, cog train, chairlift, entry into museums and fortresses.
- Travel insurance.
- Single accommodation supplement.

**TOUR COST WITHOUT INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS AUD 10,780**

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$2700**

**OPTIONAL DINNERS:  
MULTI COURSE MEAL & DRINKS \$60**

## WEATHER

North coast:	Max day temp	24-28°C
	Min night temp	14-18°C
Down south:	Max day temp	21-25°C
	Min night temp	10-14°C

## INCLUDED IN THE PRICE

- Return air travel and all local flights, flying LATAM and LATAM-Brazil in economy class.
- All airport taxes (International and Domestic).
- Transfer from airports to hotels and vice versa.
- Luxury four and five star hotel accommodation (bed and breakfast). Some hotels are set in scenic positions and offer excellent panoramic views of the surrounding areas.
- Modern coaches or mini coaches with English speaking tour guides. Air travel is not escorted.
- A wide range of excursions from all the major centres of the itinerary. These tours, provided at no extra cost, are on an optional basis.
- Six dinners with a 1/4 bottle of wine and 1/2 bottle of water. One Café Colonial (local specialty).
- Catamaran cruise to the island of Tinharé and exclusive boat to the bay of Guarapuá.
- Boat trip in the bay of Rio de Janeiro to the island of Fiscal.
- Spectacular train ride from Curitiba across a mountain range, to sea level.
- Scenic cruise by exclusive boat to the picturesque isles of Anhatomirim and Ratones.
- Old fashioned steam train across the hilly countryside of the lovely wine district of southern Brazil.
- Entrance fees to National Parks.
- Optional extension to your International ticket.



# SOME HIGHLIGHTS

**Salvador** - The ancient capital of the Portuguese Colony of Brazil, is a gem of colonial architecture and is a UNESCO world heritage city, located on a strategic peninsula protected by a few old Portuguese fortresses, controlling the access to the Bay of Todos os Santos.

**Rio de Janeiro** - The city lies set between the sea, an immense bay and a dramatic back-drop of high rising mountains. Scenery, animation, lifestyle and entertainment will astound you.

**Gastronomy and Music** – Prepare your palate. Brazil will amaze you with an infinity of simply delicious typical dishes, an incredible variety of tropical fruits. Some restaurants also offer music and entertainment second to none.

**Brazil Coastline** – It's one of the most beautiful and enchanting in the southern hemisphere. It offers unforgettable views of endless series of beautiful bays surrounded by lush green mountains and complemented by hundreds of picturesque islands just offshore.

**Curitiba** - The capital of the southern state of Paraná has a strong European flavour. Full of flower-lined squares with wide avenues and pedestrian malls, its modern sky-scrappers live happily side by side with genuine old European architecture.

**Train Journey** - It links the city of Curitiba (at 900m) to the coastline. Although the distance is fairly short (84km), a massive mountain chain with peaks of 2,000m lies in between, and that makes this railway line very spectacular indeed: the whole area is a national park with lush vegetation, cliffs and waterfalls.

**Gramado** - It looks like a picturesque village from the Renaissance time. It's a paradise of natural beauty, surrounded by lakes, valleys and waterfalls. Gramado is also famous for its excellent chocolate.

**Isle of Anhatomirim** - Small island at the mouth of the strait which separates the Isle of Florianopolis from the continent. It houses an impressive complex of Portuguese fortress buildings with lovely green terraces boasting a beautiful view over an unspoilt coastline.

## PROGRAM

**Thu 13 Sep 10.45** – Departure from Sydney Airport flying LATAM. **17.45** - Same day arrival in Rio de Janeiro and transfer to hotel.



### ***Rio de Janeiro: Botafogo Bay and Sugar Loaf***

**Fri 14 Sep 08.30** - Departure for Corcovado Peak, a spectacular granite mountain (800m high) overlooking Rio de Janeiro and its beautiful bay. **11.30** - Departure from Corcovado. **15.00** - Departure for city sightseeing drive. **19.30** - An unforgettable optional dinner!! An unparalleled stylish feast, with unique features not to be found anywhere in the world!



**Sat 15 Sep 08.30** - Departure for Sugar Loaf, the famous hall-mark of Rio: a giant granite rock (300m high) dominating the entrance into the huge Guanabara Bay. Cable car to Hurca Hill and second cable car to the top of the Sugar Loaf. **11.30** - Departure from Sugar Loaf and return to hotel. **15.00** - Visit to the Isle of Fiscal inside Guanabara Bay, famous for its sumptuous historical colonial palace dating back to 1889. **19.30** - Optional dinner in spectacular restaurant overlooking the Bay of Botafogo, with Sugar Loaf in the background. **22.00** - Return to hotel or optional show of typical Brazilian music and dances.



*Parati features a well preserved Portuguese Colonial Architecture*

**Sun 16 Sep 08.30** - Departure for Parati. This is one of the most scenic journeys along the southern coast. The road unwinds between high rising mountains, covered with forests, and splendid beaches flanked by hundreds of islands. Parati is one of the best preserved colonial towns in Brazil, so much so that cars are not allowed in!! **11.00** - Arrival in Parati. Guided orientation in Parati, lunch/snack and time at leisure. **14.30** - Departure from Parati and return to Rio de Janeiro. **19.30** - Optional dinner.

**Mon 17 Sep 10.45** - Departure from Rio Airport flying LATAM to Salvador. **12.00** - Arrival in Salvador and transfer to hotel. Our luxurious centrally located five star hotel will enable you to enjoy a full afternoon at leisure. **19.30** - Dinner at the hotel (included).



*Traditional Portuguese-style architecture is still evident downtown Salvador*

**Tue 18 Sep 08.30** - Guided orientation on foot covering the main historical icons of downtown Salvador. The heart of the city, which used to be the capital of the Portuguese Colony of Brazil, still maintains its old colonial architecture. Salvador is now a UNESCO world heritage city. Afternoon at leisure. **19.30** - Optional dinner.





*Outstanding architecture in the outback town of Cachoeira*

**Wed 19 Sep 08.30** - Scenic drive to the historic town of Cachoeira, 110km west of Salvador. It will give you the first insight into the very green countryside of Brazil. Guided orientation in Cachoeira and lunch/snack in typical restaurant where you can select from a wide range of food and pay by the weight at a fixed price per kg. The restaurant has a scale. **14.00** - Return to Salvador. **19.30** - Optional dinner.

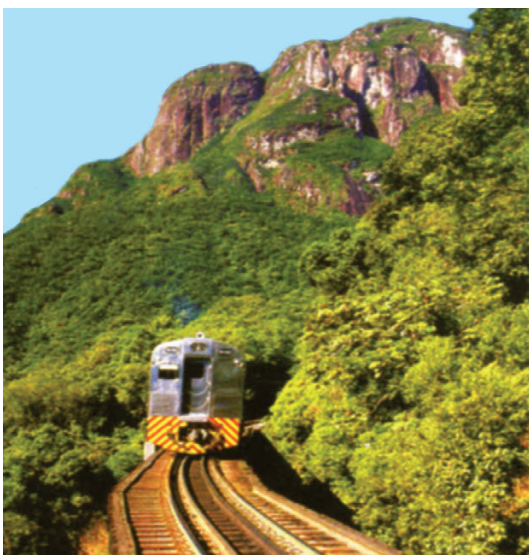
**Thu 20 Sep 07.45** - Departure from hotel. **08.15** - Catamaran for the Isle of Tinharé. **11.00** - Connection with fast exclusive boat for the Bay of Guarapuá: an unspoilt beautiful tiny gulf with crystal clear calm waters. (Disembarkation at the beach will require wetting your feet). The whole area is like a large swimming pool protected by an extensive barrier reef and surrounded by pristine vegetation. **14.00** - Departure from the bay connecting with the catamaran at the main island harbour. **17.30** - Arrival back in Salvador. **19.30** - Optional dinner.

**Fri 21 Sep - 10.40** - Departure from Salvador Airport flying LATAM to Curitiba via Sao Paulo. **19.30** - Dinner at the hotel (included).



*Isle of Tinharé, south of Salvador*

**Sat 22 Sep 08.30** - Guided orientation of Curitiba on foot covering the main highlights of the city centre. Curitiba is located on a plateau at 900m and enjoys a very mild climate. Afternoon at leisure. **19.30** - Optional dinner.



*Spectacular train journey*

**Sun 23 Sep 08.30** - Departure for Vila Velha, where thousands of years of erosion have sculptured the mountains into incredible shapes. Local sightseeing and scenic walk. Lunch/snack and return to hotel driving through some interesting districts of Curitiba. **19.30** - Optional dinner.

**Mon 24 Sep 07.00** - Transfer to railway station. Train journey through the mountain range Serra do Mar all the way to sea level. It's a breathtaking and highly spectacular trip. Our motor coach will be at the arrival end of the journey to pick up the group. Scenic drive to the picturesque town of Antonina and local sightseeing. Optional lunch with local specialties in picturesque setting by the river. **13.30** - Departure for Curitiba and drive back through the Serra do Mar mountain range. **19.30** - Dinner at the hotel (included).

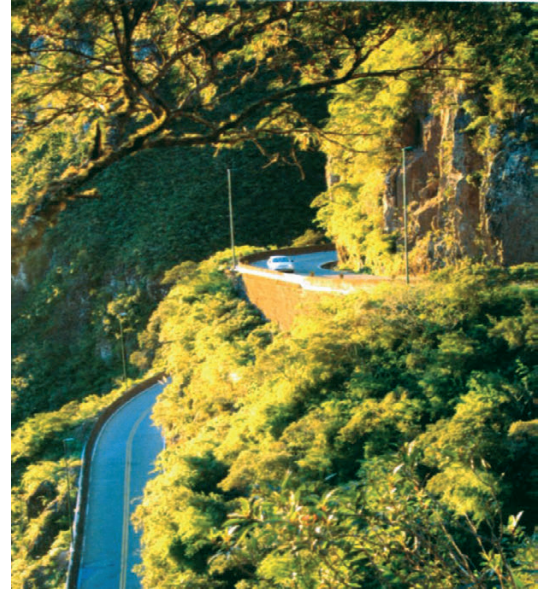
**Tue 25 Sep 08.30** - Departure for the Island of Florianopolis. Lunch/snack stop by the sea in the picturesque village of San Francisco do Sul. **17.00** - Arrival at the hotel in Florianopolis. **19.30** - Dinner at the hotel (included).



**Wed 26 Sep 08.30** - Departure for the south west coast, the most picturesque and traditional part of the island of Florianopolis. Return to hotel by lunch time. Afternoon at leisure. **19.30** - Optional dinner on the banks of picturesque lake on the island.



*The picturesque unspoilt island of Anhatomirim*



*Scenic drive in the Serra do Rio Rastro*

**Thu 27 Sep 08.00** - Departure for the scenic peninsula of Celso Ramos on the continent. **09.15** - Embarkation at Antenor Bay on exclusive boat sailing to the tiny hilly island of Anhatomirim, which was a fortress stronghold (during Portuguese colonial times) Visit to the scenic complex of fortress-buildings, built at different levels, with impressive sweeping views over the strait. Continuation by boat to a second tiny fortress island (Isle of Ratonas) also in a strategic location. Local sightseeing and scenic walk. Return to Antenor Bay by lunch time. After lunch in panoramic setting, scenic drive along the Celso Ramos Peninsula and return to hotel. **19.30** - Optional dinner.

**Fri 28 Sep 08.30** - After crossing back to the continent, excursion to Serra Rio Rastro, climbing through a highly spectacular road, from sea level to 1,460m. Lunch in picturesque setting. Return via alternative scenic road. **18.00** - Arrival back at the hotel. **19.30** - Dinner at the hotel (included).



*Downtown Gramado*

**Sat 29 Sep 08.30** - Departure for Gramado, a lovely town located at 900m in a region famous for lush pastures, cattle and chocolate. **17.30** - Arrival at the hotel. **19.30** - Dinner at the hotel (included).

**Sun 30 Sep 08.30** - Local sightseeing and visit to Lake Negro. Time at leisure in the beautiful garden setting of Gramado, graced by Tyrolean style architecture. Return to hotel. **15.45** - Visit to local chocolate factory and Canela Canyon. **17.30** - Return to hotel. **19.30** - Optional dinner in typical restaurant with live show.





*Scenic steam train between Bento Gonçalves and Carlos Barbosa*



*Cable car at Caracol National Park*

**Mon 1 Oct 08.30** - Departure for Caracol National Park and Feradura Valley. Local chair lift and scenic walk. **12.00** - Departure from Feradura and return to hotel. **15.00** - Departure for Serra Azul Ranch. Local sightseeing and return to Gramado. **18.00** - "Café Colonial" (included): local specialty not to be missed! **19.30** - Optional dinner.

**Tue 2 Oct 08.30** - Departure for the town of Bento Gonçalves. Scenic drive to the edge of a canyon with a huge river down below. Refreshment stop at panoramic chalet on the edge of the canyon. Arrival at Bento Gonçalves by lunch time. **14.00** - Scenic journey on a steam train across the picturesque undulated wine district of southern Brazil. One stop is made enroute with free wine tasting. Our coach will be at the arrival end of the journey (town of Carlos Barbosa) to pick up the group. **17.30** - Arrival back in Gramado. **19.30** - Dinner in local restaurant (included).

**Wed 3 Oct 07.30** - Transfer to Porto Alegre Airport. **11.50** - LATAM flight to Rio de Janeiro connecting with LATAM flight to Santiago de Chile. **23.30** - LATAM flight to Sydney via Auckland.

**Thu 4 Oct** - In flight

**Fri 5 Oct - 07.40** - Arrival at Sydney Airport.

***See hotel list  
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# HOTELS

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**Salvador:** HOTEL CONVENTO do CARMO. This five star heritage hotel, in the noble heart of colonial Salvador, is the most outstanding (and expensive) historic hotel in Brazil. Luxury, stylish accommodation, porticos, courtyards, classic furniture, works of art and colonial architecture are unparalleled.

[www.conventodocarmo.com.br](http://www.conventodocarmo.com.br)

**Rio de Janeiro:** HOTEL SOL IPANEMA. This four star hotel is located in prime ocean front in the most upmarket district of Rio: Ipanema, immortalised by the world famous song "The girl from Ipanema". The view of the bay graced by two slender peaks almost 1,000m high at one end and green islands just offshore make it unique and exclusive.

[www.solipanema.com.br](http://www.solipanema.com.br)

**Curitiba:** HOTEL SLAVIERO PALACE. Very classy four star hotel in the heart of Curitiba. Located in a small cul de sac is unaffected by the noise of city traffic. It's adjacent to the main elegant pedestrian mall of the city.

[www.slavierohoteis.com.br](http://www.slavierohoteis.com.br)

**Isle of Florianopolis:** HOTEL DEVILLE. Four star hotel adjacent to the city centre of Florianopolis. It is located above sea level and boasts a sweeping view over the strait which divides the island from the continent.

[www.deville.com.br](http://www.deville.com.br)

**Gramado:** HOTEL SERRA AZUL. Excellent four star hotel in the very centre of this picturesque mountain resort. It's the best downtown hotel in Gramado.

[www.serraazul.com.br](http://www.serraazul.com.br)

**TOTAL ACCOMMODATION - 20 NIGHTS:** 4 in Salvador, 4 in Rio, 4 in Curitiba, 4 in Florianopolis, 4 in Gramado.



# ARGENTINA 24 DAYS AUD 11,650

TOUR DEPARTS 30 OCT 2018 EX SYDNEY

SHARE TWIN



**FOUR NIGHTS IN EVERY HOTEL !!**

**FOUR STARS IN EVERY HOTEL !!**



## AT YOUR OWN COST

- Meals, other than those included in the package.
- Show of Tango music and dances.
- Entry ticket into the Museum of Life & Wine at Cafayate
- Two cable cars and one chairlift.
- Travel insurance.
- Single accommodation supplement.
- Entry tax into Argentina (Australian Passport holders only).

TOUR COST WITHOUT INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS **AUD 9,950**

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT AUD 2100**

**OPTIONAL DINNERS:  
MULTI COURSE MEAL & DRINKS AUD 50**

## WEATHER

NORTH ARGENTINA:	Max day temp	21-26°C
	Min night temp	06-10°C
SOUTH ARGENTINA: (PATAGONIA)	Max day temp	09-14°C
	Min night temp	00-05°C

## INCLUDED IN THE PRICE

- Return international air travel flying LATAM to Buenos Aires and domestic flights within Argentina flying Aerolineas Argentinas.
- All airport taxes (International and Domestic).
- Transfer from airports to hotels and vice versa.
- Hotel accommodation (Bed and Breakfast).  
See our list of quality hotels in this brochure.
- Nine dinners with a 1/4 bottle of wine and a small bottle of mineral water. Three very special lunches.
- Modern coaches or mini coaches with English speaking tour guides. Air travel is not escorted.
- A wide range of excursions from all the major centres of the itinerary. These tours, provided at no extra cost, are on an optional basis.
- Cruise in the Paraná River Delta, near Buenos Aires by exclusive boat.
- Zodiac cruise along the Iguazu River all the way to the Iguazu Falls.
- Spectacular cruise through giant glaciers at the huge Lake Argentino, to visit the historic "Estancia Cristina" in picturesque spot on the banks of the lake and surrounded by snowy peaks and glaciers.
- Entrance fees to National Parks.
- Optional extension to your International ticket.



# SOME HIGHLIGHTS

**Buenos Aires** - It's the most European of the great cities of South America. Its fascinating city centre blends the most majestic avenues and squares to be found anywhere with a network of pedestrian malls, full of shops, arcades and night life.

**Iguazu Falls** - The world's largest falls are shared between Brazil and Argentina. It's a complex of 275 fantastic waterfalls breaking over a recurved precipice surrounded by virgin forests.

**Salta** - It's the best preserved hispanic city in Argentina, well known as "La Linda" (the beautiful) because of its architecture and the amazing geographical diversity of its environment. It is located at 1,200m in the northern Andes.

**Cafayate** - At 1,650m of altitude in the Northern Andes, this small town has become famous for high altitude vineyards, scattered all around it, right up to 2,000m. It's an impressive landscape, dotted with picturesque wineries, producing unique wines.

**Bariloche** - Beauty and variety: Argentina's premier resort in the Andes, is set amongst a complex system of lakes, forests, snowy peaks and glaciers. It's sophisticated, elegant and upmarket.

**Patagonia Glaciers** - Scenic navigation at Lake Argentino along its north west branch which penetrates deeply into the Andes amongst giant glaciers. Disembarkation at the historic Estancia Cristina surrounded by mountains and glaciers.

## PROGRAM

**Tue 30 Oct 09.30** – Departure from Sydney Airport flying LATAM to Buenos Aires via Santiago. **16.30** – Same day arrival in Buenos Aires and transfer to hotel.

**Wed 31 Oct 09.00** – Morning city tour in Buenos Aires by exclusive coach with local guide. **12.00** - Return to hotel. Afternoon at leisure in the elegant city centre of Buenos Aires. **19.30** - Optional dinner.



*The Presidential Palace – Buenos Aires*



*Estancia La Candelaria*

**Thu 1 Nov 08.30** – Excursion to the Tigre district in the outskirts of Buenos Aires and cruise by exclusive boat along the beautiful intricate system of waterways in the delta of the Paraná River. Early afternoon return to Buenos Aires. **19.30** - Optional dinner. Optional Tango show after dinner.

**Fri 2 Nov 08.30** – Excursion to the picturesque country estancia "La Candelaria" endowed with a beautiful castle and surrounded by a lush park. Estancia is a Spanish name for country estate (sheep/cattle station). Local lunch is included. Return to Buenos Aires in mid-afternoon. **19.30** – Optional dinner.

**Sat 3 Nov – 09.30** - Transfer to airport. Aerolineas Argentinas flight to Iguazu. **15.00** – Arrival and transfer to hotel. **19.30** – Dinner at the hotel (included).



**Sun 4 Nov 09.00** – Visit to the Argentinian side of the Iguazu Falls. A short ride on a small ecological train will take you to the starting point of a spectacular walkway over the waters, right up to the largest fall of them all: The Devil's Throat! This will be followed by a series of delightful scenic walks on different paths crossing over dozens of waterfalls. Return to the hotel in the afternoon. **19.30** – Dinner at the hotel (included).



*Typical walkway along the Iguazu Falls*



*Zodiac cruise towards the Iguazu Falls*

**Mon 5 Nov 09.30** – Embarkation on Zodiac to cruise along the Iguazu River right up to the main falls. This will be followed by a 4WD safari through jungle paths. Return to hotel by lunch time. Afternoon at leisure. **19.30** – Dinner at the hotel (included).

**Tue 6 Nov 08.30** – Departure for Brazil and visit to the other side of the Falls. Local downhill walk through a jungle path on the banks of the River Iguazu. Here you will likely see some of the local fauna, particularly the Quaty: a slender agile animal which thanks to its claws can climb trees very quickly. At the end of the walk, a lift will bring you up to the main road level. Return to the hotel in mid-afternoon. **19.30** – Dinner at the hotel (included).

**Wed 7 Nov 09.30** - Transfer to airport. Aerolineas Argentinas flight to Salta. **14.00** - Arrival at Salta. **16.00** – Guided orientation in Salta: it's a relaxed two hours stroll with a coffee stop in the picturesque main square. **19.30** – Dinner at the hotel (included).



*Spanish heritage in the main square of the historic city of Salta*



**Thu 8 Nov 09.30** – Departure for Corral (1,200m): a beautiful unspoilt lake in the Andes. Optional cable car to enjoy a sweeping view of the Lerma Valley. Lunch/snack at a restaurant set in a lovely panoramic spot on the banks of Lake Corral. **15.00** – Return to Salta. Afternoon at leisure. **19.30** – Optional Dinner.



*High altitude vineyards near Cafayate with the snowy Andes in the background*

**Fri 9 Nov 08.30** – Scenic drive through spectacular gorges, to the town of Cafayate (1,650m), renowned for its high altitude vineyards, mostly at 1,650/1,800m of altitude. These are very special wines highly regarded in Argentina. Sightseeing and time at leisure in Cafayate. We strongly recommend to see the spectacular Museum of Life and Wine. Special lunch/snack in magic setting in a picturesque hotel-resort graced by a beautiful landscape of gardens and vineyards. Return to Salta in mid-afternoon. **19.30** – Optional dinner.

**Sat 10 Nov 08.30** - Spectacular drive climbing up from Salta to the pass Piedra del Molino (3,430m) continuing downhill to the village of Cachi (2,210m). First we go through forests which gradually fade as we approach the pass, flanked by some of the highest peaks in South America reaching almost 7,000m. Lunch/snack at Cachi and time at leisure. **13.00** – Return to Salta. **19.30** – Optional dinner.

**Sun 11 Nov 08.00** – Transfer to Salta Airport. Aerolineas Argentinas flight to El Calafate, via Buenos Aires. **17.00** – Arrival in El Calafate (200m) and transfer to hotel. **19.30** – Dinner at the hotel (included).



*The Andes near El Calafate*

**Mon 12 Nov 07.30** – Transfer to nearby harbour. Scenic navigation along the north west branch of Lake Argentino which stretches 45km deep into the Andes, boasting spectacular views of mountains and glaciers, including the Upsala Glacier: the largest in South America with a total area of 600sq.km and a length of 60km. Disembarkation at the historic “Estancia Cristina”: a sheep station established in 1914 in a most panoramic remote location. Local sightseeing and lunch/snack at the Estancia. Return to Calafate by late afternoon. **19.30** - Dinner at the hotel (included).



**Tue 13 Nov 09.00** – Excursion to the Perito Moreno Glacier, one of the largest and most spectacular in Patagonia and one of the few which is not shrinking (due to the warming of the planet). It has a front of 5km and a length of 30km. Return to El Calafate in the afternoon. **19.30** – Dinner at the hotel (included).



*Mount Fitzroy in the Andes*

**Wed 14 Nov 08.30** – Scenic drive to the spectacular Mount Fitzroy district (see picture in the brochure). The road from El Calafate borders for its entire length (90km) the huge Lake Viedma with beautiful views of the Viedma Glacier. Then it enters into an untamed valley graced by a beautiful clear water river and flanked by snowy peaks until we get to a most spectacular chalet for a very special lunch (included). Brief scenic walk after lunch. **17.00** – Arrival back in El Calafate. **19.30** – Dinner at the hotel (included).



*Bariloche, Argentina's premier resort in the Andes is set on the banks of the huge Lake Nahuel Huapi*

**Thu 15 Nov 14.00** – Departure for El Calafate Airport. **16.25** - Aerolineas Argentinas flight to Bariloche (800m), which is Argentina's premier resort in the Andes, set amongst a complex system of lakes, forests and snowy peaks. **18.00** – Arrival in Bariloche and transfer to hotel. **19.30** - Optional dinner.



**Fri 16 Nov 09.30** – Departure for “Cerro Catedral” mountain chain, where a cable car + chairlift will take you well above the snow line at more than 2,000m. After lunch, return to hotel. Afternoon at leisure. **19.30** - Optional dinner.

**Sat 17 Nov 09.00** – Departure for a scenic drive in the lake district of Bariloche. Beautiful bays, forests and snowy peaks are the main features of the area. Stops and short walks will be made in the district. **12.30** - Lunch/snack in picturesque chalet on the banks of Lake Gutierrez. After lunch, time at leisure: relax in beautiful setting, hire a small rowing boat or go for a scenic walk. **16.00** – Return to hotel. **19.30** – Optional dinner.



*View of Lake Mascardi from the Swiss style chalet where we stop for lunch*

**Sun 18 Nov 08.30** – Scenic drive on the banks of Lake Gutierrez continuing on a most spectacular narrow road on the banks of Lake Mascardi where we stop at a beautiful Swiss style chalet in a most enchanting spot, on the water edge, surrounded by snowy peaks and beautiful spring flowers. Relax in the area, go for a stroll or rent a rowing boat. Lunch at the chalet (included). After lunch, optional scenic walk to a local canyon graced by a giant waterfall. **17.00** – Arrival back at the hotel. **19.30** – Optional dinner.

**Mon 19 Nov 09.00** – Transfer to airport. Aerolineas Argentinas flight to Buenos Aires. **13.30** – Arrival and transfer to hotel. **19.30** – Optional dinner.

**Tue 20 Nov 15.00** - Transfer to Buenos Aires Airport. LATAM flight to Sydney via Santiago.

**Wed 21 Nov** - In flight.

**Thu 22 Nov 07.30** - Arrival at Sydney Airport.

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**Buenos Aires:** HOTEL DAZZLER TOWER. Four star hotel in the city centre. Its privileged location is within walking distance from all the main highlights and it's only one block away from the famous Avenida Florida: Buenos Aires most glamorous pedestrian mall.

[www.hoteldazzlertowersanmartin.com](http://www.hoteldazzlertowersanmartin.com)

**Iguazu:** HOTEL CATARATAS. Five star hotel located in a green oasis, close to Iguazu National Park. It's a complex which blends perfectly with the jungle environment surrounding it, with all roof lines kept below tree canopy level. Excellent facilities include swimming pool in lovely garden setting.

[www.hotelcataratas.com](http://www.hotelcataratas.com)

**Salta:** HOTEL ALMERIA. Quality four star hotel in the noble centre of this historic colonial city, only a few minutes walk from the main splendid square which is a gem of Spanish architecture. It's a clever development with no rooms facing the main street, to prevent traffic noise affecting the comfort of its guests.

[www.hotelalmeria.com.ar](http://www.hotelalmeria.com.ar)

**El Calafate:** HOTEL KOSTEN AIKE. Excellent four star hotel built in alpine style. It's located in a tranquil setting, adjacent to a park and within short walking distance from the busy downtown district of this famous resort, as well as from the banks of Lake Argentino.

[www.kostenaike.com.ar](http://www.kostenaike.com.ar)

**Bariloche:** HOTEL CRISTAL. Four star hotel in the premier downtown street of Bariloche: the most famous Argentinian resort in the Andes. Its privileged location in the very heart of Bariloche and close to the beautiful lake promenade, provides easy access to all the attractions of this picturesque town, built on the banks of the huge Lake Nahuel Huapi.

[www.hotel-cristal.com.ar](http://www.hotel-cristal.com.ar)

## **TOTAL ACCOMMODATION - 21 NIGHTS**

5 in Buenos Aires, 4 in Iguazu, 4 in Salta,  
4 in El Calafate, 4 in Bariloche.



# CENTRAL - NORTH PATAGONIA



Patagonia Argentina near Esquel



**24 DAY TOUR AUD 8,480**

**EX SYDNEY, SHARE TWIN**

**DEPARTS 19 FEBRUARY EX SYDNEY**

**LAND ONLY AUD 6,780**

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$1750**

**4 NIGHTS IN EVERY HOTEL!! (\*)**

*We have especially selected central - north Patagonia for the mild summer climate and spectacular picturesque landscapes.*

*Day temperatures range from 17 to 22°C  
Night temperatures range from 08 to 13°C*

*Quite different from the cooler temperatures which are typical in the deep south of Patagonia.*

*(\*) Except one night stop after disembarking from our cruise ship for logistic reasons.*



# PATAGONIA CHILE/ARGENTINA





# A JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY

**OUR UNIQUE APPROACH IS A RADICAL DEPARTURE FROM ANY CONVENTIONAL TOUR OF OBVIOUS AND COMMERCIALISED RESORTS**

**THERE ARE NO HIDDEN EXTRAS TO PAY FOR WHILST ON TOUR.  
WE RESPECT PEACEFUL ENJOYMENT. WE DON'T TALK ON THE MICROPHONE ALL THE TIME!!**

*This is a relaxed “no rush - no fuss” tour. Travel is by way of a mini coach, ideally suited for the picturesque roads featured in our program. Yet we provide quality hotel accommodation (see hotel list) with four night stops to maximise your comfort.*

## **AT YOUR OWN COST**

- Meals, other than those included in the package.
- Entry ticket to park in Frutillar.
- Travel insurance.
- Single accommodation supplement.
- Entry tax into Chile and Argentina.

## **INCLUDED IN THE PRICE**

- Return air travel flying LATAM economy class.
- Two domestic flights, flying LATAM or SKY Airlines.
- All airport taxes (international and domestic).
- Quality hotel accommodation with breakfast. See hotel list in our programme.
- Air con. mini coach with English speaking tour guide.
- All the coach tours listed in our program.
- Eight dinners with 1/4 bottle of wine and 1/2 bottle of water included.
- Ferry boat from La Arena to Puelche.
- Ferry boat to the big island of Chiloé.
- Navigation along Chilean fjords from Hornopiren to Leptepu with our mini coach on board.
- Navigation from Fiordo Largo to Caleta Gonzalo.
- Boat excursion to the Marble Caves at Lake Carrera.
- Patagonian train journey.
- Entrance fees to National Parks.
- Optional extension to your international ticket.

## **PROGRAM**

**Mon 19 Feb 11.00** – Departure from Sydney flying LATAM to Santiago. **13.30** – Same day arrival in Santiago. Mid afternoon flight to Puerto Montt. Transfer to hotel. **19.30** – Dinner at the hotel (included).

**Tue 20 Feb** – Morning at leisure. **14.00** – Downtown orientation on foot covering the main highlights of the city. **19.30** – Optional dinner.



*The spectacular Andes Lodge on the banks of the Reloncavi Fjord*

**Wed 21 Feb 08.30** – Today we drive along the Reloncavi Fjord. The spectacular road unwinds along the fjord and its high rising mountains. Eventually in the most amazing spot, we come across a beautiful traditional chalet (The Andes Lodge) where we can enjoy lovely Patagonian specialties. Return to Puerto Montt by mid afternoon. **19.30** – Optional dinner.



**Thu 22 Feb 08.00** – Departure for the historic town of Ancud founded in 1767 by Spain as a strategic military outpost, dominating a splendid natural bay on the north west point of the huge island of Chiloé. After ferrying our mini coach across the strait of Chacao (40 minutes navigation) we arrive at Ancud at **11.00**. Local orientation and time at leisure. **13.30** – Departure from Ancud for a local scenic drive, stopping for a brief visit at the heritage Fort of San Antonio: one of the two built by Spain to guard the entrance into the Bay of Ancud. **17.30** – Arrival in Puerto Montt. **19.30** – Optional dinner.



*Our cruise ship navigates along the Chilean Fjords*

**Fri 23 Feb 06.00** – Departure for Honopiren where at **10.00** we'll board a ship taking with us our mini coach. The ship navigates four hours along fjords to Leptepu where we disembark and travel 10 km to Fiordo Largo to board a ferry to Caleta Gonzalo from where we will travel another 60 kms arriving around **17.30** at Chaiten. **19.30** – Dinner at the hotel (included).

**Sat 24 Feb 08.30** – Departure for Coyhaique (750 m). This is a fairly long journey but very spectacular indeed, because in a very pristine landscape we will see a succession of snowy peaks, glaciers, lakes, forests and fjords. A truly colourful mix of real unspoilt Patagonia. **18.00** – Arrival in Coyhaique. **19.30** – Dinner at the hotel (included).

**Sun 25 Feb 08.30** – Brief downtown orientation on foot and time at leisure. **14.00** – Short excursion (25 km) on a scenic road to nearby Mt. Fraile (1,600 m) which in winter is a ski resort. **19.30** – Optional dinner.



*Marble caves at Lake Carrera*



*The stunning beauty of Lake Carrera*

**Mon 26 Feb 07.30** – Departure for Lake Carrera. Scenic drive in the Andes through one of the most stunning untamed landscapes of the whole tour. **11.30** – Arrival at Puerto Tranquilo. Boat excursion to the spectacular marble caves. Lunch at local chalet. Return to Coyhaique. **19.00** – Arrival at the hotel. **19.30** – Dinner at the hotel (included).

**Tue 27 Feb 08.30** – Scenic drive in a beautiful area which is part of the Aisen Region of Chile. Stop at the magic Lake Elizalde and local scenic walk. Then we drive downhill on a scenic road to the Aisen Fjord for a seafood lunch and return to Coyhaique by mid afternoon. **19.30** – Optional dinner.



**Wed 28 Feb 08.30** – Departure for Esquel in Argentina. First we climb a little from the 750 m of Coyhaique to the 865 m of the Pampa Alta Pass where we cross the border. Then it's all the way down to the Argentinian plains where we head north, having the Andes on the left hand side all the way. **17.30** – Arrival at Esquel. **19.30** – Dinner at the hotel (included).



*The picturesque valley of the River Futaleufu as seen from our lunch stop. See [umanlodge.cl](http://umanlodge.cl)*

**Thu 1 Mar 08.30** – Today we cross the Andes and again the border with Chile via a beautiful road to enter the spectacular valley of the River Futaleufu. Local stops and scenic walks will be made en route. Lunch stop at the splendid panoramic Uman Lodge. **17.00** – Arrival in Esquel. **19.30** – Optional dinner.

**Fri 2 Mar 08.30** – Scenic drive into the Andes to Lake Futalaquén in the National Park of Los Alerces with a few stops at picturesque lookouts. Lunch in magic chalet set in stunning beautiful unspoilt spot on the banks of the lake! Return to Esquel by mid afternoon. **19.30** – Optional dinner.



*The Trochita steam train travelling along the Patagonian landscape near Esquel*

**Sat 3 Mar 09.30** – Transfer to the Railway Station to board a picturesque Patagonian steam train, which is still kept in immaculate working condition and is reminiscent of days gone by. It's really like stepping into another age, a feeling strengthened by the Patagonian landscape which seems to have never changed either.

**13.30** – End of the journey and transfer back to the hotel. Afternoon at leisure. **19.30** – Optional dinner.





*Traditional architecture makes San Martin de los Andes picturesque and attractive.*

**Sun 4 Mar 08.30** – Departure for San Martin de los Andes (600 m). It's a famous resort on the banks of beautiful Lake Lacar, in the midst of the Andes. On the way to San Martin we border a series of picturesque lakes. **17.00** – Arrival in San Martin. **19.30** – Dinner at the hotel (included).

**Mon 5 Mar 08.30** – Morning sightseeing tour in the pretty outskirts of San Martin de los Andes. We do some scenic coastal drives to beautiful lookouts as well as a panoramic uphill drive to a special “balcony” where you can enjoy a refreshment in a local chalet/bar with sweeping views over the stunning landscape of Lake Lacar and the Andes. Return to the hotel by lunch time. Afternoon at leisure. **19.30** – Optional dinner.

**Tue 6 Mar 08.30** – Departure for a spectacular scenic drive only 18kms away but taking us to almost 2,000m in the famous mountain resort of Chapelco. This place is endowed with good facilities as well as clearly defined panoramic walks. Return to the hotel by lunch time.

**14.00** – With a short 20km drive we now switch from the high altitude resort of Mt. Chapelco to the picturesque lakeside holiday complex of Quila Quina. Local excellent facilities will allow for a pleasant refreshment in an unspoilt cornice of water, bushland and high rising peaks. Relax and enjoy before returning to the hotel. **19.30** – Optional dinner.



*Our lunch stop on the banks of Lake Lacar*

**Wed 7 Mar 08.30** – Scenic drive from San Martin along the banks of Lake Lacar with stops at picturesque places for refreshment, lunch and scenic walks. Return to San Martin by mid afternoon. **19.30** – Optional dinner.

**Thu 8 Mar 08.30** – Very scenic drive along the “Seven Lakes Route” to reach the border with Chile at the Samoré Pass. Then we border Lake Puyehue where we stop for lunch by the lake in panoramic setting with a beautiful view of Volcano Puyehue (2,240 m). Continuation to Frutillar on the banks of the huge Lake Llanquihue. **17.00** – Arrival at Frutillar. **19.30** – Dinner at the hotel (included).



**Fri 9 Mar 08.30** – Scenic stroll along the beautiful lake promenade of this impeccable picturesque town, to reach a vast panoramic park set on the gentle slopes of a local hill. The sweeping views of the lake and the Andes are superb, but what really graces and enhances the scenic beauty of this park are the historic houses of the original settlers scattered in various panoramic spots so that the whole park has been turned into a heritage museum!!  
Time at leisure at the park. Return to the hotel at your convenience. Afternoon at leisure. **19.30** – Optional dinner.



*Lake Rupanco is flanked on both sides by giant volcanoes*

**Sat 10 Mar 08.30** – Departure for Lake Rupanco and scenic drive to the picturesque east end of the lake which penetrates deeply amongst the high peaks and volcanoes of the Andes. Local scenic walk and lunch. Return to Frutillar by mid afternoon. **19.30** – Optional dinner.



*Puerto Octay - Lake Llanquihue*

**Sun 11 Mar 08.30** – Panoramic circuit of the huge Lake Llanquihue. We follow the coastline to the picturesque town of Puerto Octay set on a beautiful peninsula. Local sightseeing and short strolls. Continuation on the banks of the lake to Ensenada where we stop for lunch in picturesque setting. Then we continue along the scenic coastal drive arriving in Frutillar by mid afternoon. **19.30** – Dinner at the hotel (included).

**Mon 12 Mar 12.00** – Transfer to Puerto Montt Airport. **16.00** – Flight to Santiago. **23.50** – LATAM flight to Sydney.

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**Puerto Montt** – GRAN HOTEL VICENTE COSTANERA. Luxury four star hotel in prime central position on the elegant seaside promenade of the city with commanding views over the Gulf of Reloncavi.

[www.granhotelvicentecostanera.cl](http://www.granhotelvicentecostanera.cl)

**Chaiten** – HOTEL MI CASA. It's the best local hotel in this very remote Patagonian district. It has all the comfort needed for an overnight stay, including free WiFi.

[www.hotelmicasa.cl](http://www.hotelmicasa.cl)

**Coyhaique** – HOTEL LOS NIRES. Traditional country style three star hotel in this pioneer town. Its privileged location is within walking distance from all the main highlights.

[www.hotellosnires.cl](http://www.hotellosnires.cl)

**Esquel** – HOTEL LAS BAYAS. It's the best four star hotel in the downtown district and everything is at your fingertips. [www.hotellasybayas.com](http://www.hotellasybayas.com)

**San Martin de los Andes** – HOTEL PATAGONIA PLAZA. Luxury four star hotel in the town centre and only five minutes walk from the lake promenade. You could not have a better hotel in a better place.

[www.hotelpatagoniaplaza.com.cl](http://www.hotelpatagoniaplaza.com.cl)

**Frutillar-Lake Llanquihue** – HOTEL ELUN. Superior three star hotel set in an elevated panoramic position with sweeping views of the lake and the Andes. Only a few minutes walk from the town centre.

[www.hotelelun.cl](http://www.hotelelun.cl)

## TOTAL ACCOMMODATION - 21 NIGHTS

4 in Puerto Montt, 1 in Chaiten, 4 in Coyhaique,  
4 in Esquel, 4 in San Martin de los Andes,  
4 in Frutillar.





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## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**Deposit** – A deposit of AUD 800 per person is payable to South Am Tours Pty Ltd in order to secure a booking. Final balance is due 70 days before departure.

**TOUR ONLY** without international flights: deduct AUD 1,700 from total cost.

**Prices** – Prices are based on currency exchange rates effective at the time of printing (20 July 2017 - USD 0.76). Air fares are subject to change without notice. A surcharge will be made for any unforshadowed increases due to air fare increases or currency fluctuations.

**Cancellations – LAND CONTENT:** bookings cancelled at any time after confirmation and up to 70 days prior to departure are subject to a \$800 per person cancellation fee. Bookings cancelled from 70 to 45 days prior to departure will incur a 50% per person cancellation fee. Bookings cancelled within 45 days of departure will incur a loss of 100% of total cost.

**AIR TRAVEL:** Cancellation penalties subject to airline rules.

**Alteration to Travel Arrangements** – All the arrangements are advertised and made in what we consider to be your best interest, however, we nevertheless retain the right to modify or cancel any excursion or accommodation facility if they cannot be provided for any reason. In the unlikely event that such circumstances occur, we will offer you alternative arrangements.

**Travel Insurance** – At your own cost. We strongly recommend that, at the time of booking, you purchase a travel insurance policy to at least include loss of deposit through cancellation, personal baggage, loss of money and medical expenses and expenses to cover accommodation and travel should the tour need to be extended or curtailed due to illness or industrial action.

**Conditions** – South Am Tours Pty Ltd acts only as agent for passengers in the making of arrangements with carriers, hoteliers and restaurants for the tour program. As a result, we cannot accept liability for any loss, damage, injury, accident, death, delay, diversion, default or irregularity however occasioned, sustained or suffered in the course of any passage, journey, trip or tour or in the carrying out of any arrangements or the use of any facilities booked by or through it. We do not accept responsibility for any events which are beyond our control, such as but not limited to, transport delays, industrial action, flood, fire, civil disturbance, failure of machinery or equipment.

**Baggage** – It's at owner's risk throughout the tour. There is a 20kg free baggage allowance for air travel purposes.

**The passage** – Contract in use by carriers concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the transportation companies and the passengers.

**Cancellation by Tour Operator** – We reserve the right in our absolute discretion to cancel the tour for reasons beyond our control, such as insufficient numbers of participants. In this event we will offer a full refund of any money which may have already been paid.

**No admittance** – South Am Tours Pty Ltd reserves the right to decline any passenger as a member of the tour at any time.

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