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South America

ROAD TO MACHU PICCHU

3 Countries: Peru, Argentina & Brazil

Cities Covered: Lima, Sacred Valley, Machu Picchu, Cuzco, Lake Titicaca, Buenos Aires, Iguassu Falls & Rio de Janeiro

Tour Package Includes

* International Flight from Los Angeles

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- * Total 7 Domestic & Intra Air Tickets in South America
- ★ Deluxe Hotel Accommodations (based on double occupancy)
- * 35 Meals & Admission as Stated
- * 3 Countries: Peru, Argentina & Brazil
- * Machu Picchu UNESCO World Heritage Site & One of the New Seven Wonders of the World
- * Lake Titicaca The Highest Navigable Lake in The World
- * Cuzco & Sacred Valley The Lonely Planet
- * The Statue of Christ the Redeemer The largest Art Deco Statue in the World
- * River Cruise on the Parana River
- * Iguassu Falls Visit in both Brazil and Argentina
- * Famous Tango Dinner Show and Samba Dinner Show
- * Top of Sugarloaf by Cable Car
- * Maracana Soccer Stadium The Largest in the World
- * Local Specialty Meals



Traveling Dates:

Jun 4 –20, 2018 (17 Days)

Price per person:

\$ 6, 288

Incl: Tax & Fuel Charge

Single Supp: \$ 1,600



South America is not only home to some of the world's most famous sites such as Lake Titicaca, Machu Picchu, Iguassu Falls, the ancient Incan capital of Cuzco, and the Inca sites in the Sacred Valley, but also to iconic cities such as Lima, Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro. This exhilarating tour takes you on an epic journey through the highlights of South America. Journey across the continent from Lima to Rio de Janeiro, exploring otherworldly horizons and being swept away by the passion and energy of Latin America's greatest cities. Take in all the highlights of Peru, Brazil and Argentina. Between these cultural hot spots, you'll experience the ultimate in outdoor adventure, with the chance to admire the formidable Iguassu waterscape from every angle.

Optional** June 3

Honolulu – Los Angeles →

We start our vacation by boarding a domestic flight to Los Angeles and staying there overnight.

Day 1**June 4

Los Angeles – Lima →

Today we will fly from Los Angeles to Lima, the capital of Peru, located on the country's arid Pacific coast. Overnight onboard.

Day 2**June 5 Lima (L, D)

Though its colonial center is preserved, Lima is a bustling metropolis and one of South America's largest cities. It's home to the Museo Larco collection of pre-Columbian art and the Museo de la Nación, tracing the history of Peru's ancient civilizations. Upon arrival at Jorge Chávez International Airport, proceed to immigration and customs. An Air & Sea Travel representative will greet and escort us to Colonial Lima, the start of our tour. Sight-seeing focuses on Lima's colonial heritage. Founded in 1535, Lima was once the capital of Spain's South American Empire. Visit the baroque 11th-century San Francisco Monastery, with Spanish and Moorish architecture throughout. Continue to Plaza Mayor, where we will see the Government Palace that houses the presidential palace that was once the home of Francisco Pizarro, founder of Lima and conqueror of Peru. Nearby, as we walk through the Cathedral of Lima's numerous chapels, we'll travel to the past and discover various architectural styles (from Renaissance to Neo-Classical), and learn about Peru's religious history. Then, we will continue to the most traditional of the residential zones of the capital, San Isidro and Miraflores. We will pass through the heart of the city's financial district, and enjoy the perfect spot to view the Pacific Ocean.

Day 3**June 6 Lima (B, L, D

After breakfast, we will transfer to the Pueblo Libre District, where the National Museum of Archaeology, Anthropology and History is located. This is the largest and oldest museum in Peru. It features an extensive archeological collection of more than 100,000 items from pre-Inca cultures that were built more than 3000 years ago. After lunch, we will visit Larco Museum, a privately owned museum of pre-Columbian art, located in the Pueblo Libre District of Lima, Peru. The museum is housed in an 18th-century vice-royal building built over a 7th-century pre-Columbian pyramid. A folk show dinner will be arranged tonight.

Day 4**June 7 Lima – Juliaca – Puno → (B, L, D)

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for the flight to Juliaca, a city in the San Román province of southern Peru. As a busy transit hub, it is a jumping-off point for Lake Titicaca, the vast Andean lake marked by Inca ruins and floating villages. Upon arrival, transfer to Puno, the capital city of the Puno Region and Province which is located on the shore of Lake Titicaca. We will take a panoramic tour of the historic center in the city and visit the Main Square before checking into the hotel.

Day 5**June 8 Puno – Lake Titicaca – Puno (B, L, D)

After breakfast in the hotel, we start the day in Lake Titicaca, the highest water volume lake in South America, and the highest commercially navigable lake in the world. We take an early ride in a Motorboat, stopping at the Uros Floating Islands, a group of approximately 40 artificial islands inhabited by fishermen and hunters. We will learn how the Uros Indians construct their islands, homes, boats, and many other resources completely out of tortora reed, a centuries-old practice. We will stop at Taquile Island, where there are numerous pre-Inca and Inca ruins and terraces. The island is only about 0.62 mile wide and 3.7 to 4.3 miles long. The Taquile population was

relatively isolated from the mainland until the 1950s. The notion of community is still deep-seated among them and is reflected in the strong organization of community life and collective decision-making. Taquile Island is famous for its craft production, particularly weaving that dates back to the ancient Inca, Pukara and Colla civilizations. This is evident by the Spanish peasant dresses made of Andean textiles – the islanders make some of the finest in all of Peru. (There is a local museum of traditional costumes.) The visit could be exhausting due to the steep path that goes up to the village and the altitude (13,000 ft.). Return to Puno and hotel at night.

Day 6**June 9 Puno – Cuzco – Sacred Valley → (B, D)

After breakfast, we will board a flight to Cuzco, a city in the Peruvian Andes which was once the capital of the Inca Empire, and is now known for its archaeological remains and Spanish colonial architecture. Upon arrival, take a tour of Sacred Valley, formed by the Vilcanota or Urubamba River and encompassing the heartland of the past Inca Empire. It begins in Pisac, a beautiful place where Incan and Colonial influences have reached a perfect balance and created the unique way of life of the local inhabitants. We will get a chance to explore this quaint town and Pisac Market, famous for its artisans where we can find extraordinarily fine jewelry and ceramic and textile craftwork.

Day 7**June 10 Sacred Valley – Machu Picchu – Cuzco (B, L, D)

Today's highlight is the Santuario Histórico de Machu Picchu (Historic Sanctuary of Machu Picchu). Rediscovered by Hiram Bingham more than a century ago, Machu Picchu is known as the "Lost City of the Incas", and is the most familiar icon of the Inca World. It was declared a Peruvian Historical Sanctuary in 1981 and a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1983. In 2007, Machu Picchu was voted one of the New Seven Wonders of the World in a worldwide Internet poll. We will board a comfortable Train at Aguas Calientes Train Station and enjoy a spectacular view along the way. Upon arrival, a bus will take us to the entrance gate of the Machu Picchu citadel. Its architectural beauty, spectacular natural landscapes and the energy held in its enigmatic structures will take our breath away. Follow in the footsteps of the ancient Incans as we explore this magical citadel with our guide.

Day 8**June 11 Cuzco − Lima → (B, D)

After breakfast, we will embark on a tour of Cuzco that focuses on the city that was once the political, military, and cultural epicenter of the Incas until the Spanish toppled it. In fact, Inca foundations can still be found in Cuzco, with Spanish baroque structures built on top. Sightseeing includes visits to the ancient fortress of Sacsayhuaman, the amphitheater of Kenko, and the Cathedral. Some of the best examples of Inca masonry can be found at this fortress, where stones weighing up to 350 tons are pieced together to form a complex that could house up to 10,000 men. Learn about the ceremonies and battles that took place here. We will continue our visit with a stroll through the Main Square, where we can see the Cathedral and admire its exquisite vestibules and priceless paintings from the Cuzco School of the 17th and 18th centuries. Then, take a flight back to Lima and stay overnight.

Day 9**June 12 Lima − Buenos Aires → (B, D)

After enjoying a morning of leisure, we will fly to Buenos Aires, which means "Fair wind" in Spanish. Buenos Aires is one of the most fascinating cities in both Latin America and the world, whether it is for its splendid and varied architecture, with its old Colonial buildings, French palaces and state-of-the-art skyscrapers; for its vibrant nightlife and endless cultural options; or maybe just for the rich identity of the Porteños, who proudly bear the European heritage of their ancestors. An <u>Argentinean Barbecue Dinner</u> is arranged for tonight.

Day 10**June 13 Buenos Aires (B, L, D)

After breakfast, we will have a full day City Tour. Along 9 de Julio Avenue, the widest street in the city, it is possible to spot the Obelisk, the monument that symbolizes the city, and the famous Colon Theatre (Opera House), a masterpiece of architecture with superb acoustics. Then on to San Telmo neighborhood, birthplace of the city, and to May Square, historical and political center, surrounded by the Government House or 'Casa Rosada', site of the national government; the Cabildo, historical building which was the center of the colonial political life; the Metropolitan Cathedral and the Town Hall, site of the city government. We proceed to La Boca district, a picturesque neighborhood where the Italian immigrants settled and the location of Caminito Street, famous because it inspired the tango "Carminito" by Juan de Dios Filiberto. Heading north, we enter the aristocratic Recoleta district, known for its Cemetery and visit Palermo, a wide and beautiful park located in the heart of one of the most elegant areas in the city. After lunch, we will go through the elegant northern riverside suburbs of Vicente

Lopez, Olivos (where the President's Residence is located), San Isidro with its gothic Cathedral and San Fernando, to Tigre. We will board a typical motor Boat for a 1 hour cruise along the Parana River Delta. The Delta is 220 square kilometers in size with small islands and numerous streams spread throughout the area. The nearby Lujan, Sarmiento, Tigre and San Antonio rivers are all part of the excursion. Tonight, enjoy a famous <u>Tango Show and a luscious dinner</u> at an Argentina style restaurant.

Day 11**June 14 Buenos Aires – Iguassu Falls → (B, L, D)

Fly to Iguassu Falls in the morning, one of the greatest natural wonders of the world. Iguassu Falls are waterfalls of the Iguassu River on the border of the Argentine province of Misiones and the Brazilian state of Paraná. They are the largest waterfalls system in the world. Upon arrival, take a tour of the Argentina Iguassu Falls. After that, a guide will accompany the group and drive across the border from the Argentinian side towards the Brazilian side of this amazing falls. Enjoy the <u>Rafain Show with dinner</u> in the evening. Stay overnight at the hotel.

Day 12*June 15 Iguassu Falls (B, L, D)

After breakfast, we will enjoy a whole day escorted walking tour to the Brazilian side of Iguassu Falls. The path footbridges and belvederes (open sided roofed terraces) are all strategically placed to give the tourist the best views to see each and every waterfall. Iguassu Falls has 275 cascades along a mile and a half long edge where torrents of water plunge down to the basin from 230 feet high. A Panoramic Elevator goes down to the bottom of the falls. We will also visit Itaipu Dam, the biggest hydroelectric power station.

Day 13**June 16 Iguassu Falls – Rio de Janeiro → (B, D)

Fly to Rio de Janeiro in the morning. Rio de Janeiro is a huge seaside city in Brazil, famous for its Copacabana and Ipanema beaches, 38 meter Christ the Redeemer statue atop Mount Corcovado and Sugarloaf Mountain. The city is also known for its sprawling favelas (shanty towns). Its raucous Carnival festival, featuring parade floats, flamboyant costumes and samba dancers, is considered the world's largest. This evening, enjoy dinner at our hotel.

Day 14**June 17 Rio de Janeiro (B, L)

Today, we will explore Rio. We will make our way through the Cobblestone Streets of Paineiras to the city of Corcovado and The Statue of Christ the Redeemer, the largest Art Deco statue in the world and the 5th largest statue of Jesus in the world. Today's lunch features <u>Traditional Brazil BBQ</u>. We will have a photo stop at Maracana Soccer Stadium, which is currently the largest in the world. After lunch, a two-stage Cable Car will take us to the summit of Sugarloaf Mountain to have a best view of the Municipal Theatre, the neoclassic cathedral Candelaria Church, and Sao Benito Monastery. Then continue to the edge of Rodrigo de Freitas Lagoon, which meets the laidback atmosphere of the Copacabana Beach.

Day 15 **June 18 Rio de Janeiro − Sao Paulo − Lima → (B)

After enjoying breakfast at the hotel, enjoy a morning of leisure. Explore the charming city on your own or relax and meander around the hotel. Say good-bye to Rio as we take a flight back to Lima via Sao Paulo. Upon Arrival, an Air & Sea Travel representative will greet and escort us to our hotel.

Day 16**June 19 Lima (B)

After breakfast, we will enjoy our free day in Lima. Tonight, we will transfer to the airport and board the flight back to Los Angeles.

*** Depart to airport at 8:30PM. Our flight leaves at 1:05 AM on June 20.

Day 17**June 20 Lima – Los Angeles →

Our flight to Los Angeles leaves after midnight, upon arrival, proceed to immigration and customs. Some of us will ride the shuttle bus to our overnight hotel while others will continue to their next adventure.

Optional** June 21 Los Angeles – Honolulu →

We will take a flight back to Honolulu, taking home lasting memories of a magnificent South America adventure.

B: Breakfast | L: Lunch | D: Dinner



- International airfares from Los Angeles
- \$880.00 additional if departing from and returning to Honolulu (Fee incl. Honolulu Los Angeles round-trip airfare & 2 nights LA hotel accommodations with Twin-sharing room)
- Fares are per person, USD based on double occupancy and include all airline taxes and fees
- Business class is available, please call your agent for price
- Escorted tour with a minimum of 20 passengers
- Local English speaking tour guide service
- All Meals & Admissions as Stated
- All transfers and sightseeing by air conditioned coach
- Refer to "General Condition of Air & Sea"
- We reserve the right to modify the itinerary to ensure smooth operation
- Tips and gratuities are not included
- Brazilian visa is NOT included.
- Due to the high-altitude level of Lima, Cuzco, Sacred Valley, and Lake Titicaca, please consult your doctor before signing up.
- Tour price is subject to change depending on any airfare increase, increase in government taxes, additional fuel charges and fluctuation of the rate of exchange between U.S. and foreign currency
- Tour price includes fuel surcharge & government taxes and fees. The tour price shown is current at time of listing and pricing on Dec. 18, 2017

Payment Policy:

CHECK OR CASH PAYMENT ONLY. A deposit of **\$1,000** per person is required at the time of application. The balance of payment is due <u>March</u> 20, 2018. In case the balance of payment is not made within the required time period, Air and Sea Travel Center reserves the right to cancel reservations and charge a service fee for cancellation.

Written notice is required for any cancellation:

After February 28, 2018 to departure, the cancellation fee will be as follow:

**February 28 to March 31, 2018, \$1,000 deposit per person is non-refundable;

**April 1 to April 30, 2018: 50% of total price plus any other service fee caused from the cancellation; **From May 1, 2018 to departure or withdrawal during the tour shall be regarded as willingly giving up all

rights concerned, 100% of the total price, and the request for other service as substitute shall not be accepted. **Also we strongly recommend purchasing travel insurance when you make your reservation**