



# SOUTH AMERICA

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2018-2019

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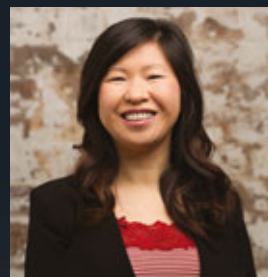


# WELCOME TO SOUTH AMERICA

Wendy led her first group tour in 1998 and since then has perfected the art of escorting customers to fascinating long haul destinations. Starting in China, Wendy Wu Tours has expanded to diverse regions including Japan, Southeast Asia and India. 20 years later, we are proud to introduce our brand new South America collection.

During that time we have learnt a lot about operating group tours, honed our knowledge and expertise and built up a reputation that is second to none. Just ask our legion of delighted customers and look at our numerous awards.

You can now choose from a range of tours across South and Central America that have been created using the successful Wendy Wu formula. You get all of our expertise, incredible value, authentic touring and world-class guides. It's time to discover South America the Wendy Wu way.

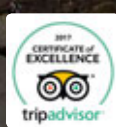


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Wendy Wu – Owner, Wendy Wu Tours



## AWARD-WINNING EXPERTISE





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# THE WENDY WU TOURS DIFFERENCE

## 10 REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD CHOOSE WENDY WU TOURS

### 1. NO ONE KNOWS GROUP TOURING LIKE WE DO

We've been sending travellers on innovative and authentic group tours for many years now, so no one knows group touring better than us. After extensive research and exciting trips to our new destinations, we are confident that the group tour experience that we offer around the world is everything you have come to expect from Wendy Wu Tours, if not better!



### 2. AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

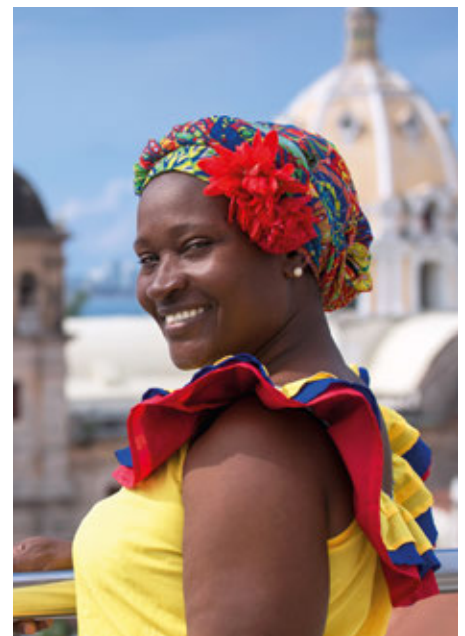
We have years and years of experience crafting itineraries that showcase the very best of your chosen country. We make sure they not only include all of the big, world-renowned sights but those little special extra places that are a bit more off-the-beaten-track and may not be offered by everyone else.

We have been perfecting the Wendy Wu formula for 20 years now and are continuing to do the same in South America, creating tours that give you an authentic experience of the land you are exploring, such as a tango class in Argentina or coffee tasting in Colombia.



### 3. INDUSTRY-LEADING GUIDING

All of our group tours are accompanied throughout by dedicated, knowledgeable guides. Our experienced teams in South America ensure that Wendy Wu Tours has a reliable presence on which you can always depend. We regularly receive letters that sing the praises of our in-country teams – their knowledge, warmth, supportive nature, passion and gentle humour is something we are genuinely very proud of.



### 4. WE LOVE SOLO TRAVELLERS

Our group tours are a great opportunity to share your experiences with like-minded people. We welcome plenty of solo travellers on our tours and receive great feedback from them about the friendly and sociable atmosphere of our groups. Many of our travellers become life-long friends.





## 5. HAND-PICKED HOTELS

With over 20 years' experience of taking people on wonderful holidays, we know what to look for when it comes to hotels. Our hotels are inspected regularly to ensure they reach our high standards of cleanliness, safety and comfort. We also pick the right hotel for the specific

destination, meaning your accommodation can range from a smart business hotel in one city, to a beautiful lodge set amongst the rainforest. Wherever you are staying you will have a peaceful and comfortable night's sleep in preparation for the next day's adventures.

## 6. UNRIVALLED AIRLINE CHOICE

Unlike other operators, we have access to airfares from all the leading airlines, giving you the ultimate choice of flights which are convenient for where you live, offering stopovers where you want and the upgrades you require.



## 8. FINANCIAL SECURITY

With Wendy Wu Tours you are fully financially protected. We have both an ATOL license from the Civil Aviation Authority and we are a member of the Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA), so you can travel securely in the knowledge that everything is safe and sound.

## 7. TRAVEL IN COMFORT

The transport selected as part of your tour is intended to combine convenience and comfort with an enjoyably authentic travel experience. You will benefit from our seat-and-a-half policy on our coaches, allowing you to watch incredible scenery in comfort. Our South America tours are predominately conducted using air-conditioned coaches and minibuses.



## 9. REGIONAL FLAVOUR

Meals included in our tours are planned to give you a genuine taste of the regions we visit. We make sure that the food on our tours is fresh, features minimal spice and includes vegetables or salads. Breakfast is a combination of local and western food, usually served buffet style at the hotel you are staying in. Lunches and dinners generally consist of traditional cuisine and are served at a range of reputable local restaurants, or at your hotel. Highlights may include ceviche in Peru, Gallo Pinto in Costa Rica or Coredeno al Palo in Patagonia.

## 10. OUR GREAT VALUE TOURS

- ✓ Return international economy flights, taxes and current fuel surcharges
- ✓ All accommodation
- ✓ Most meals
- ✓ All transportation and transfers
- ✓ All sightseeing and entrance fees
- ✓ English speaking local guides
- ✓ Specialist advice from our experienced travel consultants
- ✓ Comprehensive tour dossiers and travel guides
- ✓ Safe and secure with ABTA, ATOL and IATA

The only things you may have to pay for are personal expenditure e.g. drinks, optional excursions or shows, insurance of any kind, tipping and early check-in or late check-out (this cannot be guaranteed).

## THE KEY TO OUR TOURS

All our tours are graded as moderate to reflect the level of fitness required.

### MODERATE

Tours require a reasonably good level of fitness to comfortably enjoy longer periods of sightseeing. Easy hikes, uneven ground, long drives and high altitude may feature.





# EXPERIENCE SOUTH AMERICA

At Wendy Wu Tours, we like to make sure that you get the most out of your visit to South America. That's why we've packed these itineraries with a wide-range of experiences, all of which are included!

## UNCOVER NATURE

Enjoy the lush landscapes of the Cocora Valley in Colombia, exploring on foot and riding in historic Willys Jeep.

Stand before the thundering waters of the Iguazú, seeing the mighty falls from two different perspectives on both the Argentinian and Brazilian sides.

Explore the otherworldly landscapes of the high Chilean altiplano, passing towering volcanoes and rainbow lakes inhabited by flocks of flamingos.



## FEEL LATIN BEATS

Learn the sultry salsa with a dance class in Colombia's Cali, followed by a salsa show that's so sizzling, it only happens on the last Friday of the month!

Tango with the locals at an Argentinian milonga before letting the professionals take over for a dance show you'll enjoy with a tasty dinner.

Discover the beat that's at the very soul of Rio with an evening in a vibrant samba club located right by the iconic sands of Copacabana Beach.

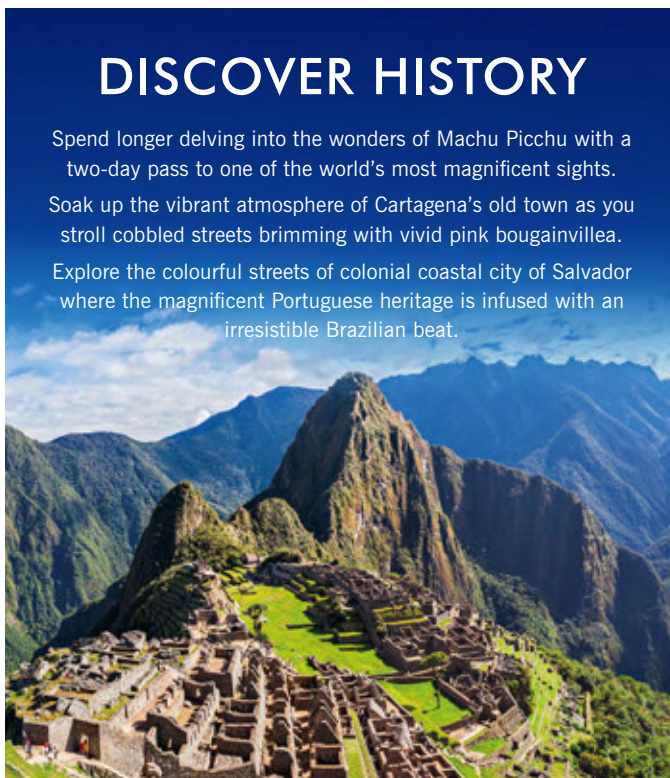


## DISCOVER HISTORY

Spend longer delving into the wonders of Machu Picchu with a two-day pass to one of the world's most magnificent sights.

Soak up the vibrant atmosphere of Cartagena's old town as you stroll cobbled streets brimming with vivid pink bougainvillea.

Explore the colourful streets of colonial coastal city of Salvador where the magnificent Portuguese heritage is infused with an irresistible Brazilian beat.





## HAVE AN ADVENTURE

Admire the towering, ever-changing face of Perito Merino glacier in Argentina and witness the dramatic, landscapes of its ice flow.

Ride the 'Tren a las Nubes' on one of the world's highest rail journeys, passing through the spectacular and unearthly landscapes of the Argentinian Andes.

Delve deep into the Amazon where you'll cruise the backwaters in search of alligators, try piranha fishing and hike through virgin rainforest to meet local tribespeople.

## ENCOUNTER WILDLIFE

Visit the sea lion and penguin colonies on a yacht trip around the Palomino Islands in Peru.

Cruise Patagonia's Beagle Channel, spotting sea lions in the water and cormorants and petrels wheeling overhead.

Explore the jungle and waterways of Tortuguero in Costa Rica on foot or by boat to spot monkeys, caimans and numerous colourful birds.



## INDULGE YOUR SENSES

Learn the art of coffee growing, production and appreciation at a hacienda in the heart of Colombia's coffee region.

Spend the day with the chef of a Mendoza wine estate, learning about local Argentinian foods, cooking them yourself and feasting on the results whilst sampling the estate's own wine!

Taste the finest fish fresh from the morning's catch at Santiago's famous El Galeon restaurant.



## EXPLORE CULTURE

Learn traditional dancing, cooking and basket weaving with the Uros tribe on their floating island home on Lake Titicaca.

Spend the day amongst a Quechua community of Peru's Sacred Valley, helping them to weave their vibrant textiles.

Venture deep into the Panamanian rainforest by dugout canoe to meet the Embera people and get a glimpse of their way of life.





# YOUR TOUR GUIDES

Your guide is often the difference between a good holiday and a truly remarkable holiday. On all of our South America group tours you will be accompanied by experienced local guides. Their unrivalled knowledge, passion and expertise will astonish you.

## AWARD-WINNING LOCAL EXPERTISE

We can assure you that the individuals tasked with the responsibility to keep you safe, happy, entertained and inspired are people whom you should have absolute trust in; and that they intimately understand the eccentricities of the local way of doing things.

Our high standards are seamlessly communicated to our local staff and fully maintained across the organisation. All of the guides that we use are completely fluent in English.

## ALL OF OUR GUIDES...

- Have a minimum of five years experience in guiding
- Are fluent in English
- Go through rigorous and ongoing training programmes
- Are available on the ground 24 hours a day
- Above all they love to showcase their country and culture





# TRAVELLERS' TALES

We love to hear your travel stories and holiday highlights – knowing that you love South America just as much as we do drives us to achieve even higher standards!

## HERE ARE SOME OF OUR FAVOURITES:



“Machu Picchu was by far the most magical moment for us. The grandeur of the mountain scenery was breathtaking on a perfect sunny day. We learnt so much from our guide, who was clear and inspirational. Thank you, Wendy Wu!”

*Christine & David, Nov 2017*



**97%** | **customer service rating**  
(rated as good or excellent)

**98%** | **tour experience rating**  
(rated as good or excellent)

Based on over 1,000 feefo customer reviews.

“The organisation was spot on and even when things didn't go to plan our guides sorted it out with little fuss. One phrase was so true. Holiday of a lifetime.”

*Peter, Apr 2017*



“The guides were brilliant in both their organisation and in passing on their knowledge. A special thank you to Bruno, who took care of us. There have been so many jaw dropping sights and experiences. Thank you so much to all at Wendy Wu for making this happen.”

*Susan, Nov 2017*









# SOUTH AMERICA

A destination packed with deserts, rainforests, mountains, glaciers and any other natural feature you'd care to think of. But there is so much more to South America than just majestic nature. Uncover Pre-Colombian civilisations, delve into a rich colonial heritage and savour the fun, fiery and vibrant rhythm that pulses throughout the continent.



# DISCOVER SOUTH AMERICA

Packed with deserts, rainforests, mountains, glaciers, rich in heritage and infused by a fun and fiery Latino beat, this is a continent simply begging to be explored!

## WENDY'S TOP 5 SOUTH AMERICA SIGHTS

### 1 MACHU PICCHU

A long-abandoned Incan citadel perched high in the mountains, the spectacular Machu Picchu is considered by many to be one of the wonders of the world. We would agree!



### 2 IGUAÇU FALLS

Iguaçu's hundreds of cascades tumble over the border between Argentina and Brazil in spectacular fashion. We think the falls are one of South America's most epic natural sights.



### 3 PATAGONIA

At the tip of continental Americas sits a majestic wilderness of ice and rock: Patagonia. We are awed by its glaciers, weather-hewn peaks and teeming wildlife and think you will be too.



### 4 CARTAGENA

This 16th-century Caribbean port city has long charmed travellers with its classic colonial beauty and sultry atmosphere. A World Heritage Site, we reckon it is one of Colombia's most enthralling sights.



## 5 RIO DE JANEIRO

It's pretty easy to see where Rio's nickname the 'Cidade Maravilhosa' (Marvellous City) came from. It's the beaches, the lush mountains, that vibrant samba beat – it's even better in the flesh, trust us!





# PANORAMIC PERU

On this thrilling journey, discover the heart of the Inca Empire at Machu Picchu, encounter the colourful Quechua people and venture onto Lake Titicaca to meet the Uros people on their floating islands.

**18 DAYS FROM**

PER PERSON

**£3,790**



**INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK**



**MODERATE**



▲ SPEND TWO DAYS AT MACHU PICCHU

## Price includes



**Some meals (15 breakfasts, 9 lunches & 4 dinners)**

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees

## Flight and supplement information

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- Land only from £3,390 (Lima - Cusco)
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- Tipping paid locally US\$96



▲ CRUISE ACROSS LAKE TITICACA



▲ PALOMINO ISLAND PENGUIN

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## EXTRAORDINARY EXPERIENCE



Spend the day with the Quechua community of Huilloc and learn about their indigenous culture and rich textile tradition.



▲ SEE THE CONDORS OF COLCA CANYON





## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- 2-day pass to Machu Picchu
- Cruise across Lake Titicaca
- Interact with the Uros tribe
- Condors of Colca Canyon
- Palomino Islands wildlife
- Meet the Quechua people

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO LIMA

Fly to Peru's historical capital Lima, arriving the same or following day. You will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. (D)

### DAY 3: LIMA CITY TOUR

Founded by conquistador Francisco Pizarro and originally named the City of the Kings, Lima has plenty of heritage, which you'll begin exploring today. Start in the UNESCO World Heritage-listed historic centre to admire its colonial magnificence, before visiting the 17th century San Francisco church and Casa Aliaga, a beautifully preserved colonial mansion. Finish the day at the Huaca Pucllana archaeological centre. (B)

### DAY 4: PALOMINO ISLANDS

This morning, board a yacht and set sail for the Palomino Islands. Just six miles off the coast, these 4 islands provide the perfect habitat for colonies of sea lions, Humboldt penguins and sea birds which you can spot, whilst also learning the important role they played in Lima's history. Back on dry land, enjoy lunch in the fashionable Miraflores district. (B,L)

### DAY 5: PERUVIAN COOKING

Peruse delicious produce from every corner of Peru at the Mercado de Surquillo, before

heading into the traditional Pueblo Libre district to browse the extensive collection of Pre-Colombian artefacts at the Larco Museum. Pick up tips on cooking Peruvian cuisine with a demonstration before tucking into a Creole lunch, giving you the chance to taste a variety of national dishes. Rest of the day is at leisure. (B,L)

### DAY 6: EXPLORE AREQUIPA

Fly from Lima to Arequipa. Peru's spectacularly situated second city is surrounded by volcanoes and boasts some beautiful colonial architecture. Start to explore the city at the Carmen Alto viewpoint before visiting Yanahuara Quarter and admiring the UNESCO-listed Plaza de Armas and the Monastery of Santa Catalina. (B,D)

### DAY 7: TRAVEL TO COLCA

Depart Arequipa and travel to Colca. En route, pass the Pampa Cañahuas Reserve, spotting vicuñas as you go. Stop at Vizcachani, Toccra Pampas and the Los Andes viewpoint which, at 4,800 metres altitude gives you magnificent views over the volcanoes of the area. Spend the afternoon at leisure with the option to visit the local hot springs. (B,L)

### DAY 8: COLCA CANYON

Colca is famous for its canyon, one of the deepest in the world and the huge condors that call it home. Head to Condor Cross

where the views of the canyon are breathtaking and where you're likely to see a condor or two gliding on the thermals. Visit several of the valley's villages before travelling off towards Puno, on Lake Titicaca. (B,L)

### DAY 9: LAKE TITICACA

Cruise on Lake Titicaca. Visit the Islas Uros, floating islands constructed entirely from reeds. Meet the ancient Uros people who call them home and spend some time learning about their way of life out on the water with traditional dancing, cooking and basket weaving. Continue across the lake to tour the island of Taquile. Protected as a UNESCO World Heritage Site and once a stronghold of the Inca, you'll find ruins and wonderful textiles made by the island's men. (B,L)

### DAY 10: TRAVEL TO CUSCO

Transfer from Puno to Cusco, once the capital of the Inca Empire. You'll travel across the Peruvian altiplano, passing Andean peaks and crossing La Raya Pass, over 4,000 metres above sea level with spectacular scenery throughout. (B,L)

### DAY 11: DISCOVER CUSCO

Home to an incredible Incan legacy Cusco has some of the richest heritage in South America and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The tour will include visits to the Plaza de Armas, once the heart of the Incan capital of Huacaypata; and Qoricancha, the temple of the sun. Head just out of town to the ruins of Sacsayhuaman and Puka Pukara, the 'Red Fortress'. (B)

### DAY 12: URUBAMBA VALLEY

The Urubamba, or 'Sacred', Valley is home to Incan citadels and beautiful landscapes. Beginning in the charming town of Pisac, visit the excellent market to both mingle with the locals and to browse the plentiful Peruvian handicrafts, then see fascinating terracing at the Pisac ruins. Later, meet a typical Inca community at Ollantaytambo. The town has some wonderfully preserved Incan houses, whilst above it there is an old Incan fortress, both of which you can explore. (B,L)

### DAY 13: HUILLOC COMMUNITY

Spend the day in the remote village of Huilloc, where you'll

catch a glimpse of the authentic culture of the valley's Quechua communities. You'll be able to interact with the villagers, share lunch with them and witness their day to day life. The women of Huilloc have a rich tradition of weaving, an art they still practice by hand today. The textiles they produce bear the same images as those of their ancestors; condors, cougars and huallata birds and can be purchased here. (B,L)

### DAY 14: TRAIN TO MACHU PICCHU

From Ollantaytambo board the panoramic Vistadome train to travel through the mountainous landscapes to the small town of Aguas Calientes. From here you will ascend to the magnificent Machu Picchu. Long abandoned by the Inca, it came to international attention when it was stumbled upon by Hiram Bingham in 1911 and is considered one of the new 7 Wonders of the World. (B,L,D)

### DAY 15: MACHU PICCHU

Enjoy some free time at Machu Picchu, exploring the complex as you wish - venturing up to the Intipunku, 'Sun Gate', is a rewarding climb. This afternoon, return to Aguas Calientes and take the train back to Ollantaytambo before transferring to Cusco. (B)

### DAY 16: CUSCO AT LEISURE

Enjoy a day at leisure in Cusco, exploring or relaxing as you wish. You'll be transferred from the hotel to a restaurant for a farewell meal this evening. (B,D)

### DAYS 17-18: DEPART CUSCO FOR UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the following day. (B)

## DISCOVER MORE...



### GALÁPAGOS 7 DAYS FROM £3,690PP

Exploring the Galápagos Islands are a once-in-a-lifetime adventure. With our extensions you can do it by liveaboard ship or an island base, either an incredible experience!

See page 30.

Additional flight costs may apply.

## DEPARTURES

2018 DATES				2019 DATES			
10 Sep - 27 Sep	£3,790	15 Oct - 01 Nov	£3,890	12 Nov - 29 Nov	£3,890	14 Jan - 31 Jan	£3,990
						04 Feb - 21 Feb	£3,990
						18 Mar - 04 Apr	£3,990



# BEST OF PERU & COLOMBIA

Discover South America's most magical destinations! From Peru's Uros tribe on Lake Titicaca and majestic Machu Picchu, fly to Colombia to explore the coffee region and colonial Cartagena.

**19 DAYS FROM**

PER  
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▲ CUSCO LOCALS

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▲ CORCORA VALLEY



▲ COLOURFUL CARTAGENA

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▲ LAKE TITCACA





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### DAY 6: TRAVEL TO THE SACRED VALLEY

Depart Lake Titicaca and journey through spectacular Andean landscapes to the Sacred Valley, the heartlands of the Inca Empire. There will be a stop en route at Sillustani, a pre-Incan cemetery on the shores of Lake Umayo. (B,L,D)

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### DAY 11: FLY TO BOGOTA

Bid farewell to Peru and fly to Bogota. Colombia's capital is as vibrant as it is surprising, nestled at the foot of the Andean peak of Monserrate. With a delightful colonial old town full of museums and galleries, Bogota always has a cultural event on the go and the nightlife is considered one of the best on the continent. (B,D)

### DAY 12: BOGOTA CITY TOUR

Explore the sights of the city, starting in the historic centre at the Plaza de Bolivar and wander some of the surrounding streets to admire the impressive colonial architecture. Marvel at the exhibitions of the Gold Museum before ascending Monserrate, the symbol of the city, for excellent views and to visit the 17th century church at its peak. The afternoon is at leisure. (B,L)

### DAY 13: SALT CATHEDRAL

Just outside of Bogota is one of Colombia's most unusual attractions; the Salt Cathedral of Zipaquirá. Built 200 metres below ground in a salt mine, this cavernous space is considered an outstanding example of modern Colombian architecture. Fly to Armenia and transfer to your hotel, located in Colombia's lush coffee region. (B,L,D)

### DAY 14: COCORA VALLEY

Drive in Willys Jeep into the beautiful landscapes of Cocora, a lush valley surrounded by high hills. An eco-guide will lead you through cloud forest full of a diverse range of flora and fauna. Continue to the quaint town of Salento, where you can see typical paisa architecture and visit the workshops of craftsmen and artisans. (B,L,D)

### DAY 15: COFFEE HACIENDA

Tour a hacienda, welcome cup of java in hand and learn all about growing and processing coffee. Enjoy an introductory talk, exercises in tasting and smelling coffee and a tour of the factory. At the end of the tour you'll not only have a greater appreciation for coffee but also a farewell brew to sip on. Transfer to the airport to fly to Cartagena. (B,L)

### DAY 16: THE 'JEWEL OF THE INDIES'

Cartagena is Colombia's most popular destination. Vibrant and colourful, located on the Caribbean coast and home to a beautifully preserved, UNESCO World Heritage-listed old town, it's easy to see why! This morning, venture to the neighbourhoods of Bocagrande and Manga, wander the cobbled alleys of the old town and see the Castillo de San Felipe. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B,L)

### DAY 17: ROSARIO ISLANDS

Spend a dreamy day on Isla Del Encanto, one of the islands that make up the coral archipelago of Rosario - a great way to relax at the end of your tour. This evening, back in Cartagena, enjoy a farewell meal at a local restaurant. (B,L,D)

### DAYS 18-19: FLY CARTAGENA TO THE UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the following day. (B)

## DISCOVER MORE...

### NAZCA LINES 3 DAYS FROM £1,190PP

Investigate the mysteries of the Nazca Lines with an aerial viewing, before spending a day amongst the glorious nature of the Ballestas Islands and Paracas National Reserve. See page 29 for more information.

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# COLOMBIA DISCOVERY

South America's emerging destination, Colombia pulses with the passion of salsa! Sample local java in the coffee region, explore rainforests and tropical beaches and stroll through charming colonial Cartagena.

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## Flight and supplement information

### Based on London Heathrow departures

- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,990 (Bogota - Cartagena)
- Single room from £720
- Tipping paid locally US\$75



▲ COFFEE HACIENDA EXPERIENCE



▲ GUATAPE, MEDELLIN

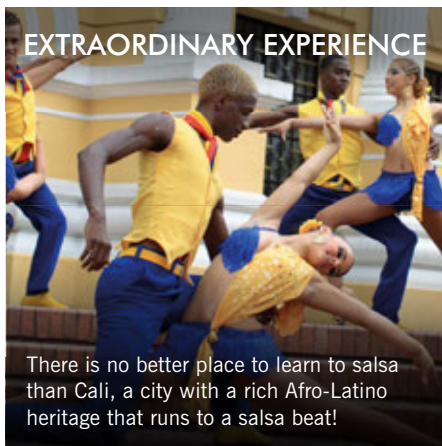
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## EXTRAORDINARY EXPERIENCE



There is no better place to learn to salsa than Cali, a city with a rich Afro-Latino heritage that runs to a salsa beat!



▲ RELAX ON TAYRONA NATIONAL PARK





## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Zipaquirá Salt Cathedral
- Ride Willys Jeep in Cocora
- Salsa class and dance show
- Rainforest of Tayrona NP
- Coffee hacienda experience
- Discover colourful Cartagena

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO BOGOTÁ

Fly to Colombia's vibrant capital Bogotá, arriving the same or following day. You will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon at leisure before a welcome dinner. (B,D)

### DAY 3: BOGOTÁ CITY TOUR

Explore the sights of the city, starting in the historic centre at the Plaza de Bolívar and wander the surrounding streets to admire the impressive colonial architecture. Marvel at the exhibitions of the Gold Museum before ascending Monserrate, the symbol of the city, for excellent views and to visit the 17th century church at its peak. Within is a sacred shrine dedicated to El Señor Caído (the Fallen Lord). The afternoon is at leisure. (B,L)

### DAY 4: SALT CATHEDRAL

Just outside of Bogotá is one of Colombia's most unusual attractions; the Salt Cathedral of Zipaquirá. Built 200 metres below ground in a salt mine and beautifully illuminated, this cavernous space is considered an outstanding example of modern Colombian architecture. Fly to Cali, the hub of Colombia's salsa dancing scene. (B,L,D)

### DAY 5: SALSA CLASS

Cali has a rich Afro-Colombian heritage and as a city, exudes a lively, passionate atmosphere. Begin the day exploring, visiting the Sebastián de Belalcázar monument and the quirky El Gato del Río park, before admiring the baroque cathedral and colonial stucco La Merced church. Cali runs to a salsa beat, so it's only right that this afternoon, you get your dancing shoes on for an exciting salsa class! Here you'll get your feet around the basics of this classic Latin American dance before enjoying a sizzling salsa show. (B,D)

### DAY 6: COFFEE TOUR

Depart Cali and travel into Colombia's lush coffee region. Tour a hacienda, welcome cup of java in hand and learn all about growing and processing coffee beans. Enjoy an introductory talk, exercises in tasting and smelling coffee and a tour of the factory. At the end of the tour you'll not only have a greater appreciation for these beloved beans but also a farewell brew to sip on. (B,L,D)

### DAY 7: COCORA VALLEY

Spend the morning in the quaint agricultural town of Filandia; the tower viewpoint gives spectacular views over the surrounding countryside. Drive in Willys Jeep into the beautiful landscapes of Cocora, a lush valley surrounded

by high hills. An eco-guide will lead you through the cloud forest full of a diverse range of flora and fauna - keep an eye out for palma de cera, Colombia's national tree. Continue to the typical town of Salento, where you can admire local-style architecture and visit the workshops of craftsmen and artisans. (B,L,D)

### DAY 8: ORCHID FARM TOUR

Start the day amongst the beautiful blooms of an orchid farm, which itself is set in a magnificent natural landscape. There are also plenty of tropical plants (some carnivorous!) to admire and colourful birds to spot. You'll also be able to enjoy a lovely lunch here before transferring by road to the hillside city of Medellín. (B,L)

### DAY 9: DISCOVER MEDELLÍN

Colombia's second largest city Medellín, set in a valley and backed by mountains, is a leafy, progressive and creative metropolis. Visit the Zen-inspired Bare Foot Park before admiring the sculptures of Colombian artist Fernando Botero and heading to Nutibara to see a reconstruction of a pueblito paisa. Enjoy Parque de los Deseos and the Botanical Gardens, before embarking on a fascinating walking tour of some of the city's street art. (B,D)

### DAY 10: AROUND MEDELLÍN

Travel out of the city to explore the surrounding region. Stop at La Piedra de El Peñol, a towering rock monolith that was once worshipped by the local indigenous community. The 700-step climb to the top is optional, but those who do it will be rewarded with views across a huge reservoir created by a hydroelectric dam built in the 1970s. Continue to the town of Guatapé where you'll wander streets lined with vividly coloured buildings. (B,L)

### DAY 11: TRAVEL TO SANTA MARTA

Depart Medellín and fly to the Caribbean seaside city of Santa Marta. In the foothills of the Sierra Nevada mountains, whose peaks can be seen from the beach, Santa Marta was founded in 1525, making it one of South America's oldest cities. (B)

### DAY 12: PARQUE NACIONAL NATURAL TAYRONA

Spend the morning walking along the exotic coastline of the Parque Nacional Natural Tayrona. Find yourself on stretches of golden sand, amongst lush rainforest and passing natural pools to reach Cabo San Juan Del Guía, a beach where you can take a refreshing dip. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B,L)

### DAY 13: TRAVEL TO CARTAGENA

Travel by road from Santa Marta to the Caribbean port city of Cartagena, where the afternoon will be at leisure. (B,D)

### DAY 14: THE 'JEWEL OF THE INDIES'

Cartagena is Colombia's most popular destination. Vibrant and colourful, located on the Caribbean coast and home to a beautifully preserved, UNESCO World Heritage-listed old town, it's easy to see why! This morning, venture to the neighbourhoods of Bocagrande and Manga, wander the cobbled alleys of the old town and see the Castillo de San Felipe. The afternoon is at leisure. (B,L,D)

### DAY 15: ROSARIO ISLANDS

Spend a dreamy day on Isla Del Encanto, one of the islands that make up the coral archipelago of Rosario. Here you can relax on a beautiful beach or, for the more active, kayak or snorkel (at your own expense) to explore its beauty further. (B,L)

### DAYS 16-17: FLY CARTAGENA TO THE UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the following day. (B)

## DISCOVER MORE...



### COLOMBIA BEACH STAY 4 DAYS FROM £560PP

Barú Island sits in the glorious warm waters of the Caribbean, close to Cartagena. Where better to sit back and relax at the end of your exploration of Colombia than on one of its white-sand beaches? See page 31 for more information.

## DEPARTURES

2018 DATES				2019 DATES			
24 Sep - 10 Oct	£3,490	22 Oct - 07 Nov	£3,590	18 Feb - 06 Mar	£3,690	25 Mar - 10 Apr	£3,690



# CHILE: TOP TO TOE

Travel the length of Chile, from the barren beauty of the Atacama and altiplano of the north, via the lakes and volcanoes of the Lake District, to the spectacular mountains and glaciers of Patagonia in the south.

16 DAYS FROM

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PERSON

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▲ SEE BREATHTAKING VIEWS OF TORRES DEL PAINE

## Price includes



Some meals (13 breakfasts,  
8 lunches & 2 dinners)

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees

## Flight and supplement information

### Based on London Heathrow departures

- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,390 (Santiago - Santiago)
- Single room from £950
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▲ VALPARAÍSO, CHILE



▲ VOLCAN OSORNO

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## EXTRAORDINARY EXPERIENCE



Geysers, volcanoes, salt lakes, flamingos and otherworldly landscapes, your time on the altiplano is full of adventure!



▲ SET FOOT IN MOON VALLEY





## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Valparaíso by day and night
- Take a walk in Moon Valley
- Altiplano lakes & volcanoes
- Volcan Osorno scenic hike
- Lake cruise and glaciers
- Admire Torres Del Paine

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO SANTIAGO

Fly to Chile's sophisticated capital Santiago, arriving the same or following day. You will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure before a welcome dinner. (D)

### DAY 3: EXPLORE SANTIAGO

Embark on a city tour which will allow you to experience its eclectic contrasts. Stroll around the Plaza de Armas and cathedral to admire the colonial facades before walking down Ahumada Boulevard, the city's main commercial street. Explore bohemian Bellavista and ascend San Cristobal Hill for views over the city and the towering Andes Mountains. Lunch on fish fresh from the morning's catch at well-known restaurant El Galeon located in the bustling Central Market. (B,L)

### DAY 4: DISCOVER VALPARAÍSO

Travel to the coast to visit the manicured seaside resort of Vina del Mar and the bohemian port town of Valparaíso. Designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Valparaíso is a unique and delightful tangle, draped over a series of hills. Funiculars connect

the industrial seafront with the cerros (hill) neighbourhoods, each a maze of colourful, artfully-dilapidated mansions and enchanting street art. Ride the funicular up into the hills to explore, stopping for a visit to Chilean poet Pablo Neruda's house. This evening enjoy the buzz of Valparaíso's vibrant nightlife. (B,L)

### DAY 5: SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA

Transfer to the airport and fly to the northern city of Calama, from where you will drive to the desert oasis town of San Pedro de Atacama before enjoying a local lunch in Coyo Ayllu. This afternoon, you'll see some of San Pedro's most famous landscapes with a drive out to Death and Moon valleys, some of the driest spots on the planet. With lonely volcanoes populating the horizon, enjoy the views and the silence as the afternoon sun's rays turn the hues of the rock from orange, to red to purple. (B,L)

### DAY 6: SALAR DE ATACAMA

Spend the day exploring the otherworldly Salar de Atacama, the largest salt flat in Chile. Journey under the watchful gaze of barren mountains, passing salt lakes full of flamingos, to reach Miscanti and Miniques lagoons,

which sit on the high plains at the base of two colossal volcanoes of the same names. The lagoons are astonishingly blue, whilst the salt deposits around the water's edge are brilliantly coloured. (B,L)

### DAY 7: EL TATIO GEYSERS

Rise early to travel deeper into the Atacama to visit El Tatio. Set within a ring of volcanoes, there are about 80 lively geysers and fumaroles, which are at their best at sunrise. You'll also see the Rainbow Valley and the petroglyphs of Yervas Buenas. Keep an eye out for the wild, llama-like vicunas as you journey to and from San Pedro. (B)

### DAY 8: TRAVEL TO PUERTO VARAS

Transfer back to Calama and fly south to Puerto Montt, the gateway to Chile's spectacular Lake District. Tour the city with visits including the Plaza de Armas, Catedral de Puerto Montt and Angelmo cove. Travel on to Puerto Varas, a charming town on Llanquihue Lake looked over by two snow-capped volcanoes. (B,D)

### DAY 9: EXPLORE CHILOÉ

Board the ferry over to the Chiloé archipelago to visit the largest island, Isla Grande. A rural, peaceful and spiritual place, the island is markedly different to the mainland – you'll notice the unique 'palafito' houses, brightly coloured and built on stilts, in the city of Castro and the wooden churches. Spend the day delving into its fascinatingly different culture before returning to Puerto Varas. (B,L)

### DAY 10: VOLCAN OSORNO

Travel further around Llanquihue Lake to the village of Ensenada at the foot of Volcan Osorno, where you'll take an easy hike through the volcano's plentiful nature to reach the visitors centre at 1,240 metres. Travel to Perez Rosales National Park to Petrohué Falls, where boardwalks will help you admire the turquoise waters and lush greenery of the Petrohué River. (B,L)

### DAY 11: TRAVEL TO PUERTO NATALES

Transfer to the airport and fly further south to Punta Arenas, a city that sits at the end of continental South America on the Straits of Magellan. From there you'll head to Puerto

Natales, the lively, picturesque town that is the gateway to the Torres del Paine. (B)

### DAY 12: PUERTO NATALES' GLACIERS

Set sail on the gloomily named Ultima Esperanza (Last Hope) Fjord, a body of water that is set in a magnificent landscape. Cruise to the Mount Balmaceda Glacier, where as well as a tumbling wall of ice to admire, you'll spot cormorants and sea lions. Continue to the end of the fjord and take a short walk through native forest to the foot of the magnificent Serrano Glacier, part of the Southern Ice Field. (B,L)

### DAY 13: TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK

Patagonia is a spectacular destination in general, but it is the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Torres del Paine National Park that is the jewel in its crown. Packed with waterfalls, lakes, glaciers and rugged peaks, the park's best-known view is of the jagged granite towers from which the park takes its name. Spend the day amongst this breathtaking example of resplendent nature. (B,L)

### DAY 14: FLY TO SANTIAGO

Transfer back to Punta Arenas and fly to Santiago. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

### DAYS 15-16: FLY SANTIAGO TO THE UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the following day. (B)

## DISCOVER MORE...



### EASTER ISLAND 5 DAYS FROM £1,390p

Way out in the Pacific Ocean and home to the stone 'moai', Easter Island is one of the most isolated and enigmatic destinations on the planet. Spend your time exploring the mysteries for yourself!

See page 33.  
Additional flight costs may apply.

## DEPARTURES

2018 DATES				2019 DATES			
17 Sep - 02 Oct	£3,990	12 Nov - 27 Nov	£4,090	21 Jan - 05 Feb	£4,190	04 Mar - 19 Mar	£4,190



# ARGENTINA ADVENTURE

Experience the best of this diverse land on a tour that perfectly mixes the majestic landscapes of Patagonia and the Lake District, with the temptations of tango and delectable local food and wine.

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▲ PERITO MORENO GLACIER

## Price includes



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- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees

## Flight and supplement information

### Based on London Heathrow departures

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▲ MENDOZA WINE TASTING



▲ TANGO CLASS DINNER SHOW

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Spot sealions and seabirds whilst relishing the wild beauty of Patagonia on a catamaran cruise of the Beagle Channel.



▲ BARILOCHE





▲ RECOLETA, BUENOS AIRES

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Tango class & dinner show
- Explore Terra del Fuego
- Sail the Beagle Channel
- Sail amongst the glaciers
- Cruise in the Lake District
- Wine & food masterclass

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO BUENOS AIRES

Fly to Argentina's flamboyant capital city Buenos Aires, arriving the same or following day. You will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel; the rest of day is at leisure. (D)

### DAY 3: EXPLORE BUENOS AIRES

An irresistible combination of Latin flair and European elegance, Buenos Aires is a delight to explore and that's exactly what you'll do today on a city tour. This will include the vibrant districts of La Boca, San Telmo and Recoleta. Later, enjoy a quintessential Argentine experience; the tango! Enjoy dinner and a sultry tango show. (B,D)

### DAY 4: FLY TO THE 'EL FIN DEL MUNDO'

Fly from Buenos Aires to Ushuaia. Sat on the edge of the Tierra del Fuego, facing the waters of the Beagle Channel, Ushuaia is considered the world's southernmost city and has dubbed itself the El Fin del Mundo, the End of the World. This afternoon, explore the Tierra del Fuego National Park. An exposed, barren archipelago, the Tierra del Fuego is at once picturesque, temperamental and

mysterious. Wander amongst the lakes, peat bogs and rivers and admire the incredible views over the snow-capped mountains on the horizon. (B,D)

### DAY 5: SAIL THE BEAGLE CHANNEL

Board a vessel to spend the morning cruising the waters of the Beagle Channel. Gaze over the wild landscapes and spot sea lions speeding through the water and cormorants, albatrosses, skuas and petrels wheeling on the breeze. Later, take in the city of Ushuaia, passing along its steep streets, through jumbles of colourful buildings, watched throughout by the snowy peaks of the Martial Range. (B)

### DAY 6: FLY TO EL CALAFATE

Transfer to the airport and fly to the charming town of El Calafate, sat prettily on the shores of Lago Argentino. (B,D)

### DAY 7: PERITO MORENO GLACIER

Travel from El Calafate into Los Glaciares National Park, an area that encompasses a vast chunk of the Patagonian Continental Ice Field. Here you will visit the 30-kilometre-long, 5-kilometre-wide and 60-metre-high Perito Moreno Glacier. This juggernaut of ice is constantly in motion, huge chunks of ice regularly collapsing, with great spectacle, into the lake below. Hop onto a

boat for a cruise on Brazo Rico for a closer look! (B,L)

### DAY 8: TRAVEL TO BARILOCHE

Fly from El Calafate to the city of Bariloche. Set in the spectacular surroundings of Nahuel Huapi National Park, Bariloche is in the heart of Argentina's Lake District. With an alpine atmosphere, it also produces Argentina's best chocolate! Later, discover this beautiful area for yourself with a short tour that showcases the magnificent panoramas of the Andes and Lake Nahuel Huapi. Stop for a refreshing beer at a local beer house en route. (B,L)

### DAY 9: VICTORIA ISLAND

Set sail on Lake Nahuel Huapi to Victoria Island. Land at Puerto Anchorena, where you can spend some time wandering the trails through beautiful nature. Continue by boat to Peninsula Quettrihue to explore the Bosque de Arrayanes, a forest of rare arrayán trees, completely unique in the world. Return to Bariloche. (B,D)

### DAY 10: TRAVEL TO MENDOZA

Fly from Bariloche to Mendoza. A lively, laidback and atmospheric city, Mendoza is the hub of Argentina's wine production. What better way to start your time here than a wine tasting at the hotel? (B)

### DAY 11: WINE AND COOKING MASTERCLASS

Head just outside of the city to Maipu, the heart of one of Argentina's most important and oldest wine growing regions. Arrive at a wine estate where

you'll be spending the day. Select fresh ingredients for a cooking class with the estate's chef, during which you'll be preparing typical Argentinian fare. Tour the winery whilst your creations cook before feasting on them for lunch, washed down with the estate's own wines. (B,L)

### DAY 12: BACK TO BUENOS AIRES

Transfer to the airport and fly back to Buenos Aires. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B,D)

### DAYS 13-14: FLY BUENOS AIRES TO THE UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the following day. (B)

## DISCOVER MORE...



### IGUAÇU FALLS 4 DAYS FROM £960PP

Iguazu Falls is one of the world's most incredible sights. Stand awestruck at the power of the cascades as they crash over a 3-kilometre-long cliff and explore the lush surroundings of both the Argentinian and Brazilian sides of the falls.

See page 33.  
Additional flight costs may apply.

## DEPARTURES

2018 DATES			2019 DATES		
20 Oct - 02 Nov	£4,490		19 Jan - 01 Feb	£4,690	02 Mar - 15 Mar £4,890



# ESSENCE OF ARGENTINA & BRAZIL

A classic South America itinerary with a tango-worthy twist! Travel between the vibrant cities of Buenos Aires and Rio via the spectacular Iguazu and take a ride through the Andes on the 'Train to the Clouds'.

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▲ THE PAMPAS

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▲ RIDE THE TREN A LAS NUBES

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Admire the roaring cascades of Iguazu from two perspectives from either side of the Argentina and Brazil border!



▲ SPEND THE DAY IN HUMAHUACA VALLEY





## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Tango class & dinner show
- Visit a traditional estancia
- Ride the Tren a las Nubes
- Visit both sides of Iguazu
- Experience a Rio samba bar
- Ascend Sugarloaf Mountain

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### DAY 4: THE PAMPAS

Spend the day just outside the city on the vast, fertile grasslands known as the pampas, on a traditional estancia (ranch). Here you'll get some insight into the life of folk heroes, the gaucho and after a typical Argentinian asado lunch, there will be a fun folklore show. (B,L)

### DAY 5: TRAVEL TO SALTA

Transfer to the airport and fly to the north-western city of Salta.

Set amongst Andean peaks at 1,152 metres above sea level, Salta is an engaging place with great museums and extravagant colonial edifices. This afternoon you'll tour the city and spend some time at the excellent Museo de Arqueología de Alta Montana. (B)

### DAY 6: TREN A LAS NUBES

The 'Train to the Clouds', one of the world's highest railways, departs from San Antonio de los Cobres and climbs its way into the spectacular heights of the Andes. Aboard this heritage railway you will chug towards the Chilean border via bridges, tunnels, viaducts, spirals and zigzags, passing along the Lerma Valley and through the otherworldly landscapes of Quebrada del Toro, to the 4,220-metre altitude La Polvorilla Viaduct. Transfer to Puramarca, a picturesque village of traditional adobe houses. (B)

### DAY 7: QUEBRADA DE HUMAHUACA

Spend the day amongst the extraordinary formations and undulating colours of the Humahuaca Valley. A UNESCO World Heritage site, the rocks of this stark, dry canyon are a swirling rainbow, the hues constantly changing, whilst others have been eroded into all sorts of odd and interesting shapes. Return to Salta. (B)



### DAY 8: FLY TO IGUAZU

Say farewell to Salta and the Andes and board a plane over to Puerto Iguazú, the town closest to the incredible natural wonder that is Iguazú Falls. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

### DAY 9: PUERTO IGUAZU

On the border of Argentina and Brazil, Iguazú is the largest waterfall system in the world, with hundreds of cascades pouring off the edge of the Parana Plateau. Today you will wander along the Argentinian side of Iguazú which offers a fantastic overview of the whole of the falls and showcases its power and magnificence. Don't miss the viewpoint of one of the falls' most impressive sights, the Garganta del Diablo. (B)

### DAY 10: FOZ DO IGUAZU

Pass over the border into Brazil – this side of Iguazú offers a completely different experience with paths and catwalks to wander. These will lead you to some of the numerous smaller cascades that dance their way along gullies and through lush greenery. Hop on a plane to Brazil's 'Cidade Maravilhosa', Rio de Janeiro. (B,D)

### DAY 11: CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Clamber onboard a jeep to venture to some of Rio's many wonders! You'll start at the Corcovado, travelling up to the peak by cog train to the spot where the iconic Christ the Redeemer watches over the city. Next, wander through the tropical Tijuca Forest, a rainforest in the heart of the city, before exploring the 19th-century hillside

neighbourhood of Santa Teresa, an area with a wonderfully bohemian atmosphere, where you'll also have lunch. (B,L)

### DAY 12: RIO CITY TOUR

Ascend the heights of Sugarloaf Mountain by cable car for breathtaking views over the city, its beaches and the surrounding bay and islands. Continue exploring, making sure to soak up the vibrancy of the atmosphere as you enjoy Rio's sights, including the world-famous Copacabana and Ipanema beaches. Later in the evening, transfer back to Copacabana to visit a samba club, where you can simply tap your foot to the infectious beat and watch the dancing, or dance the night away yourself! (B,L)

### DAYS 13-14: FLY RIO TO THE UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the following day. (B)

## DISCOVER MORE...



### PARATY 4 DAYS FROM £690pp

Seaside Paraty is one of Brazil's most appealing coastal destinations. This lovely extension allows you to experience another, more peaceful and picturesque side of this incredible country. See page 32 for more information.

## DEPARTURES

2018 DATES							
10 Sep - 23 Sep	£3,990	22 Oct - 04 Nov	£4,190	19 Nov - 02 Dec	£4,190		
2019 DATES							
14 Jan - 27 Jan	£4,290	04 Feb - 17 Feb	£4,290	04 Mar - 17 Mar	£4,290	01 Apr - 14 Apr	£4,290



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Discover historic Salvador before delving deep into the Amazon to spot wonderful wildlife and meet the local tribespeople before the mighty roar of Iguaçu Falls and vibrant Rio end the tour in style!

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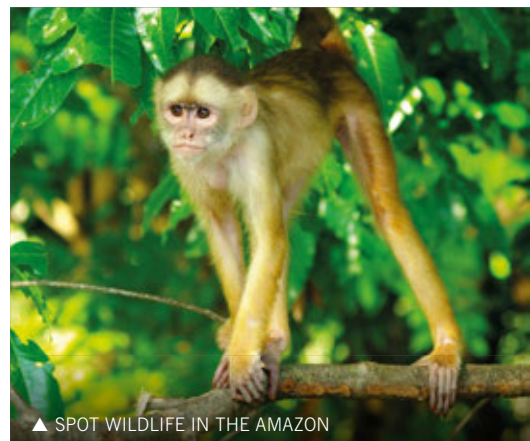
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▲ SEE BOTH SIDES OF IGUAÇU FALLS



▲ SPOT WILDLIFE IN THE AMAZON

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With hikes, cruises and a meeting with a rainforest tribe, your time in the Amazon is an all-encompassing experience.



▲ STROLL THE STREETS OF SALVADOR





## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover colonial Salvador
- Cruise along the Amazon
- Rainforest nature hike
- Meet tribal peoples
- Visit both sides of Iguazu
- Ascend Sugarloaf Mountain

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO SALVADOR

Fly to the beautiful city of Salvador, arriving the same or following day. You will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. (D)

### DAY 3: EXPLORE SALVADOR

Once the glittering capital of Portugal's New World colony, tropical Salvador is a city running to an infectious Afro-Brazilian beat. Today's city tour will showcase Salvador's best sights. This includes the quirky Art Deco Elevador Lacerda which connects the upper and lower parts of the city, a stroll through the Pelourinho district to admire the colourful colonial architecture of the UNESCO World Heritage old town and the fortress of San Antonio. (B,L)

### DAY 4: DAY AT LEISURE

Today is a free day for you to enjoy Salvador independently. (B)

### DAY 5: FLY TO MANAUS

Fly north to Manaus, a city in the heart of the Amazon Rainforest, on the banks of the Rio Negro. (B)

### DAY 6: INTO THE AMAZON

Board a boat and cruise to your eco lodge accommodation. Visit the beautiful residents of the Monkey Jungle Reserve, a refuge for woolly monkeys

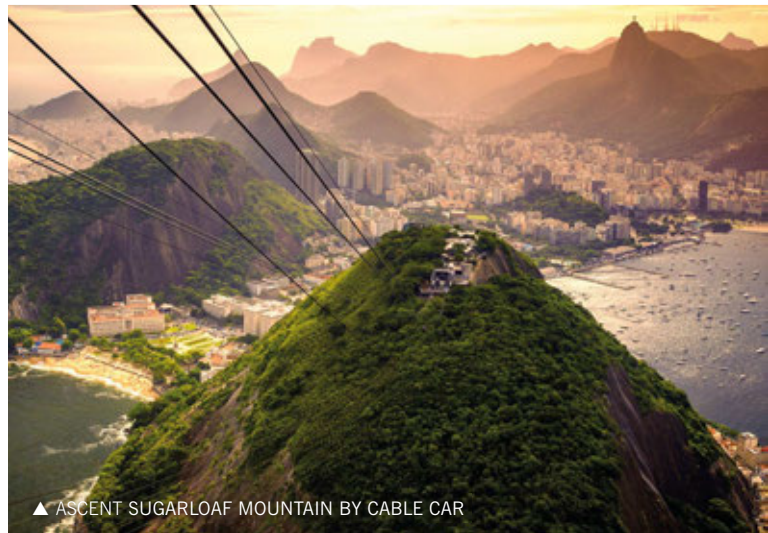
who have been rescued from dealers or injured and in need of rehabilitation. Later, pay a visit to a local family, 'Caboclos', of the area, catching a glimpse of what life is like living in the rainforest. (B,L,D)

### DAY 7: MEETING OF WATERS

Boarding a double decker local boat take to the waters of the Rio Negro. Cruise along the riverfront of Manaus to view the still houses raised over the water and the locals going about their daily life. Continue downriver to reach the 'Encontro das Aguas' (Meeting of Waters), where the Rio Negro and the Rio Solimões converge to form the mighty Amazon. Although the rivers meet, their waters don't mix, so dark water and light water flow side by side for nearly 4 miles before they blend. (B,L,D)

### DAY 8: RAINFOREST HIKE

Spend the morning hiking through virgin rainforest with a nature guide who will educate you on your surroundings as you go. You'll learn about the local flora and fauna and come away with rainforest survival skills such as how to find food and water, first aid and navigation. This afternoon, hopping into canoes you'll have the opportunity to try some fishing; you might even catch a piranha, followed by alligator spotting! (B,L,D)



▲ ASCENT SUGARLOAF MOUNTAIN BY CABLE CAR

### DAY 9: TRAVEL TO IGUAÇU

Take a tour of Manaus before transferring to the airport and flying to the city of Foz do Iguaçu, on the border with Argentina, the gateway to the spectacular Iguaçu Falls. (B)

### DAY 10: IGUAÇU FALLS

On the border of Argentina and Brazil, Iguaçu is the largest waterfall system in the world, with hundreds of cascades pouring off the edge of the Parana Plateau. You are able to see the falls from both sides of the border, each giving a wholly different view. Start on the Brazilian side where you can wander paths and catwalks that lead to some of the numerous small cascades that dance their way along gullies and through lush greenery. Cross to the Argentinian side for a fantastic overview of the falls and wander along to the viewing deck for views of the falls' most impressive sight, the Garganta del Diablo. (B,L)

### DAY 11: TRAVEL TO RIO

Fly to Brazil's most exuberant city Rio de Janeiro. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

### DAY 12: CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Spend the day discovering some of Rio's many wonders! You'll start at the Corcovado, travelling up to the peak by cog train to the spot where the iconic Christ the Redeemer watches over the city. After lunch, take a panoramic city tour, stopping at some of the city's beautiful sights before ascending Sugarloaf Mountain by

cable car for breathtaking views over the city, its beaches and the surrounding bay and islands. (B,L)

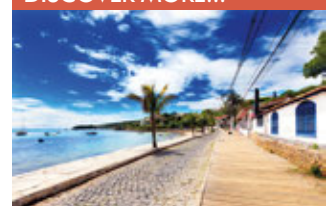
### DAY 13: EXPLORE RIO

Climb onboard a jeep and head off to explore deeper into the city, the perfect way to soak up Rio's carioca spirit. Pass through residential neighbourhoods, green hills on one side and the twinkling blue of the ocean on the other. The tour includes the 19th-century hillside neighbourhood of Santa Teresa, an area with a wonderfully bohemian atmosphere. (B,L)

### DAYS 14-15: FLY RIO TO THE UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the following day. (B)

## DISCOVER MORE...



### BÚZIOS 4 DAYS FROM £670p

A vibrant town on a rugged peninsula, Búzios is a popular beach retreat for locals looking to escape from the bustle of Rio. Join them for a relaxing few days of sun and fun by the sea.

See page 32 for more information

## DEPARTURES

2018 DATES				2019 DATES			
17 Sep - 01 Oct	£3,990	22 Oct - 05 Nov	£4,090	11 Feb - 25 Feb	£4,190	18 Mar - 01 Apr	£4,190



# EXTEND YOUR TOUR

Our selection of incredible tour extensions have been specially selected to make your South American experience even more memorable. Whether you want to continue your adventure or simply relax for a couple of days, we've got you covered.



## PERUVIAN AMAZON

4 DAYS

Venture deep into the Peruvian Amazon to discover its many natural wonders! Explore by canoe and on foot with a local guide, who will introduce you to the world's most famous rainforest.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Rainforest Lodge hotel
- Canoeing on Lake Tres Chimbadass
- Macaw salt lick
- Rainforest hikes

Prices are from per person, based on low season\*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	£690	£940

#### Price includes:

- 3 night's accommodation
- Meals as stated
- Private touring with an English-speaking guide
- Transportation as stated



▲ MACAW

#### DAY 1: TRAVEL TO PUERTO MALDONADO

Fly from Cuzco to Puerto Maldonado where you'll be met at the airport. Hop in a boat to travel two hours through the beauty of the Peruvian Amazon to your rainforest lodge accommodation. Enjoy a tour of the area around the lodge, keeping an eye out for squirrel monkeys, howler monkeys, parrots and macaws as you explore. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 2: AMAZON ADVENTURE

Take a boat to Lake Tres Chimbadass, a small lake with a big wildlife scene! Here you'll embark on a canoe trip along its shores, spotting the local animal residents. Return to the lodge for lunch before heading out on foot on the paths around the lodge where you'll be able to see a

variety of jungle insects and maybe large animals too. You'll do a walk after dinner as well, to see the animals that only come out at night! (B,L,D)

#### DAY 3: CLAY LICK

A short hike will bring you to a 'collpa', a wall of clay that is used by parrots and macaws as a clay lick. Early in the morning hundreds of birds flock to this and the many other, clay licks to eat, creating a wonderful natural spectacle. After lunch at the lodge, a naturalist guide will lead you on an easy hike through the forest. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 4: DEPART THE AMAZON

Depart the rainforest lodge and return to Puerto Maldonado by boat. Transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)



# NAZCA LINES

3 DAYS

Investigate the mysteries of the Nazca Lines with an aerial viewing, before spending a day amongst the glorious nature of the Ballestas Islands and Paracas National Reserve.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Fly over the Nazca Lines
- Cruise the Ballestas Islands
- Explore Paracas National Reserve
- Spot incredible wildlife

Prices are from per person, based on low season\*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Superior	£1,190	£1,349

### Price includes:

- 2 nights' accommodation
- Meals as stated
- Private touring with an English-speaking guide
- Transportation as stated



▲ VIEWS OVER NAZCA LINES

### DAY 1: TRAVEL TO PARACAS

Travel south from Lima to Paracas City. On arrival transfer to the local airport for your flight over the mysterious Nazca Lines. In the middle of the Ica Desert, these huge unexplained geoglyphs, depicting animals, objects and plants, can only be truly appreciated from the air. You'll see the hummingbird, whale, spider and condor, among others, during your flight. After landing transfer to Paracas City and your hotel. (B)

### DAY 2: BALLESTAS ISLANDS

Although nicknamed 'the poor man's Galápagos', the Ballestas Islands offer some

fantastic wildlife viewing and are a whole lot easier to get to! Heading out early, cruise around the islands, visiting huge, noisy crowds of sea lions, spotting Humboldt penguins and colonies of cormorant, Peruvian boobys and Peruvian pelicans. Returning to shore, continue to the spectacular Paracas National Reserve to admire rock formations and dramatic coastline and to investigate the remains of a Pre-Incan culture. (B)

### DAY 3: DEPART PARACAS

Depart Paracas for Lima and your onward arrangements. (B)

# AUSTRALIS CRUISE

6 DAYS

Aboard an elegant Australis cruise ship, navigate through the incredible scenery of Patagonia, one of the few untouched wildernesses on the planet.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the incredible landscapes
- See penguins
- Sail along Glacier Alley
- Admire dramatic Cape Horn

Prices are from per person, based on low season\*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
A Cabin	£2,990	£4,380

### Price includes:

- 5 nights' accommodation
- All meals as listed
- Touring as stated with an English-speaking guide
- Transportation as stated



▲ GLACIER ALLEY

### DAY 1: SET SAIL FROM PUNTA ARENAS

Check in and embark your cruise vessel. This evening there will be a welcome toast before departing across the Straits of Magellan. (B,L,D)

### DAY 2: AINSWORTH BAY & TUCKER ISLETS

The day begins in Admiralty Sound, surrounded by snowcapped peaks and breathtaking panoramas. Go ashore by Zodiac at Ainsworth Bay for a guided excursion. Back onboard, cruise towards the Tucker Islets and head back out on the Zodiacs to see the Magellan penguin colony. (B,L,D)

### DAY 3: PIA GLACIER & GLACIER ALLEY

Sail into the Beagle Channel to reach the Pia Fjord. Board the Zodiacs for an excursion to Pia Glacier. Continue sailing east along the Beagle Channel and along Glacier Alley, passing a

series of magnificent ice flows originating from the Darwin Mountains and Ice Sheet. (B,L,D)

### DAY 4: WULAIA BAY & CAPE HORN

Arrive in the spectacular Wulaia Bay, once home to a large settlement of Yamama aboriginal people. On land, visit the museum before heading out on a hike through enchanting native forest. In the afternoon cruise across Nassau Bay to the remote archipelago that includes Cape Horn National Park. (B,L,D)

### DAY 5: INTO ARGENTINA

Sail into Argentine waters and dock in Ushuaia, the world's southernmost city. Fly to Buenos Aires. (B)

### DAY 6: DEPART BUENOS AIRES

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)



# GALÁPAGOS BY SEA

7 DAYS

Cruise in comfort, taking a series of exciting guided excursions onto the islands to discover their unique flora and fauna.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the Islands by boat
- Snorkel and kayak
- Discover unique wildlife
- Cruise in complete comfort

Prices are from per person, based on low season\*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Deluxe	£4,390	£5,080

### Price includes:

- 6 nights' accommodation
- Meals as listed
- Touring as stated with an English-speaking guide
- Transportation as stated
- Internal flights



▲ TURTLE

### DAY 1: TRAVEL TO QUITO

Arrive in Quito, capital of Ecuador and transfer to your hotel for an overnight stay.

### DAY 2: FLY TO THE GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS

Transfer back to the airport and fly to the Galápagos Islands, landing on Baltra Island. From the airport, travel to the dock to board the Santa Cruz II, where there will be a welcome briefing, a boat drill and lunch. The ship can host 90 guests in 50 modern cabins and has elegant communal areas and viewing decks. There is also indoor and outdoor dining, a lounge bar, two hot tubs and a gym. (B,L,D)

### DAYS 3-5: GALÁPAGOS CRUISE

Cruise from island to island, exploring the unique and incredible nature. You'll spot sea lions, marine iguanas, frigate bird colonies and a variety of endemic flora. You'll actively explore with hiking, snorkelling, kayaking, inflatable dinghy and a glass-bottom boat. (B,L,D)

### DAY 6: DISEMBARK CRUISE

Cruise back to Baltra Island and disembark the Santa Cruz II. Transfer to the airport and fly back to Quito. Stay overnight in Quito. (B,L,D)

### DAY 7: DEPART QUITO

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

# GALÁPAGOS BY LAND

7 DAYS

Discover the wonders of the Galápagos Islands from your base on the island of Baltra, choosing from an exciting range of guided excursions.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the Galápagos Islands
- Enjoy guided excursions
- Discover unique wildlife
- Choose what you see and do

Prices are from per person, based on low season\*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Superior	£3,690	£4,780

### Price includes:

- 6 nights' accommodation
- Meals as listed
- Touring as stated with an English-speaking guide
- Transportation as stated
- Internal flights



▲ BLUE FOOTED BOOBY

### DAY 1: TRAVEL TO QUITO

Arrive in Quito, capital of Ecuador and transfer to your hotel for an overnight stay.

### DAY 2: FLY TO THE GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS

Transfer back to the airport and fly to the Galápagos Islands, landing on Baltra Island. Transfer to the award-winning Finch Bay hotel and settle in. (B,L,D)

### DAYS 3-5: EXPLORE THE GALÁPAGOS

For the next three days you can choose from a series of full day explorations and island yacht

explorations to explore the unique and incredible nature of the islands. All excursions are guided and include North Seymour Island, Bartolome Island, Tortuga Bay and Charles Darwin Research Station. You'll return to your hotel on Baltra Island after each excursion. (B,L,D)

### DAY 6: FLY TO QUITO

Transfer to the airport and fly back to Quito. Stay overnight in Quito. (B,L,D)

### DAY 7: DEPART QUITO

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)



# COLOMBIA BEACH STAY

## 4 DAYS

Barú Island sits in the glorious warm waters of the Caribbean, close to Cartagena. Where better to sit back and relax at the end of your exploration of Colombia than on one of its white-sand beaches?



▲ BARU ISLAND

Prices are from per person, based on low season\*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	£560	£800

### Price includes:

- 3 night's accommodation
- Meals as stated
- Enjoy freshly prepared meals with locally sourced produce
- Transportation as stated

### DAY 1: TRAVEL FROM CARTAGENA TO BARU ISLAND

From Cartagena, transfer by boat to the beautiful Barú Island and transfer to your hotel, Sport Barú, on Cholon Bay. This takes around an hour. The Hotel Sport Barú is a small property nestled amongst lush mangrove trees. It has private access to a beautiful beach, just a short walk away and simple, peaceful rooms that feature a balcony and hammocks. The hotel is full board, the beachside restaurant serving up fresh seafood, local Caribbean dishes and international options. On arrival at the hotel, the rest of the day is at leisure. (B,L,D)

### DAYS 2-3: RELAX AT SPORT BARÚ

The island of Barú offers pure white sand and crystal-clear waters. For the next two days, you can either lie flat out on the beach or indulge in some of the water sports on offer, like canoeing and snorkelling. There is also a massage service to help you feel extra relaxed. The hotel is located close to some of the island's villages, so you could take a stroll around one or two of these, to catch a glimpse of island life. The close by Playa Azul is great for a change of beach scenery. (B,L,D)

### DAY 4: DEPART CARTAGENA

Transfer back to Cartagena by boat and transfer to the airport for your onward flights. (B)

# URUGUAY

## 6 DAYS

Explore the highlights of South America's smallest country, from the colonial beauty of riverside Colonia and glamour of seaside Punta, to artsy capital city Montevideo.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Wander UNESCO-listed Colonia
- Enjoy Montevideo's atmosphere
- Admire the Parliament Building
- Get glamorous in Punta del Este



▲ MONTEVIDEO

### DAY 1: TRAVEL TO COLONIA

Depart Buenos Aires and arrive at the port of Colonia by ferry. You'll be met and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

### DAY 2: EXPLORE COLONIA

Founded by the Portuguese in 1680, Colonia's beautiful Barrio Historico is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Its old, cobbled streets are a delight to wander – you'll do just that today on a walking tour. Admire the main square, see the ruins of San Francisco Church and visit the lighthouse amongst much more. (B)

### DAY 3: TRAVEL TO MONTEVIDEO

Depart Colonia for Uruguay's capital, Montevideo, by road. You'll be met and transferred to your hotel. (B)

### DAY 4: MONTEVIDEO CITY TOUR

Montevideo is a vibrant city with a rich cultural life and a love of the arts. Today you'll explore the city's highlights, including the Old City, Independence Square and the Parliament Building. You'll also get to see the city's beaches with a drive along the coast. (B)

### DAY 5: PUNTA DEL ESTE DAY TRIP

Punta del Este is a wealthy beachfront city and is considered one of South America's most glamorous resorts. Admire the beautiful houses and gardens of the residential neighbourhoods before having free time to wander around and enjoy the atmosphere. Return to Montevideo. (B)

### DAY 6: DEPART MONTEVIDEO

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

Prices are from per person, based on low season\*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Superior	£1,240	£2,200

### Price includes:

- 5 nights' accommodation
- Meals as stated
- Private touring with an English-speaking guide
- Transportation as stated



# BÚZIOS BEACH STAY

## 4 DAYS

A vibrant town on a rugged peninsula, Búzios is a popular beach retreat for locals. Join them for a relaxing few days of sun and fun by the sea.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Free time to relax on the beach
- Explore the Búzios peninsula
- Enjoy a boat trip
- See colourful Búzios town

Prices are from per person, based on low season\*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Superior	£670	£1,340

#### Price includes:

- 3 nights' accommodation
- Meals as listed
- Touring as stated with an English-speaking guide
- Transportation as stated



▲ BÚZIOS

#### DAY 1: TRAVEL FROM RIO TO BÚZIOS

From Rio de Janeiro, transfer along the coast to Búzios. Once a quiet fishing village, Búzios today is one of Brazil's liveliest seaside resorts. Once checked in, the rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

#### DAY 2: BÚZIOS TROLLEY TOUR

Sat on a rugged peninsula that boasts lots of beautiful beaches, Búzios and its surroundings are spectacular. Board an open-air trolley and tour the area, starting in the colourful town where you can soak up its European charms. See Armação beach, the statue of Brigitte Bardot and monument to Three Fishermen

before continuing around the peninsula, stopping at beaches and viewpoints en route. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

#### DAY 3: BÚZIOS SCHOONER TOUR

Set sail on a lovely schooner to cruise past the beaches and around the islands of the Búzios peninsula. There'll be stops to enjoy a dip in the glittering blue sea. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

#### DAY 4: DEPART RIO DE JANEIRO

Travel back to Rio by road and transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

# PARATY BEACH STAY

## 4 DAYS

Seaside Paraty is one of Brazil's most appealing destinations. This lovely extension allows you to experience another, more picturesque side of this incredible country.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy the beauty of Paraty
- Canoe on Saco do Mamangua
- Lunch on caçara cuisine
- Wander Paraty's old town

Prices are from per person, based on low season\*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Superior	£690	£1,380

#### Price includes:

- 3 nights' accommodation
- Meals as listed
- Private touring as stated with an English-speaking guide
- Transportation as stated



▲ PARATY

#### DAY 1: TRAVEL FROM RIO TO PARATY

From Rio de Janeiro, transfer along the coast to beautiful Paraty, a town set in the midst of towering mountains, lush jungle and hidden beaches. On arrival, check into your hotel. The rest of the day will be at leisure. (B)

#### DAY 2: SACO DO MAMANGUA

Saco do Mamangua is the only tropical fjord on Brazil's staggeringly long coastline. Travel from Paraty to Praia de Cruzeiro, where you'll board a canoe. Paddle the beautifully calm, turquoise waters passing through the biodiverse mangroves to reach a waterfall and swimming hole. You'll also enjoy a typical caçara lunch. (B)

#### DAY 3: EXPLORE PARATY

Take a short walking tour of Paraty town. Paraty was once the port from which gold from the Minas Gerais began its journey to Portugal before shipping moved to Rio – after this, Paraty remained isolated and untouched for 200 years. You'll visit the beautifully preserved colonial centre and stroll the old cobbled streets soaking up the lively, cosmopolitan atmosphere admiring the decorated facades and lovely churches as you go. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

#### DAY 4: DEPART RIO DE JANEIRO

Travel back to Rio by road and transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)



# EASTER ISLAND

5 DAYS

Way out in the Pacific Ocean and home to the stone 'moai', Easter Island is one of the most isolated and enigmatic destinations on the planet. Spend this time exploring the mysteries for yourself!

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit Easter Island's mysterious moai
- Admire Orongo's petroglyphs
- Learn Easter Island's fascinating history
- Discover Anakena Beach

Prices are from per person, based on low season\*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	£1,390	£1,710

### Price includes:

- 4 night's accommodation
- Meals as stated
- Private touring with an English-speaking guide
- Transportation as stated & flights



▲ EASTER ISLAND

### DAY 1: FLY TO EASTER ISLAND

From Santiago airport board a flight over to Easter Island. On arrival, you'll be met and transferred to your hotel. (B)

### DAY 2: EXPLORE EASTER ISLAND

Located 3,700 kilometres off of Chile's coast, Easter Island, called Rapa Nui by its native Polynesian residents, has long held a mystical sway over travellers. This is particular thanks to the famous 'moai', the island's monolithic stone figures. Today, you'll spend the morning visiting Rano Kau volcano and the ancient city of Orongo with its fascinating petroglyphs. In the afternoon, explore the ceremonial site of Ahu Akivi, home to seven of moai and Puna Pau quarry, where the red stone pukao of the moai were made. (B)

### DAY 3: EXPLORE EASTER ISLAND

Visit the remains of the temple of Akahanga where you'll see moai with pukao, before seeing Rano Raraku, a volcanic crater where the stone for the moai was quarried and the figures were carved. Continue to Ahu Tongariki, to admire 15 huge moai on their 'ahu'(platform) and the beautiful Anakena beach, an area considered the cradle of Rapa Nui culture. Take a quick dip in the sea before returning to the hotel. (B,L)

### DAY 4: FLY TO SANTIAGO

Head to the airport and fly back to Santiago. You'll be met at the airport and transferred to a hotel for an overnight stay. (B)

### DAY 5: DEPART SANTIAGO

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

# IGUAÇU FALLS EXTENSION

4 DAYS

Iguaçu Falls is one of the world's most incredible sights. Stand awestruck at the power of the cascades as they crash over a 3-kilometre-long cliff and explore the lush surroundings of both the Argentinian and Brazilian sides of the falls.

Prices are from per person, based on low season\*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Superior	£960	£1,600

### Price includes:

- 3 nights' accommodation
- Meals as listed
- Private touring as stated with an English-speaking guide
- Transportation as stated & flights



▲ IGUAÇU FALLS

### DAY 1: DEPART BUENOS AIRES

Transfer to the airport and fly from Buenos Aires to Puerto Iguazu, the city that is the gateway to the mighty Iguazu Waterfall. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

### DAY 2: ARGENTINA SIDE

On the border of Argentina and Brazil, Iguaçu is the largest waterfall system in the world, with hundreds of cascades pouring off the edge of the Parana Plateau. Today you will wander along the Argentinian side of Iguaçu which offers a fantastic overview of the whole of the falls and showcases its power and

magnificence. Don't miss one of the falls' most impressive sights, the Garganta del Diablo. (B)

### DAY 3: BRAZIL SIDE

Pass over the border into Brazil – this side of Iguaçu offers a completely different experience with paths and catwalks to wander. These will lead you to some of the numerous smaller cascades that dance their way along gullies and through lush greenery. Hop on a plane back to Buenos Aires. (B)

### DAY 4: DEPART BUENOS AIRES

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)







A close-up photograph of a brown sloth hanging from a tree branch. The sloth's head is in the foreground, with its long, curved claws visible. The background is a soft-focus view of a dense tropical forest with many green leaves.

# CENTRAL AMERICA

The narrow string of countries holding the Americas together, Central America is home to lush rain and cloud forests, full of all sorts of endemic natural delights, majestic volcanoes, beautiful beaches and a rich mix of cultures. Best of all, it can all be explored at a wonderfully relaxed pace, what better way to travel?



# DISCOVER CENTRAL AMERICA

A paradise of beaches, lush rainforest and an abundance of kooky creatures, Central America is the perfect place for those who like to explore at a relaxed pace.

## WENDY'S TOP 5 CENTRAL AMERICA SIGHTS

### 1 PANAMA CANAL

One of the world's most famous waterways, this engineering marvel cuts across Panama to connect the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. In our opinion, it is best admired on a relaxing canal cruise.



### 2 MONTEVERDE

When it comes to biodiversity, Costa Rica is incomparable, so we chose Monteverde's lush cloud forest as a highlight as it is packed with native flora and fauna that is incredibly easy to explore.



### 3 VOLCAN ARENAL

This conical, vegetation covered volcano is one of Costa Rica's most imposing sights. Dormant since 2010, there are plenty of exciting things to do and see in the shadow of Arenal's perfect cone.



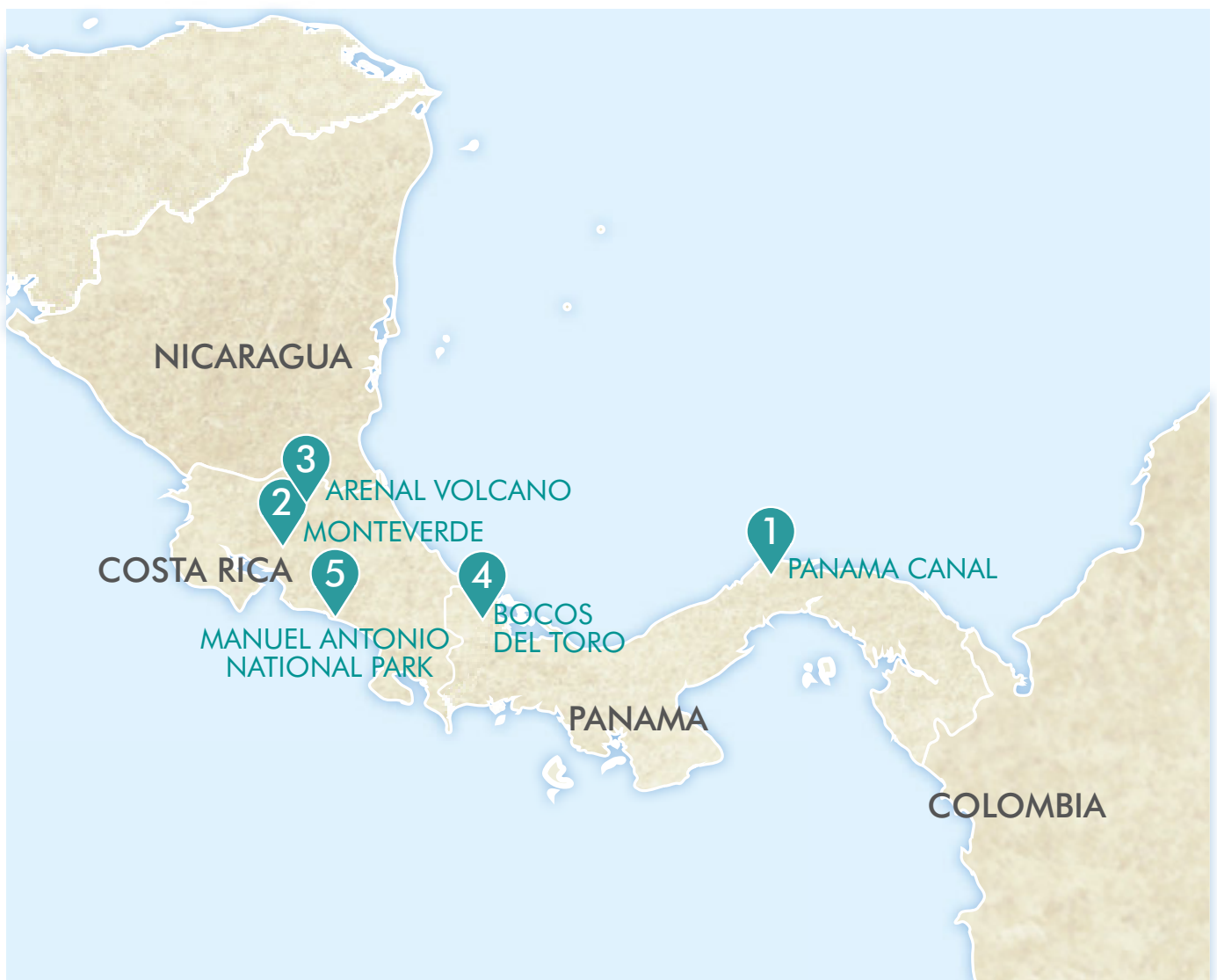
#### 4 BOCOS DEL TORO

Panama's sleepy beach paradise, Bocas Del Toro is full of colourful Caribbean charms and has a laidback, friendly atmosphere. Perfect for a few days relaxation on the soft sand.



#### 5 MANUEL ANTONIO NATIONAL PARK

A national park by the sea, Manuel Antonio is covered in lowland rainforest that is home to squirrel monkeys, spider monkeys and howler monkeys and has a breathtakingly beautiful coastline.





# COLOURS OF COSTA RICA

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▲ POÁS VOLCANO

## Price includes



Most meals (14 breakfasts, 10 lunches & 8 dinners)

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees

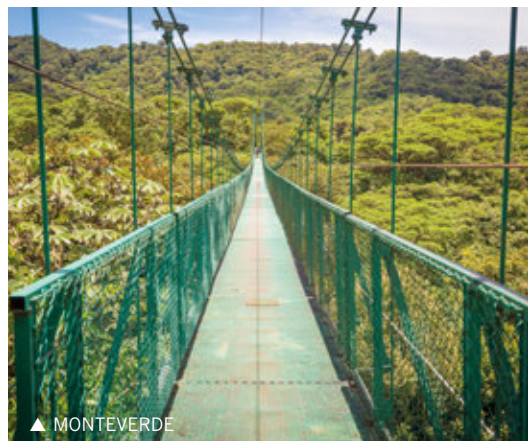
## Flight and supplement information

### Based on London Heathrow departures

- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,290 (San José - San José)
- Single room from £1,340
- Tipping paid locally US\$180



▲ MANUEL ANTONIO NATIONAL PARK



▲ MONTEVERDE

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## EXTRAORDINARY EXPERIENCE



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▲ ARENAL VOLCANO





## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Poás Volcano crater hike
- Tortuguero jungle wildlife
- Chocolate-tasting tour
- Rainforest canopy walk
- Monteverde cloud forest
- Ride the aerial tram

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: FLY TO SAN JOSÉ

Fly to San José and transfer to Santa Ana. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture. (D)

### DAY 2: POÁS VOLCANO NATIONAL PARK

This morning, head out of the city to explore Poás Volcano National Park. Located just an hour and a half from San José, the area is home to the 2,700 metre Poás Volcano. Wander the well-kept trails that encircle Poás' two craters, passing through luxuriant cloud forest and admiring the steaming blue pool that has settled in one of the enormous depressions. Return to Santa Ana via the La Paz Waterfall Gardens, a 70-acre natural paradise. Two miles of trails wind their way through native flora in forests, gardens and five waterfalls – keep your eye out for a multitude of fascinating wildlife. (B,L)

### DAY 3: TRAVEL TO TORTUGUERO VILLAGE

Transfer to San José Dock and take a boat to Tortuguero. Only accessible by boat or plane, Tortuguero exudes a relaxed Afro-Caribbean vibe and is famous for Green Turtles that nest here - Tortuguero even means 'turtle catcher'. Spend the afternoon in the village, with the jungle and waterways on one side and on the other, blissful Caribbean beach. (B,L,D)

### DAY 4: EXPLORE TORTUGUERO

The Tortuguero area is full of biological diversity, with habitats including rainforest, swamp and lagoon. The beaches are a nesting ground for Green Turtles, whilst the rivers are home to caimans, crocodiles and manatees and the forest boasts jaguars, sloths, monkeys and 375 species of birds. Exploring it will be a real adventure! This morning walk the trails around your hotel and in the afternoon take a boat trip on the area's waterways. (B,L,D)

### DAY 5: TRAVEL TO SARAPIQUI

Depart Tortuguero by boat. After lunch at a local restaurant, journey to Sarapiquí at the heart of Costa Rica's northern lowlands, nestled amongst lush rainforest. Check in to your rainforest lodge accommodation and settle in. (B,L)

### DAY 6: CHOCOLATE TOUR

Embark on a tour dedicated to chocolate at La Tirimbina. Crossing the suspension bridge, visit a former cacao-tree plantation where you'll learn about the history of the tree and its lucrative fruit. Watch the chocolate-making process first-hand and have a taste of the final product. The chocolate is produced by the Asociación de Mujeres Amazilia del Caribe, a group of local women who are working to improve their lives through social enterprise and to rescue the native cacao tree.

Transfer by road to the Arenal area, named after the magnificent Arenal Volcano. (B,D)

### DAY 7: MISTICO PARK HANGING BRIDGES

In the shadow of Arenal, the Mistico Park gives a whole new perspective of the rainforest with a series of suspension bridges at canopy level. As you walk through the trees, you'll be able to spot all sorts of wildlife, birds, flowers and vegetation. Spend the day walking the easy trails and taking in your beautiful natural surroundings. (B,L)

### DAY 8: MONTEVERDE BY LAKE

Depart Arenal and voyage across Arenal Lake to the little town of Rio Chiquito. This lake is Costa Rica's largest, especially since it tripled in size with the construction of the Arenal Dam in 1979. The views of Arenal volcano as you cruise will be fantastic. Transfer the rest of the way to Monteverde by road and enjoy an afternoon tour of the Don Juan coffee estate. Here you'll learn all about the coffee making process, from harvest to processing and the humble coffee bean itself. (B,L,D)

### DAY 9: MONTEVERDE CLOUD FOREST RESERVE

Explore the hanging bridges of the Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve with a guide. This reserve covers 26,000 acres of virgin forest which a huge amount of Costa Rica's native flora and fauna call home. The Cloud Forest is a highland rainforest, characterised by the clouds and fogs that settle in the lush canopy – the humidity here hovers at around 100%! The reserve shelters jaguars, pumas and over 450 species of bird, including the quetzal. (B,L,D)

### DAY 10: TRAVEL TO MANUEL ANTONIO

Travel down from Monteverde to the lush lowlands and dazzling white sands of the Pacific coast. Here, set amongst verdant nature is the oceanside village of Manuel Antonio where you will spend the next three nights. (B,L)

### DAY 11: MANUEL ANTONIO NATIONAL PARK

Enjoy a guided tour of Manuel Antonio National Park, Costa

Rica's most protected area. There is a huge range of breathtaking flora and fauna here – as you stroll the park's trails, keep an eye out for white-faced capuchin monkeys, raccoons and a range of beautiful bird species. There'll also be time to have a dip in the warm Pacific waters. (B,L)

### DAY 12: DAY AT LEISURE

Enjoy a day at leisure in Manuel Antonio. (B,D)

### DAY 13: CARARA NATIONAL PARK

Depart Manuel Antonio and begin the journey back to San José, stopping en route at the Carara National Park. Enjoy the diverse nature of a transitional forest, a mix of dry tropical reserve and humid jungle created by changes in topography. It is home to many mammals and plant and tree species as well as the rare Scarlet Macaw. Arrive in San José. (B,L)

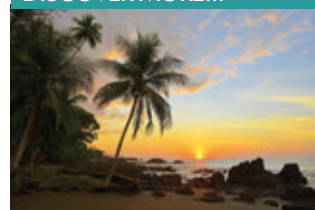
### DAY 14: RAINFOREST AERIAL TRAM

Today you will glide gently through the rainforest canopy aboard the Rainforest Aerial Tram, located in a private reserve. The tram travels at a leisurely 2 kilometres an hour, covering 2.6 kilometres, giving you the chance to examine the many layers of the rainforest canopy and the flora and fauna that call it home. (B,D)

### DAYS 15-16: FLY SAN JOSÉ TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the following day. (B)

## DISCOVER MORE...



### COSTA RICA BEACH STAY 5 DAYS FROM £560PP

Set amongst the beauty of the Manuel Antonio National Park this beach stay allows you to relax whilst still enjoying what Costa Rica does best, spectacular nature. See page 43. Additional flight costs may apply.

## DEPARTURES

2018 DATES			2019 DATES		
06 Oct - 21 Oct	£3,790	17 Nov - 02 Dec	£3,790	09 Feb - 24 Feb	£3,890



# COSTA RICA & PANAMA

Discover the cloudforests and creatures of Costa Rica before popping over to Panama where you'll meet the rainforest Embera tribe and cruise on the world-famous canal before a well-earned beach break.

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## Flight and supplement information

### Based on London Heathrow departures

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- Single room from £840
- Tipping paid locally US\$180



▲ ARENAL HOT SPRINGS



▲ RELAX AT BOCAS DEL TORO

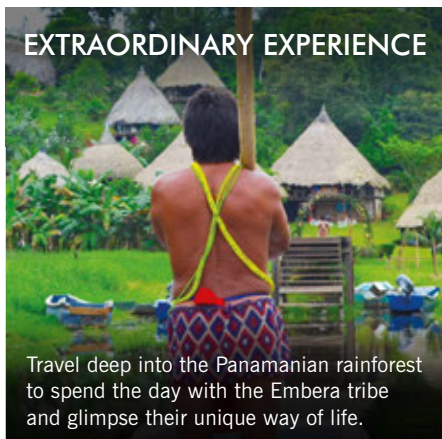
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## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Chocolate-tasting tour
- Rainforest canopy walk
- Monteverde cloud forest
- Meet the Embera tribe
- Cruise the Panama Canal
- Bocas beach break

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: FLY TO SAN JOSÉ

Fly to San José, Costa Rica's vibrant, charming capital, arriving the same day. You will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. (D)

### DAY 2: CHOCOLATE TOUR

Embark on a tour all about delicious chocolate! Learn about the role of cacao in Pre-Colombian Central America and its importance to Costa Rica today and the chocolate making process before tucking in to a few samples. Transfer by road to the Arenal area, named for the magnificent Arenal Volcano. Take a relaxed soak in the local hot springs before dinner. (B,L,D)

### DAY 3: MISTICO PARK HANGING BRIDGES

In the shadow of Arenal, the Mistico Park gives a whole new perspective on the rainforest with a series of bridges and suspension bridges at canopy level. As you walk through the trees, you'll be able to spot all sorts of wildlife, birds, flowers and vegetation. Spend the morning walking the easy trails and taking in your beautiful natural surroundings. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B,L)

### DAY 4: MONTEVERDE BY LAKE

Depart Arenal and voyage across Arenal Lake to the little town of Rio Chiquito. The views of the volcano as you cruise will be

fantastic. Transfer the rest of the way to Monteverde by road and enjoy an afternoon tour of the Don Juan coffee estate. Here you'll learn all about cultivating and processing coffee beans, chocolate and sugarcane before a tasting of the estate's wares. (B,L,D)

### DAY 5: MONTEVERDE CLOUD FOREST RESERVE

Spend the day exploring the natural wonders of the Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve. This reserve covers 26,000 acres of virgin forest which a huge amount of Costa Rica's native flora and fauna call home. The reserve shelters jaguars, pumas and over 450 species of bird, including the quetzal. Also spend some time at Renario, an education centre that is home to native frogs, toads and amphibians. (B,D)

### DAY 6: INTO PANAMA

Return to San Jose and fly to Panama's capital. Panama City is considered Central America's most cosmopolitan city thanks to the international importance of the Panama Canal. (B,D)

### DAY 7: EXPLORE PANAMA CITY

Discover more about Panama City's roots at Panama Vieja – founded in 1515, it was the first permanent European settlement on the Pacific. Continue on to Casco Vieja, Panama City's lovely colonial old town. Later, visit Miraflores Locks on the Panama Canal and spend some time in the visitor centre where you can learn all about the canal's construction and its international importance. (B,L)



### DAY 8: DISCOVER COLON

Hop on a train and travel to the Caribbean city of Colon, which sits on the opposite end of the Panama Canal to Panama City. The train runs along the canal, past locks, through jungle and across Gatun Lake, giving the perfect overview of this incredible feat of engineering. Visit the colourful fishing village of Portobello. Once Central America's greatest port, many homes are built amongst the ruins of colonial forts. Next, discover the UNESCO World Heritage Fort San Lorenzo, built in the 16th century, before admiring the Gatun locks on the canal by cruising through them. (B,L)

### DAY 9: ANTON VALLEY

Travel out of the city up to the cooler climes village of El Valle de Anton. Sat in the caldera of the dormant El Valle volcano, the village is surrounded by some beautiful nature and you'll visit the lovely Chorro del Macho waterfall and learn the folktale of La India Dormida mountain. (B,L)

### DAY 10: EMBERA TRIBE

Travel deep into the Panamanian rainforest to visit a traditional village of the Embera people. Arriving by dugout canoe, you'll be welcomed to the village with traditional music and spend some time learning about this rainforest community's way of life, their history and their culture. You'll also share lunch with the villagers and have the opportunity to purchase handicrafts made by them. (B,L)

### DAY 11: RAINFOREST TRAM

Cruise the waters of Lake Gatun, a major part of the Panama Canal, admiring the beauty of the surrounding rainforest and the machinery of the canal itself.

Later, explore the virgin rainforest at Gamboa, wandering the shady forest floor before flying through the canopy on an aerial tram, within touching distance of the treetops. From up here you may be lucky enough to spot colourful birds and butterflies, sloths and capuchin monkeys. (B,L,D)

### DAY 12: BOCAS DEL TORO

Fly from Panama City to the relaxed and friendly Caribbean beach town of Bocas del Toro where the rest of the day will be at leisure. (B,D)

### DAY 13: DAY AT LEISURE

Enjoy a full free day at Bocas del Toro to relax on the beach or explore. (B)

### DAY 14: FLY TO PANAMA CITY

The day is at leisure until your return flight to Panama City. This evening, enjoy a farewell meal. (B,D)

### DAYS 15-16: FLY PANAMA CITY TO THE UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the following day. (B)

## DISCOVER MORE...



### BEACH STAY PANAMA 4 DAYS FROM £540PP

On the Pacific coast, south of Panama City is a series of beautiful white sand beaches lapped by warm, blue waters. Head here for a few days of relaxation after your Panamanian adventure.

See page 43 for more information.

## DEPARTURES

2018 DATES			2019 DATES		
15 Nov - 30 Nov	£3,890		07 Feb - 22 Feb	£3,990	07 Mar - 22 Mar £3,990



# EXTEND YOUR TOUR

These lovely beach extensions are perfect for a spot of all out relaxation after your Central American adventure. We've handpicked beach hotels that not only allow you to fully unwind, but also have plenty of activities for those who like to keep a little bit busy.





# PANAMA BEACH STAY

## 4 DAYS

On the Pacific coast, south of Panama City is a series of beautiful white sand beaches lapped by warm, blue waters. Head here for a few days of relaxation after your Panamanian adventure.



▲ SNORKELLING

Prices are from per person, based on low season\*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Deluxe	£540	£990

### Price includes:

- 3 night's accommodation
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated with an English-speaking guide

### DAY 1: TRAVEL FROM PANAMA CITY

From Panama City, transfer along the coast to Buenaventura Golf & Beach Resort. This luxurious resort sits in lush, tropical gardens, just a short walk from El Faro beach. Facilities include a golf course designed by Jack Nicklaus, a spa and five lovely pools to relax by. Rooms are spacious, bright and elegant and provide every comfort you could need. There are also a range of restaurants to choose from, serving a range of different cuisines. On arrival at the hotel, the rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

### DAYS 2-3: RELAX AT BUENAVENTURA

The next two days are yours to spend as you wish. Play some golf, relax on the beach, try some ocean kayaking or snorkelling, all of which can be done at the hotel. There are also plenty of trails in the area if you fancy a bit of hiking and the archaeological site of El Caño is close by too. (B)

### DAY 4: DEPART PANAMA CITY

Transfer to the airport at Panama City for your onward flight. (B)

# COSTA RICA BEACH STAY

## 5 DAYS

Set amongst the beauty of the Manual Antonio National Park this beach stay allows you to relax whilst still enjoying what Costa Rica does best, spectacular nature.



▲ COSTA VERDE

Prices are from per person, based on low season\*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Superior	£560	£890

### Price includes:

- 4 night's accommodation
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated with an English-speaking guide

### DAY 1: TRAVEL FROM SAN JOSÉ

From San José, transfer to the Pacific Coast, close to the Manual Antonio National Park. Check into the Hotel Costa Verde which, nestled amongst the exotic vegetation, has breathtaking views of a spectacular stretch of coast. The hotel boasts three pools, each with a magical view and four restaurants serving local and international cuisine. The bright, spacious rooms all have balconies overlooking Manual Antonio's beautiful nature. The rest of the day will be at leisure. (B)

### DAYS 2-4: RELAX AT COSTA VERDE

The next two days are yours to spend as you wish. Relax at the hotel, spend time on the nearby beach or wander the nearby Quepos. For those who enjoy staying active, you can take part in one of the hotel's many activities! Take a yoga class, explore Manual Antonio's natural wonders by guided tour or via ziplines or take to the waters of Pacific in a kayak, catamaran or jet ski. (B)

### DAY 5: DEPART SAN JOSÉ

Transfer to the airport at San José for your onward flight. (B)



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## 1. PERSONAL SERVICE

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## 5. DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT

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## 2. EFFICIENT TRANSPORT

You can travel around South America any way you like, be it by coach, train, plane or car. The tailormade team will be able to advise you on the best way to get between your chosen destinations. We'll make sure that wherever and however you're arriving into a new place, there will be someone there to meet you and point you in the right direction.



## 3. LOCAL FLAVOURS

South America has a diverse abundance of gastronomic delights from the dishes of the indigenous people to those brought across from Europe. Tasting the local food is a way of getting to the heart of a culture, so we suggest adding regional specialities to your itinerary, ceviche in Peru or asado in Argentina, for example. We'll also leave you plenty of space to get out and discover the most flavourful offerings for yourself.

## 4. ACCOMMODATION CHOICES

Accommodation across South America ranges from historic posadas to modern, five-star luxury. The choice of hotel style and standard is completely up to you. You can just give us the number of stars that you are comfortable with for us to recommend ones that suit your needs and requirements.

## 6. PRIVATE GUIDING

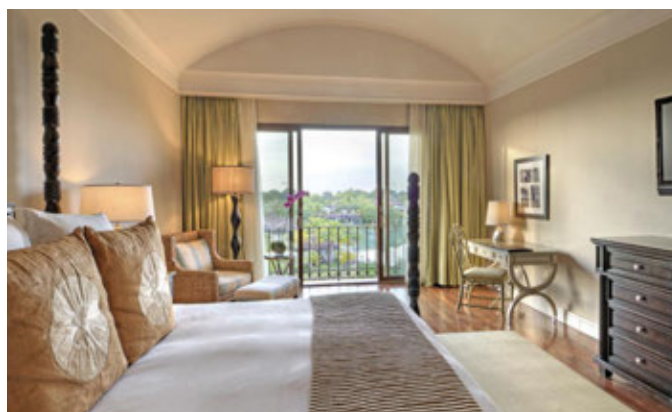
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# HOTELS

Your accommodation is selected for convenience of location, comfort or character and can range from a business hotel in one city to more traditional accommodation in a smaller town and even a jungle lodge in the Amazon.



## CHILE

### Palacio Astoreca

Calle Montealegre 149,  
Valparaíso,  
2340000 Chile

## COLOMBIA

### Allure Café Macawa

Kilometro 2,6 via al Valle del Cauca,  
La Tebaida

## PERU

### Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel

Machu Picchu Village, Cusco

## BRAZIL

### Amazon Ecopark Jungle Lodge

Rio Taruma Açu, Manaus,  
69005

## PANAMA

### Gamboa Rainforest Resort

Goethals Blvd., Soberania National Park,  
Gamboa 7338

## COSTA RICA

### El Establo – Monte Verde

Diagonal to Escuela Rafael Arguedas,  
Monteverde, Puntarenas 60109

## ARGENTINA

### Alma del Lago Suites & Spa

Av. Bustillo km 1,151 8400,  
San Carlos de Bariloche

*Hotels on our group tours are generally rated as local three star superior to four star standard but please note that there is no international classification system for hotels and differences in facilities and quality may exist between the UK and South America and Central America.*

**Hotels are subject to change and will be confirmed with your final documents.**



# AIRLINES

A good flight starts your holiday off right and ends it on a high. Below you'll find information on our favourites airlines but we work with many more so if your choice isn't here, you just have to ask. With such a range of airlines and options to upgrade, you can be sure you will travel in comfort and style.



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1. Your Holiday Contract

The first named person on the booking ("lead name") must be authorised to make a booking on the basis of these booking conditions by all persons named on the booking and by their parent or guardian for all party members who are under 18 when the booking is made. By making a booking the lead name confirms that he/she is so authorised. The lead name is responsible for making all payments due to us and to indemnify us for the liability of all party members. The lead name must be at least 18 when the booking is made.

After we receive your booking request and all appropriate payments (see clause 4 "Payment" below), if the arrangements you wish to book are available, we will issue a confirmation invoice. A binding agreement will come into existence between us when we dispatch this invoice to the 'lead name' or your Travel Agent. We both agree that English Law (and no other) will apply to your contract and to any dispute, claim or other matter of any description which arises between us ("claim") (except as set out below). We both also agree that any claim (and whether or not involving any personal injury) must be dealt with under the ABTA arbitration scheme (if the scheme is available for the claim in question and you wish to use it – see clause 14) or by the Courts of England and Wales only unless, in the case of Court proceedings, you live in Scotland or Northern Ireland. In this case, proceedings can either be brought in the Courts of your home country or those of England and Wales. If proceedings are brought in Scotland or Northern Ireland, you may choose to have your contract and claim governed by the law of Scotland/Northern Ireland as applicable (but if you do not so choose, English law will apply).

Your invoice will be sent to your travel agent or the lead name on the booking if you have booked direct with us. Please check this invoice carefully as soon as you receive it. Contact us immediately if any information which appears on the confirmation or any other document appears to be incorrect or incomplete as it may not be possible to make changes later. We regret we cannot accept any liability if we are not notified of any inaccuracies (for which we are responsible) in any document within ten days of our sending it out (five days for tickets). We will do our best to rectify any mistake notified to us outside these time limits but you must meet any costs involved in doing so.

If you wish to change or cancel any arrangements later you may have to pay an amendment or cancellation charge (See Clause 8).

2. Your financial protection

We hold an Air Travel Organiser's Licence issued by the Civil Aviation Authority (ATOL number 6639). When you buy an ATOL protected flight or flight inclusive holiday\* from us, you will receive an ATOL Certificate. This lists the flight, accommodation, car hire and/or other services that are financially protected, where you can get information on what this means for you, and who to contact if things go wrong. We, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL Certificate, will provide you with the services listed on the ATOL Certificate (or a suitable alternative). In some cases, where neither we nor the supplier are able to do so for reasons of insolvency, an alternative ATOL holder may provide you with services you have bought or a suitable alternative (at no extra cost to you). You agree to accept that in those circumstances the alternative ATOL holder will perform those obligations and you agree to pay any money outstanding to be paid by you under your contract to that alternative ATOL holder. However, you also agree that in some cases it will not be possible to appoint an alternative ATOL holder, in which case you will be entitled to make a claim under the ATOL scheme (or your credit card issuer where applicable).

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We are a member of ABTA (ABTA number W7994). If your holiday does not include flights, ABTA will financially protect your holiday by ensuring you receive a refund or, if your arrangements include return travel to the UK (other than flights) you are returned to the UK in the event that your holiday cannot be provided as a result of our insolvency. Please go to [www.abta.com](http://www.abta.com) for a copy of the guide to ABTA's scheme of Financial Protection.

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For further information about ABTA, the Code of Conduct and the arbitration scheme available to you if you have a complaint (see clause 14), contact ABTA at 30 Park Street, London, SE1 9EQ or see [www.abta.com](http://www.abta.com).

3. Your Holiday Price

Please note, changes and errors occasionally occur. You must check the price of your chosen holiday at the time of booking.

The cost of your travel arrangements was calculated using known costs and an exchange rate of £1 to 1.305USD on 17 Jul 2017.

We reserve the right to increase and correct errors in advertised prices at any time before your holiday is confirmed. We will advise you of any error which we are aware of and inform the new applicable price at the time of booking.

Once the price of your chosen holiday has been confirmed at the time of booking, then subject to the correction of errors, we will only increase the price in the following circumstances. Price increases after booking will be passed on by way of a surcharge. A surcharge will be payable, subject to the conditions set out in this clause, in the event of any change in our transportation costs or in dues, taxes or fees payable for services such as landing taxes or embarkation or disembarkation fees at ports or airports or in the any fluctuation in exchange rates which have been used to calculate the cost of your holiday. Even in the above cases, we will only levy a surcharge if the amount of any increase in

our costs exceeds 2% of the total cost of your holiday (excluding insurance premiums and any amendment charges). If any surcharge is greater than 10% of the cost of your holiday (excluding insurance premiums and any amendment charges), you will be entitled to cancel your booking and receive a full refund of all monies you have paid to us (except for any amendment charges) or alternatively purchase another holiday from us as referred to in clause 9 "If we change or cancel your holiday". Although insurance (where purchased through us) does not form part of your contract with us or of any "package", we will consider an appropriate refund of any insurance premiums you have paid us if you can show you are unable to use/reuse or transfer your policy in the event of cancellation or purchase of an alternative holiday.

Where applicable, you have 14 days from the issue date printed on the surcharge invoice to tell us if you want to choose option (b) or (c) as set out in clause 9 below. If you do not tell us that you wish to choose either of these options within this period of time, we are entitled to assume that you do not wish to do so and will pay the surcharge. Any surcharge must be paid with the balance of the cost of the holiday or within 14 days of the issue date printed on the surcharge invoice, whichever is the later.

Please note that arrangements are not always purchased in local currency and some apparent changes have no impact on the price of your holiday due to contractual and other protection in place.

4.Payment

In order to confirm your chosen holiday, a deposit of at least £350.00 per person (or full payment if booking within 60 days of departure) must be paid at the time of booking. In some cases the amount of deposit may be higher: where, for example, we need to pre-purchase flights tickets, accommodation or other services. If you wish to purchase the insurance policy we offer, all applicable premiums must also be paid at the time of booking (you must be insured – please see clause 6 on the subject of insurance).

The balance of the holiday cost must be received by us not less than 60 days prior to departure. This date will be shown on the confirmation invoice. Reminders are not sent.

Our preferred method of deposit payment is by bank debit card or credit card. Balance payment may be made by cash, bank debit card, credit card or cheque (providing there is time to clear it to meet the payment schedule shown above - you should allow 5 working days for clearance from the time we receive it). No charge will be made for deposits and balances paid by Debit Card/Switch/Delta. However, in line with most major operators, we will make a charge of 2% for deposits and balances paid by credit card. If we do not receive all payments due (including any surcharge where applicable) in full and on time, we are entitled to assume that you wish to cancel your booking. In this case, we will be entitled to keep all deposits paid or due at that date.

Except for flight inclusive bookings, all monies you pay to one of our authorised travel agents for your holiday with us will be held by the agent on your behalf until a contract between us comes into existence. After that point, your agent will hold the monies on our behalf until they are paid to us. For flight inclusive bookings, all monies paid to any authorised travel agent of ours for your holiday with us will be held on behalf of and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust subject to the travel agent's obligation to pay such monies to us in accordance with our trading terms unless we fail. In the unlikely event of our financial failure, all monies then held by the travel agent or subsequently paid by you to the travel agent will be held by the agent on behalf of and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust without any obligation on the agent to pay such monies to us.

5. Travel documents and visas

A Passport with a minimum of six months validity from the intended date of Travel, and contain a minimum of two blank visa pages, is required for travel for all countries in our programme. Visa's are not required for holders of UK British citizen passports for any of the destinations in this brochure at the time of printing. Should they become required, they will be at the customers own expense. Holders of non UK British citizen passports should check for Visa requirements and if a Visa is required will be at the customers own expense. It is the responsibility of each passenger to ensure that you carry all necessary passport, visa and other travel documentation as required by the country you are visiting, and that all documents are in date and valid. We do not accept responsibility if you cannot travel because you have not complied with any passport, visa or immigration requirements for any part of your holiday. If failure to have any necessary travel or other documents results in fines, surcharges or other financial penalty being imposed on us, you will be responsible for reimbursing us in full.

6. Travel Insurance, Health and Safety

It is a condition of booking with us that you take out suitable travel insurance covering at least circumstances leading to the cancellation of your booking and providing sufficient medical cover for illness or injury and repatriation while overseas. You must provide us with the name of your insurers and their 24 hour emergency contact number when you book or as soon as possible thereafter. Wendy Wu Tours will not be liable for any costs incurred by you due to your failure to take out suitable travel insurance from the date of booking. You will indemnify Wendy Wu Tours in respect of any assistance or payment made by us in these circumstances.

Details of any compulsory health requirements applicable to British citizens for your holiday are available from the websites listed below. It is your responsibility to ensure you are aware of all recommended vaccinations and health precautions in good time before departure. Details are available from your GP surgery and from the National Travel Health Network and Centre [www.nathnac.org](http://www.nathnac.org). Information on health can be found at [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk) and [www.fittofortravel.nhs.uk](http://www.fittofortravel.nhs.uk). For holidays in the EU / EEA you should obtain an EHIC (European Health Insurance Card) prior to departure from the Department of Health ([www.dh.gov.uk](http://www.dh.gov.uk)). Health requirements and recommendations may change and you must check the up to date position in good time before departure. The Foreign and Commonwealth Office publishes regularly updated travel information on its website [www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice](http://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice) which you are recommended to consult before booking and in good time before departure.

7. If you wish to change your booking

If, after our confirmation invoice has been issued, you wish to change your travel arrangements in any way, we will endeavour to make these changes, but it may not always be possible. Any request for changes to be made must be from the lead name on

the booking or your Travel Agent. You will be asked to pay an administration charge as set out below per person and any further cost we incur together with any costs or charges incurred or imposed by any of our suppliers in making this alteration. Examples include:

- Minor amendments to the tour booked - £20
- Minor amendments made within 30 days of departure - £30
- Transferring between tours or changing departure date - £50
- Transferring between tours or changing departure date within 60 days of departure is not permitted and cancellation fees will apply
- Reissue of airline tickets - £50 plus any non-refundable costs of the cancelled ticket and any additional costs of the new ticket
- Once a booking is confirmed no name transfers are permitted within 60 days of departure and will be regarded as a cancellation and cancellation fees apply

It is important to note that some arrangements such as certain types of air tickets cannot be changed after a booking has been made as they are sold as part of your fixed package: any change will be treated as a cancellation in which case cancellation charges will apply.

8. If you wish to cancel your booking

Because we start to incur costs in relation to your arrangements from the time we confirm your booking, if you cancel we have to make a charge and the nearer to your departure date you cancel, the higher the charge will be. If you wish to cancel a confirmed booking you must do so by writing to our head office. Cancellation takes effect from the day we receive your letter. Cancellation charges are shown in the table below and will be payable immediately on cancellation. Where the cancellation charge is shown as a percentage, this is calculated on the basis of the total cost payable by the person(s) cancelling excluding insurance premiums and amendment charges. Insurance premiums and amendment charges are not refundable in the event of cancellation:

61 or more days	Retention of deposit
60 – 42 days	30% including deposit
41 – 28 days	60% including deposit
27 – 15 days	90% including deposit
14 days or less	100% including deposit

Depending on the reason for cancellation, you may be able to reclaim these cancellation charges (less any applicable excess) under the terms of your insurance policy. Claims must be made directly to the insurance company concerned and we have no liability in these circumstances.

9. If we change or cancel your holiday

We start planning the holidays we offer many months in advance. Occasionally, we have to make changes to and correct errors in brochure and other details both before and after bookings have been confirmed and cancel confirmed bookings. Whilst we always endeavour to avoid changes and cancellations, we must reserve the right to do so. The right is also reserved to change airline, aircraft types and vessels scheduled for any specific departure. Even after we have confirmed your booking we may have to make alterations to confirmed arrangements. Most such alterations will be minor and of little effect on your overall arrangements and while we will do our best to notify you of any such minor change before your departure, we will have no other liability to you. Occasionally we may have to make a significant change to your confirmed arrangements. Significant changes include but are not limited to the following (which are illustrative):

- Change of UK departure airport. (A change from one London airport to another is not considered a major change. London airports are Heathrow, Gatwick, Stansted, Luton and London City)
- Change of your time of departure or return by more than 12 hours
- Change of resort
- Change of holiday accommodation to accommodation of a lower official rating.

If we have to make a significant change, we will notify you as quickly as possible and offer you the following options:

- (a) (for significant changes) accepting the changed arrangements or
- (b) purchasing an alternative holiday from us, of a similar standard to that originally booked if available. We will offer you at least one alternative holiday of equivalent or higher standard for which you will not be asked to pay any more than the price of the original holiday. If this holiday is in fact cheaper than the original one, we will refund the price difference. If you do not wish to accept the holiday we specifically offer you, you may choose any of our other then available holidays. You must pay the applicable price of any such holiday. This will mean your paying more if it is more expensive or receiving a refund if it is cheaper or
- (c) cancelling or accepting the cancellation in which case you will receive a full refund of all monies you have paid to us

In addition, if you choose (a) or (b) above, and the change is not due to 'force majeure' (see clause 10 "Force Majeure"), you will receive as compensation a credit towards the cost of your arrangements, or any alternative selected, of the amount shown in Scale A below. If you choose (c) we will pay you compensation of the amount shown in Scale B below. In all cases we will have no liability for any other or greater compensation, or for expenses or losses incurred as a result of any change.

Period before departure date notification given by us	Credit/Compensation per fare paying passenger (excluding children)	
	Scale A	Scale B
0 – 7 days	£50	£25
8 – 14 days	£40	£20
15 – 28 days	£30	£15
29 – 42 days	£20	£10
43 – 56 days	£10	£5



No compensation will be payable and the above options will not be available if we cancel as a result of your failure to comply with any requirement of these booking conditions entitling us to cancel (such as paying on time) or where a change is a minor one.

## 10. Our liability to you

(1) We will take reasonable care to ensure that the holiday arrangements we have agreed to make, perform or provide as part of our contract with you are made, performed or provided with reasonable skill and care. This means that, subject to these booking conditions, we may accept responsibility if, for example, you suffer death or personal injury or your contracted holiday arrangements are not provided as promised or prove deficient as a result solely of the failure of ourselves, our employees, agents or suppliers to use reasonable skill and care in making, performing or providing, as applicable, your contracted holiday arrangements. Please note, it is your responsibility to show that reasonable skill and care has not been used and you have suffered loss as a result if you wish to make a claim against us. In addition, we will only be responsible for what our employees, agents and suppliers do or do not do if they were at the time acting within the course of their employment (for employees) or carrying out work we had asked them to do (for agents and suppliers).

(2) We will not be responsible for any injury, illness, death, loss (for example loss of enjoyment), damage, expense, cost or other sum or claim of any description whatsoever which results from any of the following:

- the act(s) and/or omission(s) of the person(s) affected or any member(s) of their party or
- the act(s) and/or omission(s) of a third party not connected with the provision of your holiday and which were unforeseeable or unavoidable or
- "force majeure" as defined in clause 11 below

(3) Please note, we cannot accept responsibility for any services which do not form part of our contract. This includes, for example, any additional services or facilities which your hotel or any other supplier agrees to provide for you where the services or facilities are not advertised by us and we have not agreed to arrange them as part of our contract including any excursion you purchase in resort. Please also see clause 12 "Excursions". In addition, regardless of any wording used by us on our website, in any advertising material or elsewhere, we only promise to use reasonable skill and care in performing our contractual obligation as set out above and we do not have any greater or different liability to you.

(4) The promises we make to you about the services we have agreed to provide or arrange as part of our contract - and the laws, regulations and relevant standards of the country in which your claim or complaint occurred - will be used as the basis for deciding whether the services in question had been properly provided. If the particular services which gave rise to the claim or complaint complied with local laws and regulations applicable to those services at the time, the services will be treated as having been properly provided. This will be the case even if the services did not comply with the laws and regulations of the UK which would have applied had those services been provided in the UK. The exception to this is where the claim or complaint concerns the absence of a safety feature which might lead a reasonable holiday maker to refuse to take the holiday in question. Please note, however, our obligation is to exercise reasonable skill and care as referred to in clause 10(1). We do not make any representation or commitment that all services will comply with applicable local laws and regulations and failure to comply does not automatically mean we have not exercised reasonable skill and care.

(5) As set out in these booking conditions, we limit the maximum amount we may have to pay you for any claims you may make against us.

Where we are found liable for loss of and/or damage to any luggage or personal possessions (including money), the maximum amount we will have to pay you is £1,500 per person affected unless a different limitation applies to your claim under this clause or clause 10(6) below. You must ensure you have appropriate travel insurance to protect your personal belongings.

For all other claims which do not involve death or personal injury, if we are found liable to you on any basis the maximum amount we will have to pay you is twice the price (excluding insurance premiums and amendment charges) paid by or on behalf of the person(s) affected in total unless a lower limitation applies to your claim under clause 10(6) below. This maximum amount will only be payable where everything has gone wrong and you have not received any benefit at all from your holiday.

(6) Where any claim or part of a claim (including those involving death or personal injury) concerns or is based on any travel arrangements (including the process of getting on and/or off the transport concerned) provided by any air, sea, rail or road carrier to which any international convention or regulation applies, the maximum amount of compensation we will have to pay you will be limited. The most we will have to pay you for that claim or that part of a claim if we are found liable to you on any basis is the most the carrier concerned would have to pay under the international convention or regulation which applies to the travel arrangements in question (for example, the Warsaw Convention as amended or unamended and the Montreal Convention for international travel by air and/or for airlines with an operating licence granted by an EU country, the EC Regulation on Air Carrier Liability No 893/2002 for national and international travel by air, the Athens Convention for international travel by sea and COTIF, the Convention on International Travel by Rail). Where a carrier would not be obliged to make any payment to you under the applicable international convention or regulation in respect of a claim or part of a claim, we similarly are not obliged to make a payment to you for that claim or part of the claim. When making any payment, we are entitled to deduct any money which you have received or are entitled to receive from the carrier for the claim in question. Copies of the applicable international conventions and regulations are available from us on request.

(7) Please note, we cannot accept any liability for any damage, loss, expense or other sum(s) of any description (1) which on the basis of the information given to us by you concerning your booking prior to our accepting it, we could not have foreseen you would suffer or incur if we breached our contract with you or (2) which did not result from any breach of contract or other fault by ourselves or our employees or, where we are responsible for them, our suppliers. Additionally we cannot accept liability for any business losses including self employed loss of earnings.

## 11. Force Majeure

Except where otherwise expressly stated in these booking conditions, we regret we will not accept liability or pay any compensation where the performance or prompt performance of our obligations under our contract with you is prevented or affected by or you otherwise suffer any damage, loss or expense of any nature as a result of "force majeure". In these booking conditions, "force majeure" means any event, or the consequences of which, we or the supplier of the service(s) in question could not, even with all due care, foresee or avoid. Such events are not limited to but may include actual or threatened war, riot, civil strife, terrorist activity, industrial dispute, nuclear or nuclear disaster, adverse weather conditions, volcanic activity, seismic activity, fire, pandemics, epidemics and all similar events, natural or man made, outside our control or that of our agents or suppliers.

## 12. Excursions

We may provide you with information (before departure and/or when you are on holiday) about activities and excursions which are available in the area you are visiting. We have no involvement in any such activities or excursions which are neither run, supervised nor controlled in any way by us. They are provided by local operators or other third parties who are entirely independent of us. They do not form any part of your contract with us even where we suggest particular operators/other third parties and/or assist you in booking such activities or excursions in any way. We cannot accept any liability on any basis in relation to such activities or excursions and the acceptance of liability contained in clause 10(1) of our booking conditions will not apply to them. We do not however exclude liability for the negligence of ourselves or our employees resulting in your death or personal injury. We cannot guarantee accuracy at all times of information given in relation to such activities or excursions or about the area you are visiting generally or that any particular excursion or activity which does not form part of our contract will take place as these services are not under our control. If you feel that any of the activities or excursions referred to in our brochure, on our website and in our other advertising material which are not part of our contract are vital to the enjoyment of your holiday, write to us immediately and we will tell you the latest known situation. If we become aware of any material alterations to area information and/or such outside activities or excursions which can reasonably be expected to affect your decision to book a holiday with us, we will pass on this information at the time of booking.

## 13. Complaint procedure

If you have a problem during your holiday concerning any service provided as part of the arrangements we have confirmed, you must inform our National Escort or Local Guide (or, if none available, with our local agent or hotel manager) immediately to enable them to try to resolve the matter. Any notification must be put in writing and given to our representative / agent and the supplier as soon as possible. Our emergency number is manned 24 hours a day, seven days a week and is 07984 041625. Until we know about a complaint or problem, we cannot begin to resolve it. If you remain dissatisfied, however, you must write to us within 28 days of your return to the UK giving your booking reference and full details of your complaint. Only the lead name should write to us. If you fail to follow this simple complaints procedure, your right to claim any compensation you may otherwise have been entitled to may be affected or even lost as a result.

## 14. Arbitration

Disputes arising out of, or in connection with your booking which cannot be amicably settled may be referred to arbitration if you so wish under a special scheme arranged by ABTA Ltd and administered independently. The scheme provides for a simple and inexpensive method of arbitration on documents alone with restricted liability on the customer in respect of costs. Full details will be provided on request or can be obtained from the ABTA website ([www.abta.com](http://www.abta.com)). The scheme does not apply to claims for an amount greater than £5,000 per person. There is also a limit of £25,000 per booking. Neither does it apply to claims which are solely in respect of physical injury or illness or their consequences. The scheme can however deal with compensation claims which include an element of minor injury or illness subject to a limit of £1,500 on the amount the arbitrator can award per person in respect of this element. Your application for arbitration and other required documents must be received by ABTA within 18 months of your return from the holiday. Outside this time limit arbitration under the scheme may still be available if we agree, although the ABTA Code does not require such agreement. For injury and illness claims, you can request the ABTA mediation procedure and we have the option to agree to this. Where we act as agent, please bear in mind that your contract is with the supplier of the arrangements concerned. Unless the supplier is also a member of ABTA, only disputes relating to our actions as agent can be dealt with by the arbitration scheme or mediation procedure and not complaints about the arrangements themselves or the acts / omissions of the supplier.

## 15. Conditions of Suppliers

Many of the services which make up your holiday are provided by independent suppliers. Those suppliers provide these services in accordance with their own terms and conditions. Some of these terms and conditions may limit or exclude the supplier's liability to you, usually in accordance with applicable international conventions (see clause 10(4)). Copies of the relevant parts of these terms and conditions and of the international conventions are available on request from ourselves or the supplier concerned.

## 16. Behaviour

When you book a Holiday with Wendy Wu Tours Limited you accept responsibility for the proper conduct for yourself and your party whilst on Holiday. If we or any other person in authority is of the reasonable opinion that you or any member of your party is behaving in such a way as to cause or be likely to cause danger or upset to any other person or damage to property, we will be entitled to terminate the holiday of the person(s) concerned. The person(s) concerned will be required to leave the accommodation or other service and we will have no further responsibility to them including any return travel arrangements. No refunds will be made and we will not pay any expenses or costs incurred as a result of the termination. You will be responsible for making full payment for any damage or loss caused by you or any member of your party during your time away. Payment must be paid directly at the time to the service supplier concerned. If the actual cost of the loss or damage exceeds the amount paid where estimated, you must pay the difference once known. If the actual cost is less than the amount paid, the difference will be refunded. You will also be responsible for meeting any claims subsequently made against us and all costs incurred by us (including our own and the other party's full legal costs) as a result of your actions.

## 17. Special Requests

If you have any special requests, you must inform us prior to booking. Although we will endeavour to pass any reasonable requests on to the relevant supplier, we regret we cannot guarantee any request will be met. Failure to meet any special request will not be a breach of contract on our part. Confirmation that a special request has been noted or passed on to the supplier or the inclusion of the special request on your confirmation invoice or any other documentation is not confirmation that the request will be met. Unless and until specifically confirmed, all special requests are subject to availability. Unless you receive written confirmation from the supplier that a special request will be complied with, you must assume that it will not be. The responsibility for providing the special request lies solely with the supplier and not with Wendy Wu Tours.

We regret we cannot accept any conditional bookings, i.e. any booking which is specified to be conditional on the fulfilment of a particular request. All such bookings will be treated as "standard" bookings subject to the above provisions on special requests.

## 18. Fitness, Medical Conditions & Disabilities

Please note that Latin America and the surrounding regions is a vast area with varying terrain (including steps, steep hills and uneven walkways) which can be difficult to negotiate. An indicated "tour pace" is outlined clearly in this brochure and in the tour specific Tour Dossiers. It is your sole responsibility to ensure that you are sufficiently fit and well to negotiate these areas, without any adverse effect on the overall group or tour operation. You should check that your proposed areas of travel are suitable

dependant on your own health, including any medical condition and/or disability that you may have.

If you or any member of your party has any medical condition or disability which may affect your holiday or has any special requirements as a result of any medical condition or disability (including any which affect the booking process), please tell us before you confirm your booking so that we can assist you in considering the suitability of the arrangements and/or making the booking. In any event, you must give us full details in writing at the time of booking and whenever any change in the condition or disability occurs. You must also promptly advise us if any medical condition or disability which may affect your holiday develops after your booking has been confirmed. Should this condition not be met, Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to terminate the holiday of the person(s) involved, as described in section 16.

## 19. Flights

In accordance with EU Directive (EC) No 2111/2005 Article 9, we are required to bring to your attention the existence of a "Community list" which contains details of air carriers who are subject to an operating ban within the EU. The Community list is available for inspection at [http://ec.europa.eu/transport/air-ban/list\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/transport/air-ban/list_en.htm).

In accordance with EU Regulations we are required to advise you of the actual carrier(s) (or, if the actual carrier(s) is not known, the likely carrier(s) that will operate your flight(s) at the time of booking. Where we are only able to inform you of the likely carrier(s) at the time of booking, we shall inform you of the identity of the actual carrier(s) as soon as we become aware of this. Any change to the operating carrier(s) after your booking has been confirmed will be notified to you as soon as possible.

If the carrier with whom you have a confirmed reservation becomes subject to an operating ban as above as a result of which we/ the carrier are unable to offer you a suitable alternative the provisions of clause 9 "If we change or cancel your holiday" will apply. We are not always in a position at the time of booking to confirm the flight timings which will be used in connection with your flight. The flight timings shown in our brochure, on our website and/or detailed on your confirmation invoice are for guidance only and are subject to alteration and confirmation. Flight timings are outside our control. They are set by airlines and are subject to various factors including air traffic control restrictions, weather conditions, potential technical problems and the ability of passengers to check in on time.

Specific instructions relating to departure and travel arrangements will be sent with your air or other travel tickets approximately 2 weeks before departure. You must accordingly check your tickets very carefully immediately on receipt to ensure you have the correct flight times. It is possible that flight times may be changed even after tickets have been despatched - we will contact you as soon as possible if this occurs.

Any change in the identity of the carrier, flight timings, and/or aircraft type (if advised) will not entitle you to cancel or change to other arrangements without paying our normal charges except where specified in these conditions.

## 20. Delay and Denied Boarding Regulations

In the event of any flight delay or cancellation at your UK or overseas point of departure, the airline is responsible for providing such assistance as is legally required by the Denied Boarding Regulations (see below). The ferry, tunnel or rail operator is similarly responsible in relation to any delayed or cancelled sea crossing or international rail departure. Except where otherwise stated in our brochure or on our website, we cannot provide any assistance in such circumstances other than information and advice to the extent we are in a position to do so. Any airline concerned may however provide refreshments etc.

We cannot accept liability for any delay which is due to any of the reasons set out in clause 10(2) of these Booking Conditions (which includes the behaviour of any passenger(s) on the flight who, for example, fails to check in or board on time). In addition, we will not be liable for any delay unless it has a significant effect on your holiday arrangements.

If your flight is cancelled or delayed, your flight ticket is downgraded or boarding is denied by your airline, depending on the circumstances, the airline may be required to pay you compensation, refund the cost of your flight and/or provide you with accommodation and/or refreshments under EC Regulation No 261/2004 - the Denied Boarding Regulations 2004. Where applicable, you must pursue the airline for the compensation or other payment due to you. All sums you receive or are entitled to receive from the airline concerned by virtue of these Regulations represent the full amount of your entitlement to compensation or any other payment arising from such cancellation, delay, downgrading or denied boarding. This includes any disappointment, distress, inconvenience or effect on any other arrangements. The fact a delay may entitle you to cancel your flight does not automatically entitle you to cancel any other arrangements even where those arrangements have been made in conjunction with your flight. We have no liability to make any payment to you in relation to the Denied Boarding Regulations or in respect of any flight cancellation or delay, downgrading of any flight ticket or denial of any boarding as the full amount of your entitlement to any compensation or other payment (as dealt with above) is covered by the airline's obligations under the Denied Boarding Regulations. If, for any reason, we make any payment to you or a third party which the airline is responsible for in accordance with the Denied Boarding Regulations, you must, when requested, assign to us the rights you have or had to claim the payment in question from the airline. If your airline does not comply with these rules you may complain to the Civil Aviation Authority on 020 7453 6888 or by e-mail to [passengercomplaints@caa.co.uk](mailto:passengercomplaints@caa.co.uk) or see [www.caa.co.uk](http://www.caa.co.uk) - referring your complaint to the CAA.

## Data protection

In order to process your booking and meet your requirements, we must pass your personal details on to the relevant suppliers of your travel arrangements. We would also like to hold your information (including any email address), where collected by us, for our own future marketing purposes (for example, to inform you of promotional/ competition offers or to send you our brochure).

Wendy Wu Tours Ltd. may wish to contact you by post, e-mail and/or telephone with news, information and offers on its holidays we may have available and for market research purposes.

If you prefer not to be contacted for the purposes set out above then please contact the Consumer Data Controller, Marketing Department, Wendy Wu Tours Ltd, Ground Floor, Cottons Centre, Cottons Lane, 47-49 Tooley St, London SE1 2QG.



# YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

A selection of our most frequently asked questions.

## BEFORE YOU TRAVEL

**Q. How soon after making our booking will we receive confirmation?**

**A.** Once we have received your deposit we will send your confirmation documents.

**Q. Do you send us information about the destinations we will visit?**

**A.** It is essential that you read the relevant tour dossier before booking, which you can find on [wendywutours.co.uk](http://wendywutours.co.uk), or we can arrange for one to be sent to you. If there are any particular challenges such as the length of time spent on your feet, journey times or accommodation standards, they will be explained in these concise trip notes. Two weeks before you travel, you will receive a detailed day-by-day itinerary and a travel guide as well as a suggested packing list with your final documents.

**Q. Will I know which hotels I will be staying in before I go?**

**A.** Hotel details will be sent with your final documents. Note that these may be subject to change. Hotels generally range from 3-4 stars. In more remote areas, accommodation may be of a lower standard. Rest assured that all hotels used by Wendy Wu Tours are regularly inspected by our staff and our partners to ensure that standards meet your needs. See page 46 for examples of hotels we usually use. If you require an early check-in or late check-out on your arrival or departure day, please contact us.

**Q. Do I need a visa?**

**A.** Visas are currently not required in any South American countries for holders of UK British Citizen passports. If you require a visa this will need to be arranged yourself at your own expense.

**Q. Do I need travel insurance?**

**A.** Your protection and safety are our main priority. That's why having adequate travel insurance is a condition of booking with us for all the destinations you plan to travel to. Contact us for details of our recommended policies.

**Q. What vaccinations do I need?**

**A.** We recommend you see your doctor at least six weeks prior to travel for advice and to allow time for any necessary vaccinations. Please remember to take your itinerary with you. This information is given as a guide only and no responsibility can be taken for any errors or omissions.

**Q. What size are your tour groups?**

**A.** The group size for our South America tour is usually between 8 and 29 passengers. Where available, on our group tours we operate a seat-and-a-half policy allowing you to travel in comfort.

**Q. What currency should I take?**

**A.** This will of course depend on what country/countries you are travelling too. All of the destinations in this brochure you will need to take that country's own currency; Argentina – Argentine peso, Brazil – real, Chile – Chilean peso, Colombia – Colombian peso, Costa Rica – colón, Peru – sol etc, except Panama and Ecuador, both of which use the US dollar. You are able to exchange money in the UK to take with you for all of these countries though each also has plenty of exchange facilities and ATMs, so you are able to take cash to exchange, sterling is fine, or withdraw money.

**Q. What is the maximum luggage allowance on your tours?**

**A.** Your main suitcase or backpack must not exceed 15kg and your hand luggage must not exceed 5kg as this is the maximum allowance on internal flights.

**Q. Can you arrange airport lounges, parking and hotels?**

**A.** Yes – we are always looking for ways to make your holiday that little bit more comfortable and convenient for you. See page 51 for details.

## WHILE ON TOUR

**Q. Is there a dress code on your tours?**

**A.** Our dress code is very relaxed; however, please note that clothing covering the arms and legs is more appropriate when visiting religious buildings.

**Q. Are meals included?**

**A.** Each tour will state the number of meals that are included. Beverages are not included and must be paid for locally. Included meals are usually taken at local restaurants, no refund will be given for any meals missed.

**Q. Can special requests be arranged?**

**A.** If you have any special requests such as dietary requirements, or if you wish to celebrate an event, please notify us at the time of booking and we will do

everything possible to ensure your requests are met. Please note special requests cannot be guaranteed.

**Q. Is tipping included?**

**A.** No, we will advise amounts. Any additional tipping on any of our tours is welcomed at your discretion.

**Q. Do you allow children on your tours?**

**A.** We allow children 12 years and over on our group tours. Alternatively, private tours offer greater flexibility and are suitable for any age group. Any of the tours in this brochure can be enjoyed as private tour.



## Q. How fit do I need to be?

**A.** All Group Tours in this brochure are graded as moderate to reflect fitness requirements and other travelling aspects of each tour. The specific reasons for this grading are clearly described in the Tour Dossiers which you can find on our website. Please contact us if you require any advice.



### MODERATE

Tours require a reasonably good level of fitness to comfortably enjoy longer periods of sightseeing. Easy hikes, uneven ground, long drives and high altitude may feature.

**Please contact us if you require any advice.**



# BOOKING YOUR TRIP

Booking your holiday should be simple and straightforward, so Wendy Wu Tours is committed to supporting you through every element of the booking process right through until after your holiday has finished.

## 1. CHOOSE YOUR EXPERIENCE

Get a taste of the tours in this brochure. Visit our website for more details, including maps, destination information, photos, videos, reviews, updates and detailed tour dossiers.

**All of the tours available in this brochure can also be enjoyed on a private basis, giving you more flexibility and freedom**

**Still not sure?** Contact our experienced Travel Consultants to talk through your options.

## 2. CHECK AVAILABILITY

Speak to our expert Travel Consultants, or your preferred Travel Agent and we will check the tour availability, find the best flights and confirm your full package price.

## 3. BOOKING & DEPOSIT

Group Tour places can usually be confirmed immediately upon payment of a deposit of £350 per person. Private Touring arrangements can usually be confirmed within 48 hours.

Once your tour is complete, we will send you confirmation by email. By making a booking you are confirming that you have read the tour dossier, are fit enough to fully participate in your tour, will travel with adequate travel insurance and agree to the booking conditions at the back of the brochure.

## 4. FINAL PAYMENT

The balance of your payment is due 60 days before departure and you will be issued with your travel tickets and documentation approximately two weeks before travel.

## REGIONAL FLIGHTS AND UPGRADES

Enjoy the freedom to choose who you fly with and where you fly from. We work with most major airlines and offer flights from regional airports across the UK – often with no additional supplement.

All of our tour prices are based on flying Economy Class, but if you fancy a little bit of luxury and lots more legroom, we have specially negotiated rates on Premium Economy and Business Class fares. Depending on your budget you can upgrade one way or for the entire return trip.

## ADD FINISHING TOUCHES

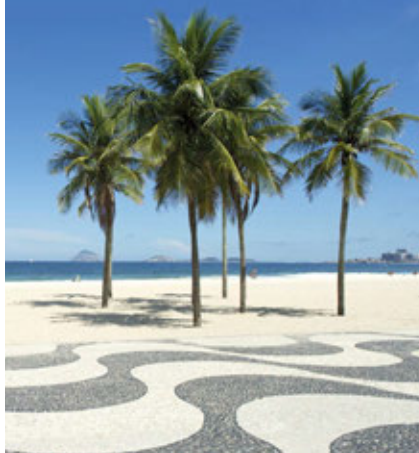
We want to make your holiday enjoyable and stress-free and can help you book:

- ✓ **Airport Lounges** from £25
- ✓ **Airport Parking** from £6 per day
- ✓ **Airport Hotels** from £40 per night
- ✓ **Travel Insurance** Contact us for details of our recommended policy

Please speak to our experienced Travel Consultants who will happily provide advice and arrange these for you.

## EXTENSIONS

It's really easy to extend your trip to enjoy even more of its sights and culture! There's options for a relaxing beach stay after your adventures, or the chance to add on another sight or two at the beginning or end of your tour – the Galápagos or Iguaçu Falls for example. In fact, each tour in this brochure has an extension or two that we've specially paired with it. So why not have a look...seeing as you're over there, you might as well! See pages 28-33 and 42-43 for inspiration.



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR LOYALTY

Many of our customers enjoy the Wendy Wu Tours experience so much that they travel with us again and again. What's more, they also recommend us to their friends and family. We really appreciate this loyalty and want to reward you for it.



• **Become a Wendy Wu Tours Champion**  
Recommend us to your friends and we'll send you a hamper as a thank you for the first booking we receive. Plus for every subsequent booking, we'll send you £50 worth of shopping vouchers.

• **Loyalty Discount**  
When you book your second holiday, we'll give you a £100pp discount.

• **Welcome Home Discount**  
When you book another tour with us within four weeks of returning home, we'll give you a £200pp discount.

• **Become a Wendy Wu Tours VIP**  
Book three trips or more and we'll give you £250pp off the total cost of your holiday.

Conditions apply. Rewards and discounts cannot be combined. Refer to our website for full details.



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- Over 20 years' experience
- Comprehensive range of group, private and tailor-made holidays
- Depart from many regional UK airports
- Inclusive prices with no hidden extras
- Quality hotels and comfortable transport
- Outstanding customer satisfaction
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- Authentic dining and delicious local cuisine
- Safe and secure with ABTA, ATOL & IATA



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