

# The Best of South America

## Peru, Chile, Argentina & Brazil

### with Machu Picchu, Chilean Lakes & Iguassu Falls

Departures Daily Except Thursdays & Fridays

21 Days/19 Nights from **\$4099**



### Itinerary

**Day 1: Arrive Lima** Start your adventure into the Land of the Incas. Transfer to your selected hotel.

**Day 2: In Lima** Enjoy a tour of Lima, the City of Kings, combining the modern and colonial highlights with a visit to the world famous Museum of Anthropology and Archaeology to enhance your appreciation of pre-Inca and Inca cultures. (B)

**Day 3: Lima to Cuzco** Early wake-up call and transfer to the airport for your one-hour flight to Cuzco. Remainder of the day at leisure to acclimate to an altitude of over 11,000 feet! (B)

**Day 4: Cuzco to Machu Picchu** A special adventure begins. Depart by train\* and journey back into the mists of time, arriving at the foot of Machu Picchu. Mini-buses follow a serpentine road to the heights of the ruins. Take a walking tour with your expert guide and a small group. You and the lucky few who will spend the night here will have a few more hours to explore the site after the crowds have returned to Cuzco. Those who select the Deluxe or Deluxe Plus category hotels will enjoy an additional dinner. The Sanctuary Lodge (Deluxe Plus) is located just outside the gate to Machu Picchu at the top of the mountain. The hotels in the Tourist and First Class categories are in the quaint village of Aguas Calientes at the base of the ruins. (B, L)

**\*Note:** In Tourist Category, the renovated Backpacker train is quoted and lunch is NOT provided. In First Class and Deluxe categories, the deluxe VistaDome train is quoted and lunch is provided at the Sanctuary Lodge adjacent to the entrance to Machu Picchu.

**Day 5: Machu Picchu to Cuzco** Continue exploring Machu Picchu before winding back down the mountain by bus to catch your afternoon train for Cuzco. **Note:** Transfers from Aguas Calientes to and from Machu Picchu and entrance fees are NOT included this day. (B)

**Day 6: In Cuzco** This afternoon you will join a motorcoach tour of colonial Cuzco, including the Temple of the Sun, Cathedral and Plaza de Armas. Next, ascend into the hills surrounding Cuzco to visit the Inca ruins of K'Kenko, Pucapucara, Tambo Machay and the great stone fortress of Sacsayhuaman. (B)



*Caminito in La Boca District, Buenos Aires and Plaza de Armas, Cuzco*

**Day 7: Cuzco/Lima/Santiago** Morning return flight to Lima, where you will be assisted with a connecting flight to Santiago. Evening arrival in Santiago and transfer to your selected hotel. (B)

**Day 8: Santiago City Tour** On a half-day motorcoach tour of Santiago, visit Santa Lucia Hill and San Cristobal Hill before stopping at Bellavista, Santiago's Bohemian district, where you will find a variety of art galleries, restaurants and theaters. (B)

**Day 9: Santiago to Puerto Montt (Puerto Varas)** Fly south to the gateway to Chile's Lake District, Puerto Montt, on the Relancavi Estuary. Drive along Costanera Highway for a scenic overlook of Puerto Montt, and then tour the quaint fishing village of Angelmo with its open-air crafts market. Continue on to Puerto Montt's sister city, Puerto Varas, on the shores of Lake Llanquihue, and overnight in your choice of hotel. (B)

**Day 10: Two-Day Lakes Crossing (Available all year)** Begin this overland journey through pine forests, past tranquil farms and over broad lakes on the way to Argentina. Bus past Lake Llanquihue to Petrohue to board a boat crossing Lake Todos Los Santos to Peulla for overnight. **Note:** See adjacent page for regional map. (B, D)

**Day 11: Arrive Bariloche** Continue through the Lake District with a bus ride over the Continental Divide into Argentina, then cross Lake Frias by boat, and arrive in Puerto Blest by bus. Cruise on Lake Nahuel Huapi to Puerto Panuelo, and proceed overland to downtown Bariloche and your hotel. (B)

**Day 12: Bariloche Tour** See the main square and important government buildings. Then, skirt the lake to Cathedral Mountain for an overview of all the surrounding lakes, hills and mountains that make Bariloche one of the most scenic spots in the world! (B)

**Day 13: Bariloche to Buenos Aires** Fly from Bariloche to Buenos Aires, and transfer to your selected hotel. Evening at leisure. (B)

**Day 14: Buenos Aires City Tour** Drive down the widest street in the world, 9th of July Avenue, past the Colon Opera House to the Plaza de Mayo. The plaza faces the pink Presidential Palace and National Cathedral, which houses the tomb of the liberator, San Martin. Next, visit the old port *La Boca* district with its pastel houses and shops; you will have time to browse through the shops for souvenirs. Remainder of the day at leisure. (B)

