

"El Viajero": Rio, Buenos Aires & Santiago with Chilean Lakes & Iguassu Falls

Departures Daily Except Wednesdays & Thursdays

16 Days/14 Nights from **\$2649**



Itinerary

Day 1: Depart Home City

Day 2: Arrive Rio Arrive in Rio this morning and transfer to your selected hotel. Remainder of the day at leisure.

Day 3: Corcovado and Sugar Loaf Tour This full-day motorcoach tour begins at Corcovado, Rio's highest mountain, crowned by the famous statue of Christ the Redeemer. Enjoy the exceptional views and then continue via the scenic route through Tijuca rainforest. Stop for a barbecue lunch before continuing to Praia Vermelha, where you begin the two-stage ascent by cable car to the top of Sugar Loaf Mountain for breathtaking views of Guanabara Bay and Rio. (B, L)

Day 4: Rio to Iguassu Falls Fly away from vibrant Rio to explore one of the world's greatest natural wonders, Iguassu Falls. You will hear the falls' mighty thunder from the elegant **Tropical Hotel Das Cataratas**, located just footsteps away from the cascading water. (B)

Day 5: Iguassu Falls A full day at leisure, where you will have an opportunity to visit the falls from the Brazilian vantage point. Here, you will have a magnificent overview of the entire horseshoe-shaped falls with over 250 separate cataracts. (B)

Day 6: Iguassu Falls to Buenos Aires Morning departure for Argentina, where you will have a whole new view of the falls. You will cross into Argentina via the Friendship Bridge and clear Argentine customs. Then, walk along the river's edge where a myriad of flora and fauna inhabits this semi-tropical area. Cross small bridges over tiny waterfalls, climb up the embankment to lookout points, and finally arrive at the main part of the falls, the Devil's Throat. After the tour, transfer to the airport on the Argentine side of the falls for your flight to cosmopolitan Buenos Aires. Transfer to your selected hotel. (B)

Days 7 & 8: Buenos Aires See why Buenos Aires is called the "Paris of South America" on a half-day motorcoach tour of this elegant city. Drive by the public squares and parks, including Plaza de Mayo, Plaza del Congreso and Palermo Park. See the Pink House (presidential palace), Colon Theater, 9th of July Avenue and visit Recoleta Cemetery, where Evita is buried. (B daily)

Day 9: Buenos Aires to Bariloche Begin an exciting journey to the lakes and mountains of Argentina and Chile, starting with a flight to Bariloche in the heart of the Andes. Transfer to your selected hotel. (B)



Thundering Iguassu Falls



Brilliant Costumes at the Rio Samba Show

Day 10: Bariloche Scenic Tour Today you will be transported into a world of craggy mountains, snowcapped peaks, brilliant blue lakes and unspoiled forests. Take a half-day motorcoach drive to Mount Lopez and the *circuito chico*, or small circle tour, for sweeping panoramic views of Lake Nahuel Huapi. En route, pass *El Tronador* (The Thunderer), peaking at 11,500 feet, Lake Moreno and Clover Lake. In Bariloche, you will think you have entered an alpine village complete with chocolate shops and European architecture in the main square. (B)

Day 11: Bariloche to Peulla Begin with a half-hour drive along the southern shore of Lake Nahuel Huapi to Puerto Panuelo, where you will start a two-day lakes excursion to Chile. A two-hour boat trip will bring you to Puerto Blest. After two more busses and a brief lake crossing, you will enter Chile through Paso Perez Rosales. Clear customs and then continue by motorcoach to Peulla for overnight in the middle of this natural wonderland. (B, D)

Day 12: Peulla to Puerto Montt (Puerto Varas) Continue your Lake District excursion across Lake Todos Los Santos, where you will have a

dramatic view of Osorno Volcano (weather permitting). You will make a brief stop in Petrohue to admire the falls the view of two volcano peaks, Osorno and Puntiagudo. Continue by bus two more hours along Lake Llanquihue to Puerto Varas, scenically located on the shores of Lake Llanquihue. (B)

Day 13: Puerto Montt to Santiago This morning tour Puerto Montt on the Relancavi Estuary, and the quaint fish market of Angelmo, with an open-air crafts market. Continue on to the airport for a one-hour flight to Santiago. Transfer to your selected hotel. Evening at leisure. (B)

Day 14: Santiago City Tour Take a half-day tour of Santiago, including the Metropolitan Park and San Cristobal Hill for a panoramic view. Visit the city center, including the main square, the racetrack and O'Higgins Park along the Maipu River, where you can buy quality handcrafted jewelry, woolens and decorative items in the open-air shops. (B)

Day 15: Depart Santiago After a memorable journey to some of the most remarkable sights in South America, the day comes to return home. (B)

Day 16: Arrive Home City



Pudu, the world's smallest deer. The Southern Andean species is endangered

Patagonia Extensions

El Calafate, Argentina

3 or 4 Days

Insert this program after day 8 of the itinerary

Itinerary

Day 1: Buenos Aires to El Calafate Fly to El Calafate deep in the Argentine Patagonia and transfer to your hotel of choice. (B)

Day 2: Full-day Perito Moreno Glacier Tour You will have several hours to explore this great natural wonder from many different perspectives. This is the only glacier in the world that is still growing and encompasses an area larger than cosmopolitan Buenos Aires. The deep blue color of the ice indicates its age of over 30,000 years. If you are lucky, you will witness a calving, in which 30-foot pieces of ice break off the glacier and crash into the lake. What a show! (B, L)

Day 3: Full-day Upsala and Onelli Glaciers Cruise Full-day boat trip to the confluence of the north and south branches of Lake Argentina. Its basin was formed by glacial erosion over a period of 15,000 years, and it is filled with the thawing of seven glaciers. Enjoy splendid views of blue icebergs, virgin forests, Onelli Bay, Spegazzini Glacier and Peineta Peak. (B, L)

Day 4: El Calafate to Bariloche Fly to Bariloche to resume "El Viajero". (B) See page 24 for rates for this package. Air add-on: \$435.

Note: The flight from El Calafate to Bariloche does not operate daily.

Paine National Park, Chile

5 Days/4 Nights

Insert this program after day 12 of the itinerary

Itinerary

Day 1: Puerto Varas to Punta Arenas This morning tour Puerto Montt on the Relancavi Estuary, and the quaint fish market of Angelmo, with an open-air crafts market. Continue on to the airport for a two-hour flight to Punta Arenas and transfer to your selected hotel. (B)

Day 2: Punta Arenas to Torres del Paine National Park Early this morning, commence the long drive to Torres del Paine. The drive north across the barren Patagonian plains takes over seven hours. A stop will be made en route at Milodon Cave, where Charles Darwin found the fossilized remains of a prehistoric giant sloth. Hotel selection in Paine Park will be subject to space availability. (B)

Days 3 & 4: Torres del Paine National Park Days at leisure for sightseeing on your own. You may obtain information and purchase tours at the hotel front desk. Tours vary in degree of strenuousness, from full-day or half-day hiking tours, to sightseeing tours via van with guide.

Day 5: Paine Park/Punta Arenas/Santiago Depart early this morning for the return trip to Punta Arenas and flight connections to Santiago. Meeting service and transfer to your selected hotel. (B)

All airfares within South America are included in the rates and are subject to change without notice. Airfares from/to North America are **not** included.

Tour Rates Per Person Hotel Category	Low Season			High Season		
	DbI	Sgl	Tpl	DbI	Sgl	Tpl
Tourist Class	\$2649	3889	2499*	\$2679	3929	2529*
Extra Nights Santiago	42	85	41	42	85	41
First Class	\$3129	4995	2919	\$3159	5035	2979
Extra Nights Santiago	49	98	49	49	98	49
Deluxe Class**	\$3465	5679	3190**	\$3529	5749	3229**
Extra Nights Santiago	92	183	78	92	183	78
Deluxe Plus**	\$3999	6729	3949	\$4229	6999	4269
Extra Nights Santiago	138	260	130	138	260	139

Note: Low Season: MAY 01-SEP 27, DEC 01-20, 2007

*Quoted on the basis of Waldorf Hotel for Bisonte Palace in

Buenos Aires and Superior Room at Iguassu Falls

**Quoted on the basis of Kenton Palace Lake View Room in Bariloche and Luxor Regente Deluxe Ocean Front Room in Rio

Hotels City	Tourist Class	First Class	Deluxe Class	Deluxe Plus Class
Rio de Janeiro	Oceano	Praia Ipanema	JW Marriott or Sofitel	Sofitel Rio Palace (DLX OF)
Iguassu Falls	(Standard)	Tropical Hotel das Cataratas (Superior)	(Deluxe)	Sheraton International (Jungle View)
Buenos Aires	Bisonte Palace	Aspen Towers	Loi Suites	Sofitel
Bariloche	Aconcagua	Kenton Palace	Design Suites	Llao Llao
Peulla	Hotel Peulla	La Natura	La Natura	La Natura
Puerto Varas	Colonos del Sur	Bellavista	Bellavista (Suite)	Cabanas del Lago (Sup Rm)
Santiago	Eurotel Hotel	Torremayor	Sheraton or Radisson	Ritz Carlton

Hotel Llao Llao, Llao Llao Peninsula, Bariloche, Argentina



Rates Include: Air add-on for flights from Puerto Montt to Punta Arenas and Punta Arenas to Santiago: \$285

Tour Rates Per Person Hotel Category Punta Arenas	MAY 2008-SEP 2008			OCT 2007-APR 2008		
	DbI	Sgl	Tpl	DbI	Sgl	Tpl
Hotel Finis de Terrae	\$ 900	1450	n/a	\$1285	2070	n/a
Cabo de Hornos	\$ 959	1485	849	\$1370	2100	1200
Jose Nogueira	\$ 989	1520	870	\$1400	2170	1240