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JOURNEY
LATIN AMERICA⁷³

WELCOME TO JOURNEY LATIN AMERICA

For some travellers, Latin America has always been on the bucket list, while for others it seems a far-flung land of mystery and curiosity.

Whether you're a seasoned visitor or new to this region, we're confident you'll find an astonishing diversity of landscapes and cultures waiting to be discovered. With breathtaking natural wonders, mysterious ancient sites, thriving indigenous cultures and unique wildlife, you'll experience authentic, memorable and life-changing moments on a holiday with us.

As well as the warmth and friendliness of its inhabitants, Latin America boasts incredible scenery; from snow-capped mountain peaks and glaciers through sun-scorched deserts to tropical jungles and pristine beaches.

This fascinating region is a cultural melting pot too, blending ancient with modern, and filled with the vestiges of bygone empires – from Mayans and Incas to Spanish conquistadors. The lively markets, infectious music and good-natured exuberance of everyday life provide a colourful backdrop to this ever-changing landscape, and by travelling as part of a group of like-minded travellers you'll revel in the shared experience of uncovering unforgettable highlights. To help you get the most out of your trip, we've taken the knowledge, experience and feedback of our clients, staff and suppliers over the past 40 years to refine and perfect our trips, and in this comprehensive brochure you'll find a unique range of authentic and inspirational holidays to every corner of Central and South America.

Our tours follow tried and tested routes led by our knowledgeable, well-travelled, passionate and articulate tour leaders, comprising a mix of ages and often various nationalities. Group sizes are kept small for a more personalised and intimate experience, and our style of travel is comfortable, friendly, and informal.

So whether you're a first-timer to Latin America, or a seasoned visitor, our friendly team of travel experts are on hand to share their extensive first-hand knowledge and passion for the region to ensure you will experience something extraordinary on your next holiday. From the much-heralded highlights to the off-the-beaten-track gems we've discovered in more than 40 years of pioneering travel to our favourite continent – we know the places you'll love.



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OUR STRENGTH IS IN OUR EXPERIENCE



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For more than four decades, we've been creating award-winning holidays to every corner of Central and South America.

We pride ourselves on being the most knowledgeable people when it comes to travel in the region and are passionate about sharing our experience to ensure your journey is truly special.

Expertise

Our team of travel experts have explored the length and breadth of Latin America, and have an unrivalled knowledge of travel in the continent. We've forged long-standing relationships with the best local suppliers of services and hotels, and are constantly on the lookout for new talent. Top local guides work alongside our expert tour leaders to entertain and provide specialist insight.

Our service

From the first time you contact us to the moment you return, we strive for every part of the service we provide to be exceptional. That's why 97% of clients rated their experience with us as Excellent or Good, and why we consistently win prestigious travel awards.

The extra mile

As the UK's No. 1 specialist in travel to Latin America, a passion for the region runs through all we do. No other operator can offer such a wide range of hand-picked accommodation, activities and experiences in Central and South America.

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Trust

We are a fully bonded tour operator, registered with ATOL, ABTA and AITO, meaning our holidays include full financial protection. Whilst you're away you'll also have access to our 24/7 emergency UK helpline.

Sustainability

We strive to operate responsibly in everything we do, by creating authentic, sustainable holidays which have a positive impact on the people, places and wildlife that we promote.

Pricing

We constantly monitor the latest special offers and provide our clients with exclusive deals on hotels and excursions, ensuring your money goes further.



Award winners

Our commitment to what we do has been recognised time and time again – our brochures, holidays, customer service, tour leaders, local guides and sustainable initiatives have all won travel trade and public awards over the years.

THE STYLE OF OUR JOURNEYS

Every year we find yet more in Latin America for you to enjoy.

We have the most comprehensive and wide-ranging selection of tours available from any UK tour operator.

Discovery Journeys

Our Discovery Journeys offer a deeper insight into the magnificent landscapes, vibrant cultures and ancient history of Latin America.

Staying in cosy, family-run hotels and guesthouses, you'll get a real feel for the local way of life. We'll visit once-remote regions, which have now been opened up thanks to vastly improved road, air and rail transport connections. Our award-winning tour leaders have an unrivalled knowledge of Central and South America and will show you the back roads that tourists don't often see.

We'll explore everything from traditional bars to bustling marketplaces serving traditional delicacies, with plenty of local fiestas along the way! There are also opportunities to try something active: hike along new trails, ride a horse, or trek across the surface of a colossal glacier.

To get you around as quickly and comfortably as possible, we use a mixture of private and public transport.



Caesar Pineda



Sergio Guevara

All our group holidays embrace the ideas and expectations of those who have travelled with us over our 40 years, and cater for travellers of different nationalities, ages, tastes and budgets.

Classic Journeys

Take in Latin America's most iconic destinations in complete comfort and style on a Classic Journey.

With good roads, luxury trains and comprehensive local flight networks now connecting the continent's key destinations, we've planned comfortable routes with private vehicles to take you from place to place.

You'll experience the awe-inspiring natural beauty and cities of the region by day, then return each evening to top quality hotels chosen for their superb facilities, elegant décor and first-rate services.

You'll be eating very well, too. Our expert tour leaders will let you in on Latin America's best-kept culinary secrets, and can recommend delicious regional specialities and wines at some of the finest restaurants across the continent.

Private Group

Choose from any of our featured itineraries to create your own personal Private Group with six or more family or friends. Not only will you be accompanied at all times by one of our expert leaders, but you'll also benefit from complete flexibility to choose your own departure dates.

OUR TOUR LEADERS



Liz Luck

Every member of our team has lived, worked or travelled extensively in Central and South America – you won't find more committed and enthusiastic travel experts.

We were among the first to offer escorted group tours in the region, and some of our travel specialists and tour leaders have been with us for over 30 years.

As well as being friendly, approachable and enthusiastic, our tour leaders' passion for the culture and history of Latin America means they are always happy to go the extra mile. Here, we introduce you to some of our exceptional team...

Adrian Gallop

For over 15 years Adrian was a part of our operations team in London. Now as a tour leader he's a magnificent ambassador for Journey Latin America and has many a story to tell about his exploits. Based in Arequipa he packs his bags regularly to lead tours all over Latin America.

Berner Torres

Berner, who hails from Peru, has been leading trips with Journey Latin America for 20 years, during which time he has become an expert tour leader in all respects. His enthusiasm, passion and extensive knowledge for his country and the rest of the continent is unmatched and infectious.

Dionisio Mejia

Dionisio is originally from El Salvador, but his work as a guide has led him all over Central America. He is renowned for his thoughtful and considerate approach to tour leading as well as the passion he has for the countries he visits.

Duncan Griffin

Having travelled extensively around the world, Duncan fell for South America as his favourite continent and settled in Lima where he also owns a hostel. He has accumulated a wealth of experience in 16 years of tour leading for us, which he happily shares with his group.

Elizabeth Luck

Elizabeth spent a year travelling around the world, including six months in South America, before deciding to make her visit to Peru more permanent. She travels the length and breadth of the continent for us and is a great enthusiast for all things Latin.

Etienne Frans

Such is his love for Latin America and sharing it with others that Etienne, resident of Rio and Cusco, has worked with us as a tour leader for over 30 years. He has accrued a vast network of contacts, and a huge fund of knowledge and anecdotes.

Jessica de Gier

Dutch-born Jessica travelled to Peru in the 1990s and immediately fell in love with the Latin American landscapes, wildlife and nature. Now two decades later, Jessica has lived in both South and Central America, and spends her downtime residing in Mexico City.

Jo Lunn

An avid traveller who could frequently be found exploring a new part of Latin America, Jo swapped 15 years of working in advertising to follow her heart into a new career as a tour leader. Effervescent and always ready for the next adventure she can lead tours in almost every country.

Lucho Diaz

Lucho works out of his native Cusco and is so popular and valued that he has reached the top five in Wanderlust magazine's worldwide Guide of the Year. His knowledge of his country and its history is boundless and he'll pass it on at every turn.

Max Wood

Max has worked as a tour leader all over the world, but his greatest love is Latin America. Having lived in Panama, Argentina and Chile, it is the continent he knows best and it is his passion to show clients the area of the world he is happiest in.

Daniele Binaghi

Daniele packed up his job in IT and hasn't looked back. He has travelled everywhere in South and Central America, from the cold plains of Tierra del Fuego to the Mayan ruins of Mexico. So superb is his leading that he is a former finalist of the Wanderlust Guide of the Year award.

Cuba Tour Leaders

Owing to government restrictions on tour leaders working for foreign-based companies, things work a little differently for our two Cuban tours. The tour leader will be a local guide who has been handpicked by Journey Latin America and our local supplier in Cuba.



Dionisio Mejia



Berner Torres



Daniele Binaghi



Etienne Frans



Adrian Gallop



Jessica De Gier



Max Wood



Jo Lunn



HOW GROUP TRAVEL WORKS



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Travelling in a group is an entirely unique experience with a huge number of benefits.

Each group tour is accompanied from start to finish by one of our expert tour leaders, so you'll always be in safe hands.

You'll also enjoy the company of other like-minded travellers, sharing new experiences from exciting outdoor excursions to mouthwatering traditional meals. We take care of all the practical arrangements, so you can rest assured that every logistical detail has been planned on your behalf. Whether you're taking in Latin America's most iconic attractions or exploring off-the-beaten-track routes, you'll enjoy the experience in great company.

Though we take care of all the organising, our flexible approach means you'll have plenty of freedom to adjust your holiday to suit you. That means you can spend money where you like and choose activities in your free time, but also that we can help alter your route according to your exact needs. Perhaps you plan to join a trip late, or leave one early.

You may have already visited a destination on our tour and would like to see an alternative highlight or upgrade your accommodation for a night.

Maybe you wish to extend your trip before or after the group tour to include another location, such as the example customisations we've suggested with each tour in this brochure. Whatever your preference, our specialists can provide expert advice and tailor a holiday to meet your specific requests, so that all your plans run smoothly.

Who are you travelling with?

We welcome everyone from ages 12 and up on our group tours, which are made up of a pleasant mix of families, friends and solo travellers. If you are joining a tour alone, there is no extra charge to pay, as long as you are willing to share a room with another person of the same sex. If there is no one available to share with on the tour, you'll have a room to yourself but still won't be charged any extra.

If you'd prefer to guarantee a single room, a supplement is charged dependent on which holiday you pick. You may be charged a single supplement if you book within two months of departure, but it's easy to check in advance with our consultants who can provide more information about charges for each tour.

Our group journeys run with a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 12 to 20 guests, depending on the tour. On average most groups are made up of 8 or 9 travellers, creating a cosy dynamic which is neither too anonymous nor too intimate. These small group sizes also ensure we minimise our impact on the environment and local communities, and allow greater flexibility when catering for individuals' interests. By guaranteeing a departure when the number of booked clients reaches just 4, we can confirm well in advance that your tour will run.

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How to get there

We understand that some clients may wish to book their own flights, choosing their airline, route and travel dates. We recognise that some travellers may also be joining us from outside the UK. For this reason, our prices exclude the flights to get you to and from the tour. The majority of our passengers do however book their international flights with us and our travel experts will be happy to quote prices from any regional UK departure point, with your airline of choice, any flight upgrades you may want and alternative dates if necessary. Whether you book your international flights with us or not, any domestic flights within the tour itinerary are of course included in the overall holiday price, and booked for you by our operations team.

How we travel

Our group tours take you across the continent using a combination of planes, trains, boats and road vehicles. Whatever the means of travel, we always choose the best available option, taking into careful consideration the size of our group. On Classic Journeys, all road transport is undertaken in private vehicles, whilst Discovery Journeys use private vehicles 85% of the time. For practicality and comfort, a few of our tours include road journeys by luxury local coaches and buses.





Belize Tourist Board

Simply sit back and let the adventure begin

Whether you're flying directly from the UK or joining us after some pre-tour travel arrangements, you'll meet our expert tour leader and the rest of the group in Latin America.

Upon arrival we will include a transfer from the airport to your hotel – this is always included, whether you booked your own flight or not. You'll travel together as a group, staying in the same accommodation, enjoying the same included excursions and hopping on planes, trains and coaches together. Your tour leader will be with you every step of the way, not only to guide and assist you but also as a local expert and friendly travel companion.

As the most important meal of the day, breakfast is always included on all our journeys. Some excursions or lodgings may come with additional included meals, but for the most part we prefer to let you choose where you'd like to eat.

Our groups often enjoy eating out together, accompanied by the tour leader who can guide you towards the lesser-known gems and traditional eateries which offer a range of options to suit all dietary needs. You'll pay only for what you eat, there are no split bills or 'kitty' system.

However, we know everyone has their own preferences and you may wish to enjoy a meal at a separate restaurant recommended by the tour leader or a local guide – it's entirely up to you.

No matter which group tour you choose, an exciting range of excursions will always be included in the overall price. These typically include trips to the most iconic highlights, guided walks, local tours and any other adventures which we think would appeal to everyone. The majority of our tours also offer the chance to enjoy optional excursions, which can be booked and paid for locally. For a list of some of the available optional excursions on each trip, browse through our in-depth tour dossiers on our website.

On top of those listed, our tour leaders can generally organise any activity you'd like to try – time and weather permitting! The wide range of activities on offer during free time cater to many different interests, but you'll always have the option to relax at the hotel or unwind in a cosy local café.



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THE MOST MEMORABLE EXPERIENCES

All of our excursions, whether optional or included, are led by an expert local guide with unrivalled knowledge.

Each guide is carefully selected and will help you enjoy the most memorable and informative experiences possible, usually accompanied by your friendly tour leader as well.

Whether you spend the day hiking in a beautiful national park, spotting wildlife in thriving forests or admiring the cathedrals of a colonial town, our handpicked specialists will provide fascinating insights into your surroundings. Giving you the chance to learn about the culture, history and traditions of each area from local people, who will go above and beyond to create a unique, illuminating experience you'll never forget.

Dear JLA,

With clear blue skies our fantastic local guide Cristina found the perfect spot on the edge of the Colca Canyon where we watched condors float and swoop above us.

Thanks for a wonderful day,
Pelicano Group



Carrie Gallagher

To the Group Tours team,

Our guide Cynthia has wowed us on our excursions in and around La Paz with her passion and knowledge. She even dressed up in a local cholita outfit much to our surprise.

Warm regards from Bolivia,
The Hummingbirds



Carrie Gallagher

Dear Carrie,

We have just spent the most fascinating day in the Sacred Valley thanks mostly to our brilliant local expert Edwin. He truly made it a captivating experience.

Now to enjoy a well earned Pisco Sour!

Love the Butler family



Carrie Gallagher

JOURNEY RESPONSIBLY

At Journey Latin America we strive to be responsible in everything we do. By creating authentic, sustainable holidays which have a positive impact on people, places and wildlife, we believe everyone can benefit. With our deep and long-lasting passion for the continent, we work closely with local partners to support positive and sustainable travel practices throughout the places we visit.

Our responsible journey

We firmly believe, when undertaken responsibly, travel and tourism can bring vast benefits at grassroots level. As a result we measure the impact of our business against UN Sustainable Development Goals to bring improvements to everything we do. This approach has led us to win a Responsible Business Award. We are also proud to be independently verified by Ethy on a growing number of sustainability standards.



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Climate action

Our company-wide Climate Action Strategy takes a five-step approach (measure, decarbonise, regenerate, collaborate and finance) as we seek to reduce the output arising from our business. Alongside this, with every booking, we donate to Rewilding Chile, a non-profit organisation working to renew the landscapes and habitats of Chilean Patagonia including a newly-created national park.



Charlotte Daubney

On the ground

We work with local businesses, hotels and restaurants, bringing money directly to the communities we visit. We have clear policies on human rights, child welfare, fair working conditions and animal welfare, which we and our teams on the ground strive to meet.

Reducing plastic

To help plastic reduction, we have partnered with Water-To-Go to offer our customers reusable bottles with a unique filter system, creating safe drinking water from any tap or stream – an incredibly convenient way to remove plastic waste on holiday.



Sarah Gilbert

Social enterprise

We've recently supported a house-painting scheme to rejuvenate a village on the shores of Lake Atitlán in Guatemala, and invested in the local artisan weaving industry near Cotopaxi volcano in the Ecuadorian Andes to create the beautiful, reusable travel wallets. We currently support the Sol y Luna Foundation, which runs a school and an orphanage helping underprivileged children in the Peruvian Andes.



Journey Latin America



LATA Foundation

Giving back to Latin America

Over the years we have always supported a wide range of social, environmental and disaster relief projects throughout Latin America. Our clients also have the opportunity to donate to the LATA Foundation, where every penny raised goes directly to the good causes on the ground.

Find out more about our Responsible Journey by visiting our website.

HIGHLIGHTS OF LATIN AMERICA



1 Mexico

Mexico's rich colonial and Mayan heritage is entirely unique. Discover its jungle-clad temples and pyramids at Chichén Itzá and Palenque; wander through its graceful colonial towns and gaze at its coastline of white sands and aquamarine seas.

[Eagle Classic Journey - p18](#)



2 Cuba

Cuba's beautiful, crumbling colonial towns lie alongside stunning natural landscapes, from Caribbean beaches to rugged mountains and forests. The island's eventful history is mirrored in its fascinating culture. Soviet buses, classic 1950s cars and revolutionary art make for an exhilarating experience.

[Parakeet Discovery Journey - p16](#)



3 Central America

A unique fusion of Caribbean, Mayan, Spanish and even Mennonite cultures come together in Central America. Its landscapes are similarly varied, sheltering volcanoes, glimmering lakes, palm-fringed beaches and rainforests alive with abundant wildlife. What's more, the region is home to some of the best preserved colonial cities in Latin America.

[Alción Discovery Journey - p20](#)
[Tanager Discovery Journey - p25](#)

4 Colombia

Explore Bogotá's captivating Gold Museum, the lush green hills of the coffee region and the exotic beaches of Tayrona National Park where dense jungle tumbles down to hidden coves. Cartagena – with its cobbled streets and flower-filled balconies – is perhaps the most romantic colonial city on the continent.

[Weaverbird Discovery Journey - p28](#)
[Chachalaca Classic Journey - p30](#)



5 Galápagos Islands

Formed from the peaks of colossal volcanoes, the Galápagos archipelago is home to an extraordinary array of plants and animals. The unique adaptations of the islands' wildlife famously gave rise to Darwin's theory of evolution. Spot sea lions, marine iguanas, giant tortoises and incredibly diverse birdlife including entertaining blue-footed boobies.

[Galápagos Hawk Classic Journey - p33](#)

6 Ecuador

The natural landscapes of Ecuador are staggeringly diverse, from snow-capped Andean peaks to misty highland cloud forests, as well as lush Amazon rainforest and wild Pacific beaches. There's a strong indigenous tradition in the highlands where you'll find hand-woven textiles and crafts in vibrant markets, while the capital Quito is an impressive colonial city overlooked by an imposing volcano.

[Albatross Classic Journey - p32](#)



7 Northern Peru

The less-visited northern regions of Peru boast snow-dusted mountains, deserts, sweeping beaches and the vestiges of advanced pre-Inca civilisations. Experience the ancient adobe city at Chan Chan, the colonial charm of Cajamarca and a mountaintop temple at Kuelap.

[Tico Tico Discovery Journey - p34](#)



8 Peru

Sublime landscapes, wildlife, history, culture and cuisine – Peru has more than its fair share of treasures. Snowy Andean peaks shelter beautifully preserved Inca temples and fortresses, including the iconic Lost City of Machu Picchu. Traditional communities live atop floating reed islands on the majestic Lake Titicaca, while the Amazon rainforest teems with wildlife.

[Condor Discovery Journey - p36](#)
[Pelicano Classic Journey - p38](#)

9 Bolivia

Bolivia has a variety of dramatic landscapes and an indigenous culture and way of life that has changed little since the Spanish conquest. High-altitude La Paz, the capital, is a maze of houses clinging to steep canyon sides with a striking mountain backdrop. The shimmering salt flats of Uyuni are entirely surreal. In the dry season they resemble an endless blinding white sheet, and in the wet season, a vast mirror for the sky.

[Andean Flamingo Classic Journey - p39](#)
[Zampullin Discovery Journey - p41](#)



10 Brazil

Brazil's vast territory encompasses Amazon jungle, desert sand dunes, roaring waterfalls and vibrant cities, while perfect beaches stretch across almost the entire length of its coastline. Explore Rio de Janeiro, one of Latin America's most fascinating cities where tropical mountains swoop down to sparkling bays. The wetland region of the Pantanal is a haven for wildlife enthusiasts.

[Trogon Discovery Journey - p48](#)
[Toucanet Classic Journey - p50](#)



13 The Guianas

Largely untouched and unexplored, Guyana, Suriname and French Guiana have fascinating cultures and offer remote adventures. Delve into vast jungles, sweeping savannah and ancient tablelands, and gasp at the vast Kaieteur Falls – the world's widest single-drop waterfall.

[Coq of the Rock Discovery Journey - p31](#)



14 Patagonia

The dramatically beautiful region of Patagonia is split across southern Chile and Argentina. Marvel at its towering granite peaks, lush green forests and meadows, turquoise lakes and impossibly vast glaciers. Widely considered to offer some of the world's best hiking trails, you'll be spoiled with unparalleled scenery.

[Nandu Discovery Journey - p52](#)
[Penguin Classic Journey - p62](#)



15 Buenos Aires

This lively, cosmopolitan city is full of delights: wander among the brightly painted houses of La Boca, shop in glitzy Recoleta and watch a tango show in San Telmo. Enjoy flea markets and exquisite fine dining in this elegant metropolis.

[Sandpiper Classic Journey - p54](#)
[Magellanic Classic Journey - p58](#)
[Gaucha Classic Journey - p60](#)

16 Atacama Desert

The arid landscapes of the Atacama Desert in northern Chile are otherworldly. Wind-carved rock formations are dotted with geysers and hot springs, while the captivating Moon Valley lights up in shades of pink and crimson at sunset. Some of the world's best stargazing is enjoyed here too.

[Andean Flamingo Classic Journey - p39](#)
[Pato Andino Discovery Journey - p42](#)

11 Iguazú Falls

Straddling the border between Brazil and Argentina, the thunderous Iguazú Falls are undoubtedly one of Latin America's most awe-inspiring natural sights. 276 individual cascades crash through tangled sub-tropical jungle alive with butterflies and birds. Both sides offer a unique experience – from Brazil, enjoy a full panorama; in Argentina get up close to the foaming water on a series of walkways.

[Jacana Discovery Journey - p40](#)
[Hummingbird Classic Journey - p44](#)

12 Paraguay & Uruguay

Situated at the heart of the continent, landlocked Paraguay harbours a wealth of wildlife and indigenous communities. Explore the remains of the Jesuit Mission settlements dating back to the 17th century.

In contrast, famed for its rolling plains and lush pasture, Uruguay boasts 660km of glorious coastline. Visit the lively waterfront capital of Montevideo before heading East to the UNESCO World Heritage Site Colonia.

[Jabiru Discovery Journey - p51](#)

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TEQUILA,
SALSA AND MAYANS

PARAKEET: CUBA BEYOND THE BEACH



DISCOVERY JOURNEY

This group holiday takes you off the beaten track to the authentic heart of Cuba. Enjoy vibrant Havana, rural Viñales, elegant Cienfuegos and charming Trinidad. Visit plantations and botanical gardens, go on the trail of Che Guevara, and relax on Caribbean beaches.

12 days from £2,872pp



Tom Parrott

- Days 1-2**
Explore the historic streets of old Havana on foot before jumping in a vintage American car to see city highlights including Revolution Square, the National Hotel, Capitol building and the former Presidential Palace. Enjoy some cocktails and salsa in the evening.
- Days 3-4**
We'll head west to the agricultural town of Viñales, a delightful step back in time with horses and carts and streets lined with wooden colonnades. Take in the valley's dramatic limestone mountains, then visit a local campesino family and a tobacco plantation.
- Days 5-7**
Travel south to the Zapata Peninsula, a region of unspoilt tropical vegetation fringed with beautiful beaches. Visit the Girón Museum to learn about the failed CIA-inspired invasion in 1961, then discover the elegant French-influenced city of Cienfuegos and the oldest botanical gardens in Cuba.
- Days 8-9**
Head further east to the charming city of Trinidad, discover its cobbled colonial streets and vibrant nightlife, and enjoy optional excursions to white-sand beaches nearby.
- Days 10-12**
Head back inland to Santa Clara, site of one of Che Guevara's most important revolutionary victories. Visit Che's mausoleum and museum before returning for one more night in fascinating music-filled Havana.

Make It Your Own

Just north of Santa Clara lie the white sand beaches of the Caribbean. If you want to bathe in the warm crystal waters we can organise for you to leave the group in Santa Clara and spend some quality relaxation time by the coast. You can then travel straight to the airport for your flight home or spend some more nights in Havana.



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WHAT YOU SAY

Cuba is a fascinating country and JLA has pulled together a fantastic trip with excellent local guides. It exceeded my expectations and I do hope to return one day.

AES, Eastbourne

WHAT WE LOVE

This is a great tour because it provides the opportunity to see the contrast of the undeveloped east, with the wealthier west, all the while soaking up the country's unusual and turbulent history.

Paul Winrow-Giffin
Travel Expert

Departure dates

2024 23 NOV
2025 22 MAR 22 NOV

Summary nights

12 days, 11 nights: Havana 2; Viñales 2; Cienfuegos 2; Trinidad 3; Santa Clara 1; Havana 1

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EAGLE: AZTECS, MAYAS AND CONQUISTADORES



CLASSIC JOURNEY

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Get a flavour of one of Latin America's most vibrant destinations – Mexico. You'll discover a huge diversity of cultural and natural attractions on this group tour.

15 days from £4,256pp

- Days 1-3**
Vast, lively and steeped in history, Mexico City was built on the site of the Aztec Empire's capital. There is so much to discover, including remarkable displays of ancient civilizations at the Museum of Anthropology and the megalithic archaeological site of Teotihuacán.
- Days 4-6**
Travel by road to the southern highlands. We'll spend a few days in sunny Oaxaca, a well-preserved colonial city famed for its thriving art scene and excellent cuisine. Nearby, the archaeological sites of Mitla and Monte Albán feature mysterious burial chambers and temples.
- Days 7-10**
Travel to San Cristóbal, an atmospheric town of markets, Bohemian cafés and hilltop churches. Explore nearby indigenous villages before heading to the maze-like Mayan site of Palenque.
- Days 11-15**
Continue north to Campeche, a UNESCO World Heritage City with restored colonial mansions and incredible sunset views over the Gulf of Mexico. We'll marvel at the imposing pyramids of Uxmal en route to Mérida, Yucatán's thriving capital with an opulent, crumbling colonial centre. Spot flamingoes at the Celestún wildlife sanctuary, and roam through the grandest of all Mayan sites, Chichén Itzá.



Tom Parrott

Departure dates

2024 18 DEC
2025 15 JAN 12 FEB 19 MAR 30 JUL 27 OCT 10 DEC
2026 14 JAN 11 FEB

Summary nights

15 days, 14 nights: Mexico City 3; Oaxaca 3; San Cristóbal 2; Palenque 2; Campeche 1; Mérida 2; Chichén Itzá 1.



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Make It Your Own

After a busy two weeks of exploring across Mexico, it's time to unwind on the beach. The Caribbean coastline of the Riviera Maya is just a few hours from Chichén Itzá and features beautiful towns and hotels to choose from. We'll organise a transfer to your relaxing beachside property of choice directly after the tour.

WHAT YOU SAY

This tour brings Mexico's cultural and historical diversity vividly to life, and is an excellent introduction to this important Latin American country.
JRF, Cambridge

WHAT WE LOVE

From Mayan ruins to Spanish colonial towns, pristine beaches to tropical forests and rocky deserts, this trip truly packs in all of Mexico's highlights. Nothing beats the incredible food and friendliness of the Mexicans but my biggest highlight was exploring the jungle-clad ruins of Palenque.
Jim Ashworth
Group Tours Manager

KINKAJOU: BEST OF GUATEMALA AND BELIZE



CLASSIC JOURNEY

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Take in the contrasting cultural highlights of two Central American countries. Enjoy Guatemala's mysterious ruins before unwinding in a rainforest retreat in Belize.

12 days from £3,102pp

- Days 1-3**
Our journey begins in Antigua, a colonial work of art with cobbled streets, independent art galleries and a beautiful, leafy central plaza. On a guided tour of the historic centre, discover ruined churches and floral courtyards.
- Days 4-6**
Ascend further into the highlands by road, stopping off at the market town of Chichicastenango to stroll through its mystical labyrinthine streets. Arrive at Lake Atitlán, whose serene cobalt waters reflect sloping forested volcanoes. We'll also visit traditional indigenous villages.
- Days 7-8**
Next we'll fly to Flores, in the lush jungles of northern Guatemala which teem with wildlife. On a guided tour of the archaeological site at Tikal, clamber up ruins and discover breathtaking panoramic views of Mayan temples emerging from the rainforest canopy.
- Days 9-12**
Spend a morning in the little-known Mayan ceremonial site of Yaxha, on the shores of a vivid lagoon, before a beautiful scenic drive into Belize. Enjoy activities from your tranquil jungle lodge at Chaa Creek, including strolls along orchid-lined trails, wildlife-spotting canoe rides on the River Macal and horseback journeys through the rainforest.

Departure dates

2024 28 NOV
2025 16 JAN 17 APR 14 AUG 09 OCT 27 NOV
2026 15 JAN

Summary nights

12 days, 11 nights: Antigua 3, Lake Atitlán 3; Tikal 2; Chaa Creek 3.



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Make It Your Own

The perfect way to end any visit to Guatemala and Belize is to spend a few nights on one of the cayes that pepper the Caribbean Sea. With an airstrip just a few miles from Chaa Creek, simply board a light aircraft and be whisked away to the idyllic paradise of your choice.

WHAT YOU SAY

Every day was exhilarating and exciting... I was extremely fortunate to see the national bird of Guatemala in its natural habitat – the resplendent quetzal. I even saw the kinkajou in Belize.
JH, Weybridge

WHAT WE LOVE

Being Guatemalan I may be biased but for me nothing beats the Mayan ruins of Tikal. The way the temples emerge from the dense jungle is awe inspiring and this tour offers plenty of time to explore their hidden secrets.
Cesar Pineda
Tour Leader



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ALCION CENTRAL AMERICA DISCOVERY



DISCOVERY JOURNEY

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From Mayan ruins and colonial towns to coral beaches and pristine rainforests, this adventurous tour reveals the breathtaking highlights of six Central American countries.

22 days from £3,927pp



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- Days 1-4**
We'll explore the glittering skyscrapers and colonial heart of Panama City before heading to the Panama Canal, an astounding feat of engineering. From there it's up to the cool cloud forests of the Boquete highlands, then on to the lush Caribbean coast. Crossing the border into Costa Rica you'll spend the night near the volcanic sand beaches of Cahuita.
- Days 5-8**
Continue north to the peaceful town of Sarapiquí. Hike, river raft or simply unwind in the surrounding national parks, which are densely forested and teeming with colourful wildlife. We'll continue to the magical cloud forests of Monteverde National Park, home to one of Central America's most iconic birds: the resplendent quetzal.
- Days 9-14**
Continue northwards into unspoilt Nicaragua where twin volcanoes overlook serene Ometepe. Explore this traditional island, before heading to the charming colonial town of Granada. We'll enjoy a day trip to an active volcano and the handicraft markets of Masaya and then continue northwards to León, the country's radical, intellectual centre.
- Days 15-19**
The waterside La Union and the atmospheric colonial city of Suchitoto await in El Salvador. Virtually untouched by tourists, the town spreads down to the shores of Lake Suchitlán. Continuing to Honduras, we'll visit the impressive Mayan ruins of Copán which feature intricately carved statues and hieroglyphs.
- Days 20-22**
Ascend into the cool highlands of Guatemala, arriving in Antigua. This beautiful colonial city of cobbled streets, overhanging tiled roofs and a leafy central plaza is overlooked by smouldering volcanoes. Relax and unwind, wandering around the city's magnificent ruined churches and beautifully tended gardens.

Make It Your Own

The Panama Canal is one of the world's most iconic feats of engineering. On this tour you'll marvel at the colossal waterway from one of the locks near Panama City, but those seeking the full experience can also fly out a day early to take a cruise along the canal. Pass through the same locks as the world's largest ships before returning to the group hotel as your fellow passengers arrive.



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WHAT YOU SAY

A really interesting, varied and contrasting tour encapsulating the spirit and culture of the region. Excellent value and made even more enjoyable by a fantastic tour leader.

RG, Bishopton

WHAT WE LOVE

The Alcion three-week road journey combines the highlights of six Central-American countries. A colourful medley of dramatic landscapes where active volcanoes tower over farmlands, lakes and steamy jungles. The stories about Mayan Empires, pirates and banana republics continue to fascinate me.

Jessica de Gier
Tour Leader

Departure dates

2024	07 DEC			
2025	04 JAN	08 FEB	29 MAR	10 MAY
	02 AUG	11 OCT	08 NOV	06 DEC
2026	03 JAN	07 FEB		

Summary nights

22 days, 21 nights: Panama City 2; Boquete 1; Cahuita 1; Sarapiquí 2; Monteverde 2; Ometepe 3; Granada 2; León 1; La Union 1; Suchitoto 2; Copán 2; Antigua 2

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From smouldering volcanoes to ancient ruins, discover some of Central America's most impressive cultural and natural highlights at a relaxed pace on this comfortable group tour.

19 days from £4,476pp



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- Days 1-5**
We begin our journey in unspoilt Nicaragua, exploring the charming colonial buildings and churches of Granada. We'll visit Las Isletas, a chain of 365 islands bursting with birdlife and the active Masaya volcano before heading to León, Nicaragua's radical and intellectual centre. From this lively city, there are excursions to pristine Pacific beaches, mangrove forests or León Viejo archaeological site.
- Days 6-7**
Fly to El Salvador where we'll continue by road to the atmospheric town of Suchitoto. Virtually untouched by tourists, its colonial buildings and cobbled streets spread down to the shores of shimmering Lake Suchitlán. Head out on a leisurely boat trip, or spot migrating birds in the surrounding forests.
- Days 8-15**
Travel to Guatemala's highlands, stopping off at a 600 AD Mayan town preserved by volcanic ash. We'll explore Antigua, a colonial jewel with cobbled streets, tiled roofs and a beautiful, leafy central plaza. Head onwards to Lake Atitlán, where cobalt blue waters reflect conical volcanoes and traditional indigenous villages line the shores. A short flight takes us to the tangled jungles of the north, where the elegant Tikal ruins rise up above the rainforest canopy.
- Days 16-19**
Spend a morning in the little-known Mayan ceremonial site of Yaxha before a scenic drive across the border into Belize. We'll spend three nights at Chaa Creek, a tranquil rainforest retreat. Stroll along orchid-lined trails, spot wildlife from a canoe along the Macal River, explore on horseback or simply unwind in the luxurious spa.

Make It Your Own

Fancy treating yourself to a stay on a private island during the tour? Whilst exploring Granada you have the chance to spend a night at the wonderfully luxurious Jicaro Eco Lodge. This natural haven on Lake Nicaragua is a unique experience not to be missed. Following your excursion to Las Isletas, you'll be dropped off on Jicaro Island and will rejoin the group the next morning.



Jicaro Eco Lodge

WHAT WE LOVE

This is a great tour for exploring the most beautiful cities in Central America, the colonial chain of Granada, León, Suchitoto and Antigua. The colourful buildings, grand churches and distant volcanoes showcase the individual beauty and differences of each iconic city.

Delia Pocon
Tour Leader

WHAT YOU SAY

I had three wonderful weeks in Central America. I loved the stunning scenery, the friendly people, the amazing Mayan ruins, the diverse flora and fauna, and the beautiful colours of the traditional dress.

JR, Cambridge

Departure dates

2024 21 NOV
2025 09 JAN 10 APR 07 AUG 02 OCT 20 NOV
2026 08 JAN

Summary nights

19 days, 18 nights: Granada 3; León 2; Suchitoto 2; Antigua 3; Lake Atitlán 3; Tikal 2; Chaa Creek 3.



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COTINGA: OFF THE BEATEN TRACK NICARAGUA



DISCOVERY JOURNEY

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Embark on an adventure through the charming colonial towns, jungle-fringed beaches and wildlife-rich islands of unspoilt Nicaragua.

18 days from £3,737pp

Days 1-5

Unwind on a tranquil coffee farm before heading to Lago Nicaragua. Out of this vast freshwater lake rises Ometepe, an island of conical volcanoes, pre-Columbian statues and untouched rainforest filled with howler monkeys.

Days 6-7

The historic city of Granada charms visitors with its tiled buildings and colonial churches. Nearby, the summit of Masaya volcano offers breathtaking countryside views and the market at Masaya is packed with artisan goods.

Days 8-9

The timeless Solentiname Islands are cloaked in rainforest, brimming with tropical flowers. Local artists sell carved ornaments, and on a guided boat tour of Los Guatuzos Wildlife Refuge, spot caiman and a kaleidoscope of colourful birds.

Days 10-11

Head to El Castillo, a magical town on stilts only accessible by river. Climb to its hilltop fortress for panoramic rainforest vistas and spot white-faced monkeys and river otters in the Indio Maíz Reserve.

Days 12-15

Return to Managua, then it's a short flight to the exquisite Corn Islands, home to rocky bays and sparkling palm-fringed beaches. Eat at local fish restaurants and snorkel among coral reefs in turquoise waters.

Days 16-18

Continue to Nicaragua's intellectual hub, León, and discover its revolutionary murals on a guided walking tour. You may visit pristine Pacific beaches, mangrove forests and the historic León Viejo.

WHAT YOU SAY

Highlights? Looking into the boiling cauldron of magma in the volcano at Parque Nacional Volcán Masaya. Not many people will have seen anything like this before. It should be included in the New 7 Wonders of the Earth.

JC, Dorking



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Departure dates

2025 26 MAR 26 NOV

Summary nights

18 days, 17 nights: Dolores 2; Ometepe 3; Granada 2; Solentiname 2; El Castillo 2; Managua 1; Corn Islands 3; León 2.

WHAT WE LOVE

An often overlooked country, Nicaragua is a great all-rounder, offering wildlife-filled jungles, amazing beaches, colonial architecture and volcanoes. This tour gives a rare opportunity to get under the skin of this fascinating country with its friendly people, travelling to little-visited destinations and experiencing the colourful vibrancy of its communities.

Hannah Waterhouse
Travel Expert

Make It Your Own

If you are running short on time and only have a two-week window to enjoy this tour, we offer the chance to leave on Day 13 in Managua. This will mean you skip the stay on the Corn Islands, which will of course be reflected in the reduced price of your holiday.



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TANAGER: FLORA AND FAUNA OF COSTA RICA



DISCOVERY JOURNEY

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This thrilling tropical holiday in Costa Rica is bursting with wildlife. We'll explore the country's highlights as well as many lesser-known destinations on an unforgettable group tour.

12 days from £3,415pp

Days 1-3

From the bustling capital San José, head to Costa Rica's wild Caribbean coast. A boat ride through twisted mangrove forests takes us to the remote village of Tortuguero. Here the national park shelters an astounding variety of tropical wildlife, including nesting turtles, monkeys and three-toed sloths.

Days 4-7

Continue to the forested national parks of Sarapiquí. Explore intact tropical rainforests teeming with wildlife in the Tirimbina Reserve, before driving to peaceful Bijagua. Hiking opportunities abound, including a winding riverbank trail along the turquoise Rio Celeste.

Days 8-9

The adventure continues along a bumpy road to the cloud forest. Explore suspension bridges over deep canyons in the lush Selvatura Park, while in the Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve keep your eyes peeled for resplendent quetzals and howler monkeys among the misty foliage.

Days 10-12

Head for the tropical dry forests of the Pacific coast. In Carara we'll view bright scarlet macaws and crocodiles basking along the Tárcoles River, before taking a cookery class. Drink in panoramic views over the forest from our lodge, explore hiking trails or try bird-watching.

WHAT YOU SAY

A superb holiday for those with an interest in wildlife and the environment, it is intense, but this results in a highly rewarding experience. The whole holiday was greatly enhanced by having a single guide throughout, who had extensive local knowledge and experience.
JR, Cambridge

WHAT WE LOVE

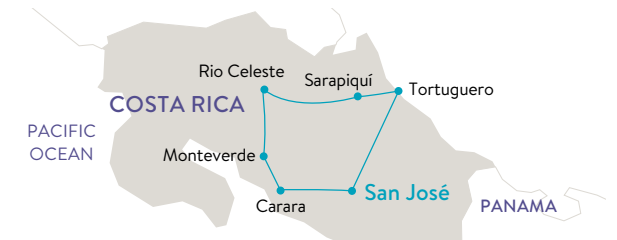
This tour showcases Costa Rica's natural diversity and amazing wildlife, covering everything from the jungle lowlands and mystical cloud forests the country is known for, to some less-visited areas such as Sarapiquí, Rio Celeste and Carara.
Kathryn Rhodes
Travel Expert

Departure dates

2025 04 FEB 11 MAR 18 NOV
2026 03 FEB

Summary nights

12 days, 11 nights: San José 1; Tortuguero 2; Sarapiquí 2; Rio Celeste 2; Monteverde 2; Carara 2.



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Make It Your Own

Your last night finds you in Carara, just a few kilometres from the Pacific Ocean. Instead of journeying back to San José, why not continue down the stunning wild coastline? There are plenty of beachside resorts near Jaco, or you could venture to the rainforests and pristine beaches of Manuel Antonio National Park.



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WEAVERBIRD: SPIRIT OF COLOMBIA



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Discover the mysterious stone statues of San Agustín, enjoy a rural stay in Colombia's idyllic coffee country and soak up the Caribbean sunshine of Tayrona National Park and romantic Cartagena.

16 days from £3,101pp



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- Days 1-5**
In the busy capital Bogotá, explore the fine historic buildings of Candelaria, visit the Gold Museum and enjoy optional excursions including a tour of a vast underground salt cathedral. Continuing to the pretty town of San Agustín, we'll admire its enigmatic archaeological park and hike down steep gorges of the Magdalena River.
- Days 6-9**
Drive through verdant hills to the stately colonial town of Popayán, before heading to the heart of the coffee region. In this wonderfully relaxing countryside we'll sample fresh coffee on local farms and explore colourful walking trails in the Valle de la Cocora nature reserve.
- Days 10-13**
Along Colombia's coastline, explore thick jungles and unspoilt beaches on the way to the provincial colonial towns of Aracataca and Mompós which inspired the legendary writer Gabriel García Márquez. In these beautiful surroundings, relax in the shady plazas and enjoy the natural scenery on the river banks on an included boat trip.
- Days 14-16**
You'll be charmed by romantic Cartagena, with its brightly painted buildings, labyrinth cobbled streets and floral balconies. Soak up its atmosphere on a guided tour of the 16th and 17th century palaces, churches, leafy plazas and imposing mansions.

Make It Your Own

Cartagena mixes colonial history with the rhythm of the Caribbean, and its vibrant street life makes this city a fascinating place to soak up the atmosphere. We include two nights as standard on this tour, but if you'd like to extend your stay just let us know. We'll make sure you have plenty of time to enjoy the fantastic food and wander through romantic cobbled streets.



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WHAT YOU SAY

Colombia is a diverse, beautiful, vibrant and amazing country to visit. I felt welcomed and safe at all times, Colombia's people are eagerly waiting to share their culture and country with those who care to visit
LH, Wangara, Australia

WHAT WE LOVE

What I love about our Weaverbird tour is that it has so much variety! You'll experience vibrant and modern cities as well as charming historical towns. Look out for coffee plantations, lush rolling mountains, fascinating indigenous sites and gorgeous jungle-fringed beaches!

Maggie Wilson
Travel Expert

Departure dates

2025 04 JAN 15 FEB 15 MAR 05 APR 02 AUG 04 OCT 29 NOV
2026 03 JAN 14 FEB

Summary nights

16 days, 15 nights: Bogotá 2; San Agustín 3; Popayán 1; Coffee region 3; Santa Marta 2; Mompós 2; Cartagena 2.



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CHACHALACA: COLOMBIA'S COLONIAL AND COFFEE CULTURE



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Experience the sumptuous landscapes and vibrant cities of Colombia, from cosmopolitan Bogotá and dynamic Medellín to the tranquil coffee region and sun-soaked Cartagena.

14 days from £4,370pp

Days 1-4

Arrive in lively Bogotá, where we'll explore the colonial Candelaria district and dazzling Museum of Gold before ascending Mount Monserrate which towers over the capital. Visit an extraordinary underground salt cathedral before heading to the pretty Spanish-style town of Villa de Leyva.

Days 5-7

Discover vivid Laguna Guatavita, the origin of the legend of El Dorado, before flying to the verdant mountains and towering wax palms of the coffee region. Tour a local coffee farm, explore beautiful nature reserves and wander through quintessential villages with brightly painted houses.

Days 8-10

Medellín is dotted with beautiful parks, plazas and Botero sculptures. Swoop over the colourful city on a cable car then set off for the tranquil village of Guatapé where we'll ascend the striking 200m Peñol Boulder for panoramic views over brilliant blue lagoons.

Days 11-14

Fly to the romantic Caribbean city of Cartagena. Wander through its labyrinthine cobbled streets, admiring imposing fortresses and colourful mansions with floral balconies. With an array of restaurants, cafés and bars, it's a fantastic place to sit and watch the world go by.



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Departure dates

2025 19 JAN 02 MAR 19 OCT
2026 18 JAN

Summary nights

14 days, 13 nights: Bogotá 2;
Villa de Leyva 2; Coffee region 3;
Medellín 3; Cartagena 3.



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Make It Your Own

If you are pushed for time but still wish to discover as much of Colombia as possible, you could consider joining the tour on Day 5 before we travel to the coffee region. Fly into the capital and meet the group at Bogotá Airport, or spend a few nights in the capital beforehand. Either way, we will skip the Villa de Leyva element of the itinerary and reflect this in the overall price of the tour.

WHAT YOU SAY

So many memorable moments on this tour but watching the sunset and enjoying the independence day parades in Cartagena were particularly special and playing the traditional Colombian game of tejo was great fun.

HP, Richmond

WHAT WE LOVE

Colombia is not just about the beautiful countryside, colourful towns and friendly smiles. When visiting Medellín you will learn how a city with a troubled past has reinvented itself, winning global awards for its social, cultural and environmental transformation.

Lina Fuller
Travel Expert

COQ OF THE ROCK: TRAILBLAZING THE GUIANAS



DISCOVERY JOURNEY

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This trail-blazing group holiday traverses the three Guianas, exploring remote wilderness terrains that are rarely seen by tourists.

16 days from £5,431pp

Days 1-3

Begin in Latin America's most fascinating city, Rio de Janeiro, where tropical foliage swoops down to white-sand beaches. We'll glide along a steep railway to the iconic Christ the Redeemer statue, and whizz up to Sugar Loaf Mountain on a cable car, before travelling to the border city of Boa Vista in northern Brazil.

Days 4-9

Cross the border to Guyana's Iwokrama forest reserve, home to jaguars, jaguarundi and harpy eagles. Continue to the welcoming village of Iwokrama in the savannah, then fly to cultural melting pot Georgetown. Those who dare may peer over the edge of the tumultuous Kaieteur Falls.

Days 10-12

A coastal road takes us to Suriname, where we'll explore the capital Paramaribo and spot seabirds on the Commewijne river.

Days 13-16

Travel by boat into French Guiana. We'll tour the islands of a former penal colony and visit a space centre, before continuing to Cayenne. Here, roam through busy marketplaces and admire belle époque architecture.



Departure dates

2025 05 OCT

Summary nights

16 days, 15 nights: Rio de Janeiro 2, Boa Vista 1, Rock View 2, Atta rainforest 2, Georgetown 2, Paramaribo 3, Kourou 2, Cayenne 1.

Make It Your Own



Wilderness

This tour was designed to start in Venezuela before travelling through the Guianas. Unfortunately, due to the recent political situation in Venezuela we have been unable to send any passengers, there. However, if this were to ever change we would love to give you the option to start our tour in this breathtakingly beautiful country.

WHAT YOU SAY

The trip lived up to my expectations. It's a great opportunity to follow a less travelled path through three completely different, but fascinating countries – Guyana, Suriname and French Guiana – and to experience beautiful scenery, remote locations and vibrant cities. Well done JLA for organising this tour.

JB, Chipping Norton

WHAT WE LOVE

The Guianas remain some of the least explored parts of South America. This tour offers the chance to explore these fascinating countries, which can be difficult to navigate on your own, whilst accompanied by an expert tour leader and like-minded travellers! A must for those with real wanderlust.

Jim Ashworth
Groups Manager



Tom Parratt

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ALBATROSS: ECUADOR'S HIGHLANDS AND GALÁPAGOS



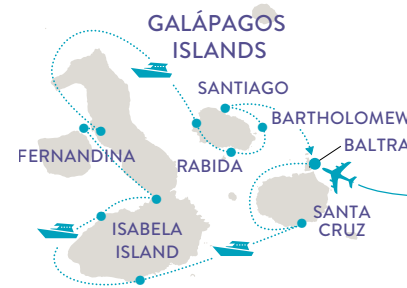
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This comfortable classic group journey takes you to Ecuador's contrasting landscapes, lifestyles and cultures.

15 days from £7,255pp

- Days 1-3**
Arrive in Ecuador's Andean capital, Quito, and explore its cathedral, presidential palace, plazas and cobbled side streets. Spend the night in Chilcabamba in the shadow of the snow-capped cone of Cotopaxi en route to Riobamba.
- Days 4-7**
Heading south we continue to the whitewashed buildings and floral balconies of 16th century Cuenca, a beautiful town within easy reach of marketplaces in Gualaceo, Chordeleg and colonial Sigisig.
- Days 8-15**
Drive to Guayaquil, via the grasslands and lagoons of Las Cajas National Park and enjoy the city's riverside promenade. Then we'll tour the enchanting Galápagos Islands from our small, comfortable motor yacht. On our two landings a day, we'll snorkel and spot penguins and sea lions, while on land we'll see giant tortoises, iguanas, blue-footed boobies, magnificent frigatebirds and rare flora.



Departure dates

2025 09 JAN 20 MAR 03 APR 24 JUL 18 SEP 13 NOV

Summary nights

15 days, 14 nights: Quito 2; Riobamba 1; Alausi 1; Cuenca 3; Guayaquil 1; Galápagos cruise 6.



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Make It Your Own

We love the motor yacht used for the Galápagos cruise on this tour. However, should you prefer to sail on a larger boat, visit different islands or spend longer onboard, we will be happy to seek out alternative vessels for you. Just let us know how you'd like to travel and we'll find you a boat which perfectly fits your needs.



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GALÁPAGOS HAWK: PERU AND GALÁPAGOS



CLASSIC JOURNEY

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Explore the Lost City of the Incas Machu Picchu and ethereal Lake Titicaca in Peru before flying to the enchanting Galápagos Islands.

15 days from £6,592pp

- Days 1-6**
From Peru's capital head to Cusco, where we'll admire intricate temples, Inca stonework and bustling markets. Descend to the tranquil Sacred Valley of the Incas, where terraced hillsides and patchwork fields are overlooked by the snow-capped Andes. By train, we'll explore the majestic ruined city of Machu Picchu, set amid forested peaks and a roaring river canyon.
- Days 7-10**
We'll ascend to over 4,300m crossing the windswept altiplano to Lake Titicaca. Glide over its glacial waters on a motor boat to visit floating reed islands and towering stone tombs. Then it's back to Lima, where there's a tour of the beautiful colonial centre.
- Days 11-15**
Enjoy the impressive waterfront of Ecuador's coastal city Guayaquil before flying to the Galápagos Islands. Each island is entirely unique, with a wealth of exotic flora and thriving wildlife including sea lions, penguins, reef sharks, sea turtles, blue-footed boobies and marine iguanas. On your comfortable cruise you'll stop off twice a day at new destinations, snorkelling off spectacular bays and exploring active volcanoes.



Tom Parrott



Departure dates

2024 6 DEC
2025 17 JAN 14 FEB 28 MAR
23 MAY 12 SEP 05 DEC

Summary nights

15 days, 14 nights: Lima 1; Cusco 2; Sacred Valley 1; Machu Picchu 1; Cusco 1; Puno 2; Lima 1; Guayaquil 1; Galápagos cruise 4.



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Make It Your Own

You will spend four nights on a luxury motor yacht cruising around the Galápagos archipelago on this tour, giving you time to really get to know the flora and fauna of these enchanted islands. For those who want to explore the exotic wildlife and stunning landscapes of Darwin's playground in more depth, you can extend your cruise to nine nights.

WHAT YOU SAY

It really was a trip of a lifetime. The proximity and diversity of wildlife – just an amazing experience.

CB, Cambridge

WHAT WE LOVE

The Galápagos Islands are a huge part of this amazing tour, but I also love the fact that you get to see lots more of what stunning Ecuador has to offer. From the colonial centres of Quito and Cuenca to the Avenue of Volcanoes and the ruins at Ingapirca.

Jo Lunn
Tour Leader

WHAT YOU SAY

This is my third trip with JLA after a gap of seven years – and they continue to deliver! A great trip and I cannot wait to go back. Excellent local knowledge, sensitive to local customs and cultures; my only complaint is that it went too quickly!

SV, Dundee

WHAT WE LOVE

The Sea Star motor yacht we use on this tour is great for a group. It has space for just 16 passengers, offering a more intimate experience of the Galápagos. The cabins are a good size, the crew excellent and the Jacuzzi was definitely welcome after a snorkelling trip!

Sophie Barber
Travel Expert

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TICO TICO: CULTURE OF THE NORTHERN ANDES



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This adventurous itinerary through northern Peru offers a fascinating insight into the country's rich cultural history, exploring its magical landscapes and archaeological treasures.

14 days from £3,100pp

Days 1-5

After a walking tour of Peru's bustling capital, Lima, fly to the coastal town of Trujillo. Wander round its pretty colonial centre, before taking in the extraordinary Chimú ruins of Chan Chan, and the Moche pyramids at Huacas del Sol and de la Luna. Heading into the highlands, explore the colonial churches of Cajamarca and visit the Ransom Room where the last Inca Emperor Atahualpa was held.

Days 6-10

Enjoy a scenic drive past glistening lakes and river gorges to Leymebamba. Discover hundreds of mummies in the Chachapoyan museum, admire red pictographs carved into a cliffside in Revash then head to Chillo. Take a cable car to Kuelap, a majestic mountaintop city. Continue to peaceful Chachapoyas before hiking to the 771m tall cascades of Gocta Falls.

Days 11-14

Drive through the Andes and desert plains to lively Chiclayo, home to colourful markets selling magic potions and lucky charms. Marvel at Peru's treasures in the Sipán museum, and watch the sunset over the pyramids and walled citadels at Túcume.



Departure dates

2025 18 MAY 21 SEP

Summary nights

14 days, 13 nights: Lima 1; Trujillo 2; Cajamarca 2; Leymebamba 1; El Chillo 1; Chachapoyas 3; Chiclayo 2; Lima 1.



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Make It Your Own

This tour explores the unique ancient cultures of Northern Peru. To get an even better insight into the earliest civilisations, fly to Lima a few days early and head down the coast to the mysterious geoglyphs of the Nazca Lines. You'll spend two nights in the Nazca region, before joining the rest of the tour as they arrive in Lima on the first night.



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WHAT YOU SAY

The tour makes you realise how diverse Peruvian history is, and is more than just the Incas and Spanish Conquistadores.

JDC, Sheffield

WHAT WE LOVE

For those that might have visited the more famous regions of Peru or like the path less travelled this is a brilliant way to discover the unique history and culture of little-known northern Peru. I love exploring the archaeological and natural wonders this part of the country has to offer and you will too!

Adrian Gallop
Tour Leader

SWIFT: ULTIMATE HIGHLIGHTS OF PERU



CLASSIC JOURNEY

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Take in Peru's must-see highlights in comfort. Experience the Inca temples of Machu Picchu, Cusco and the Sacred Valley as well as Lake Titicaca's vast expanse of shimmering sapphire waters.

10 days from £2,746pp

Days 1-3

From the vibrant capital city Lima, fly to Cusco where impressive Inca stoneworks are interspersed with grand colonial churches and inviting bars and restaurants. We'll tour the Inca Sun Temple and wander through steep, cobbled streets to bustling markets.

Days 4-6

In the peaceful Sacred Valley of the Incas, we'll admire the temple of Ollantaytambo with a picturesque backdrop of the snow-capped Andes. Pass patchwork fields on a train ride to Machu Picchu, the majestic ruined city set among forested peaks and a dramatic river canyon.

Days 7-10

Drive through snowy mountain peaks to the windswept altiplano where the vast, indigo Lake Titicaca shimmers under a brilliant Andean sky. We'll visit traditional adobe villages, floating reed islands and the towering tombs of a chief's burial site. Return to Lima for a tour of the historic centre and its world-class museums.



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Departure dates

2024 06 DEC

2025 17 JAN 14 FEB 28 MAR 23 MAY 12 SEP 05 DEC

Summary nights

10 days, 9 nights: Lima 1; Cusco 2; Sacred Valley 1; Machu Picchu 1; Cusco 1; Puno 2; Lima 1.



WHAT YOU SAY

The holiday was wide-ranging, expertly organised and allowed us time to go 'off-tour' and enjoy the locations independently which I appreciated, given the swift nature of the journey.

MB, London

WHAT WE LOVE

Arriving at Machu Picchu is one of the most memorable experiences I've ever had. As you enter the site and take your first glimpses of the myriad of agricultural terraces and impressive temples slowly coming into view, it's a truly stunning view.

Chris Rendell-Dunn
Travel Expert



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Make It Your Own

Fancy an active adventure? Although we don't have time for the full Inca Trail on our tour, we can book the Mini Inca Trail which is a fantastic way to approach the ruins. On the day we travel by train to Machu Picchu, you'll jump off at KM104 and spend the day walking to the majestic hilltop ruins before rejoining the group in the evening. We can offer this on any of our tours that visit Machu Picchu.

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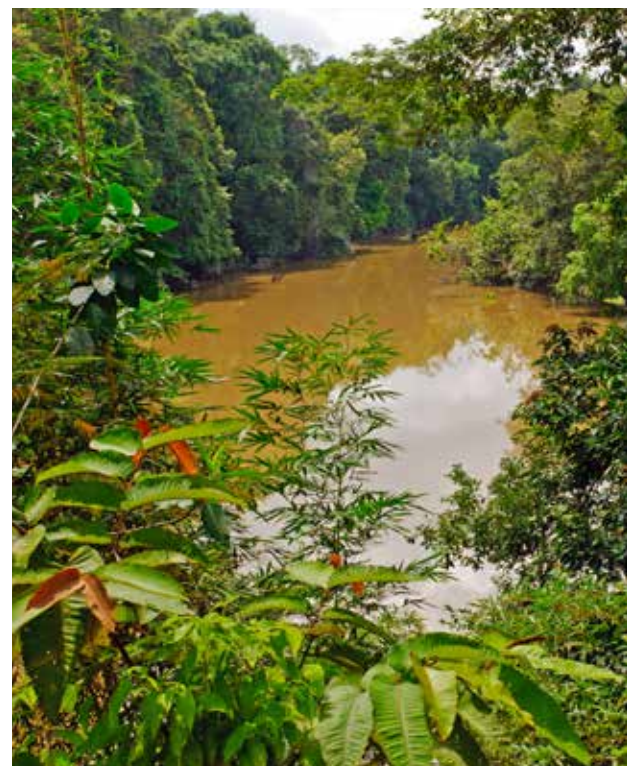


DISCOVERY JOURNEY

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Explore all three of Peru's contrasting natural landscapes: the desert, Andean mountains and the Amazon rainforest.

20 days from £3,851pp



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Days 1-6

Beginning in Peru's dynamic capital Lima, we'll tour the grand historic centre and take in its imposing cathedral and palace. Fly to the colonial city of Arequipa, where most of the striking low-rise buildings are made from white volcanic stone. We'll then enjoy a scenic road journey across wildlife-rich plains to reach the dramatically deep Colca Canyon. Have a relaxing soak in hot springs, visit rural villages and watch condors soar above the intricately terraced hillsides.

Days 7-12

Ascend to the altiplano, where the vast Lake Titicaca glimmers under a bright Andean sky. We'll visit floating reed islands, towering stone tombs, and the birthplace of Inca civilisation. Continue to Bolivia's high-altitude capital La Paz, and optionally venture out to see the mysterious ruins of Tiwanaku.

Days 13-17

Fly to the centre of the Inca Empire, Cusco, where intricate, original Inca walls and temples are still intact among the colonial churches and handicraft shops. We'll wander through traditional villages and archaeological sites in the tranquil Sacred Valley of the Incas, before touring the breathtaking Lost City of Machu Picchu.

Days 18-20

It's a dramatic change of scenery when we arrive in the tangled rainforests that hug the banks of the Madre de Dios River. From our comfortable jungle lodge, canoe along tributaries and follow nature trails where you may spot monkeys, caiman, otters and a wide variety of colourful birdlife.

Make It Your Own

Our comprehensive tour of Peru, which also stops off in Bolivia, takes in the most awe-inspiring highlights of this captivating country. This includes a visit to the Amazon rainforest, but we know that jungles aren't for everyone. If you'd prefer to miss this part of the trip, we can easily arrange for you to return home from Cusco instead.



Tom Parrott

WHAT WE LOVE

I love leading this tour, it really gets to the heart of my fascinating and beautiful country. You get to experience the mix of cultures, history and landscapes of Peru from the coast to the jungle and the high Andes, not forgetting the chance to explore La Paz in neighbouring Bolivia.

Lucho Diaz
Tour Leader

WHAT YOU SAY

We loved our Condor discovery trip – an experience rather than a holiday with so much packed into three weeks. We added four days on at the end to visit Sipán and Chan Chan – well worthwhile and a relaxing end to a hectic schedule.

AS, Tenbury Wells

Departure dates

2025 05 JAN 23 MAR 04 MAY 08 JUN 31 AUG 12 OCT
2026 04 JAN

Summary nights

20 days, 19 nights: Lima 2; Arequipa 2; Colca Canyon 2; Puno 1; Copacabana 2; La Paz 3; Cusco 2; Sacred Valley 1; Machu Picchu 1; Cusco 1; Amazon 2.



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Visit Peru's top highlights in complete comfort, taking in mountainous landscapes of breathtaking variety on this tour.

14 days from £4,042pp

Days 1-5

After a walking tour through the historic centre of vibrant Lima, fly to Arequipa where white volcanic stone buildings contrast against rich blue skies. Wander past flowery plazas and architectural masterpieces before setting out on the road to the dramatic, deep Colca Canyon. Its intricately terraced fields and traditional villages are patrolled by soaring condors.

Days 6-7

Ascend into the vast, windswept altiplano where Lake Titicaca shimmers under a bright Andean sky. We'll visit floating reed islands, and towering tombstones of the ancient Hatun Colla chiefs.

Days 8-14

Take in dramatic scenery aboard a luxurious train to Cusco, where we'll visit original Inca temples and imposing zigzagging walls. Journey through the Sacred Valley to explore the ruins of Pisac and Ollantaytambo, then travel by train to the majestic ruined city of Machu Picchu. Follow trails up the iconic citadel, which sits amid jungle-clad mountains. There's time to enjoy active adventures near Cusco before heading home.



Departure dates

2024 11 NOV
2025 24 MAR 28 APR 16 JUN
11 AUG 15 SEP 10 NOV

Summary nights

14 days, 13 nights: Lima 1; Arequipa 2; Colca Canyon 2; Puno 2; Cusco 2; Sacred Valley 1; Machu Picchu 1; Cusco 2.



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Make It Your Own

Take in Peru's most breathtaking highlights while travelling in comfort and style. Return to Cusco from the iconic ruined city of Machu Picchu onboard the luxury Hiram Bingham train. Enjoy breathtaking views while enjoying a four-course dinner and open bar on this 1920s Pullman style train, before rejoining the rest of the group back at the hotel later that evening.



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This tour to Peru, Bolivia and Chile provides comfort as well as remote adventure in horizon-bending Andean landscapes.

17 days from £5,588pp

Days 1-6

In the Peruvian capital, Lima, we'll wander through the charming historic centre. Continuing to Cusco, discover original Inca fortresses and temples before descending into the tranquil Sacred Valley. Here we'll admire patchwork fields and hillside ruins of Pisac and the temple of Ollantaytambo, overlooked by snow-frosted Andean cordillera. A scenic train journey takes us to the majestic Lost City of the Incas, Machu Picchu.

Days 7-11

Ascend into the chilly Altiplano, dotted with market towns and herds of llamas, where the vast Lake Titicaca shimmers under a vivid blue sky. Cross into Bolivia to visit lakeside town Copacabana and the mysterious Sun Island. Then it's on to the busy streets and markets of La Paz.

Days 12-17

Be humbled by the other-worldly beauty of Bolivia's dazzling white salt flats, traversing this remote land into Chile and the Atacama Desert. Hissing geysers, luminous lagoons and the dramatic canyons of the Moon Valley await exploration. Then unwind in the Chilean capital Santiago; enjoy panoramic views from San Cristóbal and a cosmopolitan stay in gentrified Lastarria.



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Departure dates

2025 20 APR 03 AUG 07 SEP

Summary nights

17 days, 16 nights: Lima 1; Cusco 1; Sacred Valley 1; Machu Picchu 1; Cusco 2; Puno 1; Copacabana 1; La Paz 3; Uyuni area 2; San Pedro 2; Santiago 1.



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Make It Your Own

This tour ends in the bustling city of Santiago. But for those of you who have already explored Chile's capital, we can make alternative arrangements. Upon arrival at Arturo Benítez Airport, we'll whisk you away to the vibrant seaport town of Valparaíso for two or three nights in a boutique hotel before heading home.

WHAT YOU SAY

We cannot pick out one most memorable part of our trip as every day provided us with a new and exciting experience. We saw and experienced things we had only dreamed of, some of which had been in our dreams for over 50 years.

TC, Hayle

WHAT WE LOVE

This tour offers the perfect way to see the highlights of Peru whilst staying in fantastic hotels. Everything you see on this trip will dazzle you but I especially love the first glimpse I get of the blue shimmering waters of Lake Titicaca as you arrive from the altiplano.

Duncan Griffin
Tour Leader

JACANA: CROSSING THE CONTINENT



DISCOVERY JOURNEY

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This panoramic group tour takes us from the Andes through the South American heartland to the Atlantic Ocean in Brazil. Wonder at the Inca heritage of Peru, the icy peaks and plains of Bolivia, undiscovered Paraguay and the epic Iguazú Falls.

19 days from £4,226 pp

Days 1-7

From Lima, head to the Inca temples, imposing fortresses and cobbled streets of Cusco. Continue to traditional villages and Inca ruins in the Sacred Valley, before catching a train to Machu Picchu, set amid densely forested mountains. Back in Cusco, choose between mountainside salt pans and white-water rafting.

Days 8-11

Traverse the windswept plains of the altiplano to the glimmering shore of Lake Titicaca, where we'll visit floating reed islands and a Bolivian lakeside town, Copacabana. A short boat ride takes us to Isla del Sol, the birthplace of Inca civilisation. Then we'll explore high-altitude La Paz and an enigmatic Witches' market.

Days 12-19

Explore the tree-lined avenues and stately buildings of eclectic, nostalgic Asunción, before driving to the thunderous Iguazú Falls which straddle Argentina and Brazil. On the Argentinian side, walkways overlook the colossal cascades, while the Brazilian side offers panoramic views. Soak up the striking city of Rio de Janeiro, where tropical foliage swoops down to sparkling bays. Take a cable-car to Sugar Loaf Mountain and visit the Christ Redeemer statue overlooking the city.



WHAT YOU SAY

The Jacana was a fascinating, very well-organised three-week tour through Brazil, Paraguay, Bolivia and Peru taking in the highlights of each country. Every day gave us a new experience which will stay in our memories for a long time to come.

VT, London

WHAT WE LOVE

Jacana is the ideal tour to join for first timers to South America. I led it 18 years ago! Travelling from Peru to Brazil, you'll not only witness awe-inspiring landscapes but also some of the continent's biggest attractions and lesser known spots such as Paraguay!

Laura Rendell Dunn
PR Manager



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Departure dates

2024 11 DEC
2024 15 JAN 26 MAR 30 APR
04 JUN 06 AUG 17 SEP
15 OCT 03 DEC
2026 14 JAN

Summary nights

19 days, 18 nights: Lima 1; Cusco 2; Sacred Valley 1; Machu Picchu 1; Cusco 2; Puno 1; Copacabana 1; La Paz 2; Asunción 2; Puerto Iguazu 2; Rio de Janeiro 3.



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Make It Your Own

This epic journey takes you across the continent from Lima to Rio de Janeiro. But for those travellers who have already visited Brazil's iconic beachside city, we will happily reduce the price of the holiday and fly you straight home from the Iguazú Falls. Alternatively, you might like to spend a few days in colourful Buenos Aires, Argentina's elegant capital.

ZAMPULLIN: VISTAS OF BOLIVIA



DISCOVERY JOURNEY

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Delve into the farthest reaches of one of Latin America's most adventurous and evocative destinations, Andean Bolivia.

13 days from £4,115pp

Days 1-3

Begin in sunny lowland Santa Cruz, wandering round indigenous Abasto craft shops and the city's handsome colonial core. Stop off at Inca ruins before heading up to the Spanish-style mountain towns of Samaipata and Vallegrande. Continue through arid canyons to the remote spot where Che Guevara met his end.

Days 4-7

In peaceful Sucre, visit an indigenous art museum and a beautiful Franciscan convent with sweeping valley views. Ascend into the starkly beautiful altiplano to reach Potosí, the world's highest city. Roam narrow streets past grandiose architecture, and visit a working mine.

Days 8-13

Explore the horizon-bending wilderness of the dazzling white Uyuni salt flats stretching as far as the eye can see. After a short flight to the capital, La Paz you will drive to the vast, glittering Lake Titicaca, the mythical birthplace of the Inca civilisation and pretty lakeside town of Copacabana. After exploring the lake head back to La Paz where we'll visit the colonial heart, famed Witches' Market and nearby Inca ruins.

WHAT WE LOVE

Heading well and truly off the beaten track, including retracing Che Guevara's final footsteps, this comprehensive tour really gets you under the skin of a fascinating and varied country of sublime landscapes, deep-rooted traditions and a colourful resilient people.

Ben Line
Head of Sales



Departure dates

2025 07 JUN

Summary nights

13 days, 12 nights: Santa Cruz 1; Samaipata 1; La Higuera 1; Sucre 2; Potosí 1; Uyuni 2; Copacabana 1; La Paz 3



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Make It Your Own

Unlike the rainforests in neighbouring Peru and Brazil, the Bolivian Amazon is far less visited by tourists and remains relatively untouched by development. After La Paz catch a flight to the jungle town of Rurrenabaque. Here you can take a boat through dense, tangled forests teeming with wildlife to reach the Madidi reserve for a two-night Amazon experience.



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PATO ANDINO: PANORAMA OF THE ANDES



DISCOVERY JOURNEY

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A true wilderness adventure, this group journey explores the dramatic and ethereally beautiful Andean mountains from Argentina through Chile and Bolivia to Peru.

20 days from £5,139pp



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Days 1-6

In Argentina's elegant capital, Buenos Aires, we'll wander past the Casa Rosada, the pink presidential palace, before exploring Bohemian neighbourhoods. Then fly to Salta in the Andean foothills, a charming town with fertile vineyards, first-class wineries and rust red canyons nearby. Continue by road to Chile's Atacama Desert, a surreal wilderness punctuated by vivid lagoons, dramatic rock formations and imposing volcanoes.

Days 7-13

Our road journey to Bolivia is visually one of the most extraordinary in the world, past luminous lagoons and ashen hills to the dazzling white salt flats of Uyuni. We'll explore the horizon-bending salt desert by 4x4 before flying to the glittering high capital La Paz. There are mysterious ruins nearby, as well as fascinating markets to visit before driving to vast Lake Titicaca. Admire sweeping views of the shimmering cobalt blue waters from the pretty lakeside town of Copacabana, then cross into Peru to visit floating reed islands.

Days 14-20

Journey across the windswept altiplano and descend into vibrant Cusco, former Inca capital where intricately carved Inca walls and temples still stand amidst ornate churches and lively restaurants and bars. Continue to the fertile fields and traditional villages of the beautiful Sacred Valley, backed by the Andean cordillera, where we'll hop aboard a train to the majestic ruined city of Machu Picchu. Finally, fly to Peru's bustling capital city, Lima, where we'll explore the grand historic core and excellent museums.

Make It Your Own

If you have already visited Peru, but are still keen to explore Buenos Aires, northern Argentina, the Atacama Desert and Bolivia, we can make changes to your holiday without a problem. Simply leave the tour and catch your return flight home once your stay in La Paz is over – we'll reduce the holiday cost accordingly.



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Departure dates

2025 25 MAR 06 MAY 10 JUN 05 AUG 02 SEP 21 OCT

Summary nights

20 days, 19 nights: Buenos Aires 2; Salta 2; San Pedro de Atacama 2; Uyuni salt flats 3; La Paz 2; Copacabana 1; Puno 1; Cusco 2; Sacred Valley 1; Machu Picchu 1; Cusco 1; Lima 1.



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WHAT YOU SAY

A fantastic trip which includes highlight after highlight – from natural beauty to historical ruins... Highlights of the trip were Uyuni salt flats, Atacama Desert and lagunas and a return to Machu Picchu after 25 years. Our extension to Easter Island was a fantastic experience.

DN, Peterborough

WHAT WE LOVE

This route gives a fantastic taste of the variety of landscapes and cultures that exist in South America. From bustling cities to unimaginably vast deserts, historical ruins and indigenous villages. An epic journey full of highlights.

Elizabeth Luck
Tour Leader



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HUMMINGBIRD: OCEAN TO OCEAN



CLASSIC JOURNEY

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Marvel at South America's most unforgettable highlights, crossing the continent from vibrant beach city Rio de Janeiro to Peru's bustling capital Lima. Along the way, discover the colossal Iguazú Falls, cosmopolitan Buenos Aires, glimmering Lake Titicaca and the ruined city of Machu Picchu.

21 days from £5,658pp



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Days 1-3

What better place to start than Rio de Janeiro on the palm-lined shores of the Atlantic. We ride the cable car up Sugar Loaf with its resident monkeys and, ascending higher, drink in sweeping panorama at the feet of the watchful statue of Christ the Redeemer.

Days 4-7

We fly west to the Iguazú Falls, where vast veils of water crash through tropical forest on the Argentine border. Stroll along walkways above and below the foam, take in the breathtaking panorama and spot toucans and parrots in the foliage. Fly on to Buenos Aires's leafy plazas and aristocratic boulevards, discovering a thriving art, gastronomic and café scene.

Days 8-11

Slow the pace in Andean Sucre, Bolivia, where sedate whitewashed houses and baroque churches adorn quiet colonial streets. You might take a day trip to silver city Potosí, or relax in an artisan ice cream parlour in sunny Sucre. In contrast, bustling La Paz, set in a ravine at the foot of snow-capped Mount Illimani, teems with a multitude of street markets.

Days 12-21

Travelling across the tawny altiplano steppes, we are astonished by the vivid hues of Lake Titicaca from where we travel by rail to Cusco, Peru. Explore intricately crafted Inca temples and the iconic Spanish cathedral before we head to the fields of the fortress-flecked Sacred Valley. A riverside train ride through a narrowing canyon takes us to the Inca masterpiece Machu Picchu before we descend to Pacific-side Lima on the Pacific Ocean, where you might visit some excellent museums, a trendy pisco bar – or both.

Make It Your Own

This epic cross-continent adventure encompasses many of South America's highlights, but we can always organise one more stop. Instead of spending your last night in Lima, fly to Puerto Maldonado and spend two or three nights in a comfortable lodge in the Amazon rainforest. Cruise the tributaries of the Amazon river and spot monkeys and macaws among the trees.



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Departure dates

2024	25 NOV								
2025	06 JAN	24 FEB	31 MAR	19 MAY	28 JUL	01 SEP	13 OCT	24 NOV	
2026	05 JAN	23 FEB							

Summary nights

21 days, 20 nights: Rio 3; Iguazú 2; Buenos Aires 2; Sucre 2; La Paz 3; Copacabana 1; Puno 1; Cusco 2; Sacred Valley 1; Machu Picchu 1; Cusco 1; Lima 1.



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WHAT WE LOVE

This is an excellent introduction to South America. It takes in four different countries and shows the enormous variety this continent has to offer – buzzing cities like Rio and Buenos Aires, splendid nature like Lake Titicaca and the Iguazú Falls and plenty of history and culture.

Etienne Frans
Tour Leader

WHAT YOU SAY

Overall this was the most interesting and varied holiday I have ever been on and was a superb introduction to what was, for me, a new area of the world.

PM, Motherwell



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WINE, GLACIERS AND TANGO

TROGON: NATURAL BRAZIL



DISCOVERY JOURNEY

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Discover an exotic variety of wildlife thriving in the spectacular natural landscapes of Brazil - from Rio to Iguazú Falls and the Pantanal.

12 days from £3,662pp



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- Days 1-2**
Rio de Janeiro is a truly extraordinary city built around magnificent sandy bays and forested mountains. Take in panoramic views from Sugar Loaf and Corcovado mountains.
- Days 3-4**
Fly to the Iguazú Falls, where 275 cascades thunder through subtropical forest alive with colourful birds and butterflies. From the Brazilian side there is a broad panorama of the magnificent falls, while walkways on the Argentinean side take you beneath and even behind some of the dramatic cataracts.
- Days 5-6**
Spend a couple of days exploring the futuristic architecture of Brazil's modern capital Brasília. Built in the 1950's, this city is like no other in Brazil, centred around the stunning Monumental Axis with brutalist buildings and a unique modern Cathedral designed by architect Oscar Niemeyer.
- Days 7-12**
In the vast wetland wilderness of the Pantanal, ride a horse across open grasslands, canoe along flooded rivers and spot abundant wildlife. This thriving ecosystem shelters an astonishing variety of birds, as well as caiman, giant anteaters, armadillos, howler monkeys, capybara and even elusive jaguars. Then fly back to Rio for one final night in one of the world's most fascinating cities.

Make It Your Own

For the ultimate wildlife experience and the perfect accompaniment to the Pantanal, why not spend a few days exploring the Amazon rainforest? Instead of flying back to Rio de Janeiro for a final night, leave the group and fly north to the city of Manaus. From here you head to a remote jungle lodge, your base for exploring the rainforest over the next few nights. Then return to Rio for a final night before flying home.



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WHAT YOU SAY

An excellent choice of nature highlights in a great country, guided by a tour leader who understands both worlds and can provide unique insights. I drew energy and inspiration from this experience by visiting so many diverse sights yet I had a very good rest – the perfect holiday.

EU, Basel, Switzerland

WHAT WE LOVE

Our Trogon tour is the perfect holiday for first-time visitors to Brazil. You get a real taste of the country's nature from the crystal blue waters of Paraty to the thundering Iguazú Falls. The real highlight for me is the Pantanal wetlands, where the wildlife is easily spotted and the landscape is dramatic whether it's the wet or dry season.

Charlotte Daubeney
Travel Expert

Departure dates

2025 03 MAY 20 SEP 15 NOV

Summary nights

12 days, 11 nights: Rio 2; Iguazu 2; Brasilia 2; Pantanal 4; Rio 1



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TOUCANET: CITIES AND CASCADES



CLASSIC JOURNEY

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Explore two of South America's most iconic cities on this comfortable escorted group tour, from the sparkling bays of Rio de Janeiro to the graceful boulevards of Buenos Aires. In between, you'll marvel at the Iguazú Falls, one of the world's most extraordinary natural wonders.

9 days from £2,790pp

Days 1-3

Begin in Brazil's most inspiring and romantic city, Rio de Janeiro, where dramatic mountains swoop down to sparkling bays. We'll whizz up Sugar Loaf Mountain on a cable car and admire panoramic views over the city from the 40m Christ the Redeemer statue atop Corcovado Mountain.

Days 4-5

Fly to the thunderous Iguazú Falls, where 275 cascades crash through subtropical rainforest. Admire a broad panorama from Brazil before crossing the border into Argentina, where a sequence of walkways allows you to peer over precipices and watch the water plummet into the vortex below.

Days 6-9

Continue to Buenos Aires, Argentina's elegant and cosmopolitan capital. Admire brightly painted houses in La Boca, the birthplace of tango, and wander past the Casa Rosada, the pink presidential palace in the grand historic centre. You can even cross the River Plate border into Colonia in Uruguay, a charming colonial city.

WHAT WE LOVE

This great tour takes in three of the most iconic places in South America. Not only do you get to explore the bustling cities of Rio and Buenos Aires, you also visit the spectacular Iguazú Falls, one of the most awe-inspiring waterfalls anywhere in the world.

Jamie Swan
Product and Tour Leader Manager



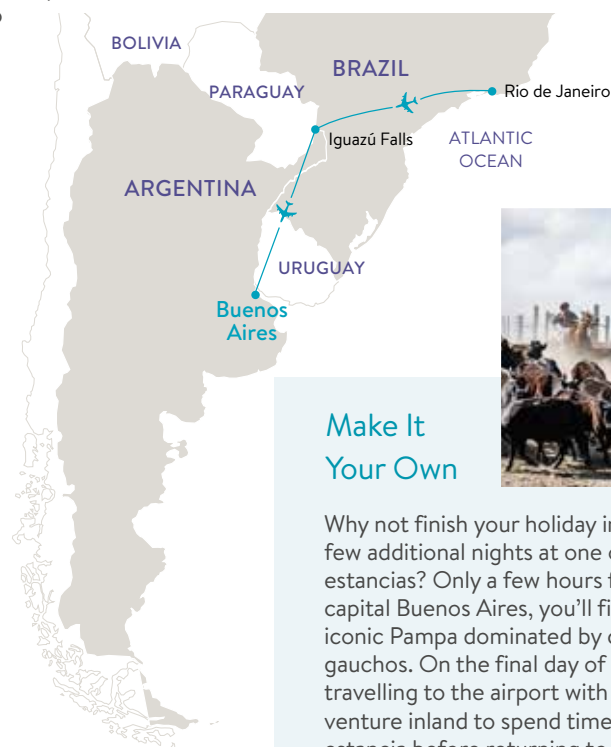
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Departure dates

2024 15 NOV
2025 10 JAN 14 MAR 08 OCT 26 NOV
2026 09 JAN 13 MAR

Summary nights

9 days, 8 nights: Rio de Janeiro 3; Iguazú 2; Buenos Aires 3.



Make It Your Own

Why not finish your holiday in style by spending a few additional nights at one of Argentina's famed estancias? Only a few hours from the bustling capital Buenos Aires, you'll find yourself in the iconic Pampa dominated by cattle ranches and gauchos. On the final day of the tour, instead of travelling to the airport with the group, you'll venture inland to spend time at a traditional estancia before returning to Buenos Aires for your flight home.



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JABIRU: WILDLIFE, WINE AND JESUIT MISSIONS



DISCOVERY JOURNEY

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Take a step off the beaten track and uncover fascinating Uruguay and Paraguay. From Jesuit Missions dating back to the 1600s to the extensive wildlife found in the marshy Iberá wetlands, this is an inspirational journey through the lesser-travelled South America.

14 days from £4,863

Days 1-5

Spend the night in cosmopolitan Buenos Aires before setting sail across the Río de la Plata to neighbouring Uruguay and the old-world charm of Colonia. Having explored the historic town, use it as a base to visit the unspoilt countryside around Carmelo and one of its celebrated wineries, before a scenic drive to the capital Montevideo.

Days 6-8

A short flight takes you north to lesser-travelled Paraguay and explore the tree-lined avenues and stately buildings of its nostalgic riverside capital Asunción. The next two days are spent exploring the unique cultural history and peaceful rolling lands of the Jesuit Missions, established in the 1600s. Cross back into Argentina and arrive in the town of Posadas nestled on the banks of the mighty Paraná River.

Days 9-14

The Iberá wetlands lie just to the south and it is here we'll spend three nights based at a lodge in this remote region of marshy wetlands, lagoons, floating islands and streams. Take daily excursions on foot, boat and horseback, where you can expect an abundance of wildlife, with caiman, otters, swamp deer, capybaras, wolves, howler monkeys and over 400 bird species.

WHAT WE LOVE

It is really exciting to have a new tour that incorporates both Paraguay and Uruguay. Travelling to three fascinating capital cities, from the historic, cobbled streets of Colonia with stunning Portuguese and Spanish architectural influences to the wildlife of the Iberá wetlands, this is not a trip to miss.

Heloise Buxton
Marketing Executive



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Departure dates

2025 31 MAR 29 SEP
2026 30 MAR

Summary nights

14 days, 13 nights: Buenos Aires 1, Colonia 2, Montevideo 2, Asunción 1, Bella Vista 1, Posadas 1, Iberá Wetlands 3, Buenos Aires 2.



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Make It Your Own

Instead of returning to Buenos Aires, extend your trip and head north from Posadas to the remarkable Iguazú Falls. Expect spectacular views of the 275 cascades from both the Brazilian and Argentine side before flying home from here.

NANDU: PEAKS AND PLAINS OF PATAGONIA



DISCOVERY JOURNEY

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Explore the breathtaking wilderness of the Patagonian Andes in Chile and Argentina, from the volcano-dotted lake district to the fjords of Tierra del Fuego.

20 days from £4,900pp

Days 1-6

Enjoy a walking tour of Chile's capital, Santiago, with optional trips to Bohemian seaside city Valparaíso and nearby wineries. Then we'll head to Pucón in the lake district. Cycle past shimmering lakes and natural thermal springs, or try river rafting. There are monkey puzzle forests and icy volcanoes to explore, as well as the crystalline Petrohué Falls near Puerto Varas. On Chiloé island, admire colourful houses on stilts and November-March, spot penguins.

Days 7-10

Journey to the small lakeside town of Puerto Natales, our base for explorations in Torres del Paine National Park. Be astounded by the granite massif of the Cuernos, turquoise lakes dotted with icebergs and abundant wildlife including condors, guanacos and pumas.

Days 11-14

Cross the wildlife-rich Patagonian steppe to the tranquil Argentinian town of El Calafate. Marvel at the colossal vivid-blue Perito Moreno Glacier, which you may trek across, before heading to El Chaltén. This small town is surrounded by the spectacular jagged mountains of the Fitz Roy range in Los Glaciares National Park. Enjoy mesmerising mountain views along the park's forest trails.

Days 15-20

We'll fly to the world's southernmost city, Ushuaia. Roam among the bright green beech forests, hidden lakes and shadowy fjords of Tierra del Fuego National Park before flying to Argentina's capital, Buenos Aires. In this elegant city you can sample local wines, enjoy a tango show and wander through colourful, Bohemian neighbourhoods. You can even catch a boat across the River Plate to the historic town of Colonia in Uruguay.



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Make It Your Own

This is our most comprehensive tour of southern Chile and Argentina, and we appreciate that three weeks may be a little too long for some travellers. If you would like to return a couple of days early, whether to return to work or because you have already visited Buenos Aires, we can shorten the tour for you. Once you fly from Ushuaia, you may need to spend one night in the capital, but we'll have you on a flight home the next day.



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Departure dates

2024	08 DEC					
2025	12 JAN	09 FEB	09 MAR	19 OCT	09 NOV	30 NOV
2026	11 JAN	08 FEB	08 MAR			

Summary nights

20 days, 19 nights: Santiago 2; Pucón 2; Puerto Varas 2; Punta Arenas 1; Puerto Natales 3; El Calafate 2; El Chaltén 2; Ushuaia 2; Buenos Aires 3.



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WHAT YOU SAY

It was a very memorable and exciting holiday. As well as the magnificent scenery, I was bowled over by the birds, animals and flowers.
KM, Edinburgh

WHAT WE LOVE

For me this tour is a must for all those wishing to really experience everything Patagonia has to offer. Not only does it visit Torres del Paine and the Perito Moreno glacier but the contrasting region of the Chilean lake district, magnificent Fitz Roy and Tierra del Fuego – the end of the world!

Sarah Bradley
Director



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SANDPIPER: ATLANTIC TO PACIFIC IN STYLE



CLASSIC JOURNEY

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Thunderous waterfalls, shimmering lakes and ice-carved mountains await on this luxurious journey. Cross the breathtaking wilderness of Patagonia and take in some of Latin America's most iconic cities: Rio de Janeiro, Buenos Aires and Santiago.

19 days from £7,044pp



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- Days 1-5**
Begin in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil's most iconic city, built amidst sparkling bays and lush granite mountains. Take in panoramic vistas from Sugar Loaf and Corcovado Mountains, where the famous 40m Christ the Redeemer overlooks the city. Then fly to the thunderous Iguazú Falls, admiring sweeping views of the 275 cascades from the Brazilian side before crossing into Argentina, where walkways give close-up vantage points of the plummeting water.
- Days 6-8**
Continue to Argentina's cosmopolitan capital, Buenos Aires, the birthplace of tango, famed for its colourful, arty neighbourhoods. Explore its historic centre or take an optional day trip across the river into tranquil Colonia in Uruguay.
- Days 9-12**
Fly to Bariloche, on the shores of Lake Nahuel Huapi. Enjoy local chocolate in cosy cafés and trails through forested mountains. The famous lake crossing to Chile's Puerto Varas is breathtakingly scenic, passing snow-capped volcanoes, waterfalls and dense woodlands. Optionally visit Chiloé island, home to colourful houses on stilts and Magellanic and Humboldt penguins.
- Days 13-19**
We'll journey to the heart of Torres del Paine National Park, where our hotel offers views of the ethereal Lago Grey. There are hiking trails alongside glacial lakes and to soaring granite towers, with options to go horse riding or head out on a boat to see the colossal Glacier Grey close up. Fly from Punta Arenas to Santiago, the cosmopolitan Chilean capital, and optionally visit Bohemian seaport city Valparaíso or nearby vineyards.

Make It Your Own

Fancy unwinding for a few days before the adventure begins? Fly out to Brazil a few days earlier and we can organise some beach time for you to soak up the sun – whether that be on the beaches of Búzios or the islands and bays of Ilha Grande. You could even head further afield to the vibrant northeast of the country.



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WHAT WE LOVE

What I love about this trip is that you start on the beaches of Rio and two weeks later you are marvelling at glaciers in Patagonia. Along the way, you've tangoed in Buenos Aires, crossed the Andes by boat and seen all manner of wildlife, waterfalls and volcanoes – all the while enjoying amazing food and wine!

Carrie Gallagher
Travel Expert

WHAT YOU SAY

A really fantastic holiday. The organisation, accommodation, excursions, fellow group members and our excellent tour leader all contributed to a wonderful experience.

DB, Bedford

Departure dates

2024 15 NOV
2025 10 JAN 14 MAR 08 OCT 26 NOV
2026 09 JAN 13 MAR

Summary nights

19 days, 18 nights: Rio de Janeiro 3; Iguazú 2; Buenos Aires 3; Bariloche 2; Puerto Varas 2; Torres del Paine 3; Punta Arenas 1; Santiago 2.



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LAPWING: PATAGONIAN ODYSSEY



CLASSIC JOURNEY

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Marvel at the remote Patagonian wilderness in Chile and Argentina while enjoying superior accommodation on this comfortable group holiday.

14 days from £5,189pp

- Days 1-6**
Our journey starts in Chile's dynamic capital, Santiago, with optional visits to Bohemian seaport Valparaíso and nearby vineyards. Fly to Punta Arenas in southern Patagonia before a breathtaking road journey into Torres del Paine National Park, to our hotel on the shores of Lago Grey. Admire the colossal Glacier Grey, hike to the park's enormous granite towers, or enjoy a leisurely horse-riding trip along forest trails.
- Days 7-9**
Drive past crystalline waterfalls and lakes to El Calafate, a small town in Argentina. Gasp at the awe-inspiring Perito Moreno Glacier, which towers 60m above the lake's surface. You can trek across the glacier's jagged surface, explore further in the ice fields or tour a local estancia.
- Days 10-14**
Fly to Ushuaia and set sail for Tierra del Fuego National Park, home to dense beech forests, silvery lakes and fjords populated by water birds and beavers. Then head for Argentina's cosmopolitan capital, Buenos Aires, where you can enjoy a tango show and tour the city's colourful Bohemian neighbourhoods and historic heartland.



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Make It Your Own

If cities aren't to your liking, you can start this tour relaxing at a tranquil winery an hour from Santiago airport. Spend two nights among rolling hills and sunlit vineyards which stretch out to the horizon, discovering Chile's famed wine culture. Then meet the group at the airport to catch a flight to Punta Arenas together. If you'd like to explore both the vineyards and the capital, you can always fly out a few days earlier.



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WHAT YOU SAY

It was exciting just being in Patagonia. The hike in Torres del Paine and the Profunda Ranch visit in El Calafate were wonderful because they were more personable than the usual tourist trips. I loved it all and could not have been better.

SG, Berwick-Upon-Tweed

WHAT WE LOVE

I love this tour because we get to stay within the stunning Torres del Paine National Park. It is a nature lover's dream destination with towering peaks, wind open steppe, glaciers and lakes waiting to be explored.

Carla Ottone
Tour Leader

Departure dates

2024	03 NOV					
2025	14 JAN	12 FEB	09 MAR	23 MAR	12 OCT	02 NOV 07 DEC
2026	13 JAN	11 FEB	08 MAR			

Summary nights

14 days, 13 nights: Santiago 2; Punta Arenas 1; Torres del Paine National Park 3; El Calafate 3; Ushuaia 2; Buenos Aires 2.



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MAGELLANIC: SOUTHERN VOYAGE



CLASSIC JOURNEY

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Explore the wonderfully diverse landscapes and thriving wildlife of southern Argentina on this comfortable group tour.

13 days from £4,730pp

Days 1-5

In the captivating Argentinean capital, Buenos Aires, we'll tour vibrant neighbourhoods such as brightly coloured La Boca, and historic sites including the famous Plaza de Mayo. Then we fly to Bariloche, the principal town of Argentina's picturesque lake district. Enjoy idyllic walking trails with many panoramic vistas of the snow-capped Andes and glittering lakes, wander through ancient Patagonian beech forests or take a boat to Puerto Blest.

Days 6-8

The bustling Patagonian town of El Calafate is our base for exploring Los Glaciares National Park. Drive through a stunning forest valley to the huge, crystal-blue Perito Moreno Glacier, which stretches out across 5km. There is an optional trek atop the immense glacier, as well as trips into the ice fields and El Chaltén.

Days 9-13

Journey to Puerto Madryn, a breezy seaside town from which we'll explore the wild, craggy Valdés Peninsula. Its cliffs, bays, lagoons and plains are teeming with wildlife, from gigantic elephant seals and southern right whales to a colony of Magellanic penguins half a million strong. We'll end our journey by returning to elegant Buenos Aires.

WHAT WE LOVE

When you're out on your boat trip the southern right whales can come up so close to the boat that you can see the detail of their barnacle encrusted heads. It's truly mesmerising watching them in the water.

Hannah Donaldson
Travel Expert



Make It Your Own

This tour focuses on southern Argentina, but finishes in Buenos Aires where you'll be well-positioned to explore more of the country. Fly north to the thunderous Iguazú Falls set in subtropical forests, or marvel at the rust red canyons of Salta. Head west to reach the heart of the wine region, Mendoza, or visit the beautiful lesser-known city of Cordoba. Ask us for details and we'll be happy to extend your stay.



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Departure dates

2024 25 NOV 2025 24 NOV

Summary nights

13 days, 12 nights: Buenos Aires 2; Bariloche 3; El Calafate 3; Puerto Madryn 3; Buenos Aires 1.

CHARITO: PURE PATAGONIA



DISCOVERY JOURNEY

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Delve into untouched corners of Patagonia and explore two cosmopolitan capitals, Santiago and Buenos Aires.

12 days from £3,304pp

Days 1-4

Our journey begins in Chile's capital Santiago, where we'll tour the city's museums, markets and parks on foot. Head on to Puerto Varas in the Lake District. Visit the crystalline Petrohué Waterfalls, hidden in ancient forests, and explore the colourful stilt houses and raucous penguin colonies of Chiloé island.

Days 5-7

Continue to Puerto Natales from where we'll take in the breathtaking sights of Torres del Paine National Park. We'll also explore vast untouched areas of staggering beauty both by vehicle and on foot. There are several hikes available, including scenic routes to the iconic granite towers.

Days 8-12

Cross the Patagonian steppe into Argentina, arriving at the bustling town of El Calafate. It's a scenic road journey through a forest valley to reach the vivid-blue Perito Moreno Glacier, which towers 60m above the surface of a lake. Fly to Buenos Aires, Argentina's elegant capital. Here we'll explore vibrant neighbourhoods such as La Boca and the historic heartland of the city on a guided walking tour.

WHAT YOU SAY

I had an absolutely wonderful holiday, thank you... Highlights? Walking in Patagonia – stunningly beautiful on both the Chilean and Argentinian sides.

CB, Surrey

WHAT WE LOVE

As well as being great value for money, the Charito group tour is ideal for anyone looking to take in the most breathtaking highlights of Patagonia on a shorter journey. In just under two weeks, you'll discover the wildest landscapes of Chile and Argentina.

Charlie Thomas
Product Executive



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Departure dates

2024	03 DEC				
2025	07 JAN	04 FEB	04 MAR	11 NOV	02 DEC
2026	06 JAN	03 FEB	03 MAR		

Summary nights

12 days, 11 nights: Santiago 2; Puerto Varas 2; Puerto Natales 3; El Calafate 2; Buenos Aires 2.



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Make It Your Own

The Charito offers a fantastic way to discover the best of Patagonia in under two weeks. But if you are pressed for time, we can condense the journey even more. With international flights arriving first thing in the morning to Santiago, we can put you straight on a flight to Puerto Montt. There you'll meet the group and begin your adventure in the lake district before travelling on to Torres del Paine and Argentina.



GAUCHO: VINTAGE ARGENTINA



CLASSIC JOURNEY

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Enjoy gorgeous natural landscapes, with world-renowned wine and fine cuisine. Visit wine capital Mendoza, colonial Salta surrounded by rust red canyons, the Iguazú Falls and cosmopolitan Buenos Aires.

12 days from £3,607pp

Days 1-4

In Santiago, Chile's vast capital, explore bustling markets and trendy neighbourhoods. We'll visit the Bohemian seaside city of Valparaíso, stopping off for wine tasting at nearby vineyards. Fly to Mendoza in Argentina, where we'll tour three world-class wineries.

Days 5-7

Fly to Salta in the Andean foothills, where we'll wander through the attractive main square and take the cable car to a hilltop with sweeping panoramic views. Journey through multi-coloured canyon country to the sleepy town of Cafayate where we'll tour local vineyards, and admire the vivid hues of the Humahuaca Gorge.

Days 8-12

The tumultuous Iguazú Falls are truly awe-inspiring; individual cascades crash through lush subtropical forest. Enjoy panoramic views from the Brazilian side, and in Argentina explore walkways across the raging river, peering over precipices and watching the water plummet. Then fly to elegant Buenos Aires, where we'll admire grand colonial architecture and the brightly painted port district, before a food tour of San Telmo's traditional eateries.



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Departure dates

2025 09 FEB 27 APR 06 OCT
2026 08 FEB

Summary nights

12 days, 11 nights: Santiago 2; Mendoza 2; Salta 3; Puerto Iguazú 2; Buenos Aires 2.



WHAT YOU SAY

We visited awe-inspiring places of outstanding beauty accompanied by passionate and knowledgeable local guides who really added to the experience. Argentina is really an amazing country.

DO, London

WHAT WE LOVE

A vibrant tour following a slightly offbeat route with each stop in marked contrast to the previous one. It showcases the diverse cities and fantastic landscapes within a short trip and there is plenty of good food and drink along the way. It's great fun to lead.

Max Wood
Tour Leader



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Make It Your Own

Just across the River Plate from Buenos Aires lies the attractive country of Uruguay. Following your tour around Argentina, instead of flying home directly you can hop on the ferry to Colonia or Montevideo. We will swap your transfer to the airport for one to the port, and can organise any other activities in Uruguay which take your fancy.

TANGARA: BLUE LAKES AND EMERALD COASTS



DISCOVERY JOURNEY

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This adventurous tour showcases Latin America's extraordinary diversity. Explore dynamic cities, volcanic lake districts and the Iguazú Falls, as well as the tropical beaches of Brazil's Emerald Coast.

15 days from £3,756pp

Days 1-4

Arrive in Santiago, Chile's vibrant capital, from which there are optional trips to the lively seaport Valparaíso or tranquil vineyards. Continue to Puerto Varas in the heart of the Chilean lake district, overlooked by the perfectly conical Osorno and Calbuco volcanoes. You can also visit Chiloé island, home to stilt houses, penguin colonies and delicious seafood.

Days 5-8

Cross the Andes past countless glacial lakes and snow-capped volcanoes. Arrive in Bariloche, Argentina, on the shores of Lake Nahuel Huapi. On picturesque mountain trails, glimpse shimmering lakes before flying to the elegant capital Buenos Aires. Tour the city's colourful port district of La Boca and the historic core.

Days 9-15

Take in sweeping panoramas and breathtaking close-up views of the awe-inspiring Iguazú Falls from the Argentinian and Brazilian sides. Continue to the enchanting town of Paraty in Brazil, hop aboard a schooner to visit lush tropical islands, then head up the Green Coast to Rio de Janeiro. Explore this iconic city in depth, ascending to the summits of Corcovado and Sugarloaf mountains.



Ben Line

Make It Your Own

This cross-continent tour ends in Rio de Janeiro. What better way to discover South America's most vibrant city then spending time immersed in the rhythms and colours of Rio Carnival? The end of our February departure coincides with the start of the festivities, so you can easily extend your stay and join in the celebrations.

WHAT YOU SAY

Most memorable? Impossible! Without exception every part of the trip was memorable and as the holiday progressed we ran out of superlatives to describe it! Max, our tour guide was the icing on the cake.

EJ, Crawley

WHAT WE LOVE

This two-week coast-to-coast adventure crams in some of South America's best: the buzz of Santiago, Buenos Aires and Rio, as well as navigating the awe-inspiring Andean lakes from Chile to Argentina, and sailing the clear blue waters of Brazil's Emerald Coast.

Stuart Whittington
Head of Product



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PENGUIN: EXTREMES OF CHILE



CLASSIC JOURNEY

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This luxurious group tour shows off the variety of Chile's natural landscapes. Beginning in bustling Santiago, we'll visit the otherworldly Atacama desert and the soaring peaks of Patagonia, via sunny vineyards and the volcano-dotted lake district.

14 days from £5,774pp



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Days 1-5

Discover the vibrant Chilean capital, Santiago, where we'll take in panoramic views of the city from San Cristobal hill and wander among lively markets. There are optional visits to nearby vineyards and the Bohemian seaside city Valparaíso. Then fly north to San Pedro, a timeless adobe town from which we'll explore the lunar landscapes of the Atacama Desert. Rust red canyons and volcanic cones are reflected in vivid lagoons, while dramatic geysers throw jets of steam skyward.

Days 6-8

Next we'll travel to idyllic Puerto Varas in the lake district, which dazzles with its snow-capped volcanoes overlooking patchwork pastures and shimmering lakes. Admire turquoise waters at the Petrohué Falls, and exquisite views of forest trails along Lake Todos los Santos. You can also visit Chiloé island, home to traditional stilt houses known as *palafitos*, and colonies of Humboldt and Magellanic penguins which nest side by side.

Days 9-14

We'll continue to our historic hotel located on the fjord of Last Hope close to Torres del Paine National Park in Patagonia. There are a number of hikes past the awe-inspiring scenery of towering granite massifs, windswept plains, and glacial lakes. Optionally you may try horse riding along tranquil forest trails, or a boat trip across an icy lake to the colossal Glacier Grey. Spend a night in Punta Arenas before flying back to Santiago.

Make It Your Own

This tour takes in the awe-inspiring wilderness landscapes of Chile, but you can always add on a visit to the enigmatic statues and sparkling bays of Easter Island. We can organise flights, hotels and excursions around the island over three or four nights, either before the tour begins or directly afterwards. It will make a remarkable addition to your Chilean adventure.



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Departure dates

2024	04 DEC					
2025	05 JAN	26 JAN	16 FEB	12 OCT	09 NOV	07 DEC
2026	04 JAN	15 FEB				

Summary nights

14 days, 13 nights: Santiago 2; San Pedro 3; Puerto Varas 3; Puerto Natales 3; Punta Arenas 1; Santiago 1.



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WHAT WE LOVE

I love how this tour showcases the stark contrasts of this crazy beautiful country; from the russet colours of the Atacama Desert to the windswept steppe of Southern Patagonia via the lush greenery of the Lake District, this is a feast for your senses.

Mary Anne Nelson
Travel Expert

WHAT YOU SAY

This trip exceeded our expectations and was excellent value for the money. And to top it all, despite being apprehensive about going on an organised tour, the group really gelled and we had great fun!

GD, London



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EXTENSIONS

No need to miss out. If there's somewhere you particularly want to go that isn't included in your Journey itinerary, don't worry. We can add on an extension to take you there before or after the group trip.



Tap into our knowledge

Here we really do need to blow our own trumpet. Our expert staff, some of whom have been with us for over 25 years, and all of whom travel regularly around Latin America, have put together a diverse selection of flexible itineraries to add on to your trip and help you make the absolute most of your holiday.

Many of these extensions are fully flexible, in terms of what you do, where you stay and how you get there. Others, such as cruises or treks, necessarily follow a fixed route.

None are escorted by your tour leader; where appropriate they will be led by an English-speaking local guide, with relevant expertise. A sample of what we can offer is featured here, and popular extensions are listed on our website. In addition, our travel experts are well-placed to offer various alternatives, and help put together the perfect trip for you.

Over the following pages we suggest a variety of extensions: relaxing at a modern spa, or on a palm-fringed beach; spotting wildlife; walking or driving through outstanding scenery; seeking out historical or contemporary culture; sampling regional cuisine and wines; or trying your hand at something more active, like horse-riding or kayaking.

WILDLIFE

With much of Latin America still in its natural state, the prolific wildlife is left to roam undisturbed. Times are changing: the modern world and expanded areas of cultivation are definitely making an impact, but you can still find places, surprisingly accessible, where you can observe this flora and fauna close up, from your base at a jungle lodge or on a cruise.

The Amazon of Peru, Ecuador and Brazil

The Amazon rainforest is a vast, often impenetrable tropical wilderness, home to thousands of species of flora and fauna. A visit really makes your journey in Peru, Ecuador or Brazil complete. Excellent jungle lodges are accessible via a short flight or a longer journey by road and by boat. All offer full board and a programme of activities and excursions into the rainforest led by naturalist guides. You can also take a river cruise.



Peru

Only an hour's flight from Cusco, the river-port of Puerto Maldonado gives access to a number of jungle lodges with excellent wildlife spotting opportunities. There are also lodges in the region around Iquitos (a two-hour flight from Lima), a port from which cruises depart through the jungle.

Ecuador

Amazonia can be easily and quickly accessed from Quito by air, or road and river transport. Lodges here are surprisingly comfortable given their isolation and many are run by the local community.

Brazil

Manaus, a direct flight from Rio or São Paulo, is the gateway to the Brazilian jungle. There's a range of accommodation, from rustic lodges to more upmarket properties; and cruises from four to eight days in length.

Connects with all journeys starting/ending in Peru, Ecuador and Brazil.



Wildlife wilderness in the Pantanal

The vast Brazilian Pantanal wetlands boast an extraordinary abundance of birds and wildlife. This protected wilderness is, according to season, home to flocks of parakeets, macaws and giant storks. In the dry season (Apr-Nov) caiman laze on riverbanks. You may also spot giant capybaras, armadillos, anteaters and howler monkeys. This huge concentration of birds, reptiles and mammals co-exist with the cattle in this marshy grassland and, because of the sparse vegetation, are easy to spot.

There are a number of eco-friendly, low-key, comfortable lodges, accessible from either Campo Grande or Cuiaba. Each offers activities including wildlife observation by boat safari, on horseback or on foot, on a full-board basis, with most people staying three nights.

Connects with journeys starting/ending in Rio.

Galápagos Islands

A short flight off the coast of mainland Ecuador, astride the equator in the Pacific Ocean, lie the Galápagos Islands. These peaks of gigantic volcanoes have never been attached to the continent, and over the millennia birds, reptiles and plants have come to adapt to their unique environment. It's one of the greatest wildlife shows on earth, home to dragon-like iguanas, sea-lions, flamingos, crimson-breasted frigate birds, blue-footed boobies; and a rich variety of landscape, from lava scorched rocks, to rich woodland and white sand beaches.

The archipelago is usually appreciated by cruising around the islands. Vessels, from small motor cruisers to luxurious liners, operate varying itineraries from three to eight days long. If you prefer not to sail, there are a number of excellent land-based options. Details of accommodation, cruises and itineraries can be found on our website, or speak to one of our travel experts.

Connects with journeys starting/ending in Ecuador.



NATURAL AND CULTURAL LANDSCAPES

You will be seeing many of the countries' natural and cultural highlights as you pass through them on your group journeys, but it's not possible to include everything.

Some extensions are obvious and logical – for example, a visit to Easter Island is a popular choice for those visiting Chile. Others are rather less well known, or more specialised, including estancia stays (wine, gastronomy, horse riding) in Argentina. You may add on just a couple of days to see the Mayan ruins at Tikal or the Nazca Lines in Peru; or a week or more to cruise to the 'white continent' Antarctica.



Antarctica

A century after the first expeditions, the most popular form of access to this vast continent is still by sea. However in the last few years some commercial flights have started operating to this distant land. Cruises* navigate their way between yawning ice fields, and mountains of staggering beauty, across waters that reflect the changing moods of the southern sky.

Huge colonies of penguins, and sea lions, albatrosses and other seabirds lay on a spectacular display.

Some of our journeys have Ushuaia, the gateway to the 'white continent' or Punta Arenas on the Chilean side of the border, as a port of call. You may leave the group here to join a cruise, or travel south by air at the end of your journey. There is a wide selection of ships from small expeditionary vessels to larger cruise ships with comprehensive facilities.

Connects with tours starting/ending in Buenos Aires.

*Cruises last from 1-3 weeks.

Fitz Roy, Argentina

If your journey itinerary nears its end in El Calafate, you can choose to extend your time in Argentinian Patagonia before you travel north to Buenos Aires. Take a bus from El Calafate (3-4 hours) to the small mountain resort of El Chaltén. There are splendid scenic walks in the rugged countryside at the foot of the towering slabs of rock and icy pinnacles forming the Fitz Roy massif. The panoramic views of the lakes in this region are truly awe-inspiring. Round off your holiday with two nights in the elegant capital, Buenos Aires.

Connects with journeys nearing the end of El Calafate.



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The Fjords of Chile and Argentina

Patagonia, a wilderness of windswept steppes, jagged mountains and glaciers, is a landscape which feels truly remote. Nowadays, however, it can be visited in comfort: there are first class estancias in stunning countryside, state-of-the-art hotels, and luxurious motor-vessels that offer cruises* exploring the unspoilt secrets of the ice.

The fjords of southern Chile configure a fairy tale land of deep, forested valleys, hanging glaciers and tiny maritime settlements. Further south, cruises explore the Beagle Channel and Tierra del Fuego, and even take you to rugged Cape Horn.

Connects with journeys that pass through Ushuaia, Puerto Natales and Punta Arenas.

*Cruises last 4-7 days.

The Glaciers of Argentinian Patagonia

Cross the border from Chilean Patagonia to the Argentinian side of the jagged, ice-capped Andes range and stay in El Calafate, a little resort town on wilderness plains close to the edge of the milky, turquoise waters of Lago Argentino. From here, visit the towering ice walls of the Perito Moreno glacier and the traditional ranch at Estancia Cristina. Both tourist and first-class options are available. Round off your holiday with a couple of days in Argentina's elegant capital, Buenos Aires.

Connects with journeys nearing the end in Torres del Paine.



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Ushuaia, Tierra del Fuego

For those whose group itinerary nears its end in Patagonia, an extension can be added to Ushuaia (a short flight from El Calafate). This, the world's most southerly city, and a busy port at the tip of the Andes range, is your base for explorations to the bays, lakes, rivers and peaks of the Tierra del Fuego National Park. Cruise down the Beagle Channel spotting penguins, and pay a visit to the historic Harberton Ranch, before flying north for a final night in Argentina's cosmopolitan capital, Buenos Aires.

Connects with journeys nearing the end in El Calafate.



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Iguazú Falls

Perhaps the most stunning sight in Latin America is the Iguazú Falls: a 2.7km chain of 275 cataracts tumble and roar over a 60m precipice in a protected, sub-tropical rainforest that is alive with birds and butterflies. The cataracts straddle the border between Argentina and Brazil, and on either side there is a range of accommodation, from spacious tourist-class hotels to first-class traditional or contemporary establishments, many of which are set in extensive grounds with outside pools. Two nights in Iguazú is normally sufficient to see both sides of the falls, before flying home via São Paulo or continuing for a few days in Rio de Janeiro.

Connects with journeys starting/ending in Buenos Aires or Rio.



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Atacama Desert, Chile

The Atacama Desert, where it approaches the Bolivian border, is a high-altitude landscape of volcanoes, salt lakes and supreme, rugged beauty. The Moon Valley, the geysers at El Tatio, and pretty mountain villages such as Toconao are among a host of attractions here. Stay in comfortable accommodation in San Pedro, an adobe town that is the hub for visits to the region, or at a more luxurious hotel, where excursions and excellent meals are included.

Connects with journeys starting/ending Santiago.



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Copper Canyon, Mexico

The Copper Canyon has some of the continent's most awe-inspiring mountain scenery, with scores of epic gorges and ravines, some of which are deeper than the Grand Canyon. A spectacular rail journey begins in Chihuahua and climbs into the Sierra Madre, where a night is spent on the canyon rim. The descent crosses bridges, passes through tunnels and around sweeping bends to arrive at Los Mochis. Access is from Chihuahua in the north of Mexico.

Connects with journeys starting/ending in Mexico City

Peru's Nazca Lines

No one knows for sure why an ancient, unknown civilisation etched huge geometric markings – the Nazca Lines, Peru – into the desert south of Lima. Their scale and complexity can be best appreciated from the air. You can combine your extension with a visit to the wildlife-rich Ballestas Islands just off the coast from Paracas.

Connects with journeys starting/ending in Lima.



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Easter Island

Polynesian Easter Island lies 2,200 miles off the coast of Chile. This tiny territory, triangular in shape and with a volcano in each corner, has only 5,000 inhabitants, and is famed for its vast, brooding stone statues or moai. The balmy climate and the genuine warmth of the inhabitants make this unspoilt destination one of our most popular. Our featured extensions include a three- or four-night stay at a secluded hotel, but there are a number of properties to choose from as well as shorter or longer stays.

Connects with journeys starting/ending Santiago.



Tom Parrott

All extensions are tailor-made.

If you are unsure how they fit with your journey, or would like to consider other options, please call us to discuss your requirements. Our Travel Experts will be able to advise you and help piece together the extension you are looking for.

Salvador da Bahia

The coastal city of Salvador is an unmissable highlight of Brazil, and integral to an understanding of the country. Here, the African influence is dominant, with food, dance and religious ritual all harking back to the mother continent, and there is some of the most beautifully restored colonial architecture in the country. It's a joyous place, alive with music and colour, and with some stunning beaches nearby.

Connects with journeys starting/ending in Rio.

Tikal

If your holiday in Central America doesn't include a trip to the ruins, it is easy to add on a visit to what many regard as the most awe-inspiring archaeological sites on the continent. From Antigua, it is a short drive to Guatemala City, for the hour-long flight to Flores. Accommodation is in a jungle lodge in the heart of the tropical national park, or the island town of Flores, your base for a two-day visit to the ruins. There is a guided tour of the temples and pyramids, from which you can look out over a jungle canopy full of monkeys and parrots. Fly back to Guatemala City for a final night.

Connects with journeys starting/ending in Guatemala.



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Estancia stays

In colonial times, large tracts of land in Latin America were divided into estates – estancias or haciendas, which had elegant, palatial residences. Some have been refurbished and opened up to visitors, a few have been converted into luxury hotels, and a number are still operating ranches or wineries. They offer visitors a warm family-style welcome, excellent facilities and a range of activities from wine-tasting and bird-watching to nature trails and horse riding. One of our favourites is La Bamba in Argentina, but you can also spend several days unwinding in estancias in Chile, Mexico or Ecuador.



Estancia La Bamba

Lake Atitlán

Guatemala is a deeply traditional country, where indigenous and colonial cultures and rituals have blended and developed over the centuries, remaining a unique feature of contemporary life. It's also blessed with gorgeous scenery, dominated by around 35 volcanoes. Lake Atitlán is a mystical body of water surrounded by volcanic cones and tiny farmsteads. Visit some of the small towns along the shore, where traditional dress is still worn.

Connects with tours starting/ending in Guatemala.

BEACH WIND-DOWNS

Few of our itineraries offer you much opportunity to lounge on the beach. However, a few days on the coast is a great way to round off a busy, invigorating holiday. Most itineraries begin or end within reasonable reach of a sandy beach or rocky cove with excellent hotel facilities.

The Mayan Riviera

The beaches of Mexico are some of the best on the continent, from the white powder sands of the Caribbean coast to the rocky coves and rolling surf of the Pacific, and there are some excellent hotels from which to enjoy them.

There are many properties on the Mayan Riviera, spread along the coast, where creamy beaches meet tropical forests. All of which are convenient if ending your journey in Cancun. There are also several attractive, mid-range hotels close to the resort of Playa del Carmen, and the iconic cliff edge ruins of Tulum.

Connects with journeys ending in Cancun or any end destination with flights to Mexico.



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Ambergris Caye

Fly to the coral island of Ambergris Caye off the coast of Belize, and spend a few days at the first-class plantation style Victoria House. Alternatively, pick one of the other stunning properties or cays that stretch the length of the Caribbean coast.

Connects with journeys ending in Belize.

Uruguay

This tiny, friendly country on the eastern shore of the River Plate, maintains a character of its own. Renowned for its beef-rearing grasslands, it also boasts glamorous golden beaches and plush hotels, perfect for a wind down after any group tour.

Connects with journeys starting/ending in Buenos Aires.

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The Beaches of Cuba

Cuban beaches boast the Caribbean's famous translucent turquoise seas with pristine sand and unspoilt landscapes. There are a number of resorts around the island, which vary in terms of facilities and accessibility. Some, such as Varadero, are busy strips with a number of hotels, restaurants, bars and clubs; others are situated on remote islands (cayos), including Cayo Las Brujas and Cayo Levisa, with pearl white beaches and good snorkelling.

Ilha Grande

Down the 'green coast' from Rio lies Ilha Grande, a beautiful, forested island where tourism is kept low-key and informal. Trails lead across the lush, undulating interior and there are stunning beaches hidden among rocky coves. Accommodation ranges from hippyish to boutique, and the atmosphere is laid-back and completely relaxing.

Connects with journeys starting/ending Rio.



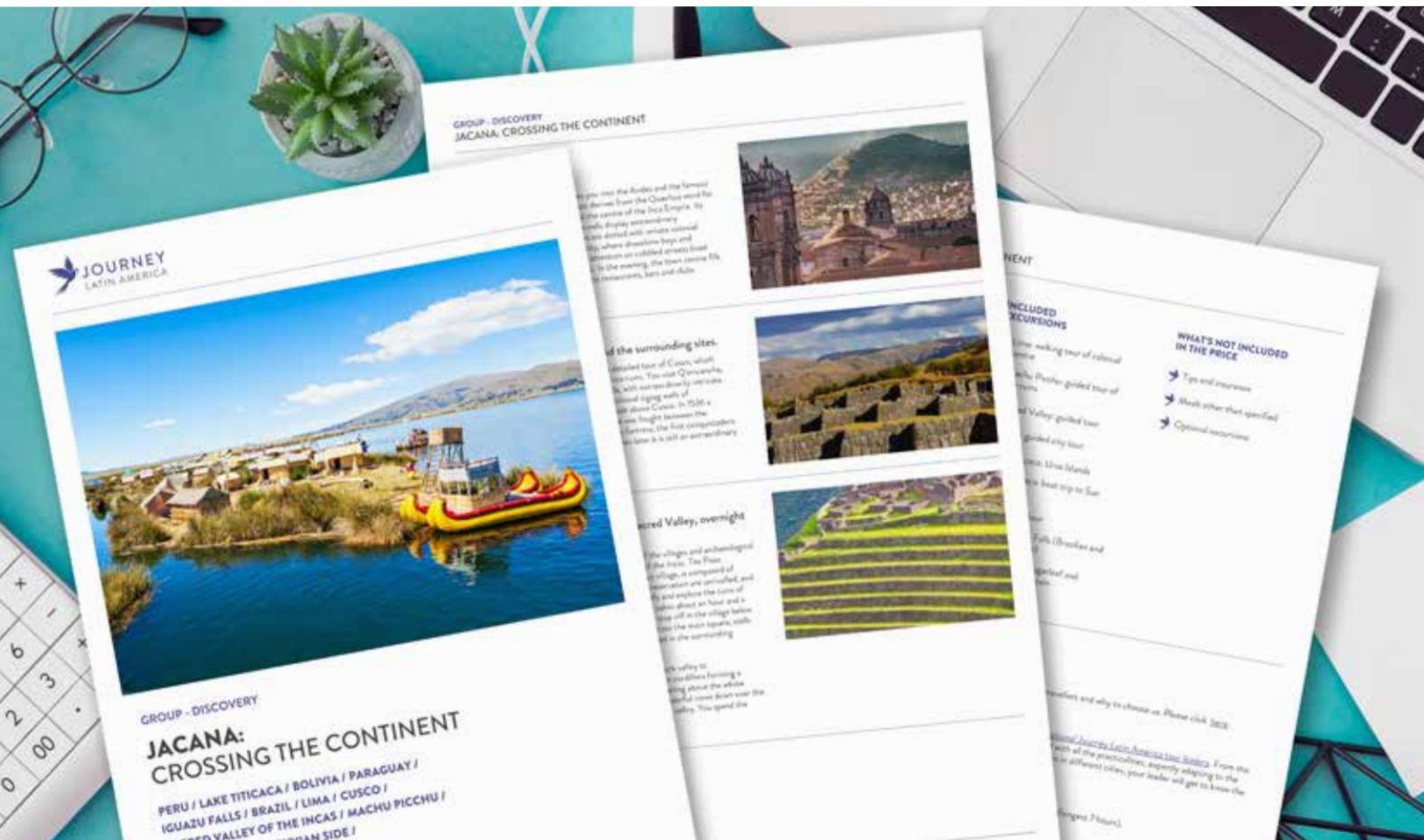
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Búzios

Just up the road from Rio de Janeiro lies the Armação de Búzios peninsula; a sophisticated, informal resort scattered around a series of alluring bays. Cobble streets and small, low-rise pousadas give it a Mediterranean feel; its many stylish open-air bars, restaurants, boutiques and galleries are frequented by well-to-do Brazilians as well as foreign tourists. Outside the busy high season (Dec-Feb), the tranquillity and natural beauty make for a relaxing stay.

Connects with all journeys starting/ending in Rio.

TRIP DOSSIERS AND OUR LOYALTY SCHEME



We understand that you'll have plenty of questions about each holiday.

“ Which accommodations are included in the tour?

“ Do I need to bring walking boots?

“ How many excursions are included in the price?

“ How will I get hold of local money?

While all the necessary information is available on our website's Group Journeys pages, you may not want to check every detail online. This is why we've created a print-friendly Trip Dossier for each of our Group Journeys, which is available to download and print out for quick and easy consultation.

Each Trip Dossier includes a detailed day-by-day itinerary and our invaluable Essential Information to answer all your queries.

Visit journeylatinamerica.com now to print your free copy.

Group travellers loyalty scheme

With so many breathtaking destinations to discover, we know many of you will want to return to Latin America time and again. All clients booking onto a Group Tour for a second time will benefit from our loyalty scheme, which means you'll receive **£100pp off** the cost of your trip.

What's more, any travellers booking onto their third (or more) Group Tour across Central and South America will receive a discount of **£150pp off** each trip.

Get in touch with one of our friendly Travel Experts to apply the discount to your booking. Terms and conditions apply.



DISCOVER MORE ON OUR WEBSITE

For full details of any of our small group holidays, head to our website where you can search for your perfect trip by country, duration or preferred style of travel. As well as an overview, you'll find a detailed itinerary, a gallery of images, a comprehensive list of the hotels used, a trip dossier, ideas for extensions and reviews from past clients.

Itineraries

Browse full itineraries, with details of the activities and highlights for each day. There are plenty of photos to inspire you.

Trip dossiers

Each of our journeys has a specific dossier packed with essential information and handy advice about what to take with you, money matters, and much more. It's free to download and print out for easy reference.

Dates and prices

Find our most up-to-date prices as well as Departure dates for those joining the trip in Latin America.

Extensions

No matter which tour you choose, there is a huge selection of suggested tailor-made add-ons for your holiday.

Accommodation

From luxurious stays to cosy guesthouses, get an idea for the style of the accommodations on each journey. We've inspected thousands across Latin America to bring you the most comprehensive selection of our favourite places to stay. There are options for the budget-conscious as well as those looking for a luxury experience. Browse through our wide range of styles via the 'Accommodation' tab.

Reviews

We publish ratings and reviews from past clients, so you can read about their experience on each of our group tours.

Share

When you find a holiday you love, it's easy to send a link to friends and family using our quick share buttons. You can also share the trip to your social media feeds.

Book online

If you find your perfect journey and are ready to book, use our secure online booking system to pay your deposit and confirm your place on the tour.

Highlights

In any of our destinations, there is a wide range of recommended 'Places to Visit' and 'Things to Do' to suit all tastes. Discover our favourite must-see attractions and the most exciting activities each area has to offer.

Destinations

We'll introduce you to all our destinations with an at-a-glance summary of their most breathtaking highlights, with a wide array of photos and essential information on visas, vaccinations, and the best time of year to visit each region.

When to go

Latin America is home to a staggering variety of landscapes and climates, as well as countless cultural events and wildlife spectacles. Taking all this into account, we've used our expert knowledge to create an in-depth 'when to go' guide for each of our destinations and regions.

Travel hub

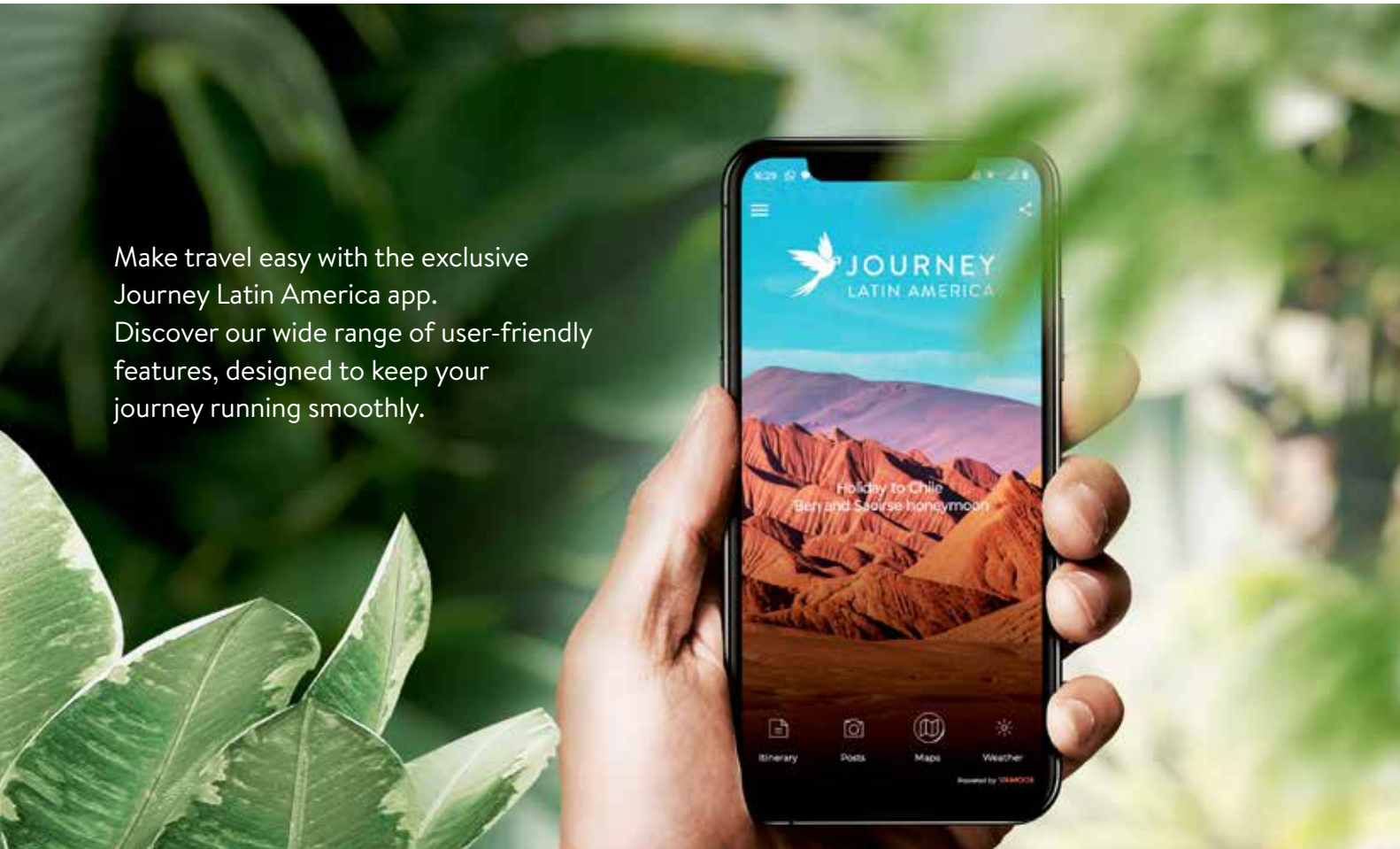
Our Travel Hub offers all the practical information you need before travelling, from the latest health updates and government travel advice to the questions most frequently asked by our clients. Our clear and detailed guidelines will ensure your holiday planning runs smoothly.

Inspiration

Keep updated with what's new and exciting in Latin America with Papagaio, our online travel inspiration magazine. You'll find mouthwatering recipes, cultural events, expert advice and travel blogs that bring the continent to life. This is also where you'll find our latest competitions, with incredible prizes including holidays to Latin America.

THE JOURNEY LATIN AMERICA APP

Make travel easy with the exclusive Journey Latin America app. Discover our wide range of user-friendly features, designed to keep your journey running smoothly.



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Keep all your important travel documents in one place, as well as local contact numbers both on and offline. You can let the excitement build as our app counts down the days to your holiday, and have a last-minute check on the weather to see what to pack.

Scroll through your day-by-day itinerary to see which exciting places are in store, and share your login with friends and family so they can keep track of your trip. Stay one step ahead at the airport with live flights information, schedule changes, and boarding notifications sent straight to your smartphone or tablet device.

Upon arrival, browse the list of recommendations and begin exploring the restaurants, museums, cafés, bars and places of interest that come personally recommended by Journey Latin America's clients. Don't worry about getting lost on the way there – you'll have access to offline maps, so you can navigate the streets just like a local. After seeing the sites, make trip notes and share all your memories with friends and family using our digital diary.

Key features

- Store all your essential travel documents and local contact numbers in one place, ready to access even without internet connection.
- Stay one step ahead at the airport with pre-departure information, schedule changes and live flight updates at your fingertips.
- View your personalised day-by-day itinerary, which includes details about each destination, excursions and local contact details for all of the hotels where you will be staying.
- Explore recommended restaurants and bars as well as lesser-known local highlights with offline maps.
- Check the weather in each destination with local forecasts so you'll know how to prepare for each day.

The app is available to download for free before your journey, so you can relax and enjoy travelling without the stress.

BOOKING CONDITIONS

If this text is too small for you to easily read please go to our website and search Booking Conditions.

We've abbreviated this information so you're more likely to consider reading it. However, it's very important that you do read (and acknowledge that you've read) the Booking Conditions in full, which are on our website. Or we'll be very happy to send you a printed copy on request. The direct link is at: www.journeylatinamerica.com/booking-conditions/. Additionally, if the detail of the Booking Conditions changes during the life of the brochure, we can update straight away.

Important Information

Tourist amenities

Infrastructure in Latin America has improved, but it's still largely an underdeveloped continent – both for provision of amenities, and the standard of them. Even the most meticulously planned arrangements can, and do, go wrong.

Things that might go wrong

There may be moments of discomfort, and delays are a way of life. Your bags might be delayed or go missing. There are risks that may occur: travelling in mountainous terrain, the forces of nature and the limited medical facilities of some regions. Passenger seat belt regulations are not widely enforced. Clients booking these holidays implicitly accept the above.

Itineraries

The itinerary of a trip will not be altered unless there is an unavoidable reason for it. But occasionally we may have to make small alterations to the accommodation, transport or order of an itinerary. In these circumstances, we won't pay refunds or compensation.

Trip Dossier

For all Classic and Discovery Journeys, we publish a Trip Dossier. They're on our website, you'll find them in the row of links above the text on the Journey description page. Or just ring us ask for a printed version. They give a feel for what it's like on each trip, with additional information on how to prepare. You don't have to book anything to get this.

Briefing Dossier

When you book, we send a comprehensive booklet with detailed information on visas, inoculations, recommended personal baggage, currency, climate and photography.

Visas and Passports

Apart from the four below, British passport holders require no visas to visit countries in Latin America.

1. Cuba: Tourist Card before arrival
2. USA: ESTA form to be completed online before arrival at (UK) departure airport, even if you'll just be changing planes in USA.
3. Canada: eTA form to be completed online before arrival at (UK) departure airport, even if you'll be changing planes in Canada.
4. Honduras: British nationals require a visa to enter Honduras to be applied for before travel.

Airport transfers and flights

There's no additional charge for meeting you at the airport of the city where the trip starts provided you are travelling on an international flight arriving on the first day of the tour. Same if you're departing on the last day.

We will try to offer seats on these flights to clients travelling on the published group tour dates. However this is not always possible and we may have to make other flight arrangements for you, sometimes at extra cost. If you arrive/depart on different days, or on internal flights, we will charge you extra if you need transfers.

All airline 'tickets' issued in the UK are now electronic and will be sent by email and first class post. Occasionally, paper tickets can still be issued in Latin America.

Documentation

At each stage of the booking you will be sent a financial summary or confirmation. Final documents are usually ready for despatch 10 days to 2 weeks before departure date.

Card payments

- If you pay by Debit or Credit Card: No surcharge
- You can also pay by bank transfer or cheque with no surcharge. Please ensure cheque payments are made in good time, as it takes 4 working days for us to confirm receipt.

Not included in the price of the holiday

- Side trips or excursions designated in the brochure as optional.
- Travel insurance.
- Tips, portage, food other than stated, laundry, items of personal nature.
- Entrance fees to some national parks, municipal taxes and immigration fees.
- Airport taxes. On the inbound (international) leg of flights from Latin America some taxes are included on the ticket and others not (the individual Trip Dossiers make it clear which are not).

Abbreviated Booking Conditions

The Booking Conditions in full are on our website – www.journeylatinamerica.com

If you would prefer, we are happy to send by post a version of these printed on paper. You must read the Booking Conditions in full.

Contract

Your contract is with Journey Latin America Ltd. When you make a booking, you accept that you have read and are subject to the conditions set out in the Full Booking Conditions and Important Information. Your contract with us is also subject to the Terms and Conditions of Carriage of any airline used.

Deposits

We need a deposit of £500 per person when you book. The deposit is non-refundable unless we cannot confirm you on the tour, or if we cancel your chosen trip, including when the minimum numbers required for the tour has not been reached. You must read our FULL booking conditions before you pay a deposit. We will issue a confirmation, at which point we have accepted your booking and a contract exists.

Interim payments and Final payments

Final payment is due not less than 60 days before departure, or immediately if you book within 60 days of departure. However, it may be that to guarantee a price, we may have to ask you to pay in full for all or part of your holiday at an earlier date. Usually this involves the issue of flight tickets which can carry cancellation penalties.

Children

Children over 12 are treated as adults as far as pricing is concerned. There are sometimes reductions for one child (and sometimes two children) under 12 sharing the room of two accompanying adults.

Long-Haul flights (usually transatlantic)

Our holidays usually show the flights price separately. We will not issue airline e-tickets until we have received full payment for them (see Interim payments above).

Tour only arrangements

The price of our Classic and Discovery Journeys excludes long-haul flights to the start of your trip, though we will quote to cost of flights separately.

We strongly recommend you do not confirm or pay for any flight or other non-refundable arrangements until we have confirmed in writing your reservation, and that the Journey has reached the minimum numbers to be viable. If you do, we do not accept responsibility for any costs incurred for cancellation of such services if your chosen trip does not confirm. We can often hold flight reservations from the UK without having to confirm or pay for the seats immediately.

Independent arrangements and discontinuous itineraries

If you already have flight, accommodation or transport reservations in place when you book holidays with us, we accept no liability for dovetailing with these independent arrangements. Of course, we'll do all we can to help.

Alterations by you before departure

We'll do what we can to accommodate any reasonable changes – and, in principle, will only charge where we are ourselves liable for any costs.

Alteration or cancellation by you after commencement of travel

Where we believe it's possible and sensible, we'll allow you to do this, but there may be charges in excess of the cost of new services, or for those already booked and unused. As a basic principle, no refund will be paid to clients who do not commence or complete a tour, extension, or sector.

Cancellations by you

If cancelled:	Maximum charge:
60 days or more before departure	Deposit (and interim payment where appropriate)
Between 30-59 days before departure	60% of tour cost or interim payment (where appropriate) whichever greater
29 days or less before departure	100% tour cost

Cancellations or alterations by Journey Latin America Alterations

We might have to change your holiday plans before you go. Usually these are minor, we'll notify you as soon as we can. Minor changes include: change of airline or flight routing, alteration of flight times by less than 12 hours, accommodation changes to the same or higher standard. We will not pay any compensation for minor changes. If we make a material change (a change before departure, involving a significant change of resort or ground itinerary; a significant – usually more than 24 hours – change of outbound flight time) you may cancel your booking and obtain a prompt and full refund of all money paid by you to us. If we make a material change within 8 weeks of departure, you will also be entitled to compensation per person in accordance with the notification scale opposite.

Period of notification before scheduled departure date.

Compensation

55-43 days	£10
29-42 days	£20
15-28 days	£30
0-14 days	£40

Payment of compensation will not be made for any change or cancellation caused by force majeure.

Cancellations

We may cancel all or part of your travel arrangements, but NOT within 8 weeks of our booking departure date, except for force majeure, or if you haven't paid, or where the minimum number of clients required to run an integral excursion or element of the trip is not met. We'll try to offer you alternatives (if available) or a full refund of what you've paid us, but no compensation.

If we have to cancel all or some of your travel arrangements for reasons beyond our control, we'll offer alternative comparable arrangements, or a prompt full refund or the tour or cancelled element. If the alternative is cheaper we will refund the difference.

If any of the causes for cancellation or amendments happens after the tour has started, or after we can call you about it, our local supplier or tour leader is entitled to amend the arrangements on your behalf. If these are force majeure amendments, no compensation will be paid. However, where amendments are not force majeure, you will be entitled to compensation of £40 per person.

FCDO Travel Advisories

If the FCDO (www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice) offers advice against all or non-essential travel to a country or area, we'll follow the recommendations of ABTA and offer an alternative itinerary or if appropriate, a full refund. This does not apply if the FCDO advice is to "consider postponing travel". However, if we feel advice against travel is likely to be downgraded shortly, we may delay the offer of an alternative itinerary, or a full refund. See also "Your responsibilities".

Prices

Exchange rates

Prices and airfares we quote are based on exchange rates which may vary several times over a year or more, rather than a single defined date. The website however is always more up-to-date – the price of a Journey or tour may be varied at any time before we have accepted your booking.

Surcharges

When your holiday is confirmed, we guarantee we will not surcharge for any additional costs associated with currency fluctuation, government (or airport) – imposed taxes/increases, overlying charges, increase in scheduled airfares or other transport costs action. The only exception is in limited circumstances (particularly with cruise arrangements), operators may reserve the right to pass on surcharges due to changes in the cost of fuel. If this still means you'll be paying more than 5% on the holiday price, you will be entitled to cancel your holiday, with full refund of all money you paid to us.

Refunds and compensation

As a basic principle, no refund will be made for any unused arrangements. But if we can get a refund ourselves, we'll pass it on to you.

Variation of conditions of contract

Any agreement to vary the terms of booking must be in writing by one of our directors.

Jurisdiction

English law applies to all elements of the booking, in the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts.

Insurance

You must have travel insurance, and advise us of the name of the provider before you travel. The provider we recommend is Campbell Irvine Ltd, whom we have been dealing with for over 30 years on our clients' behalf.

Your responsibilities

Please refer to the FCO Travel Aware website to ensure that you are comfortable with the travel advice to the places you're going to travelaware.campaign.gov.uk.

You must use your common sense, behave responsibly, and agree to accept the authority and decisions of our tour leaders, and local suppliers whilst on holiday. Make sure all your travel documents, full passport, visas, inoculation certificates, credit cards, currency and travellers' cheques are in order. Yellow fever, typhoid inoculations and malaria tablets should be considered essential for all South and Central American countries within the tropics, please consult a qualified medical practitioner. Your airline reservations must be in the name that appears on the full passport you're using. If you've asked us to confirm a particular service – e.g. diets, flight seats, rooming, disabled facilities – please make a brief reference to it in writing at the time of booking. If we can't confirm it we'll tell you, but even if we do confirm, we can't guarantee any services which ultimately are at an airline's or local provider's discretion. You are responsible for ensuring that both the reservations and timings of flights, particularly homeward bound, are reconfirmed. All clients undertake tours and excursions of their own volition.

Our responsibilities

We accept responsibility for death, injury or illness caused by the negligent acts and/or omissions of our employees or agents together with our suppliers and sub-contractors whilst acting within the scope of, or in the course of their employment, as accepted under English law. We accept responsibility for the proper performance of the travel services included in the holiday itinerary. If any part is

not provided as promised, other than as a result of force majeure, we will compensate you up to a maximum of three times the total price of the package. This excludes any arrangements which do not form part of the booking with us.

We and our suppliers will take reasonable skill and care to arrange your holiday, complying with local regulations, but understanding that in Latin America, standards of quality, safety and hygiene may often be lower than those which would be expected in the UK.

If the contract we have with you is not performed or is improperly performed as a result of failures attributable to a third party unconnected with the provision of the services, or as a result of failures due to unusual and unforeseeable circumstances beyond our control; the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all due care had been exercised, or an event which we or our suppliers, even with all due care, could not foresee or forestall, and you suffer an injury or other material loss, we will offer you such prompt assistance as is reasonable in the circumstances.

Our liability will also be limited in accordance with the contractual terms of the companies that provide the travel services that make up your package and any relevant international convention. The terms and conditions of these conventions may limit or exclude liability for death or personal injury, delay to passengers and loss of, damage or delay to luggage.

EC regulations set down rules governing compensation and assistance applying to EU carriers and flights from EU, and covers cancelled flights, long delays, denied boarding and downgrades. Economy class cabins are often full; you may not be able to get seats together. We also recommend that, for a long flight, you check in not less than two hours before scheduled departure time. Our brochures and website are Journey Latin America's responsibility, and do not commit airlines mentioned or any other airline used in the course of your travel arrangements.

If you have a problem on holiday

If you have a complaint, please bring it to the attention of Journey Latin America's tour leader or local agents immediately to enable them to do their best to rectify the situation. Please put your complaint in writing. If the problem remains unresolved please write to us within 28 days of your return to the UK with all the relevant information. We aim to settle any complaints amicably. If we can't resolve your complaint you can refer to ABTA's Alternative Dispute Resolution scheme.

Rooming – singles

On group holidays Journey Latin America has allowed for a certain number of rooms to be occupied by clients travelling alone. These rooms will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis and the single supplement shown on the individual tour will apply. We also reserve the right to charge the single supplement to any client travelling alone who books within one month of departure, if no willing sharer is available.

Rooming – superior ocean view?

When we describe rooms, we have to use the naming convention that the hotel adopts – and sometimes the hotel's naming can be misleading. For hotels themselves, we have devised 7 self-explanatory categories (see our website).

Seasonality and maintenance

Day-to-day maintenance (or during off-season) may mean certain activities and hotel facilities, e.g. excursions, pools, restaurants, etc. are not available owing to weather conditions or lack of demand.

Baggage allowances

Airlines frequently change baggage allowances. There are weight and size restrictions as well as the number of pieces you may check-in or carry-on. Within Latin America, certain excursions and tours have baggage limits as low as 5kg per person. Arrangements can usually be made to leave the rest of your baggage in safe storage.

Consumer protection, public liability and professional indemnity

Air holidays and associated flights arranged by Journey Latin America are ATOL(2828) protected, and the CAA will ensure that you are not stranded abroad and will arrange to refund any money you have paid to us for an advance booking. See www.atol.org.uk, or use the search facility on our own website to read ATOL Standard Terms.

Arrangements where no flights are included are protected by our ABTA (V2522) bond. We also carry both public liability and professional indemnity insurance.

This brochure has been compiled with all reasonable care and is accurate to the best of our knowledge; some information may be subject to reasonably foreseeable changes. All written material, including photographs, maps and layouts, in brochures and on the website is subject to copyright. Tour details and prices in this brochure supersede details published in any previous Journey Latin America brochures or printed material.

Prices (Classic and Discovery Journeys)

For our most up-to-date itineraries, dates and prices please refer to our website, www.journeylatinamerica.com

“A REALLY FANTASTIC HOLIDAY.

The organisation, accommodation, excursions, fellow group members and our superb tour leader all contributed to a wonderful experience. ”

DB, Bedford

Consumer protection – important

The air holidays and flights in this brochure are ATOL Protected by the Civil Aviation Authority. Our ATOL number is ATOL 2828.

ATOL

All the flights and flight-inclusive holidays in this brochure are financially protected by the ATOL scheme. When you pay you will be supplied with an ATOL Certificate. Please ask for it and check to ensure that everything you booked (flights, hotels and other services) are listed on it. Please see our website for our booking conditions for further information or for more information about financial protection and the ATOL Certificate go to: www.atol.org.uk/ATOL_certificate.

ABTA

Journey Latin America Ltd is a Member of ABTA with membership number V2522. ABTA and ABTA Members help holidaymakers to get the most from their travel and assist them when things do not go according to plan. We are obliged to maintain a high standard of service to you by ABTA's Code of Conduct.

For further information about ABTA, the Code of Conduct and the arbitration scheme available to you if you have a complaint, contact ABTA, 30 Park Street, London SE1 9EQ. Tel: 020 3117 0500 or www.abta.com

The AITO quality charter

AITO is the Association for independent and specialist holiday companies. Our member companies, usually owner managed, strive to create overseas holidays with high levels of professionalism and a shared concern for quality and personal service. The Association encourages the highest standards in all aspects of tour operating.

Exclusive membership

AITO sets criteria regarding ownership, finance and quality which must be satisfied before new companies are admitted to membership. All members are required to adhere to a Code of Business Practice which encourages high operational standards and conduct.

An AITO member is required to arrange financial protection for all holidays and other arrangements (including accommodation only) booked by the customer with the member under the AITO logo. This financial protection applies to customers who are resident in the UK at the time of booking and to most overseas customers who have booked directly with the member. In doing so, the member must comply with the UK government regulations. Members are required to submit details of their financial protection arrangements to AITO on a regular basis.

Financial security

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Accurate holiday descriptions

All members do their utmost to ensure that all their brochures and other publications, print or electronic, clearly and accurately describe the holidays and services offered.

Professional service and continual improvements

All members are committed to high standards of service and believe in regular and thorough training of employees. Members continually seek to review and improve their holidays. They listen to their customers and always welcome suggestions for improving standards.

Monitoring standards

AITO endeavours to monitor quality standards regularly. All customers should receive a post-holiday questionnaire from their tour operator, the results of which are scrutinised by the Association.

In addition, customers can leave detailed feedback from the AITO website, or via a direct link supplied by their AITO tour operator, about their holiday.

Sustainable tourism

Members acknowledge the importance of AITO's Sustainable Tourism ethos, which recognises the social, economic and environmental responsibilities of tour operating.

Customer relations

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