

South American Odyssey

16 Day Tour from Rio de Janeiro to Santiago

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Vacation overview

Sample the unique cultures of South America on this thrilling vacation to Brazil, Argentina, and Chile, including stays in Rio de Janeiro, Iguassu Falls, Buenos Aires, Bariloche, and Santiago.

On this tour, you'll see some amazing scenery and natural wonders, including Iguassu Falls, located on the border of Brazil and Argentina. See the falls from both sides—with their thunderous roar, torrential downpour, and brilliant rainbows.

Everywhere you look, there is water pouring down! Words cannot describe the sheer wonder of the falls! But that's not all...even more beauty awaits you in Bariloche, which boasts some of Argentina's most glorious scenery. Take a chairlift ride to a lookout point at Cerro Campanario, rated one of the top 10 viewing spots by National Geographic. Experience breathtaking panoramic views and breathe fresh mountain air. Finally, enjoy the spectacular scenery as you cross the Andes Lakes by boat.

In addition to beautiful scenery, you'll also experience the vibrant cities—Rio de Janeiro, Buenos Aires, and Santiago—and enjoy a guided sightseeing tour in each city. A highlight of any trip to Rio is the Christ the Redeemer statue, the 98-foot statue of Jesus that was elected a New Seven Wonders of the World. You'll take a scenic cog railway to the top of Corcovado Mountain, where you can admire 360-degree views of the city. In Buenos Aires, stroll the streets of this friendly town and experience a Tango show—a passionate, sizzling dance. You'll even have the chance to dance the Tango at a lesson! Outside of Buenos Aires, visit an estancia (ranch) to learn about the life of gauchos (cowboys). In Santiago, you'll have an opportunity to take an optional excursion to Chile's wine country.

From the lakes and mountains to the towns and cities, this vacation through South America is sure to leave you with lots of memories and photos.





Itinerary

Day 1 Arrive in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Welcome to South America's largest and most populous country. This afternoon, meet your Tour Director and fellow traveling companions for a drive along famous Ipanema and Copacabana Beaches to the base of 1,300-foot-high SUGAR LOAF MOUNTAIN. Ascend by cable car to its summit, where you can savor spectacular vistas of the city. Next, toast the start of a memorable vacation at a local restaurant with caipirinhas, a favorite Brazilian cocktail. Cap off the evening with a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2 Rio de Janeiro

Today, visit the statue of Christ the Redeemer crowning CORCOVADO MOUNTAIN, a rounded peak rising 2,300 feet from the bay below. Take the scenic cog railway ride to its top, where a 360-degree panorama affords sweeping views. Proceed to bustling downtown Rio. View the Sambodromo and visit the CATHEDRAL. This evening, it's off to a CHURRASCARIA for a feast of barbecued meats marinated and roasted over charcoal in true Brazilian style. Later, experience a SAMBA SHOW, where the sheer vitality of this country explodes in a colorful extravaganza. (B,D)

Day 3 Rio de Janeiro

A day of leisure or you may wish to join an optional trip to a local favela, where you can see a different perspective of life in Brazil. This afternoon, consider an optional trip to historic Petropolis, once the former summer palace of Emperor Dom Pedro II and now a mountain resort. (B)

Day 4 Rio de Janeiro–Iguassu Falls

A flight from Rio takes you to IGUASSU FALLS. Experience the clouds of spray, the incessant roar, and the surrounding luxuriant tropical growth that make this an unforgettable natural wonder. Spend the afternoon enjoying the magnificent panorama of waterfalls from the Brazilian side. Your Local Guide introduces the spectacle of this 2-mile-wide torrential downpour, with some cataracts as high as 250 feet, which is nothing short of hypnotic. (B,D)

Day 5 Iguassu Falls

Today, journey to the Argentine side of IGUASSU FALLS, where you will take the ECOLOGICAL JUNGLE TRAIN and enjoy a closer perspective on a walking tour of the falls. Meander along the walkways from atop the falls, and enjoy an exhilarating perspective looking over the precipice of the falls as the water plunges to the rocks below. You will also have the chance to walk through the rainforest on the lower falls trails that will bring you up close to some of the smaller cataracts. Return to the hotel, where the remainder of the day is at your leisure. (B)

Day 6 Iguassu Falls–Buenos Aires, Argentina

Today, fly to Buenos Aires. After arriving, an orientation walk acquaints you with the "Paris of South America" and its wide boulevards and outdoor cafés. (B)

Day 7 Buenos Aires

Your sightseeing starts in La Boca, a colorful district and site of the city's first port. Take a short walking tour of this unique neighborhood and then on to San Telmo, famous for its late-colonial buildings and a popular gathering spot for artists. At Plaza de Mayo, see La Casa Rosada (the President's Pink House) and the METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL, housing San Martin's Mausoleum. Drive past the ornate Colon Opera House before reaching the CEMETERY OF THE RECOLETA, burial site of Eva Peron. After an afternoon at leisure, top off the evening at a

famous TANGO CLUB. Start with a [LF] DANCE LESSON, followed by dinner of Argentine steaks and other local specialties, and end with a show featuring flawless performances of Latin America's most sensuous dance—the Tango! (B,D)

Day 8 Buenos Aires-Excursion to the Pampas

Today, head into the heart of the pampas (grasslands) and immerse yourself in the atmosphere of rural, country life at a working [LF] ARGENTINE ESTANCIA (ranch). After a traditional welcome with empanadas and local beverages, get acquainted with the lifestyle of real gauchos (cowboys) on a horseback ride or carriage ride through the pampas (plains). Later, at lunch, enjoy a colorful feast, complete with world-renowned Argentine beef, salad, desserts, local wine, and live music and dance by the gauchos themselves. Top off the day with a horsemanship show by the gauchos before saying adios to the countryside and heading back to the city. (B,L)

Day 9 Buenos Aires

Enjoy a full day at leisure, with an optional excursion to cruise the Tigre Delta. Drive through the northern district and outskirts of the city to get to Tigre, a charming resort where a great number of summer residences and yachting and rowing clubs concentrate the weekend activities of many locals. Enjoy a relaxing cruise along the innumerable channels of the Paraná Delta to see some of the hundreds of islands covered with luxuriant vegetation. (B)

Day 10 Buenos Aires–Bariloche

Fly south to Bariloche in Patagonia on the shores of fjord-like Lago Nahuel Huapi in the heart of Argentina's Lake District. Arrive in the early evening, with time to enjoy a leisurely stroll through the picturesque town center. See the city hall, the clock tower in Municipality Square, and the famous chocolate factories. (B,D)

Day 11 Bariloche

This chic alpine resort boasts some of the most glorious scenery in the country. Cameras should be ready for today's guided sightseeing including a chairlift ride to a lookout point at CERRO CAMPANARIO. You'll want to capture the vistas of surrounding lakes and Andes mountain peaks. The tour continues with a leisurely drive around the Liao Liao Peninsula, Lago Moreno, and Lopez Bay. (B,L)

Day 12 Bariloche–Puerto Varas, Chile

Set out today for your [LF] ANDES LAKE CROSSING! Board a boat for the CRUISE across Lago Nahuel Huapi to Puerto Blest. Proceed by motorcoach and see emerald lakes, thick pine forests, and the snowcapped peaks of the Andes Mountains. Look out for soaring Osorno Volcano as you cross Lago Todos los Santos by CATAMARAN. Skirt the southern shore of Lago Llanquihue on the way to Puerto Varas. Drive to your hotel along the rosebush-lined streets of this lakeside resort. (B,L,D)

Day 13 Puerto Varas–Puerto Montt–Santiago

Your morning tour of the nearby seaport of Puerto Montt in Chilean Patagonia takes you to the harbor brimming with fishing vessels and along a busy waterfront lined with seafood stalls. Transfer to the airport for your flight north to Santiago. Perched between the Pacific Ocean and the Andes, Santiago has evolved as the country's political, commercial, and cultural capital. Tonight, dinner is at the hotel. (B,D)

Day 14 Santiago

Today, your Local Guide traces the city's history and heritage on a guided city tour. Start at La Moneda, the official Government Palace, before heading to the Plaza de Armas, the main square, with a visit to the 18th-century CATHEDRAL. Continue into Chile's nearby wine region and visit one of Chile's oldest wineries, CONHCA Y TORO. A guided tour uncovers the vine-to-

wine process that produces some of the world's finest wines. This evening, you may opt to join a Chilean Folkloric Dinner Show. (B)

Day 15 Santiago

The day is free for independent activities. You may want to take advantage of an optional excursion to the beautiful coastal region west of Santiago. Drive through the hills of Chile's wine country to the historic port of Valparaiso, and continue along the coast to nearby Viña del Mar. Tonight, your Tour Director hosts a special farewell dinner to celebrate a great touring adventure. (B,D)

Day 16 Santiago

Your tour ends with breakfast this morning. (B)

Vacation Highlights

RIO DE JANEIRO

Cable-car ride up Sugar Loaf Mountain; welcome dinner; sightseeing with a Local Guide; visit Corcovado Mountain and the cathedral; Samba show and churrascaria dinner

IGUASSU FALLS

Sightseeing with a Local Guide on both sides of the falls; Ecological Jungle Train

BUENOS AIRES

Walking tour; visit the Metropolitan Cathedral and Recoleta Cemetery; [LF] Tango lesson & show; [LF] visit a local estancia

BARILOCHE

Sightseeing with a Local Guide; chairlift to Cerro Campanario; [LF] Andes lake crossing

PUERTO MONTT

Sightseeing tour

SANTIAGO

Guided city sightseeing; visit the cathedral; visit Concha Y Toro Winery; farewell dinner

Headsets throughout the tour

NOTE:

- Participation in this tour requires guest's name exactly as it appears on his/her passport, D.O.B., gender, and nationality at the time of booking.

Meals

Breakfast daily, 3 lunches, 8 three-course dinners including a welcome dinner & churrascaria dinner with Samba show in Rio, a Tango & dinner show in Buenos Aires, and farewell dinner in

Optional Excursions

The following list of optional excursions are **examples only** for this vacation. These optional excursions might or might not be offered. Whether it's a special dinner, a local show or a special behind-the-scenes glimpse into an historical site, optional excursions are a wonderful way to enrich your vacation even further. Plus, they give you flexibility. We include the must-see sites and experiences, and we also understand that people take interest in different activities and may want to craft a more personal vacation by hand-picking optional excursions that appeal to them.

Availability is subject to sufficient participation, weather conditions, seasonal suitability, days of operation, group interests, and general feasibility for your vacation. The approximate value listed gives you a good, general idea of what you can expect to pay but may vary once you are on your vacation. Some information provided might be in a foreign currency; you can use our [online currency converter](#) for exchange rate information.

Once you have booked your vacation, Globus provides the ability to pre-purchase excursions, register for your vacations and provide emergency contact information online.

CITY: Rio de Janeiro

Favela Tour The Favela Tour reveals the way of life for around 20% of Rio's population. It changes the general idea that favelas are simply no-go areas dominated by criminals only, and opens a new perspective of Rio society. It is a tour to understand the city, its contrasts and paradoxes. The tour takes you to the community of Vila Canoas, with around 2.500 people, and Rocinha, the largest favela in Brazil, having around 85,000 people. Both are placed within the rich neighborhood of Sao Conrado. In Vila Canoas, walk through the narrow alleyways and get a good idea of its social initiatives that are also part of many Rio favelas. Once in Rocinha, the contrasts are more evident as much as we go higher and deeper inside. Visits include the community school, commercial center, and handicraft center. Its huge dimensions, wide variety of commerce and breathtaking view from the top is certainly impressive for any visitor.

Approximate value: \$45 USD per person

Petropolis A drive through the outskirts of Rio, up the Serra dos Orgaos on a winding, scenic road through the Atlantic Rain Forest will take you to the 'Imperial City of Petropolis', 810 m (2,660 ft) above sea level. We will visit the museum at the summer palace of former Emperor Pedro II of Brazil and the Cathedral with the tomb of the Emperor and his wife. You will see the highlights of this charming city, such as the 'Crystal Palace', mansions and buildings from imperial and modern times.

Approximate value: \$75 USD per person

CITY: Iguassu Falls

Bird Park The Bird Park, near Iguassu Falls, offers visitors the opportunity to spot birds up close in their native rainforest environment. Huge aviaries are home to over 900 tropical birds of 150 species. On a walking tour learn about the various birds found here and the ongoing effort to protect and conserve these native birds. Among other attractions, there is a butterfly aviary, hummingbird aviaries, and a reptile sector with caimans and snakes

Approximate value: \$50 USD per person

CITY: Buenos Aires

Tigre - Delta, Rio de la Plata The Tigre Delta with its rivers, streams and numerous green islands is one of the most attractive areas in Buenos Aires. The continuous sediment of the Parana River, which gives the river and estuary their particular brownish-red color, forms the Delta islands. We will drive through the northern district and outskirts of the city to get to Tigre, a charming resort where a great number of summer residences, yachting and rowing clubs concentrate the weekend activities of many "portenos". You will enjoy a relaxing cruise along the innumerable channels of the Parana-Delta to see some of the hundreds of islands covered with luxuriant vegetation.

Approximate value: \$63 USD per person

CITY: Santiago

Chilean Folkloric Show & Dinner Enjoy a spectacular drive through illuminated downtown Santiago before reaching a restaurant popular among the locals. After a sumptuous four-course dinner, relax and enjoy a lively folklore show of Chilean music and dance.

Approximate value: \$100 USD per person

Undurraga Winery Crossing the suburbs of the southern area of Santiago, this half-day tour proceeds to the famous Undurraga Winery, where a local guide demonstrates how Chile's world-famous wine is produced.

Approximate value: \$56 USD per person

Valparaiso and Vina Del Mar A short drive through the rolling hills of Chile's Curacavi Valley leads to Valparaiso, a picturesque seaport that has long been an inspiration for poets and artists. Then on to Vina del Mar, a modern resort renowned for its lovely gardens.

Approximate value: \$57 USD per person

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- A non-refundable, non-transferable deposit of \$250 per person per vacation is required for Globus to reserve space for you. View [Terms & Conditions](#) for limited exceptions.
- Charges not included in the land vacation price: airfare to and from the start of your vacation; airline baggage fees including checked and/or excess baggage fees; Federal inspection fees for the Federal U.S. Customs and Immigrations; agricultural tax; other per person taxes imposed by government entities; applicable cruise taxes, fees, fares and port charges; passports; visas and vaccinations; transfers; tips to your Tour or Cruise Director, Local Host, driver, Local Guides, and/or ships' crew; gratuities on ferries, trains, and cruise ships; laundry; telephone; minibar; alcohol, beverages, and food outside of the contracted menu as presented at a hotel or restaurant (these extra items will be billed to you before leaving the hotel, ship, or restaurant); additional excursions and activities not listed as 'included' in the itinerary; porterage at airports or train stations; Travel Protection premiums; and all other items of a personal nature.

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