



South America

INCLUDING GALAPAGOS ISLANDS



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SIGNATURE ITINERARIES

Our Signature range has been carefully designed to make planning an upmarket South American adventure easy. All itineraries are carefully crafted to showcase the best of the destination, with authentic and highly-rated hotels and exclusive Chimu features to help guests discover the history, culture, and cuisine of the region.



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We are proud to be a Certified B Corporation™, part of a global community of businesses meeting high standards of social and environmental performance, transparency, and accountability. This certification means your travels with us help support a more sustainable and responsible way of exploring the world.



WE WORK AROUND YOU

Tell us your ideas, and how you like to travel, and we'll piece it together using our first-hand knowledge. Your itinerary is as you want it to be - we work around you.



OFFICES IN SOUTH AMERICA

Chimu have operations in Peru, Argentina, Chile and Brazil, directly employing local guides and local support staff. This way we ensure that our quality standard is always carried out. We are constantly sourcing new properties, routes, experiences and new ways to visit locations, to make every journey memorable.



ACCESS A RANGE OF SMALL SHIP EXPEDITION CRUISES

Chimu is an aggregator for ships that cruise throughout South America and Antarctica. We only recommend the highest quality of vessels for our clients, whether it's on the basis of service, expertise, knowledge or sustainability - we have you covered!

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Signature Itineraries

Our Signature range has been carefully designed to make planning a premium South American adventure easy. All itineraries are carefully crafted to showcase the best of the destination, with authentic and highly-rated hotels and exclusive Chimu features to help guests discover the history, culture, and cuisine of the region.

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN A SIGNATURE ITINERARY



HANDPICKED HOTELS

All our accommodation is carefully selected by our Destination Specialists and local offices. Our comfortable hotels are hand-picked to offer creature comforts, convenient locations, and impeccable service. Choose from four comfort levels - Standard, Superior, Deluxe and Deluxe Plus.



AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Each of our Signature South America itineraries includes private airport transfers. You'll be greeted at the airport by a Chimu representative holding a sign with your name so that your journey from the airport to your hotel is as seamless as possible.

LOCAL SUPPORT OFFICES

Throughout your trip, you'll have access to English-speaking support and assistance from our local offices. If you have any questions or need to make changes to your itinerary, your friendly Chimu representatives are always there to help.



SOME MEALS

You'll notice that some meals are included in each itinerary. We want to showcase some of South America's delectable culinary options, but we also want you to have the freedom to sample street food, dine in local cafes, or discover new restaurants on your own.

**Please note: Meals listed in brochure itinerary is a guide only. Check final documents for meals.

Create Your Own Adventure

Creating your own version of our signature itineraries is easy. They are not group tours, so you can adjust to suit your travel party. You can add extensions before or after or combine multiple Signature Packages to create a more in-depth experience.

1. CHOOSE A SIGNATURE TOUR



2. ADD EXTENSIONS (OPTIONAL)

Pre-tour
GALAPAGOS 8 DAY CRUISE
Join an island-hopping cruise around the islands



Post-tour
AMAZON 4 DAY LODGE STAY
Head into the rainforest to spot unique wildlife



3. CHOOSE A DEPARTURE DATE

Departure dates are chosen by guests, with departures guaranteed. Most tours depart daily, year round.

4. CHOOSE YOUR ACCOMMODATION STYLE



STANDARD

Comfortable properties with dependable facilities and service.



SUPERIOR *Best Value!*

Tried & tested upmarket properties with above average facilities and service.



DELUXE

Luxurious properties with impeccable facilities and service.



DELUXE PLUS

Ultra Luxurious properties with impeccable facilities and service, with that little something extra.

5. ENJOY YOUR TRIP!



YOUR SOUTH AMERICA TRIP

8 day Pre-tour Galapagos Cruise

9 day Signature Peru

4 day Amazon Lodge-Stay

PACKAGE = 21 DAYS QUITO – AMAZON

- ✓ All internal flights & private airport transfers
- ✓ Hand-picked Accommodation according to chosen style. (Standard / Superior / Deluxe / Deluxe Plus)
- ✓ A mix of group sightseeing & local guides
- ✓ Breakfast daily & some special meals



When is the best time to travel?

On such a big continent, that's a big question to answer!

The truth is, any time of the year can be great, depending on your interests. Due to the continent's vast geographical size, varying altitudes, and the presence of the equator running across South America, you'll find many different temperatures and weather patterns which vary based on location.

Unless you have six months spare, visiting the entirety of South America at once is an impossibility, due to the sheer size of the continent. So, choosing the best time to visit really depends on the countries you choose to visit, as it's more convenient to localise your travels.

It's best to start by thinking about where in South America you'd like to visit, then investigate the yearly weather trends to decide when might be best for you. Our Destination Specialists are experts in South America and can always help answer any trip planning questions.

SOUTH AMERICA REGIONS

PERU (MACHU PICCHU)



The history and beauty of Machu Picchu are ideal to explore from April to October, as this is the dry season, opening up sunny skies and clear views. July and August can be busy though, so going earlier in the year might bring a little rain, but it also brings fewer crowds.

BRAZIL



Brazil really comes alive between November to March, but its mild climate means there's never a bad time to visit. The hot, sunny days of summer are great for the beach, and you've got Carnival in February. If you're visiting the Amazon or the Pantanal, the dry season is June-September.

BOLIVIA



The famous Bolivian salt flats can be visited year-round. During the dry season (Apr - Oct), you'll experience colder weather but can 4x4 across the entire area. In the summer months (Dec - Mar), during the wet season, you'll observe the mirror effect of the salt flats.

ARGENTINA



Argentina offers warm weather in the summer months (Dec - Mar), so January can be an ideal time to visit Patagonia for hiking. Buenos Aires is great during its spring or autumn seasons, with mild temperatures, but know that Dec - Mar is the peak season throughout the country.

CHILE (PATAGONIA)



Patagonia is best visited in the Australian summer, as the warm weather is ideal for hiking and outdoor activities, and everything will be open. If you're visiting in the Patagonian summer (Dec-Mar), you can also combine an Antarctic cruise with time in Patagonia.

GALAPAGOS ISLANDS



December through May is generally a good time to visit the Galapagos Islands, thanks to warm weather and calmer seas, which make for better cruising and snorkelling. You can enjoy the Galapagos and see wildlife year-round though.





Handpicked Hotels

The right hotel makes a world of difference to your travels, so our experienced team on the ground have been working to select only the best hotels for your trip, considering location, comfort, and authenticity. We're proud to partner with these incredible hotels, rich in local character and offering great value to travellers. Each tried and trusted property also has a strong emphasis on sustainability which ensures that our itineraries support the local community as much as possible.

ACCOMMODATION TO SUIT ANY STYLE OR BUDGET



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Comfortable properties with dependable facilities and service.



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*Stars do not represent star rating of hotel

WHAT WE LOOK FOR IN OUR ACCOMMODATION



LOCATION

We make sure our hotels are located in safe neighbourhoods and close to restaurants and places of interest.



PRESENTATION

We exclusively select hotels that meet our strict standards for cleanliness, comfort, and high quality.



SERVICE

Our hotels pride themselves on delivering exceptional service, ensuring every guest feels well cared for throughout their stay.



SUSTAINABILITY

We actively seek out hotels that embrace sustainable and eco-friendly practices.



UNIQUE

We love discovering one-of-a-kind hotels with character and charm—places that offer a truly memorable experience far beyond the ordinary.



HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

We continually refresh our hotel selection based on trusted local insights and recommendations, so you always get the most authentic and up-to-date stays.

STANDARD



DELUXE



SUPERIOR *Best Value!*



DELUXE PLUS



Signature South America Circle

Most Popular

21 Days

Santiago to Santiago



Why you will love this itinerary

- ✓ In three weeks, you will experience some of South America's best cities, covering Chile, Argentina, Brazil and Peru and visiting the UNESCO World Heritage sites of Machu Picchu, Cusco and Iguazu Falls.
- ✓ You will experience the contrast between vibrant capital cities such as Buenos Aires and Rio and ancient cities such as Cusco and Machu Picchu.
- ✓ Gain an insight into the fascinating and colourful culture of Peru as you travel to the pre-Columbian capital of the Incas, Cusco, along with the beautiful Sacred Valley.
- ✓ Each night you will stay in superior accommodation ensuring your journey is comfortable.

Day 1 – Arrival in Santiago, Chile

Arrival day where you are free to explore the Chilean capital.

Day 2 – Santiago City Tour

You will visit the highlights that this cosmopolitan city has to offer. The rest of the afternoon is free for you to explore the local area near your hotel. Barrio Lastarria is an upmarket, vibrant, and safe neighbourhood, home to some of Santiago's best bars and restaurants, with lots of boutique retail stores.

In the evening enjoy a local Chilean dinner in a private apartment. This is a family styled dinner, shared with other like minded guests and includes wine and local drinks. (B,D)

Day 3 – Valparaiso and Casablanca Valley

Today you will join a small group to head towards the Chilean coastline. Your first stop is the charming Valparaiso. This city has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage site and many of its colourful buildings perch on the hillside.

You will take a walk to discover the local art galleries and street art which embody Valparaiso's bohemian lifestyle. You will also take a ride on one of the city's remaining funiculars.

Then it is on to the Casablanca Valley. This region is famous for wine production, in particular Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Noir varieties. You will visit a cellar door for a premium wine tasting. (B)

Day 4 – Buenos Aires, Argentina

Fly to Buenos Aires. On arrival, a driver will be waiting to take you to your hotel in one of Buenos Aires' most elegant, historic, and picturesque neighbourhoods, Recoleta. (B)

Day 5 – Buenos Aires City Tour

The morning is at leisure before you are collected for a three hour afternoon city tour. You will visit the main square; Plaza De Mayo, home to the famous Casa Rosada and then continue on to the charming suburb of La Boca - the birthplace of tango where you will have some time to wander the streets. Then head to Recoleta Cemetery, one of the most beautiful in the world. Entrance is included and your guide will point out the graves of famous Argentinians such as Eva Peron, or Evita. (B)

📍 Rio de Janeiro



📍 Iguazu Falls



📍 Santiago

Day 6 – Buenos Aires

Enjoy a unique half day walking tour with your own local guide. You will start by exploring the streets of the upscale and exclusive neighbourhood of Recoleta through a local's eyes. Continue on through the beating heart of the city, Retiro, home to many significant government buildings filled with fascinating history of Buenos Aires. Chat with your guide over a local Patagonian ice cream or a coffee, before heading over to the bohemian barrio of San Telmo to explore the local markets, tasting local specialties like empanada's.

In the evening you will be taken to an exclusive Asado restaurant where you will enjoy a traditional Argentinian steakhouse. A closed-door dining experience awaits you that explores new ways of serving Argentine Asado classics, along with a wine pairing menu that has also been designed to best enhance the flavours of the ingredients while presenting you with some of the best boutique wines from Argentina. (B,D)

Day 7 – Iguazu Falls

Today you will fly to Puerto Iguazu. The spectacular Iguazu Falls that straddles the Argentine-Brazil border, is made up of 275 individual waterfalls lining a 2.7km wide horseshoe-shaped gorge. You will have the chance to experience the falls from both the Argentinian and the Brazilian sides, the Brazilian side offering a broader, panoramic view, with the Argentinian side offering a series of walks that allow you to experience the falls up close. (B)

📍 Valparaiso



Day 8 – Iguazu Falls

Get ready for a full day of exploring the Argentine side of the falls. We start early to beat the crowds to the famous Devil's Throat. Walk along the paths over the islands which take you to a balcony over the falls and the most spectacular view of the entire Devil's Gorge. You will then have plenty of time to walk the paths on the upper circuit, providing you with a magnificent panoramic view, and the lower circuit, which has great views from below and around the falls. (B)

Day 9 – Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Today you will cross into Brazil to enjoy a half day tour of the Brazilian side where you will experience great panoramic views of the Argentinian side of the falls. You will then be transferred to the airport for your onward flight to Rio De Janeiro. (B)

Day 10 – Corcovado & Sugarloaf Mountain

Today you will join a city tour exclusively designed for our guests for taking in all of Rio's famous sights, including Corcovado, to get up close to the Christ the Redeemer statue. The next stop is Sugar Loaf Mountain, where you will board a cable car to the top of Urca Hill, with spectacular views of Rio's famous beaches, bays, hills, and the city. Enjoy a traditional Brazilian BBQ for lunch and continue exploring more of the city including to Saint Benedict Monastery, Praça Maua, Duque de Caxias Palace and the Metropolitan Cathedral. Pass by Flamengo and Botafogo beaches on your way back to your hotel. (B,L)

Day 11 – Santa Teresa & Lapa

Join a discovery tour to the most beloved neighbourhoods of Rio, Santa Teresa and Lapa. The bustling suburb of Lapa is famous for its nightlife, historical monuments, and the Roman-style Arcos da Lapa aqueducts. Santa Teresa, which is reached via a charming tram ride over the aqueducts is known for its cobblestone streets, beautiful architecture, charming upper-class residential homes, and stunning views from the hillside overlooking the city. Enjoy a local Brazilian speciality, acai with your local guide along the way. Finally, visit the famous Selaron Staircase. The afternoon is free for you to enjoy the beaches of Rio. (B)



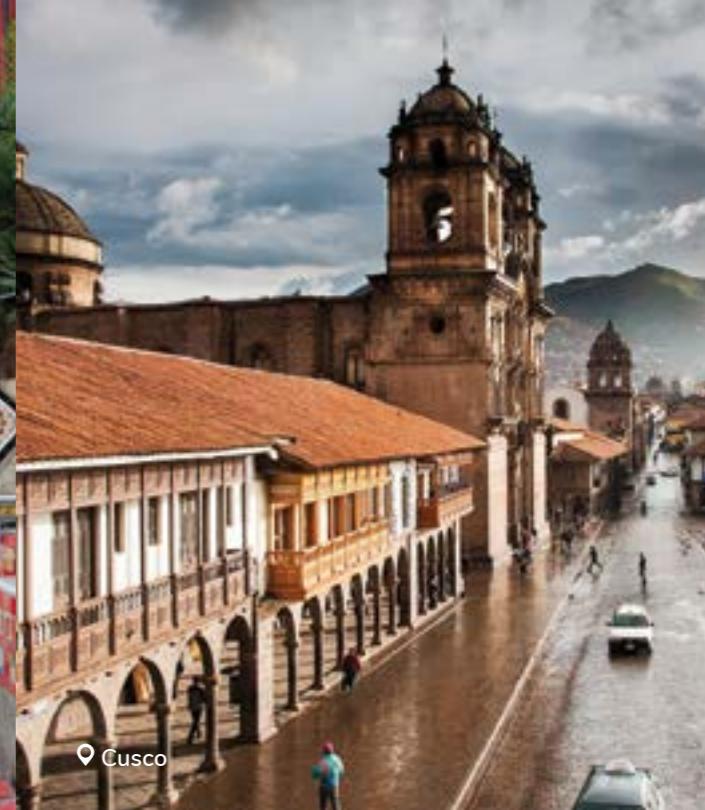
📍 Sugarloaf mountain



📍 Lapa Arch



📍 Selaron Stairway



📍 Cusco

Day 12 – Lima, Peru

Fly to Lima, the capital of Peru. Lima is a bustling metropolis and one of South America's largest cities. Home to a plethora of interesting museums and a foodie's delight, being the 'gastronomical capital of the Americas'. (B)

Day 13 – Lima Walking Tour

Your local guide will take you on an exclusive half-day tour of Lima's culinary and historical highlights, designed by us to help you get the most out of the city. Start with a visit to a local market to sample some local fruit and a scenic stroll through the city's historic downtown with some tastings of famous local bites along the way. Enjoy a stop at the San Francisco catacombs, a tour of Casa de Aliaga, a stunning colonial style mansion. End your tour with a Chilcano or Pisco Sour cocktail - both are made with the local brandy, Pisco. (B)



📍 Machu Picchu

Day 14 - Sacred Valley

Fly to Cusco, where you will descend into the Sacred Valley. The Sacred Valley of the Incas is a region in Peru's Andean highlands which formed the heart of the Inca Empire. The Sacred Valley's elevation is 2,800 meters above sea level, so it's recommended to take it easy for the afternoon as your body acclimatises. (B)

Day 15 – Sacred Valley Tour

On today's Sacred Valley of the Incas tour, you will be presented with plenty of photo opportunities of ancient Incan villages and ruins, whilst learning about the culture and beliefs of the Incan people. This tour is the perfect start to understanding the unique way of life, farming techniques, and archaeological design of the Incas. The first stop is the village of Pisac. Wander the colourful market stalls before heading uphill to the famous Pisac,

Intihuatana, Q'allaqasa and Kinchiracay ruins. Enjoy lunch in the gardens overlooking the Valley before continuing along the River Urubamba, to Ollantaytambo, which is dominated by a giant Incan fortress. (B,L)

Day 16 – Machu Picchu

Today will be one of your highlights in South America with a visit to Machu Picchu. You will travel to Ollantaytambo train station to board a scenic train and arrive in one of the world's most famous ruins after the morning fog and crowds have cleared. A guide will meet you on arrival and take you directly to the UNESCO World Heritage Site, where you will spend the afternoon marvelling at the stunning display of ancient architecture and incredible surroundings. Located 2,430 metres above sea level, your guide will explain the 15th-century Inca site before taking you to your hotel in the local village of Aguas Calientes. (B)

Day 17 – Cusco

Start your journey back to Cusco by boarding a return train to Ollantaytambo. En route, you will visit the Maras Salt ponds, believed to pre-date the Inca period. These shallow pools, dug into the mountainside, are filled with salt water from an underground spring from an adjacent mountain. Continue to Moray, which boasts an impressive Inca ruin of giant circular terraces that are believed to have been used for agricultural experimentation. You will then arrive in Cusco, set at an altitude of 3,400 metres in the Peruvian Andes. (B)

Day 18 – Cusco City Tour

Join our Chimu Adventures exclusive day tour and explore the city's fascinating history. This specially designed tour has been perfected to show you the best of this incredible city. Learn about this city from the Inca times to colonial rule to the present day, winding through narrow cobble-stoned streets and visiting the market of Cusco. Visit the fascinating Koricancha Temple of the Sun, Cusco's Plaza de Armas and Cathedral, built on the ruins of an Inca Palace and finish up at Sacsayhuaman, a former Incan fortress perched atop the hill above Cusco. (B)

Day 19 – Cusco City Tour

Today is at leisure, allowing you to spend time wandering the cobble-stoned streets of the ancient Inca capital. Cusco is a wonderful city to explore on foot. Vibrant markets and stores provide a plethora of shopping opportunities set amongst fine Inca and Spanish colonial architecture. Included is a BTG ticket which provides access to most of Cusco's attractions and museums, so you choose where you wish to spend your day. (B)

Day 20 - Santiago

Fly to Santiago. Enjoy your final evening in this city. (B)

Day 21 – Santiago

Bid farewell as you head to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

combine with:

11 DAYS **BEST OF ANTARCTICA CRUISE**
Ushuaia - Antarctica - Ushuaia

11 DAYS **SIGNATURE GALAPAGOS**
Quito - 7 day Galapagos Islands Cruise - Quito

9 DAYS **SIGNATURE PATAGONIA**
Santiago - Torres del Paine NP - El Calafate



📍 Cusco

Signature Peru



9 Days Lima to Cusco



Why you will love this itinerary

- ✓ You will gain an insight into the fascinating and colourful culture of Peru as you travel through the beautiful Sacred Valley and Machu Picchu, deep into the heart of the Incan empire.
- ✓ The itinerary introduces you to the history of the Incas as you explore Cusco, the beautiful Sacred Valley and the ruins of the Inca Empire at Ollantaytambo and Machu Picchu.
- ✓ Each night you will stay in superior accommodation ensuring your journey is comfortable.
- ✓ Enjoy walking tours in Lima and Cusco that have been exclusively designed for our travellers by our expert team to ensure you are getting the most out of your trip to Peru.

Day 1 – Lima, Peru

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Day 2 – Lima Food Tour

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Day 3 – Sacred Valley

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📍 Lima Street Food

Day 4 – Sacred Valley of the Incas tour

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Day 5 – Machu Picchu

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Day 6 – Machu Picchu to Cusco

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📍 Cusco



📍 Train to Machu Picchu



📍 Llamas at Machu Picchu



Signature
Peru
HIKE, BIKE AND FOODIE DELIGHTS



Signature
Peru
WITH LARES TRAIL

Day 7 - Cusco Tour

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Day 8 - Cusco

Today is at leisure, allowing you to spend time wandering the cobble-stoned streets of the ancient Inca capital. With treasures around every corner, Cusco is a wonderful city to explore on foot. Vibrant markets and stores give the traveller a plethora of shopping opportunities set amongst fine Inca and Spanish colonial architecture. Included is a BTG ticket which provides access to most of Cusco's attractions and museums, so you choose where you wish to spend your day. (B)

Day 9 - Cusco

After three days of soaking up one of South America's best cities, you will be transferred to the airport for your onward flight. If you would like to see more of Peru, we have several extension packages available such as a visit to the Amazon, Lake Titicaca, Arequipa, or a flight over the Nazca Lines to show you more of this fantastic country. (B)

combine with:

5
DAYS

PERU AMAZON CRUISE

Iquitos - Delfin River Cruise - Iquitos

4
DAYS

SANTIAGO EXTENSION

Santiago

11
DAYS

SIGNATURE GALAPAGOS

Quito - Galapagos Cruise - Quito



📍 Maras Salt Ponds

12 Days Lima to Cusco

This itinerary is designed to showcase bucket list destinations and go off the beaten track to see some of the lesser-known towns and ruins in the Sacred Valley via cycling, hiking, and immersive cultural experiences.

DAY 1-2 Lima, Peru
Walking food tour.

DAY 3-7 Sacred Valley, Peru
Guided bike tour, visit a local village and learn about local farming and Andean weaving techniques, enjoy a farm to table lunch, tour a local artisan distillery and coffee roastery, guided hike along the Patacancha River.

DAY 8-9 Machu Picchu, Peru
Enjoy a tour of the world's most famous ruins.

DAY 10-12 Cusco, Peru
Enjoy a Chimu exclusive tour through the city and visit the markets. With a free day to explore with a BTG ticket that allows entry to Cusco's attractions.

12 Days Lima to Cusco

Traverse the breathtaking Lares Trail to Machu Picchu, soaking in panoramic mountain vistas while staying in carefully selected, charming mountain lodges that offer comfort and authenticity at every turn.

DAY 1-2 Lima, Peru
Walking food tour.

DAY 3-4 Cusco, Peru
Free time to acclimatise and a pre-tour briefing about the plans for the next 5 days.

DAY 5-8 Mountain Lodges, Peru
Choose your daily excursions of energetic hikes or enjoy a scenic drive to visit local artisan villages.

DAY 7-8 Machu Picchu, Peru
Enjoy a tour of the world's most famous ruins.

DAY 10-12 Cusco, Peru
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Signature Buenos Aires to Rio



9 Days Buenos Aires to Rio de Janeiro



Why you will love this itinerary

- Visit one of the 7 Natural Wonders of the World; Iguazu Falls. See one of the world's largest waterfalls from both the Argentinian and Brazilian sides.
- Visit two of Rio's landmark sites; Corcovado and Sugarloaf Mountain and immerse yourself in the culture and history of Rio De Janeiro in the neighbourhood of Santa Teresa on a Rio city Tour.
- In Buenos Aires you will discover the highlights of the city with a tour that encompasses some of the most famous sites, including Recoleta Cemetery and La Boca and enjoy a walking tour with a local expert guide that includes a visit to the bohemian suburb of San Telmo.
- Each night you will stay in superior accommodation ensuring your journey is comfortable.

Day 1 – Buenos Aires, Argentina

Welcome to Buenos Aires, the capital of Argentina. On arrival you will be taken to your hotel in one of Buenos Aires' most elegant, historic, and picturesque neighbourhoods, Recoleta, where you will be free to relax for the rest of the day.

Day 2 – Buenos Aires City Tour

The morning is at leisure then you will enjoy an afternoon city tour. We have designed this tour exclusively for our guests. You will visit the main square; Plaza De Mayo, home to the famous Casa Rosada and then continue on to the charming suburb of La Boca - the birthplace of tango where you will have some time to wander the streets. Then head to Recoleta Cemetery, where entrance is included and your guide will point out the graves of famous Argentinians such as Eva Peron, or Evita. (B)

Day 3 – Buenos Aires Walking Tour & Asado Dinner

In the afternoon you will be taken on a unique half day walking tour with your own local guide. You will start by exploring the streets of the upscale and exclusive neighbourhood of Recoleta through a local's eyes. Continue on through the beating heart of the city, Retiro, home to many significant government buildings filled with fascinating history of Buenos Aires. Chat with your guide over a local Patagonian ice cream or a coffee, before heading over to the bohemian barrio of San Telmo to explore the local markets, tasting local specialties. You will also visit an old Conventillo and the quaint Plaza Dorrego.



In the evening you will be taken to an Asado restaurant where you will enjoy a traditional Argentinian steakhouse. A closed-door dining experience awaits you that explores new ways of serving Argentine Asado classics, along with a wine pairing menu that has also been designed to best enhance the flavours of the ingredients while presenting you with some of the best boutique wines from Argentina. (B,D)

Day 4 – Buenos Aires to Puerto Iguazu

Fly to Puerto Iguazu. The spectacular Iguazu Falls that straddles the Argentine-Brazil border, is made up of 275 individual waterfalls lining a 2.7km wide horseshoe-shaped gorge. You will have the chance to experience the falls from both the Argentinian and the Brazilian sides, the Brazilian side offering a broader, panoramic view, with the Argentinian side offering a series of catwalks that allow you to experience the falls from close range. (B)

Day 5 – Iguazu Falls

Get ready for a full day of exploring the Argentine side of the falls. We start early to beat the crowds to the Devil's Throat. Walk along the paths over the islands which take you to a balcony over the falls and the most spectacular view of the entire Devil's Gorge. You will then have plenty of time to walk the paths on the upper circuit, providing you with a magnificent panoramic view, and the lower circuit, which has great views from below and around the falls. (B)

Day 6 – Iguazu Falls to Rio de Janeiro

Today you will cross into Brazil to enjoy a half-day tour of the Brazilian side where you will experience great panoramic views of the Argentinian side of the falls. At the appropriate time, you will be collected from the Brazil National Park and taken to the airport for your flight to Rio De Janeiro. (B)

Day 7 – Rio de Janeiro Corcovado & Sugarloaf Tour

Enjoy a city tour exclusively designed for our guests for taking in all of Rio's famous sights, including Corcovado, to get up close to the Christ the Redeemer statue. The next stop is Sugar Loaf Mountain, where you will board a cable car to the top

of Urca Hill, with spectacular views of Rio's famous beaches, bays, hills, and the city. Enjoy a traditional Brazilian BBQ for lunch and continue exploring more of the city including to Saint Benedict Monastery, Praça Maua, Duque de Caxias Palace and the Metropolitan Cathedral. Pass by Flamengo and Botafogo beaches on your way back to your hotel. (B,L)

Day 8 – Half Day Tour of Santa Teresa & Lapa

Join a discovery tour of Rio's most beloved neighbourhoods, Santa Teresa and Lapa. The bustling suburb of Lapa is famous for its nightlife, historical monuments, and the Roman-style Arcos da Lapa aqueducts. Santa Teresa is known for its cobblestone streets, beautiful architecture, charming upper-class residential homes, and stunning views from the hillside overlooking the city. Enjoy a local Brazilian speciality, acai with your local guide along the way. Finally, visit the famous Selaron Staircase. The afternoon is free for you to enjoy the beaches of Rio. (B)

Day 9 – Rio de Janeiro

Your time in South America's most bustling city comes to an end and you will be transferred from your hotel to your onward flight. If you wish to extend your time in Brazil, check out our Brazilian Beaches or Pantanal extension packages. To experience a completely different side of Brazil, check out our Northern Brazil extension package. (B)

combine with:

11 DAYS **BEST OF ANTARCTICA**
Ushuaia - Antarctica Cruise - Ushuaia

11 DAYS **SIGNATURE GALAPAGOS**
Quito - Galapagos Cruise - Quito

4 DAYS **BRAZIL AMAZON EXTENSION**
Manaus - Jungle Lodge Stay - Manaus

Signature Patagonia



📍 Torres del Paine National Park, Chile



📍 Choose from a range of hikes and activities



📍 Torres del Paine base

9 Days Santiago to El Calafate



Why you will love this itinerary

- ✓ This itinerary showcases the highlights of Patagonia, one of the world's most show-stopping regions!
- ✓ You will experience the breathtaking beauty of Torres del Paine National Park, with a range of daily options that allow you an in-depth exploration of the mountains, glaciers and pampas by horseback, motorboat, on foot or by vehicle.
- ✓ You will discover the fascinating town of El Calafate, situated on the shores of Lago Argentino and on the edge of the Southern Patagonian Ice Field and visit the stunning Perito Moreno Glacier.
- ✓ This itinerary is an ideal extension to lead into your Antarctic voyage, with the possibility to fly from El Calafate to Ushuaia for embarkation.

Day 1 – Santiago, Chile

Welcome to the Chilean capital of Santiago. The rest of the day is yours to rest or explore.

Day 2 – Santiago City Tour & Exclusive Dinner

Enjoy a half-day city tour where you will visit the highlights this cosmopolitan city has to offer. The rest of the afternoon is free for you to explore the local area. Barrio Lastarria is an upmarket, vibrant, and safe neighbourhood, home to some of Santiago's best cafes, bars and restaurants with lots of boutique shops.

In the evening you will enjoy a local Chilean dinner in a private apartment. The dinner will be family style and shared with other like minded travellers and includes wine and local drinks. This is an exclusive experience not to be missed! (B,D)

Day 3 – Santiago to Patagonia

Fly to Puerto Natales and begin your journey into one of the world's most beautiful and pristine national parks, Torres del Paine. Take in incredible views of the Patagonian landscape as you watch estancias, lakes and snow-capped mountains pass you by. You will spend the next four nights in an all-inclusive lodge of your choice. This evening is free for you to organise the following day's excursions. (B,D)

Day 4 – Torres del Paine National Park

Choose from one of the many activities included in your lodge stay which may include hiking one of the many world-class trails or to Las Torres base viewpoint, horseback riding, taking a cruise on a lake to view the Grey Glacier, or a cultural visit to an estancia and learn about the gaucho culture that is unique to Patagonia. Please note additional charges may apply for some activities depending on certain lodge inclusions. (B,L,D)

Day 5 – Torres del Paine National Park

The excitement continues today, wake up and enjoy breakfast at your lodge, before you head out on another hand selected excursion within the incredible Torres del Paine National Park. Whatever you didn't have the opportunity to do yesterday is ready and waiting for you to explore today. (B,L,D)

Day 6 – Torres del Paine National Park

Make the most of your final full day here in the beautiful Torres del Paine National Park by partaking in another full or half day excursion with one of the lodge's experienced guides. Enjoy dinner and your surrounds one last night before preparing yourself for tomorrow's departure. (B,L,D)

Day 7 – Torres del Paine to El Calafate

Today you bid farewell to the Chilean Patagonia and say hello to the Argentinian Patagonia. A shared transfer van will take you from Chile and into Argentina and deliver you safely to El Calafate, Argentina. The rest of the day is free for you to explore El Calafate, one of Argentina's premier tourist destinations. (B)

Day 8 – El Calafate and Perito Moreno Glacier

This morning you will take a boat cruise on the lake where you will get up close to Mayo, Negro and Perito Moreno Glaciers and bear witness to the 74-meter-high glacier

calving right in front of your eyes. Perito Moreno Glacier is one of the only glaciers left in the world that continues to advance forward. (B,L)

Day 9 – El Calafate

A private airport transfer will collect you from your hotel and deliver you to El Calafate airport for your onwards journey. (B)

combine with:

11 DAYS **BEST OF ANTARCTICA**
Ushuaia - Antarctica Cruise - Ushuaia

9 DAYS **SIGNATURE PERU**
Lima - Sacred Valley - Machu Picchu - Cusco

7 DAYS **CHILE'S LAKES DISTRICT EXTENSION**
Puerto Montt - Chiloe Island - Puerto Montt



📍 Perito Moreno Glacier



Signature Salt Flats

AND HIGHLANDS OF THE ANDES

📍 Uyuni Salt Flats

10 Days Atacama to Puno



Why you will love this itinerary

- ✓ You will experience some of the best wonders of Chile, Bolivia and Peru.
- ✓ You will travel through unparalleled scenery as you explore the Atacama Desert - the driest desert in the world and the Salar de Uyuni - the world's largest salt lake.
- ✓ You will see colourful lagoons, volcanoes, geysers and hot springs.
- ✓ You will stay in unique accommodation made from salt bricks and rooms carved into rock.

Day 1 – San Pedro de Atacama, Chile

Overlooking the Licancabur Volcano, San Pedro de Atacama is surrounded by dramatic landscape ranges from desert, salt flats, steaming geysers and hot springs to fascinating rock formations. This evening you will experience Astronomy in the Desert, one of the best places in the world to observe stars, planets, and constellations.

Day 2 – San Pedro and Moon Valley

Start your day with a tour of San Pedro de Atacama, the archaeological capital of Chile. Located near the mouth of the main river that feeds the salt flat, this tour will give you an understanding of the history, the town, and the surrounding areas. In the afternoon, travel across the Salt Mountain Range to reach the Valley of the Moon in time for sunset when the sun brings out the best of the valley's incredible colours. (B)

Day 3 – Atacama

Spend the morning exploring the streets of San Pedro de Atacama. In the afternoon, you'll visit the Salar de Atacama, one of the world's largest salt lakes, home to a variety of bird species, including the three types of flamingos, and one of the most important lithium reserves in the world. En route you will stop at the picturesque village of Toconao, built from white volcanic stone and then on to Chaxa Lagoon, where you will have the chance to view a dramatic sunset. (B)

Day 4 – Bolivian Altiplano

This morning you travel to Hito Cajon, the mountain pass on the border between Chile and Bolivia and arrive at the village of Villamar. Along the way you will be rewarded with some of the most dramatic and beautiful landscapes in the world. This high-altitude desert environment is home to dozens of colourful lagoons, snow-capped mountains, llamas, flamingos, hot springs, and geysers. Tonight, your accommodation is unique as it has been built into a rock and offers a warm, cosy and comfortable refuge from the desert night. (B, L, D)

Day 5 – Uyuni Salt Flat

Today is packed with jaw-dropping scenery. Pass through the Valley of Rocks to view famous rock formations caused by wind



📍 Atacama Desert



📍 Astronomy in the Desert

erosion. Villages like Culpina, where the houses have been built from natural materials and San Cristobal. Then set off across the Great Salt Flats to Colchani village, where we observe the methods of salt extraction and salt processing. We continue to Incahuasi Island, an oasis covered with giant cacti up to 10 metres high. Continuing north to visit the pre-Colombian ruins of Pucarade de Ayque fort on the foothills of Thunupa volcano. After a long day of exploration, finally arrive at your accommodation – the luxurious Palacio de Sal Hote, made from salt bricks and located on the shores of Salar de Uyuni. (B,L,D)

Day 6 – La Paz, Bolivia

Fly from Uyuni to La Paz, which has the highest international airport in the world at 4,080 metres above sea level. La Paz has a spectacular setting in a deep bowl surrounded by snow-capped mountains of the Altiplano. It lies in the shadow of the towering 6,438m high Mt. Illimani, always snow-covered and visible from many parts of the city. (B)

Day 7 – La Paz Shoeshiners City Tour

Embark on a city tour through La Paz, wandering through the street markets rich in handicrafts, weavings, and witchcraft items, followed by a visit to the colonial section of the city. Then, descend into the more modern, southern part of La Paz to reach and visit the Valley of the Moon, where a clay mountain has been impressively shaped by erosion. Ride by cable car for an excellent and beautiful view of La Paz.

Your tour will be conducted by a local English speaking guide and you will be joined by a 'Lustracalzado' or a shoeshiner, who can be found on most street corners of the city. Often the lustras will wear a balaclava or face covering to hide their identities and the social stigma and discrimination that their profession attracts. We work with a social project, that helps to employ the lustras as tour guides. This allows them additional income and the project has even paid for some of them to pursue further study and learn English. We hope that by taking a tour with a lustra guide that this will help break down the social stigmas in place and give them a better future. (B,L)

Day 8 – La Paz to Puno, Peru

Travelling along the Pan-American Highway through the Bolivian highlands, you will stop off and temples, ruins, and historical sites. Arrive in Puno and the rest of the afternoon is free for you to explore the city at your leisure. (B,L)

Day 9 – Puno and Lake Titicaca

You will be board a speedboat to spend a full day visiting Lake Titicaca's communities, with onboard service to visit various islands on Lake Titicaca. (B,L)

Day 10 – Puno

You will be collected from your hotel at the appropriate time and transferred to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

combine with:

11 DAYS BEST OF ANTARCTICA

Ushuaia - Antarctica Cruise - Ushuaia

9 DAYS SIGNATURE GALAPAGOS EXPRESS

Quito - 5 day Galapagos Cruise - Quito

4 DAYS COLCA CANYON TO AREQUIPA

Puno - Chivay - Colca Canyon - Arequipa



📍 Lake Titicaca

Signature Colombia



Why you will love this itinerary

- Visit Colombia's capital, Bogota, and tour La Candelaria. Visit some of the fascinating museums and the main square.
- Explore the transformed city of Medellin and learn more about the turbulent past and how the city has changed to become what it is today.
- Climb Piedra del Penol monolith in Guatape.
- Enjoy the Caribbean coastal town of Cartagena and its fortified walls. You will have a walking tour and sample some delicious local eats during your time in the city.
- Spend a day exploring the historic town of San Basilio de Palenque, located near Cartagena and learn about the slave trading past of this region.

Day 1 – Bogota, Colombia

Bogota is Colombia's vibrant and cosmopolitan capital, situated 2,600 metres above sea level in the Andean mountains.

Day 2 – Bogota City Tour

Today you will tour Bogota's main sights including La Candelaria, Museo del Oro, the Botero Museum and Monserrat Hill.

La Candelaria is the city's old town, where you will find Plaza Bolívar, Bogota's main square. There you can see Colombia's Palace of Justice, the Capitol Building, the Cathedral of Bogota and the city mayor's office. Nearby are buildings painted with colourful murals and street art.

Within the old city we will visit Museo del Oro, or the Gold Museum, which houses more than 55,000 pieces of gold jewellery and ornaments from Colombia's various indigenous groups.

You will then head to the Botero Museum. Home to the works of Fernando Botero, a Colombian artist, whose 'Boterismo' style depicts people and figures in an exaggerated manner.

We will then go to Monserrat Hill and ride a funicular (cable car) to the top to take in a panoramic view of the city.

Day 3 – Medellin

Colombia's second largest city. Known as the 'City of Eternal Spring' thanks to its excellent weather year round, Medellin is home to coffee plantations, flower farms and cloud forests.

Once a city with a notorious history, Medellin has had a complete makeover and is a safe and attractive city that now plays host to the Feria de las Flores (festival of flowers) each August.

Day 4 – Guatape

Today you will enjoy a full day tour of Guatape. Located on a man-made reservoir, Guatape is an Andean resort town located east of Medellin that's famous for its giant granite rock monolith known as Piedra del Peñol. There you can climb its 740 steps to the top to take in spectacular views of the region.

You will then take a boat ride on the reservoir and see locals enjoying water sports such as kayaking, fishing and sailing. Back in Guatape, we'll wander through the village to see its churches and the colourful paintings that adorn the town's houses.

Day 5 – Medellin Tour

Enjoy a half-day tour of Medellin. Visit a museum or memorial park and learn more about the gritty, dark recent history that made Medellin one of the most dangerous cities in the world. You will take the local Metro cable car to its final station, La Aurora and enjoy views of the city, from the mountains to the sprawling and modern valleys. Visit the neighbourhood of Comuna 13, which in recent history was a no go for residents of the city, due to being a gateway for drug trafficking and cartels. It has been transformed into a vibrant and colourful social project, known for street graffiti depicting how the area's identity has changed. In 2002 the Colombian government launched Operation Orion to overthrow the cartel, culminating in air strikes which killed and injured hundreds. The operation succeeded, freeing the district from the guerrillas and paramilitaries control and allowing the community to redevelop.

Day 6 – Cartegena

From Medellin, you will fly to Cartagena, a city situated on Colombia's Caribbean coastline. Cartagena is famous for its walled old town and fortress, which were both listed as a World Heritage Site in 1984. After your arrival you might like to spend your time exploring the cobbled streets of this district and see the Monumento Torre del Reloj, a clock tower built between 1601 and 1631.



Day 7 – Cartagena Tour

Start at the Convent of Santa Cruz de La Popa and its nearby monastery. Situated on top of Mount la Popa, the site provides excellent views. Originally a wooden chapel built in 1607, the convent has since been reconstructed. Inside, you will find the image of La Virgen de la Candelaria, the patroness of the city.

Our next stop, you will take a walk through the San Felipe castle-fortress, which is situated on San Lazaro Hill, and learn about its construction and how it once defended the city from pirates. Now an artisan centre, it's a wonderful place to purchase local handicrafts. Enjoy a walking tour of the hip and bohemian suburb of Getsamani and explore the old walled city on foot with your local guide who will point out hidden gems and share all of the history and fun facts about the city with you.

Day 8 – San Basilio de Palenque

Discover a corner of Africa in South America! This town, founded by Benkos Bioho, was the first slavery free town established in the country. The town has been declared by UNESCO to have intangible cultural heritage and has its own unique dialect and language and you will learn about their traditions and rituals. Meet the local artisans, who tell their stories through their crafts and enjoy a traditional lunch and musical performance.

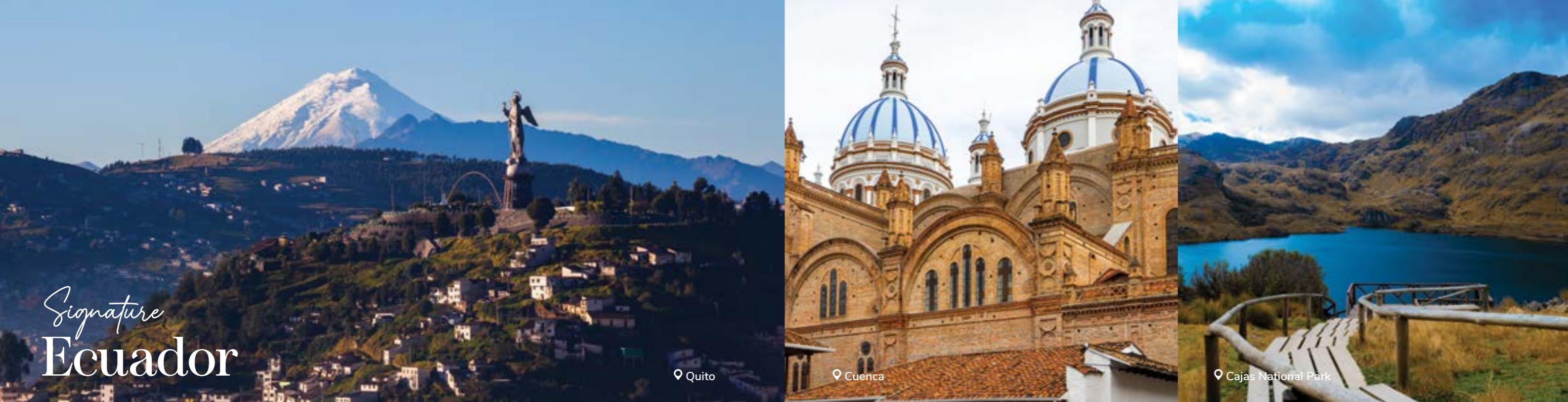
Day 9 – Cartagena

On your final day in Cartagena you might choose to wander the historical districts of El Centro and San Diego before you are collected from your hotel and taken to the airport for your onward flight.

combine with:

4 DAYS	TAYRONA NATIONAL PARK Cartagena - Tayrona National Park
9 DAYS	SIGNATURE PERU Lima - Sacred Valley - Machu Picchu - Cusco
4 DAYS	COCORA VALLEY EXTENSION Salento

Signature Ecuador



9 Days Quito to Guayaquil



Why you will love this itinerary

- ✓ Explore the Ecuadorian highlands! Soak in the beautiful landscapes and vistas and get to know the friendly locals.
- ✓ Spend some time in the colonial city of Quito and enjoy a tour that delights all of your senses.
- ✓ Get off the beaten track at Chimborazo National Park, where you can see waterfalls, enjoy hiking and spot wild vicuñas.
- ✓ Explore the small and charming city of Cuenca and the nearby small town of Saraguro. You will have the chance to buy authentic handicrafts and learn more about weaving.
- ✓ End your trip in the coastal city of Guayaquil - the perfect jumping off point for a trip to the Galapagos.

Day 1 – Quito, Ecuador

The city of Quito is situated 2,850 metres above sea level within the Andean foothills and is known for its snow-capped mountain backdrop, colonial architecture and artwork. Once part of the Incan Empire, Quito has been declared a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Site thanks to its well-preserved historic centre.

Day 2 – Quito Six Senses Tour

Today you will enjoy a tour of the charming city of Quito. The tour will tick off all of the main sites, including Independence Square, the Government Palace, the busy street of La Ronda and some of the beautiful baroque churches.

You will also enjoy a range of experiences. These will vary depending on the day and the time of year, but can include things like market visits, empanada or ice cream making (and tasting), working with an artisan to make your own Panama hat or even helping to restore colonial art!

Your tour will end with a cocktail at a rooftop bar where you will have the perfect view over the old town and Panecillo hill. (B)

Day 3 – Cotopaxi National Park

Today you will head south from Quito to visit Cotopaxi National Park. Cotopaxi is the highest active volcano in the world. Despite the altitude, the park is home to numerous birds and varied plant life. Weather permitting, there are spectacular views from the north face of the mountain. The surrounding scenery includes volcanoes like Pasocha, Ruminahui and Sincholagua. You will also have the opportunity to visit a local indigenous market. (B, L)

Day 4 – Chimborazo National Park

Enjoy an excursion to Chimborazo National Park, a sanctuary of Ecuador's natural beauty. Witness the imposing presence of Chimborazo volcano and explore the park's history at the Visitor Center. Ascend to the Andean highlands for panoramic views of snow-capped peaks and pristine lakes, guided by an expert naturalist. (B)

Day 5 – Riobamba to Cuenca

Enjoy a scenic drive to Alausí, stopping at the historic 'Balbanera' Church, Ecuador's first Catholic church dating back to 1534. Continue to the charming village of Guamote, visiting the Inti Sisa community's educational center. Here, delve into the traditional art of weaving as a local artisan demonstrates the intricate process of crafting ponchos from sheep and alpaca wool. Gain insight into the daily lives of mountain-dwelling communities by stepping into an authentic Andean house, or Choza. After a picturesque 45-minute drive, arrive in Alausí to enjoy panoramic views from San Pedro hill and a folkloric presentation, followed by a leisurely stroll through the Valley. Continuing onwards to Cuenca, marvel at the awe-inspiring Inca Ruins of Ingapirca, a remarkable fortress blending Inca and Cañari architecture. This evening immerse yourself in Cuenca's vibrant cultural tapestry. (B,L)

Day 6 – Cuenca

Take a city tour of Cuenca, starting your day with the breathtaking views from the Turi viewpoint. Wander through the picturesque 'Barranco' district, lined with terraced houses along the Tomebamba River, before delving into the rich cultural heritage of the city at the Pumapungo Museum. Witness the artistry behind Panama hat crafting at a local factory, where 'Paja toquilla' fiber hats are intricately made. Explore Cuenca's Historical district, discovering vibrant markets, the grand 'New Cathedral,' and the timeless beauty of Colonial and Republican architecture in the main square. (B)

Day 7 – Saraguro & Pucara

Traverse through the Andes and enjoy the tranquil beauty of rural villages, expansive cattle farms, and quaint farmlands. Upon reaching Saraguro visit the quaint and traditional village of Guera. Here, you'll gain insights into local culture with a visit to a charming house museum, sampling the region's typical drink, 'Uahango.' Continuing your exploration, visit Pucara, a historically significant site revered for its strategic importance as both a war observatory and spiritual sanctuary. Marvel at the sweeping vistas of the Yunguilla Valley. Return to Saraguro to explore the region's rich textile heritage at a traditional workshop, where

skilled artisans demonstrate intricate loom techniques. The highlight of today will be lunch at Shamuico restaurant, led by Chef Samuel Ortega, a Saraguro native with extensive culinary expertise garnered from Spain. (B,L)

Day 8 – Cuenca to Guayaquil

Following a hearty breakfast, venture northwest towards the captivating expanse of Cajas National Park. A plethora of activities awaits, including invigorating hikes, immersive bird-watching experiences and tranquil lakeside walks. Marvel at the diverse flora and fauna. A highlight of the park visit is exploring the Interpretation Center nestled beside La Toreadora Lake. Your journey continues towards the vibrant city of Guayaquil, with travelers treated to breathtaking mountain scenery and delightful transitions in vegetation as we approach the enchanting Ecuadorian coastline, promising a sensory feast for all. On arrival check into your hotel and the rest of the day is yours to relax or explore.

Day 9 - Guayaquil

Take the included shuttle from your hotel to the airport in time for your onward departure.

Please Note: Flights depart directly from Guayaquil to the Galapagos Islands if you would like to extend your trip!

combine with:

11 DAYS	SIGNATURE GALAPAGOS Quito - Galapagos Islands Cruise - Quito
12 DAYS	SIGNATURE PERU Hike Bike & Foodie Delights
4 DAYS	ECUADOR AMAZON EXTENSION Sacha Lodge



Signature Salta, Salt Flats & Atacama



10 Days Salta to Atacama



Why you will love this itinerary

- ✓ Tour the Uyuni Salt flats via 4WD. The days can be long, with a lot of driving but the stunning vistas make up for it. In the wet season you will enjoy stunning reflections as far as the eye can see. In the dry season the salt sparkles in the sun and this is the perfect time for photography using perspective to make unique and memorable photos. Enjoy a picnic in the middle of the salt flats.
- ✓ Explore 3 countries with this adventurous itinerary. You will see the wonders of Northwest of Argentina, Atacama, the Uyuni Salt Flats.
- ✓ Stay in a unique hotel that is almost entirely made of salt. What an experience to remember!

Day 1 – Salta, Argentina

Welcome to the charming city of Salta! Located in the north of Argentina, you will fall in love with the beautiful colonial architecture and cobblestoned streets.

Day 2 – Salta City Tour

This morning is at leisure and later in the day you will take a half day tour of the city. Visit the fascinating MAAM museum and main square with its stunning cathedral, as well as the San Francisco Church and San Bernardo convent.

Day 3 – Salta to Huacalera

Today you will journey north towards the small town of Purmamarca. En route you will be able to explore the UNESCO listed Querberada de Purmamarca area – enjoy stunning Altiplanos to the west and north and Andean hills to the east. You will see the breathtaking Hill of Seven Colors, with its striking and jagged formations. Explore the colorful handicraft market and see the Pukara of Tilcara.

Day 4 – Huacalera to Uyuni Salt Flats, Bolivia

This morning you will leave your hotel bound for Bolivia. At the border you will farewell your guide after border formalities and meet your local Bolivian guide on the other side. From here you'll drive north towards Uyuni, taking in the Valley of the Machos, surrounded by beautiful hills of various natural shapes. On arrival check into your accommodation – a hotel made from salt bricks and located on the shores of Salar de Uyuni, the perfect place to rest easy for the night.

Day 5 – Uyuni Salt Flats

This morning you will explore Colchani village, where you observe the methods of salt extraction and salt processing. Set off across the Great Salt Flats to Incahuasi Island, an oasis covered with giant cacti up to 10 metres high. Continuing north to visit the foothills of Thunupa volcano and see Coquesa, which is home to pre-Columbian 'mummies'. After a long day of exploration, finally arrive at your accommodation – a hotel made from salt bricks and located on the shores of Salar de Uyuni, the perfect place to rest easy for the night.

Day 6 – Uyuni Salt Flats to Bolivian Altiplano

Today is packed with jaw-dropping scenery. Pass through the Valley of Rocks, stopping off to view famous rock formations caused by wind erosion. Villages like Culpina, where the houses have been built from natural materials and San Cristobal, which was relocated from its original location because of the zinc and silver deposits in the vicinity. This high-altitude desert environment is home to dozens of colorful lagoons, snow-capped mountains, llamas. Tonight, your accommodation is unique as it has been built into a rock and offers a warm, cozy and comfortable refuge from the desert night.

Day 7 – Bolivian Altiplano to San Pedro de Atacama, Chile

This morning you will be transferred to Hito Cajon, the mountain pass border between Bolivia and Chile. Along the way you will be rewarded with some of the most dramatic and beautiful landscapes in the world, stopping off for plenty of photo opportunities. flamingos, hot springs, and geysers. After clearing Chilean immigration, make your way to the village of San Pedro de Atacama. This evening you will have time at leisure to relax after a long day.

Day 8 – San Pedro de Atacama Tour

Start your day with a tour of San Pedro de Atacama, the archaeological capital of Chile. Located near the mouth of the main river that feeds the salt flat, this tour will orientate you and give you an understanding of the history, the town, and surrounding areas. This evening you will be collected from your hotel for Astronomy in the Desert, one of the best places in the world to observe stars, planets, and constellations. (B)

Day 9 – Salar de Atacama and Valley of the Moon

In the morning you will visit the Salar de Atacama, one of the world's largest salt lakes, home to a variety of bird species, including the three types of flamingos, and one of the most important lithium reserves in the world. En route you will stop at the picturesque village of Toconao, built from white volcanic stone and then on to Chaxa Lagoon. In the afternoon, travel across the Salt Mountain Range to reach the Valley of the Moon in time for sunset when the sun brings out the best of the valley's incredible colours. (B)

Day 10 – San Pedro de Atacama

You will be collected from your hotel at the appropriate time and transferred to the airport for your onward flight.

combine with:

21 DAYS **SIGNATURE SOUTH AMERICA CIRCLE**
Santiago - Buenos Aires - Rio - Lima - Cusco

9 DAYS **SIGNATURE BUENOS AIRES TO RIO**
Buenos Aires - Iguazu Falls - Rio de Janeiro

4 DAYS **VALPARAISO EXTENSION**
Santiago - Valparaiso - Santiago

12 DAYS **BEST OF ANTARCTICA**
Ushuaia - Antarctica Cruise - Ushuaia



Galapagos Islands

SMALL SHIP ISLAND CRUISING

Nestled in the Pacific Ocean, about 620 miles (1000km) off the coast of Ecuador, the Galápagos Islands are a living museum of evolutionary wonders—home to giant tortoises, marine iguanas, and blue-footed boobies, all thriving in pristine, otherworldly landscapes.

WHY VISIT THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS?

✓ Unmatched Biodiversity.

The Galápagos are home to species found nowhere else on Earth—like giant tortoises, marine iguanas, and Darwin's finches. You'll witness evolution in action and explore ecosystems untouched by time.

✓ Unique Wildlife Encounters.

Swim with sea lions, snorkel alongside sea turtles and penguins, dive with hammerhead sharks and spot blue-footed boobies in their natural habitat. The animals here are famously unafraid of humans, offering close-up encounters unlike anywhere else.

✓ Stunning Natural Landscapes.

From volcanic craters and lava fields to pristine beaches and lush highlands, each island has its own dramatic terrain. Whether hiking Sierra Negra or relaxing on Tortuga Bay, the scenery is unforgettable.

✓ Adventure activities.

Snorkeling or diving, kayaking, hiking, and island-hopping are just the beginning.

✓ Year-round travel destination.

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VESSELS IN THE GALAPAGOS

With over 20 years of expertise, Chimu Adventures is your trusted aggregator for Galápagos cruising, offering access to a curated selection of vessels from luxury yachts to eco-friendly catamarans. Whether you're seeking intimate wildlife encounters or indulgent onboard comfort, our seasoned team will match you with the perfect ship to suit your travel style, budget, and sense of adventure.



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FERNANDINA ISLAND

Fernandina is the main westernmost island in the Galápagos Islands, the third largest and youngest of the islands, less than one million years old. It is the most volcanically active and sits at the center of the hot spot that created the Galápagos Islands.

Wildlife found here includes Galápagos hawks and penguins, pelicans, marine iguanas, sea lions, fur seals and the flightless cormorant - the only flightless cormorant in the world.

WHY GO

- ✓ It is the most pristine island with the most active volcanoes in the Galápagos.
- ✓ Home to a large population of marine iguanas.



ISABELA ISLAND

The largest and one of the younger islands, Isabela Island was formed by the joining of six shield volcanoes, all apart from one are still active!

The west coast of Isabela is known as the best place to see whales in the Galápagos. Some 16 species of whales have been identified in the area including humpbacks, sperms, sei, minkes and orcas.

WHY GO

- ✓ Sierra Negra Volcano is one of the most impressive volcanos and is considered to be the second largest caldera in the world.
- ✓ Endless wildlife sites including Elizabeth Bay, Moreno Point, Urbina Bay and more
- ✓ Dive sites - Four Brothers, Tortuga Island, Urbina Bay, Tagus Cove, Punta Vicente Roca, Roca Redondo, and Cape Marshall.
- ✓ The west coast of Isabela is known as being one of the best places to swim with penguins.



SANTIAGO ISLAND

Also known as Isla San Salvador or James Island, this is one of the more popular Galápagos Islands to visit, with a number of excellent tourist sites. Centrally located between Santa Cruz and Isabela Islands, this island is the fourth largest in the archipelago at 585 square kilometres. It was the second island to be visited by Charles Darwin aboard the Beagle.

WHY GO

- ✓ Puerto Egas on James Bay to see lava pools as well as caves and inlets that are home to an amazing variety of wildlife.
- ✓ Sugar Loaf Volcano, with some spectacular views of the surrounding landscape.



SANTIAGO



GENOVESA ISLAND



BALTRA ISLAND

Home to one of two airports connecting Galápagos with mainland Ecuador, this is the point of arrival for most travellers to Galápagos. After clearing the immigration desk at the airport, travelers are transported by bus to the cruise ships anchored at Aeolian Bay or to the dock at the Itabaca Canal, where a ferry service connects Baltra with the island of Santa Cruz.

WHY GO

- ✓ Arrival point for most Galápagos cruises

GENOVESA ISLAND

Genovesa Island is a horseshoe shaped island located in the northeastern region of the Galápagos Archipelago. Its distinct shape was formed from the eruption of a shield volcano and the eventual collapse of one side of the caldera. The resulting submerged crater formed Darwin Bay, which is surrounded by steep cliffs that provide homes for many seabirds.

Genovesa has developed a reputation as "The Bird Island" because of the numerous and varied bird species that nest there.

WHY GO

- ✓ Unique wildlife and bird species
- ✓ One of the few places in the Islands where red-footed boobies are found en masse.



SANTA CRUZ ISLAND

Santa Cruz is the main tourism hub for all of the Galápagos, given its proximity to the airport on Baltra. Puerto Ayora is the heart and soul of the Galápagos Islands' human population and is the main tourism hub in the archipelago.

WHY GO

- ✓ Lava tubes - enormous tunnels created by lava flows leaving only their shell behind.
- ✓ Visit the Charles Darwin Research Station
- ✓ The Fausto Llerena Tortoise Center



SAN CRISTOBAL

SAN CRISTÓBAL ISLAND

San Cristóbal is the fifth largest and easternmost island of the Galápagos. It is comprised of three or four fused volcanoes, all extinct. Its name comes from the Patron Saint of seafarers, St. Christopher.

The town of Puerto Baquerizo Moreno is the capital of the Galápagos province. It is home to an Ecuadorian Navy facility, and an airport with daily flights to the mainland.

WHY GO

- ✓ A large number of sea lions, crabs, tortoises and birds can be seen.
- ✓ Famous for Kicker Rock - one of the most popular photograph opportunities in the archipelago.

SANTA FE ISLAND



ESPAÑOLA ISLAND

España is the southernmost of the Galápagos Islands and is also one of the oldest. Geologists estimate it is about four million years old.

Because España is one of the most isolated islands, it has a large number of endemic species — the España mockingbird, the España lava lizard, and the waved albatross.

WHY GO

- ✓ Punta Suarez for its variety and quantity of wildlife.
- ✓ Gardner Bay - This expansive white sand beach attracts napping sea lions



FLOREANA ISLAND

Floreana Island is the site of the first "post office", established in 1793 by whalers. It was the first island to be colonised by Ecuadorians in 1832 as a penal colony that didn't last long because of the lack of fresh water.

WHY GO

- ✓ See two contrasting beaches, one that consists of olive-green sand and the other known as Flour Beach, made up of fine, pulverised coral.
- ✓ 'Devil's Crown', a volcanic crater is the premier snorkelling spot in the Galápagos.

FLOREANA

ESPAÑOLA

Extensions

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Follow in the wake of Captain James Cook as we set sail a south to a milestone that few have journeyed; the Antarctic Circle, latitude 66° 33'. Explore by zodiac icebergs and glaciers carved by Antarctica's harsh environment. Cross into the circle to the home of the midnight sun and an area rich with fauna. Here the Weddell seal takes centre stage in addition to vast colonies of penguins and sea birds we may see humpback whales and minke whales feed on the krill-rich waters.

ANTARCTICA EXPEDITION

Falklands, South Georgia & Antarctica

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Set sail for the Falkland Islands, South Georgia and the frozen continent of Antarctica. Antarctica will enchant you with its snow capped peaks and magnificent icebergs. Step ashore and mingle with penguins, seals and seabirds. Buzz around in a zodiac in search of whales. Follow in the footsteps of Polar explorer, Sir Ernest Shackleton to South Georgia, home to the greatest concentration of wildlife on Earth. Explore the ruggedly beautiful Falkland Islands, with their spectacular array of bird life, flora and fauna.

ARGENTINA



EXTENSION PACKAGE

Bariloche Extension

4 DAYS

Bariloche is situated on the coast of the glacial Nahuel Huapi Lake. Over four days you will visit the oldest National Park in Argentina, take a chairlift up Campanario Hill for panoramic views, enjoy a boat trip to Tristeza Sound, go on an easy hike through a Larch Tree forest to some waterfalls, and more!

ALL INCLUSIVE LODGE EXPERIENCE

Explora El Chalten

4 DAYS

The essence of Patagonia is beautifully captured within the numerous experiences undertaken at Explora El Chalten. Located in beautiful territory within the Los Huemules Conservation Range, Explora El Chalten is flanked by snow-capped peaks which give way to beautiful forest paths.

EXTENSION PACKAGE

Iguazu Falls

3 DAYS

Straddling the borders of Argentina and Brazil, Iguazu Falls is one of the most impressive sights in the world, with a breathtaking 275 cascades that spread across a gulf of nearly two miles. Wander the peaceful jungle trails with their diverse array of wildlife and take in the many viewpoints of the Falls along the way.

BRAZIL



EXTENSION PACKAGE

Brazil Amazon

4 DAYS AMAZON LODGE STAY

Manaus is one of the most popular Amazon jungle locations in South America, and this wonderful lodge stay gives you the perfect opportunity to enjoy the unsurpassed bio-diversity: Spot freshwater dolphins and alligators in the river; watch several species of monkey at play; and try to catch the infamous piranha!

EXTENSION PACKAGE

Brazilian Beaches

5 DAYS RIO & PARATAY

This trip is a perfect combination of city, culture and beach. Visiting the exciting and unmissable Rio de Janeiro with its iconic skyline and beaches of beautiful people, the pretty colonial port of Paraty set against forest-covered mountains filled with stunning waterfalls, and the lush Ilha Grande, home to the famous Lopez Mendes beach, arguably Brazil's most beautiful beach.

EXTENSION PACKAGE

Pantanal & Bonito

6 DAYS PANTANAL & BONITO

The Pantanal is the world's largest wetlands area. Often overshadowed by the Amazon River, the Pantanal is actually considered to be the world's densest flora and fauna ecosystem; and its wide open wetland spaces make it much easier to spot wildlife.

CHILE



EXTENSION PACKAGE

Andean Lakes Crossing Extension

3 DAYS

Witness some of the most stunning scenery in the region. Arrive in the capital, Puerto Montt, and explore the city and perhaps purchase some handicrafts. Head up to Puerto Varas, on the shore of Llanquihue Lake with impressive views of Osorno Volcano. Then embark on an well-paced, full day journey across the Andean lakes on a lakes crossing by boat and bus.

CITY STAY

Santiago Extension

4 DAYS

Discover the best of Santiago in this 4-day stopover in Chile's capital city. Take in the beauty of the Andes in the background. A guided tour will take you to see the city sights & enjoy a local apartment dinner. Head west on a day trip to Casablanca Valley where some of Chile's finest wines are produced before continuing to the World Heritage-listed Valparaiso, Chile's oldest port.

PATAGONIA CRUISE

Fjords of Tierra Del Fuego

5 DAYS PUNTA ARENAS - USHUAIA

Enjoy the spectacular fjords and stunning natural beauty of Patagonia and Tierra del Fuego. Spot the magnificent Southern Elephant Seals and be surrounded by a colony of cute Magellan penguins. The hikes on the following days will guide you through the historical and breathtaking beauty of this one-of-a-kind region.

Extensions

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COLOMBIA



EXTENSION PACKAGE Tayrona National Park

4 DAYS

Tayrona National Park is a 150 km section of protected coastline located along the Caribbean Sea. There, you will stay in the comfort of unique eco lodgings at Los Naranjos. Highlights include an ecological walk along the coconut palm lined white sandy beaches of Canaveral and Arrecifes and swimming at Piscinita. You will also enjoy a free day to take in more sites at the national park, to take a walk along Mendihuaca or go swimming, snorkelling or surfing at Los Naranjos.



EXTENSION PACKAGE Cocora Valley

4 DAYS

Journey to the centre of Colombia's coffee region and the town of Salento to fill your cup with experiences. You will learn how coffee is made at a local plantation, taste a drop of Colombia's special brew and venture into the mountains of Los Nevados National Park. There, stare up at the almost sixty foot Colombian wax palms in the Cocora Valley.

COSTA RICA



SIGNATURE PACKAGE ITINERARY Signature Costa Rica

9 DAYS

Begin in San Jose and travel through tropical rainforests until you reach the Pacific coastline. Highlights include standing at the rim of an active volcano, seeing toucans from the Hanging Bridges of Arenal, getting up close and personal with sloths and other wildlife at a wildlife rescue center and zip lining through the Monteverde cloud forest. Finish your journey in Parque Nacional Manuel Antonio and enjoy some time in the resort town before returning to San Jose.

MEXICO



SIGNATURE ITINERARY Signature Mexico

9 DAYS - MEXICO CITY - PLAYA DEL CARMEN

Explore the city sites of Mexico City both on foot and from the magnificent vantage point of a hot air balloon. Take a trajinera along the canals of Xochimilco before flying to the walled city of Merida. Visit Chichen Itza, Mexico's most famous and impressive Mayan ruins. Then head to Playa del Carmen, where you will end your vacation in paradise on white sandy beaches with turquoise waters.



EXTENSION PACKAGE Oaxaca Extension

4 DAYS

Oaxaca City is considered a foodie haven and the gateway to explore some of the archaeological ruins left behind from the Zapotec and Mixtec civilisations who once ruled this area. Taste some of Mexico's best cuisine on a walking tour of the local markets and learn more about the history and culture of the Zapotecs on a tour to the Monte Alban archaeological site.



EXTENSION PACKAGE Cancun Extension

4 DAYS

Enjoy four days in Cancun, Mexico's beachside gateway to Maya culture. Explore some of the best white sandy beaches and turquoise waters Mexico has to offer. You will even be provided with a full day to enjoy some of the many local activities including a small group tour to the partial underwater cenote of Rio Secreto near Playa del Carmen.

ECUADOR



LODGE EXPERIENCE Mashpi Cloud Forest

4 DAYS

Join us on an Ecuadorian adventure from the capital city of Quito to the breathtaking cloud forest. Enjoy night walks to spot nocturnal animals, listen to the calls of the bird life during dawn walks and relax at the site of the spectacular morning views of the surrounding landscape. This trip is a must do for animal lovers or those who want to get back to nature.



EXTENSION PACKAGE Cotopaxi Volcano

3 DAYS

Explore Cotopaxi on a 3-day adventure at Hacienda El Porvenir—a historic Andean ranch offering horseback riding, volcano hikes, and farm-to-table cuisine. Just 1.5 hours from Quito, it's nestled among four volcanoes and rooted in sustainable ecotourism.



EXTENSION PACKAGE Highland Markets & Cloud Forest

5 DAYS

Discover Ecuador's countryside on a soul-stirring journey through Otavalo's vibrant market, a rose farm, and a charming highland hacienda. Visit the Quitsato sun dial at the equator, then explore the lush Mindo Cloud Forest, home to exotic birds, butterflies, and rich flora.

PERU



LAND TOUR Lake Titicaca & Puno Extension

3 DAYS CUSCO - PUNO

Feel the serenity of Lake Titicaca before hiking along a pre-Inca trail, visiting families of weavers to learn about their textile art. Then be welcomed by the Quechua-speaking community and have the opportunity to observe their traditions and participate in an ancient ceremony to learn about their magical world.



RIVER CRUISE Delfin III Amazon Cruise

4 DAYS

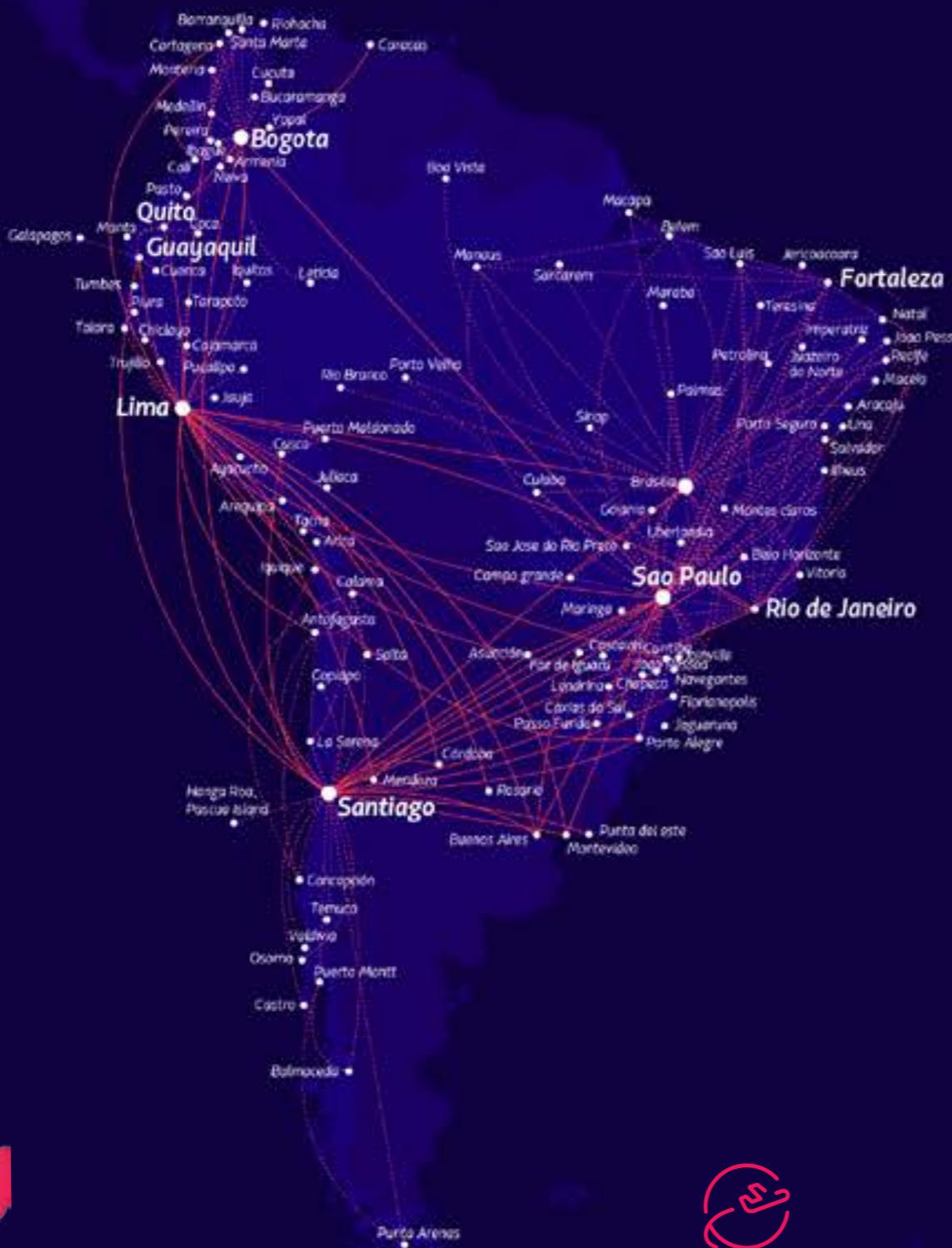
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Travel across the Andes on this 4-day add-on package and visit the second deepest canyon in the world, Colca Canyon. Home to a large population of Llamas, Guanacos, and the world's largest flying bird; the Andean condor, you will be mesmerised by the beauty and nature of Peru's third most visited destination by tourists.



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