



Scenic South America

11 Nights

November 2017 – September 2018



Summary

Join us on tours through mountainous Chile and passionate Argentina, past the smiles of Peru and the islands of Ecuador and into the enchanting landscapes of Brazil. This tour offers an unrivalled level of comfort and personalization.

Overview

Dates: November 2017 – September 2018

Interest: Group

Level of Comfort: 4/5

Minimum # of passengers: none

Maximum # of passengers: none

Wild Discovery Advantages

- A proven expertise in organizing successful holidays
- Experienced and knowledgeable staff
- High quality service & strong commitment to customer satisfaction
- Permanent assistance from Wild Discovery Head Office at any moment
- Attention to details that make the difference

Information about the destination

- **Currency:** Chilean Peso
- **Language:** Spanish - English
- **Transportation:** Private car or bus
- **Dialing Code:** 56
- **Recommended vaccines:** None
- **Banks & currency exchange:** Money can be exchanged at hotels, exchange bureau (Casas de cambio) and banks

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Day 01 Tuesday: Santiago de Chile

Upon arrival in Santiago, meet greet and transfer to the hotel.

Then proceed for a city tour, and see the San Francisco church, which was built between 1572 and 1618

You will pass through the Barrio Paris & London which is characterized by its European architectural style and its' narrow cobbled streets.

Then you will visit the area of the Club Hípico, one of the most beautiful horseracing tracks in South America, privileged by its architecture of the late 19th century.

Continuing your tour towards the Barrio Concha y Toro, you will immediately notice that the constructions of the buildings here are very similar to those in the Barrio Paris y London.

While walking through the main street you will recover vestiges of the aristocratic past of the capital. In 1989 this district was declared as "Zona Tipica" (Typical zone). You will be impressed by the gothic, neo-colonial and Bauhaus constructions.

After that you will visit the Plaza de Armas and see the cathedral. Just around the corner, you will find the main post office, the National History museum and the town hall of Santiago.

From here you head along the famous Alameda, Santiago's colorful main avenue, towards the heart of the city, seeing the "Palacio de la Moneda" (seat of government), various monuments and public buildings on the way.

Afterwards, you continue the tour by driving up to the top of the San Cristóbal Hill. From one of the hill's view points, you will have the finest views of Santiago and the Andes Mountains.

To round off the tour, you will pass through the modern residential areas of the city with their daring architecture and, finally, the bustling Providencia shopping zone.

Day 02 Wednesday: Santiago de Chile

Today you will proceed to the lower level of the city through the commercial heart of the port, where you'll take the coastal highway that links Valparaíso with the resort city of Viña del Mar. Reaching the Concón beach, you can admire various fish stands displaying a great variety of seafood. Summer homes and restaurants are spread out along the coast. Afterwards, visit the main square Plaza Vergara and the shopping avenue before returning to Santiago.

Day 03 Thursday: Santiago de Chile – Mendoza

Today you are going on a full day panoramic bus journey crossing the majestic Andes and the border to Argentina. After breakfast, you will be picked up at the hotel and transferred to the bus terminal in Santiago downtown. Board the comfortable public bus to Mendoza. Enjoy an impressive drive offering spectacular mountain views. Passing the city of Los Andes, your bus continues upwards on "Ruta 60" along the hillside of the Andean Mountains, offering you panoramic views on the way. You drive past Portillo, Chile's most important centre of winter sports. It is located at the foot of the Aconcagua, the highest mountain of South America. You are going to leave Chile crossing the Argentinean Border through a tunnel which was built in 1980. Now, the road starts to lead downhill. You see the "Puente del Inca" ("Inca Bridge"), a strange rock formation resembling a bridge crossing the Mendoza River. Your bus passes Los Penitentes, Argentina's best-known ski resort, before reaching Mendoza, your final destination for today.

Arrival at the bus terminal in Mendoza and transfer to the hotel

Day 04 Friday: Mendoza

Mendoza, possessing the 70% of the vineyards of the country and same percentage of wine production is the main oenological centre of South America.

Depart to Mendoza's agricultural oasis where you have the opportunity to visit a vineyard to understand the complete wine making process and to enjoy a wine tasting.

The afternoon is free at leisure.



Day 05 Saturday: Mendoza – Buenos Aires

Transfer from the hotel in Mendoza to the airport for your flight to Buenos Aires.

Upon arrival in Buenos Aires transfer from the airport to the hotel.

In the afternoon you will visit the most important sites during a city tour. You will drive to the Plaza de Mayo, with the Casa Rosada, the pink house, seat of the government, the Cabildo (town hall) and the Metropolitan Cathedral, home of the Archbishop of Buenos Aires. The tour goes onto the district San Telmo. Until 1888 this part of the city was a river port, today San Telmo is one of the most modern and desired places to live in Buenos Aires. The worker district La Boca is famous for its colourful tin-houses and its history as living district of Italian seamen and dock workers in the 19th century. The Barrio Norte called Recoleta is the quarter of the rich of Buenos Aires. On the cemetery of Recoleta one will find the grave of Eva Duarte who became famous as Evita Perón. Continue along the widest avenue in the world, the Avenida 9 de Julio, to the Plaza Lavalle with the Federal Court of Justice and the Teatro Colón, to Palermo with its parks and gardens.

Day 06 Sunday: Buenos Aires

Day at leisure

Day 07 Monday: Buenos Aires

Today you will enjoy a half day Tigre Tour. Drive along the Northern residential districts of the city, until getting to San Isidro, a colonial and aristocratic area. You will see the mansions and houses in front of the River Plate. You will continue the driving to Tigre, a charming area near Buenos Aires city where a great number of summer residences, yacht clubs and rowing clubs attract the week-end activity of many “porteños”.

The Tigre Delta with its rivers, streams and numerous green islands is one of the most attractive areas for visitors. The continuous sediment of the Paraná River, which gives the river and estuary their particular brownish-red colour, forms the Delta islands.

Enjoy a boat excursion (1 hour) along the innumerable channels of the Paraná-Delta to see some of the hundreds of islands covered with luxuriant vegetation.

Drive back to the city via the Panamericana highway.

Day 08 Tuesday: Buenos Aires – Iguassu

Transfer to the domestic airport for the flight to Iguassu.

Upon arrival in Iguassu pick-up at the airport and transfer to the Argentinean National Park towards the Argentinean side of the falls.

You will make a short stop at the Visitor’s Centre and proceed from there along the Inferior Circuit, the down-river falls, to the Superior Circuit, the up-river cascades.

The Ecological Jungle Train leads you to the most impressive observation point of the falls – The Devil’s Throat. After visit transfer to the hotel on the Brazilian side of the falls.

Day 09 Wednesday: Iguassu

In the morning visit of the Brazilian side of the falls. Walk along the paths following cascades and then along the catwalk that leads very close to the bottom of the Devil’s Throat to enjoy magnificent views. Take an elevator to go up to the road in order to board the coach which will bring back to the hotel.

Day 10 Thursday: Iguassu – Rio de Janeiro

Transfer from the hotel to the airport for the flight to Rio de Janeiro

Arrival in Rio and transfer to the hotel

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Day 11 Friday: Rio de Janeiro

Leaving the hotel and proceeding as far as Cosme Velho Station to board a cog-train for the ride through Tijuca Forest up Corcovado Mountain at 748 m (2,454 ft) high. The train ride takes 20 minutes and is a wonderful opportunity for a closer look at the forest's lush tropical vegetation and to enjoy scenic landscapes of the beaches and city. Disembarking at the top of Corcovado and then proceeding up the steps that lead to the top lookout where the towering statue of Christ the Redeemer stands.

After appreciating the breath taking view unfolding below, passengers will descend by train. The tour proceeds passing by Rio's world-famous beaches as far as Urca District to board a cable car for a two-staged ascent up Sugar Loaf Mountain at 390 m (1,280 ft) high. Then coming down and proceeding along Guanabara Bay and Flamengo Park as far as downtown. Visit downtown area, passing by the financial and business centre and by other attractions such as the Candelaria Church, Saint Sebastian Cathedral, Lapa Arches, Municipal Theatre, National Library, Fine Arts Museum, and by the Sambadrome, site of Rio's famous Carnival parade.

Day 12 Saturday: Rio de Janeiro

Transfer to the airport for your homebound flight

Selected hotels (or similar)

| Nights | Regions | 3* hotels | 4* hotels |
|--------|----------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| 2 | Santiago | Providencia | Atton Vitacura |
| 2 | Mendoza | Huentala | Amerian Executive |
| 3 | Buenos Aires | De Las Americas | 725 Continental |
| 2 | Iguassu | Recanto Park | Mabu Foz |
| 2 | Rio de Janeiro | Windsor Plaza Copacabana | Windsor Excelsior Copacabana |

Prices Include

Round trip ticket to Santiago return from Rio de Janeiro (economy class)
Round trip transfer: airport – hotel – airport
11-night accommodation at hotel
Meals: daily breakfast
English speaking local guides
Tours and excursions as per the program
Assistance of our representative in Chile

Prices Exclude

Internal flights
Airport taxes
Fuel surcharge
DIP surcharge \$5/ticket
Optional Tours
Visa fees
Travel insurance
All other expenses

Starting Price Per Person in US\$

| Hotel | Double | Single |
|-----------|--------|--------|
| 3* hotels | 2855 | 3605 |
| 4* hotels | 3105 | 4105 |

- *Prices may change without prior notice and subject to availability at time of booking*

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Flight Schedule

| From | To | Flight No | Departure | Arrival |
|----------------|----------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| Beirut | Paris | AF 565 | 16:10 | 19:45 |
| Paris | Santiago | AF 406 | 23:30 | 09:00 |
| Rio de Janeiro | Paris | AF 443 | 15:40 | 07:50 |
| Paris | Beirut | AF 566 | 09:00 | 14:10 |

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