

## 4 Countries:

# 17 Days Chile, Argentina Uruguay and Brazil

## with spectacular Patagonia

17 Days / 16 Nights

4-Country-Tour 2019						
Chile, Argentina, Uruguay & Brazil	1 Pax	2 Pax		3 Pax		
	SGL	SGL	DBL	SGL	DBL	TRL
Total Price per Person in USD	\$ 6.806	\$ 5.401	\$ 4.402	\$ 5.021	\$ 4.021	\$ 3.825

### Day 1: Santiago de Chile

Arrival to the Santiago de Chile Airport and transfer to the hotel with your private guide.

*Santiago de Chile* has always had its measured charms – fine dining, perfectly landscaped gardens, a famous seafood market, the stunning backdrop of the Andes – but in the past few years it has undergone a cultural metamorphosis. In celebration of Chile's bicentennial, the city poured millions of pesos into the construction of sleek new cultural centers, thoughtful museums and gorgeous green parks. The upscale neighborhoods of Vitacura and El Golf bloomed with stylish new art galleries, the new W Hotel started drawing A-list celebrities to its rooftop bar, and the faded but beautiful Barrio Brasil was infused with vibrant public art and funky youth hostels.

### Day 2: Santiago de Chile

Breakfast at the hotel. You will have a city tour to the most interesting sites in Santiago, beginning with a general view of the city by driving halfway up San Cristobal Hill. Then, we continue to the historic downtown district, visiting Main Square, Cathedral, Post Office Headquarters, and Santiago City Hall. We will also see the Government House "La Moneda". Afterward, we will take you to East Santiago, where you may appreciate modern buildings, with offices, apartments, shopping centers and restaurants. Return to hotel and overnight.

### Day 3: Santiago de Chile – Puerto Natales

Transfer out and flight to Punta Arenas. Private Transfer to the Bus station and Bus to Puerto Natales, there you will be picked up and transferred to your Hotel in the city.

### Day 4: Puerto Natales

Soaring almost vertically more than 2000m above the Patagonian steppe, the granite pillars of Torres del Paine (Towers of Paine) dominate the landscape of what may be South America's finest national park. Before its

creation in 1959, the park was part of a large sheep estancia, and it's still recovering from nearly a century of overexploitation of its pastures, forests and wildlife.

Most people visit the park for its one greatest hit but, once here, realize that there are other attractions with equal wow power. We're talking about azure lakes, trails that meander through emerald forests, roaring rivers you'll cross on rickety bridges and one big, radiant blue glacier. Variety spans from the vast openness of the steppe to rugged mountain terrain topped by looming peaks.

Part of Unesco's Biosphere Reserve system since 1978, the park is home to flocks of ostrichlike rhea (known locally as the ñandú), Andean condor, flamingo and many other bird species. Its star success in conservation is undoubtedly the guanaco, which grazes the open steppes where pumas cannot approach undetected. After more than a decade of effective protection from poachers, these large and growing herds don't even flinch when humans or vehicles approach.

A full day tour visiting the amazing national park of Torres del Paine including the Milodon Cave, located at the Benitez hill, 25 km from Puerto Natales, where in 1895 a skeleton of a Sable-tooth tiger, American Horse and Huge Lazy known as Milodon were discovered. We will walk for around 30 minutes in this cave observing the stalactite formations and the Milodon imitation copy. After this we will continue our way to the national park Torres del Paine where we can see the most varied landscapes starting from a Maggellan forest and ending with the Patagonian Plain with its strong winds and dry air. Upon arrival at the park the scenery changes drastically, the national park containing over 242.000 hectares, we can now see tens of lakes with birds and enormous mountains. The lakes water is blue and crystal clear, the waterfalls and peaks covered with ice are among the typical landscapes of this park. A 15 min walk will take up to Salto Grande, a waterfall connecting 2 lakes, Nordenskhöld and Peoé. We will return along a beautiful road, passing by the Serrano River and the Toro and Porteno lakes. Overnight at hotel.

#### **Day 5: Puerto Natales - El Calafate**

Private Transfer to the bus station and bus to Calafate. Private Transfer in to your hotel.

*El Calafate claims its livelihood from a single tourist attraction, the spectacular Glaciar Perito Moreno in Parque Nacional Los Glaciares, It can be divided into two parts the north and the southern part, with El Calafate on Lago Argentino the gateway. The park is the second largest in Argentina, extending some 170 km along the Chilean frontier and covering some 759,000 hectares. It was declared a World Heritage region by UNESCO in 1987. Some 40% of the park is covered by giant ice fields, with 47 major glaciers of which 13 flow east descending into the park to feed the two big lakes, Lake Viedma in the north and Lago Argentino in the south. There are also about 190 smaller glaciers that are not connected to the ice fields. All together a great spectacle you have to see.*

#### **Day 6: El Calafate**

This park has been declared as Mankind Heritage by UNESCO. Those glaciers that named it (about 47) show us a 10 thousand-year-old world: cold and wild. The most famous one is Perito Moreno Glacier in the southwestern end of Argentino Lake at 80 km away from El Calafate. This glacier is so-called due to a great Argentinian explorer from last century and is one of the few glaciers that is still moving in the world. That is why it has become one of the most spectacular natural shows in South America. From time to time its 60-m-high snout releases some ice walls as huge as buildings that fall into Rico Bend or Canal de los Témpanos (Ice floes Channel) and then they continue sailing along the channel to the main area of the lake. However, that is not all. The glacier, while moving forward, comes closer to the Magallanes Peninsula, in the opposite lake bank as well as footbridge and viewpoint area. This cycle takes from 4 to 6 years and it eventually separates the lake into two areas. Rico Bend is dammed up and it increases about 35 m over its average level. Its water slowly pierces its way through the glacier snout until it makes it fall down. This show is breathtaking.

#### **Day 7: El Calafate - Buenos Aires**

Breakfast at hotel. Flight to Buenos Aires. Meeting with a local guide and transfer to the hotel.

*This complex, energetic, and seductive port city, which stretches south-to-north along the Rio de la Plata, has been the gateway to Argentina for centuries. The Argentine capital is one of the world's most exhilarating cities, with astounding art, fascinating neighborhoods, fabulous food and a passionate population blazingly devoted to having fun all night long. It's a riveting place just to wander about, people-watching, shopping or simply soaking up the unique atmosphere. Its many barrios (neighbourhoods) are startlingly different – some are decadently old-fashioned, others daringly modern – but all of them ooze character. Marvel at those amazingly high leg kicks at a tango show in San Telmo, feast on steaks at Palermo's Las Cañitas or wander for hours in the Recoleta cemetery, where BA's rich and famous are buried. Bring a camera for Evita's grave.*

#### **Day 8: Buenos Aires**

City Tour Buenos Aires. This panoramic tour will take you through the highlights of South America's most European and cosmopolitan city. We'll drive along 9 de Julio Avenue where the renowned Colón Theater and the Obelisk, symbols of our city, are located. We'll visit Plaza de Mayo, surrounded by important historic buildings like the Casa Rosada, the Cathedral and the City Hall. We'll also visit Plaza San Martin, Alvear and Plaza del Congreso. The tour will drive us along the old fashion Avenida de Mayo and the dynamic Avenida Corrientes. Explore neighborhoods filled with colors and history, like La Boca and San Telmo, and the sumptuous neighborhoods of Palermo, Recoleta and the modern Puerto Madero, a busy gastronomic and entertainment area.

In the evening enjoy an amazing Tango Show and Dinner.

*Tango is still alive. A good way of penetrating its spirit is visiting one of the restaurants that offers tango shows of an excellent level, to enjoy tango's sensual magnetism taken to the stage by some of the best dancers, singers and musicians in Buenos Aires!*

*After a delicious dinner, you will follow a spectacular presentation of acclaimed popular and sensuous Tango, performed by the world's best. It is the music of Buenos Aires par excellence. Tango is felt in the air of the city, as humidity!*

#### **Day 9: Buenos Aires**

Breakfast at hotel

Full day tour to Fiesta Gaucho (group tour with english guide)

Estancia Santa Susana is located in Los Cardales, 80 kms North of Buenos Aires. Upon arrival you will be received with a glass of Argentine wine and will be invited to taste "empanadas", typical small cakes with various options like meat, cheese & ham, chicken or vegetables. Whilst you enjoy horseback riding or just a relaxing stroll in the countryside and after visiting the 'gaucho' museum, a superb BBQ of premium beef will be prepared for lunchtime. After lunch an impressive folkloric dance and cowboys show will be presented before returning to Buenos Aires.

#### **Day 10: Buenos Aires – Montevideo (Uruguay)**

*Truly possessing that feeling of being thrown back in time Uruguay, especially immortalized by its capital Montevideo, has wonderful feel that resonates back to an era gone by in the 1900's. Montevideo across its cityscape has wonderful Parisian looking buildings that leave a lasting residue of beauty, charm, and even romance. Traveling along Uruguay's stretching coastline too will uncover any number of fantastic rural colonial towns.*

Full day tour in Montevideo from Buenos Aires (group tour)

A driver will take you to the port of Buenos Aires, where you will pick up a ferry boat to Montevideo city by Colonia del Sacramento.

Upon arrival at Montevideo, a guide will be waiting for you for a panoramic city tour.

This walk covers the most important points of the city's Old Town and new residential neighborhoods. Inside the old city is visited: Independence Square, where the old Citadel Gate (Montevideo was a fortified city), then comes

Matrix Square where the Montevideo Cathedral, The Cabildo, Plaza Zabala and Teatro Solis, all these pieces of history of the city. Then its the Palacio Salvo, first high-rise building in the city, Plaza de El Entrefero, continuing to the Legislative Palace where the Uruguayan Parliament meets.

The tour continues visiting the following suburbs: The Prado, with its ancient history which houses the Government House, the Parque Batlle, which runs the Estadio Centenario, La Carreta Monument and the residential neighborhoods of Carrasco and Pocitos. The return is by the coast to the center of Montevideo.

At the end of the tour, you will get back to port to take a ferry boat back to Buenos Aires. Upon arrival, only a driver will take you to your hotel.

### **Day 11: Buenos Aires – Foz do Iguazu**

Transfer to the airport. Flight to Iguazu. Transfer in to your hotel with your guide.

*The Iguazu Falls are one of the greatest natural wonders of earth and on the UNESCO World Heritage List. The falls are located on the one spot where Brazil, Argentina and Paraguay meet. The area consists of 275 different falls including the highest fall which is called the "Devil's Throat", as it reaches 70m, which is 1,5x the height of the Niagara Falls. It is definitely one of the most beautiful places on our planet and it will take your breath away - Words just can't describe the feeling you have standing there right in front of the falls watching tons of water falling down from an amazing height! You will feel its strength and appreciate the world we live in a lot more!*

In the afternoon visit of the Argentina side of the falls. The Argentinean side is different from the Brazilian; you will walk on paths through the falls which give you the opportunity to have a look under the falls. You feel the strength of the falling water from up close and enjoy the 55.500 hectares natural park surrounding this spectacular beauty! Within the park, take the train to the marvelous devils throat the strongest of all the waterfalls. Stand directly above the falling water and admire the strength of this natural phenomenon. At the end of the tour your guide will accompany you to the hotel.

### **Day 12: Foz do Iguazu**

After breakfast your guide picks you up for a visit of the Brazilian side of the falls. Today you will visit the Brazilian site of the magnificent Iguazu Falls following the walkways which border the canyon of the Iguassu River. It is possible to observe hundreds of small waterfalls until ending up in front of the magnificent Devils Throat, the strongest and mightiest of all falls. The splashes coming from the falling water make you FEEL the falls grandeur and cover the sky with thousands of rainbows.

### ***For an extra charge you can additionally order the tour of Macuco Safari (113 USD net/pax)***

*The big adventure begins at the Macuco Safari entrance gates, located at kilometer 25 of the Cataratas Highway inside the Iguassu National Park, with embarkation in open jeep-towed wagons that permit an unobstructed view of the scenery along the trail. During the stretch of three kilometers through the jungle, multi-lingual guides point out examples of the flora and fauna of the Park. Orchids, palm trees, bromeliads, centenaria trees, as well as wild animals that occasionally cross the trail are pointed out by the guides. The hike - The second stage, a stretch of 600 meters (optional), is a hike on a trail that leads to a waterfall baptized "Macuco Falls". The waterfall - perfect for a refreshing dip on days of intense heat - spills down from a height of approximately 20 meters. Access is via a stairway carved into the ancient rock. The last stop is the Macuco Safari docks on the Brazilian side of the Iguassu River. In the water, inflatable bi-motor boats, constructed to withstand the rigors of the excursion, are secure and efficient vessels. Before embarkation, passengers receive life-vests and plastic containers in which to protect photographic and filming equipment. The boat travels up-river passing the canyon facing the rapids at a speed that permits the appreciation of the scenery. Rocks, animals and a lot of greenery completes the scenery until the base of the Falls is reached, next to the "great horseshoe" know as the "Devil's Throat". Waterfall shower - Rainbows, blue sky, mist and water in profusion, punctuate the spectacle that has as its high-point the area of the*

*Falls baptized "The Three Musketeers". There the captain maneuvers the boat in order to get close enough to provide the passengers with a quick and refreshing shower.*

***For an extra charge you can visit the bird park (65 USD net/pax)***

*One of the city's most important tourist attractions, the Parque das Aves is located next to the entrance of the Iguazu National Park. Inside the Parque das Aves you will be in a unique universe, surrounded by birds from all over Brazil and the world. There are more than 800 birds from 200 different species preserved in 16.5 hectares of spectacular Atlantic Rainforest in which you can walk with your friends and family when visiting Foz do Iguassu. The Parque das Aves has three immersion aviaries and a butterfly house, in which you can enter and be side by side with toucans, scarlet ibises, macaws, jays and thrushes. Over the course of this extraordinary tour you'll also find harpy eagles, owls, parrots and even reptiles such as alligators and the anaconda. By the end, you can relax in the restaurant with an exclusive view across the lake of flamingos or take as a souvenir a picture holding a macaw or next to a boa constrictor. Have the best experience with the natural world of Foz do Iguazu and bring your friends and family to the Parque das Aves for an unforgettable adventure.*

**Day 13: Foz do Iguazu – Rio de Janeiro**

Breakfast at hotel. Transfer to the airport and flight to Rio de Janeiro. Transfer in with a local guide.

*Rio de Janeiro – its green hills, blue sky, rocky mountains, beautiful bays, islands, beautiful beaches. The second most populous city in Brazil and one of the most beautiful city in the world. Hotels located on most famous black-and-white tiled promenade of Copacabana, Leblon, Ipanema. The dreams come true in this city! If you arrive before dark, it will be possible see Rio de Janeiro's green hills, blue sky, rocky mountains, palm trees on both side of beautiful bays. By day or night you can walk at famous black-and-white tiled promenade of Copacabana, Leblon, Ipanema.*

*Maybe you will want to see and feel the lush life of the city during the night, or if you want to be alone with yourself, then, for this there is always a corner somewhere in between the palm trees, sand and ocean waves.*

*Optional Factory of Gems H. Stern!*

*One of the world's oldest factories processing of precious and semiprecious stones. Here you can see the work of skilled goldsmiths and make a bargain!*

**Day 14: Rio de Janeiro**

After breakfast, our guide will take you to red beach (Praia Vermelha) from where we take a cable car up to the Urca mountain. From here an amazing view on Rio opens up before us. We take yet another cable car up the Pao de Acucar Mountain (Sugarloaf). From here we have a wonderful view of the city nestling between the mountains and the sea, and the sight of the sun going down over Copacabana beach is magical. After riding down the cable car, we will discover the historical part of Rio. Our guide takes you to the bottom of the Corcovado Mountain. Here you board the little train that takes you through tropical rainforest, passing tropical trees and exotic fruits. A short walk from the final station you find yourself at the foot of impressive Christ the Redeemer (Cristo Redentor). Enjoy the spectacular views over Rio de Janeiro. At the end of the tour your guide will accompany you to the hotel. Transfer to Buzios Beach Resort.

**Day 15 & 16: Buzios**

*Just 105 miles from Rio de Janeiro, exists the peninsula of **Búzios**. More than 20 magnificent beaches and crystal-clear water contrast with the wonderful landscape and exotic vegetation, privileged with a great year-round summer.*

*Originally settled by European pirates and slave traders, this happy mixture of many bloods prospered and became a picturesque fishing village, elected one of the 10 most beautiful areas in the world, famous for its unique*

*combination of rustic charm, architectural harmony, incredible beauty and sophisticated boutiques and restaurants visited by travelers who come from all over the world to savor its magic.*

Free days to relax at one the beautiful beaches!

#### **Day 17: Buzios – Rio de Janeiro – Back Home**

Breakfast followed by transfer to the airport for your international flight back home!

#### ***End of the Program***

#### **The Program includes:**

- ✓ Stay in 4\* Hotels with breakfast included
- ✓ All mentioned meals
- ✓ Tours Private with English Speaking Guide
- ✓ Gaucho, Montevideo, Perito Moreno and Torres del Paine in SIB with English Speaking Guide
- ✓ Private Transfer in with Guide in Santiago, Buenos Aires, Iguazu and Rio
- ✓ Rest of the Tranfers private with driver only
- ✓ Entrance tickets

#### **The Program does not include:**

- International flights
- Domestic flights
- Optional Tours
- Personal expenses and tips

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