

A close-up, rear view of a woman wearing a vibrant, intricately embroidered traditional South American garment. The garment features a green panel with a white lace border, surrounded by red fabric with white floral and geometric patterns. The woman's dark hair is styled in a long, thick braid adorned with colorful beaded bands. The background is blurred, showing other people in similar attire.

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*Amazonian rainforest, Incan ruins, colonial towns, white sandy beaches, and wonderful wildlife: the wonders of South America make for incredible experiences. Take this journey visiting six amazing countries starting off in the Amazon jungle before cruising the Galapagos Islands. Visit the 'Lost City of the Incas' at Machu Picchu, Lake Titicaca, marvel at the mighty waterfalls of Iguazu and embrace the beautiful cities of Quito, Lima, Buenos Aires, and Rio de Janeiro. You'll love the rich history and vast range of cultures, colours and sights, all in comfort and style.*

## 34 DAYS • HOSTED JOURNEY

**COUNTRIES** Chile, Ecuador (incl. Galapagos Islands), Peru, Bolivia, Brazil, Argentina

**DEPARTS** 3 September - 6 October 2024



## YOUR JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

- Explore the wonders of the Amazon rainforest with a three night stay at Sacha Lodge
- 5 day Galapagos Islands cruise on board the Isabela II
- Discover the Sacred Valley of the Incas in Peru, the majestic Andean Mountains reflecting in the azure waters of Lake Titicaca, and the incredible Iguazu Falls
- Quito, with the most beautiful historic centre of any Latin American capital city
- Rio de Janeiro's natural beauty and vibrant beach culture
- A World Journeys host to guide you every step of the way

## SPECIAL EXPERIENCES

### *Stay in an eco-lodge in the pristine Amazon rainforest*

Experience the wonders of the Amazon rainforest staying at the famous Sacha Lodge with the only canopy walk in the Amazon, a birdwatching tower, and butterfly house.

### *Experience a traditional Inca ceremony*

At Lake Titicaca, witness an Inca offering to Pachamama (Mother Earth) led by a traditionally-dressed Shaman.

### *Be immersed in the ancient history of Peru*

Visit the marvellous Larco Herrera Museum located in an 18<sup>th</sup> century mansion, surrounded by beautiful gardens. We will see the museum's amazing archaeological collection.

### *Learn to dance the tango in Buenos Aires*

Learn to dance the tango and enjoy a delicious dinner followed by a multi award-winning tango show.



Machu Picchu, Peru



Marine Iguana, Galapagos

# GRAND TOUR OF SOUTH AMERICA ITINERARY

ALL FLIGHTS INCLUDED    **B** BREAKFAST    **L** LUNCH    **D** DINNER

— SEPTEMBER 2024

**TUE 3 AUCKLAND > SANTIAGO**

Fly to Santiago and transfer to our hotel.

**WED 4 SANTIAGO** **B**

Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Santiago.

**THU 5 SANTIAGO** **B** **L**

Head for the coast on a full day tour to historic Valparaiso. Then visit a winery for a tour, wine tasting and a special 'welcome to South America' lunch before returning to Santiago.

**FRI 6 SANTIAGO > QUITO** **B** **D**

Transfer to the airport for a morning flight to Quito via Lima. On arrival in Quito, transfer to our hotel.

**SAT 7 QUITO > AMAZON JUNGLE** **B** **L** **D**

We take a short flight over the Andes into the Amazon jungle. Then we transfer two hours by river to the stunning Sacha Lodge, set in primary rainforest.

**SUN 8 AMAZON JUNGLE** **B** **L** **D**

Over the next two days enjoy nature walks, twilight river excursions and discovering the incredible birds, butterflies and wildlife. Other activities include piranha fishing and a treetop canopy walk, a great place to watch the sunset. Superb naturalist guides will help bring this incredible environment alive!

**MON 9 AMAZON JUNGLE** **B** **L** **D**

Enjoy another full day of guided jungle activities.

**TUE 10 AMAZON JUNGLE > QUITO** **B**

Morning transfer by river then fly to Quito for overnight.

**WED 11 QUITO** **B**

Explore this charming city, once the northern capital of the Incan Empire and the first ever designated UNESCO World Heritage Site.

**THU 12 QUITO > GALAPAGOS ISLANDS** **B** **L** **D**

Fly to the Galapagos and on arrival visit the highlands of Santa Cruz Island to learn about its unique ecosystems and biodiversity. Later, see giant Galapagos tortoises in their natural habitat before joining your comfortable and elegant expedition ship, the Isabela II.

**FRI 13 GALAPAGOS ISLANDS** **B** **L** **D**

This morning visit Bartolome Island for magnificent views, before enjoying a zodiac ride searching for the amazing Galapagos penguin and many other species of marine bird life. Later explore Santiago Island, an excellent location to see many different species of Galapagos finches, along with lava lizards, Galapagos hawks and colourful flamingos.

**SAT 14 GALAPAGOS ISLANDS** **B** **L** **D**

Explore Dragon Hill on Santa Cruz Island, the ideal place to spot enigmatic land iguanas. In the afternoon, visit Darwin Bay which is very rich in bird and marine life.

**SUN 15 GALAPAGOS ISLANDS** **B** **L** **D**

Visit Santa Fe Island's idyllic white sandy beach populated by Galapagos sealions. Following a nature walk, there is time to snorkel or enjoy a glass bottom boat ride. After lunch visit

black lava South Plaza Island and see land iguanas, frigate birds, swallows and many other bird species.

**MON 16 GALAPAGOS ISLANDS > LIMA** **B**

Fly late morning to the mainland and connect to Lima.

**TUE 17 LIMA** **B**

A full day of great sightseeing in this historic city, including a visit to the wonderful Larco Herrera Museum.

**WED 18 LIMA > SACRED VALLEY OF THE INCAS** **B** **D**

We take a short flight to Cuzco and then transfer to the beautiful Sacred Valley of the Incas, situated at a lower altitude which will help us acclimatise to altitude.

**THU 19 SACRED VALLEY OF THE INCAS** **B** **L**

This morning explore this picturesque valley. Visit the Inca salt mines at Maras and the amazing Inca ruins of Moray before enjoying a Peruvian Paso Horse show at our special lunch.

**FRI 20 SACRED VALLEY OF THE INCAS > MACHU PICCHU** **B** **L** **D**

This morning visit the very impressive Inca fortress at Ollantaytambo before catching the train to Machu Picchu, the incredible 'Lost City of the Incas'. Enjoy the balance of the afternoon at the amazing Inkaterra Pueblo Hotel.

**SAT 21 MACHU PICCHU > CUZCO** **B** **L**

This morning enjoy a guided tour of Machu Picchu and then lunch before returning by train and coach to Cuzco.

**SUN 22 CUZCO** **B**

Morning tour of historic Cuzco, including the beautiful Cathedral and the impressive Incan fortress of Sacsayhuaman. Then enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore.

**MON 23 CUZCO > PUNO** **B** **L**

A very scenic and interesting day is spent travelling to Puno, situated on the shores of Lake Titicaca.

**TUE 24 PUNO > LAKE TITICACA > LA PAZ** **B** **L**

Cross into Bolivia and cruise Lake Titicaca for a fascinating visit to Sun Island, the birthplace of the Incas. From here marvel at the azure blue lake and magnificent alpine views of the Royal Chain of the Andes. Continue to La Paz.

**WED 25 LA PAZ** **B**

Morning tour to the markets of the most 'Indian' of South American capital cities. Also visit the mysterious Moon Valley and Mario Sarabia, a world-famous ceramics artist.



Women dressed in traditional clothing, La Paz

**THU 26 LA PAZ > BUENOS AIRES** ②

Fly to Buenos Aires and transfer to our hotel.

**FRI 27 BUENOS AIRES** ②

Tour Buenos Aires, the 'Paris of the Americas'.

**SAT 28 BUENOS AIRES** ② ③

Explore, shop, or relax in this great city. In the evening we will enjoy a tango lesson followed by a dinner and tango show.

**SUN 29 BUENOS AIRES > IGUAZU FALLS** ②

Fly to the mighty Iguazu Falls before transferring to our hotel situated inside the National Park.

**MON 30 IGUAZU FALLS** ②

Morning tour with amazing falls views then the highlight, the Devil's Throat Cataract - the most impressive in the world.

— OCTOBER 2024

**TUE 1 IGUAZU FALLS > RIO DE JANEIRO** ②

Tour the Brazilian side of the falls and visit a wonderful

bird and wildlife park before flying to Rio de Janeiro. On arrival transfer to our hotel overlooking Copacabana Beach.

**WED 2 RIO DE JANEIRO** ②

Visit the historical centre of old Rio, then take two cable cars to the summit of Sugarloaf. Afternoon at leisure.

**THU 3 RIO DE JANEIRO** ②

Visit the statue of Christ the Redeemer and later pass by Rio's famous beaches. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure.

**FRI 4 RIO DE JANEIRO > AUCKLAND** ②

Afternoon transfer to the airport for our flight home via Santiago.

**SAT 5 IN FLIGHT****SUN 6 ARRIVE AUCKLAND****ISABELA II**

With a capacity for 40 guests in 20 cabins, this relaxed but elegant vessel offering a combination of international and Ecuadorean cuisine, is the ideal choice for your Galapagos cruise. An expert group of naturalist guides on board share their knowledge of, and passion for, the history, landscapes, flora and fauna of these incredible islands. All excursions and snorkelling equipment are included. Given the island's volcanic nature, moderate physical fitness is required to enjoy maximum benefit from your cruise.

**Departs 3 September 2024**

**Twin** *per person*

**Single** *per person*

Tour Cost

\$36,965

\$46,980

Business Class Upgrade

On request

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**INCLUDED**

- Economy Class airfares ex Auckland
- Airline and airport taxes
- A World Journeys host
- Accommodation in 4 and 5 star hotels and lodges
- Galapagos accommodation aboard Isabela II
- Transfers, sightseeing, and entrance fees as per the itinerary
- Meals as indicated ② ③ ④
- Gratuities

**NOT INCLUDED**

- Items of a personal nature
- Travel insurance (mandatory)
- Visas (if applicable)
- Optional activities
- A Galapagos Islands National Park fee of US\$100 per person is payable on arrival

**GRATUITIES**

In the countries we are visiting, tipping is customary. For a hassle-free journey, tipping is included and will be handled by the World Journeys host for all group activities.

**BOOKING CONDITIONS**

A non-refundable deposit of \$3,000 per person is required, with the balance due 3 June 2024. Note: It may be necessary to collect the airfare portion of the tour earlier than the final balance date. As cancellation fees apply, travel insurance is mandatory. Please refer to World Journeys' terms and conditions and our Health and Medical Requirements at [www.worldjourneys.co.nz](http://www.worldjourneys.co.nz)

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