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## 34 Day South America Immersion Customized & Independent Combo Itinerary



### **CUSTOM ITINERARY – YOUR DATES – FLEXIBLE INCLUSIONS – 34 Day ITINERARY**

This Itinerary is designed for an extended trip to South America. It can be altered to fit your desires, time frames, and inclusions.

It is designed as a partial customized guided experience and a partial Independent Self-Exploration experience. It can be customized to a complete guided experience if you want to have everything orchestrated for you.

You may also find parts of this itinerary that you would like to have customized into a shorter journey. This can easily be adapted to fit a variety of itineraries and destinations.

Contact Celebration Escapes for a Creative Planning Session to discuss how you would like to have this itinerary personalized for your journey.

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**33 Day Itinerary: Argentina – Chile – Ecuador – Peru - Argentina**

**Day 1 Argentina: US - Buenos Aires**

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Arrival from US: International Flights at Own Arrangements.

**Upon arrival in Buenos Aires**, you will be met by your private English-speaking Liaison Representative in the customs and immigration area. You will be escorted through the customs process and escorted on to meet your private English-speaking driver in the baggage Claim area., You will receive assistance with your luggage and the driver will transfer you to your hotel.

**Upon arrival at the hotel**, you will be met with a VIP welcome check-in experience. Your luggage will be managed and delivered to your accommodation.

The remainder of the day is at leisure to relax in the hotel or do a little exploration on your own.

**Lunch & Dinner are on your own today** (not included in your package).

## Day 2 Argentina: Buenos Aires

**Breakfast in the hotel (Included).**

**After breakfast**, meet your private English-speaking driver and Professional Local Guide in the lobby of your hotel for your tour. Today you will explore San Isidro & Tigre Delta.

- Coastal Train

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- **Pueyrredón**
- **Colonial Museum.**
- **Tigre**
- **Fruit Market**
- **Gato Blanco**

### **SAN ISIDRO & TIGER DELTA CRUISE**

For more than 100 years, the maze of rivulets and channels of the Tigre Delta have been a favorite weekend retreat for porteños. We'll leave the city behind and enter a world which has changed little since the 1920's. Relaxing on the deck of a comfortable luxury private cruiser, we'll enjoy seeing the riverside villas, quaint Victorian docks, gardens covered by jungle, English-style rowing and boating clubs, comfortably lounging on a private luxury cruiser.

We take a car transfer to Borges station in the residential suburb of Olivos where we board the that borders the River Plate's waterfront where grand mansions perch on the slopes with views across the vast river basin that extends to the coasts of Uruguay (28 minute modern train ride).

It is a transport and leisure complex that stretches 15 km by the River Plate, from Olivos to the Tigre delta, stopping at eleven stations each one with its own history and special theme. The original British carriages have been totally refurbished, to provide the highest comfort to the traveler.

There are all kinds of shops, food establishments and fruit and regional product markets at each stop, which manage to share the space without altering the original architecture of a bygone Buenos Aires.

We descend at San Isidro Station (14 min from Borges Station) to visit the old cobbled-stone neighborhood and the lovely Cathedral. We will continue after for a short visit to the handicraft stalls.

We take one of the typical wooden boats to tour the channels of the Delta sighting Yacht Clubs, Victorian villas and week-end retreats in this lush and exotic enclave, incredibly lying at a stone's throw from the bustling city.

**Lunch at Gato Blanco (Included):**



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We stop for lunch at the traditional restaurant on an island on the Sarmiento River, overlooking the active river-life: barges transporting crafts, canoes rowed by islanders; yachts and sailboats; a most interesting and diversified scene.

We return by boat to the Tigre harbor and board our vehicle back to the hotel traversing the lovely residential areas followed by the speedy highway that whisks us back to the city in 30 minutes.

**Dinner is on your own this evening** (not included in the package). See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for Dining in Buenos Aires.

## Day 3 Argentina: El Calafate

### Breakfast in hotel (Included)

**After Breakfast**, meet your private English-speaking driver in the lobby of your hotel for your transfer to the airport for your flight to El Calafate.

**Upon arrival in El Calafate**, you will meet your private English-speaking driver in the baggage claim area. You will receive assistance with your luggage and then be transferred to your hotel (TBD).

**Upon arrival at the hotel**, you will be welcomed with a VIP check-in experience. Your luggage will be managed and delivered to your accommodation. (hotel for 2 nights.)



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## Breakfast in hotel (Included)

**After Breakfast**, meet your private English-speaking driver in the lobby of your hotel for your trip to the national park today. **\*\*You have the option** of renting a car for two days for self-exploration if you feel comfortable driving in Argentina. **\*\*You have the option** of having a professional local guide with you to give you information and details about the park and the areas you are going to be traversing.

El Calafate is a town near the edge of the Southern Patagonian Ice Field in the Argentine province of Santa Cruz. It's mainly known as the gateway to Los Glaciares National Park, home to the massive Perito Moreno Glacier, whose ever-shifting icy landscape is popular for hiking and sightseeing. A modern interpretive center called the Glaciarium serves as a primer on the region's numerous glaciers.

Today you are at leisure for Independent self-exploration and touring the Los Glaciares National Park.

**Lunch & Dinner are on your own (not included in package).**

## Day 4 Argentina: El Calafate



### Breakfast in hotel (Included)

Today you are at leisure for Independent self-exploration and touring the Los Glaciares National Park.

**\*\*You have the option** of renting a car for two days for self-exploration if you feel comfortable driving in Argentina. **\*\*You have the option** of having a professional local guide with you to give you information and details about the park and the areas you are going to be traversing.

**Lunch & Dinner are on your own (not included in package).**

## Day 5 Chile: Patagonia - Torres del Paine

### Breakfast in hotel (Included)

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**After Breakfast**, meet your private English-speaking guide in the lobby of your hotel for your transfer to the airport for your flight to El Calafate (TBD).

Upon arrival in Torres del Paine you will meet your private English-speaking driver in the baggage claim area. You will receive assistance with your luggage and be transferred to your hotel. **\*\*You have the option** of renting a car for three days for self-exploration if you feel comfortable driving in Chile.

Upon arrival at the hotel, you will be welcomed with a VIP check-in. Your luggage will be managed and delivered to your accommodation. (hotel for 3 nights.)



Torres del Paine National Park, in Chile's Patagonia region, is known for its soaring mountains, bright blue icebergs that cleave from glaciers and golden pampas (grasslands) that shelter rare wildlife such as llama-like guanacos.

Some of its most iconic sites are the 3 granite towers from which the park takes its name and the horn-shaped peaks called Cuernos del Paine.



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**After Breakfast**, meet your private English-speaking driver in the lobby of your hotel for your trip to the Los Glaciares National Park today. **\*\*You have the option** of renting a car for two days for self-exploration if you feel comfortable driving in Chile. **\*\*You have the option** of having a professional local guide with you to give you information and details about the park and the areas you are going to be traversing.

**Lunch & Dinner are on your own** (not included in package).

### Day 6 Chile: Patagonia -Torres del Paine

#### Breakfast in hotel (Included)

**After Breakfast**, meet your private English-speaking driver in the lobby of your hotel for your trip to the Los Glaciares National Park today. **\*\*You have the option** of renting a car for two days for self-exploration if you feel comfortable driving in Chile. **\*\*You have the option** of having a professional local guide with you to give you information and details about the park and the areas you are going to be traversing.



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**Lunch & Dinner are on your own** (not included in package).

## Day 7 Chile: Patagonia -Torres del Paine

Breakfast in hotel (Included)

**After Breakfast**, meet your private English-speaking driver in the lobby of your hotel for your trip to the Los Glaciares National Park today. **\*\*You have the option** of renting a car for two days for self-exploration if you feel comfortable driving in Chile. **\*\*You have the option** of having a professional local guide with you to give you information and details about the park and the areas you are going to be traversing.



**Lunch & Dinner are on your own** (not included in package).

## Day 8 Chile: Patagonia -Torres del Paine

Breakfast in hotel (Included)

**After Breakfast**, meet your private English-speaking driver in the lobby of your hotel for your transfer to the airport for your flight to El Calafate. **\*\*** If you rented a car, you will make your own way to the airport and return your rental car.

Flight to El Calafate (TBD)

**Upon arrival in El Calafate**, you will meet your private English-speaking driver in the baggage claim area, where you will receive luggage assistance. You will be transferred to your hotel (TBD).



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Upon arrival at the hotel, you will be welcomed with a VIP check-in experience. Your luggage will be managed and delivered to your accommodation. (hotel for 1 night).

The remainder of the day is at leisure to relax in the hotel or explore on your own.

**Lunch & Dinner are on your own** (not included in package).

## Day 9 Argentina: Calafate - Bariloche

### Breakfast in hotel (Included)

**After Breakfast**, check out of your hotel and meet your private English-speaking driver in the lobby of your hotel for your transfer to the airport for your flight to Bariloche.

Flight to Bariloche (TBD).



**Upon arrival in Bariloche**, meet your private English-speaking driver in the baggage claim area of the airport. You will receive luggage assistance and then be transferred to your hotel (TBD).

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**Upon arrival at the hotel**, you will be welcomed with a VIP check-in experience. Your luggage will be managed and delivered to your accommodation.

The remainder of the day is at leisure for relaxation or self-exploration.

**Lunch & Dinner are on your own** (not included in package).

## Day 10 Argentina: Bariloche

### Breakfast in hotel (Included)

**After breakfast**, meet your private English-speaking driver & professional local guide in the lobby of the hotel for your Trek through the Ridge.

### Frey through the Ridge



We will go to the base of Cerro Catedral (30 minutes) to the cable railway that will take us up to the highest part of the mountain (2,000 meters above sea level / 30 minutes).

We start our adventure through the ridge of Cerro Catedral, high up in the Rucado Valley.

Our pace will be slow and calm. Although there is no need for you to have a technical level, there are some

stony areas that require your attention.

After walking for three hours and visiting some altitude lagoons, we reach the Frey Refuge, where we will enjoy lunch in the surroundings. You can choose to relax by the shore of the lagoon.

### Enjoy a picnic lunch en-route today.

We start our descent, visiting native woodlands and lookouts, and after another three hours we will reach the base of the Cerro Catedral.

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### Technical Data

Challenge Level:	Medium (7 hour walk)
Includes:	Mountain guide (Spanish, English) meals, transfers
Not Included:	Cable railway
Meals:	Mountain lunch, (cold cuts and cheese or sandwiches, water/soft drinks)
Duration:	Full Day
Departure Time:	9:15 AM
Arrival Time	6:30 pm / 7:30 pm
Age:	Over 10
Requirements:	Basic fitness level, personal mountain gear (trekking shoes, synthetic warm clothes, small backpack for personal belongings, sunglasses, hat and gloves)

**Dinner are on your own tonight** (not included in package).

## Day 11 Argentina: Bariloche

### Breakfast in the hotel (Included)

**After breakfast**, meet your private English-speaking Driver & Professional Local Guide in the lobby of your hotel for your tours.

### Biking the Lake District



#### Half Day Bike Ride

Bariloche has some of the most beautiful scenery in Argentina with pristine lakes and tall peaks that extend well beyond the horizon.

This half day excursion takes you around the area to get better acquainted with the landscape in a fun and healthy way.

Using bicycles will allow us to pedal down old roads, circle lakes, wade across rivers and penetrate into ancient woodlands.

**Circuits: *Old Road to Mt. Catedral* and *Lake Guillermo*.** All circuits are chosen according



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to duration, weather conditions and client expectations. The route can also be shorter or longer, depending on your wishes.

## Old Road to Mt. Catedral, Colonia Suiza & Bahía López



We will be met by the guide in the morning or afternoon to go from the **Old Road to Mt. Catedral** (18 km/11 mi). The Old Road is a less-trafficked route which is perfect for bicycles, but if you're unsure if you can make it the entire way, a support vehicle can follow behind.

After an introductory talk on safety and bike basics, we pedal off and the adventure begins. Mild ascents and descents will fill us with adrenaline as we whiz through the trails. Unique viewpoints will provide us with the perfect spot to contemplate nature and relax.



Mt. Catedral, located inside **Nahuel Huapi National Park**, holds one of the most well-known ski centers in South America and has an almost consistently magnificent view of **Lake Nahuel Huapi**.

The mountain reaches a height of 2,405 meters (7,890 feet) above sea level, and whether it is snow-capped in the winter or bare in the summer, it is wonderful for photography.

The second part of the activity continues after a short rest by the mountain, going on the **Circuito Chico to Colonia Suiza** (10 km/6 mi). Colonia Suiza is a tiny village at the foot of Mt. López with a small beach on **Lago Perito Moreno**.

At this point if you are too tired to continue biking, the vehicle can take you the rest of the way, or you can continue to bike to the last destination, **Bahía López**, which we reach after about three hours (10 km/6 mi) after leaving our starting point. (Tour time approximately 3 hrs.)

From Bahía López we take the vehicle back on **Bustillo Avenue** 40 minutes to Bariloche.

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**Challenge Level:** Low/medium

**Includes:** English-speaking guide, full gear, snacks and water

**Duration:** 4 ½ hours

**Distance:** 38 kilometers (23 miles)

**Departure Times:** 9:30 am / 2 pm

**Arrival Times:** 1:30 pm / 6 pm

**Age Limit:** 10 years and older

**Requirements:** Basic fitness level, personal outdoors gear (athletic footwear, warm clothing, windbreaker, sunglasses, hat, gloves, sunscreen)

**Return to Hotel for Lunch:** Lunch is on your own today at the hotel (not included in package)

**After lunch,** meet your private English-speaking driver and professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel for your afternoon tour to **Lago Guillermo**.



On Ruta 258, heading 40 minutes (40 km/24 mi) south on paved road. Enjoy an enthralling drive along the shores of the huge **Lake Nahuel Huapi** and into the lush national park.

We'll drive through zigzag roads with splendid views of snow-capped mountains and dense forests, towards **Lake Gutierrez**.

Sitting along the shores, the lake emerges.



**Estancia Peuma Hue**, within magical scenery with rugged formations, steep slopes, rolling hills, the emerald bay, and a green valley as a backdrop.

Once we arrive to Lake Guillermo we take out the bikes and start riding on paths around the lush and pristine area.

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The lake is protected from the mountain winds, making it an ideal place for fishing, hiking and biking. Its shores have marvellous vegetation and abundant wild flowers.

This glacial lake offers impressive mirror images and a calm atmosphere. We can also enjoy some light trekking around the lake before starting to go back to Bariloche on the same route.

**Challenge Level:** Low

**Includes:** English-speaking guide, full gear, snacks and water

**Duration:** Half Day, though this can be done as a Half Day excursion with Lake Gutierrez

**Distance:** 40 kilometers (24 miles)

**Departure Times:** 9:30 am

**Arrival Times:** 6 pm

**Age Limit:** 10 years and older

**Requirements:** Basic fitness level, personal outdoors gear (athletic footwear, warm clothing, windbreaker, sunglasses, hat, gloves, sunscreen)

You will be returned to your hotel where you will be at leisure for the remainder of the day.

**Dinner is on your own tonight** (not included in your package price).

**Day 12 Argentina: Bariloche**



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## Breakfast in the hotel (Included)

**After breakfast**, meet your private English-speaking Driver & Professional Local Guide in the lobby of your hotel for your tours.

## Trekking in the Mountains: Bariloche – Argentina



### Cerro Bella Vista

We start the excursion at El Tambo (the trail starts at 850 meters above sea level). We go over some details and start off at a slow pace to warm up.

The adventure starts through the woods, following a trail surrounded by thick vegetation.

A gentle slope will lead us to the first lookout (approximately 50 minutes), and from there we steadily continue ascending until reaching the second part of the trail, where we will be surrounded by high Lengas and colorful Amancay (approximately 40 minutes).

When crossing the tree line (1,600 meters) the vegetation yields the center stage to fresh air and unmatched panoramic views (approximately 30 minutes).

After a three hour walk, we reach the pre-summit. The views do justice to the hill's name, guaranteeing postcard-like pictures.

**Relaxation and lunch time** are spent over a hearty "*picada*" prepared high in the mountain—a light snack to refresh you.

For about two hours we will remain there resting; it will take us about two and a half hours to go back through the same trail.

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### Technical Data

Challenge Level:	Medium (850 meters elevation gained / 6 hour – walk)
Includes:	Mountain guide (Spanish, English) meals, transfers.
Meals:	Mountain lunch (cold cuts and cheese or sandwiches,

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Duration:	water/soft drinks) Full Day
Departure Time:	9:00 AM
Arrival Time:	5:00 pm / 6:00 pm
Age:	Over 12
Requirements:	Good fitness level. Personal mountain gear (Trekking shoes, synthetic warm clothes, small backpack for personal belongings, sunglasses, warm hat and gloves)

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**Dinner is on your own tonight** (not included in package).

## Day 13 Argentina: Bariloche – Buenos Aires

### Breakfast in hotel (Included)

**After Breakfast**, check out of your hotel and meet your private English-speaking driver in the lobby of your hotel for your transfer to the airport for your flight to Buenos Aires.



**Arrive in Buenos Aires** and meet your private English-speaking driver in the baggage claim area for your transfer to your hotel (TBD)

**Upon arrival at the hotel**, you will be welcomed with a VIP check-in experience. Your luggage will be managed and delivered to your accommodation. (hotel for 1 night.)

Today you are at leisure to relax in the hotel or if you are so inclined, for

Independent self-exploration on your own.

**Lunch & Dinner are on your own** (not included in package).

## Day 14 Argentina: Buenos Aires - Guayaquil Ecuador

### Breakfast in hotel (Included)

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**After Breakfast**, meet your private English-speaking driver in the lobby of your hotel for your transfer to the airport for your flight to Guayaquil Ecuador.

Flight (TBD)



**Upon arrival in Guayaquil Ecuador**, meet your private English-speaking driver in the baggage claim area for your transfer to your hotel (TBD).

**Upon arrival at the hotel**, you will be welcomed with a VIP check-in experience. Your luggage will be managed and delivered to your accommodation. (hotel for 1 night)

The remainder of the day is at leisure to settle in and relax or do a little exploring on your own.

**Lunch & Dinner are on your own (not included in package).**

## Day 15 Ecuador: Guayaquil – Galapagos Islands

### Breakfast in hotel (Included)

**After Breakfast**, meet your private English-speaking driver in the lobby of your hotel for your transfer to the airport for your flight to Galapagos Islands Ecuador.

Flight to Galapagos Islands Ecuador (TBD).

Upon arrival in Galapagos Islands, Ecuador and meet your private English-speaking driver in the baggage claim area for your transfer to your cruise ship, the M/V Legend.



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Board the M/V Legend where the crew and naturalist guides acquaint you with the ship and islands you'll encounter.

Set sail with a stop at Bartolomé Island for a dry landing.

Arriving on this island, passengers will see volcanic formations including lava bombs, spatter, and cinder

cones.

After a hike to the summit visitors have an impressive view of the surrounding islands, including the eroded tuff cone of Pinnacle Rock.



During the ascent travelers will often see a large colony of Marine Iguanas and Lava Lizards. Red Mangroves, Tiquilla, and various cacti all add to the experience.



Visitors also enjoy a chance to cool off while snorkeling.

Here travelers often see the Galapagos Penguin, Sea Turtles, and White Tipped Sharks from a safe distance. (B,D)

**Dinner on board the ship tonight.**

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## Day 16 Ecuador: Galapagos – Isabela Island – Fernandina Island

### Breakfast on the ship.

Cruising in the islands this morning at leisure.

Isabela Island – Is the largest island along the Galapagos.

**This afternoon**, a dry landing at Tagus Cove. Here we learn more about the eruption of five volcanoes that flowed together to form this land mass. During the walk you will see the largest population of Giant Tortoises (about 4000 -- but difficult to spot).



A marked trail leads to Darwin's salt water lagoon and an excellent view of the lava fields, scoured with unique volcanic formations. As we board our dinghy and make our



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way back to the ship slowly to allow viewing of the marine life and with a bit of luck we may be treated to see the Galapagos Penguins at this site. A view of graffiti dating back to the 18-hundreds (believed to be that of pirates and buccaneers) will help visitors appreciate the relationship between the islands and sustainable tourism of today.



Fernandina Island – **This afternoon**, a dry landing at Espinosa Point and begin our stroll across the island’s immense lava field and mangrove forest viewing the largest colony of Marine Iguanas mingling with Sally-light Foot Crabs.

Also enjoyed are the Flightless Cormorants nesting sites, the Galapagos Penguins, Galapagos Hawks, and Sea Lions.

Among the flora and volcanic formations observers will note Brachycereus Cactus, “pa-hoe-hoe” lava, and other unusual lava formations.



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This is the youngest of the islands and here you will see recent lava flows from a safe distance. (B,L,D)

### Day 17 Ecuador: Galapagos – Santiago Island – Rábida Island

#### Breakfast on the ship.

Santiago Island – **This morning**, a wet landing along the dark sand beach at Puerto Egas. Most of the landscape is tuff-stone layers and lava flows, a good location for spotting and observing Hunting Herons, Great Blue Herons, Lava Herons, Oyster Catchers, and the Yellow Crowned Night Heron.





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Here you'll view Marine Iguanas grazing upon algae beds at low tide sharing space with Red Sally Light-Foot Crabs.



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Further along we will spot a colony of Fur-Seal swimming in deep pools of cool water called “grottos”. This is an excellent spot for swimming and snorkeling in search of Octopuses, Sea Horses, Star Fish and other sea life caught in the small tidal pools.



From a safe distance you'll be able to spot Moray Eels, Hammerhead Sharks, White Tip and Galapagos Sharks, Golden and White Spotted Eagle Rays, Jacks, Wahoo, Tuna, Groupers, Red-Tailed and Dog Snappers, Sea Lions, and Sea Turtles.

Rábida Island – **After lunch aboard ship** a dry landing at the dark red colored beach of volcanic origin, frequented by sea lions. This is a small island, just over 2 km in width and 400 meters above sea level at its highest point, is one of the most volcanically varied islands in the Galapagos.

The island geologically consists of eroded hills and lava emitted from spatter cones that have resulted in the island's striking colors. The reddish beach and steep volcanic slopes give this island a distinctive look. Here a short trail leads to a salt water lagoon where we find small colonies of Flamingos feeding.



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The brown pelican nests in the mangroves found at the far side of the lagoon. Also to be found are boobies and 9 species of Darwin s finches. A dinghy ride along the reefs provides an excellent opportunity for snorkeling. (B,L,D)



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**Dinner on board the ship tonight.**

### **Day 18 Ecuador:** Galapagos – Charles Darwin Research Station – Santa Cruz

This morning you will visit the Charles Darwin Research Station, staffed by international scientist, conducting biological research and conservation projects. Here you can see the giant tortoises that are part of the breeding program.



This afternoon, trek through the highlands of Santa Cruz to visit Cerro Chato, where you can observe the famous giant tortoises. (B,L,D)

**Dinner on board the ship tonight.**

### **Day 19 Ecuador:** Galapagos – Lima, Peru

**Breakfast on board the ship.**



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Disembark at Bachas Beach on the north of the island. Here you will be met by bodysurfing sea lions, marine iguanas, and sea turtles.

You will have the opportunity of swimming in the white sand beach.



Next we head to Baltra's airport to board our flight to Guayaquil with connecting service to Lima.

Peru is a country in South America that's home to a section of Amazon rainforest and Machu Picchu, an ancient Incan city high in the Andes mountains. The region around Machu Picchu, including the Sacred

Valley, Inca Trail and colonial city of Cusco, is rich in archaeological sites. On Peru's



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arid Pacific coast is Lima, the capital, with a preserved colonial center and important collections of pre-Columbian art.



**Upon arrival in Lima**, meet your private English-speaking Driver for your transfer to your hotel.

Upon arrival at the hotel, you will be welcomed with a VIP check-in experience. Your luggage will be managed and delivered to your accommodation.

**Lunch & Dinner are on your own.** See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Lima. (not included in package)

## Day 20 Peru: Lima – Cusco

**Breakfast in your hotel** (included)

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**After breakfast**, meet your private English-speaking driver in the lobby of your hotel for your transfer to the airport for your flight to Cusco.

Flight to Cusco TBD.

**Upon your arrival at Cusco airport**, our Guest Services Representative will be waiting in the arrivals area to assist you through the airport. After collecting your luggage walk through the doors and look for a sign with your name. Your private English-speaking driver will meet you and assist you with your luggage.

You will be transferred to your hotel.

**Upon arrival at the hotel**, you will be welcomed with a VIP check-in experience. Your luggage will be managed and delivered to your accommodation.

The Sacred Valley is a good starting point for your journey, with its moderate altitude, pleasant climate, beautiful scenery, picturesque villages, and friendly local people. It offers a great opportunity to explore local sites, artisan markets, and to enjoy adventure hiking and rafting.



**Excursion to Pisac Ruins & Market and Ollantaytambo** (*Alternatives available: Chinchero, Pisac Ruins, Pisac Market, Pisac Ruins & Market, Ollantaytambo, Maras & Moray, Pisac Market & Ollantaytambo, Pisac Ruins & Ollantaytambo, Chinchero & Ollantaytambo or Maras & Moray and Ollantaytambo*).

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Visit the Pisac mountaintop complex including overlooks, terraces and the main temple, located next to the town of Pisac. It is known for its small, polished stones that fit perfectly together.

In the main ruins, you will find temples of the sun, moon, rain, rainbow, and stars, as well as a few Inca crosses rising from the ground. Among the most important buildings in the area are *Pisaca*, which is a fine curving wall, the *Intihuatana* group of temples, and the military area, called “*Q’Allaqasa*”. Exploring these ruins means walking a path, which snakes its way along the hillsides east of the Sacred Valley.

Visit Pisac village and its traditional market. The small Main Square is filled wall-to-wall with stalls selling the full range of Peruvian handicrafts: alpaca sweaters and mittens, carved gourds or “*mates burilados*”, ceramics, felt hats, musical instruments, paintings, antiques, a huge variety of trinkets, and, most of all, weavings and jewelry.

Even if you are not buying, the café balconies overlooking the square offer you superb people-watching opportunities. Traditionally, people of the highlands come down to exchange their produce such as vegetables, weavings and pottery, for essentials such as salt, sugar and rice in a trade called “*trueque*”. You can also visit the church and a small interesting museum.

We will then continue to the last Inca site on the other end of the Sacred Valley: Ollantaytambo, the oldest continuously occupied settlement in the Americas, which shows the best surviving example of Inca city planning. Its fortress, with its extremely well-built walls, was both a temple and a fortress to the Incas. The spectacular steep terraces that guard the Inca complex mark one of the few places where the Conquerors lost a major battle.

The temple area is at the top of steep terracing, which helped to provide excellent defenses. The stones for Ollantaytambo were taken from a nearby quarry on the mountainside on the opposite bank of the river. This was an incredible feat involving the efforts of thousands of workers.

The complex was still under construction by the time of the conquest and was never completed.

Located nearby the gates to the fortress, the CATCCO Museum and Cultural Center of Ollantaytambo promotes traditional culture and technology within the district of



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Ollantaytambo. It has a Museum Shop with textile and ceramic products from the surrounding communities.



**Enjoy a great outdoor lunch.**



**After the tour**, you will be transferred back to your hotel (TBD).

Relax at leisure for the remainder of the day.

**Dinner is on your own this evening.** See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Cusco.

## Day 21 Peru: Cusco

**Breakfast in the hotel (included)**

**After breakfast**, meet your private English-speaking Driver & Professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel for your tour.

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Cusco was the ancient capital and spiritual heart of the Inca Empire, as well as an important colonial centre. Its cobblestone streets, you will spot both marvellous Incan architecture and Andean Baroque structures from the Colonial Period.

Cusco today is also known for its extraordinary handicrafts, and is home to some of Peru's most talented textile and ceramic artists, as well as to superb restaurants and

lively nightlife.

Today, Visit the main ruins in the outskirts of the city. Sacsayhuaman, which in Quechua means “satisfied falcon”, is the most impressive ruin close to the city. It is a walled complex of religious and military significance.

Thought to be a hunting lodge, Puca Pucará, which means “red fort” in Quechua, is a rock structure which looks pink in some lights. It is composed of several lower residential chambers, storerooms and an upper esplanade with great views.



Later visit Quenko, which means “zigzag” in Quechua, and consists of a large limestone structure riddled with niches, steps and carving, including zigzagging channels which gave the site its name.

Finally, visit Tambomachay (Cavern Lodge), commonly referred to as the “Baños del Inca” or Inca baths. Tambomachay was an Incan site for ritual bathing. The excellent

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quality of the stonework suggests that its use was restricted to the higher nobility, who probably only used the baths on ceremonial occasions.

You will be returned to your hotel at the end of the tour to relax in the hotel or continue exploration on your own.

**Lunch & Dinner are on your own today.** See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Cusco.

## Day 22 Peru: Cusco – Sacred Valley – Machu Picchu

### **Breakfast in the hotel (included)**

**After breakfast,** meet your private English-speaking Driver in the lobby of your hotel for your transfer to Poroy Train Station located 20 minutes northwest of Cusco, en route to Ollantaytambo.

**Departure at 09:05 hrs from Poroy train station** in Cusco to Machu Picchu by the Hiram Bingham train service.

The Hiram Bingham train is the most luxurious way to journey between Cusco and Machu Picchu. It is named after the explorer who discovered the fascinating remains of the Inca citadel, Machu Picchu on July 23rd 1911.

The carriages are painted a distinctive blue and gold while interiors are luxurious, warm and inviting with elegant decoration in the style of the 1920's Pullman trains.

**In route to Machu Picchu a brunch** will be served as you watch the stunning landscape unfold.

Arrival at 12:24 hrs in Machu Picchu Train Station.



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In ancient days, Machu Picchu served as the favored country retreat for the royal family and Inca nobility. The surrounding mountains, the natural beauty of its cloud forest, and its significantly lower altitude than Cusco, inspired the Incas to build Machu Picchu Citadel, today a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



**Dinner is on your own tonight at the lodge (not included in package).**



Overnight at Machu Picchu Sanctuary Lodge.

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## Day 23 Peru: Machu Picchu – Cusco

### Breakfast in the hotel (included)

**After breakfast, 9:00 am,** meet your private English-speaking Driver in the lobby of your hotel for your **Huayna Picchu & Machu Picchu Citadel Excursion.**



Your experience will begin after a 30-minute bus ride to the mystical Machu Picchu Citadel. (8000 ft. – 2432 m.a.s.l.)

**10:00 am:** Once there, climb the mystical Huayna Picchu Mountain in order to see the ruins at the top. This hike lasts approximately 2 hours at a slow pace.

Then, explore the Machu Picchu citadel accompanied by a certified English-speaking guide.



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Explore the enigmatic citadel of Machu Picchu accompanied with your guide. Your expert guide will lead you through the site, providing archaeological and historical information on key areas of interest, including Intihuatana (the Sun Dial), the Sacred Plaza and the Temple of the Sun.



You will return to the Lodge after the tour.

**After the excursion, enjoy lunch at Tinkuy Restaurant at the Sanctuary Lodge and afterwards take some leisure**

time to explore the area and enjoy the lodge before returning by bus to Aguas Calientes.

**5:00 pm:** Meet your Private English-speaking driver in the lobby of the lodge for your transfer to Aguas Calientes to meet the train back to Cusco.

**Departure at 17:50 hrs** from Aguas caliente train station to Poroy in Cusco by the Hiram Bingham train service.

**Cocktails and a gourmet dinner are served on the return to Cusco.**



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**Arrival in Poroy train station** in Cusco at 21:16 hrs, Your private English-speaking driver will meet you at Poroy Train Station and transport you to your hotel in Cusco.

**Upon arrival at the hotel**, you will be welcomed with a VIP check-in experience. Your luggage will be managed and delivered to your accommodation.

**Overnight in Cusco.**

**Day 24 Peru:** Cusco – Lima - Mendoza

**Breakfast in your hotel.**

**After breakfast**, check out of your hotel and meet your private English-speaking driver in the lobby of the hotel for your transfer to the Cusco Airport. You will receive assistance with your luggage and departure.

Departure from the Cusco International Airport "Tnte. Alejandro Velasco Astete" to Lima City.

**Upon arrival in Lima**, you will connect with your flight to Mendoza.

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Mendoza is a city in Argentina's Cuyo region and the heart of Argentina's wine country, famed for Malbecs and other red wines.

Its many bodegas (wineries) offer tastings and tours. The city has wide, leafy streets lined with modern and art deco buildings, and smaller plazas surrounding Plaza Independencia, site of subterranean Museo

Municipal de Arte Moderno, displaying modern and contemporary art.

**Upon arrival into Mendoza,** you will meet your private English-speaking driver in the baggage claim area for assistance with your luggage, followed by a private transfer to your hotel.

**Upon arrival at your hotel,** you will be welcomed with a VIP check-in experience. Your luggage will be managed and delivered to your accommodation. After check-in you will be at leisure for the remainder of the day.

**Lunch & Dinner are on your own today.** See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Mendoza.

### Day 25 Argentina: Mendoza

In the middle of the mountains, Mendoza is one of the great wine capitals of the world and a great place to explore wine, food, and the Andes Mountains.

There are plenty of things to do in and around Mendoza - visiting the local wineries, staying in one of a range of luxurious hotels, taking a tour on foot, or on horseback.

Get a taste of every aspect of Argentine culture.

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Wineries in Mendoza are among the best in the world. As a guest at these wineries, from small to large architectural masterpieces, visitors can speak directly with the winemakers themselves and gain a unique inside view of the processes.



### Culture & Entertainment

The culture of Mendoza is traditionally Argentine, in a way that is both grand and accessible. Local tango shows, Vendimia beauty pageants, music concerts from rock to Electro Tango keep the city vibrant all year round.



### Adventure

Opportunities for adventure abound in Mendoza, with white water rafting on the Mendoza River, along with mountain biking, hiking, and horseback riding at the foothills of the Andes Mountains.



### Events & Festivals

From crowning Vendimia queens to goat festivals to elaborate tango shows at wineries, in the city, and in the towns in between, Mendoza celebrates the region's culture with events and festivals that delight and enchant.

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After breakfast, meet your private English-speaking Driver and Professional Local Guide in the lobby of your hotel for a full day Wine Experience unlike any you have experienced before.



Mendoza's wine region is over 350,000 acres (144,000 hectares) of planted vineyards, and produces nearly two-thirds of the country's wine.

Argentina's most highly rated Malbec wines originate from Mendoza's high altitude wine regions of Lujan de Cuyo and the Uco Valley.

These areas are in the foothills of the Andes mountains, with elevations of between 2,800 and 5,000 feet.

Today, our tour starts with a private drive up to and through the Lujan de Cuyo wine region, the place most people attribute to where Argentina's wine movement began. Your guide will point out interesting places and offer insights into the areas you are traveling through.

Our tours are flexible, so if you want to stop and experience something that is of direct interest to you along the way, just let your driver know and you'll be off on a unique adventure – but your guide will know all there is to know even if you try and surprise them.

Once you reach the wine region, the tour really begins.

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With vineyards planted in sandy soil at an altitude of 2,640–3,630 feet, Lujan de Cuyo is known as the land of Malbec.

It is part of Mendoza River's high region. Most of the vines here are planted with red wines, but Malbec is not the only grape thriving here. Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, and Torrontes also thrive well.

You will experience many things today as you tour this lovely wine region. You will have a chance to see vineyards and learn about what makes each one special in this area.

You will visit wineries and see how the different wines are made and what makes them different from each other in both process and types of grapes grown. You will taste several types of wines, and multiple wines within each type. There will be cave and cellar experiences, culinary and wine tastings and meals, and there will be some surprise celebrations along the way.

**These tours are crafted around your passions and preferences, as well as the offerings from the local vineyards, wineries, growers, and types of experiences available. It's a truly unique wine experience.**

Here are a couple of highlights.

You will meet the most adorable, top quality winemaker, Carmelo Patti in Lujan de Cuyo and see him make amazing Malbecs all on his own. He is said to be a one-man army, making his wines single handedly with all the attention and care of a true master-craftsman. We think it's his warmth and the humility of his surroundings, despite International acclaim of his wines, that make the experience so special.

While in Lujan, if you want to have amazing Sparkling wine (and who doesn't?), you will head to Chandon for a multi-course winery lunch and to taste through as many bubbles as your heart desires.

At the end of your day, you will be transferred back to your hotel.

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**Dinner is on your own tonight** (if you still have room for more food).

## Day 26 Argentina: **Mendoza**

### **Breakfast in your hotel.**

**After breakfast**, meet your private English-speaking Driver and Professional Local Guide in the lobby of your hotel for morning tour of Mendoza's City. The actual itinerary will be crafted around your interests and passions but there will also be sites and experiences that should not be missed here.

**Lunch is on your own in town today** (payment at time of service) your guide will offer the best suggestions.

After lunch, enjoy a very unique and special private Celebrity sculpture workshop experience with renowned sculpter, Roberto Rosas. You will be introduced to his private studio and given a class in his artform. You will even get to try your hand at creating.

Learn about his passion and the work he produces. Watch him as he delivers wonderful work along with some very interesting stories. Afterwards, you will have an opportunity to shop in his retail shop for items from him and other artists in the area as well.

You will be returned to your hotel after the tour to relax for a while before your evening dinner and entertainment.

**This evening will be a very special introduction into Tango.** Meet your private driver in the lobby of your hotel for your transfer to the venue.



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Upon arrival you will be given a private Tango lesson in preparation for the evening.

You will learn the basic steps and all you need to know to be able to easily dance the tango on your own. After your lesson, you will be able to enjoy cocktails (not included in the package) until the Centa Tango Cena & Show begin.

### **Cantina Tango Cena & Show**

You will enjoy a Tango show, with profesional dancers, singer and orchestra. International menu in tree courses and three choices of menu types; regional, spanish or vegetarian menus available. Some beverages are included.

After the show if you want to experience the real local nightlife, you can continue on to one of the local night spots where the dancing starts around 11:00 and

continues well into the wee hours.

You can have a private driver at your disposal throughout the evening or you can opt to travel on your own via walking and taxi.

## **Day 27 Argentina: Mendoza**

### **Breakfast in your hotel.**

**After breakfast**, you are at leisure to relax in your hotel, or continue on with independent exploration. You may choose to have a private driver at your disposal for the day, especially if you are going to explore more of the wine regions of Mendoza or want to travel a little further than the city for the day.

**Lunch & Dinner are on your own today** (not included in package)

## **Day 28 Argentina: Mendoza**

### **Breakfast in your hotel.**

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**After breakfast**, meet your private English-speaking Driver in the lobby of your hotel for your transfer to the airport for your flights to Buenos Aires.

**Upon arrival in Buenos Aires**, meet your private English-speaking Driver in the baggage claim area for your transfer to your hotel.

**Upon arrival at the hotel** (TBD), you will be welcomed with a VIP check-in experience. Your luggage will be managed and delivered to your accommodation.

You are at leisure for the remainder of the day for Independent exploration.

**Lunch & Dinner are on your own today** (not included in package)

## Day 29 Argentina: Buenos Aires – Celebrity Hosted Events

**Breakfast in your hotel.**

**After breakfast**, meet your private English-speaking Driver in the lobby of your hotel for your tour. You will be transferred to Ombu de Areco by private transfer.

**Visit and authentic and working Argentina Ranch and experience how the gauchos live.**

Experience the life of a gaucho during this classic Argentinean offsite. Travel to the historic Estancia El Ombú de Areco, a sprawling property named after the ombú tree, one of the most common trees of the Pampas.

The main house, an Italian-style mansion, dates back to 1890 when the estancia was owned by General Pablo Ricchieri.

According to local legend, Ricchieri buried a solid gold saddle on the property, though none has ever been found.

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Today, the ranch is a working cattle farm, raising scores of Hereford and Aberdeen Angus breeds.



**At the estancia,** you'll be greeted by gauchos who will assign you to a horse for an exciting day on the range. Riding side-by-side with the Argentine cowboys, you'll help herd cattle from pasture to pasture.

Savor the beautiful landscape around you as you ride and guide the cattle in a practice that has gone unchanged since Argentina's ranching heyday.

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Return to the ranch and board coaches for the short trip to Estancia La Bamba, a nearby Colonial style estancia dating back to 1830 when it was a post station for the Royal Road.

**Here, you'll enjoy a wonderful lunch** and have an opportunity to clean up before departing for the evening social.



**This evening,** you will be the special guests for the evening social where you will experience how they celebrate on the ranch.

**The evening will include dinner, and a ranch styled show.** Other Details of the event are based on time of year and the ranch's availability.

**After the social,** you will be returned to your hotel where you will be at leisure for the remainder of the evening.

### Day 30 Argentina: Buenos Aires - Iguazu

**Breakfast in your hotel.**

**After breakfast,** meet your private English-speaking driver in the lobby of your hotel for your transfer to the airport for your flight to Iguazu.

**Upon arrival in Iguazu,** in the baggage claim area, you will be met by your private English-speaking driver who will transfer you to the Iguazu Grand Hotel in the National Park.

**Upon arrival at the hotel,** you will be welcomed and your luggage will be managed and delivered to your accommodation.

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You will be at leisure for the remainder of the day.

**Dinner is on your own tonight.**

## **Day 31 Argentina: Iguazu**

**Breakfast in your hotel.**

**After breakfast,**

Your Professional English-speaking Local Guide will meet you at the hotel to begin your all day Argentine Falls Experience.

### **Train to Devil's Throat + Upper Trail Walk**



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In the morning our guide will meet you at the Iguazú Grand Hotel in the national park, and from there, we take a walk through the national park to the main station and board an open train skirting the Upper Iguazu River and the dense vegetation followed by a myriad butterflies to Puerto Canoas (20 minutes).

We take a pleasant stroll over the modern catwalks that spread over the Upper Iguazú River to the most overwhelming lookout point offering a breath-taking experience of the falls, a balcony hanging over Devil's Throat, the largest and most spectacular fall.

Swifts dart in and out to their nests behind the powerful falls, rainbows form over clouds of steam, a water volume of approximately 400 m/sec during the dry summer and 10,000 m/sec during the rainy season plummets furiously 230 ft to the deep canyon, a unique show of sound and fury. The force of the water is so great that rising mist prevents from seeing the bottom; as you stand and watch the river fall into space, the awesome roar below is the only confirmation that the water has reached its destination.

We head back along the catwalks and to the train station, where we go back to the main station to continue our tour, taking a guided one hour walk along the Upper Circuit Trail, 3,000 ft long, bordering the ridge on the south side of the river, along the top of the falls, for a close-up view of the falls.

The walkways lead across the rapid waters and offer panoramic views of San Martín Island, Dos Hermanos, Bosetti, Chico and Ramirez Falla, and of the Brazilian territory across the Iguazú River.



This is fantastic scenery to photograph. The catwalks over the cascading sheets of water set you right in the middle of the action. From the trail you look out upon a seemingly endless stretch of waterfalls whose white foams of fury do not subside until they are well down the river.



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### The Great Adventure

Once the guided walking tour finishes, you will have lunch near the falls and then join the Great Adventure Tour (Gran Aventura) – an hour-long first-hand experience of Iguazú Falls.



The Great Adventure is unique and combines the whole essence of Iguazú National Park in one ride: the jungle and the waterfalls. It starts by entering the jungle from the “*Sendero Yacaratiá*” trail with special transportation that allows a panoramic view of the environment along with experienced guides who provide thorough explanations as well as detailing the legend of this spectacular place.

After this eight kilometer open-air truck ride, guests arrive at the Puerto Macuco Base, and just 100 meters of stairs ahead is the floating platform where the second (and most exciting) part of this ride begins.

Boarding speedboats, the tour guide takes visitors six kilometers through the Canyon of the Iguazú River, until reaching the falls, of which two kilometers are river rapids.

After enjoying the view from the calm side of San Martin Island, the boat ventures to the “Three Musketeers” waterfall, where at that point, the Brazilian and Argentine sides and the Devil’s Throat can be clearly appreciated.

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After that, the boat travels along the shore of the island until it gets to one of the best parts - the San Martin waterfall, a wonderful and unforgettable experience. It's the largest waterfall any motorboat can approach safely.

After disembarking the boat, guests will have a short time to take some last minute photos before being led back to the hotel.

Because this involves walking down steps and a bumpy ride, it is not recommendable for pregnant women, those with back or heart problems. Your Guide provides a plastic poncho and water, and will wait for you until you return from the boat.

You will be returned to the hotel where you will be at leisure for the remainder of the day,

**Dinner is on your own at the hotel** (not included in the package).

## Day 32 Argentina: Iguazu

**Breakfast in your hotel.**

**After breakfast**, check out of your hotel and meet your private English-speaking driver in the lobby for your transfer to Das Cataratas Hotel.

**Upon arrival at the hotel**, you will be welcomed with a VIP check-in experience. Your luggage will be managed and delivered to your accommodation.

**Brazilian Falls Adventure Tour.**

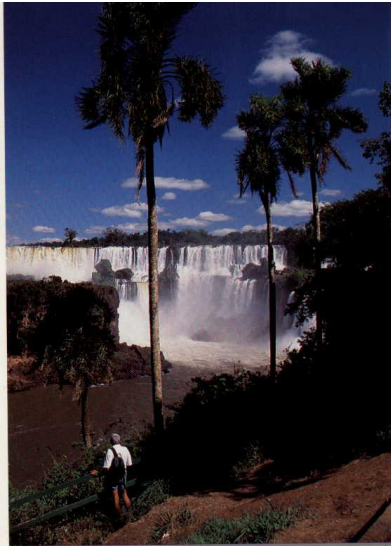
You will be met at Das Cataratas Hotel and taken with the guide around the park.

We continue to the Brazilian Iguazú National Park (30 more minutes), which covers an area of 250 thousand hectares of forest reserve, 27 kilometres from the closest Brazilian city of Foz do Iguassu.

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The Iguazú Falls are formed by the Iguazú River that rises in Curitiba, the capital of Paraná, and continues 1,320 km from east to west, winding its way through the province.

Fifteen kilometres before joining the Paraná River, the Iguassu flows over rough, uneven ground, and then, amidst exuberant forest, hurls itself into numerous and irregular falls extending over an area of 2,700 square meters, with a water volume of approximately 400 m/sec during the dry summer and 10,000 m/sec during the rainy season. The falls form a natural border between Brazil and Argentina.

We have a guided walk of the Brazilian Falls (one hour) to enjoy the magnificent panoramic view of the falls:

The path is two km long and its walkways, bridges and stone staircases lead through the rainforest to the falls extending for three km in a 270° arch, and the water thunders down 180 ft. The tallest and most impressive are: Santa Maria, Deodoro and Floriano and Devil's Throat Falls.

Be ready to be doused by the rising spray. The way back has two options: a panoramic elevator, or continue up the trail and stairs 35 ft above to the road, for those who prefer to exercise.

Just across the street, lies the charming pink Portuguese colonial Das Cataratas Hotel, ideal for lunch or drinks in its veranda or courtyard by the pool, or have lunch at the local restaurant facing the falls.

**After your tour** you are at leisure to relax in the hotel or continue self-exploration.

**Dinner is on your own tonight at the hotel** (not included in the package).

### Day 33 Argentina: Iguazu – Buenos Aires

**Breakfast in your hotel.**

**After breakfast**, check out of your hotel and meet your private English-speaking driver in the lobby for your transfer to the airport for your flight to Buenos Aires.



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**Upon arrival in Buenos Aires**, meet your private English-speaking driver in the baggage claim area for your transfer to your hotel (TBD).

**Upon arrival at your hotel**, check in. You will be at leisure for the remainder of the day to relax in the hotel or explore on your own.

**Lunch & Dinner are on your own today** (not included in package).

## Day 34 Argentina: Buenos Aires – US & Home

**Breakfast in your hotel.**

**After breakfast**, check out of your hotel and meet your private English-speaking driver in the lobby for your transfer to the airport for your flight to the US and onward Home.

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