



Select
LATIN AMERICA

**DISCOVER YOUR
NEXT ADVENTURE**

ICON KEY

These icons will be used throughout this brochure to show the different elements each country and tour has to offer.

 ADVENTURE

 ARTS & CULTURE

 MULTI-COUNTRY

 GASTRONOMY

 LUXURY

 FAMILY ORIENTATED

 COUPLES

 NATURE & WILDLIFE

 PHOTOGRAPHY

PRICE LEVEL

 LOW

  MODERATE

   HIGH

FOR OVER 30 YEARS...

Select Latin America was founded by David Horwell who lived, travelled and worked in the Galápagos Islands as a naturalist guide when tourism was in its infancy. Afterwards he travelled across the vast continent of South America from its mountainous peaks, scorching deserts and steamy jungles all the way to Ushuaia, the most southerly town in the world.

When he arrived back in the UK he discovered that no other company was offering authentic bespoke tours to the region or escorted cruises on smaller vessels so he created Galápagos Adventure Tours offering unique wildlife tours to the mainland and archipelago.

Now nearly 30 years after the company was founded it's still run by David and a group of Latin America travel enthusiasts. From our headquarters in London we now have people on the ground throughout Latin America; we are constantly in touch before, during and after your trip to maintain the highest standards.

Our dedicated travel consultants are passionate about Latin America, well-travelled and can advise you on all aspects of your trip. You will benefit from our extensive travel experience, detailed local knowledge, and enthusiasm. We create truly bespoke journeys designed around your needs, wants and budget.

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WHY BOOK WITH US

TAILOR MADE TRAVEL

Our destination experts have a vast combined wealth of knowledge about Latin America and planning unique and bespoke adventures. Tailor made travel is about creating something new and fresh for each client; we listen to you first then suggest the ideal trip.

LISTENING TO YOU

Our destination experts have been to the places we offer and listen to what you want from your holiday giving unbiased sensible advice on what will be just right for your trip. Our holidays are always a reflection of you.

OUR RESPONSIBILITY



We work with the LATA Foundation and the Galápagos Conservation Trust as well as using local guides and lodges that protect the habitat. It makes sense for us to look after this area for future generations.

30 YEARS EXPERIENCE

We've been creating memorable trips for almost 30 years. It all started with our expedition style trips to the Galápagos in the early 1980's.

OUR PROMISE TO YOU



Each trip is unique and we know how special these journeys are. When booking with us we will create something which you'll remember forever.

TRANSPORT

There are many ways to travel across this vast continent, from air and rail to bus or private car. We will pick what's right for you based on your specifications and budget.

100% FINANCIAL PROTECTION



Your money is in safe hands. We are fully bonded with the Civil Aviation Authority (ATOL no. 3760) so that none of your hard earned cash is at risk. All packages that include a flight (whether international or domestic) are covered by the scheme.

A LITTLE BIT EXTRA...

We create long lasting relationships with the people we work with in Latin America meaning we can always offer a little extra to make your holiday even more special. Some of our local contacts have been friends with us for decades.

LOVED BY OUR CLIENTS



We always take the time to find out how your trip has gone when you return. Our clients love the memorable journeys we create for them. You can see many testimonials on our website.

WHILE YOU'RE AWAY

We are constantly in touch with our ground operation team before, during and after your trip to make sure everything runs smoothly. We will provide you with a comprehensive list of contacts and emergency telephone numbers so you are never on your own.

IN THE KNOW

Part of our job is to look for what's new and exciting in the regions that we offer. We are constantly striving to create holidays that are unique, fresh and different for others. Please sign-up for our SLA Newsletter to be kept informed.

LOCAL GUIDES

Our guides are always local. We pick them carefully and we think that someone who is born & bred in the area is better equipped to give you an authentic experience.

BOUTIQUE ACCOMMODATION

We use handpicked accommodation that is packed full of character, from 16th century haciendas to rustic Amazon lodges and everything in between. All the hotels we use pass strict health and safety criteria.

PLANNING YOUR TRIP

The process of how to plan a trip varies depending on your circumstances but below outlines the way we prefer to work with you to create your perfect journey.

1 GET INSPIRED & SPEAK TO US

Get inspired from this brochure or jump onto our website for everything you need to know about Latin America. Give us a call to speak to one of our destination specialists. They can give you help and advice even if you are only in the tentative stages of planning your holiday.

2 COMPLETE A TRIP PLANNING QUESTIONNAIRE

When you're ready to start planning your holiday we'll provide you with a short Trip Planning Questionnaire which takes just a few minutes to complete and gives us all the details we need to start planning the perfect holiday for you. Of course, if you don't have the time, we'll work with the details you've already given us.

3 ITINERARY & QUOTATION

After receiving your Trip Planning Questionnaire the real magic begins. We'll brainstorm ideas within the office, get the maps out and start carefully piecing together your tailor-made holiday exactly to your specifications. We'll then provide you with a full colour itinerary and quotation to review.

4 REFINEMENTS

Once we've got your feedback we'll refine the trip further to exactly match your idea of your dream holiday. Although rare, if we've got it all wrong, we'll go back to the drawing board and start again. Once you're completely happy we'll confirm every component of the booking and take your deposit.

5 FINAL STAGES

It doesn't stop there. We'll always be at the end of the phone for any questions you may have about your trip. Your final payment will be due 65 days prior to departure at which point we will send you a beautiful printed and bound copy of your bespoke itinerary with lots more detailed information and contact details to take with you. Our ground operation teams will be briefed on the finer details of your holiday and we will be in touch before, during and after to make sure everything runs smoothly.



DISCOVER YOUR TRAVEL TYPE

There are many types of travel experience within Latin America but over the years we've found that most fall into one of the following categories.



THE PHOTOGRAPHER

- There are wonderful photographic opportunities around every corner in Latin America from the vast natural wonders to the colourful local people.
- Suggested Countries:** Antarctica, Argentina, Brazil, Galápagos, Guatemala, Peru



THE FAMILY

- It's tough to design a holiday which encompasses the interests of both children and adults, but we've had years of experience and have become pretty good at it.
- Suggested Countries:** Argentina, Belize, Chile, Costa Rica, Galápagos, Panama



THE WALKER

- There are trekking and hiking trails all over Latin America from the spectacular Torres del Paine National Park to the Amazon jungle.
- Suggested Countries:** Argentina, Chile, Ecuador, Peru



THE ADVENTURER

- Adventure is something that's measured in different ways by different people. By the very nature of travel all of our journeys will have an element of adventure.
- Suggested Countries:** Antarctica, Bolivia, Brazil, Guatemala, Mexico



THE HONEYMOONERS

- Need a romantic escape? Maybe a place to propose to your partner? Perhaps you want something completely different for your honeymoon? That's where we come in.
- Suggested Countries:** Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Panama



THE NATURALIST

- We started with wildlife tours and these remain core to what we do. We can offer you exclusive private experiences or share with groups locally. Always with the best guides available.
- Suggested Countries:** Brazil, Costa Rica, Chile, Ecuador, Galápagos, Panama

“I AM SAVING AGAIN
AND WILL GO AGAIN AND
WILL DEFINITELY GO
AGAIN SOON!”

B.K.

DISCOVER ANTARCTICA

This immense wilderness is a pristine paradise for wildlife with incomparable scenery of mountains and ice. The continent has been the playground for many a scientist and adventurer, but it's only recently that it has become more accessible for a very limited number of travellers looking for a more pristine environment to explore. Our Antarctic cruise holidays are on smaller expedition ships which offer a choice of one to four week trips.

ON THE MAP



1 USHUAIA & TIERRA DEL FUEGO

Spectacular setting between the mountains and the Beagle Channel and the hopping on/off point for expeditions to the Antarctic.



2 ANTARCTIC PENINSULA & CIRCLE

Experience this awe-inspiring and pristine wilderness of snow, ice of all shapes and sizes, waterways and mountains.



3 FALKLAND ISLANDS

Two groups of wildlife rich islands separated by the Falkland Sound and likened to some of the windswept Scottish islands.



4 SOUTH GEORGIA

Follow in Shackleton's wake to one of the most beautiful and inspiring places on the planet. Perfect for wildlife and history.



5 WEDDELL SEA & SNOW HILL

For the ultimate experience join an ice-breaker voyage and explore seldom-visited and pristine wilderness areas of the Weddell Sea.



6 ANTARCTIC INTERIOR

Welcome to the last great wilderness, a vast, unspoiled continent that has challenged explorers and inspired dreamers through the centuries.



TOURS ANTARCTICA



ANTARCTICA: OFF-THE-BEATEN-TRACK

Join this unique expedition to the outer reaches of the Antarctic Peninsula on this thirteen day cruise on board the Akademik Ioffe. En route to the peninsula you will also make a stop at the South Shetland Islands.

Vast stretches of pristine scenery await with an abundance of wildlife including seals, penguin rookeries and many sea birds. This is an activity based voyage so opportunities to climb, ski, hike, sea kayak, camp and snow shoe will be available as well as special photographic outings. This truly will be a life-changing expedition.

13 DAYS

Start: Ushuaia

End: Ushuaia



ANTARCTIC PENINSULA ADVENTURE

Spend ten nights onboard the fantastic Akademik Ioffe exploring the white continent's Antarctic Peninsula in detail.

Myriad species of wildlife from waddling penguins and lazy seals to fluking whales and noisy sea birds can be seen amongst the immense towering icebergs. Take part in shore excursions including landings at Neko Harbour, Petermann Island and Wilhelmina Bay among others. This will be like nowhere you've ever been.

10 DAYS

Start: Ushuaia

End: Ushuaia



FALKLANDS, SOUTH GEORGIA & ANTARCTIC

Looking for a longer expedition cruise? How about this eighteen day cruise exploring not just the Antarctic Peninsula but the Falkland Islands and South Georgia.

Board either the comfortable Akademik Ioffe or Akademik Sergey Vavilov, both built specifically for this type of expedition cruising. During the course of the cruise explore the wildlife of the Falkland Islands, observe a colony of thousands of King Penguins on South Georgia and see fluking hump back whales off the Antarctic Peninsula.

19 DAYS

Start: Ushuaia

End: Ushuaia



CRUISE BOATS ANTARCTICA

USHUAIA



A comfortable, small vessel with an ice-strengthened hull and a full complement of zodiac boats for close wildlife encounters.



PLANCIUS



This Antarctic vessel has an excellent series of lectures and an ethos of spending as much time ashore as possible.



ORTELIUS



An ice-strengthened vessel perfectly suited to Polar exploration, providing adventures to remote locations including the Ross Sea.



SEA SPIRIT



Our newest and most luxurious vessel offering intrepid polar expeditions in extreme comfort with fine dining and a relaxed atmosphere.



OCEAN NOVA



Active travellers will enjoy the clean, crisp Scandinavian style and the Ocean Nova's reputation as an excellent ship for Antarctic exploration.



AKADEMIK IOFFE



A small vessel that allows for a more intimate experience and more time ashore with an excellent team of guides and lecturers that create a once-in-a-lifetime experience.



“A MEMORABLE TRIP,
WHICH ENTIRELY LIVED UP
TO MY EXPECTATIONS”

R.B.

DISCOVER ARGENTINA

Holidays to Argentina are limited only by time and imagination.

One day you can be watching the most impressive waterfalls in the world, the next you could be hiking over a glacier. Towards the border with Chile sits Aconcagua, the highest peak in the Western hemisphere and the stunning landscape and wildlife rich regions of Patagonia, the Pampas and Iberá add nature at its best to the mix.

ON THE MAP



1 BUENOS AIRES

Latin America's most cosmopolitan city with wide tree-lined boulevards, fascinating museums and fine dining that wouldn't be out of place in London or Paris.



5 EL CALAFATE & EL CHALTÉN

Located in the heart of Patagonia and best for those who like outdoor pursuits. Hike through the wonderful scenery of snow-capped mountains, crystal clear lakes and glaciers.



9 VALDÉS PENINSULA & CHUBUT

Welsh community and spectacular wildlife encounters, from colonies of sea lions, penguins and seals to orcas that come to feed near the shore.



2 IBERÁ WETLANDS

A wildlife haven teeming with butterflies, capybaras, deer, anacondas and nearly four hundred species of birds who love this marshy lagoon.



6 IGUAZÚ FALLS

One of the new seven natural wonders of the world and not something to be missed lightly. Hear the thunder and feel the spray of water from the Devil's Throat walkway.



3 LAKE DISTRICT

The South American version of Switzerland, with dramatic scenery, excellent skiing and chalet-style chocolate shops and fondue restaurants.



7 THE PAMPAS

Learn to ride like a gaucho at one of the estancias outside Buenos Aires. Not a place for vegetarians, their supper is half a cow over a wood fire!



4 SALTA & THE NORTH

Meet poncho clad indigenous people who weave and spin as their forefathers did in the striking terracotta tinted landscapes of the Northwest.



8 MENDOZA & THE CENTRAL VALLEY

One of the world's great wine producing regions producing renowned Malbecs. Don't miss out on the trekking in the nearby National Parks.



TOURS ARGENTINA



RHYTHMS OF LATIN AMERICA

A classic twelve day journey taking you from the hedonistic city of Rio de Janeiro, past the mighty Iguazú Falls to Buenos Aires – the Paris of South America.

Along the way you'll take the cable car up Sugar Loaf mountain for spectacular views of the city, get up close to the iconic Christ the Redeemer statue, hear the thunder and feel the spray of the falls as you walk the Devil's Throat walkway, learn the steps of tango in Buenos Aires and ride like gauchos at the La Bamba de Areco estancia.

12 DAYS

Start: Rio de Janeiro
End: Buenos Aires



CROSSING THE PLAINS AND ANDES

View some of the world's most spectacular scenery as you traverse the snow-capped Andes and cross the plains of Argentina.

Begin your journey in Santiago where you will get to grips with one of the most lively and modern cities on the continent. Visit the beautiful coastal city of Valparaíso before crossing over the Andes to the wine producing region of Mendoza. End the trip with plenty of time in Buenos Aires and on an estancia in the Pampas.

12 DAYS

Start: Santiago
End: Buenos Aires



PATAGONIA ICE TRAIL

After some time to explore the cosmopolitan capital of Buenos Aires, the majority of this journey is spent exploring some of the most visually stunning regions of South America – Patagonia.

Highlights include gently paddling on the crystal-clear waters of the Ovando River, hiking through the incredible mountain scenery to the Mt FitzRoy base camp, observing eagles and Andean condors at the summit of Cerro Torre and watching huge ice blocks calving off the Perito Moreno Glacier and crashing into the lake below.

13 DAYS

Start: Buenos Aires
End: Buenos Aires



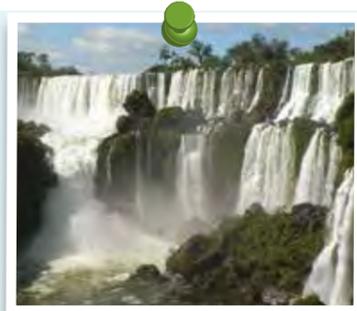
WILD ARGENTINA

Get off-the-beaten track on the thirteen day adventure to the heart of Argentina's wild countryside including a visit to the Pampas, Valdes Peninsula, the Iberá Wetlands and Iguazú Falls.

After a brief stop in Buenos Aires head out into the Pampas to an Estancia to horse ride with gauchos. Continue to the Valdes Peninsula to watch noisy seal colonies and penguins before arriving in the wildlife rich Iberá wetlands to view howler monkeys, caiman and exotic bird life. End the journey with a visit to the mighty Iguazú Falls.

13 DAYS

Start: Buenos Aires
End: Buenos Aires



GLACIERS & FALLS

On this twelve day journey you will discover life in Buenos Aires, take in the breathtaking scenery of the Lake District, get up close to the Perito Moreno Glacier and explore the Iguazú Falls National Park.

Start in the capital and learn about the porteños of Buenos Aires before flying to Bariloche in the heart of the Lake District. Go hiking, cycling and horse riding in the achingly gorgeous countryside and lakes. Next stop is El Calafate in Patagonia to watch the ice blocks calve away from the glacier. Lastly explore Iguazú Falls, a 'new seventh wonder' of the world, made famous by Robert De Niro in the 'The Mission'.

12 DAYS

Start: Buenos Aires
End: Buenos Aires



ENCHANTING NORTHWEST

Salta and the Northwest is like nowhere else in Argentina. The desert region of rainbow-coloured canyons and deep gorges is simply spectacular.

After a night of two of tango-ing in Buenos Aires fly to the fascinating capital of the north, Salta, and enjoy delicious cuisine and the spring-like climate. Head out the city to explore the wine region of Cafayate and Quebrada de las Flechas Gorge. Spend lazy days gently cycling through vineyards or taking picnics in the surrounding countryside.

13 DAYS

Start: Buenos Aires
End: Buenos Aires



HOTELS ARGENTINA

ALVEAR PALACE

Buenos Aires



One of Buenos Aires' most renowned hotels. Built in 1932 in the heart of Recoleta, the Alvear is a elegant hotel with a sophisticated air.



CASA CALMA

Buenos Aires



One of the city's first boutique hotels. Small and intimate with a spa that's perfect after a long day of tango, shopping and sightseeing.



EOLO

El Calafate



One of the most luxurious hotel in the region, situated at the edge of the Glaciers National Park surrounded by incredible landscapes.



IGUAZÚ GRANDE

Iguazú Falls



One of the top hotels in Argentina with impeccable service, comfortable suites and a short distance from the falls.



RINCÓN DEL SOCORRO

Iberá Wetlands



This small eco hotel is set within a 12,000 hectare former cattle ranch and is one of the top ten places to stay in Latin America. Particularly good for wildlife.



HOTELS ARGENTINA

LA BAMBA DE ARECO

Pampas



Set in the heart of La Pampa Argentina, this estancia is one of the oldest in the country. Eat and ride with local gauchos.



TIPILIUKE LODGE

Lake District



A proper working estancia, founded in 1909 and part of the 20,000 hectare Cerro de los Pinos country estate.



HOUSE OF JASMINES

Salta & Northwest



A wonderfully romantic retreat set within an oasis of eucalyptus trees serving up delicious home cooked meals using organic ingredients from the garden.



CLUB TAPIZ

Mendoza



An excellent choice located just outside Mendoza and set within twenty two acres of vineyards with enthralling views of the snow-capped Andes.



PATIOS DE CAFAYATE

Salta & Northwest



A secluded hotel with bags of character set within its own working vineyard and boasting stunning views over the Calchaqui Valley.



“EXCURSIONS WERE
EXTREMELY GOOD WITH VERY
KNOWLEDGEABLE GUIDES
— WE WENT SNORKELLING,
BIRDWATCHING, KAYAKING
AND HORSE RIDING”
J.C.

DISCOVER BELIZE

Belize really does have it all, with an intriguing mix of incredible beaches, turquoise waters, coral reefs, steamy jungle, tropical wildlife, Mayan temples and palm fringed islands all packaged into a neat little country that makes a great family holiday destination. No Belize scuba diving holiday is complete without a visit to the ‘Blue Hole’ a natural sinkhole in the middle ocean that is an almost perfect circle of deep water in the ocean.

ON THE MAP



1 CAYO & MOUNTAIN PINE RIDGE

The Cayo district is an area encompassing a large portion of the Maya Mountains with its fair share of ancient Maya sites to discover.



4 ORANGE WALK

A Belizean bonanza of natural wealth and archaeological wonder with pristine jungle, wildlife encounters and Mayan ruins.



6 BELIZE CITY

Although most bypass Belize City in favour for the beaches and mountains of the country there are many interesting things to see and do for those who stay.



2 PLACENCIA

Home to white sand beaches, mangrove-fringed lagoons and a wilderness of coral-studded cayes and reefs.



5 THE CAYES

Coral Islands that range in size from the almost comical one-palm-tree islet all the way up to large inhabited islands and home to the iconic Blue Hole.



3 TOLEDO & SOUTH

This southern district of Belize is a melting pot of Creole, East Indian, Mennonite, Mestizo, Mopan and Garifuna cultures.



TOURS BELIZE



SUN-KISSED BELIZE

Sit back, relax and unwind on this unfussy beach break to Belize. From sunbathing on the long stretches of white sandy beaches in Placencia to snorkelling in the coral reefs off Ambergris Caye, you're sure to come back refreshed and renewed.

The day you arrive you'll take a short scenic flight to the peaceful serenity of Placencia, a sea-lovers' bounty, offering 16-miles of unadulterated sandy stretches. There are plenty of activities on offer from scuba diving, hiking, bird-watching and more. Next head to Ambergris Caye. The place oozes history, after being an outpost for the Mayan and European pirates alike, and brims with thatched-roof villages and fishing boats.

9 DAYS

Start: Belize City
End: Belize City



BELIZE EXTRAVAGANZA

Explore the best of Belize from the jungles and mountains all the way down to the luxurious islands. Spend your days hiking, horse riding, canoeing, swimming, snorkelling and relaxing at the beach.

Start your journey in Mountain Pine Ridge, an area that covers the Mayan Mountains, abundant with lush woods, orchids and butterflies. Next stop is Punta Gorda to visit the Mayan site of Lubaantun and the Rio Blanco National Park. Lastly we'll take you from one island paradise to the other as we fly you to the beach beauty of Ambergris Caye, a haven for sandy coves and seaside living.

12 DAYS

Start: Belize City
End: Belize City



BEST OF BOTH WORLDS

A thirteen day Belize and Guatemala extravaganza taking in both of the countries' best regions and staying in wonderfully luxurious accommodation. Included is a mixture of guided excursions and free time to explore at your own pace.

Start the journey in the pretty colonial town of Antigua before heading on to one of the world's most beautiful lakes; Atitlán. Explore Mayan villages by bike, visit the colourful markets that have changed little in centuries and kayak alongside the local fisherman. Cross the border into Belize for a few nights in the Mountain Pine Ridge region before ending the holiday with some serious beach time in Ambergris Caye.

13 DAYS

Start: Guatemala City
End: Belize City



HOTELS BELIZE

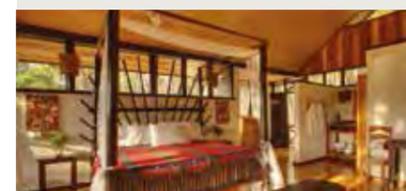
BLANCANEUX Cayo & Mountain Pine Ridge



Owned by the famous film director Francis Ford Coppola, the Blancaneux feature nineteen beautiful villas and a riverside spa. This is seriously luxurious and the by far the best place to stay in the region.



CHAN CHICH Orange Walk



A carefully situated lodge in the plaza of an ancient Mayan city and surrounded by pristine rainforest in which to explore.



TURTLE INN Placencia & Toledo



Luxurious Indonesian-inspired thatched cabañas featuring a private garden with outdoor shower and Japanese bath.



AZUL VILLAS The Cayes



Azul represents a new level of accommodation. Just two private luxury 3,000 square foot villas situated on 400 feet of Caribbean beachfront.



CAYO ESPANTO The Cayes



A new, five star, world class resort located three miles from San Pedro in the calm waters of the Western Caribbean. This exclusive hotel is located on a private island.



EL SECRETO The Cayes



Offering thirteen seriously luxurious villas, made from locally sourced Belizean wood, marble bathrooms and private Jacuzzis.



“ANOTHER HIGHLIGHT WAS THE SALAR DE UYUNI. NEITHER OF US HAD REALISED HOW SPECTACULAR IT IS. IT WAS WELL WORTH THE LONG DRIVE TO REACH IT.”

W.A.

DISCOVER BOLIVIA

Follow Butch and Sundance or Che Guevara to the most adventurous country on the continent for your very own Bolivia holiday. Due to its lack of tourists, Bolivia still feels very unspoiled, exactly how you would imagine life in South America to be. Journey through the large areas of pristine wilderness and see indigenous cultures, traditions and beliefs that haven't changed for centuries.

ON THE MAP



1 LA PAZ

La Paz will leave you breathless, not only because of the altitude but also from the impressive city that lies in the hidden canyon.



4 SUCRE

Bolivia's most picturesque city and although La Paz has the seat of government, Sucre is the recognized as the country's capital.



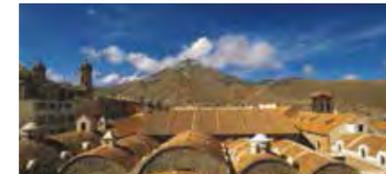
6 SANTA CRUZ

Santa Cruz is Bolivia's largest city and is located in the tropical eastern lowlands. It's a wonderful place to spend a few days away from the Andean cities.



2 LAKE TITICACA

The highest navigable lake in the world, with its deep blue waters and interesting locals and history sandwiched between Bolivia and Peru.



5 POTOSÍ

Founded in 1545, Potosí quickly became one of the largest and richest cities in the Americas due to the volume of silver extracted from 'Cerro Rico'.



3 UYUNI

Driving across this alien landscape of white salt crust dotted with cactus-studded black islands is a magical experience not to be missed.





TOURS BOLIVIA

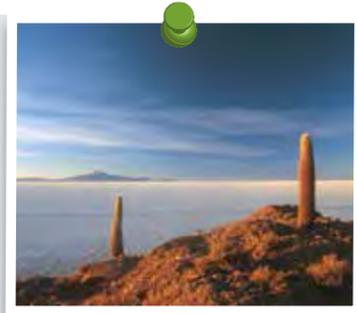


TIWANAKU & BEYOND

Many just pass through Bolivia on a larger journey or simply skip it all together, but stay a little longer and you'll discover spectacular scenery, history to rival any other country in Latin America and warm, friendly locals.

On this fifteen day journey you'll explore the history and culture of this fascinating country. Visit the mysterious pre-Inca ruins of Samaipata, hike through the giant fern forests in the Amboro National Park, explore the world's largest paleontological site of Cal Orck'o, visit the silver mines in Potosí, drive across the Uyuni Salt Flats, wander through the ancient sites of Tiwanaku and stay a night on Lake Titicaca's Island of the Sun.

15 DAYS
Start: La Paz
End: La Paz



WILD FRONTIERS

On this eleven day journey through the altiplano of northern Chile and southern Bolivia you'll enjoy some of the most breathtaking scenery in the Americas.

After spending time getting to grips with the fascinating city of Santiago, fly north to San Pedro de Atacama. An overland journey through this region will have you exploring the bizarre Mars like landscape of the Valley of the Moon, watching the spectacle of the Tatio Geysers, taking a soak in the Polques thermal springs, driving across the white expanse of the Uyuni Salt Flats, stay in a luxury salt hotel and discovering the Siloli Desert.

11 DAYS
Start: Santiago
End: La Paz



IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF INCAS

An epic three week adventure through Chile, Bolivia and Peru taking in the highlights of each and staying in some fabulous hotels and lodges. Begin in Santiago before visiting Valparaíso, San Pedro de Atacama, Uyuni Salt Flats, La Paz, Lake Titicaca, Cuzco and Machu Picchu.

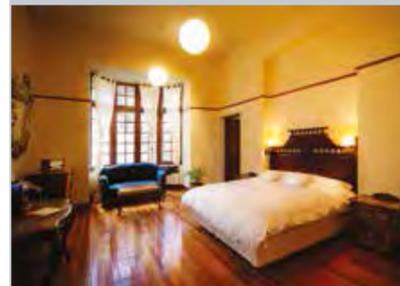
Just some of the highlights include watching the sunset over the extraordinary Valley of the Moon, driving over the wondrous Uyuni Salt Flats, meeting the indigenous people on the Uros reed islands and taking a private tour of the ancient ruins of Machu Picchu.

23 DAYS
Start: Santiago
End: Lima



HOTELS BOLIVIA

EL CONSULADO La Paz



This beautifully renovated consulate provides an elegant and comfortable base recalling the grandeur of its days entertaining the cream of La Paz.



TAYKA DEL DESIERTO Uyuni Salt Flats



An interesting stone lodge located literally in the middle of the altiplano near the high altitude lakes located in the region.



PARADOR SANTA MARÍA LA REAL Sucre



A lovely colonial hotel which was once a stately home and stables is located just a few steps away from the main square.



CRISTAL SAMANA Uyuni Salt Flats



A first in anyone's book - a Feng-Shui hotel located on the Uyuni Salt Flats and made entirely out of salt.



MI PUEBLO SAMARY BOUTIQUE Sucre



Located just a few blocks from the main square this old colonial hotel has spectacular panoramic views over the city.



AIRSTREAM Uyuni Salt Flats



How about spending a few days crossing the salt flats in a private vintage American Airstream with private guide and chef.



“EVERYTHING WENT LIKE
CLOCKWORK; OUR GUIDES
WERE EXCELLENT AND VERY
SENSITIVE TO OUR PARTICULAR
NEEDS AND INTERESTS”
H.A.

DISCOVER BRAZIL

A Brazil holiday offers much more than the clichés: thousands of miles of unspoilt tropical beach, the bulk of the Amazon rainforest, the Pantanal the world's largest wetland, table-topped mountains with unique plants and waterfalls, colonial mining towns resplendent with baroque churches, the huge metropolis of São Paulo and the seductive charm of Rio.

ON THE MAP



1 RIO DE JANEIRO

Famous for its Carnival festival, its spectacular beaches, hospitable people and renowned monuments. Rio de Janeiro has something for everyone.



2 SÃO PAULO

An urban metropolis that rivals any of the world's big cities, with world class restaurants, galleries, parks, shops and hotels.



3 FLORIANÓPOLIS & THE SOUTH

The laid back 'floripas' will welcome you into their wonderful part of Brazil, with its pleasant and secluded beaches and temperate climate.



4 SALVADOR & BAHIA

The heart of Afro-Brazilian culture, mixed colonial houses and cobbled streets, white sandy beaches, sleepy fishing villages and rugged national parks.



5 RECIFE & THE NORTHEAST

A place of fashionable cities, home to modern Brazilian music, with vast stretches of unspoilt beaches and wildlife rich islands.



6 AMAZON

The lungs of our planet. Meet indigenous tribes in their home which boast more plant and animal species than any other ecosystem.



7 MINAS GERAIS

Gently rolling hills covered with pretty colonial towns born from the gold rush with beautiful national parks away from the tourist trail.



8 IGUAÇU FALLS

One of the new seven natural wonders of the world and mustn't be missed. From the Brazilian side you can see the whole panorama of the falls.



9 PANTANAL

A vast wetland and wildlife haven where caiman nonchalantly cross the road and myriad birds, monkeys, armadillos and jaguars can be seen.



TOURS BRAZIL



BRAZIL BLISSOUT

Brazil boasts some of the most stunning tropical beaches in the Americas. This fourteen day journey takes you to the beaches and islands of both southern and northern Brazil including Rio de Janeiro, Paraty, Salvador, Praia do Forte, Recife and Fernando do Noronha.

Discover hidden coves with crystal-clear tropical waters and idyllic beaches, each with unique charm. Visit Brazil's magical coastline, from verdant archipelagos to coral reefs. Stay in rustic lodges on paradisiacal palm-fringed beaches to charming historical towns overlooking the Atlantic Ocean.

14 DAYS

Start: Rio de Janeiro

End: Recife



CULTURAL BUZZ OF BRAZIL

Brazil's turbulent but rich past can be seen in its charming historical towns and diverse culture. Brazil's immense size and wealth has made it a stage for battles waged between the Portuguese, Dutch and French who sought colonial occupation of this rich land. On this unforgettable journey you will be travelling through time to Brazil's colonial era experiencing the diversity of this land and its culturally vibrant people.

After spending a number of days in the beach paradises of Rio de Janeiro and Paraty, you'll head to the rolling hills of Minas Gerais state to explore the colonial history and past before ending in the Afro-Brazilian region of Salvador and Bahia.

14 DAYS

Start: Rio de Janeiro

End: Salvador



RHYTHMS OF LATIN AMERICA

A classic twelve day journey taking you from the hedonistic city of Rio de Janeiro, past the mighty Iguacu Falls to Buenos Aires – the Paris of South America.

Along the way you'll take the cable car up Sugar Loaf mountain for spectacular views of the city, get up close to the iconic Christ the Redeemer statue, hear the thunder and feel the spray of the falls as you walk the Devil's Throat walkway, learn the steps of tango in Buenos Aires and ride with gauchos at the La Bamba de Areco estancia.

12 DAYS

Start: Rio de Janeiro

End: Buenos Aires



DEEP INTO THE AMAZON

This exotic fourteen day journey takes you from the mouth of the great Amazon River with tropical cities and floodplains to the remote heart of the vast Amazon Jungle, reaching parts well off-the-beaten-track. You'll get to grips with the wildlife, people and flora of this incredible part of the world.

A few highlights include riding tame water buffalo through the grasslands of Marajó Island, watch thousands of parrots wake up at sunset near Belem, canoe down the Amazon in search of monkeys and sloths, visiting the local indigenous communities near the lodge and staying at the floating Uakari Lodge. Naturalist and local guides will accompany you on most excursions to make the most out of your time.

14 DAYS

Start: Belem

End: Manaus



BRAZIL KALEIDOSCOPE

Two weeks is hard to do justice to the largest country in Latin America, but you will see a good part of this vibrant land on this journey. Experience Brazil's range from tropical beaches to cool mountains, from virgin forest to arid back-lands, and historic colonial towns to bustling metropolis.

After a few days exploring the hedonistic city of Rio de Janeiro head to the Iguacu to get up close the mighty falls. Fly to the old rubber boom city of Manaus, deep in the Amazon to spend time exploring the flora and fauna of the jungle. End the journey in the Afro-Brazilian region of Salvador and Bahia.

14 DAYS

Start: Rio de Janeiro

End: Salvador



BRAZILIAN SAFARI

Experience Brazil's best wildlife spot's in the Amazon and Pantanal. Stay in lodges in the three finest places for tropical nature in Brazil and probably in Latin America: the archipelagos of the Amazon, the northern Pantanal wetlands and Alta Floresta of Mato Grosso.

Highlights include navigating the Rio Negro in search of mammals and aquatic wildlife, discover the rich wildlife of the Pantanal by safari vehicle, horses or by foot, visiting a local ranch for a typical lunch with locals, observing exotic bird life from the canopy observation towers and staying in some fantastic lodges along the way.

14 DAYS

Start: Manaus

End: São Paulo



HOTELS BRAZIL

SANTA TERESA

Rio de Janeiro



A historical coffee plantation mansion, considered one of the most beautiful hotels in South America.



MAMA RUISA

Rio de Janeiro



Located in the trendy hillside area of Santa Teresa, this little boutique hotel was once the home of the mayor of Rio.



KENOA RESORT

Recife & the Northeast



The designer boutique hotel Kenoa enjoys a spectacular location on Barra de São Miguel beach, right next to a nature reserve.



UXUA

Salvador & Bahia



UXUA Casa Hotel features ten unique casitas which blend seamlessly into the historic centre of trendy Trancoso.



CONVENTO DO CARMO

Salvador & Bahia



In the heart of Pelourinho a former Carmelite convent dating back to 1586 now hosts a gorgeous luxury hotel.



PONTA DOS GANCHOS

Florianópolis



Ponta dos Ganchos Resort is located on a privately-owned peninsula, surrounded by the Emerald Coast near the southern city of Florianópolis.



HOTELS BRAZIL

CRISTALINO LODGE

Amazon



Located in a private natural heritage reserve adjacent to the half a million acre Cristalino State Park and the most luxurious of jungle lodges.



DAS CATARATAS

Iguaçu Falls



The only hotel located within the Iguaçu National Park enjoys an unrivalled location just a short stroll from the sensational waterfalls.



RESERVA DO IBITIPOCA

Minas Gerais



This large three thousand hectare reserve is made up of over one hundred properties. It is also part of the greater State Park in Minas Gerais.



INSÓLITO

Búzios

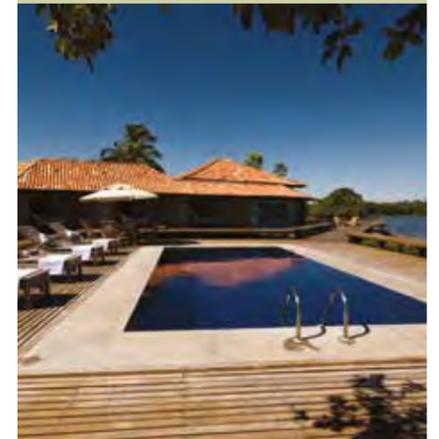


Set next to Ferradura beach in the fashionable resort area of Buzios Peninsula, this boutique hotel offers guests comfort and sophistication.



REFUGIO CAIMAN

Pantanal



Exclusive eco-lodge surrounded by diverse wildlife and naturalist guides to help you make the most of your trip.



POUSADA PICINGUABA

Paraty



A charming pousada in a natural forest setting just a few metres from a delightfully unspoilt beach.



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K.J.

DISCOVER CHILE

The two main landmarks are the Pacific Ocean and the Andes mountain chain, which run the entire length of the country. This vast length makes Chile a country of contrasts, from the stunning scenery of the Atacama Desert, the beautiful green of the wine producing central valley, the lakes, rivers, volcanoes and forests of the south and the fjords and challenging ice fields of Patagonia. It's also got one of Latin America's best national parks: Torres del Paine.

ON THE MAP



1 ATACAMA & THE NORTH

The north of Chile is an arid but beautiful landscape, with fascinating wildlife that is protected in a series of national parks.



4 SANTIAGO

The capital is the fifth largest city in South America, home to six million inhabitants and centre of the political, economic and cultural life.



2 RAPA NUI (EASTER ISLAND)

Lying around 2,000 miles off the coast of Chile, this island has more in common with Polynesia than the Chileans who colonised it.



5 WINE COUNTRY

Visit wonderful boutique wineries set amidst sprawling vineyards where you can learn about wine production and indulge in gourmet food.



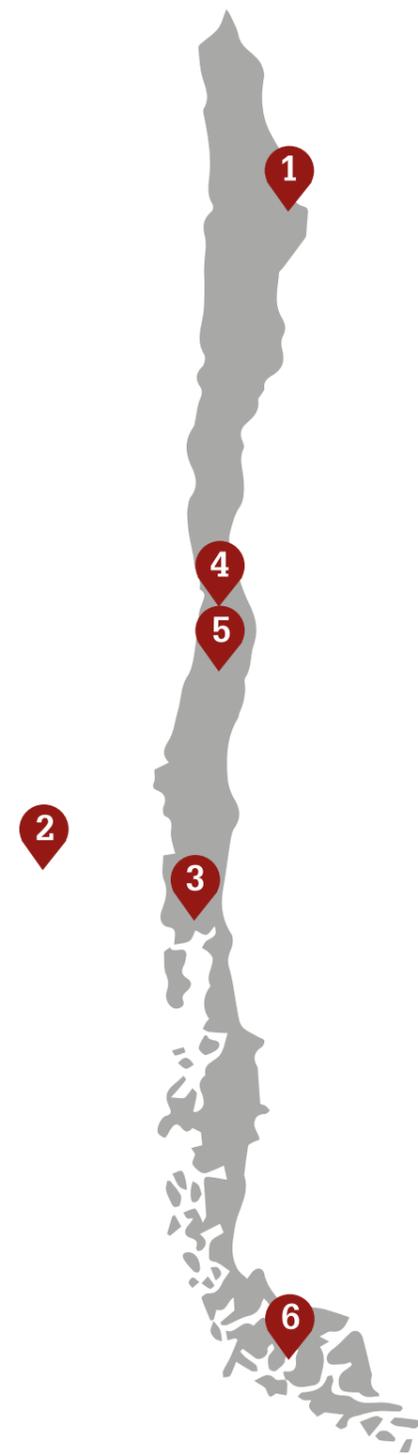
3 LAKE DISTRICT

Southern Chile draws most visitors thanks to its scenic landscapes of crystal-clear lakes, bubbling thermal springs and active snow-covered volcanoes.



6 PATAGONIA

It is worth the long journey to reach the legendary land of Patagonia, where you'll find huge pristine lakes, glaciers, icebergs and evergreen forests.



TOURS CHILE



WILD FRONTIERS

On the eleven day journey through the altipano of northern Chile and southern Bolivia you will enjoy some of the most breathtaking scenery in the Americas.

After spending time getting to grips with the fascinating city of Santiago, fly north to San Pedro de Atacama. An overland journey through this fascinating region will have you exploring the bizarre Mars like landscape of the Valley of the Moon, watching the spectacle of the Tatio Geysers, taking a soak in the Polques thermal springs, driving across the white expanse of the Uyuni Salt Flats, staying in a luxury salt hotel and discovering the Siloli Desert.

11 DAYS
Start: Santiago
End: Santiago



IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF INCAS

An epic three week adventure through Chile, Bolivia and Peru taking in the highlights of each and staying in some fabulous hotels and lodges. Begin in Santiago before visiting Valparaíso, San Pedro de Atacama, Uyuni Salt Flats, La Paz, Lake Titicaca, Cuzco and Machu Picchu.

Just some of the highlights include climbing up to watch the sunset over the extraordinary Valley of the Moon, driving over the wondrous Bolivian Salt Flats, meeting the indigenous people on the Uros reed islands and taking a private tour of the ancient ruins of Machu Picchu.

23 DAYS
Start: Santiago
End: Lima



CROSSING THE ANDES & PLAINS

A journey from the lively capital of Santiago and port town of Valparaíso, over the spectacular Andes to visit the Argentinian vineyards in Mendoza and cosmopolitan capital Buenos Aires.

Some of the highlights include wandering through the cobbled streets of historic Valparaíso, cycling through some of South America's finest vineyards and sampling excellent reds, catching spectacular views as you cross the mighty Andes range and getting to know Buenos Aires with a local guide.

11 DAYS
Start: Santiago
End: Buenos Aires



THE LONG WAY DOWN

Relax as we take the hard work out of travel and take you from one end to the other of the thinnest country in the world.

Spend the first few days exploring Santiago, a capital full of surprises and one of Latin America's best kept secrets. Next stop is the fertile wine region of Colchagua Valley, abundant in fruity wines and sunny days. Continue to the north to view some of Chile's best natural wonders from salt flats to thermal geysers. End the journey hiking in southern Patagonia's spectacular Torres del Paine.

13 DAYS
Start: Santiago
End: Santiago



ORIGINS OF CHILE

In just ten days we'll take you to see the very best of the nation's volcanoes, cities, relics, and a passport stamp that is the envy of every traveller – Easter Island.

Touch down in Santiago which wows with colonial grandeur, pristine boulevards and a population of people who are chilled by day, and lively and friendly by night. Fly north to San Pedro de Atacama to watch the sunset over Valley of the Moon and explore the fields of steaming thermal geysers and bizarre landscapes. Lastly fly to Easter Island, one of the world's most remote spots to discover the mysteries of Moais and the stunning volcanoes, beaches and coves.

10 DAYS
Start: Santiago
End: Santiago



ECO CHILE

Get back to nature in both the scenic Lake District and rugged Patagonian National Parks in this spectacular eleven day southern tour of Chile.

Take the first few days to explore lively Santiago before heading south to the Lake District. During the next few days you'll take visits to Peulla and Todos Los Santos Lake as well as boarding a ferry to cross the Chacao channel and explore the island of Chiloé. Continue further south to the Torres del Paine National Park where you'll stay in a luxury eco camp. There are plenty of activities on offer from hiking the shores of Lake Pehoe, sailing to the blue face of Glacier Grey and completing the circuit in the park itself. By night stare up at stars in your own private eco-dome.

11 DAYS
Start: Santiago
End: Santiago



HOTELS CHILE

LE RÊVE Santiago



Completely restored to its original French architecture, this little hotel is located in the neighbourhood of Providencia.



NOI VITACURA Santiago



A boutique hotel located in Alonso de Córdova, an exclusive area of Santiago, surrounded by some of the best restaurants and bars in town.



ALTO ATACAMA Atacama & the North



Situated in a spectacular location, tucked away in a valley of serene beauty, in the shadow of the Pukará de Quitur ruins.



HOTELS CHILE

CASONA VIÑA MATETIC Wine Country



Enjoy a wine & cheese night with everything made right on your doorstep from Matetic Vineyards in the surroundings of the San Antonio Valley.



PATAGONIA CAMP Patagonia



The first luxury camp in South America, this lodge sits on the edge of Lake Toro, overlooking the Torres del Paine National Park.



EL QUINCHO COUNTRY LODGE Lake District



Beautiful exclusive lakeside retreat with an unbeatable welcome and all the comforts of home.



AUBREY Santiago



A truly urban retreat that lets one escape from the buzz of the city with fifteen beautifully appointed en-suite bedrooms.



EXPLORA RAPANUI Easter Island



Built on ten hectares of land with a panoramic views of the shoreline on one of the world's most unique destinations.



TIERRA ATACAMA Atacama & the North



A luxury hotel located just a short distance from the town of San Pedro. The hotel offers a huge variety of activities including hiking and cycling.



SINGULAR HOTEL Patagonia



More like something in a trendy area of London or New York with exposed brick walls, tall ceilings, this 'industrial chic' hotel stands out from the crowd.



AWASI PATAGONIA Patagonia



Newly built architecturally stunning hotel right next to the Torres del Paine National Park.



CASA HIGUERAS Valparaíso



A carefully restored 1920's mansion that was one of the first boutique hotels in the port city of Valparaíso.



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WENT VERY SMOOTHLY, WITH
SO MUCH VARIETY”**
C.H.

DISCOVER COLOMBIA

Travellers on a Colombian holiday will marvel at the abundance of flora and fauna including the majestic Andean condor, white tailed deer, the spectacled bear and trogons. It also has diverse landscapes. Relax along the 3,000 km of Caribbean and Pacific coastline, trek through the steamy exotic rainforest or head to the hills and spend time in Colombia's coffee country.

ON THE MAP



1 BOGOTÁ

A fascinating capital city set among mountains offering a year round fresh spring-like climate making it a comfortable place to start a journey.



4 CARIBBEAN COAST

A vast coastline stretching from the Darien Gap to the arid Guajira with a very different flavour to the highlands.



5 POPAYÁN & SAN AGUSTÍN

Historic colonial towns and remnants of mysterious 5,000 year old civilisations that left their mark with giant statues.



2 CARTAGENA

It's colourful, fun and exciting with wonderfully friendly people all overlooking the clear blue waters of the Caribbean Sea.



3 COFFEE TRIANGLE

Fertile valleys with seemingly endless coffee plantations, charming towns and traditional wooden houses with brightly coloured balconies.



TOURS COLOMBIA



COFFEE, BEANS & SCENES

This tour of Colombia takes you to some of the most important and interesting regions of the country including Bogotá, Cartagena, Tayrona National Park and the Caribbean Coast.

First visit the cosmopolitan capital of Bogotá, explore the countryside around the coffee triangle through adventure activities like kayaking and horse riding. Discover Cartagena, the 'pearl of the Caribbean' and spend time relaxing, hiking, snorkelling and swimming in the Tayrona National Park. You'll be staying in some fantastic hotels and lodges along the way.

12 DAYS

Start: Bogotá
End: Bogotá



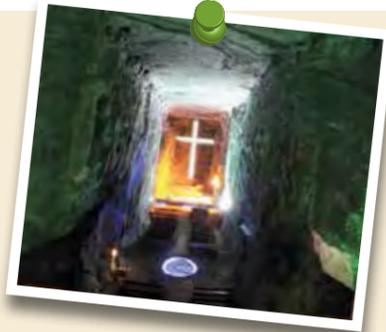
COLOMBIA'S RAW NATURE

Explore Colombia's nature visiting some of the lesser visited regions including the Amazon and the Pacific coastal region of Nuqui.

As well as having the opportunity to explore the cities of Bogotá and Medellín you will also discover the Amazon Jungle through hikes, wildlife observation trips and boat excursions from your lodge. You will finish the trip on the Pacific coast hiking to waterfalls and heading out on boats getting up close with fluking whales.

11 DAYS

Start: Bogotá
End: Bogotá



CLASSIC COLOMBIA

On this classic tour of Colombia visit some of the country's best regions including the cosmopolitan capital of Bogotá, the incredible Salt Cathedral, the colonial town of Villa de Leyva and of course, colourful Cartagena.

Highlights include taking a tour of La Candelaria district in Bogotá with a private guide, going underground to the memorizing Zipaquirá Salt Cathedral, stepping back in time with a visit to the colonial town of Villa de Leyva and having plenty of time to explore Cartagena at your own pace.

9 DAYS

Start: Bogotá
End: Cartagena



ROAD TRIP COLOMBIA

If you're looking to discover the whole of Colombia you can't do better than this epic two and a half week road trip tour. One of the best ways to experience a country is to cross it by land instead of flying, taking in the changing scenery and local people.

Start in the capital of Bogotá where our local guides will show you the best of the city. Fly on to San Agustín and work your way through countryside and cities to the coffee region. Spend time in the bustling city of Medellín, and the colourful colonial city of Cartagena. Finish the tour with time on Rosario Island and the Tayrona National Park on the Caribbean Coast.

17 DAYS

Start: Bogotá
End: Bogotá



BEACH BABYLON

Colombia has some of the finest beaches in the world. On this eleven day tour you'll not only visit the beautiful colonial city of Cartagena located on the Caribbean coast, but island hop by boat and scenic flight to some of the most pristine beaches. Relax on the white sandy beaches, swim in the turquoise waters and snorkel with tropical fish.

Highlights include kicking back and relaxing on the paradise islands of Isla Múcura, snorkelling around the pink coral and tropical fish off San Andrés Island and taking a dip in one of the many freshwater lagoons on Providence Island.

11 DAYS

Start: Cartagena
End: Cartagena



IN SEARCH OF EL DORADO

During the fifteen days of this trip you will visit some of Colombia's highlights including the cosmopolitan capital Bogotá, the colonial cities of Villa de Leyva and Cartagena and the archaeological wonders in San Agustín. You will end the adventure with a couple of days of complete relaxation on the Isla Múcura.

After a few days in Bogotá, take the enchanted old steam train to Zipaquirá to view the spectacular underground salt cathedral. Visit the pretty colonial town of Villa de Leyva as well as a visit to Popayán and San Agustín to view the archaeological sites of Tierradentro and San Agustín. The region was inhabited by a mysterious and enigmatic civilization that created fantastic sculptures using the local volcanic rock. End the journey with a few days in colourful Cartagena.

15 DAYS

Start: Bogotá End: Bogotá



HOTELS COLOMBIA

HOTEL CHARLESTON Bogotá



Located in the north of the city just a few blocks from the famous Zona T, recognised for its diversity and its abundance of restaurants.



ANANDA BOUTIQUE Cartagena



One of the most prestigious hotels in Cartagena located inside the walled area of the city with just twenty three exclusive rooms.



CASA PESTUGUA Cartagena



A boutique hotel housed within a 17th century colonial house just a short distance from the centre of the city.



HOTELS COLOMBIA

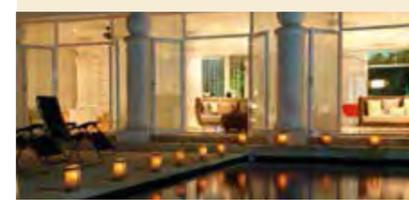
HACIENDA SAZAGUA Coffee Region



A hotel that recalls the grand old homes of the coffee plantations with a wooden structure, wide corridors and lively colours.



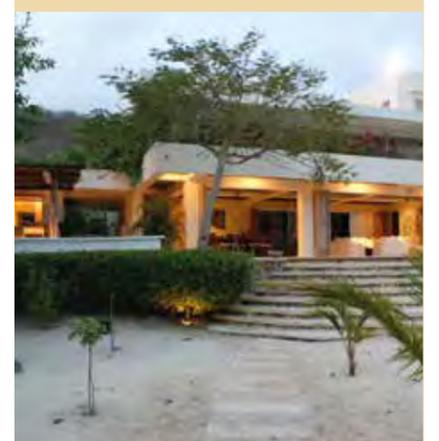
CASA HARB Caribbean Coast



A high level of personal service, excellent location and facilities and a restaurant serving delicious Caribbean cuisine.



LA PASSION BARU Caribbean Coast



An exclusive house with a private beach, dock and pool and a restaurant serving excellent seafood.



LA MERCED Cartagena



A beautiful hotel within easy walking distance of the centre and adjacent to both the Teatro Heredia and the old La Merced Convent.



TCHERASSI Cartagena



An exclusive hotel with just seven rooms designed by the renowned Silvia Tcherassi using elegant fabrics used in her fashion collections.



HACIENDA VENECIA Coffee Region



A homely hacienda surrounded by a coffee plantation where visitors can learn and participate in the coffee process.



ECOHABS Caribbean Coast



A colony of traditional Tayrona style cabins on a hill overlooking the Caribbean. Stunning.



DANN MONASTERIO San Agustín & Popayán



Used as a monastery before being converted in 1940 to military barracks and finally becoming a boutique hotel.



“WHOLE TRIP WAS VERY WELL ORGANISED AND A GREAT SUCCESS”

H.B.

DISCOVER COSTA RICA

Take your pick from dense rainforests, rugged mountains, smoky volcanoes, misty cloud forest, refreshing waterfalls or vast stretches of white sandy beaches fringing two different oceans.

Anything is possible on your Costa Rican holiday. Costa Ricans value their nation's natural heritage and protect a larger proportion of the country than any other, with a national park system that has won worldwide admiration since its inception in 1970.

ON THE MAP



1 ARENAL

Watch the smoky, active volcano and natural fireworks of lava tumbling down its slopes from the hot springs of Tabacon.



2 MANUEL ANTONIO & THE PACIFIC COAST

A favourite destination for nature-lovers and bird-watchers with palm-fringed beaches, scenic gems and rocky peninsulas.



3 CORCOVADO & THE OSA PENINSULA

For a wild jungle experience head for the Osa Peninsula and Corcovado National Park to see pristine rainforest, macaws and rare species like jaguars.



4 SAN JOSÉ & THE CENTRAL VALLEY

Sip on a freshly roasted coffee in the lush central valley while learning about the production of Costa Rica's biggest export.



5 TORTUGUERO & THE CARIBBEAN COAST

One of the best places to see green turtles as they come ashore at night to lay their eggs or when their young hatch and head back into the water.



6 MONTEVERDE

See the huge variety of bird life in the misty volcanic slopes of the cloud forest. Watch out for Costa Rica's national bird – the resplendent quetzal.



7 GUANACASTE & THE NICOYA PENINSULA

A wonderfully romantic and secluded area of sandy beaches, ideal for a honeymoon, turtle-watching and surfing.



TOURS COSTA RICA



COSTA RICA ADRENALINE

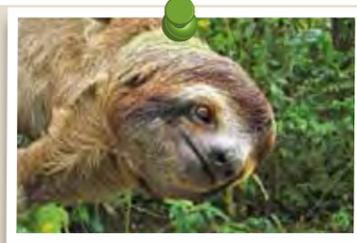
On this twelve day active trip, white water raft down some of Costa Rica's most ferocious rapids, zip-line through tropical rainforest and rappel down the Sarapiquí river canyon. Thriving with nature and a wide range of adrenalin experiences, Costa Rica is a paradise for active adventure in spectacular scenery.

With a variety of landscapes from rainforest, volcanoes to jungle and incredible beaches this trip takes you to the heart of Costa Rica's natural world.

12 DAYS

Start: San José

End: San José



WONDERS OF NATURE & MAN

Explore the best parts of Costa Rica and Panama on this eleven day adventure to see wildlife, Arenal Volcano, national parks and idyllic tropical beaches.

Discover the delights of Tortuguero National Park by boating along the canals. Enjoy the unique surroundings of Arenal Volcano, visit a coffee farm and hike to spot the sacred Quetzal bird. Fly up to Panama to spend days in Bocas Del Toro, a chance to see unspoilt coconut fringed beaches and snorkel in Panama's clear Caribbean waters. Finish the trip with some hiking in the Boquete Cloud Forests before spending one last night in Panama City.

11 DAYS

Start: San José

End: Panama City



ROMANCE IN COSTA RICA

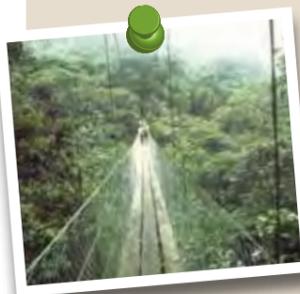
Fancy a little romance in Costa Rica. Maybe it's your honeymoon. This active twelve day adventure takes in the magnificent sights and sounds of Costa Rica's diverse jungles, rainforests and beaches.

Trek to the base of the roaring Arenal Volcano, explore the rich biodiversity of Costa Rica's jungles and verdant rainforests and hike through the countries beautiful National Parks to see fascinating wildlife. The trip ends with some relaxing time on the tropical beaches of the Nicoya Peninsula, a highlight of any Costa Rican honeymoon. You'll be staying at some wonderfully romantic accommodation including the Lapa Rios Lodge on the Osa Peninsula.

12 DAYS

Start: San José

End: San José



JUNGLES, VOLCANOES & BEACHES

Enjoy this magical eleven day coast to coast journey through Costa Rica to see spectacular scenery and some of the countries incredible natural scenery.

Admire the turtles and tropical birds at Tortuguero National Park, see the lava flow from Arenal Volcano and spot the legendary Quetzal bird in Monteverde's eerie cloud forests. End the holiday with some serious beach time on the Nicoya Peninsula where you'll have time to swim, surf and sunbathe on white sandy beaches. Along the way you'll stay in some fantastic hotels and lodges.

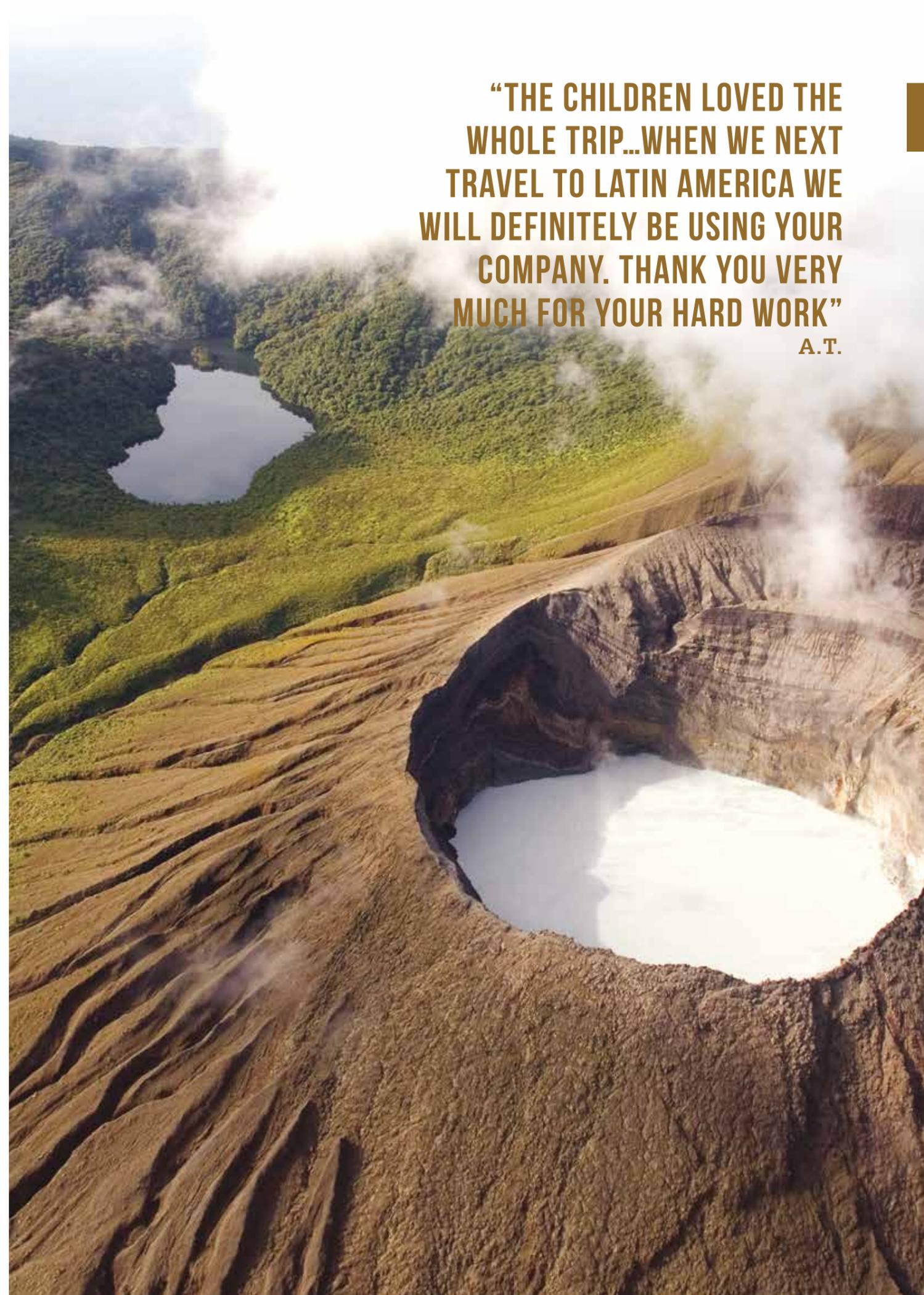
11 DAYS

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“THE CHILDREN LOVED THE WHOLE TRIP...WHEN WE NEXT TRAVEL TO LATIN AMERICA WE WILL DEFINITELY BE USING YOUR COMPANY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR HARD WORK”
A.T.



HOTELS COSTA RICA

LA MANSION Manuel Antonio



A comfortable hotel situated on the mountainside overlooking the ocean, rainforest canopy and national park.



FONDA VELA Monteverde



A well designed hotel submerged within thirty five hectares of lush forest overlooking the Monteverde Reserve.



FINCA ROSA BLANCA San José & the Central Valley



Located just twenty minutes from San José, nestled amidst lush gardens, rolling countryside, orchards and coffee plantations.



EL SILENCIO San José & the Central Valley



A luxury eco-hotel, located in Costa Rica's tropical cloud forest, ideal for honeymoons, relaxation getaways and nature lovers.



GRANO DE ORO San José & the Central Valley



The best place to stay in San José, located on a shady street just off Paseo Colon.



FLORBLANCA Guanacaste & the Nicoya Peninsula



Private luxurious beachfront villas with a many staff on hand to fulfil your every need, you will truly feel like royalty.



HOTELS COSTA RICA

PUNTA ISLITA Guanacaste & the Nicoya Peninsula



A charming beachfront getaway featuring ocean views, a distinctive architectural style and lots of privacy.



HARMONY Guanacaste & the Nicoya Peninsula



An eco-hotel set in lush tropical forest, just a few metres from one of the best surfing beaches in the country.



NAYARA Arenal



Voted one of Central and South American's most romantic getaways, this hotel is surrounded by rainforest.



KIORO Arenal



Set at the foot of the spectacular Arenal Volcano within twenty seven acres of undulating private land, Kioro is the area's first luxury hotel.



CASA CORCOVADO Corcovado & the Osa Peninsula



The lodge is remote. There are no roads to reach it so the only way in is by a ninety minute boat ride through one of Central America's largest wetlands.



LAPA RIOS Corcovado & the Osa Peninsula



Set in a private nature reserve spread over 1,000 acres of Central America's last remaining lowland tropical rainforest.



“WE WERE COMPLETELY
IGNORANT ABOUT ECUADOR
AND SO VALUED ALL THE
EXPERT ADVICE WE
GOT FROM YOU.”
G.P.

DISCOVER ECUADOR

From the snow covered peaks of the Andes to the verdant lowlands of the Amazon rainforest we know the best guides and the best places, some unique to our trips. All of the wonderful things to see and do are within hours of the capital, Quito. For the naturalist, the incredible range of flora and fauna, particularly birds, will mean binoculars and cameras are never idle.

ON THE MAP



1 QUITO

A UNESCO World Heritage site, with cobbled streets, whitewashed Spanish churches and plazas that have been painstakingly restored.



4 CLOUD FOREST

Just a couple of hours' drive from Quito find yourself surrounded by mysterious misty cloud forest reserves and myriad bird species.



5 AMAZON

Ecuador is one of the best places to visit the mighty Amazon rainforest, easily reached by a scenic forty five minute flight.



2 CUENCA & THE AVENUE OF VOLCANOES

The area consists of a high concentration of snow-capped volcanoes and mountains, thermal springs and old haciendas.



3 OTAVALO

The people of the Andes present a colourful spectacle in their ponchos and hats when they come to sell their wares at Ecuador's biggest market.



TOURS ECUADOR



COTOPAXI & THE DEVIL'S NOSE

A classic journey, honed after many years of exploration. A journey through Ecuador's most impressive and intriguing regions including the misty cloud forests, the UNESCO World Heritage city of Quito, the spectacular Avenue of Volcanoes including the pretty town of Cuenca, the buzzing indigenous market of Otavalo and the mighty Amazon jungle.

Highlights include waking up to hummingbirds and bird-watching on the misty slopes of the cloud forest, bartering with locals in Ecuador's most famous market, meeting the indigenous Amazon communities and learning about their life at the Napo Wildlife Lodge.

16 DAYS

Start: Quito End: Quito



HUMMINGBIRDS & TURTLES

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12 DAYS

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11 DAYS

Start: Quito End: Guayaquil



CALL OF THE WILD

Call of the wild is for anyone with a keen interest in wildlife and nature. During this trip you will visit the Andean countryside near Otavalo, explore the pristine Amazon Jungle and get up close to some fascinating wildlife in the Galápagos Islands.

There are so many highlights but a few include wandering through the UNESCO World Heritage city of Quito, exploring the colourful indigenous markets, canoeing gently down the Amazon river and swimming with tropical fish and exotic marine life in the Galápagos Islands. An amazing selection of hotels, haciendas, lodges and yachts await.

14 DAYS

Start: Quito
End: Guayaquil



“EXCELLENT – GUIDE NOT ONLY VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE BUT ALSO VERY PERSONABLE AND GOOD FUN”
A.D.

HOTELS ECUADOR

PATIO ANDALUZ Quito



Located in the old town. This is a hotel that has seen actors, historic figures, presidents and thinkers pass through its corridors.



CASA GANGOTENA Quito



A showcase of eye-catching style and contemporary design located in a newly restored mansion overlooking the Plaza San Francisco.



SANTA LUCÍA Cuenca & the Avenue of Volcanoes



Beautifully restored historical building dating back to 1859, now a luxury boutique hotel just off the main plaza.



HACIENDA ABRASPUNGO Cuenca & the Avenue of Volcanoes



A beautiful hacienda located at 2,754 metres above sea level and surrounded by the magnificence of the Ecuadorian Andes and spectacular countryside.



HATO VERDE Cuenca & the Avenue of Volcanoes



Hato Verde generates a cosy and inviting atmosphere, offering all the home comforts of a boutique hotel in the shadow of Cotopaxi Volcano.



HACIENDA CUSIN Otavalo



An old hacienda surrounded by seven acres of perennial gardens with fifty eight species of orchids and plenty of activities on offer.



HOTELS ECUADOR

HACIENDA ZULETA Imbabura



A nineteen room estate with nine private rooms available for guests, all with beautiful garden views.



BELLAVISTA CLOUD FOREST LODGE Cloud Forest



A certified eco-lodge set in a fifty five hectare reserve and a dream come true for any nature lover or bird-watcher.



MASHPI LODGE Cloud Forest



Having recently opened in 2013, this super modern lodge resembles a cocoon floating in the trees. Absolute luxury and excellent service.



NAPO WILDLIFE CENTRE Amazon



One of our absolute favourites. A comfortable lodge, set deep into the Amazon with ten exclusive cabanas on the banks of the Napo River.



ANAKONDA Amazon



Travel on board the Anakonda Amazon River Cruise, the only luxury ship in the Ecuadorian Amazon Rainforest.



SACHA LODGE Amazon



A carefully designed lodge in the heart of primary forest with quaint thatched roof cabins all with private terraces.



“THIS WAS ONE OF THE BEST HOLIDAYS WE EVER HAD. A TRIP TO THE GALAPAGOS IS A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE AND HAS LEFT US WITH SO MANY WONDERFUL MEMORIES”

D.M.

DISCOVER GALÁPAGOS

Galapagos, also known as the ‘Enchanted Isles’ offers a unique opportunity to view animals in their natural habitat which are completely unafraid of man. The islands, which belong to Ecuador, straddle the Equator about 600 miles of the coast of South America. We’ve had over thirty years’ experience creating amazing adventures to the archipelago.

ON THE MAP



1 SANTA CRUZ & CENTRAL ISLANDS

Sea lions, the Charles Darwin research centre and your chance to see wild giant tortoises in the highlands.



2 SANTIAGO & NORTHERN ISLANDS

Rugged landscapes created from lava flows with sunken craters and tide-pools teeming with marine life waiting to be explored.



3 ISABELA & WESTERN ISLANDS

The largest island on the archipelago with majestic scenery of volcanoes and crater lakes and wildlife including penguins and flightless cormorants.



4 SAN CRISTÓBAL & EASTERN ISLANDS

There are many species of birds including boobies, frigates, albatross as well as impressive snorkel sites to enjoy the marine life.



TOURS GALÁPAGOS



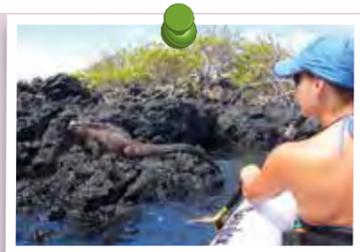
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12 DAYS

Start: Quito
End: Guayaquil



THE FULL GALÁPAGOS

This Galápagos tour that includes a fifteen day cruise is for anyone who really wants to get to know the Galápagos inside and out.

After a couple of days exploring the UNESCO World Heritage city of Quito its straight onto to the Galápagos. When you arrive you'll board one of our favourite yachts, the sixteen passenger Samba. Over the next fifteen days you'll visit almost every island in on the archipelago. It even goes to remote spots like Marchena where you will be the only people snorkelling in underwater grottos with marine iguanas. Naturalist guides will accompany you all the way helping you make the most of your time.

18 DAYS

Start: Quito
End: Guayaquil



SAILING THE GALÁPAGOS

For the sailing aficionados amongst you, this Galápagos sailing trip on board the tall ship Mary Anne is perfect. Get to grips with wildlife and island life in the eight days cruising the Galápagos.

Start with a couple of days in the tropical coastal city of Guayaquil. Fly on to the Galápagos where you will be met and taken to the port to board the fabulous Mary Anne. Each day you visit at least two islands and also swim with sea lions, turtles and even the only lizard in the world that enjoys a dip in the sea, marine iguanas. You'll walk over lava formations, sea kayak, take dinghy rides through mangrove lagoons and much more.

10 DAYS

Start: Guayaquil
End: Guayaquil



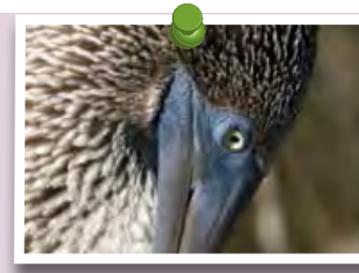
HOT SPOTS OF THE GALÁPAGOS

The best of the sights, the biggest adventures and the most relaxing activities with none of the stresses and strains of the outside world.

Spend a day exploring the colonial squares and cobbled streets of the historic part of Quito before flying straight on to the Galápagos Islands. When you arrive, you'll board the Eric, a small twenty person motor yacht to begin your eight day cruise. Each day brings a visit to at least two islands with ample opportunity to hop in the water and swim with sea lions, turtles and even marine iguanas. There are even kayaks available for your use during the trip. On this cruise you'll get to see the giant Galápagos tortoises both in the wild and at the Charles Darwin Research Station.

10 DAYS

Start: Quito
End: Guayaquil



INCAS & IGUANAS

Take in the best of both worlds whilst visiting one of the seven ancient wonders of the world, Machu Picchu and exploring the wildlife rich Galápagos Islands on this sixteen day adventure through Peru and Ecuador.

Start in Peru's capital Lima. After soaking up the atmosphere it's time to fly on to the Inca capital of Cuzco. This fascinating city with its colonial architecture, nearby pre-Inca ruins and laid back atmosphere is a wonderful place to spend a few days. Catch the train to Machu Picchu to explore this wonder before flying on to Quito, Ecuador. Finish the adventure with a eight day cruise around the Galápagos Islands on board the small twenty passenger Flamingo motor yacht.

16 DAYS

Start: Lima
End: Lima



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11 DAYS

Start: Quito
End: Guayaquil



BOATS GALÁPAGOS

ANAHI



A comfortable, stable and powerful sixteen passenger catamaran with nine attentive crew and a naturalist guide.



ATHALA



A luxury stable catamaran with an elegant design, built to cruise the Galápagos Islands in style.



CACHALOTE



The Cachalote is perfect for that traditional nautical ambience; a small schooner with sails as well as a motor.



CORAL I & II



For a sociable cruising experience, without a big ship these boats offer a more intimate experience.



EVOLUTION



The style and class of the 1920s but with all the amenities you would expect from the 21st-century.



GALAXY



A roomy motor yacht with a superb service and an excellent crew.



BOATS GALÁPAGOS

BEAGLE



A beautiful Brigantine Schooner with teak decks and a charming interior with excellent facilities.



BELUGA



A sturdy steel-hulled motor yacht with ample deck space and a spacious modern air-conditioned interior.



ECLIPSE



The Eclipse is an excellent choice for those seeking a high quality boat with luxurious comfort and large communal areas.



ERIC/FLAMINGO/LETTY



This fleet includes three identical expedition yachts custom-designed for Galápagos cruising.



GRACE



Taking the namesake of the Princess of Monaco, this elegant vessel offers classic luxury and comfort fit for a princess.



ODYSSEY



The Odyssey is a brand new luxury motor yacht designed to give a high level of comfort for a small capacity boat.



BOATS GALÁPAGOS

ISABELLA II



One of the most comfortable and luxurious yachts that cruises the Galápagos, offers an elegant yet relaxed atmosphere.



LA PINTA



A complete immersion in the Galápagos environment. Wildlife encounters accompanied by expert guides, delicious cuisine and plenty of comfort.



OCEAN SPRAY



The Ocean Spray is a luxury 'mega-Catamaran' and is currently one of the newest boat that cruises around the Galápagos Islands.



GALÁPAGOS SKY



A boat that caters specifically for divers with specially trained crew and two dive instructors.



SANTA CRUZ



A good choice for those who prefer to cruise the Galápagos Islands on a larger ship offering more stability, space and a range of facilities.



REINA SILVA



An ideal choice for a private charter with previous celebrity guests including Richard Gere and Brad Pitt & Angelina Jolie.



BOATS GALÁPAGOS

LEGEND



Comfortable cruise ship with added facilities that make it particularly suitable for families.



MARY ANNE



With almost 1,000 square metres of canvas, the Mary Anne is one for sailing boat aficionados.



SAMBA



Samba is a charming old favourite, very good value and has great itineraries, perfect for a fun-loving group of friends or families.



MILLENIUM



The Millenium is a beautiful, modern sixteen passenger yacht designed with large air conditioned double cabins.



TIP TOP II, III, IV



The fleet of three Tip Top Galápagos yachts, Tip Top II, III, and IV, are owned by descendents of early settlers to the islands, the Wittmers.



SEAMAN JOURNEY



A luxurious catamaran that has been sailing the Galápagos Islands since 2008 providing a high level of relaxation, comfort, style and stability.



DISCOVER GUATEMALA

Guatemala is a country replete with a mix of colonial architecture, rich indigenous culture and spectacular volcanic and jungle scenery. On a bespoke SLA Guatemala holiday you'll be amazed at every turn. Meander through the colourful local markets bartering with stall holders for the piles of wares on sale. Get lost in the lively festivals or spontaneous live music that bursts onto the streets and plazas.

"WE REALLY FELL IN LOVE WITH GUATEMALA – AN AMAZING DIVERSE AND THOROUGHLY BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY. I AM SURE WE WILL RETURN"

I.T.

ON THE MAP



1 ANTIGUA

Spend a day exploring the cobblestone streets, tranquil central squares and enjoy stylish hotels, interesting shops and superb cuisine.



5 LIVINGSTONE & RIO DULCE

A colourful, laid back city close to the beautiful Rio Dulce. A few days spend in both places is a must for anyone travelling to Guatemala.



6 TODOS SANTOS HIGHLANDS

The people of Todos Santos live a traditional life in this mountainous region. Visit in early November for the colourful horse festival.



2 CHICHICASTENANGO

On market days Chichi comes alive with some of the 20,000 indigenous people that live in the surrounding hills who flock to the town to sell their wares.



3 LAKE ATITLÁN

British novelist Aldous Huxley once called this lake "the most beautiful in the world". Few can disagree.



4 TIKAL & FLORES

Like Indiana Jones explore deep within the dense rainforest to the magnificent archaeological site of Tikal dating back to 700 BC.





TOURS GUATEMALA



ACTIVE GUATEMALA

Take in the best that Guatemala has to offer along with active excursions from hiking volcanoes, cycling through Mayan villages, kayaking on Lake Atitlán and exploring ancient Mayan ruins.

Start the journey in the quaint colonial town of Antigua. Here you will have plenty of time to explore the town, take a hike in Pacaya Volcano National Park and cycle through local Mayan villages. Next stop is Lake Atitlán where you will spend a day a kayaking across this serene lake. Visit the colourful Chichi market before flying on to Flores to explore the Mayan ruins of Tikal.

9 DAYS
Start: Guatemala City
End: Guatemala City



MAYA, MAGIC & MYSTERY

A whistle-stop tour through Guatemala including exploration of the colonial city of Antigua, the beautiful Lake Atitlán and the Mayan sites of Tikal and Yaxha in Flores.

After touching down in Guatemala City you'll be whisked away to begin the journey in Antigua. Our guide will take you on a tour of the colonial city as well as a local fair-trade coffee farm. Continue on to Lake Atitlán to explore it both from its shores and by boat. After a visit to the indigenous market of Chichi you'll end the journey exploring the fascinating Mayan ruins of Tikal, Yaxha and Topoxte.

9 DAYS
Start: Guatemala City
End: Guatemala City



BEST OF BOTH WORLDS

A thirteen day Belize and Guatemala extravaganza taking in both of the countries' best regions and staying in wonderfully luxurious accommodation. Included is a mixture of guided excursions and free time to explore at your own pace.

Start the journey in the pretty colonial town of Antigua before heading on to one of the world's most beautiful lakes; Atitlán. Explore Mayan villages by bike, visit the colourful markets that have changed little in centuries and kayak alongside the local fisherman. Cross the border into Belize for a few nights in the Mountain Pine Ridge region before ending the holiday with some serious beach time in Ambergris Caye.

13 DAYS
Start: Guatemala City
End: Belize City



HOTELS GUATEMALA

EL CONVENTO Antigua



Housed within an 18th century convent situated on one of Antigua's famed cobblestone streets.



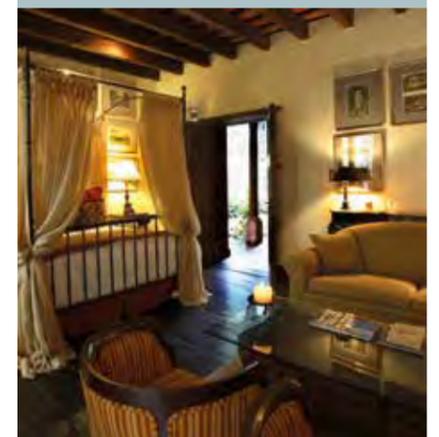
LION'S INN Antigua



Appreciate the traditional colonial lifestyle in Antigua while enjoying modern amenities and comfort.



POSADA DEL ANGEL Antigua



A beautiful colonial inn with seven elegant suites, each with large private bathrooms located in the centre of Antigua.



HOTEL ATITLÁN Lake Atitlán



Built in the style of a colonial hacienda with stunning views over the shores of Lake Atitlan.



MESON PANZA VERDE Antigua



A nine guestroom hotel with an inviting central garden located at the quiet end of Fifth Avenue.



LA LANCHA Tikal



A quaint, ten room lodge decorated with fabrics and carvings from all over Guatemala.





“A DREAM EXPERIENCE
THAT SURPASSED
EXPECTATION”
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DISCOVER MEXICO

Mexico is much more than the populated modern cities of Mexico City and Cancún. Head out into the countryside and you will be met by dramatic scenery unvisited by many tourists. Mexico's spectacular coastline and rich tropical waters are perfect for those who want beach time and water sports. Mexico has fascinated filmmakers for years and has been the location not just for westerns, but for feel good holiday movies, swashbuckling adventures and epic romances such as 'The Night of the Iguana'. Our bespoke Mexico holidays can be anything you wish them to be.

ON THE MAP



1 CHIAPAS

Southern state bordering Guatemala with landscapes of lush tropical rainforests to rugged pine covered mountains and proud indigenous locals.



5 MEXICO CITY

You have to embrace the grandeur of Mexico City, the largest city in the western world and home to twenty million people.



7 RIVIERA MAYA

One of the best ways to complete a holiday in Mexico is some time at the beach on the Riviera Maya.



2 BAJA CALIFORNIA

A two hour flight from Mexico City takes you to the Baja California centre of Mexico's whale-watching.



6 OAXACA

A delightful colonial town, set in the mountains, imbued with a mix of ancient and modern cultures.



8 YUCATÁN

A vast peninsula surrounded by turquoise seas, ancient Mayan sites, deep caverns, colonial cities plus some fantastic beaches.



3 COLONIAL HEARTLANDS

Head out of Mexico City and you'll find many charming colonial towns, such as San Miguel de Allende built from the wealth of the silver mines.

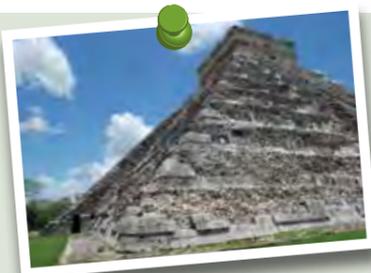


4 COPPER CANYON

In the mountainous north lies the Sierra Madre range and the huge Copper Canyon gorge that could eat the Grand Canyon for breakfast.



TOURS MEXICO



ANCIENT MEXICO

Take our ever-rewarding adventure into the classic corners of Mexico. Great food, ancient ruins and blissful coastline are all in a tour of under a fortnight.

After getting under the skin of the capital, Mexico City you'll head south to Oaxaca, one of Mexico's hidden gems. Explore the wondrous archaeology of the area, and touch the Árbol del Tule, believed to be one of the oldest trees in the world and more than 2,000-years-old. Next discover San Cristóbal de Las Casas, steeped in Mayan legacy and culture before flying to Mérida on the Yucatán Peninsula. It's a great hub for exploring some of Mexico's most enthralling ancient history at Uxmal and Kabah ancient historic sites. End the journey with a visit to Chichen-Itza and some time on the beaches of the Riviera Maya.

13 DAYS
Start: Mexico City
End: Cancún



COLONIAL MEXICO

Explore the riches of Mexico's old world grandeur in our grand tour, while still having time to chill out on the beaches of this magical country.

Touch down in Mexico city and explore its cultural gems such as the Museum of Anthropology with the help of an expert local guide. From the capital you'll take a whistle stop tour through the colonial heartlands including visits to San Miguel de Allende, Guanajuato, Morelia and Guadalajara. History and culture oozes from these towns packed with colonial splendour, quaint plazas, cobbled streets and fascinating locals. End the trip at the stunning beachside city of Puerto Vallarta. Kick back in a hammock, or leap into the refreshing azure waters.

11 DAYS
Start: Mexico City
End: Puerto Vallarta



BAJA WHALE WATCHING SELF DRIVE

Our self-drive lets you hit Mexico for the ultimate road trip, from the pulse of Mexico City, watching majestic whales and lazing on the beach.

After a number of days exploring the fascinating capital of Mexico City you'll jet off to Baja California to kick off your self-drive. Pick up your rental car and head up the peninsula. Highlights include exploring Loreto that teems with archaeological wonders, snorkelling in the turquoise waters off Isla Coronado, kicking back on the beaches of Bahia Luz and of course, viewing both the gray whales fluking and making their thunderous splashes in the water. Accompany all this feasting on its mouth-watering array of Mexican cuisine, washed down with cold cervezas and tasty tequila to toast your holiday.

11 DAYS
Start: Mexico City End: La Paz

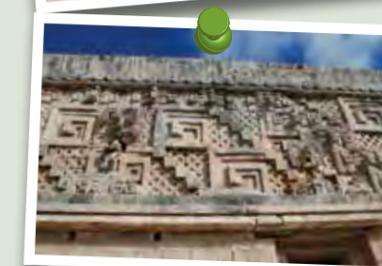
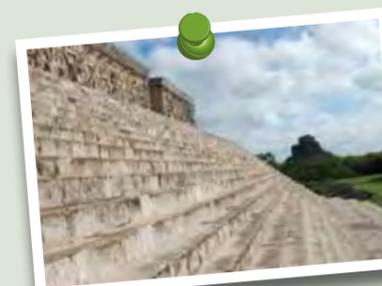


RIDE THE COPPER CANYON RAILWAY

Ride the Copper Canyon railway over bridges and through tunnels stopping en route to hike in the rugged countryside and meet the local people.

After a brief exploration day in Mexico City fly north to Los Mochis and stay in the town of El Fuerte as you await the start of your railroad adventure. Board the train for the world famous Chihuahua to Pacific train trip into the Sierra Madre Mountains. Stay in the frontier mining town of Creel before descending along the switchbacks into the Batopilas Canyon and through Copper and La Bufa Canyons. The train will make plenty of stops for you to explore the colourful region, visit the museums or historic sites along the way.

12 DAYS
Start: Mexico City
End: Mexico City



MAYAN JOURNEY

Take our epic journey deep into the rich tapestry of Mayan culture through both Guatemala and Mexico. Highlights include a hike around Lake Atitlán and the local villages, discovering Chichen-Itza and swimming with whale sharks off the Riviera Maya.

Start in the buzzy energetic city of Mexico City before flying on to Flores in Guatemala to take a tour of Tikal. The pretty colonial town of Antigua is next as well as the colourful indigenous market of Chichicastenango, a fascinating snap short of the ancient roots of Mayan rituals. After exploring Lake Atitlán cross back over the border into Mexico to work your way through the Yucatán Peninsula including visits to San Cristóbal de las Casas, Agua Azul waterfalls, Palenque, Campeche, Mérida, Uxmal and Chichen-Itza. End the tour on the beautiful Riviera Maya.

17 DAYS
Start: Mexico City
End: Cancún



HOTELS MEXICO

QUINTA CHA NAB NAL

Chiapas



A hotel of seven luxury suites and an ideal starting place for discovering the magic of the Mayan world.



QUINTA REAL ZACATECAS

Colonial Heartlands



One of the world's most unusual hotels, built into the grandstand of the restored San Pedro bullfighting ring.



CASA VIEJA

Mexico City



A quirky, colourful, small hacienda style hotel situated in the exclusive area of Polanco.



HOTELS MEXICO

CASA OAXACA

Oaxaca



A nineteen room estate with nine private rooms available for guests, all with beautiful garden views.



LE RÊVE

Rivieria Maya



A small beachfront property hidden in the jungle around forty five minutes south of Cancún.



HACIENDA XCANATÚN

Yucatán

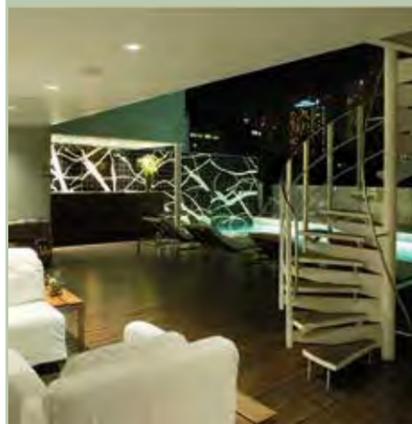


A carefully restored luxury hacienda just minutes from Mérida set in nine acres of tropical gardens.



HABITA

Mexico City



A completely remodelled 1950's building that offers light, airy and spacious rooms in a contemporary environment.



POSADA BARRANCAS MIRADOR

Copper Canyon



The Posada Barrancas Mirador is poised at the canyon's edge with views overlooking the awe-inspiring scenery.



ESENCIA

Rivieria Maya



A small luxurious hotel set on two miles of white sandy beach surrounded by lush tropical vegetation.



HACIENDA TEMOZAN

Yucatán



A beautiful twenty six room hacienda that oozes character and is surrounded by palm trees and lush landscape.



HACIENDA UAYANMON

Yucatán



An 18th century hacienda with original features situated just east of the Campeche River near Mérida.



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THE INDIVIDUAL”**

P.D.





“THANK YOU FOR
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DISCOVER PANAMA

Panama is a dream holiday destination for wildlife and nature enthusiasts. In the short distance from one ocean to the other you can hike through tropical forests, relax on pristine beaches, snorkel over reefs and visit the famous Panama Canal. Panama is one the migratory routes of many birds and bird-watchers can see more species here than in the US and Mexico put together. A vast swathe of the county has conservation status where you can still come across jaguars, tapirs, monkeys and caiman alligators.

ON THE MAP



1 PANAMA CITY & CANAL

A modern cosmopolitan city filled with world-class museums, boutique places to stay and top-notch cuisine and nightlife.



4 BOCAS DEL TORO

Bird-watching, diving, snorkelling, surfing, kayaking, trekking and swimming are just some of the activities you can do here.



6 BOQUETE & THE CHIRIQUI HIGHLANDS

Home to Panamas' only volcano, the highlands extend from the mountains of La Amistad Park to the misty cloud forests of Boquete.



2 PACIFIC COAST & ISLANDS

If you really want to get away from it all and enjoy activities from swimming, snorkelling, fishing, surfing and kayaking then this is the place to come.



5 SAN BLAS ISLANDS

The pristine Archipelago includes picture-perfect coral islands with white sand and coconut trees surrounded by a sapphire sea. Some islands are home to Kuna Indians.



3 EL VALLE

The cooler spring-like climate make it an excellent retreat from the hot bustle of the city and popular among the Panamanians.





TOURS PANAMA

WONDERS OF NATURE & MAN

Explore the best parts of Costa Rica and Panama on this eleven day adventure to see wildlife, Arenal Volcano, national parks and idyllic tropical beaches.

Discover the delights of Tortuguero National Park by boating along the canals. Enjoy the unique surroundings of Arenal Volcano, visit a coffee farm and hike to spot the sacred Quetzal bird. Fly up to Panama to spend days in Bocas Del Toro, a chance to see unspoilt coconut fringed beaches and snorkel in Panama's clear Caribbean waters. Finish the trip with some hiking in the Boquete Cloud Forests before spending one last night in Panama City.

11 DAYS
Start: San José
End: Panama City



CANALS, CLOUDS & COCONUTS

Explore some of Panama's most varied regions from the modern metropolis of Panama City to the lush green cloud forest of Boquete. Finish off with three days on the white sandy beaches of the stunning San Blas Islands.

Start in the cosmopolitan capital of Panama City. Explore both the modern and historic sides of the city as well as watching cruise and cargo ships inch through the famous Panama Canal. Continue with a flight to the Boquete Highlands. The area is brimming with colourful birds, towering trees and crystalline streams seeping over velvet-like moss and rock. Hike the trails and search for the famous Quetzal bird. Finish the trip with three nights at the Yandup Lodge on the paradise San Blas Islands, relaxing, fishing, swimming and exploring.

11 DAYS
Start: Panama City
End: Panama City



HOTELS PANAMA

LAS CLEMENTINAS Panama City



A beautifully restored 20th century building in Casco Antiguo, Panama City's historic district.



CANOPY TOWER Panama City



Less than an hour outside the city and you'll find a magical tower where your bedroom is at treetop level among the birds and other wildlife.



CORAL LODGE San Blas Islands



An isolated and totally sustainable lodge that offers a variety of nature related adventures and a chance to get away from it all.



PUNTA CARACOL Bocas del Toro



Luxury over-the-water bungalows for the ultimate in tranquillity and privacy. One of our favourites.



AMERICAN TRADING Panama City



One of the newest hotels in Panama City housed in a white washed colonial building located in the old town.



BOQUETE GARDEN LODGE Boquete



Boquete Garden Inn has just five intimate cabañas nestled on the banks of the Palo Alto River in Boquete.





“WE FELT WE HAD TO WRITE TO THANK YOU FOR ORGANISING OUR WONDERFUL TRIP. IT WAS FANTASTIC”
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DISCOVER PERU

Peru holiday is more than a visit to Machu Picchu, Lima has some of the best food in the world, see other striking Inca ruins in the Sacred Valley. Explore Cuzco where the Spanish heritage is evident in flower-filled plazas, colonial cathedrals and monasteries. Natural wonders like the Colca Canyon, Lake Titicaca and the Amazon basin offer unforgettable holidays. In the coastal desert are found the enigmatic Nazca lines. For an active holiday to Peru we can include trekking, river-rafting, mountain-biking or even boarding over rolling sand dunes. The Peruvians will give you a warm welcome.

ON THE MAP



1 AMAZON

Explore the Amazonian jungle from Iquitos or trek to the remotest outposts in Manu. Either way you'll have great wildlife experiences.



4 LAKE TITICACA

The highest navigable lake in the world and home to some interesting islands including Uros and Taquile.



7 THE NORTH

The little visited north has lots to offer, Chimú ruins, treasures of Chiclayo, great beaches and world class trekking in the Cordillera Blanca.



2 AREQUIPA & COLCA CANYON

The beautiful white city of Arequipa has a lovely climate and home to the Santa Catalina Convent. It is also the gateway to the Colca Canyon.



5 LIMA & THE SOUTHERN DESERT

Lima is a modern city but dig deep and you'll find some treasures. Head south to the Paracas National Park and the mysterious Nazca lines.



3 CUZCO & THE SACRED VALLEY

A wonderful colonial city surrounded by a fertile valley with stunning Incan ruins and the start of the Inca Trail.



6 MACHU PICCHU & THE INCA TRAIL

Machu Picchu continues to beguile, this Inca citadel perched upon a mountain top is justifiably one of the New Seven Wonders of the World, simply unmissable.



TOURS PERU

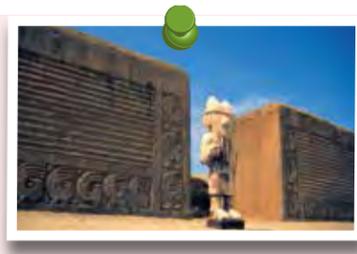


IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF INCAS

An epic three week adventure through Chile, Bolivia and Peru taking in the highlights of each and staying in some fabulous hotels and lodges. Begin in Santiago before visiting Valparaíso, San Pedro de Atacama, Uyuni Salt Flats, La Paz, Lake Titicaca, Cuzco and Machu Picchu.

Highlights include climbing up to watch the sunset over the extraordinary Valley of the Moon, driving over the wondrous Bolivian Salt Flats, meeting the indigenous people on the Uros reed islands and taking a private tour of the ancient ruins of Machu Picchu.

23 DAYS
Start: Santiago
End: Lima



WARRIORS OF THE CLOUDS

This journey explores the ancient cultures and fallen empires of Peru visiting many locations in the north that are rarely visited by others. During the trip you will visit the famous sites of Kuelap and Chan-Chan.

After a day getting to know the capital Lima, you'll fly north to the city of Trujillo. Here you will visit the pyramids of the Sun and Moon, Huaca Dragon Temple and Chan Chan, the ancient capital of Chimú Empire. Next stop is Chiclayo where you will visit Sipan and the Royal Tomb and Tucume Temple. Lastly visit the mountainous town of Chachpoyas and hike through the dense rainforest to view the Quiocta Cavems and the city of the cloud warriors; Kuelap.

15 DAYS
Starts: Lima
Ends: Lima



LUXURY PERU

Want to see Peru in style? During this seventeen day epic journey through the country you'll see it all and stay in some of Peru's most luxurious accommodation, including a night at the stunning Inkaterra Machu Picchu.

You'll be visiting the country's best regions and cities including Lima, the Amazon, Cuzco, the Sacred Valley, Machu Picchu, Lake Titicaca, Colca Canyon and Arequipa. Highlights include meeting the local indigenous tribes in the Peruvian Amazon, getting up close to gliding condors whilst overlooking the Colca Canyon, enjoying a typical local lunch on Lake Titicaca's Taquile Island and of course Machu Picchu.

17 DAYS
Starts: Lima
Ends: Lima



INCAS & IGUANAS

Visit two wonders of the world, the man-made Inca citadel of Machu Picchu and the natural wonder of Galápagos rich in wildlife, on this sixteen day adventure through Peru and Ecuador.

Start in Peru's capital Lima. After soaking up the atmosphere it's time to fly on to the Inca capital of Cuzco. This fascinating city with its colonial architecture, nearby pre-Inca ruins and laid back atmosphere is a wonderful place to spend a few days. Catch the train to Machu Picchu to explore this wonder before flying on to Quito, Ecuador. Finish the adventure with a eight day cruise around the Galápagos Islands on board the small twenty passenger Eric motor yacht.

16 DAYS
Starts: Lima
Ends: Guayquil



JUNGLE & MOUNTAIN TREK

An excellent trekking adventure taking in the best of the Peruvian Amazon and a hike along the famous Inca Trail to the ancient wonder of Machu Picchu. You will also have plenty of time to explore the fascinating city of Cuzco.

After a short stopover in Lima take your scenic flight over the Andes and Amazon to the Reserva Amazónica Lodge. During the next few days you'll hike the trails through the jungle, take canoe rides, observe myriad wildlife and bird life species and visit the local indigenous community. Continue with a flight to Cuzco where the Inca Trail Trek starts. An expert local guide will accompany on the five day trek which includes porters and a cook. Finish the adventure with a tour of the famous ruins of Machu Picchu.

12 DAYS
Starts: Lima
Ends: Lima



MOUNTAIN LODGES OF PERU

Fancy something different to the Inca Trail? Want to trek through the Andes staying in lodges instead of camping? This eleven day adventure through the Mountain Lodges of Peru takes in some fantastic scenery along some of the best hiking trails in the country.

Spend two days getting to know the fascinating capital of Lima, before heading straight to the Inca capital of Cuzco. It's here that you will take your first small steps to acclimatise to the lofty heights of the soaring Andean mountains before beginning the trek proper. Over the next few days you will hike to the Inca ruins of Limatambo, encircle the Humantay Peak, marvel over the Vilcabamba range and trek over the Llapapata Pass. Finish with a visit to the spectacular ruins of Machu Picchu.

11 DAYS
Starts: Lima
Ends: Lima



HOTELS PERU

M/V AQUA & ARIA Amazon



These two custom designed luxury cruise ships traverse the northern Amazon River in style where every sight is framed through huge picture windows.



TAMBOPATA RESEARCH STATION Amazon



Tambopata Research Centre is a rustic eighteen bedroom lodge situated by one of the world's largest Macaw clay licks.



LAS CASITAS DEL COLCA Arequipa & Colca Canyon



The Casitas del Colca are located close to the village of Yanque north of the white city of Arequipa on the banks of the River Colca.



COLCA LODGE Arequipa & Colca Canyon



Rustic design and cosy rooms with a private on-site natural thermal spring pool and spa. Recommended.



LA CASONA INKATERRA Cuzco & the Sacred Valley



A colonial manor house built in 1650, centrally located on an Incan settlement near the present-day main square.



MONASTERIO Cuzco & the Sacred Valley



A former monastery and national monument dating from 1592, now a delightfully luxurious Belmond Hotel.



HOTELS PERU

SOL Y LUNA Cuzco & the Sacred Valley



This colourful and rustic hotel offers fourteen comfortable casitas made from local materials creating an Inca feel.



TITILAKA Lake Titicaca



Surrounded by stunning scenery and astounding Andean geography, Titilaka's contemporary design integrates with the natural environment.



HOTEL B Lima & the Southern Desert



After years of meticulous restoration, an abandoned historic mansion in the bohemian seaside neighborhood of Barranco opens its doors again.



MIRAFLORES PARK HOTEL Lima & the Southern Desert



A five star luxury property, located in one of Lima's most fashionable areas with fine dining and beautiful gardens overlooking the Pacific Ocean.



SANCTUARY LODGE Machu Picchu & the Inca Trail



The only hotel located adjacent to this ancient Inca citadel, offering its guests exceptionally easy access from early morning to late afternoon.



INKATERRA MACHU PICCHU Machu Picchu & the Inca Trail



A luxury boutique retreat located near to Machu Picchu town, close to the famous ruins and surrounded by gardens of orchids.



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J.P.

DISCOVER URUGUAY

Uruguay has long been a holiday destination for its neighbours from Argentina and Brazil; with good reason during the summer months you can enjoy vast stretches of golden beach that lay along the Atlantic coastline. To the west lies the town of Colonia del Sacramento, with its cobbled streets and pretty houses is like walking back in time. Punta del Este has renowned nightlife whilst bird-watchers and horse riders can enjoy the peace further north.

ON THE MAP



1 COLONIA DEL SACRAMENTO

Founded by Portuguese settlers in 1680 and used as a centre for smuggling, this charming town is now a UNESCO World Heritage site.



4 JOSÉ IGNACIO & ROCHA

A small fishing village located down the coast from Punta del Este that's fast becoming one of Latin America's chicest destinations.



5 ESTANCIAS

Historic working estancias or farms are dotted throughout Uruguay and provide a glimpse into the life and country of the rural people.



2 PUNTA DEL ESTE

Located around 100 miles down the coast from Montevideo, the town sits on a small peninsula, surrounded by pine forests, and white sandy beaches.



3 MONTEVIDEO

The capital contains a scrumptious mix of Italian, Spanish and French architecture located along a thirteen mile stretch of Atlantic coastline.



TOURS URUGUAY



AT HOME WITH THE GAUCHOS

Take our self-drive of Uruguay's hidden beaches, horse ranches, and amazing town and cities, where you'll ride with Gaucho cowboys and spot wildlife.

After a few days discovering the magic of Buenos Aires in Argentina you'll take the ferry across to neighbouring Uruguay and the town of Colonia del Sacramento. Here you will pick up your hire car to start your adventure. Over the next week you'll drive along the coast and then inland to gaucho land where you'll stay at local estancias and enjoy life in the country.

11 DAYS
Start: Buenos Aires
End: Buenos Aires



THE EMERALD COAST

A journey along the coast of Uruguay from Colonia del Sacramento to Punta del Este.

Start in Buenos Aires before crossing to Uruguay by ferry. Colonia del Sacramento is a charming town full of cobbled streets. Next stop is the fascinating capital Montevideo where lunch at the lively Port Market is highly recommended. Journey down the coastline to Punta del Este to spend a few days living the highlife around the luxury yachts. Continue to an estancia to learn about the gaucho way of life before ending the journey at the rustic Pueblo Barrancas Eco-Lodge located right on the beach.

12 DAYS
Start: Buenos Aires
End: Buenos Aires



HOTELS URUGUAY

POSADA PLAZA MAYOR

Colonial del Sacramento



The hotel is a quiet and magical place built in a house from 1860 and a Portuguese ranch of 1700 with fifteen lovely guestrooms.



FASANO LAS PIEDRAS

Punta del Este



This small luxury chain's expansion begins in Punta del Este, Uruguay with the Fasano las Piedras, set in the most extraordinary location.



PLAYA VIK

José Ignacio



A striking contemporary property that incorporates natural elements, Playa VIK José Ignacio is instantly recognisable.



PUEBLO BARRANCAS ECO LODGE

José Ignacio



Located in a rugged landscape around José Ignacio, the Pueblo Barrancas is Uruguay's first glamping experience.



GUARDIA DEL MONTE

Estancia



A cosy little estancia located on the borders of the Castillos Lagoon and surrounded by countryside and wildlife.



RESPONSIBLE TRAVEL

PARTNER AIRLINES

We have been creating memorable travel experiences for almost 30 years. It makes absolute sense that we look after the places we visit, not only for the future of our business and clients, but for the people and places that make Latin America such an incredible part of the world. Put simply, responsible travel is something we take very seriously.

We work with some fantastic airlines offering an extensive flight network to destinations in Latin America and departing from many parts of the UK and abroad. Here are just a few of the airlines we work with on a regular basis.



ECONOMIC RESPONSIBILITY

We have worked alongside and contributed to organisations that make great differences to communities and conservation all over South and Central America. We have been members of LATA (Latin America Travel Association) for over 20 years, actively participating in as part of the executive committee and supporting their LATA Foundation which supports social projects throughout the region. These projects are helping to transform lives, providing clean water, dental or medical support and practical training to provide people with new skills in Mexico, Central and South America.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

Since the company began as the first Galápagos specialist, concern for the environment has been core to what we do. Our founder, David Horwell, worked as a naturalist guide in the

Galápagos and is author of books about this fragile environment. He therefore understands the complexity of conservation and tourism on the archipelago. We only work with boats who use local guides and crew which in turn supports the community of islanders. We recommend vessels which have strict policies on social & environmental responsibility, locally owned and operated and are actively reducing carbon emissions and where possible, preferably have Smart Voyager certification.



We are proud to have been one of the first corporate members of the Galápagos Conservation Trust, a UK charity who work tirelessly to raise awareness and funds for the conservation of this fragile ecosystem. We have sponsored their events, helped with logistics for their team, contributed financially and donated memberships to our customers. Throughout Latin America we promote the sustainable

use by hotels and lodges and where possible choose those that have been verified by Rainforest Alliance.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Where possible we work with locals. We pick our guides carefully and we think that someone who's born and bred in the area is better equipped to impart local knowledge and give you an authentic experience. It also ensures less migration to larger cities allowing small areas to prosper economically. Whilst we encourage you to experience the culture and local life in these countries it is important that tribal people and indigenous communities are respected. Many of these welcome tourists and get a modest income by selling handicrafts or even run their own lodges. In certain Amazon areas tourism is the only alternative to logging or oil exploitation. We support the work of Survival International in raising awareness of the plight of threatened communities. All of our trekking outfitters have a responsible porter policy which we check annually.



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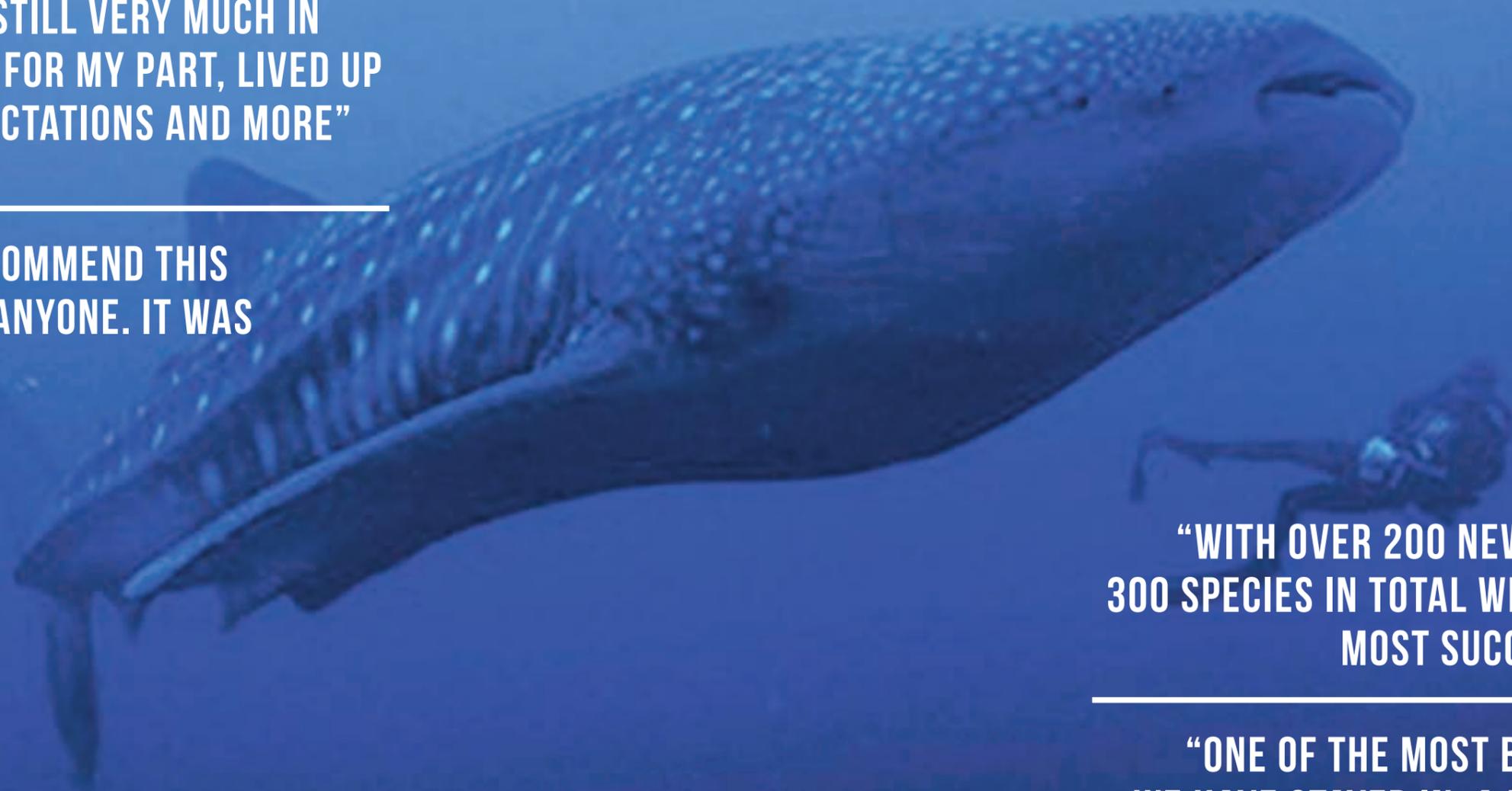
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WE HAVE STAYED IN, A REAL PARADISE OF
ORCHIDS AND HUMMINGBIRDS”** P.P.

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