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# ESSENCE OF SOUTH AMERICA

**21 DAYS**



## 2019 &amp; 20 DEPARTURES

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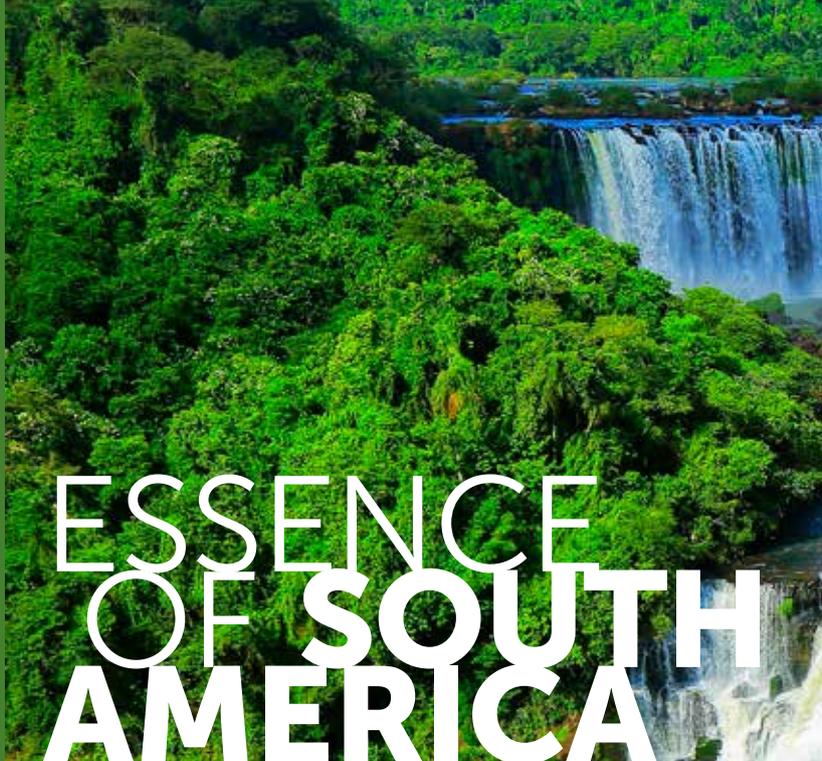
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## THE ESCORTED ESCAPES INCLUSIONS

- ✓ AIRFARES INCLUDED\*
- ✓ FULLY ESCORTED HOLIDAYS\*
- ✓ VISAS, TRANSFERS, TIPPING INCLUDED\*
- ✓ SMALL GROUPS\*
- ✓ INCLUSIVE SIGHTSEEING\*

## TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the magnificent UNESCO World Heritage site of Machu Picchu
- Visit the stunning Iguazu Falls and enjoy the beautiful vistas from both the Argentinian and Brazilian sides of the falls
- Admire Rio de Janeiro's iconic beaches and cityscape from the summit of Sugarloaf Mountain
- Get up close with the wildlife of the Peruvian Amazon
- Enjoy a traditional tango show and dinner in Buenos Aires
- See the magnificent Incan ruins at Cusco and the Sacred Valley
- Ride the luxurious Vistadome train between the Sacred Valley and Machu Picchu
- Walk through the Amazonian treetops on the Inkaterra Canopy Walkway
- View the magnificent fountains and laser show at Lima's Parque de la Reserva



# ESSENCE OF SOUTH AMERICA

**DAY 1 AUSTRALIA - BUENOS AIRES**

Our Escorted Escape begins today as we fly from Australia to Buenos Aires. On arrival we'll be met by our tour leader and transferred to our hotel. This evening is at your leisure.

Accommodation: Hotel Boca

**DAY 2 BUENOS AIRES**

Our day begins with a tour of local neighbourhoods, including the colourful La Boca. Visit the city's second oldest church and the celebrated Recoleta Cemetery. In the evening, discover the beauty and passion of Argentine culture at a traditional tango show and dinner.

Meals: B + D Accommodation: Hotel Boca

**DAY 3 BUENOS AIRES**

Venture beyond the city on a tour to the Paraná Delta, the world's third largest river delta. Enjoy a break from the hustle and bustle of city life on a relaxing boat ride, viewing landmarks that line the waterways, including Sarmiento's historic home and museum.

Meals: B + D Accommodation: Hotel Boca

**DAY 4 LIMA**

Transfer to Buenos Aires airport for our flight to Lima. This afternoon includes a short city tour, followed by dinner and a guided walk of the magical circuit of water at the Parque de la Reserva.

Meals: B + D Accommodation: Wyndham Hotel Lima Airport

**DAY 5 AMAZON RAINFOREST**

Rise early for our flight to Puerto Maldonado, the gateway to the Peruvian Amazon. A short boat ride takes us into the rainforest and our base for experiencing this unique region.

Meals: B + D Accommodation: Inkaterra Hacienda Concepcion

**DAY 6 AMAZON RAINFOREST**

Explore the surroundings with a morning excursion to Lake Sandoval. After lunch, discover breathtaking vistas from the 30m high Inkaterra Canopy Walkway. Later in the evening you can take a guided rainforest-by-night excursion, listening out for the melodies of the nocturnal species.

Meals: B + L + D Accommodation: Inkaterra Hacienda Concepcion

**DAY 7 AMAZON RAINFOREST**

Today we learn about local cultivation techniques on a farm excursion. Relax in the afternoon or head out on a canoe to try your hand at traditional catch-and-release fishing.

Meals: B + L + D Accommodation: Inkaterra Hacienda Concepcion





#### DAY 8 SACRED VALLEY

This morning we transfer back to Puerto Maldonado airport for our flight to Cusco. On arrival, we will be met by a local guide and transferred to the Sacred Valley in the Andean highlands. The remainder of your day is free to enjoy at your leisure and acclimatise to the altitude.

Meals: B Accommodation: Hacienda del Valle

#### DAY 9 SACRED VALLEY

Discover the charming Incan city of Pisac - an ancient site perched high above the present day Pisac town - and its magnificent views over the Vilcanota River. We also visit the Pisac markets and admire the local handicrafts.

Meals: B + L Accommodation: Hacienda del Valle

#### DAY 10 MACHU PICCHU

Explore the Incan ruins at Ollantaytambo before taking an afternoon train to Aguas Calientes, the gateway to Machu Picchu. Relax and enjoy the spectacular scenery through the valley from the comfort of the Vistadome train.

Meals: B + L + D Accommodation: El Mapi Hotel by Inkaterra

#### DAY 11 MACHU PICCHU

Today is an early start as we travel up from town to the spectacular UNESCO World Heritage site of Machu Picchu. Learn about the rich history of this awe-inspiring ancient city and enjoy time to explore on your own before returning to the hotel and regrouping for a relaxed dinner.

Meals: B + D Accommodation: El Mapi Hotel by Inkaterra

#### DAY 12 CUSCO

Take a morning train back to Ollantaytambo before a scenic drive through the Sacred Valley to Cusco. En-route we'll visit salt mines in the mountains and enjoy a weaving demonstration by local artisans. Tonight is free to enjoy at your leisure in Cusco.

Meals: B Accommodation: Novotel Cusco

#### DAY 13 CUSCO

Embark on a guided tour of Cusco, a UNESCO World Heritage site borne from the blending of Incan and European culture and architecture. Visit the Koricancha (Golden Temple) and San Christobal Church, fortress of Saksaywaman and the archaeological sites Qenko and Puca-Pucara.

Meals: B Accommodation: Novotel Cusco

#### DAY 14 IGUAZÚ

Today is a travel day as we fly across the continent to the town of Iguazú. Our hotel is located on the Argentinean side of the falls and here we enjoy our first night in this tropical paradise.

Meals: B Accommodation: Mercure Iru Hotel

#### DAY 15 IGUAZÚ

Your first views of the magnificent Iguazú falls will be from the Argentinean side today. There are three main walking trails, each offering unique perspectives of the thundering waterfalls.

Meals: B Accommodation: Mercure Iru Hotel

#### DAY 16 IGUAZÚ

Today is a free day to relax and enjoy the facilities and activities your hotel has to offer, or venture further afield to explore the local area.

Meals: B Accommodation: Mercure Iru Hotel

#### DAY 17 RIO DE JANEIRO

This morning explore the Brazilian side of the falls, following an impressive walking trail that takes you virtually under the falls. There is also time for an optional helicopter flight. In the afternoon, we head to the airport for our flight to Rio De Janeiro.

Meals: B + D Accommodation: Windsor Excelsior Hotel

#### DAY 18 RIO DE JANEIRO

Today we head through the city to Corcovado and the impressive Christ the Redeemer statue. Later we take the cable car to the summit of Sugarloaf mountain to take in the famous views across the entire city. Relax and refresh at the hotel before a group dinner at a local restaurant.

Meals: B + D Accommodation: Windsor Excelsior Hotel

#### DAY 19 RIO DE JANEIRO - AUSTRALIA

Enjoy a morning at leisure to explore, shop or perhaps relax on Copacabana or Ipanema beach before an afternoon transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Meals: B

#### DAY 20 IN TRANSIT

Today is spent travelling.

#### DAY 21 AUSTRALIA

Our Escorted Escape ends. On arrival, farewell your new friends and tour host as you head home.



# TOP 10 REASONS TO TRAVEL WITH US

“Once a year,  
go someplace you’ve  
never been before.”

Dalai Lama

## AUSTRALIAN-BASED TOUR HOST

Each and every tour is hosted by an experienced travel professional. Our hosts have travelled extensively themselves and have a passion for exploring our wonderful world. We are there to liaise with the local operators to ensure you relax and enjoy your holiday while we take care of the details.

## AIRFARES INCLUDED

Every Escorted Escape includes return economy airfares from Australia (Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne or Adelaide), plus all internal flights as per the itinerary. For available upgrades (at additional cost) or departures from Australian cities not listed above please contact your consultant for pricing. We generally use premium airlines for all long haul travel, to give you the most direct flights and best connection times to our destination. Deviations from the group are often possible, please contact your consultant who will customise your itinerary to make the most of your trip.

## SMALL GROUPS

We offer a small-group experience on all of our Escorted Escapes. We guarantee our group size will never exceed 20 travellers on any one tour. With fewer travellers in our groups, you'll spend less time checking into hotels and getting on (and off) transport and more time seeing the sights.

## INCLUSIVE SIGHTSEEING

While our trips are leisurely paced, we pride ourselves on including the very best sightseeing on offer in each location. Please refer to the itinerary and trip notes for daily inclusions. Optional activities (at additional cost) may also be available in certain locations.

## VISAS, TIPPING & TRANSFERS INCLUDED

We believe travel should be simple and easy for you, which is why we include as many costs as possible, including transfers from your home to the airport (to the value of \$100). Visa costs for Australian passport holders are also included in every tour. We take care of tipping for group activities as well as for your tour leader, local guides and drivers.

## UNIQUE ITINERARIES

Each itinerary is carefully planned and unique to Escorted Escapes. They are individually designed with our clientele in mind, reflecting our extensive travel industry experience and valued customer feedback. We prefer to travel at a leisurely pace, minimising one night stays in favour of two and three-night stays at key destinations.

## OUR ACCOMMODATION

We use a range of quality accommodation including hotels, lodges, luxury tented

camp and cruise cabins. We take pride in selecting the best locations and guarantee that all accommodation includes private ensuite facilities. With our small group sizes, we have the flexibility to stay in smaller boutique properties, where available, to further enhance your travel experience. Please refer to the trip itinerary for the hotels we have carefully selected for your trip.

## TOUR LEADERS & LOCAL GUIDES

Each of our trips include a local English-speaking tour leader who is your destination expert, in addition to your Australian-based tour host. We also utilise the services of expert local guides where appropriate to enhance your experience in the key destinations.

## SOLO TRAVELLERS

If you're travelling solo you don't need to be travelling alone. With our Escorted Escapes, you have the opportunity to travel with a whole new set of friends. Our single supplements are designed to keep the cost down and remove the stress of travelling by yourself.

## MEAL INCLUSIONS

Breakfast is included each day for your convenience. We also offer a selection of included meals as per the trip itinerary, while allowing plenty of opportunities for you to sample the local cuisine at your leisure.

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