



SPLENDOURS OF CHILE, ARGENTINA & BRAZIL - A LUXURY SMALL GROUP JOURNEY (2024)

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Latin America, Argentina, Brazil,
Chile



11 days from AU\$22,110 pp



18 Guests

Journey Overview

Experience the best of three dynamic South American countries on a journey that combines cultural and culinary exploration with a deep appreciation of the region's natural splendours, including spectacular Iguazu Falls. Indulge in food and wine experiences in Chile's Maipo Valley and Argentina's enchanting Mendoza winelands, and get an insider's view of Rio's annual Carnival celebration.

Journey Highlights

- Visit the famed wine-growing region of Mendoza and enjoy an exclusive cooking class in a private estate, as well as the opportunity to blend your own wine
- Behold the beautiful scenery of Chile's Maipo Valley and enjoy a full day exploration of Valparaiso and its UNESCO-recognized historic quarter
- Thrill to a professional tango show with dinner at the renowned Rojo Tango, one Buenos Aires' top nightspots
- Behold magnificent Iguazu Falls from your hotel, situated mere steps away, and view the thundering cascades firsthand from both the Brazilian and Argentinian sides
- Gain exclusive backstage access at one of Rio's first Carnival group schools to learn how costumes and floats for the iconic event are created



Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Santiago, Chile

Upon arrival in Santiago, the vibrant capital of Chile, please proceed through customs and immigration formalities. You are then met by an A&K representative and transferred to your hotel located in the heart of the city. Your room has been pre-registered by A&K to allow for immediate check-in.

Gather at 12:30 p.m. for a tour briefing followed by lunch. This afternoon, take in the highlights of Santiago, including a visit to the Pre-Columbian Museum to view its superb collections of statues, pottery and decor, with some pieces dating back 14,000 years.

Tonight, celebrate the beginning of your journey with a special welcome dinner at a local restaurant.

Mandarin Oriental Santiago | Meals: LD

Day 2: Santiago | Guided Walk of Valparaíso

Set out on a full-day exploration of Valparaíso, starting with a guided walk along the hills of this storied port city. See how the hills are connected by an ingenious network of twisting streets, stairways, cable car lines, flower-filled balconies and lookout platforms. Visit the Plaza de la Victoria with its lovely Neptune Fountain, the famous Turri Clock, fisherman's wharf, the Naval Academy and "La Sebastiana," the one-time residence of Chilean Nobel Prize-winning poet Pablo Neruda.

After lunch at a local restaurant, continue your tour to Vina del Mar, Chile's premier coastal resort known as the Garden City thanks to its lavish gardens and subtropical atmosphere. Following your sightseeing, return to your hotel.

Dinner this evening is your choice of room service or dining in at the hotel's Senso restaurant.

Mandarin Oriental Santiago | Meals: BLD

Day 3: Santiago & Mendoza | Maipo Valley Vineyard Tour

This morning, depart the city for a drive towards the foothills of the Andes Mountains and on to the Maipo Valley, a popular weekend spot for Santiaguinos awash with almond and cherry plantations, sleepy mountain villages, and roadside stands selling fresh-baked bread and empanadas. Located south of Santiago, the Maipo Valley has some 200 vineyards of different sizes and specialties, from family-run boutique properties to sophisticated, hi-tech plants exporting millions of bottles each year. The fertile soil and climate of this valley make a perfect match for growing red wines.

Continue to the Santa Rita Vineyard, an impressive estate boasting 800 hectares of land and facilities devoted to the production of high-quality, award-winning wines. The estate also features the historic family mansion, which is surrounded by nearly 100 acres of a beautiful parkland and ornamental gardens. Your visit includes a vineyard tour, an opportunity to stroll the grounds on your own (time-permitting) and a delicious lunch paired with superb Santa Rita wines.

Afterward, fly to Mendoza, Argentina's premier wine-making region, and settle into your hotel. Cap off your day with a delicious dinner at a local restaurant.

Park Hyatt Mendoza | Meals: BD

Day 4: Mendoza | Wild Landscapes & High-Altitude Wines

Journey to Las Carreras, a high-elevation plain abounding in rustic beauty, its yellow grasses contrasting with the white snow on the surrounding Andes peaks. Explore it with a guide on your choice of horseback riding or trekking. Watch for the wild species inhabiting the rugged landscapes, such as herds of guanacos and wild rabbits, and perhaps sight a condor gliding on the horizon. Afterward, proceed to Bellaviña, a private estate, for an exclusive, interactive Chef 's Table cooking class followed by lunch. Learn more about one of the newest appellations (protected wine-producing areas) in Argentina. Planted by a husband-and-wife team and located at almost 7,500 feet, this appellation pushes the limits of high-altitude mountain viticulture. With breathtaking views of the mighty Andes and an intimate vineyard setting, Las Carreras offers a unique experience in Argentine wine tasting.

Park Hyatt Mendoza | Meals: BL

Day 5: Mendoza | Blend Your Own Vintage

Today, begin at Lamadrid, a winery that dates from the 1930s and has been carefully restored, while maintaining its internal patios, red brick floors and wooded ceilings, to create a new winery in an old estate. With the help of the house sommelier, learn the subtle art of winemaking by blending your own wine. Start with three components — Merlot, Malbec and Cabernet — following instructions from a winemaker who explains what each of them brings to a blend. When you're finished, enjoy a tasting and stay for a light lunch. Afterward, fly to Buenos Aires, Argentina, and settle into your elegant luxury hotel, where you enjoy dinner tonight.

Four Seasons Hotel Buenos Aires | Meals: BLD

Day 6: Buenos Aires, Argentina | Tango Show with Dinner

Take in compelling highlights of Buenos Aires, such as the Plaza de Mayo, La Boca and San Telmo, as well as some of the vibrant, colourful graffiti art that adorns neighbourhoods throughout the city. Break for lunch, and then enjoy an afternoon at leisure. This evening, transfer to Rojo Tango for dinner, followed by a captivating tango show that celebrates Argentina's national dance.

Four Seasons Hotel Buenos Aires | Meals: BD

Day 7: Buenos Aires | Incredible Iguazu Falls

This morning, board a flight to Iguazu, where you have lunch at the Melia Hotel, inside Iguazu National Park in Argentina. Then, set out to view the magnificent Iguazu Falls, traversing raised walkways and seeing the Devil's Throat with your expert guide. Afterward, cross the border to Brazil on your way to the Hotel Das Cataratas, a Belmond Hotel and the only hotel located inside the Iguassu National Park in Brazil. This tropical rainforest is home to rare birds such as macaws, toucans and parrots, as well as monkeys, caimans, armadillos and even jaguars, so keep your eyes peeled. Check in to your hotel and enjoy the evening at your leisure.

Hotel das Cataratas, A Belmond Hotel, Iguassu Falls | Meals: BL

Day 8: Iguazu Falls | Up Close to a Natural Marvel

Observe the mighty falls from two different vantage points, starting with a walking tour on the Brazilian side, taking in spectacular views and basking in a natural setting filled with orchids, colourful birds and endemic wildlife. Then, embark on a boat tour that takes you up close to the foot of the plummeting cascades for a visceral experience of the rainbow-making mists. Enjoy your afternoon at leisure. Tonight, gather for dinner at your hotel.

Hotel das Cataratas, A Belmond Hotel, Iguassu Falls | Meals: BD

Day 9: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil | Sugar Loaf & Barbecue

Fly to marvellous Rio de Janeiro and check in to your hotel. This afternoon, tour iconic Sugar Loaf, ascending to the mountain's upper reaches to take in panoramic vistas of the city and Guanabara Bay, and toasting the incredible view on a relaxing Scenic Sundowner experience. Tonight, enjoy a true Brazilian taste sensation with a dinner at Assador, a restaurant that takes barbecue to succulent new heights.

Copacabana Place, A Belmond Hotel, Rio de Janeiro | Meals: BD

Day 10: Rio de Janeiro | Total Immersion in Rio

Explore downtown Rio de Janeiro on a tour of the historic city centre, viewing sites central to local history and culture. Ride Like a Local along the way, hopping on and off the Rio VLT electric train, which also carries you to the revitalized port area to view the massive Cobra murals, each a dazzling example of Brazilian graffiti art. Then, get a taste of the city's Carnival culture, enjoying insider access that takes you backstage to see the construction process of costumes and floats. Later this afternoon, travel to the heights of Corcovado Mountain for a spectacular glimpse of Rio. Also behold Corcovado's crowning jewel, the majestic 120-foot-high statue of Christ the Redeemer — one of the Seven Wonders of the Modern World. Complete the evening with a special farewell dinner in the bohemian neighbourhood of Santa Teresa, where you share stories and raise a toast to your amazing journey across South America.

Copacabana Place, A Belmond Hotel, Rio de Janeiro | Meals: BD

Day 11: Depart Rio de Janeiro | Design Your Day

Today, enjoy the opportunity to experience Rio de Janeiro your way, with one of these **Design your Day** activities.

- **Visit a Local NGO**, supported by Abercrombie & Kent Philanthropy, that works to foster a favela-based ecosystem in the Vidigal favela.
- **Bicycle Iconic Rio Neighbourhoods**: Copacabana, Ipanema, Leblon and the Rodrigo de Freitas Lagoon
- **Indulge in a Relaxing Massage** with aromatic essential oils at your luxurious hotel's spa.

Afterward, transfer to the airport for your departing flight.

Copacabana Place, A Belmond Hotel, Rio de Janeiro (dayroom) / Meals: B

Journey Details

Internal Air included: Santiago/Mendoza/Buenos Aires/Iguazu/Rio de Janeiro

This journey contains some active elements.

Minimum age is 10 years.

First group event: lunch at 12:30 p.m. on Day 1.

Last group event: end of sightseeing at 1:00 p.m. on Day 11.

Included with every Luxury Small Group Journey

- English-Speaking Resident Tour Director and Local Guides
- Hand-Selected Luxury Accommodations
- Airport Meet and Greet with Private Transfers
- Travelling Bell Boy Luggage Handling
- Breakfast in Bed on Select Days
- Full Breakfast Daily; Select Lunches and Dinners
- Your Choice of Activity on Design Your Day
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- 24/7 A&K On-Call Support
- Guaranteed Departures with Just Two Guests

Customise this Journey

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Map



Accommodation

Four Seasons Hotel Buenos Aires



The Four Seasons brand is synonymous with style and service. Situated in the heart of the exclusive La Recoleta district, this hotel is within easy reach of the city's cultural attractions. From the outside you will be wowed by the hotel's blending of a contemporary tower and early 20th-century, French-style mansion. In the tower, warm, comfortable rooms feature leather upholstered headboards and dark mahogany furnishings. Suites in La Mansión offer either French country décor, with high ceilings, antiques and Toile de Jouy wallpaper, or a more contemporary look.

Preferred Rooms and Suites on the seventh and eighth floors of the tower enjoy complimentary access to The Library, an exclusive lounge on the seventh floor that provides a selection of international newspapers and magazines, and complimentary Internet access.

Another highlight is Pony Line, a chic bar. Inspired by the sport of kings, Pony Line brings to life the casual chic of La Dolfina polo lifestyle. Balancing urban sophistication with the carefree elegance of polo in leathers and other fabrics, riding motifs, art by Alejandro Moy, and rugged yet refined elements such as pergamino-clad trunks that act as cocktail tables, the mood at Pony Line is lively and fun.

Why we like it

- Four Seasons Hotel Buenos Aires offers 116 spacious guest rooms and 49 suites, including seven one-of-a-kind suites in the adjacent Belle Époque-style mansion
- The hotel is located in the heart of the city in stylish La Recoleta district
- Dine on premium beef and impeccable seasonal vegetables in a dramatic airy setting at Elena, or savour delicious bites and equally delicious wine, cocktails and artisanal beers at the casual chic Pony Line
- The Spa at Four Seasons offers a full range of massages and spa treatments based on the Germaine de Capuccini natural product line
- An outdoor, Roman-style pool is located in the hotel gardens

Hotel das Cataratas, A Belmond Hotel, Iguassu Falls



The Hotel das Cataratas, A Belmond Hotel, is a Portuguese-colonial residence and a classic Belmond hotel, redolent with the atmosphere of lazy days lounging on a veranda or beneath sub-tropical palms.

The rooms are decorated in a Portuguese style and feature paintings of the local flora and fauna by the Brazilian artist Ludmilla de Montes, alongside traditional Azulejos "painted tiles" designed exclusively for Hotel das Cataratas, A Belmond Hotel. The suites follow a similar decorative style, with the addition of outdoor spaces in many cases. All have lovely, marble-lined bathrooms.

This charming hotel is a fantastic location from which to experience the magnificence of the Iguassu Falls, or to explore the paths leading to the mighty Devil's Throat.

Why we like it

- Some of the suites have private balconies. All rooms are air-conditioned
- The Hotel das Cataratas, A Belmond Hotel is the only hotel within the Iguassu National Park (on the Brazilian side), and is surrounded by tropical nature alongside the Iguassu Falls
- Dining options include Ipê Grill alongside the pool and the Restaurant Itaipu - both serve international cuisine and local dishes

Copacabana Palace, A Belmond Hotel, Rio de Janeiro



One of the best hotels in Rio de Janeiro we simply adore the old school opulence of the famous Copacabana Palace. Superbly positioned with its grand edifice overlooking the sea, this glamorous Belmond landmark in Rio has been welcoming the rich and famous since its Art Deco doors swung open in 1923. Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers danced here and the Rolling Stones tuned up in its grand salon before their concert on the beach.

The Copacabana Palace has 239 rooms and suites in total, 147 are found in the main building, of which 71 are suites. In addition, there are 58 suites and 40 bedrooms with city views in the brand new Tower Wing. Every room and suite is individually designed with fine period furniture and original works of art, creating an elegant, yet relaxed ambiance. To quote Conde Nast 'Stepping through the doors of the Copacabana always feels like the start of an adventure' and we're certain this will be an adventure that will make you feel fabulous!

Why we like it

- Select rooms and suites have views of the world-famous Copacabana beach or the city
- As the name suggests, Copacabana Palace is located on the famous Copacabana Beach
- Copacabana Palace is home to three of Rio de Janeiro's finest restaurants, The Hotel Cipriani, The Pégula and MEE - awarded with a Michelin Star
- The magnificent swimming pool at the Copacabana Palace has long drawn stars and royalty alike to sunbathe, swim and socialise
- Other facilities include a fitness centre, tennis court, exclusive beach service and the classically styled Piano Bar

Dates & Pricing

Prices are in AUD, per person, based on double occupancy

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