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Journey Overview

Find adventure aplenty on this discovery of three neighbouring countries, Chile, Bolivia and Peru. Cosmopolitan city stays top and tail this story of high-altitude exploration amid breathtaking landscapes, colonial architectural gems and Incan treasures. From Chile's capital head to the ethereal moonscapes of the Atacama Desert. Uncover the desolate but dramatic salt flats of Bolivia and La Paz, the world's highest capital city, explore the islands of its most famous lake and finish up among the tapestry of Peru's Inca heritage, savouring its world famous cuisine, rich textile traditions and iconic Machu Picchu.

Journey Highlights

- Uncover Chilean history and art in vibrant Santiago
- Take in the varied and eerily beautiful landscapes of the world's driest desert
- Become an astronomer for the night under the starry skies of San Pedro de Atacama
- Witness Salar de Uyuni, the largest salt flat on Earth
- Meander through local markets, including the Witches' Market in La Paz
- Explore Lake Titicaca by hydrofoil
- Discover the mysteries of Machu Picchu, the lost city of the Incas
- Experience the colonial splendour and indigenous culture of Cusco, capital of the Incan empire
- Explore the Larco Museum and enjoy the bohemian Barranco neighbourhood in Lima



Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Santiago, Chile

Welcome to Santiago, Chile's cosmopolitan capital set against the breathtaking backdrop of the snow-capped Andean peaks, where rich traditions of art, food and wine make this city one of the continent's most sophisticated and exciting. Receive a warm A&K reception and transfer privately to your luxury accommodation with the remainder of the day at leisure.

Singular Hotel

Day 2: Santiago

Enjoy a private tour exploring the sites of Santiago, starting with a visit to the colonial centre including the Palacio de La Moneda, designed by the Italian designer, Joaquin Toesca. Soak up the moods as you explore Plaza de Armas with its impressive historic buildings and discover the historical evolution of the city at the Museo Chileno de Arte Precolombino, housed in the former customs house. Later, visit one of the most important parts of the city, San Cristobal Hill. The hill is recognised as one of the largest urban parks in Santiago, topped by a stunning 22-metre-tall statue of the Virgin Mary, with panoramic city and mountain views.

Singular Hotel | Meals: B

Day 3: Santiago - Calama - San Pedro de Atacama

This morning transfer to the airport for your onward flight to Calama. From Calama you'll enjoy a road transfer to the oasis town of San Pedro de Atacama, in the heart of the Atacama Desert. This afternoon, meet your lodge excursion leader who will discuss a detailed itinerary of guided tours and active excursions in the coming days. Explore this region's incredible diversity, from salt lakes, to shooting geysers, lunar flats, red canyons and snow-capped volcanoes. Choose from world-class hiking tours and desert bike rides to horseback adventures and volcano climbs.

Nayara Alto Atacama | Meals: BD

Days 4-5: San Pedro de Atacama

Spend two days enjoying the highlights of the Atacama region. Each day, your guides will brief you about all the different options and will assist you to choose the best activities according to your interests. Perhaps feast your eyes on the Tatio Geysers at sunrise, one of the world's most impressive geothermal sites, hear traditional Chilean stories of the sky on an Atacama stargazing odyssey, climb the Lascar Volcano or bike ride through Death Valley, hike among cacti in the Cardones Valley, head high into the altiplano to see shimmering blue lakes – the options are endless. Alternatively head into town for laid-back locals, beautiful handicrafts, and music-filled eateries.

Nayara Alto Atacama / Meals: BLD

Day 6: San Pedro de Atacama - Salar de Uyuni, Bolivia

Travel overland to cross the border into Bolivia, where you will be stunned by the sheer natural beauty of the surrounding landscape of lakes, salt flats, volcanoes, snow-capped mountains, plains, and thermal springs. Encounter the startling emerald waters of Laguna Verde with views of the majestic beauty of Licancabur volcano (5,865m) in the distance. Visit the Sol de Mañana geyser, fumaroles and volcanic pools and be enthralled by the staggering red hue of Laguna Colorada – a vast, high-altitude desert plain of smoking volcanoes, boiling mud and a flamingo haven. Vicuñas, llamas and vizcachas can also be seen here.

Continue your adventure through multi-coloured mountains, peculiar rock formations, and desolate deserts until you reach Salar de Uyuni, the largest salt flat on Earth comprising 10 billion tonnes of salt.

Your luxury accommodation is your very own Deluxe Airstream Camper located under the stars. This fully equipped Camper has an electricity supply, fridge, heating, inside toilet and hot showers. During the evening, your guides sleep separately away from the camper to give you complete privacy. The camper will be located in the middle of the salt flats, where you can enjoy spectacular sunsets and stunning scenery.

Deluxe Airstream Camper / Meals: BLD

Day 7: Salar de Uyuni

Lose yourself in the otherworldly panoramas of Salar de Uyuni. This is Bolivia at its most barren and uninhabitable, where the only sound is the salt crust crunching underfoot. Gaze beyond the unchanging and shadowless flatness to the snow-capped Andes on the horizon. If you can tear yourself away, lunch at Isla Incawasi will not disappoint. See where the remains of a magnificent coral reef are now covered by 1,200-year-old cacti and fossils.

Return to your Deluxe Airstream Camper where as the sun sets enjoy a cocktail while dinner is prepared by the chef, using a separate 'kitchen on wheels'.

Deluxe Airstream Camper / Meals: BLD

Day 8: Uyuni - La Paz

Travel northwards by flight to the Bolivian capital where you'll soon discover there's more than the altitude making La Paz (3,625m) so exquisitely memorable. Step back in time and unearth mystic remedies and charms in the Mercado de las Brujas, or Witches' Market. Stroll along streets filled with the stalls of women in brightly coloured traditional shawls and bowler hats to the Museo de Coca, dedicated to Bolivia's best-known export. Get lost in a maze of canyons and giant spires in Moon Valley before soaring in a cable car to breathe in views of majestic Mount Illimani.

Casa Grande Hotel / Meals: B

Day 9: La Paz

Meet your guide in the hotel lobby for a half-day visit to the Animas Valley. This geological landscape of great magnitude and grandeur forms the top of the mountains southeast of La Paz. Its erosion rock formations grouped in rows and clusters show hundreds of peaks and needles rising to great height, some of which resemble giant musical organ pipes. The plateau and the lagoon of the Animas provide an exceptional view of the everlasting snowed peak Illimani among other peaks of the Andes.

Casa Grande Hotel / Meals: B

Day 10: La Paz - Lake Titicaca

Journey overland to Huatajata, located at the shores of Lake Titicaca where you will visit the Andean Roots Eco-Village, Altiplano Museum, Handicrafts village, Mud Igloos and the mortuary towers of the Urus Chipayas. Continue on to Cocotoni Bay where you take a hydrofoil cruise on Lake Titicaca, the world's highest navigable lake. Visit Moon Island and Iñak Uyu (Sun Virgins Temple) before heading to Sun Island, where you can climb the Grand Stairs and taste the water of the Sacred Fountain, believed by some to give eternal youth and happiness. After lunch at the Uma Kollu archaeological restaurant, stroll through the small handicraft market.

Re-embark the hydrofoil for your cruise to the charming village of Copacabana, where you'll explore the shrine and the revered Dark Indian Virgin, as well as the local market. Afterwards, continue on to your luxurious accommodation at Titilaka in Puno, Peru. Nestled on a private peninsula along Lake Titicaca's shores amid stunning Andean scenery, this contemporary lodge offers unparalleled tranquillity. Enjoy wrap-around terraces providing stunning views of sunrise and sunset, while the eighteen well-appointed suites ensure a seamless and comfortable stay.

Titilaka Hotel | Meals: BLD

Day 11: Lake Titicaca

Today is dedicated to immersing yourself in the array of shared activities and amenities offered at the lodge. Explore the fascinating Uros floating islands and Taquile, meeting skilled craftspeople along the way to learn about their remarkable heritage and ancestral techniques. Engage in water sports including kayaking and paddle boarding, raft through the reeds, stargaze under the clear skies as evening descends, or join a birdwatching excursion led by a specialised guide.

Titilaka Hotel | Meals: BLD

Day 12: Lake Titicaca - Cusco - Sacred Valley

Transfer to the train station in Puno for a breathtaking day journey to Cusco traversing the Peruvian Andes between the shores of Lake Titicaca, and the imperial city of the Incas. The train carries up to 132 passengers in elegant Pullman-style carriages, including luxurious dining cars and an Observation Bar Car. Attentive service, Andean fusion cuisine and majestic landscapes ensure an exceptional experience. The train makes a short stop at La Raya Market which at 4,300m above sea level is the highest point of the route. Alight to admire vicunas and alpacas, browse handcrafted woollen scarves and accessories and visit the enchanting local church while enjoying views of the soaring, snow-capped mountains.

On arrival into Cusco, transfer by road to your tranquil accommodation in the Sacred Valley.

Sol y Luna | Meals: BL

Day 13: Sacred Valley

Discover the dramatic salt mines of Maras. These evaporation ponds — numbering 6,000 in total — have been used to produce salt here since pre-Inca times, and the natural colour variation of the pools, staggered in terraces down the side of the canyon, make them a breathtakingly beautiful sight.

Continue on to Moray, where a mysterious Inca archaeological site is located. The ruins of the circular agricultural terraces are thought to have been used by the Incas to determine the optimal conditions for growing crops.

Sol y Luna | Meals: B

Day 14: Sacred Valley - Machu Picchu

Begin your pilgrimage to Machu Picchu (2,400m), stopping en route at the imposing fortress of Ollantaytambo, where the Incas celebrated their greatest victory over the invading Spanish. Board the train and sit back and relax and absorb the majestic Andean landscape as you wind through the mountains and cloud forest to the lost city of Machu Picchu. Overlooking the raging Urubamba River and discovered by American explorer Hiram Bingham in a hidden tangle of trees, the true history of Machu Picchu will forever remain an enigma, as the Incas left no written records. After roaming the magnificent ruins with your private expert guide, there is time to explore on your own. Tonight, stay in an intimate styled Andean village with terraced hills, waterfalls, stone pathways. Relax in a hidden corner or indulge in an invigorating spa based on a mystical Andean approach.

Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel | Meals: BLD

Day 15: Machu Picchu - Cusco

Rise with the sun to walk through Machu Picchu in the early morning mist before the crowds arrive, an experience some consider the spiritual highlight of the journey. Or, for superior views across the ruins, pre-book to climb further to the highest mountain, Huayna Picchu for a dramatically different panorama. Later board the Vistadome train to Ollantaytambo and continue by road to Cusco, the former ancient capital of the Inca Empire.

Perched among the Andes at an elevation of 3,400m, Cusco stands as one of Peru's most enchanting cities. Its landscape is adorned with Inca temples, churches, museums, and colonial palaces, woven together with a vibrant blend of Spanish and Quechua heritage.

Inkaterra La Casona | Meals: B

Day 16: Cusco

This morning, discover Cusco on a city tour that includes the architecturally stunning cathedral on the Plaza de Armas and the ornate Santo Domingo Convent, a 16th-century Dominican church built on the foundations of the Koricancha, the Incas' principal religious building, dedicated to the worship of the sun. Continue to the well-preserved ruins of Sacsayhuaman, a testament to Incan architectural skill. This imposing fortress, which witnessed the greatest battle between the Spanish and the Incas, is compiled from colossal stones and overlooks the red-tiled roofs of Cusco.

The remainder of your day is at leisure.

Inkaterra La Casona | Meals: B

Day 17: Cusco

Spend today at leisure exploring Cusco on your own. Alternatively, you could opt to explore some of the ruins and villages of the intriguing southern valley, or gaze upon the famous Rainbow Mountain.

Inkaterra La Casona | Meals: B

Day 18: Cusco - Lima

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Lima, the “City of Kings”. Perched on cliffs by the Pacific Ocean, Lima enjoys wide acclaim on the world food scene. Receive a warm welcome by your A&K representative who will assist with your transfer to your hotel. Spend time orientating yourself with a leisurely walk in the bohemian art district, which promises history, colour, and culture at every turn, or head down to the shore and watch the mighty Pacific Ocean disappearing over the western horizon.

Hotel B | Meals: B

Day 19: Lima

This morning unlock the secrets of the city on a private tour led by a local expert. Stand in Lima’s birthplace, Plaza Mayor, and admire architectural masterpieces including the historic cathedral, the grand Presidential Palace and Santo Domingo Convent.

Later, lose yourself among more than 45,000 classified pre-Columbian archaeological objects in the fascinating and intriguing Larco Museum, a one-time private mansion and one of the city’s best museums.

Hotel B | Meals: B

Day 20: Depart Lima

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight.

Meals: B

Map



Accommodation

The Singular Santiago



The Singular Santiago is an intriguing new addition to Santiago's vibrant Barrio Lastarria. The overall atmosphere is understated and classic, combining the style of early 20th century buildings with neoclassical French architectural influences. Exuding the charm of a bygone era, each of the 62 oversized rooms display rich woods and dark leather illuminated by vintage chandeliers, and lavish white marble bathrooms. The Singular Suite has a separate living area, double vanity bathroom and views overlooking the Parque Forestal. Room service is available on a moment's notice 24/7.

Hotel features include an indulgent Spa, sophisticated restaurant, rooftop bar and pool. In the restaurant area you'll have the feeling of at once being in a gentleman's club and also a Hong Kong speakeasy. Step outside the hotel and you'll find yourself in the bohemian neighbourhood of Lastarria, brimming with lively cafés and a cosmopolitan air. The location is great base from which to explore the older sights of the city while still having access to more modern areas of the city thanks to the excellent transport links of the nearby Metro Universidad Católica.

Why we like it

- The Singular Santiago is an exclusive hideaway set amidst Santiago's bustling

metropolis

- The hotel's innovative design embraces the artistic heritage of its surroundings, while adding a cutting-edge modernity
- Enjoy spectacular views towards Saint Lucia Hill at the rooftop cocktail bar and swimming pool
- The spa has an exclusive hydro-massage area, a mixed sauna, steam bath and rest area
- Bohemian neighbourhood Lastarria is renowned for its galleries, restaurants and nightlife

Nayara Alto Atacama, San Pedro de Atacama



Nayara Alto Atacama is a stunning work of architecture set against a backdrop of unique topography, awe inspiring natural beauty, and rich cultural heritage. The hotel's architectural lines follow the naturally undulating terrain but also mirror the angular geometry of the surrounding cliffs. Colours match the soil of Atacama whilst the native wood of Coligue covers the roofs, creating beautiful displays of light and shadow.

Inside, the atmospheric design continues, exemplified by the choice of furnishings - old Aguayos tapestries of the Altiplano, lamps made of Brea, sculptures and weavings made by local artisans. Local iconography decorates the walls and antique hand crafted doors have been converted into tables.

The superb design continues in Nayara Alto Atacama's 42 rooms. All are spacious, comfortable, and conducive to a good night's sleep after an action-packed day. The decoration is rustic yet elegant, with local crafts adding warmth and character.

While staying at Nayara Alto Atacama, A&K can exclusively take you into the middle of the mighty Atacama Desert where you will dine alfresco to the sounds of a crackling fire, in true glamping style. You will find yourself fine Chilean wine in hand with some delicious food created by the Nayara Alto Atacama team filling your stomachs - then time to curl up in soft blankets and watch the twinkling star filled sky.

With a personal guide to teach you your 'supernovae' from your 'white dwarfs' and a whole evening to make a year full of wishes under shooting stars, we are not sure if you are going to want to go to sleep. But if you do, we have that sorted in a magical tented. Call and speak with a travel

specialist to find out more.

Why we like it

- Every room has its own private terrace
- Nayara Alto Atacama nestles in a valley of serene beauty, in the shadow of the Pukará de Quito ruins and with the San Pedro River winding its way alongside
- The chef prepares cuisine based on classic Mediterranean and Chilean recipes with a dash of native flavour
- The Puri Spa uses water from glacial snow and aromatic herbs to create serenely relaxing and rejuvenating treatments
- Six outdoor pools overlook the beautiful Catarpe Valley and its red mountains

Deluxe Airstream campers



Upgrade your experience on the Uyuni Salt flats with a stay in a Deluxe Air Stream Camper. Complete with double or twin beds and a convertible sofa, enjoy every home comfort from electric blankets and a private bathroom with hot shower to air-conditioning/heating and a mini-bar. Gourmet meals are prepared by your private chef.

2 DAYS | PRICE:

Twin Share Per Person: From \$1,795

Solo Traveller: From \$3,395

Casa Grande Hotel, La Paz



La Paz's most stylish contemporary hotel – in the smart Zona Sur neighbourhood – is a great choice for those who want to see the more residential side of the Bolivian capital. An architectural landmark for the city, Casa Grande has a lofty atrium featuring a striking curved glass roof that allows natural light to flood the reception. Interiors are in functional grey and off-white, and there is oxygen available for anyone challenged by the altitude. The sleek cocktail lounge and restaurant serves innovative cuisine and mesmerising views of the surrounding mountains and city.

Titilaka



Titilaka is a striking modern lodge, offering a luxurious refuge from which to explore the national, cultural and historical treasures of this remote and mystical region.

Eighteen fully serviced suites with magnificent views of the lake feature under floor heating, iPods, portable oxygen tanks and excellent bathrooms with oversized bathtubs and massage showers. Contemporary lines and earthy colours reflect the peaceful and simple life of the surrounding area.

The communal areas combine modern architecture with indigenous touches - for instance integrating the vital elements of fire, air, water and earth into the cosy lounge, dining room and bar with wraparound terraces overlooking the lake.

Why we like it

- All rooms have wonderful views of the immense lake, long sacred to the people of the Andes, whose waters seem to glow soft orange at sunrise and sunset
- Titilaka stands on a secluded private peninsula 45 minutes from Puno, on the shores of Lake Titicaca
- The restaurant serves contemporary Peruvian dishes using fresh local ingredients
- Other facilities include four acres of grounds and two beaches, wrap-around terraces, an overwater deck and boardwalks, a fully equipped media and reading room, and a small jetty or landing dock. The hotel offers a wide range of guided excursions (hiking, mountain biking, kayaking and sailing)

Sol y Luna, Sacred Valley



This charming property is our favourite property within the Sacred Valley of the Incas. Set within an exclusive 25 acre estate teeming with birdlife, indigenous and exotic flora, the Casitas blend seamlessly into the landscape. Inside the Casitas, the Peruvian theme continues with fine, handmade local furniture, exquisite bed linen, local tapestries and beautiful frescoed murals by acclaimed artist, Federico Bauer.

Facilities include temperature controlled heating, private marble-tiled bathrooms and 24-hour FREE wireless internet. Deluxe & Premium Deluxe Casitas also feature flat-screen satellite TV, under floor heating, and wood burning fireplaces while the Premium Deluxe Casitas also encompass a private terrace with an outdoor heated Jacuzzi offering amazing views to the Andes. The hotel offers a heated swimming pool, a rejuvenating Spa, equestrian stables and outdoor centre at Wayra, the nearby hacienda.

Two outstanding restaurants serve up Modern Andean cuisine, a distinctive fusion and blend of local Andean authenticity with European flavours and finesse. There is The Terrace serving more casual cuisine, whilst a couple of lounges and Pisco Bars offer places for relaxation. An exclusive wine cellar is also available for private gastronomical experiences of food and wine pairing.

Sol y Luna's unique attraction is their outdoor centre and hacienda Wayra, located right next door to the main hotel. Adventure activities from Wayra include horseback riding on Peruvian 'Paso' horses, mountain biking, hiking, paragliding, quad biking, canoeing on Lake Huaypo and rafting on the Urubamba River. Cultural activities include cooking workshops and demonstrations, traditional weaving and pottery workshops, theatrical

presentations, music and dance shows, and Paso Horse demonstrations.

Why we like it

- Set in mature gardens in the Sacred Valley, the hotel is a perfect base for exploring the nearby Inca sites of Ollantaytambo and Pisac as well as local markets and small Andean villages
- The hotel is renowned for the quality of its food and the two restaurants are overseen by internationally renowned Peruvian chef, Pedro Miguel Schiaffino as Executive Chef and Nacho Selis, the Resident Chef
- There are 43 Casitas, of which the most luxurious are the Premium Deluxe Casitas which encompass open fires as well as private terraces with Jacuzzi pool
- There is a large spa and swimming pool as well as an outdoor centre, Wayra, offering a vast array of activities as well as additional dining options

Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo



Located just a short shuttle ride from the entrance to Machu Picchu, the lodge serves as an excellent base from which to explore. Skilled artisans built the 85-room hotel using stone, adobe stucco and eucalyptus beams to create a delightful Andean village ambience.

Rooms are large, well equipped and located in one or two-storey whitewashed cottages, reached via stone pathways weaving their way through the tropical gardens. All the rooms and villas feature thick alpaca blankets and handmade wool coverlets, crackling fireplaces and comfortable spaces for sitting and dining, as well as spa-style bathrooms.

This hotel creates an authentic Andean ambience and offers a rare slice of barefoot luxury in this ancient location.

Why we like it

- Some suites and villas have private terraces with plunge pools
- Inkaterra Machu Picchu is located in a five-hectare cloud forest garden alongside the Vilcanota River and on the edge of the village of Aguas Calientes
- A first-class restaurant boasts stunning views of the rushing Vilcanota River from an outdoor terrace
- The hotel's UNU Spa is one of a kind, offering treatments based on a combination of classical options with a mystical Andean approach
- Other facilities include Café Inkaterra, a bar and gift shop

Hotel B, Lima



Located in the heart of Barranco, Lima's bohemian art district, and surrounded by galleries and fashion boutiques, is one of Lima's newest and most elegant hotels, Hotel B. Branching away from the usual high-rise 'business' hotel on offer in Lima, Hotel B is a very welcome new style of hotel in the city aiming to cater for clientele wanting luxury and excellent service whilst also gaining an insight into both Lima's past opulence and up-and-coming future. Originally designed by the French architect Claude Sahun (designer of Lima's Government Palace), this pristine example of a Belle Epoque mansion has been lovingly brought back to life 'with a cheeky twist' of designer furniture, to proudly offer 17 suites, El Comedor Restaurant, living room and a library housing a fine collection of Peruvian maps, prints and books. A highlight is the roof-top lounge serving excellent evening cocktails and views over the roof-tops to the Pacific Ocean.

Why we like it

- Lima's first arts-boutique hotel, renovated from a colonial mansion and reflecting the glamour of the 1920s.
- Ideally located in the heart of a bohemian revival neighbourhood, housing a unique collection of its own.
- Aims to offer a feeling of restored 'Grand Dame' integrating vintage and designer furniture with soft colours, grand windows and tall ceilings.
- The Living Room, Library and Terrace offer the calm space that is so often essential, yet missing, in city centre hotels.
- Enjoy a traditional 'lonche' in the evening in El Comedor Restaurant. El 'lonche' developed in the early republican days. Society would gather at the end of the day to play, drink and converse while exchanging their secret recipes. The gathering became important within the political, social and culinary circles; the excuse was to enjoy

exquisite nibbles. A variety of fresh herbs and infusions, coffee or hot chocolate served with open sandwiches, fresh fruit cuts and typical Lima biscuits.

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