

## South America Revealed: Argentina and Brazil - Our Signature Journey



This signature 9-day journey provides a great little introduction to South America which is ideal for the first time traveller. One of the great things about this itinerary is that it can be done in reverse order if you prefer and offers good flexibility to add on an extension.

Buenos Aires offers gourmet cuisine, fabulous shopping, vibrant nightlife and superb cultural activities from seductive tango to top-notch opera and long sporting traditions from world-class polo to great football. The Iguazu Falls are always a joy to visit but get very crowded at weekends. Rio de Janeiro is one of Latin America's iconic cities which should be on the wish list of any traveller to South America. It is vibrant, exciting, immensely friendly and great fun. It is also considerably safer than you might think.

**Highlights:** Buenos Aires – Iguazu Falls – Rio de Janeiro

**Number of Days:** 9 Days

**Accommodation:** Choose premium, upper, mid-range or value hotels according to preference.

**Indicative Costs:** From £1,199 pp excluding transatlantic flights.

**Extensions:** Please contact us to discuss extensions. The Amazon, the Pantanal, Paraty, Angra dos Reis, Buzios and Ilha Grande are amongst the most popular extensions in Brazil. We also arrange trips to Ouro Preto and Belo Horizonte, or to the North-Eastern coastal cities such as Salvador, Recife or Olinda, Natal and Fortaleza.

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**Days 1-4: Buenos Aires:**

- Day 1: Arrival transfer from the airport; 3 nights' accommodation at the hotel of your choice.
- Day 2: Half day city tour with private, English speaking guide.
- Optional dinner and Tango show.
- Day 3: Free day in Buenos Aires
- Day 4: Departure transfer to the airport in time for your flight to Iguassu.

Buenos Aires is a modern and dynamic metropolis which manages to retain considerable charm and traditions. The endearing Recoleta district has tree-lined boulevards and elegance whilst the refurbished docklands area of Puerto Madero is now a thriving hubbub of restaurants, hotels and bars.

A tango show provides a display of intricate dance, evocative live music and songs known to every Argentine since childhood.

If you would like us to book other activities, such as tango classes, a football tour, cycle rides, our Pope Francis tour or a visit to notable bars and restaurants, please let us know. Other excursions include a day out at an estancia, a boat trip across the Rio de la Plata to Colonia in Uruguay or a visit to the Tigre Delta.

**Days 4-6: Iguassu Falls:**

- Day 4: Arrival transfer to your hotel; 2 nights' accommodation.
- Recommended tour: Brazil side of the falls
- Day 5: Excursion to the Argentine side of the Falls.
- Day 6: Transfer to the airport in time for your flight to Rio de Janeiro.

The Iguassu Falls, on the border between Brazil and Argentina, are one of the great wonders of the natural world. A stay of two nights allows plenty of time to see the falls from both sides.

It is easy enough to arrange additional excursions such as a helicopter flight over the falls or a boat trip locally. We recommend walks in the national park on the Brazilian side or perhaps a visit to the nearby Itapu Dam which produces enough hydroelectricity to power southern Brazil, as well as the whole of Paraguay.

**Days 6-9: Rio de Janeiro:**

- Day 6: Arrival transfer to your hotel; 3 nights' accommodation.
- Day 7: Excursions to Sugarloaf Mountain and to Corcovado Mountain (Statue of Christ the Redeemer)
- Day 8: Free day to explore Rio de Janeiro. Please contact us to arrange additional excursions.
- Day 9: Departure transfer to the airport.

Rio de Janeiro has the most spectacular setting of all South American cities.

If you would like us to arrange other excursions or activities in Rio, such as a helicopter ride over the city, a tour of the Maracana stadium, a visit to a samba school to see rehearsals for carnivals, cooking lessons or a course on Brazilian cocktails please just let us know. During your stay we recommend a visit to the Museum of Tomorrow in the revitalized Docklands area of the city and to the Selaron Steps at Santa Teresa.





**Suggested Hotels and Indicative Costs** (excluding transatlantic flights):

|                          | <u>Premium</u>            | <u>Upper</u>          | <u>Mid-range</u>      | <u>Value</u>          |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Buenos Aires:            | Park Hyatt Palacio Duhaou | Legado Mitico         | Madero                | Duque                 |
| Iguassu Falls:           | Belmond Das Cataratas     | Gran Melia Iguazu     | Mercure               | Bogari                |
| Rio de Janeiro:          | Belmond Copacabana Palace | Miramar by Windsor    | Porto Bay             | Copa Sul              |
| <b>Indicative Costs:</b> | <b>From £2,492 pp</b>     | <b>From £1,656 pp</b> | <b>From £1,384 pp</b> | <b>From £1,199 pp</b> |

**Notes:**

Indicative Costs are per person based on two people travelling together and sharing a double/twin room.

Transatlantic flights are not included: we will book your transatlantic flights in economy, premium economy, business or first class according to your preference.

Domestic flights within Latin America are included in economy class. Please contact us to discuss upgrades.

Additional supplements apply for special events such as the Rio Carnival or Full Moon at Iguassu.

**What's included in the price:** All accommodation and meals as detailed; Local taxes & service charges associated with included accommodation - All transfers & sightseeing as detailed; various activities; ATOL protection; Research, sourcing, design and preparation of your tailor-made holiday itinerary and quote; booking admin and processing; The services of our local ground agent who will coordinate your stay and ensure that everything runs smoothly including access to a local English language 24/7 telephone help line.

**What's not included in the price:** Transatlantic flights; any national park entry fees which have to be paid locally; drinks, gratuities and items of a personal nature; meals and optional excursions not listed as included; personal travel insurance; passport and visa costs (e.g. costs associated with obtaining an American ESTA visa waiver, if flying via USA).

Please contact us for costs for families and parties of 3 or more passengers and for travel in 2021.

**Seasons and Climate**

Rio de Janeiro, the Iguassu Falls and Buenos Aires are year-round destinations but you should note that the wet season is November to March. The Iguassu Falls will be at their fullest in March-April at the end of the wet season. Rio's carnival takes place in the wet season (21-25 Feb 2020; 12-16 Feb 2021) with the Champion's Parade a week later (29 Feb 2020; 20 Feb 2021). The wet season never stops a Carioca from having fun, so don't let it put you off either.

**Entry**

British nationals travelling on a full, valid British passport do not require a visa for entry to Brazil or Argentina. You should ensure that your passport is valid for at least 6 months beyond the date of arrival.

**Vaccinations**

It is advisable to check your immunizations for Polio, Tetanus, Typhoid and Hepatitis A. If you have been to Africa within 3 months of arriving in South America you may need to provide proof of vaccination against Yellow Fever.

**Exchange Rates**

Costs in Latin America are subject to \$/£ exchange rates. At present we are working on current exchange rates of 1.2932 (as at 08 January 2020) although this may be subject to change.

