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JOURNEYS

# GRAND TOUR OF SOUTH AMERICA

2026





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*Amazonian rainforest, Incan ruins, colonial towns, white sandy beaches, and wonderful wildlife: the wonders of South America make for incredible experiences. Take this journey visiting six amazing countries starting off in the Amazon jungle before cruising the Galapagos Islands. Visit the 'Lost City of the Incas' at Machu Picchu, Lake Titicaca, marvel at the mighty waterfalls of Iguazu and embrace the beautiful cities of Quito, Lima, Buenos Aires, and Rio de Janeiro. You'll love the rich history and vast range of cultures, colours and sights, all in comfort and style.*

## 36 DAYS • HOSTED JOURNEY

**COUNTRIES** Chile, Ecuador (incl. Galapagos Islands), Peru, Bolivia, Brazil, Argentina

**DEPARTS** 1 September – 6 October 2026



## YOUR JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

- Explore the wonders of the Amazon rainforest with a three night stay at Sacha Lodge
- 5 day Galapagos Islands cruise on board the Isabela II
- Discover the Sacred Valley of the Incas in Peru, the majestic Andean Mountains reflecting in the azure waters of Lake Titicaca, and the incredible Iguazu Falls
- Quito, with the most beautiful historic centre of any Latin American capital city
- Rio de Janeiro's natural beauty and vibrant beach culture
- A World Journeys host to guide you every step of the way

## SPECIAL EXPERIENCES

### *Stay in an eco-lodge in the pristine Amazon rainforest*

Experience the wonders of the Amazon rainforest staying at the famous Sacha Lodge with the only canopy walk in the Amazon, a birdwatching tower, and butterfly house.

### *Encounter the wildlife of the Galapagos*

The wildlife both above and below the waterline in the Galapagos is incredible. With strict limits on visitor numbers, you will be one of a privileged few who get to enjoy this experience.

### *Be immersed in the ancient history of Peru*

Visit the marvellous Larco Herrera Museum located in an 18<sup>th</sup> century mansion, surrounded by beautiful gardens. We will see the museum's amazing archaeological collection.

### *Learn to dance the tango in Buenos Aires*

Learn to dance the tango and enjoy a delicious dinner followed by a multi award-winning tango show.



Machu Picchu, Peru



Marine Iguana and blue-footed boobies, Galapagos

# GRAND TOUR OF SOUTH AMERICA ITINERARY

ALL FLIGHTS INCLUDED    (B) BREAKFAST    (L) LUNCH    (D) DINNER

## — SEPTEMBER 2026

### **TUE 1 AUCKLAND > SANTIAGO**

Fly to Santiago and transfer to our hotel.

### **WED 2 SANTIAGO** (B)

Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Santiago.

### **THU 3 SANTIAGO** (B) (L)

Head for the coast on a full day tour to historic Valparaíso. Then visit a winery for a tour, wine tasting and a special 'welcome to South America' lunch before returning to Santiago.

### **FRI 4 SANTIAGO > QUITO** (B)

Transfer to the airport for a morning flight to Quito via Lima. On arrival in Quito, transfer to our hotel.

### **SAT 5 QUITO > AMAZON JUNGLE** (B) (L) (D)

We take a short flight over the Andes into the Amazon jungle. Then we transfer two hours by river to the stunning Sacha Lodge, set in primary rainforest.

### **SUN 6 AMAZON JUNGLE** (B) (L) (D)

Over the next two days enjoy nature walks, twilight river excursions and discovering the incredible birds, butterflies and wildlife. Other activities include piranha fishing and a treetop canopy walk, a great place to watch the sunset. Superb naturalist guides will help bring this incredible environment alive!

### **MON 7 AMAZON JUNGLE** (B) (L) (D)

Enjoy another full day of guided jungle activities.

### **TUE 8 AMAZON JUNGLE > QUITO** (B)

Morning transfer by river then fly to Quito for overnight.

### **WED 9 QUITO** (B)

Explore this charming city, once the northern capital of the Incan Empire and the first ever designated UNESCO World Heritage Site.

### **THU 10 QUITO > GALAPAGOS ISLANDS** (B) (L) (D)

Fly to the Galapagos and on arrival visit the highlands of Santa Cruz Island to learn about its unique ecosystems and biodiversity. Then see giant Galapagos tortoises at the Charles Darwin Research Station and Breeding Centre before joining your comfortable expedition ship, the Isabela II.

### **FRI 11 GALAPAGOS ISLANDS** (B) (L) (D)

This morning visit Bartolome Island for magnificent views, before enjoying a zodiac ride searching for the amazing Galapagos penguin and many other species of marine bird life. Later explore Santiago Island, an excellent location to see many different species of Galapagos finches, along with lava lizards, Galapagos hawks and colourful flamingos.

### **SAT 12 GALAPAGOS ISLANDS** (B) (L) (D)

Explore Dragon Hill on Santa Cruz Island, the ideal place to spot enigmatic land iguanas, and follow this with a chance to swim or snorkel. In the afternoon, explore the coastline of Buccaneer Cove on Santiago Island, which is very rich in bird and marine life.

### **SUN 13 GALAPAGOS ISLANDS** (B) (L) (D)

Explore the coastline of Isabela Island, spotting Galapagos fur seals, Nazca Boobies, flightless cormorants, penguins and marine iguana. Weather permitting there will also be snorkelling along the cliffs, which contain caves often rich in turtle sightings. In the afternoon visit the youngest island in the archipelago, Fernandina. More great wildlife viewing here and a final opportunity to snorkel, kayak or ride in the glass bottom boat.

### **MON 14 GALAPAGOS ISLANDS > LIMA** (B)

Fly late morning to the mainland and connect to Lima.

### **TUE 15 LIMA** (B)

A full day of great sightseeing in this historic city, including a visit to the wonderful Larco Herrera Museum.

### **WED 16 LIMA > SACRED VALLEY OF THE INCAS** (B) (D)

We take a short flight to Cuzco and then transfer to the beautiful Sacred Valley of the Incas, situated at a lower altitude which will help us acclimatise to altitude.

### **THU 17 SACRED VALLEY OF THE INCAS** (B) (L)

This morning explore this picturesque valley. Visit the Inca salt mines at Maras and the amazing Inca ruins of Moray before enjoying a Peruvian Paso Horse show at our special lunch.

### **FRI 18 SACRED VALLEY OF THE INCAS > MACHU PICCHU** (B) (L) (D)

This morning visit the very impressive Inca fortress at Ollantaytambo before catching the train to Machu Picchu, the incredible 'Lost City of the Incas'. Enjoy the balance of the afternoon at the amazing Inkaterra Pueblo Hotel.

### **SAT 19 MACHU PICCHU > CUZCO** (B)

This morning enjoy a guided tour of Machu Picchu before returning by train and coach to Cuzco.

### **SUN 20 CUZCO** (B)

Morning tour of historic Cuzco, including the beautiful Cathedral and the impressive Incan fortress of Sacsayhuaman. Then enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore.

### **MON 21 CUZCO** (B)

Day at leisure to relax or explore enchanting Cuzco. You will be provided with admission tickets to enter a number of points of interest in the city.

### **TUE 22 CUZCO > PUNO** (B) (L)

A very scenic and interesting day is spent travelling to Puno, situated on the shores of Lake Titicaca.

### **WED 23 PUNO > LAKE TITICACA > LA PAZ** (B) (L)

Cross into Bolivia and cruise Lake Titicaca for a fascinating visit to Sun Island, the birthplace of the Incas. From here marvel at the azure blue lake and magnificent alpine views of the Royal Chain of the Andes. Continue to La Paz.

### **THU 24 LA PAZ** (B)

Morning tour to the markets of the most indigenous of South American capital cities. Also visit the mysterious Moon Valley and Mario Sarabia, a world-famous ceramics artist.

**FRI 25 LA PAZ > RIO DE JANEIRO** ⑥

Fly to Rio and transfer to our hotel overlooking Copacabana Beach.

**SAT 26 RIO DE JANEIRO** ⑥

Take two cable cars to the top of Sugarloaf for amazing panoramic views of the city. The afternoon is at leisure.

**SUN 27 RIO DE JANEIRO** ⑥

A full day at leisure to relax, swim or shop.

**MON 28 RIO DE JANEIRO** ⑥

Visit the statue of Christ the Redeemer and see Rio's famous beaches. Visit the historical centre of Rio including a visit to the incredible Royal Portuguese Library. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure.

**TUE 29 RIO DE JANEIRO > IGUAZU FALLS** ⑥

Fly to the Iguazu Falls and spend one night on the Brazilian side of the falls.

**WED 30 IGUAZU FALLS** ⑥

We spend the day exploring the Brazilian side of the falls including a visit to the excellent Parque des Aves bird and wildlife park, then cross the border into Argentina for a night at a hotel overlooking the falls.



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**THU 1 IGUAZU FALLS > BUENOS AIRES** ⑥

Tour the Argentina side of the falls, and late afternoon fly to Buenos Aires.

**FRI 2 BUENOS AIRES** ⑥

Enjoy a half day tour of glorious Buenos Aires, known as the 'Paris of the Americas'.

**SAT 3 BUENOS AIRES** ⑥

A day at leisure. Explore the city or perhaps shop in one of the fancy malls. You could even take a tour by ferry to Uruguay for the day.

**SUN 4 BUENOS AIRES** ⑥ ⑦

Visit the enormous flea and antique market in San Telmo, or visit one of the many excellent galleries and museums in the city. In the evening enjoy a farewell dinner and excellent tango show.

**MON 5 BUENOS AIRES > SANTIAGO > AUCKLAND** ⑥

Transfer to the Airport and fly to Auckland via Santiago.

**TUE 6 ARRIVE AUCKLAND****ISABELA II**

With a capacity for 40 guests in 20 cabins, this relaxed but elegant vessel offering a combination of international and Ecuadorean cuisine, is the ideal choice for your Galapagos cruise. An expert group of naturalist guides on board share their knowledge of these incredible islands. All excursions and snorkelling equipment are included. Given the island's volcanic nature, moderate physical fitness is required to enjoy maximum benefit from your cruise.

**Departs 1 September 2026**

**Twin** *per person*

**Single** *per person*

Tour cost including flights (NZD)

\$44,870

\$56,950

**INCLUDED**

- Small group tour (max. 18)
- Economy Class airfares ex Auckland
- Airline and airport taxes
- A World Journeys host
- Accommodation in 4- and 5- star hotels and lodges
- Galapagos accommodation aboard Isabela II
- Transfers, sightseeing, and entrance fees as per the itinerary
- Meals as indicated ⑥ ⑦ ⑧
- Gratuities

**NOT INCLUDED**

- Items of a personal nature
- Travel insurance (mandatory)
- Visas (if applicable)
- Optional activities
- A Galapagos Islands National Park fee of US\$200 per person is payable on arrival

**GRATUITIES**

In the countries we are visiting, tipping is customary. For a hassle-free journey, tipping is included and will be handled by the World Journeys host for all group activities.

**BOOKING CONDITIONS**

A non-refundable deposit of \$4,000 per person is required, with the balance due 29 May 2026. Note: It may be necessary to collect the airfare portion of the tour earlier than the final balance date. As cancellation fees apply, travel insurance is mandatory. Please refer to World Journeys' terms and conditions and our Health and Medical Requirements at [www.worldjourneys.co.nz/terms](http://www.worldjourneys.co.nz/terms)

**IMPORTANT NOTES**

- Pricing is subject to change due to currency fluctuation and other factors outside our control.
- A reasonable level of fitness is required for this tour – you should be able to comfortably **walk at least up to 3km unaided**.

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