

21D17N Impressive South America with Patagonia Glaciers (Brazil / Peru / Bolivia / Argentina) (UX21P)

HIGHLIGHTS

Brazil

- Sugarloaf Mountain with cable car
- Brazilian Dance
- Corcovado Mountain with cogwheel train
- Christ the Redeemer

Iguazu Falls

- Brazilian side
- Argentina side

Peru

- Love Park
- Lima Cathedral
- Plaza Mayor
- Huaca Pucllana
- Plaza de Armas
- Koricancha
- Chinchero
- Machu Picchu by 360° Machu Picchu Train
- Archaeological complex of Tipón
- Lake Titicaca

Bolivia

- Valley of the Moon
- Train Cemetery
- Devil's cave and Galaxy Cavern
- Incawasi Island
- Tunupa Volcano view point
- Mummies of Coquesa

DAY 1 SINGAPORE – RIO DE JANEIRO (Meals On Board)

Assemble at Singapore Changi Airport for your flight to **Rio De Janeiro**, a seaside city in Brazil, famed for its Copacabana and Ipanema beaches.

DAY 2 RIO DE JANEIRO (Meals On Board/Dinner)

Upon arrival in Rio De Janeiro, proceed to the hotel for your check-in. Spend some time rejuvenating before experiencing a **Brazilian dance show**.

Note:

Brazilian dance show only operates in Thursday and Saturday, it will be replaced with Cidade do Samba on non-operating days.

DAY 3 RIO DE JANEIRO (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

After breakfast, take a **cable car** ride atop **Sugarloaf Mountain**, one the most iconic attractions in Rio de Janeiro. Situated at the mouth of Guanabara Bay on a peninsula that sticks out into the Atlantic Ocean and rising 396 metres above the harbour, the peak is also known worldwide for its panoramic views of the entire city. Thereafter, enjoy a **20-minute cogwheel train** ride atop the 748-metre-high **Corcovado Mountain**. Do not forget to enjoy a close look at the lush tropical vegetation and scenic views of the city and beaches as the train brings you closer to the peak. Get ready to be blown away as you approach the steps leading up to the famed **Christ the Redeemer**, also known as the Wonder of Rio. Spend some time perfecting that Instagramworthy shot and revel in the stunning views of the imposing statue and the entire harbour below you.

DAY 4 RIO DE JANEIRO – IGUAZU FALLS (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

In the morning, transfer to the airport for your **domestic flight** to **Iguazu Falls**. Upon arrival, visit the **Brazilian side of the Iguazu Falls**. Here, you will walk over the catwalks for great photo opportunities of Devil's Throat and the rest of the falls, and if you are lucky, you may even encounter beautiful rainbows as your backdrop.



HIGHLIGHTS

Argentina

- Plaza de Mayo
- Casa Rosada
- Tango show with dinner

Patagonia

- Calafate Historical Interpretation Center
- Cruise to Los Glaciares National Park
- Torres del Paine National Park

DAY 5 IGUAZU FALLS

(Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

Start your day by crossing the border to the Argentine province of Misiones and embark on your discovery of **Iguazu Falls on the Argentine side**. One of the 7 natural wonders of the world and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the majestic waterfalls strings along the border of 3 countries – Argentina, Brazil and Argentina – offering more than 270 cascading waterfalls amidst towering cliffs and picturesque islets all scattered in a half-moon shape. Explore the Upper Circuit to reach the popular Devil's Throat, one of the highest waterfalls, and be surprised by a strategic viewpoint where you can take in the glory of this work of nature. Then, walk along the river canyon to appreciate the myriad of flora and fauna.

DAY 6 IGUAZU FALLS – LIMA via Sao Paulo

(Breakfast/Light Lunch)

This morning, spend your morning free at leisure, you may wish to take an optional helicopter ride or Iguazu Bird Sanctuary at your own expenses before making your way to the domestic airport for your flight back to **Lima** via Sao Paulo.

DAY 7 LIMA – CUSCO

(Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

After breakfast, begin your sightseeing at the Gaudi-style Parque del Amor, also known as **Love Park**. Here, you will be able to enjoy a beautiful view of Lima Bay. Next, take in other important landmarks such as **Plaza Mayor, Government Palace** and **City Hall**. Thereafter, continue to **Lima Cathedral** and **Convent of Santo Domingo**, a place which holds the remains of 2 of the major saints of the city – Santa Rosa de Lima and San Martin de Porres. Next, head over to **Huaca Pucllana**, a famous ceremonial centre built before the Spaniards arrived. After lunch, transfer to the airport for your **domestic flight to Cusco**.

DAY 8 CUSCO – SACRED VALLEY

(Breakfast/Peruvian Horse and folklore performance with Lunch/Dinner)

On this day, embark on the city tour of Cusco starting at the main square, **Plaza de Armas** before visiting the **San Pedro local market** to learn more about the variety of Peruvian fruits, vegetables, spices and other local produce. Next, make your way through little alleys that are edged with Incan walls to **Koricancha**, a famous temple dedicated to the Sun God. This religious site was used by the Spaniards as a basis for the construction of the Catholic church, Santo Domingo. Thereafter, you have the opportunity to buy interesting souvenirs and crafts in the picturesque district of San Blas. In the afternoon, enjoy an entertaining **Peruvian horse and folklore show with lunch**, in which you can dine and watch traditional Peruvian performances at the same time with horse riding performance. After which, enjoy a scenic drive to **Chincho**, a village located 28 kilometres from Cusco, to experience the daily life of locals in a typical Andean community. Explore the buzzing and vibrant Chincho Market and see how the local people use the barter system to exchange their products with one another on a busy Sunday.

Note:

Chincho Market is only open on every Tuesday, Thursday and Sundays.

DAY 9 SACRED VALLEY – MACHU PICCHU – CUSCO

(Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

This morning, hop aboard the **360° Machu Picchu Train** and journey through the lush Sacred Valley. Do not forget to marvel at the stunning landscape through the wide and tall panoramic windows throughout your journey. After disembarking the train, continue on a bus ride to reach the famous **Machu Picchu**, romantically known as the Lost City of the Incas. Upon arrival, catch your breath and commence on a memorable visit of this wonder of the world, which includes unmissable sights such as **House of the High Priest, Sacred Plaza** and **Intihuatana**. Return to Cusco for your overnight stay.



DAY 10 CUSCO – OROPESA – PUNO

(Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

Start your day with an early departure for **Puno**, located on the shore of **Lake Titicaca** and regarded as the folklore capital of the Americas. Enjoy the view of snowcapped mountains as your journey takes you through several picturesque Andean towns. En route, stop at **Oropesa** and visit the **archaeological complex of Tipon**, which showcases the brilliance of Inca's hydraulic engineering feats in ancient times. The complex is formed by terraces, channels and aqueducts which are still in use today. Continue to **Piquillacta**, a site that possesses well-preserved terraces and archaeological remains of a pre-Inca civilisation called the Wari. Next, stop in the district of Andahuaylillas and admire its beautiful church, considered by some as the Sistine Chapel of South America because of the amazing beauty of the frescos that decorate it. Upon arrival in Puno, enjoy a rejuvenating rest at your hotel.

DAY 11 PUNO – LA PAZ

(Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

Today, bid farewell to Peru where you will cross the border towards **La Paz**, capital city of Bolivia. La Paz is known as the highest administrative capital in the world with altitude of more than 3,600-meters above the seas level. Upon arrival, proceed to visit **Valley of the Moon**. A formation composed primarily of clay rather than rock, leaving tall spires whereby erosion has worn away the majority of a mountain. If time permits, stop by the witches market for some exclusive Bolivian handicrafts.

DAY 12 LA PAZ – UYUNI – COLCHANI

(Boxed Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

An early morning departure to the airport for your domestic flight to **Uyuni**, known as Salar De Uyuni. It is the world's largest salt flat over 10,000 square kilometers. Start your tour on land cruiser around the desert of salt first where you will visit the **Train Cemetery**. Dozens of vintage train cabins from the 19th century left behind corroded and destroyed by salt and wind leaving the area as a ruin in this unique desert area. Thereafter, arrival in the town of **Colchani** and be impressed with how salt is created into cake-like shapes and pyramids of salt. Not forgetting, you may wish to purchase some natural salt for your home cooking at your own expenses. After lunch, visit of **Devil's cave** and **Galaxy Cavern**. They are sub-aqueous caverns that dry up and formed in the previous stage to the freezing, corresponding to volcanic eruptions on waters of the previously Minchin Lake, the Salar of today. Be amazed by different terrestrial grottos created by customary stalactites and stalagmites projected from the ceiling calcares bodies with capricious forms of solidification of the magma to the contact with water.

DAY 13 COLCHANI – UYUNI

(Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

After breakfast, continue your tour around Uyuni by visiting **Incawasi Island**, located in the center of the salar at 100 km from Uyuni. This is the main highlight for your salt-desert tour. It is a remarkable and otherworldly place, a hilly outpost covered in trichocereus cactuses and a flat with white sea of hexagonal salt tiles. Dominated by the colors of blue and white, Incawasi island is an oasis with a unique and isolated ecosystem that is populated by cactuses up to 10-meters high. Lunch served along the vast wide flat gives you the extra feeling of meal in the wild feeling. After lunch, continue to **Tunupa Volcano view point**, at 4,200-meters in height to see the **Mummies of Coquesa**. Climb the volcano to reach the first or second viewpoints, a spectacular breathtaking experience you will never forget.



DAY 14 UYUNI – SANTA CRUZ via La Paz

(Breakfast/Dinner)

In the morning, proceed to the airport for your domestic flight to **Santa Cruz** via La Paz. Santa Cruz, the commercial capital of Bolivia and founded by Spanish in 1500s. Upon arrival, proceed your city tour and visit the **Metropolitan Cathedral**, founded in 1838 and located along the 24th September Square. After which, spend some time strolling down **La Recova Artisan Walk** for your local souvenir shopping.

DAY 15 SANTA CRUZ – BUENOS AIRES

(Breakfast/Tango show and Dinner)

In the morning, make your way to the domestic airport for your internal flight to **Buenos Aires**, capital city of Argentina. Upon arrival, discover the city's popular landmarks such as **Plaza de Mayo**, the political hub of Buenos Aires, and home to **Casa Rosada**, the city's iconic pink governmental office of the Argentine president. Next, discover **Avenida 9 de Julio**, one of the widest avenues in the world. Continue to the other main avenues of Buenos Aires, **Avenida Corrientes**, known as the entertainment centre, and **Avenida de Mayo**, which has a strong Spanish influence. In the evening, enjoy your night with a **Tango show and Dinner**.

DAY 16 BUENOS AIRES – ELE CALAFATE

(Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

Today, transfer pick up to the airport for your domestic flight to El Calafate, a town near the edge of the Southern Patagonian Ice Field in the Argentine province. The town is located on the shores of Lake Argentina. Upon arrival, enjoy and dine your first meal in the second most Southern town of the world while you get mesmerized by the picturesque view of **Lake Argentina**, the largest freshwater lake in the country. Next, proceed to **Heroes of Malvinas Square**, a female soldier monument erected to commemorate about 650 Argentinean soldiers that perished during the war for Falklands Island of Malvinas fighting with the British in 1982. Thereafter, continue to **Calafate Historical Interpretation Center**. Here you will understand more about the history of mankind, fauna animals and how glaciers were formed.

Note:

Southern Lights (Aurora Australis) can be seen during winter from May to October each year and is based on weather permits

DAY 17 EL CALAFATE – LOS GLACIARES NATIONAL PARK – EL CALAFATE

(Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

After breakfast, you will be heading out for a full day excursion into the **Los Glaciares National Park**. The National Park was listed under UNESCO World Heritage since 1981 and has a total of 47 active glaciers situated on the Patagonian Ice Fields and the largest ice cap in the world outside Antarctica and Greenland. Aboard a **cruise** and make your way to the Perito Moreno Glacier, one of the few glaciers in the world that is still progressing and causing the spectacular rupture of the wall of ice, providing one of Nature's most impressive sights by its splendid tall ice walls and the sight of enormous chunks of ice falling thunderously into the waters of Lake Argentina.



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DAY 18 EL CALAFATE – TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK – EL CALAFATE

(Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

This day, embark on a full day excursion to **Torres del Paine National Park**, in Southern Chile. The National Park was declared a Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO and the eighth wonder of the world in 2013 and is undoubtedly a worldclass tourist attraction. Make a stop at **Sarmiento Lake** and take your time to admire the beautiful lake framed by the Paine Mountain Range. Next, stop by **Mirador Nordenskjold Lake** for your chance gaze at the famous Horns of Torres del Paine before catching a glimpse of the breath-taking 10-meters **Salto Grande Waterfall**. Proceed back to Argentina for your overnight stay.

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DAY 19 EL CALAFATE - BUENOS AIRES – SINGAPORE

(Breakfast/Meals on Board)

This morning, proceed to the airport for your domestic flight to back to Buenos Aires. Upon arrival, transfer to a nearby shopping mall and get you opportunity to make a last-minute shopping before transfer to the airport for your flight back to Singapore.

DAY 20 CROSS INTERNATIONAL DATELINE

DAY 21 ARRIVAL SINGAPORE