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SOUTH AMERICA

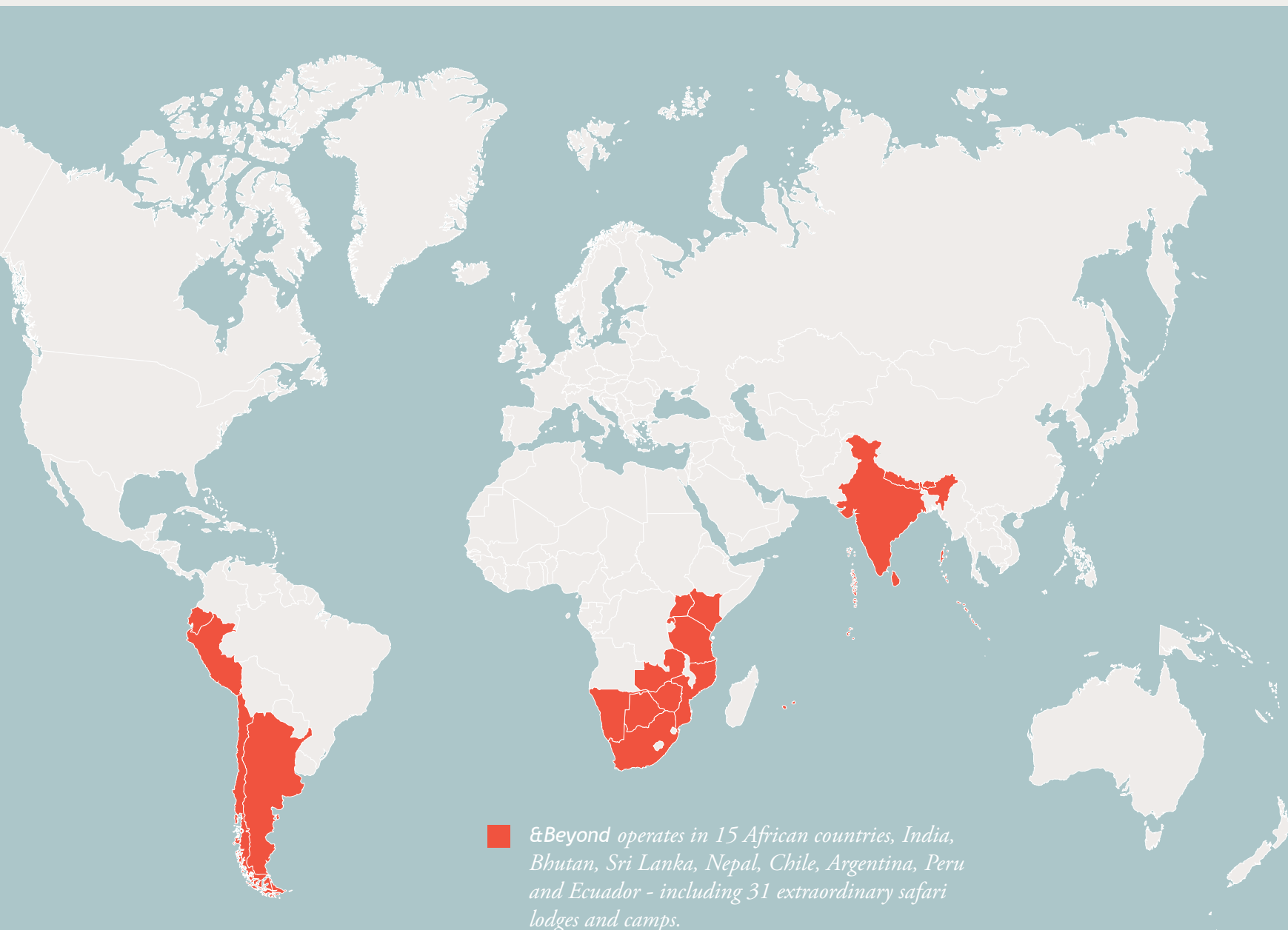


# WELCOME TO OUR WORLD

Yes, &Beyond has 31 exquisite safari lodges and camps across Africa... but we are an experienced tour operator too, and have been doing this in one form or another for over 30 years! Over the course of our journey we have won numerous accolades that acknowledge our safari destinations and our travel expertise; making us one of the world's leading luxury experiential travel companies.

In a nutshell, we design personalised high-end tours in four South American destinations (think: Chile, Argentina, Peru and Ecuador) as well as 15 African and four Asian countries.

Even though we pride ourselves on being experts across all of the countries we operate in, we have highlighted four of South America's most prized and sought-after destinations in this booklet to truly showcase our capabilities on this fascinating continent.



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# AWARDS



&Beyond wins Africa's Responsible Tourism Award & Africa's Leading Conservation Company at World Travel Awards 2016



&Beyond wins Conservation and Sustainability Award at 2014 PURE Awards



&Beyond is listed as one of Travel + Leisure's 2015 World's Best Safari Outfitters



&Beyond named Africa's Leading Game Reserve Brand at 2014 World Travel Awards



Conde Nast Traveler (US) 2015 Readers' Choice Awards: Six of &Beyond's lodges are featured among the Top 30 Resorts in Africa



&Beyond rated one of the world's Top Safari Outfitters in 2014 Travel + Leisure World's Best Awards



&Beyond is voted Africa's Leading Game Reserve Brand at the 2015 World Travel Awards (Africa & Indian Ocean)



&Beyond wins 2014 We Are Africa Innovation Award for Conservation



&Beyond is named the World's Leading Luxury Safari Company at the World Travel Awards 2014



&Beyond wins Conservation Award at 2013 Tourism for Tomorrow Awards



# MAKING YOU LOOK GOOD

Why book travel to South America with **&Beyond**? Plain and simple – your guests will love you for it, definitely come back for more and tell their friends too. Meticulously tailor-made, our trips are all about making dreams come true (even the impossible ones). Our experts take your guests' travel wishes and use their destination knowledge, broad network of contacts and first-hand experiences to turn them into adventures that explore the heart and soul of South America.

## Perfect Moments

With journeys lovingly crafted of perfect moments, guests return from an **&Beyond** adventure feeling that nothing will take their breath away quite like this ever again.



## Travel with Heart

Our core ethos of "Care of the Land, Care of the Wildlife and Care of the People" drives all that we do. When your guests travel with **&Beyond** they are making a real contribution to the preservation of South America's people and wildlife areas. A journey with us offers the opportunity to gain first-hand experience in our conservation and community initiatives on a range of soul-warming activities.



## Competitive Advantage

We promise to find the best value for money for your guests every time. Thanks to our strong relationships with our preferred partners, we are able to offer competitive rates on travel throughout South America.

Our range of offering is reflected under the destinations' **Where to Stay** section on the **Beyond Compare** page - using a **\$\$ KEY** to indicate rate variation in our product set in each country. This key is not associated with specific values.

Please refer to our [FAQs page](#) for more information.



## South America Experts

By booking with us, we will make you look like an expert too. We never send a guest anywhere that we haven't been ourselves. All of our best kept secrets are yours to share with your guests.



## In Our Hands

We will be on call 24/7, to assist your guests throughout their journey. From the moment they touch down in South America to the moment they leave. Also, our wealth of expertise, found in our guides and ground logistics teams mean that your guests will experience a journey unlike any other!



## Partnership Excellence

We have an excellent network of spectacular hotels, lodges and guesthouses, which are selected according to our high standards; a preferred partner is not just anyone who offers **&Beyond** a competitive rate.

Our travel experts are committed to thrilling your guests with itineraries (big or small) made just for them; and will create and re-create itineraries until they find your guests' perfect South American experience.



## Finest Guides

From incredible private and specialist guides or one of our handpicked partner guides, your guests can expect the finest, interpretive experience every step of the way!





# GET ACQUAINTED



**Joss Kent**  
*CEO*

*joss.kent@andBeyond.com*

Joss Kent joined &Beyond as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) in January 2012. He has a wealth of travel industry knowledge and experience in managing large scale tour operations in the high-end market. Joss also has immense commercial experience, but most importantly shares &Beyond's commitment to building an iconic brand that makes a positive difference to the conservation of land, wildlife and communities.



**Mark Wheeler**  
*Regional Director - East Africa, Asia and South America*

*mark.wheeler@andBeyond.com*

Mark Wheeler has over 20 years' experience leading world-class DMC operations, across 12 different countries on three continents. He lived in South America for 10 years, immersing himself in the various cultural, historical and wilderness attractions that make the destinations of this continent so unique. During his stay, he learnt to speak Spanish fluently, which proved invaluable when setting up operations in Peru, Chile, Argentina and Ecuador for a major international tourism company. Here, he was able to gain immeasurable experience in the operational nuances of South America.



**Pedro Barraza**  
*Managing Director*

*pedro.barraza@andBeyond.com*

&Beyond South America is led by Managing Director, Pedro Barraza, who works alongside Mark Wheeler. Pedro has 25 years' experience in the travel industry and 14 years' experience in top management roles in South America specifically. He has worked closely with both Mark Wheeler and Joss Kent, &Beyond's CEO, over the years, and between the three of them they bring together nearly 50 years' worth of experience operating in South America.



**Carolina Lagos**  
*DMC Touring Reservations Manager*

*carolina.lagos@andBeyond.com*

With 21 years' experience in the travel industry, of which 11 were devoted to the luxury sector, handling high profile guests from all corners of the world and throughout South America; Carolina joined &Beyond South America as one of our most experienced team members. Her knowledge and passion for South America, particularly Chile, Argentina, Peru and Ecuador, is boundless and has seen her grow within the company to DMC Touring Reservations Manager for the region.

# OUR TEAM

## TRAVEL COMES AS SECOND NATURE

The **&Beyond** passion for delighting guests at every turn is legendary. This same passion runs deep in the veins of our travel teams. And, without tooting our horn too much, **&Beyond**’s level of travel expertise is exceptional...not just because of our in-house knowledge but also because of our incredibly strong relationships with our partners. This means, you have a smorgasbord of resources and options to tap into when it comes to answering queries about accommodation options, guides, trains, planes and fast cars!

## 24/7

There’s an element of the unpredictable in even the best planned journey, and changes and emergencies do happen. We’re on duty 24 hours a day to ensure your guests are immediately taken care of should anything unforeseen happen. From finding lost luggage to changing flight details or booking last minute hotels, there’s nothing that we can’t fix.

## GET ANSWERS IN REAL TIME\*

Understanding that there are global time differences, **&Beyond** offers in-region support through our concierge desk and sales representatives, who will be able to answer your questions in real time:

AMERICA'S	Travel Partner Concierge Desk	+1 (877) 421 2905 or concierge@andBeyond.com
	Eastern USA and Canada	wendy.clayton@andBeyond.com
	Western USA and Canada	michele.dienna@andBeyond.com
	North America Wholesale and Special Interest	michael.gregurich@andBeyond.com
	Mexico	lucia.gomez@andBeyond.com
	South America	carolina.benia@andBeyond.com
EUROPE	United Kingdom	steve.daykin@andBeyond.com
	Germanics	dorothee.kapell@andBeyond.com
	Nordic	carlos.ferraz@andBeyond.com
AUSTRALASIA	Asia	emileen.yeo@andBeyond.com
	Australia and New Zealand	norman.harper@andBeyond.com

\* While you can get all your questions answered and draw on a deep fund of South America knowledge, our concierge or sales representatives are unfortunately not able to process bookings for you, but will be delighted to connect you to the right person in our Travel Teams.



# TRAVEL FOR ALL OCCASIONS

No one really needs an excuse to travel but we all know that a getaway to South America is undoubtedly a special occasion. Whether its family bonding time, celebrating a milestone anniversary or reconnecting with friends – South America offers something for all!

## TAILORED FOR YOU

Tailoring a South America journey is our speciality! Small or large itinerary, we are able to offer a wide selection of tours, activities and accommodation options that can be uniquely designed and carefully crafted to suit your guests' interests and budget. It is our mission to help your guests realise their travel dreams. From puma tracking in Patagonia and exclusive access to private huaso rodeo performances, to introducing families to the ancient weaving traditions of the Taquileños at Lake Titicaca and privately guided Land Rover Experiences in Chile – your guests will be left spellbound by our ability to help them tick-off their South America wish lists.

## GROUPS AND SPECIAL INTERESTS

The bigger the better! The more the merrier! You get the picture... Our dedicated team of group travel consultants are experienced in providing the ideal solutions for tailor-made South American explorations, for groups of all sizes and types. Be it corporate (meetings, incentives, conferences or entertainment) or leisure (multi-generational family groups) – you name it, we've got it covered. And just when you thought we couldn't possibly offer more, we've recognised that some guests may have special interests that range beyond the usual tour; meaning that our stable of specialist and private guides are able to offer adventures that are tailored around a group's specific pursuits; such as a photographic safari, cultural or historical journey, birding expedition or even a family-orientated journey (to name but a few).









# DISCOVER...

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# FAST FACTS

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## How to Spend it

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Accepted Currency:

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MasterCard  
Amex  
Diners Club



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## Food

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Pastel de choclo (Chilean corn pie) - Filling contains beef or chicken and slices of boiled egg.

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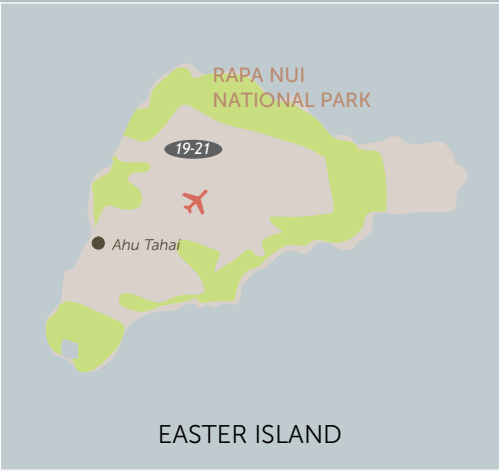
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# NORTHERN CHILE

## SANTIAGO

The capital of Chile, vibrant Santiago, is a bustling city tucked away in a valley surrounded by the Andean foothills. Founded in 1541, Santiago is now a thriving metropolis dotted with fine eateries and top-class hotels. It is the only city in the world that offers skiing high up in the majestic Andes, followed a mere 90 minutes later by walks on the beach and surfing in the Pacific Ocean. Guests visiting the Chilean capital are in for a heady mix of exclusive boutiques, sprawling shopping centres, magnificent architecture and discerning residential areas.



SANTIAGO

## WINE COUNTRY

Not-to-be-missed is a memorable adventure through Chile's flourishing Wine Country, a mecca for wine enthusiasts and culture lovers alike. Perfect climatic conditions of hot summers, cool coastal breezes and gentle rainfalls ensure bountiful grape harvests that create delectable varieties of Cabernet Sauvignon, Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay and Carménère, the emblematic grape of Chile which hails from France and is now exclusive to Chile. Cushioned between the Andes and Coastal Mountains lies the Central Valley where the first vineyards were established in the colonial era. Travellers are treated to world-class wine tasting tours led by renowned sommeliers, luxury accommodation and a range of additional adventures such as food pairings, cycling through the vineyards and museum excursions.



WINE COUNTRY

## ATACAMA DESERT

The sheer starkness of the Atacama Desert in the north of Chile is one of awe-inspiring beauty. A landmark of the El Norte Grande ("The Big North"), the Atacama Desert boasts an incredible landscape of ragged, rocky mountains and ravines that are interspersed by a striking white salt pan and surrounded by towering volcanoes. The dramatic and desolate Atacama Desert boasts clear, unpolluted skies that allow for the most incredible, unforgettable stargazing. Amongst the desolate landscapes is the quaint town of San Pedro de Atacama, which serves as a gateway to the desert's main attractions: Tatio Geysers, the quaint desert town of Toconao, the Atacama Salt Flat, the Chaxa Lagoon with its Chilean and Andean flamingos, the eerily beautiful Valley of the Moon and Mars Valley.



ATACAMA DESERT

## EASTER ISLAND

A tiny island in the middle of an isolated spot in the Pacific Ocean, Easter Island nevertheless holds a huge attraction for visitors. Rapa Nui, as its 6 000 native Polynesian inhabitants call it, is famous for its striking and mysterious giant statues, the magnificent moai. With more than 900 ancient statues, carved between 1 250 and 1 500 AD, dotted throughout the island; this archaeological paradise was named a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1995. Along with its wondrous stone busts, Easter Island can also offer fabulous diving, snorkelling and surfing opportunities, as well as some splendid stretches of white sandy beaches to just relax and soak in the wild beauty of this enigmatic island.



EASTER ISLAND

# BEYOND COMPARE

## Northern Chile

		SANTIAGO	WINE COUNTRY	ATACAMA DESERT	EASTER ISLAND
Why We Love it	Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Explore the wonders of this vibrant city and discover its museums, theatres, art galleries, fine dining options, nightlife, bustling markets, grand architecture and more.</li><li>- Ski in the Andes, enjoy a gentle stroll along the beach and surf in the Pacific Ocean - all on the same day.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Hot summers, cool coastal breezes and gentle rainfalls ensure bountiful grape harvests that create delectable varieties of Cabernet Sauvignon, Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay and the emblematic Carménère.</li><li>- 400 wineries produce award-winning world-class wines.</li><li>- Embark on an exclusive, guided wine tasting tour at some of Chile's most iconic wineries.</li><li>- Relish decadent picnic lunches within spectacular settings at private vineyards, an adventure exclusive to &amp;Beyond guests.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Discover the world's highest and driest desert.</li><li>- Marvel at the destination's lunar landscapes, multi-coloured lagoons, and stunning volcanic and mountain scenery.</li><li>- View the Atacama's beautiful attractions such as towering volcanoes, the Tatio Geysers, Valley of the Moon, Salt Flats and hot springs.</li><li>- Enjoy a myriad of guided adventures such as hiking, horseback riding, bicycle, 4x4 vehicles and hot-air ballooning.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Discover magical Easter Island, with its Polynesian culture, rich history and over 900 moai statues.</li><li>- World-class scuba diving, snorkelling and surfing.</li><li>- Traditional dance performances showcasing the Rapa Nui culture</li><li>- Visit a local home to learn about Rapa Nui's traditions, culture and gastronomy.</li><li>- Immerse yourself in the island's culture. Learn to cook in an umu (earth oven) or find out more about takona body painting.</li><li>- Tuck into a scenic &amp;Beyond picnic lunch setup, on top of a hill, private beach or overlooking the ancient moai statues.</li></ul>
Getting There	International flights	Chile is easily accessible, with many international flights arriving daily at Comodoro Arturo Merino Benítez International Airport in Santiago. Direct flights from most cities in the Americas, as well as Frankfurt (Germany), London (England), Madrid (Spain), Rome (Italy), Paris (France) and Sydney (Australia).			
	Domestic flights	A sophisticated network of domestic and regional flights links the main tourist destinations, as well as those of neighbouring countries.			
	Gateway airport	Comodoro Arturo Merino Benítez International Airport	Comodoro Arturo Merino Benítez International Airport (Santiago)	El Loa Airport (Calama)	Mataverí International Airport
	Destination logistics	Santiago is Chile's gateway city.	Depending on which valley you're visiting, approx 2hr drive from Santiago.	2hr flight from Santiago, followed by a 1hr 30min drive to San Pedro de Atacama.	Direct flights from Santiago to Mataverí International Airport in Hanga Roa (5hr 25min) six days a week.
Where to Stay*	\$\$\$	Hotel Solace Cumbres Lastarria	Santa Cruz Plaza Noi Blend	Cumbres Atacama Casa Atacama	Hare Noi
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# ACTIVITIES

## Northern Chile

		SANTIAGO	WINE COUNTRY	ATACAMA DESERT	EASTER ISLAND	BEST KEPT SECRETS
ADVENTURE	Hiking	●	●	●	●	Embark on an exclusive &Beyond Land Rover Experience to explore off-the-beaten track attractions in-and-around Santiago.
	Extreme trekking	●		●		
	4x4 excursions	●	●	●	●	
	Volcano trekking			●	●	
	Hot air ballooning		●	●		Take to the dunes on a sandboarding adventure in the Atacama Desert.
	Cycling	●	●	●	●	Soar over the Atacama Desert, one of the earth's most ancient landscapes, aboard a hot air balloon.
	Caving			●	●	
	Sailing				●	
	Boat cruise				●	Embark on a heli-skiing adventure in the Andes.
	Horseback riding	●	●	●	●	
	Ziplining	●				Explore the Wine Country by horseback, bicycle, helicopter or off-road on an &Beyond Land Rover tour.
	Skiing	●				
	Snowboarding	●				
	Scuba diving				●	
	Snorkelling				●	
	Surfing				●	
CULTURAL	Museum excursions	●	●	●	●	Discover the fascinating archaeological treasures of Easter Island as well as its dormant volcanoes and hidden caves on an interpretive tour.
	Archeological tours			●	●	
	Art tours	●	●			
	Markets & village tours	●	●	●	●	
	Stargazing	●	●	●		
FOOD & WINE	Wine tasting	●	●			Delight in a private wine tasting tour at some of Chile's most iconic wineries.
	Food & wine pairing	●	●			
	Picnics	●	●	●	●	Relish al fresco picnics at different wine estates.
	Food tours	●	●			
	Top Restaurants	●	●			
SPOIL	Relax in natural hot springs			●		Indulge in an exclusive vinotherapy spa treatment at one of Chile's renowned wine estates.
	Spa treatments	●	●	●	●	
	Shopping	●	●	●	●	
WILDLIFE	Llama & Alpaca			●		Toast to the sunset while watching hundreds of flamingos feed in the Atacama Salt Flats.
	Vicuna & Guanaco			●		
	Grey Fox		●	●		
	Flamingo			●		
	Condor	●		●		







# SOUTHERN CHILE

## NORTHERN PATAGONIA

Patagonia offers a kaleidoscopic mix of remote and untamed landscapes that will thrill the senses with their unrivalled beauty. Highlights of northern Patagonia include Coyhaique, Lake General Carrera, Laguna San Rafael National Park, Patagonia Park of Douglas Tompkins and Caleta Tortel. Volcanoes, mountains, glaciers and lakes create one of the most beautiful natural sites Chile has to offer. Enormous ice fields flank brilliant blue glaciers whilst fjords and deep channels usher penguins to their waters. The region's lakes and rivers are renowned for boasting some of the greatest fly fishing opportunities. Embark on a one-of-a-kind boat excursion to the iconic Marble cathedral in General Carrera Lake, or enjoy kayaking, canyoneering, rock climbing, fishing, hiking or skiing adventures in one of the most pristine areas of the continent.



NORTHERN PATAGONIA

## SOUTHERN PATAGONIA

The south of Patagonia is home to Chile's iconic Parque Nacional Torres del Paine, renowned for its rugged horn-shaped peaks of the Cuernos del Paine and pristine sand-coloured lowlands where the huaso countrymen, or baqueano, practice age-old cattle herding traditions. Southern Patagonia is hailed as one of the best destinations for hiking and trekking adventures. Not only does this breathtaking region feature a rich entanglement of rainforest and mountain ranges that stretch across the horizon, but it is also the official gateway to Antarctica, the earth's southernmost continent.



SOUTHERN PATAGONIA

## LAKE DISTRICT

The utterly spectacular landscapes of the Lake District makes this destination a firm favourite of guests travelling to Chile. Breathtaking glacial lakes mirror the frosted tips of dormant volcanoes and the verdant flora of nearby national parks. Stretching over 300 kilometres (186 miles), this region was once the homeland of the courageous Mapuche people who fought off the advances of Inca and Spanish invaders. It has since grown from thriving farmlands into the tranquil tourist mecca it is today. Quaint villages, such as Puñón perch along the various lake shorelines and offer adventures such as horse riding, hiking, fishing, mountain climbing, nature walks and water sports. Puñón is situated along the shores of the Villarrica Lake, near the active Volcano Villarrica.



LAKE DISTRICT

## CHILOÉ ISLAND

Chiloé is one of the many islands that dot this picturesque landscape of the Lake District. As the second largest island in South America, it is home to the Chiloé National Park, which Charles Darwin wrote extensively about, detailing the region's exceptional wildlife, in his book "The Voyage of the Beagle". Here, local Chilotes showcase their unique customs and palafitos (wooden structures built over the water on stilts), where they greet travellers upon arrival. Be sure to visit Castro, the third oldest town of Chile and the capital of Chiloé, to tuck into its speciality dish of curanto, a scrumptious combination of meats, seafood and vegetables.



CHILOÉ ISLAND

# BEYOND COMPARE

## Southern Chile

		NORTHERN PATAGONIA	SOUTHERN PATAGONIA	LAKE DISTRICT	CHILOÉ ISLAND
Why We Love it	Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Volcanoes, mountains, glaciers and lakes in Northern Patagonia create one of the most beautiful natural sites Chile has to offer.</li><li>- Embark on a one-of-a-kind boat excursion to the iconic Marble Cathedral.</li><li>- Explore some of the most pristine areas of the continent and enjoy ice trekking on the northern icefield of Patagonia.</li><li>- Visit the private Patagonia National Park, established by conservationist Douglas Tompkins, and learn from resident experts and &amp;Beyond guides about the park's extensive conservation projects.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Marvel at the mighty Torres del Paine Mountains, situated in the heart of the pristine Torres del Paine National Park.</li><li>- Embark on a luxury cruise to Tierra del Fuego Island to witness penguin colonies, sea lions, sea elephants and dolphins.</li><li>- The region is known for hosting South America's best hiking and trekking trails.</li><li>- Travel to the Grey Glacier and embark on a boat, kayak or ice trekking excursions.</li><li>- Tuck into a mouth-watering, authentic Patagonian lamb barbecue; prepared by gauchos.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Revel in the region's incredible scenery, where majestic mountains are mirrored in glacial lakes and shorelines are dotted with quaint villages.</li><li>- Pucón is the adventure capital of Chile, offering a myriad of outdoor activities such as rafting, hiking, skiing, kayaking, and fly-fishing.</li><li>- Embark on a volcano climbing adventure on the Villarrica and Osorno volcanoes.</li><li>- Scenic helicopter flight over the active volcanoes and emerald colour lakes.</li><li>- Lake crossing excursions from Puerto Varas to Bariloche over a series of pristine lakes and roads.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Engage with the island's residents and learn about their deep-rooted culture and timeless traditions.</li><li>- Discover the exceptional wildlife that Charles Darwin famously wrote about in his book "The Voyage of the Beagle".</li><li>- Explore the archipelago's channels and fjords by boat.</li><li>- Cook the traditional Curanto with a local family or collect mussels and clams with the local fishermen.</li><li>- Discover one of the few places where two types of penguins breed together, Magellan and Humboldt penguins at Puñihuil.</li></ul>
Getting There	International flights	Chile is easily accessible, with many international flights arriving daily at Comodoro Arturo Merino Benítez International Airport in Santiago. Direct flights from most cities in the Americas, as well as Frankfurt (Germany), London (England), Madrid (Spain), Rome (Italy), Paris (France) and Sydney (Australia).			
	Domestic flights	A sophisticated network of domestic and regional flights links the main tourist destinations, as well as those of neighbouring countries.			
	Gateway airport	Balmaceda Airport	President Carlos Ibañez del Campo International Airport	La Araucania International Airport Temuco and El Tepual International Airport, Puerto Montt	Mocopulli Airport, Castro
	Destination logistics	Santiago to Balmaceda 2hr 30min flights followed by 45min drive to Coyhaique city or 4hrs overland to key destination highlights along the General Carrera Lake	3hr 30min flight from Santiago to Punta Arenas, followed by 5hr 30min drive to Torres Del Paine. In peak season, 3hr flight to Puerto Natales followed by a 2hr drive to the park.	From Santiago, a 1hr flight to Temuco's Aeropuerto. A 1hr 30min flight takes guests to El Tepual Airport in Puerto Montt.	Santiago to Castro 2hr flights followed by 30min transfer to key properties or luxury lodges.
Where to Stay*	\$\$\$	Dreams Coyhaique Patagonia House	Costaustralis Lago Grey Las Torres	Cabañas del Lago Solace	Quilquico Hotel
	\$\$\$\$	Mirador de Guadal Mallin Colorado Hacienda Tres Lagos	Singular Patagonia Patagonia Camp Remota	Casa Molino Puerto Varas Antumalal, Pucon Cumbres Puerto Varas AWA Puerto Varas	Centro de Ocio Lodge
	\$\$\$\$\$	Valle Chacabuco Lodge	Explora Patagonia Tierra Patagonia Awasi Patagonia	The Nawelpi Lodge Hacienda Vira Vira Quincho Casa Hotel	Tierra Chiloé

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# ACTIVITIES

## Southern Chile

		SOUTHERN PATAGONIA	NORTHERN PATAGONIA	LAKE DISTRICT	CHILOÉ ISLAND	BEST KEPT SECRETS
ADVENTURE	Hiking	●	●	●	●	Feel the wind on your face as you ride along the pampas on horseback, accompanied by a local huaso.
	Extreme trekking	●	●	●		
	4x4 excursions		●	●		
	Volcano trekking			●		Try your hand at kayaking, canyoneering, rock climbing, fishing, hiking or skiing in Chile's northern Patagonia region.
	Cycling	●	●	●	●	
	Caving			●		
	Rock climbing	●		●		Lose yourself in the spectacular surrounds of the Huilo Huilo Biological Reserve and learn about the region's fascinating flora, fauna and culture.
	Sailing			●	●	
	Boat cruise	●	●	●	●	
	Kayaking	●	●	●	●	Take in the spectacular Patagonian scenery on a hike up the Mocho Choshuenco Volcano.
	Horseback riding	●	●	●	●	
	Fly fishing	●	●	●	●	
	Ziplining			●		Relax on a luxury boat cruise around the Chilean fjords.
	Skiing			●		
	Snowboarding			●		
	Ice trekking	●	●			
CULTURAL	Museum excursions	●		●	●	Engage with the Chiloé island's residents and learn about their deep-rooted culture and timeless traditions.
	Markets & village tours			●	●	
SPOIL	Relax in natural hot springs			●		Unwind in a hot pool of thermal spring water and marvel at the picturesque backdrop of mountains, forests, and volcanoes.
	Spa treatments	●	●	●	●	
	Shopping	●		●	●	
	Picnics	●	●		●	
WILDLIFE	Marine life (sea lions, seals, penguins, dolphins, otters)	●	●		●	Discover the wild side of Chile on a puma and wild horse trekking adventure, with special access to a restricted area of the Torres del Paine National Park.
	Guanaco	●	●			
	Puma	●	●			
	Grey Fox	●	●	●	●	Encounter the exceptional wildlife of Patagonia on a photographic safari – with the opportunity to view pumas, condors, southern deer, guanacos, foxes and rheas or ñandues (to name a few).
	Pudu			●	●	
	Flamingo	●	●		●	
	Condor	●	●	●		
	Huemul	●	●	●		
	Nandu	●	●			
	Wild baguales horses	●				

# TIMING IS EVERYTHING

	SANTIAGO											
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
TEMPERATURE HIGH*	85°F	84°F	80°F	72°F	64°F	58°F	57°F	61°F	65°F	71°F	77°F	82°F
TEMPERATURE LOW*	54°F	53°F	49°F	45°F	41°F	38°F	37°F	39F	42°F	45°F	48°F	51°F
RAIN FALL*	0"	0.1"	0.2"	0.5"	2.3"	3.1"	3"	2.1"	1.1"	0.5"	0.2	0.2"
VALUE**	\$	\$	\$\$\$	\$\$\$	\$	\$	\$\$	\$\$	\$\$	\$\$\$	\$\$\$	\$\$

SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA, ATACAMA DESERT												
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
TEMPERATURE HIGH*	79°F	79°F	77°F	73°F	70°F	66°F	66°F	65°F	66°F	70°F	72°F	75°F
TEMPERATURE LOW*	41°F	42°F	40°F	36°F	30°F	31°F	30°F	30°F/	31°F	35°F	36°F	38°F
RAIN FALL*	0"	0"	0"	0"	0"	0"	0"	0"	0"	0"	0"	0"
VALUE**	\$\$\$	\$\$\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$\$\$	\$	\$	\$\$\$	\$\$\$	\$\$\$

TORRES DEL PAINE, PATAGONIA												
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
TEMPERATURE HIGH*	70°F	72°F	67°F	62°F	58°F	48°F	44°F	46°F	59°F	62°F	65°F	77°F
TEMPERATURE LOW*	46°F	42°F	42°F	37°F	33°F	26°F	26°F	30°F	32°F	38°F	43°F	45°F
RAIN FALL*	1.3"	0.9"	0.8"	0.9"	0.9"	0.7"	0.8"	0.5"	0.4"	0.6"	0.9"	1"
VALUE**	\$\$\$	\$\$\$	\$\$	\$\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$\$	\$\$\$	\$\$\$	\$\$\$

		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
ACTIVITIES	Peak season in Patagonia - warmer weather and longer days.	●	●	●								●	●
	Best time for cruising around the breathtaking fjords and winding labyrinth of channels and islands in southern Patagonia			●	●					●	●	●	
	Best time to view the winelands' vineyard leaves and Patagonian foliage turn a kaleidoscope of autumn colours.				●	●							
	Hot summer days are perfect for vineyard picnics and long walks in the winelands.	●	●	●								●	●
	Wine harvesting festivals (Vendimias) and grape stomping during harvest season.		●	●	●	●							
	Ideal time to visit the Lake District.	●	●	●	●						●	●	●
	Experience Polynesian culture at its best at the Easter Island Tapati Festival, which showcases traditional music, dancing, food and festive parades.		●										
	Fiesta de San Pedro y San Pablo.						●						
	Ideal time for sightseeing in Santiago due to comfortable temperatures; however, Santiago is renowned as year-round destination.			●	●					●	●	●	
	Best time for puma spotting in the Torres Del Paine.					●	●	●	●	●			
	Best time for skiing in the mountains near Santiago.						●	●	●	●			
	Best value travel - less travellers, good weather and good pricing				●	●					●	●	

\* Temperature and rainfall is sourced from: [ClimaTemps.com](https://climatemps.com/). Climate varies regionally and according to altitude - measured in farenheit and inches.

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# ITINERARIES

## MOST POPULAR



### Best of Chile - 11 days / 10 nights

- 4 nights Atacama Desert
- 2 nights Santiago
- 3 nights Torres del Paine National Park (Southern Patagonia)
- 1 night Puerto Natales (Southern Patagonia)

## TIME-STARVED



### Luxury Andes & Wine Country Tour - 6 days / 5 nights

- 3 nights Santiago
- 2 nights Wine Country

## REPEAT



### Lakes, Forests & Mountains of Southern Chile - 11 days / 10 nights

- 2 nights Santiago
- 2 nights Puerto Varas (Lake District)
- 3 nights Huilo Huilo Biological Reserve (Lake District)
- 3 nights Pucon (Lake District)

## IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD



### Add to Your Experience...

- 3 nights Mendoza (Argentina)
- 1 night Buenos Aires (Argentina)



# PARTNER PROPERTIES



Tierra Atacama  
Tierra Patagonia  
Tierra Chiloé



La Casona  
at Matetic Vineyards  
Wine Country



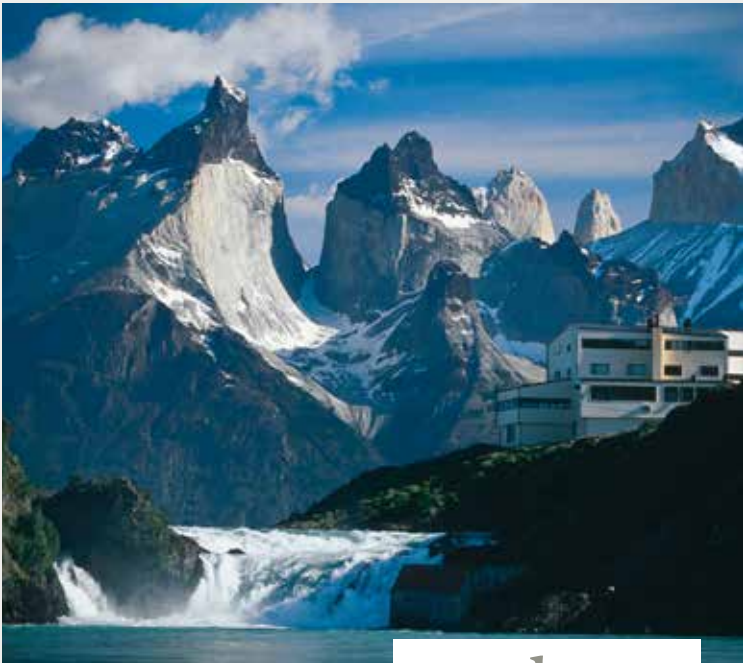
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Lake District




# PARTNER PROPERTIES



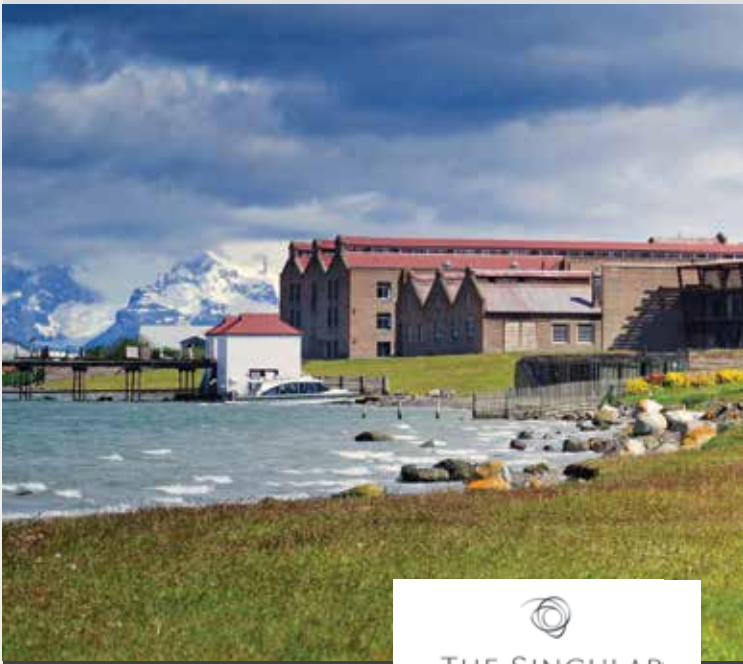
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# DISCOVER...

Argentina

Argentina

## ARGENTINA

As the eighth largest country in the world, you'd be forgiven for losing yourself in the beautifully vast and contrasting landscapes of Argentina. Here, truly breathtaking destinations chop and change from lush wetlands and rainforests, dotted with sparkling waterfalls, to ragged snow-capped mountain ranges and the lush plateaus of the Pampas. It is here that the exciting cosmopolitan city of Buenos Aires beckons travellers to indulge in its fine eateries, exceptional shopping experiences and vibrant nightlife. Argentinians are a proud people who strongly hold onto their many traditions. They are also incredibly accommodating in their hospitality. Each of the country's 23 provinces boasts its own folklore and customs, ensuring travellers have an eclectic mix of cultures wherever they roam. Argentina is home to a plethora of wildlife that range (amongst many others) from a myriad bird species (including three varieties of flamingo) to the shy puma, llamas, tapirs and raucous howler monkeys. Adventures are endless but the country is mostly known for its incredible scenic and glacier hikes, skiing and snowboarding, whale watching, horse riding, cultural excursions or visiting an authentic gaucho ranch.



# FAST FACTS

## In Numbers

Argentina spans a staggering **2 776 890** square kilometres (**1 083 000** square miles) – making it the 8th largest country in the world.

At its widest, the country covers some **1 425** kilometres (**886** miles) and, at its longest, stretches to almost **4 000** kilometres (approx. **2 500** miles).

Population: approximately **42** million people

Argentina’s capital city of Buenos Aires boasts approximately **16** million people.

There are **17** indigenous languages spoken in Argentina; however its official language is Spanish.

There are **23** provinces in Argentina.

**275** cascades make up the spectacular Iguazu Falls, the widest broken falls in the world.

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## How to Spend it

A **Mate set** - A traditional set of cups for drinking the region’s beloved Mate tea

**Alfajores** – Local biscuits filled with delicious Dulce de leche

**Fernet Branca** – An herbal/liquorice flavoured aperitif originally from Italy

**Leather handicrafts** - Argentina is famous for its affordable, high quality leather goods



## Food

**Malbec** - Be sure to sample the country’s iconic blend during your stay.

**Mate** - Argentina’s favourite tea blend

**Dulce de leche** - For those of you who have a sweet tooth, this caramelised milk is a must try!

**Beef & chimichurri sauce** - A delectable beef dish served with a spicy type of Argentinean sauce, typically used for barbecues



## Currency

Local Currency:

Argentine  
Peso (ARS)

Accepted Currency:

ARS

Accepted Credit Cards:

Visa,  
Mastercard,  
Amex,  
Diners Club



## Did You Know?

Capital city: Buenos Aires

Official language: Spanish

Argentina is named after the Latin word for silver.

The world’s largest avenue can be found in Argentina and boasts 14 lanes.

Argentina lays claim to inventing the sultry tango.

Argentina have won the football world cup twice.



## Care of the Land, Wildlife and People

Our core ethos of “Care of the Land, Care of the Wildlife and Care of the People” drives all that we do. When your guests travel with &Beyond they are making a real contribution to the preservation of South America’s people and wildlife areas. Recently, &Beyond’s contribution of our wildlife reintroduction knowledge has helped the Tompkins Foundation, which is actively working to restore the jaguar population of the Iberá Wetlands.



## Caught on Film

Capture the moment the ice breaks off the Perito Moreno glacier. Photograph the thundering curtains of water that make up the Iguazu Falls. Snap the moment a killer whale beaches itself to capture a sea lion on the coast of Patagonia.

Digitally immortalise the breathtaking scenery of Bariloche.



### PARTNER PROPERTIES

- BUENOS AIRES
1. Casa Sur Art
  2. Casa Sur Bellini
  3. Casa Sur Palermo
  4. Serena Hotel
  5. Mio Buenos Aires
  6. Legado Mitico Buenos Aires
  7. Hub Porteño
  8. Sofitel Arroyo
  9. Alvear Art Hotel
  10. Algodón Mansión
  11. Faena Hotel
  12. Alvear Palace
  13. Park Hyatt Buenos Aires
  14. Four Seasons Buenos Aires

- IGUAZU FALLS
15. Panoramic Grand Hotel
  16. Loi Suites Iguazú
  17. Iguazu Grand Resort Spa & Casino
  18. Belmond Hotel Das Cataratas (Brazil)
  19. Sheraton Iguazu Resort & Spa

- IBERÁ WETLANDS
20. Estancia Rincón del Socorro
  21. Puerto Valle

- ESTANCIAS (CORDOBA)
22. Estancia Los Potreros
  23. El Colibri - Estancia De Charme

- SALTA
24. Finca Santana
  25. House of Jasmines
  26. Legado Mitico Salta
  27. Grace Cafayate
  28. Patios de Cafayate

- MENDOZA
29. Posada Verde Oliva
  30. Park Hyatt Mendoza
  31. Intercontinental Mendoza Hotel\*
  32. Entre Cielos
  33. The Vines
  34. Cavas Wine Lodge

- BARILOCHE
35. Peuma-Hue
  36. El Casco Art Hotel
  37. Liao Liao Hotel & Resort
  38. Las Balsas

- ATLANTIC PATAGONIA
- Peninsula de Valdes
  39. Territorio Hotel
  40. Estancia La Ernestina
  41. El Pedral - Hotel de Campo
  42. Estancia Bahia Bustamante

- USHUAIA
43. Los Cauqueses
  44. Arakur

- EL CALAFATE
45. Xelena Hotel & Suites
  46. Eolo Lodge
  47. Hotel Los Alamos

# TRAVEL TIMES

TRAVEL TIME

BUENOS AIRES								
	17h 40min 1h 50min	IGUAZU FALLS						
	11h 40min 1h 30min	Not Available 4hrs 30min	ESTANCIAS (CORDOBA)					
	21h 40min 2h 15min	Not Available 2hrs 15min	16hrs 28 min 1hr 25min	SALTA				
	17h 10min 1h 55min	Not Available 4hrs 23min*	6hrs 45min 1hr 5min	18hrs 40min 1hr 43min	MENDOZA			
	20h 10min 2h 20min	Not Available 5h 55min*	19hrs 40min 2hrs 15min	Not available 7hrs 10min*	19hrs 15min 5hrs 21min*	BARILOCHE		
	20hrs 05min 3hrs 35min** / 1hr 45min***	Not Available 5hrs 10min*	16hrs 5min 4hrs 25min*	Not available 6hrs 30min*	23hrs 40min 5hrs 50min*	17hrs 40min 6hrs 10min*	ATLANTIC PATAGONIA	
	Not Available 3hrs 15min	Not Available 6hrs 25min*	Not Available 6hrs 16 min*	Not available 8hrs 21min	Not available 5hrs 56min	Not available 1hrs 45min	Not available 6hrs 5min	CALAFATE

\*via Buenos Aires \*\*to Ushuaia \*\*\*to Puerto Madryn

Disclaimer: All flights may include multiple stops and scheduling is a guideline – times will vary and scheduling is coordinated mainly by operations teams on the ground. Flight schedules are more limited in off-peak periods. Above times are based on best-practice logistics and exclude transfers to and from lodges.

# SULTRY AND WILD

## BUENOS AIRES

The capital city of Buenos Aires offers a pulsating and eclectic atmosphere of sophistication. It is here that local customs are infused by the proud traditions of football and the sultry tango. Buenos Aires is dotted with many fine eateries, a thriving arts and culture scene, packed nightclubs and world-class accommodation. The city is flanked by the Rio de la Plata, the world's largest estuary, and the lowlands of the Pampas. There are various tours that cover the rich history of the city. Be sure to stop at the Plaza de Mayo and Cementerio de la Recoleta.



BUENOS AIRES

## IGUAZU FALLS

The Iguazu (also called Iguassu) Falls are composed of 275 separate cascades, which make it the largest broken waterfall in the world. Made up of a chain of waterfalls that are fed by the Iguazu River, this powerful phenomenon sits on the border of Argentina, Paraguay and Brazil. Set amongst lush forests, this is a truly breath-taking spectacle as thousands of litres of water tumble down the steps of the Parana Plateau. A highlight of any visit to the Iguazu Falls is a stop at Devil's Throat, a narrow u-shaped chasm that offers excellent photographic opportunities.



IGUAZU FALLS

## ESTANCIAS (CORDOBA)

Beautiful Cordoba, in Argentina, offers wonderful historical tours as well as the unforgettable opportunity to meet a gaucho at an estancia. At the heart of Argentina lies the Cordoba province where the country's second largest city of Cordoba resides. Tucked away in the foothills of the Sierras Chicas, this charming city was founded in 1573. It houses Argentina's oldest university that dates back to 1613 and many historical monuments such as the Jesuit Block, which has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The surrounding landscapes are characterised by low mountains interspersed by rivers and streams. It is here that you will find rustic estancias, Argentina's cattle stations that are manned by roughened gauchos. A visit to an estancia will give you a true glimpse into the rural lifestyle of Argentina.



ESTANCIAS (CORDOBA)

## SALTA

The north western Salta Province has long been visited for its exceptional landscapes of mountains and valleys that are home to many rural cultures. At the centre of this region is the captivating city of Salta, which means "beautiful" in the language of the Aymara people. This now flourishing metropolis offers a beautiful mix of old and new, where you will find modern architecture accentuated by colonial era buildings. Salta offers a laid-back atmosphere where every aspect of the day is taken in its stride. This all changes over Carnival where the citizens of the city spill into the streets to celebrate Pachamama. There are various museums, architectural delights and markets that will keep you busy in the city. Be sure to visit the Plaza 9 de Julio, the Museo Arqueologia de Alta Montana, the Iglesia de San Francisco and the Catedral Basilica de Salta.



SALTA

# BEYOND COMPARE

		BUENOS AIRES	IGUAZU FALLS	ESTANCIAS (CORDOBA)	SALTA
Why We Love it	Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Experience the incredible nightlife of Buenos Aires on a tour to vibrant bars.</li> <li>- Learn to play polo in the company of professional players and enjoy a stay at a local polo estancia.</li> <li>- Embark on an unforgettable guided walking tour of the atmospheric Recoleta Cemetery.</li> <li>- Learn to tango, in the arms of an expert.</li> <li>- Get caught up in the excitement of a football match, known in Argentina as "the beautiful game".</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discover the 275 cascades of the Iguazu Falls, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, on a privately guided tour.</li> <li>- Cross the border into Brazil with your private guide for another awe-inspiring perspective of the Iguazu Falls.</li> <li>- Take to the sky for a bird's eye view of the Brazilian side of the Falls on an amazing helicopter flight.</li> <li>- Get your pulse racing on a thrilling jet boat ride towards the Falls, or explore the surrounding fauna and flora on a guided jungle safari.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Immerse yourself in one of Argentina's most prized cultural traditions by visiting an estancia (working ranch).</li> <li>- Explore the beauty of the Cordoba countryside riding alongside a gaucho on horseback.</li> <li>- Visit the Jesuit Estancias, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.</li> <li>- Learn how to ride polo horses at some of the great estancias.</li> <li>- Interact with local families living on the traditional ranches of Argentina.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Salta is the perfect base to discover the surrounding Calchaqui valleys and the awe-inspiring salt flats.</li> <li>- Explore the various museums, architectural delights and markets of Salta.</li> <li>- Visit the second wine region of Argentina at Cafayate, accompanied by a local expert.</li> <li>- Combine your visit with the picturesque town of Purmamarca and the UNESCO Cultural &amp; Natural World Heritage Site of Quebrada de Humahuaca.</li> </ul>
Getting There	International Flights	Argentina is easily accessible, with many flights arriving daily from around the world at Ministro Pistarini International Airport.			
	Domestic Flights	A sophisticated network of domestic and regional flights link the main tourist destinations, as well as those of neighbouring countries.			
	Gateway Airport	Aeroparque Jorge Newbery Airport (Domestic and Regional Flights) or Ministro Pistarini International Airport (known as Ezeiza)	Iguazu Falls International Airport (IGR)	Ingeniero Ambrosio Taravella International Airport	Martin Miguel de Güemes International Airport
Where to Stay*	\$\$\$	Casa Sur Art Casa Sur Bellini Casa Sur Palermo Serena Hotel	Panoramic Grand Hotel		Finca Santana
	\$\$\$\$	Mio Buenos Aires Legado Mitico Buenos Aires Hub Porteño Sofitel Arroyo Alvear Art Hotel	Loi Suites Iguazú Iguazu Grand Resort Spa & Casino	Estancia Los Potreros	House of Jasmines Legado Mitico Salta
	\$\$\$\$\$	Algodón Mansión Faena Hotel Alvear Palace Park Hyatt Buenos Aires Four Seasons Buenos Aires	Belmond Hotel Das Cataratas (Brazil) Sheraton Iguazu Resort & Spa	El Colibri - Estancia De Charme	Grace Cafayate Patios de Cafayate

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# ACTIVITIES

		BUENOS AIRES	IGUAZU FALLS	ESTANCIAS (CORDOBA)	SALTA	BEST KEPT SECRETS
ADVENTURE	Horseback riding	●	●	●	●	<p>Test your courage on a high speed, inflatable boat ride on the Iguazu River.</p> <p>Cruise the Tigre Delta, near Buenos Aires, on a private boat and enjoy a picnic lunch on a beautiful island.</p>
	Photography	●	●	●	●	
	Nature walks & hikes	●	●	●	●	
	4x4 excursions	●	●		●	
	Mountain biking	●	●	●	●	
	Ziplining		●			
	Boat cruise	●	●			
	Quad-biking		●			
	Helicopter tours	●	●			
CULTURAL	Tango show	●				<p>Gain exclusive access to a private estancia, learn about the gauchos' day-to-day routines and meet with the ranch's owners. Witness a horse reining display, performed by local gauchos at a traditional estancia.</p>
	Estancia visit	●		●	●	
	Museum excursions	●			●	
	History tours	●	●	●	●	
	Art tours	●				
	Theatre & music shows	●		●	●	
	Village tours	●	●	●	●	
SPOIL	Spa treatments	●	●	●	●	<p>Revel in the opportunity to enjoy some retail therapy.</p>
	Shopping	●	●	●	●	
FOOD & WINE	Picnics	●	●	●	●	<p>Take part in a decadent Culinary Experience at some of Argentina's most popular steak houses in Buenos Aires.</p>
	Wine tastings	●			●	
	Food tours	●			●	
	Top restaurants	●			●	
WILDLIFE CHECKLIST	Macaw		●			<p>Embark on a forest excursion in an open jeep, or strap on your helmet for an interpretive guided mountain bike excursion to learn more about the spectacular flora and fauna at Iguazu Falls.</p>
	Toucan		●			
	Tapir		●			
	Giant anteater		●			
	Howler monkey		●			
	Ocelot		●			







# LEGENDARY LANDSCAPES

## MENDOZA

Beautiful Mendoza is the gateway city for an authentic Argentine Winelands experience. Recognised as the Wine Capital of Argentina, this enchanting destination's signature trademarks are its leafy avenues with Av San Martin taking pride of place as the main street and its beautiful plazas and acequias (irrigation ditches), fed by the Mendoza and Tunuyan Rivers, which line every facet of the city. One can expect a truly cosmopolitan and stylish ambience when visiting one of the many eateries that pay homage to the region's finest produce and, of course, wines.



MENDOZA

## BARILOCHE

Those with a penchant for breathtaking scenery, skiing, hiking and photography will love the gateway city of Bariloche, situated in the northern Patagonia region of Argentina, in the Lago Nahuel Huapi National Park. It is from here that lovers of the snow, launch their expeditions to the country's renowned snow-capped Cerro Catedral and Lopez Mountains and for adventurers to embark on the famous lake crossing of the Andes into Chile. Bariloche boasts beautiful Swiss-style chalets accentuated by carpentry and stone masonry from Patagonia. This is mixed with world-class boutique hotels and dotted with stores dedicated to all things chocolate.



BARILOCHE

## ATLANTIC PATAGONIA

The Argentinian Patagonia is situated close to the Atlantic Ocean and incorporates the Peninsula de Valdes and the Tierra del Fuego Island. Here the characteristic golden lowlands of the Pampas meet breathtaking fjords, channels and bays that are home to thriving sea life. An iconic destination in Atlantic Patagonia is the renowned World Heritage Site of Peninsula Valdes where orcas beach themselves on the shoreline in an attempt to grab a sea lion (the only place where this spectacle has been witnessed) and southern right whales and elephant seals explore the waters during the months of July through December.



ATLANTIC PATAGONIA

## CALAFATE

Sitting on the edge of Patagonia's ice field, in the province of Santa Cruz, is the bustling town of Calafate. This is the main entry point to view the advancing Perito Moreno glacier in the popular Parque Nacional los Glaciares. Calafate is a must for photographers and nature lovers as viewing the ever-shifting landscape of the Perito Moreno is a not-to-be-missed spectacle. Here, guests can traverse through spectacular iceberg-strewn lakes on a boat ride up to the Perito Moreno to witness it "calve" (huge chunks of ice can fall off the glacier's snout at a moment's notice) and also have the opportunity to walk on its icy surface. Other than witnessing glaciers, visitors to Calafate can embark on a hiking or climbing expedition at nearby El Chalten and enjoy a fishing excursion to Lago Roca, horse riding, mountain and quad biking or spending a day at an estancia (working ranch).



CALAFATE

# BEYOND COMPARE

		MENDOZA	BARILOCHE	ATLANTIC PATAGONIA	CALAFATE
Why We Love it	Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Discover one of the greatest wine capitals of the world.</li><li>- Engage with local winemakers and embark on various tours of their estates and wine-making processes.</li><li>- Various winter sports and adventures can also be found in Mendoza, from great skiing and snowboarding to white-water rafting, trekking and horseback riding.</li><li>- Climb to the base of the highest mountain in the Americas; the Aconcagua that stands at 6 961 meters (22 838 feet).</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Known as the "Chocolate Capital of Argentina".</li><li>- Breathtaking scenery making this destination a huge drawcard for photography enthusiasts.</li><li>- Embark on a wonderful selection of adventures such as skiing, snowboarding, hiking, climbing and mountain biking, fishing trips and even paragliding and rafting excursions.</li><li>- Bariloche is renowned for its world-class fly-fishing opportunities.</li><li>- Visit Victoria Island to view its beautiful landscape, flora and fauna, followed by an exclusive picnic lunch on the shores of Lake Nahuel Huapi.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Witness the playful antics of sea elephants and penguins from the comforts of your lodge.</li><li>- Visit the Peninsula de Valdes, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, renowned for its great sightings of southern right whales and orcas</li><li>- Follow in the footsteps of Charles Darwin. Patagonia was a favourite haunting ground for this avid naturalist and geologist.</li><li>- Cruise the Beagle channel in Ushuaia or embark on a 4x4 excursion in one of the region's spectacular national parks.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Marvel at the sparkling lakes, snow-capped mountains, and towering glaciers of Patagonia.</li><li>- Witness the famous Perito Moreno Glacier at Los Glaciares National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.</li><li>- Embark on a hiking or climbing expedition at nearby El Chalten.</li><li>- Hop across the border via the lowest point of the Andes and cross over to Chile to visit the Torres del Paine National Park.</li></ul>
Getting There	International Flights	Argentina is easily accessible, with many flights arriving daily from around the world at Ministro Pistarini International Airport.			
	Domestic Flights	A sophisticated network of domestic and regional flights link the main tourist destinations, as well as those of neighbouring countries.			
	Gateway Airport	Francisco Gabrielli International Airport (also known as El Plumerillo Airport)	San Carlos de Bariloche Airport	El Tehuelche airport in Puerto Madryn, Airport Almirante Marcos A. Zar in Trelew, and Islas Malvinas Argentinas Ushuaia International Airport in Ushuaia	Comandante Armando Tola International Airport in El Calafate
Where to Stay*	\$\$\$	Posada Verde Oliva		Estancia Bahia Bustamante (Puerto Alguero)	Hotel Los Alamos
	\$\$\$\$	Park Hyatt Mendoza Intercontinental Mendoza Hotel	Peuma-Hue El Casco Art Hotel	Territorio Hotel (Peninsula Valdes) Estancia La Ernestina (Peninsula Valdes) El Pedral - Hotel de Campo (Peninsula Valdes) Los Cauquenes (Ushuaia)	Xelena Hotel & Suites
	\$\$\$\$\$	Entre Cielos The Vines Cavas Wine Lodge	Llao Llao Hotel & Resort Las Balsas	Arakur (Ushuaia)	Eolo Lodge

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# ACTIVITIES

		MENDOZA	BARILOCHE	ATLANTIC PATAGONIA	CALAFATE	BEST KEPT SECRETS
ADVENTURE	Skiing	●	●	●		Embark on an ice trekking adventure in Calafate's Perito Moreno and toast your experience with an 18 year old whisky, topped with thousand year old ice cubes from the glacier. Make the most of Mendoza on a skiing, snowboarding, white-water rafting, trekking or horseback riding adventure. Enjoy an unforgettable fly-fishing excursion on one of the most iconic rivers of Tierra del Fuego Island. Explore Atlantic Patagonia by 4X4, and take in the vastness of Patagonia and its dramatic landscapes. Climb aboard the End of the World Train when visiting the southernmost city in Argentina.
	Snowboarding	●	●	●		
	Horseback riding	●	●	●	●	
	Photography	●	●	●	●	
	Nature walks & hikes	●	●	●	●	
	Ice trekking				●	
	4x4 excursions	●	●	●	●	
	Fishing		●	●	●	
	Mountain biking	●	●			
	Kayaking	●	●	●		
	Ziplining	●	●			
	Paragliding		●			
	Boat cruise		●	●	●	
	Quad-biking		●	●	●	
	Helicopter tours		●		●	
	Whale watching			●		
CULTURAL	Tango show	●				Explore local Patagonian estancias and enjoy traditionally prepared Patagonian lamb at El Calafate.
	Estancia visit	●	●	●	●	
	Museum excursions	●		●	●	
	History tours			●		
	Art tours	●				
	Theatre & music shows	●				
	Village tours	●	●			
SPOIL	Spa treatments	●	●		●	Indulge in a spectacular picnic overlooking the Andes.
	Shopping	●	●		●	
FOOD & WINE	Picnics	●	●	●	●	Tuck into a delicious home cooked meal at a local residence in Mendoza.
	Wine tastings	●				
	Food tours	●	●		●	
	Top restaurants	●	●			
WILDLIFE CHECKLIST	Sea lion			●		Board a submarine for a underwater view of the incredible marine life of Atlantic Patagonia.
	Elephant seal			●		
	Orcas (killer whale)			●		
	Penguin			●		
	Southern right whale			●		



# TIMING IS EVERYTHING

		BUENOS AIRES											
		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
TEMPERATURE HIGH*		73°F	87°F	84°F	80°F	73°F	66°F	60°F	59°F	63°F	66°F	73°F	78°F
TEMPERATURE LOW*		56°F	68°F	67°F	63°F	57°F	51°F	46°F	45°F	48°F	50°F	55°F	61°F
RAIN FALL*		4.2"	4"	4"	3.3"	3.1"	2.1"	2.3"	2.3"	2.4"	4"	3.6"	3.3"
VALUE**		\$	\$	\$ \$ \$	\$ \$ \$	\$ \$	\$ \$	\$ \$	\$ \$	\$ \$	\$ \$ \$	\$ \$ \$	\$ \$ \$
		IGUAZU FALLS											
		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
TEMPERATURE HIGH*		88°F	86°F	90°F	84°F	75°F	73°F	73°F	79°F	81°F	86°F	88°F	90°F
TEMPERATURE LOW*		68°F	68°F	66°F	61°F	54°F	50°F	50°F	52°F	54°F	59°F	63°F	66°F
RAIN FALL*		6.9"	3.9"	6.6"	5.5"	6.1"	5.9"	3.9"	3.7"	5.8"	6.7"	4.3"	7.3"
VALUE**		\$ \$ \$	\$ \$ \$	\$ \$	\$ \$	\$ \$	\$ \$	\$ \$ \$	\$ \$ \$	\$ \$	\$ \$ \$	\$ \$ \$	\$ \$ \$
		BARILOCHE											
		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
TEMPERATURE HIGH*		88°F	86°F	90°F	84°F	75°F	73°F	73°F	79°F	81°F	86°F	88°F	90°F
TEMPERATURE LOW*		68°F	68°F	66°F	61°F	54°F	50°F	50°F	52°F	54°F	59°F	63°F	66°F
RAIN FALL*		1"	0.9"	1.6"	2.3"	5.8"	6"	5.6"	4.5"	2.4"	1.6"	1.1"	1.3"
VALUE**		\$ \$	\$ \$	\$	\$	\$	\$ \$	\$ \$ \$	\$ \$ \$	\$ \$	\$ \$	\$ \$ \$	\$ \$ \$
ACTIVITIES		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
	Winter weather is perfect for skiing and snowboarding in Bariloche and Mendoza							●	●	●			
	Ideal time for hiking, fishing and mountain biking	●	●	●	●							●	●
	Peak season in Patagonia - so book early!	●	●	●	●							●	●
	Low season for Iguazu Falls, although this is a fantastic year-round destination			●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
	Ideal time to visit the regions of Salta and northwest Argentina			●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
	Perfect time to embark on a cruise in Patagonia	●	●	●	●					●	●	●	●
	Best time to enjoy a fly-fishing excursion	●	●	●								●	●
Best value travel - less travellers, good weather and good pricing				●	●				●	●			
FESTIVAL		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
	Grape harvesting season in Mendoza's winelands		●	●	●								
	Polo season across Argentina									●	●	●	●
	Take part in the Buenos Aires Tango Festival								●				
Día de la Tradición - Argentina's annual gaucho day											●		
WILDLIFE		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
	Flamingos congregate in the waters of Lago Argentino	●	●										●
	Southern right whales arrive at Peninsula de Valdes						●	●	●	●	●	●	●
	Southern right whale mating and calving season								●	●			
View Magellanic penguins at Peninsula de Valdes	●	●	●	●						●	●	●	●

\* Temperature and rainfall is sourced from: ClimaTemps.com. Climate varies regionally and according to altitude - measured in farenheit and inches.  
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# ITINERARIES

## MOST POPULAR



### Best of Argentina - 13 days / 12 nights

- 2 nights Buenos Aires
- 3 nights Bariloche
- 2 nights Iguazu Falls
- 2 nights Buenos Aires
- 3 nights Mendoza

## TIME-STARVED



### Short & Sweet Argentina - 7 days / 6 nights

- 3 nights Buenos Aires
- 2 nights Mendoza
- 1 night Iguazu Falls

## REPEAT



### Northwest Argentina & Wine Country Tour 12 Days / 11 Nights

- 2 nights Buenos Aires
- 6 nights Salta
- 3 night Mendoza

## IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD



### Add to Your Experience . . .

- 3 nights Wine Country (Chile)
- OR
- 3 nights Lake Crossing to Chile
- OR
- 3 nights Fjords Cruise from Ushuaia to Punta Arenas (Chile)




# PARTNER PROPERTIES





Mansion at Four Seasons  
*Buenos Aires*




Algodón Mansión  
*Buenos Aires*



Loi Suites Iguazu  
*Iguazu Falls*

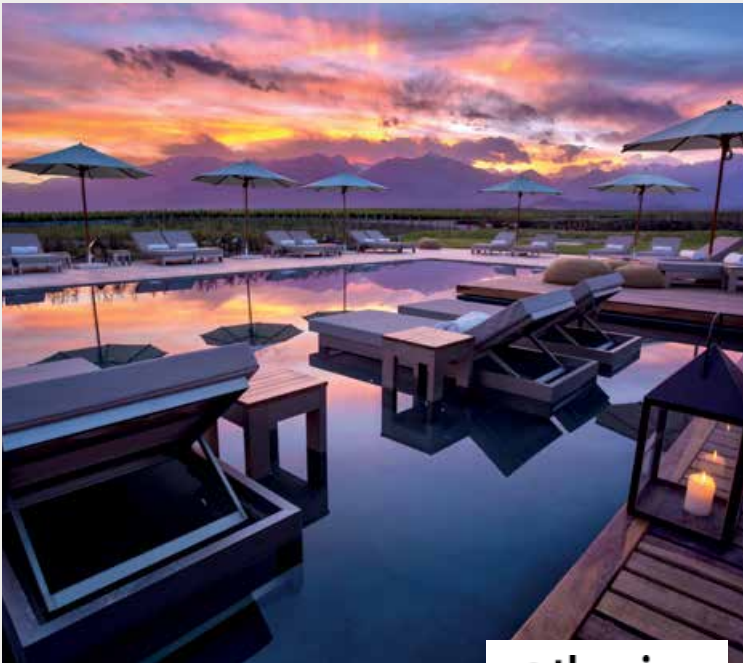


Grace Cafayate  
*Salta*

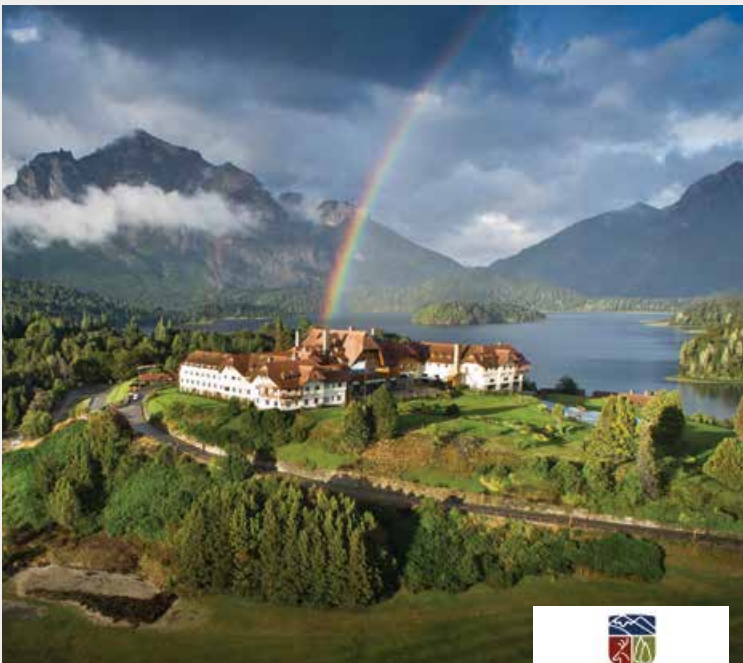




# PARTNER PROPERTIES



The Vines  
*Mendoza*



Llao Llao Hotel &  
Resort, Golf - Spa  
*San Carlos de Bariloche*



Estancia Rincón Del Socorro  
*Iberá Wetlands*



Bahia Bustamante  
*Atlantic Patagonia*











# DISCOVER...

## PERU

Undeniably a jewel in the crown of South America's must-see destinations, Peru's enticing array of attractions are infinite. Celebrated for its medley of landscapes and ancient cultural heritage, this enchanting destination has something to offer every avid traveller. Home to the iconic Incan remnants of Machu Picchu, Cusco and the glorious Sacred Valley, as well as the mystical Nazca Lines, the country is a veritable "nirvana" for cultural and history enthusiasts. Outdoor and wildlife fanatics are equally spoilt for choice with fantastic explorations of the emerald jungles of the Amazon and journeys to the world's second deepest canyon, Colca, and Lake Titicaca featuring as unmissable highlights. Let's not forget the cuisine; and oh, what wonderful delicacies await you.

Peru

Peru





&BEYOND AND PARTNER PROPERTIES

- LIMA  
1 Hotel B  
2 Belmond Miraflores
- MACHU PICCHU & SURROUNDS
- CUSCO  
3 Hotel Libertador Palacio del Inka  
4 Belmond Monasterio  
5 Belmond Palacio Nazarenas
- SACRED VALLEY  
6 Inkaterra Hacienda Urubamba  
7 Belmond Rio Sagrado  
8 Hotel Libertador Tambo del Inka  
9 Sol y Luna
- MACHU PICCHU  
10 Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo  
11 Belmond Sanctuary Lodge
- LAKE TITICACA  
12 Hotel Titilaka
- AREQUIPA  
13 Libertador Arequipa  
14 Colca Lodge  
15 Casitas del Colca
- NAZCA LINES  
16 Libertador Paracas Luxury Collection
- SOUTHERN AMAZON (PUERTO MALDONADO)  
17 Inkaterra Hacienda Concepcion  
18 Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica
- NORTHERN AMAZON (IQUITOS)  
19 Delfin Cruises  
20 Aqua Expeditions

# FAST FACTS

## Currency

Local Currency: Nuevo Sol (S/.)

Accepted Currency: S/.

Accepted Credit Cards: Visa, MasterCard, Amex, Diners Club



## How to Spend it

**Alpaca textiles**  
Soft and luxurious, find everything from sweaters, hats, gloves and scarves

**Silver jewellery**  
The country is renowned for its beautiful pieces

**Peruvian blanket**  
A colourful memento of your stay



## In Numbers

Population: **30,3 million**

At **1 285 215** square kilometres, Peru is the third largest country in South America after Brazil and Argentina.

The historic sanctuary of Machu Picchu spreads out over **34 448** hectares and protects **34** archaeological sites.

The Cotahuasi Canyon is considered one of the world's deepest canyons at **3 535** meters (11 597 feet) deep – twice as deep as the Grand Canyon.

At **4 000** meters (13 123 feet) above sea level, Lake Titicaca is the highest navigable lake in the world.

The Cerro Blanco, in the Sechura Desert, is the highest sand dune in the world; measuring **3 860** feet (1 176 meters) from its base to its summit.

There are a staggering **3 800** different types of Peruvian potatoes.

Peru boasts **1 625** species of orchids.

Peru is one of the most bio-diverse countries in the world, with approximately 90 different micro-climates.

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## Did You Know?

Capital city: Lima

Official language: **Spanish**

The Inca Empire, known in quechua as "Tahuantinsuyo" joined Peru, large parts of modern Ecuador, western and south central Bolivia, northwest Argentina, north and central Chile and a small part of southern Colombia.

Peru is the culinary capital of South America.



## Food

Pisco Sours – Delectably refreshing, Peru's national drink is a must-try!

Coca leaf tea – A local herbal beverage to help settle altitude sickness.

Cuy (guinea pig) and alpaca meat – Peruvian delicacies, usually prepared fried or roasted.

Ceviche - Fresh fish cured in lemon juice and spiced with chili peppers.



# TRAVEL TIMES

LIMA									
	18hrs 1hr 30min	CUSCO							
	20hrs 1hr 40min	10hrs 1hr	JULIACA						
			Lake Titicaca						
	4hrs*	14hrs	NAZCA LINES						
	Not available	Not available				CUSCO			
	Not available	Not available	IQUITOS			1hr 40min	SACRED VALLEY		
	2hrs	4hrs 10min**	Northern Amazon			3hrs 15min		1hr 25min	MACHU PICCHU
	Not available	10hrs	PUERTO MALDONADO						
	1hr 35min	1hr	Southern Amazon						
	15hrs	10hrs	AREQUIPA			10hrs	Not available	Not available	LAKE TITICACA
	1hr 30min	1hr							

\* To Paracas. \*\*Via Lima.  
Disclaimer: All flights may include multiple stops and scheduling is a guideline – times will vary and scheduling is coordinated mainly by operations teams on the ground.  
Flight schedules are more limited in off-peak periods. Above times are based on best-practice logistics and exclude transfers to and from lodges.

## Care of the Land, Wildlife & People

At &Beyond, every decision we make revolves around our core ethos of Care of the Land, Care of the Wildlife and Care of the People. This ethic extends to the way we operate and our careful selection of like-minded travel partners such as Inkaterra, who have been engaged in ecotourism since 1975. Inkaterra works towards adding value in Peru's rural areas, from encouraging scientific research, contributing to biodiversity conservation, education and the economic growth of local communities. Some of their projects include the Spectacled Bears Rescue Centre and conserving the world's largest native orchid collection (372 species) at Machu Picchu. In the Amazon, Inkaterra protects 24 700 acres of rainforest and supports targeted initiatives to study and monitor the area's wildlife populations. They have also established sustainability programs to help protect the communities and the ecosystems of the Amazon.



## Caught on Film

Digitally immortalise Machu Picchu in an iconic photo.

Photograph the Nazca Lines from the air on a scenic flight.

Capture the floating islands of Uros and weaving traditions at Taquile.

Snap away at the Amazon's colourful wildlife such as the macaw or pink river dolphin.



# ARCHAEOLOGY & HISTORY

## LIMA

Founded by Spanish conquistador Francisco Pizarro in 1535, the bustling city of Lima has become one of South America's largest cities. Museums, ancient archaeological sites, beautiful beaches, wondrous nature reserves, vibrant nightlife, and the thrill of adventure sports, give Peru's capital an authentic and unique personality. The city is also known for its outstanding cuisine, which encompass specialties from ceviche and traditional coastal cooking to refined global fare. This energetic, sprawling metropolis promises visitors an unforgettable experience that is rich in culture, and high in excitement.



LIMA

## MACHU PICCHU AND THE CUSCO REGION

Home to the famous ruins of Machu Picchu, the Incan capital of Cusco and the Incan farming region of the Sacred Valley, travellers can expect a wonderfully interpretive introduction to what was once the largest empire in pre-Columbian America. A shroud of mystery envelopes the citadel of Machu Picchu, some speculate that it was established as a university, while others claim that it was built as a retreat for royalty. Approximately 75 kilometres (47 miles) away is the vibrant city of Cusco, once the capital of the Incas. Bustling markets, brimming with authentic curios, and beautiful architecture inspired by both the Incans and Spanish, add to the charm of the city. Tucked in-between Cusco and Machu Picchu is the flourishing Sacred Valley, guardian of a number of prominent ancient sites, and a destination that completes the Incan circuit.



MACHU PICCHU AND  
THE CUSCO REGION

## LAKE TITICACA

Situated in the Andes, on the border of Peru and Bolivia, the magnificent Lake Titicaca is one of the largest, deepest, and highest bodies of water on the globe. Considered by the Incas to be the sacred birthplace of human civilisation, this shimmering, deep blue lake has numerous highlights to offer visitors. From the wondrous floating islands of Uros, to the island of Taquile, which is home to traditional weavers whose textiles, ponchos and purses are UNESCO protected as cultural heritage, Lake Titicaca is a unique, dramatic landscape of natural wonder and ancient culture.



LAKE TITICACA

## NAZCA LINES

Etched on the Pampas de Jumana, between the towns of Nazca and Palpa, are the remarkable and mystifying Nazca Lines. Some 300 ancient geoglyphs, which date between 400 and 650 AD, depict various figures, with five being the most prominent; the hummingbird, the monkey, the spider, the hands and the astronaut. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, described as "the most outstanding group of geoglyphs anywhere in the world", the Nazca Lines cover a staggering 1 000 square kilometres. Created by the Nazca people, no one truly knows why the geoglyphs were made – some believe that they are related to astronomy or that they were a way for the tribe to connect with their gods in the sky. The best way to view and appreciate the sheer scale of the Nazca Lines are from above on a scenic flight.



NAZCA LINES



# BEYOND COMPARE

## Archaeology & History

		LIMA	MACHU PICCHU & THE CUSCO REGION	LAKE TITICACA	NAZCA LINES
Why We Love it	Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Visit Lima's incredible museums detailing the country's rich heritage.</li> <li>- Taunt your taste buds with Lima's gastronomical delights.</li> <li>- Explore the residential district of Miraflores for luxury shopping, fine dining, and an introduction to the city's exciting Peruvian night life.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Marvel at the enigmatic citadel of Machu Picchu, with its ruins, history and myths interpreted by a private guide.</li> <li>- Discover the Inca capital and UNESCO World Heritage Site of Cusco – from Inca ruins and Spanish architecture to shopping and culinary delights.</li> <li>- Acclimatise in the Sacred Valley – unwind in the peaceful rural farmlands or embark on one of the myriad of outdoor adventures on offer.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Visit the highest navigable lake in the world, with its clear skies and ancient traditions.</li> <li>- Walk on the floating islands of Uros and meet the Aymara-speaking Uros Titino people that inhabit them.</li> <li>- Explore Taquile Island, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and immerse yourself in its Quechua culture. View the local residents making their traditional textiles, an ancient practice handed down through generations, which UNESCO has recognised with its Masterpieces of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity title.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Some 300 ancient geoglyphs are etched into the dry landscapes of Nazca.</li> <li>- Enjoy a scenic flight over Nazca Lines – the best way to view and photograph these mysterious landmarks.</li> <li>- View pre-Incan mummies at the Chauchilla Cemetery.</li> <li>- Visit the archaeological Museo Antonini for an in-depth understanding of the culture and history of the Nazca Lines.</li> </ul>
Getting There	International flights	Peru is easily accessible, with many flights arriving daily from around the globe at Jorge Chávez International Airport, in Lima. Direct flights from most cities in the Americas, as well as Amsterdam (Netherlands), Madrid (Spain), London (UK) and Paris (France).			
	Domestic flights	A sophisticated network of domestic and regional flights links the main tourist destinations, as well as those of neighbouring countries.			
	Gateway airport	Jorge Chávez International Airport	Alejandro Velasco Astete International Airport in Cusco	Inca Manco Capac Airport in Juliaca	Capitán FAP Renán Elías Olivera Airport**
	Trains	Luxury train travel is an excellent way to connect some of Peru's destinations. Machu Picchu is only accessible by train from Cusco or the Sacred Valley; or by hiking the Inca Trail. A luxury train service also connects Cusco and Puno, at Lake Titicaca.			
Where to Stay	\$\$\$\$		Hotel Libertador Palacio del Inka (Cusco) Inkaterra Hacienda Urubamba (Sacred Valley) Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo (Machu Picchu) Sol y Luna (Sacred Valley)		
	\$\$\$\$\$	Hotel B Belmond Miraflores	Belmond Monasterio (Cusco) Belmond Palacio Nazarenas (Cusco) Belmond Rio Sagrado (Sacred Valley) Hotel Libertador Tambo del Inka (Sacred Valley) Belmond Sanctuary Lodge (Machu Picchu)	Hotel Titilaka	Libertador Paracas Luxury Collection

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\*\* Only for Nazca Lines overflight and charter flights

# ACTIVITIES

## Archaeology & History

		LIMA	MACHU PICCHU & CUSCO REGION	LAKE TITICACA	NAZCA LINES	BEST KEPT SECRETS
ADVENTURE	Mountain-biking	●	●	●		Spend an evening in the world's first, and only, hanging lodge, situated 1 312 feet above the Sacred Valley, and zip line back down the next morning.
	Hiking	●	●			
	Horse-riding		●			
	River-rafting	●	●			Trek the famous Inca trail from the Sacred Valley to Machu Picchu.
	Rock climbing		●			
	Hot springs		●			
	Zipline		●			Hike to the summit of Apu Machu Pichu or Wayna Picchu for a bird's eye view of the ancient Machu Picchu citadel.
	Stargazing				●	
	Kayaking			●		
	Surfing & paragliding	●				Soar over the ancient Nazca Lines on a thrilling scenic flight.
	Dune buggy				●	
	Sandboarding				●	
CULTURAL	Museums	●	●		●	Learn about the fascinating history and myths of Machu Picchu from a passionate guide.
	Inca ruins		●			
	Colonial architecture	●	●	●		
	UNESCO World Heritage	●	●	●		Explore the Inca ruins and Spanish architectural influences of Cusco and Sacred Valley, on a privately guided tour.
	Weaving		●	●		
	Community visits		●	●		
FOOD & WINE	Picnics		●	●		Relish the opportunity to indulge on a tantalising food tour in Lima.
	Food tours	●	●			
	Top restaurants	●	●			
SPOIL	Spa treatments	●	●	●		Treat yourself to a spa treatment with coca leaves in Machu Picchu.
	Beaches	●				
	Markets	●	●			
	Shopping	●	●	●		
WILDLIFE	Llama & alpaca		●	●		Photograph the llamas of Machu Picchu.  Embark on a birdwatching excursion in the Cloud Forest at Machu Picchu.
	Spectacled bear		●			
	Deer		●			
	Fox		●			
	Red howler monkey		●			
	Andean condor		●			
	Giant hummingbird		●			
	Cock-of-the-rock		●			







# NATURE & CULTURE

## AREQUIPA

A World Heritage Site as designated by UNESCO, the White City knows well how to maintain its colonial heritage to the point where you can do your banking in old and gorgeous mansions. The downtown is particularly beautiful, with a heart of finished white volcanic stone called sillar that has been fashioned into arches, facades and cupolas. As there are huge snowcapped mountains rising high into the sky, so are there deep wounds in the surface of the Earth. Canyons like Cotahuasi and Colca, start out as fertile, terraced and pleasant valleys that later taper and plunge into dizzying canyons.



AREQUIPA

## COLCA CANYON

A patchwork of serene valleys, guarded by rugged hills, and sprinkled with bubbling hot springs and pre-Incan agricultural terraces, which are still maintained by the enchanting inhabitants of the region, the Colca Canyon is truly a site to behold. Stretching out as far as the eye can see, the magnificence of Peru's second largest canyon, whose belly sits at approximately 3 400 metres (11 200 feet), attracts a plethora of adventure seekers, photographers, nature lovers and cultural enthusiasts every year. Its star attractions include the mighty condor, South America's emblematic bird of prey, spectacular hiking and mountain bike trails, ancient monuments and culturally significant destinations. Be sure to stop at the Colca Valley, steeped in pre-Incan heritage and dotted with beautiful towns established in the Spanish colonial era. Wildlife enthusiasts can make their way to the Cruz del Condor to view Peru's "Eternity Birds" in flight.



COLCA CANYON

## NORTHERN AMAZON (IQUITOS)

The Peruvian Amazon is defined in two parts; the northern Amazon Basin and the southern Amazon Basin. The northern Amazon Basin can be accessed via Iquitos. This spectacular area is renowned for its exceptional boat cruises along the mammoth Amazon River that snakes its way through impenetrable emerald jungles, to neighbouring Brazil, before entering the Atlantic Ocean. Travellers to the region are offered the unrivalled opportunity to encounter a multitude of exquisite wildlife and engage with the Amazon's indigenous inhabitants. While exceptional treks within the rainforest are undoubtedly a highlight, the attraction of the northern Amazon Basin lies in its unrivalled water excursions. Exclusive boat cruises along secluded stretches of the Amazon River introduce visitors to the incredible diversity of animals and birdlife that live along or within this breathtaking life-force.



NORTHERN AMAZON  
(IQUITOS)

## SOUTHERN AMAZON (PUERTO MALDONADO)

Hailed as one of Peru's remotest territories, the southern Amazon Basin sets itself apart from its northern counterpart by offering diverse wildlife sightings and interpretive jungle explorations. Pristine and untouched habitats shelter an incredible variety of animal and birdlife, while tranquil canoe expeditions, along the tributaries of the Amazon River, offer more intimate explorations of the region. Encounter exceptional species such as the endangered giant river otter, red howler monkey, caiman and side-neck turtle in the spectacular Tambopata National Reserve, which has been called the Biodiversity Capital of Peru. Visit local fruit and cacao farming communities and embark on guided hikes underneath the mottled shade of the rainforest canopy. Birdlife abounds within the southern Amazon Basin, with notable species that include the hoatzin, red-bellied macaw and toucan.



SOUTHERN AMAZON  
(PUERTO MALDONADO)



# BEYOND COMPARE

## Nature & Culture

		AREQUIPA	COLCA CANYON	NORTHERN AMAZON (IQUITOS)	SOUTHERN AMAZON (PUERTO MALDONADO)
Why We Love it	Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Known as the 'White City', the city centre is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.</li><li>- Visit the major attractions of the city such as the Juanita Mummy and Catalina Monastery.</li><li>- Embark on an unforgettable Peruvian culinary experience.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Incredible hiking adventures, for all fitness levels, in one of the world's deepest canyons.</li><li>- Witness condors at close range as they fly past the canyon walls.</li><li>- Immerse yourself in the region's Spanish, Inca and Pre-Inca traditions, still practiced today.</li><li>- Purchase a selection of renowned handicrafts in the region's fantastic markets.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Experience life along the Amazon River aboard a cruise boat as you sail several of the river's tributaries.</li><li>- Travel deep into the Amazon's rainforest for an intimate glimpse of its flora and fauna.</li><li>- Wake up to wildlife streaming past your suite's floor-to-ceiling windows during your stay on a luxury riverboat.</li><li>- Embark on jungle treks and excursions, guided by an experienced naturalist.</li><li>- Opportunity to see the endangered Amazon River dolphin, taricaya turtle, manatee and three-toed sloth.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Journey deep into the Amazon and discover the region's awe-inspiring array of wildlife and birds.</li><li>- Embark on a journey to the Tambopata National Reserve and discover a rich biodiversity of birds, mammals, reptiles, insects and trees.</li><li>- Keep your binoculars handy for the Amazon's famous scarlet macaws.</li><li>- Try your hand at catch-and-release fishing from a canoe.</li></ul>
Getting There	International flights	Peru is easily accessible, with many flights arriving daily from around the globe at Jorge Chávez International Airport, in Lima. Direct flights from most cities in the Americas, as well as Amsterdam (Netherlands), Madrid (Spain), London (UK) and Paris (France).			
	Domestic flights	A sophisticated network of domestic and regional flights links the main tourist destinations, as well as those of neighbouring countries.			
	Gateway airport	Rodríguez Ballón International Airport	Rodríguez Ballón International Airport in Arequipa	Coronel FAP Francisco Secada Vignetta International Airport (Iquitos)	Padre Jose Aldamiz Airport (Puerto Maldonado)
	Trains	Luxury train travel is an excellent way to connect some of Peru's destinations. Machu Picchu is only accessible by train from Cusco or the Sacred Valley; or by hiking the Inca Trail. A luxury train service also connects Cusco and Puno, at Lake Titicaca.			
Where to Stay	\$\$\$\$		Colca Lodge	Delfin Cruises	Inkaterra Hacienda Concepcion
	\$\$\$\$\$	Libertador Arequipa	Casitas del Colca	Aqua Expeditions	Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica

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# ACTIVITIES

## Nature & Culture

		AREQUIPA	COLCA CANYON	NORTHERN AMAZON	SOUTHERN AMAZON	BEST KEPT SECRETS
ADVENTURE	Quad-biking	●	●			<p>Embark on an incredible hike down the Colca Canyon to the spectacular valley below.</p> <p>Walk through the canopy of the Amazon rainforest, on suspended walkways, in search of colourful toucans, woodpeckers, trogons, monkeys and sloths.</p>
	Mountain-biking	●	●			
	Hiking	●	●			
	River-rafting		●			
	Hot springs		●			
	Stargazing		●			
	Fishing (catch & release)			●	●	
	Amazon river cruising			●		
	Motorized canoe trips				●	
CULTURAL	Museums	●				Purchase a selection of renowned handicrafts from a local craftsmen in the Colca Valley
	Inca ruins	●	●			
	Colonial architecture	●	●			
	UNESCO World Heritage	●				
	Community visits		●	●	●	
	Markets	●	●			
	Food tours	●				
WILDLIFE	Llama & alpaca	●	●			<p>Spot scarlet macaws in the Amazon on a birdwatching excursion.</p> <p>Discover an awe-inspiring diversity of the Amazon's birds, mammals, reptiles, insects and trees on a guided walk.</p> <p>Search for nocturnal creatures along the banks of the Madre de Dios River on a twilight boat cruise.</p> <p>Search for toucans, woodpeckers and trogons in the Amazon.</p> <p>Witness Andean condors as they soar close to the cliff walls in the Colca Canyon.</p>
	Spectacled bear				●	
	Fox		●			
	Vicuña		●			
	Amazon river dolphin			●		
	Jaguar				●	
	Capybera				●	
	Tapir				●	
	Manatees			●		
	Taricaya			●		
	Giant river otter			●	●	
	Red howler monkey			●		
	Three-toed sloth			●	●	
	Andean condor		●			
	Giant hummingbird			●	●	
	Andean goose		●			
	Flamingo		●			
	Macaw			●	●	
	Toucan			●	●	



# TIMING IS EVERYTHING

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	MACHU PICCHU											
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
TEMPERATURE HIGH*	64°F	64°F	65°F	66°F	67°F	66°F	66°F	66°F	67°F	68°F	67°F	66°F
TEMPERATURE LOW*	45°F	45°F	45°F	43°F	39°F	33°F	32°F	35°F	41°F	43°F	45°F	45°F
RAIN FALL *	6"	5"	4"	2"	0"	0"	0"	0"	1"	2"	3"	4"
VALUE**	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$\$\$	\$\$\$	\$\$\$	\$\$\$	\$\$\$	\$\$\$	\$\$	\$\$\$

IQUITOS, NORTHERN AMAZON REGION												
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
TEMPERATURE HIGH*	88°F	87°F	87°F	87°F	86°F	85°F	85°F	87°F	88°F	88°F	88°F	88°F
TEMPERATURE LOW*	73°F	73°F	73°F	69°F	66°F	73°F	62°F	64°F	66°F	69°F	70°F	70°F
RAIN FALL*	13"	13"	11"	6"	4"	2"	2"	2"	4"	6"	9"	11"
VALUE**	\$ \$ \$	\$ \$ \$	\$ \$ \$	\$ \$ \$	\$ \$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ \$	\$ \$ \$

		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
ACTIVITIES	Most popular time to visit Peru - the dry season boasts sunny days, bright skies and cool evenings.					●	●	●	●	●	●		
	Ideal time to explore the Amazon due to abundant fauna and flora.	●	●	●								●	●
	The rainy season is the best time to view the orchids and birdlife of the cloud forest at Machu Picchu.										●	●	●
	Peak season for Machu Picchu.					●	●	●	●	●	●		●
	High water season allows cruises to venture further into the jungle, to view more of its fauna and flora.	●	●	●	●								●

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\* Temperature and rainfall is sourced from: [ClimaTemp.com](https://climatemp.com/). Climate varies regionally and according to altitude - measured in farenheit and inches.

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# ITINERARIES

## MOST POPULAR



### Best of Peru - 11 days / 10 nights

- 2 nights Lima
- 2 nights Sacred Valley
- 1 night Machu Picchu
- 2 nights Cusco
- 2 nights Titicaca Lake
- 1 night Lima

## TIME-STARVED



### Cusco & Machu Picchu - 6 days / 5 nights

- 1 night Lima
- 1 night Sacred Valley
- 1 night Machu Picchu
- 2 nights Cusco

## REPEAT



### Pacific Coast & Amazon - 11 days / 10 nights

- 3 nights Paracas
- 1 night Nazca
- 2 nights Lima
- 4 nights Amazon Cruise

## IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD



### Add to Your Experience...

- 7 night cruise in Galapagos & 2 nights in Quito (Ecuador)
- OR
- 4 nights in Atacama Desert & 3 nights in Santiago (Chile)
- OR
- 2 or 3 nights in Uyuni salt flats & 2 nights in La Paz (Bolivia)



# PARTNER PROPERTIES



Palacio del Inka  
Cusco



Inkaterra Hacienda  
Urubamba  
Sacred Valley



Tambo del Inka  
Sacred Valley

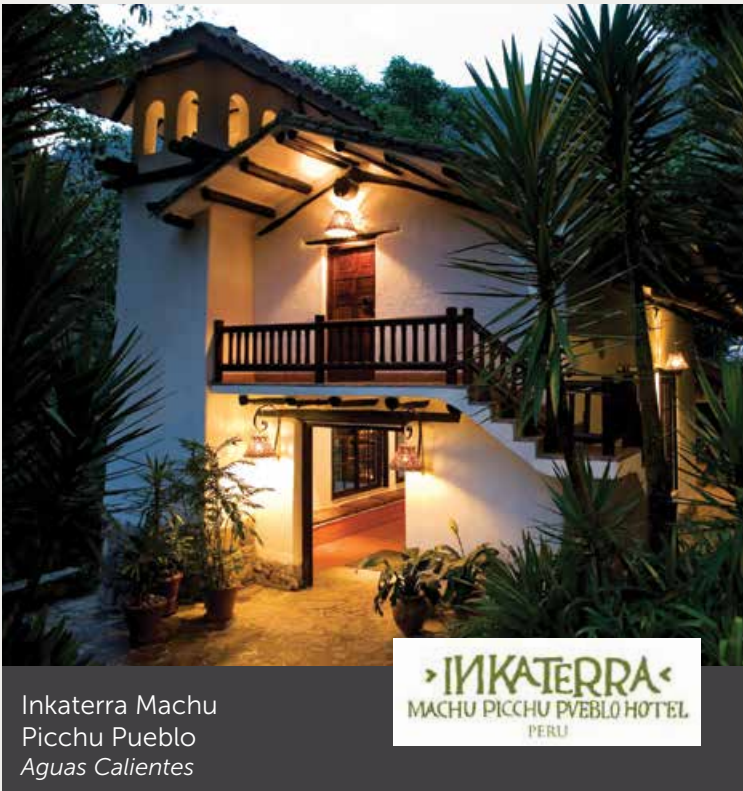
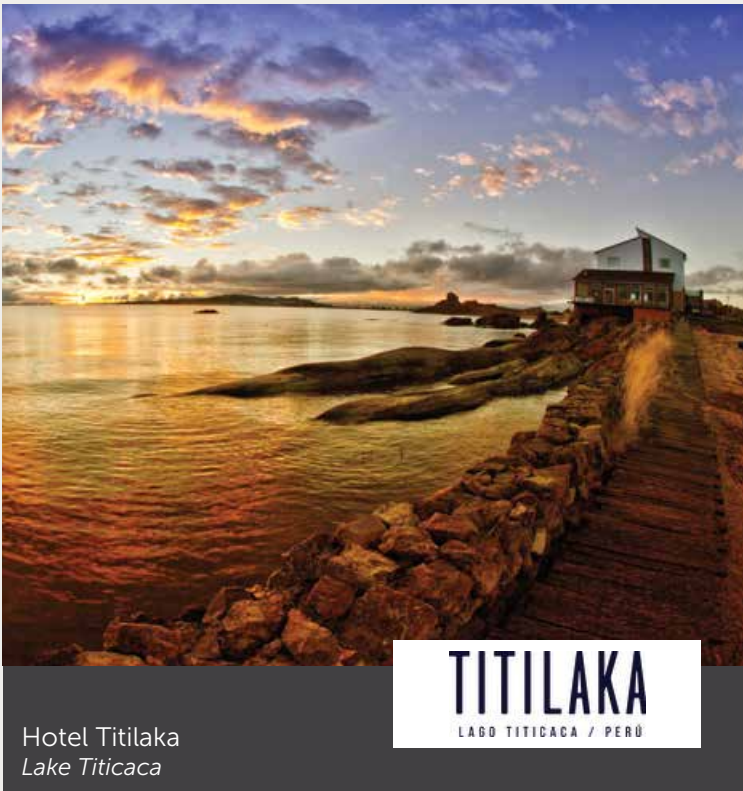
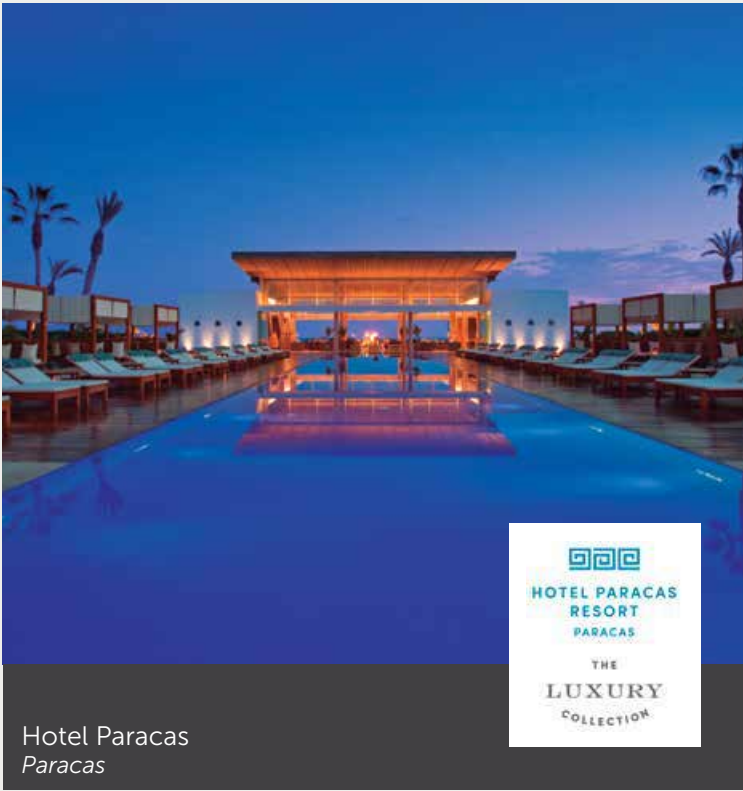


Sol y Luna  
Sacred Valley





# PARTNER PROPERTIES











DISCOVER...

# ECUADOR

Small in stature, yet abundant in its offerings, enchanting Ecuador is one of South America's most sensational attractions. A must-see destination for any adventure traveller, Ecuador is filled-to-the-brim with a vibrant culture that still guards its pre-Incan and Spanish roots. A dramatic patchwork of landscapes await. Here, visitors can explore the snow-capped peaks of the Andes, navigate their way around one of the country's many volcanoes, put one foot on each side of the equator, don their explorer's hat to travel deep within the Amazon, unwind on a pristine beach and, the highlight of any Ecuadorian itinerary, embark on an unforgettable cruise to the ecologically diverse Galapagos Islands. Ecuador's rich heritage is perfectly captured at its historic city centres of Quito and Cuenca, two UNESCO World Heritage Sites that magnificently showcase the region's old world charm, with an impressive array of colonial architecture; think, picturesque and beautiful 17th century monasteries – a cultural and history enthusiast's dream.





PARTNER PROPERTIES

- GALAPAGOS  
1. Finch Bay  
2. Galapagos Safari Camp  
3. Pikaia Lodge
- Boats  
4. Origin  
5. Stella Maris  
6. Integrity  
7. Ocean Spray
- QUITO & SURROUNDS  
8. Patio Andaluz  
9. Casona de La Ronda  
10. Hacienda Cusin  
11. Plaza Grande  
12. JW Marriot  
13. Casa Gangotena  
14. Hacienda Zuleta  
15. Hacienda Agustin de Callo
- CUENCA & SURROUNDS  
16. Mansion Alcazar  
17. Oro Verde Cuenca
- AMAZON  
18. Sacha Lodge  
19. La Selva Jungle Lodge  
20. Napo Wildlife Center  
21. Anaconda (boat)
- GUAYAQUIL  
22. Hotel del Parque

# FAST FACTS

## Currency

Local Currency: US Dollar  
Accepted Currency: USD  
Accepted Credit Cards: Visa, Mastercard, Amex, Diners Club



## How to Spend it

**Panama or Ecuadorian toquilla hat**  
This iconic item has been added to the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage List

**Coffee**  
Take home your favourite blend of Ecuadorian coffee

**Chocolate**  
The region is renowned for this delicious treat



## In Numbers

Population: **15.7** million people  
Galapagos has a population of approximately **25 000** people.  
Ecuador has **1 600** bird species (**15%** of the world's known bird species) and **38** endemic species in the Galápagos. It also has **16 000** species of plants, **106** endemic reptiles, **138** endemic amphibians, and **6 000** species of butterfly.  
The Amazon boasts **500** species of birds, an array of monkeys, caimans and tapirs and **2 500** species of butterflies.  
The Amazon jungle boasts **10%** of the world's trees and **70%** of all pharmaceutical compounds.  
Ecuador is one of **17** megadiverse countries in the world.  
Ecuador is home to the very first (and second) of UNESCO's World Heritage Sites - **#01** Galápagos Islands and **#2** is the city of Quito.

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## Did You Know?

Capital city: **Quito**  
Official language: **Spanish**  
Charles Darwin journeyed to the Galapagos Islands in 1835, where he primarily developed his theory of evolution.  
Panama hats actually originate from Ecuador and not from Panama.  
Official name of Ecuador is República del Ecuador (the Republic of the Equator).



## Food

Try the Ecuadorian delicacy of cuy (guinea pig) it is surprisingly delicious.  
Tuck into Llapingauchos – a traditional Andean potato patty, stuffed with cheese and cooked until crispy.  
Ceviche - Ecuadorian shrimps or fish cured in lime juice – sublime!



# TRAVEL TIMES

GUAYAQUIL					
+	55min	QUITO			
+	40min	55min	CUENCA		
+	2hrs	2hrs 15min	4hrs*	BALTRA (GALAPAGOS)	
+	2hrs	2hrs	4hrs*	1hr	SAN CRISTOBAL (GALAPAGOS)
+	Not Available	30min	2hrs 30min**	Not available	Not available AMAZON

\* Via Guayaquil    \*\*Via Quito  
Disclaimer: All flights may include multiple stops and scheduling is a guideline – times will vary and scheduling is coordinated mainly by operations teams on the ground. Flight schedules are more limited in off-peak periods. Above times are based on best-practice logistics and exclude transfers to and from lodges.

## Care of the Land, Wildlife and People

Our core ethos of "Care of the Land, Care of the Wildlife and Care of the People" drives all that we do. When your guests travel with &Beyond they are making a real contribution to the preservation of South America's people and wildlife areas. This is exemplified by the work of our partner properties in the Ecuadorian Amazon; the Napo Wildlife Centre, who works alongside the region's local tribes, and Mashpi Lodge who has initiated various conservation and community initiatives through its Mashpi Project.



## Caught on Film

Capture the moment you have one foot on each side of the hemisphere, as you stand at the equator, at the Nan museum, just outside of Quito.  
Snap away at the blue-footed boobie of the Galapagos, or take an iconic snapshot of you standing next to one of the island's gigantic tortoises.  
Photograph the beautiful colonial buildings, churches, cathedrals and flower markets of Cuenca.



# LEGENDARY LANDSCAPES

## GALAPAGOS

The most prominent of Ecuador's attractions is the pristine chain of volcanic islands that make up the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Galapagos. Situated 972 kilometres (604 miles) west of the mainland, the Galapagos Islands are a mecca for nature enthusiasts. Made famous by Charles Darwin who studied the island's fantastic array of species, which ultimately contributed to his theory of evolution, the island's endemic fauna and flora are as fascinating today as they were in 1835. The islands' moon-like landscapes, interspersed with rugged vegetation, certainly create an ethereal atmosphere, yet they are haven to a flourishing population of marine iguanas, sea lions, giant tortoises and an exceptional array of birds such as the blue-footed boobie, frigatebird and flightless cormorant.



GALAPAGOS

## QUITO & SURROUNDS

Renowned as one of South America's most scenic cities; Quito, Ecuador's bustling capital, offers a wonderful mix of old and new. Here, its iconic Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, showcases an astounding array of monuments and colonial architecture; all built on the ruins of an Incan city. Bustling markets give way to a flourishing commercial centre, while tranquil neighbourhoods offer insight into the everyday life of its inhabitants. Just outside of Quito, visitors can explore some of the country's most prominent haciendas or browse through the popular Otavalo Market – a weekly showcase of some of the region's finest handicrafts and jewellery. Outdoor enthusiasts can also use Quito as a gateway before discovering the marvels of Ecuador's renowned cloud forest.



QUITO & SURROUNDS

## CUENCA & SURROUNDS

Enchanting Cuenca, is a must-see destination on any Ecuadorian itinerary. Situated near the city of Guayaqui (the main port of Ecuador and one of the gateways to the Galapagos), it has been hailed as the country's most picturesque city. This exceptional UNESCO World Heritage Site is beautifully positioned in the Andes, with the Tomebamba River at its foot. Steeped in heritage, Cuenca (also known as the Athens of the Andes) offers the photographic and cultural lover a marvellous showcase of colonial architecture, historical monuments and attractions such as the blue-domed Catedral Nueva. The best way to view this city is on a guided walking tour where, in addition to its fantastic landmarks, travellers are introduced to vibrant markets and the day-to-day hustle and bustle of its residents.



CUENCA & SURROUNDS

## AMAZON

The Ecuadorian Amazon is truly a site to behold. It is here that the Spanish conquistadors journeyed deep into its jungles in search of the legendary city of El Dorado. The pièce de résistance of Ecuador's mainland landscapes, the untamed rainforests are a major drawcard for adventure travellers and nature enthusiasts. Here, half of the country's mammal species exist alongside enchanting indigenous tribes, in one of the world's most bio-diverse regions. Encounter an incredible array of wildlife such as howler and tamarin monkeys, ocelots, tapirs, freshwater dolphins, the mighty jaguar, giant otters and a staggering variety of birdlife on incredible hiking and boating excursions. Not-to-be-missed is a stop at the Napo Wildlife Centre, in the Yasuni National Park, which was built by the Kichwa Anangu community.



AMAZON



# BEYOND COMPARE

		GALAPAGOS	QUITO & SURROUNDS	CUENCA & SURROUNDS	AMAZON
Why We Love it	Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Discover the archipelago of volcanic islands, renowned for their spectacular endemic species, made famous by Charles Darwin and which contributed to his theory of evolution.</li><li>- Truly unique wildlife interactions await at the Galapagos Islands – essentially a living laboratory.</li><li>- Take to the seas and explore the islands on a luxury cruise or myriad of land activities.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The first city in the world to be declared a UNESCO Cultural World Heritage Site.</li><li>- Explore the historic centre on a privately guided tour and photograph the San Francisco Church, built over the ruins of an Inca Palace.</li><li>- Visit the market town of Otavalo and drive through the Avenue of Volcanoes.</li><li>- Spend the night at one of Ecuador's most important haciendas.</li><li>- Explore the incredible diversity of the cloud forest.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Wander the cobblestone streets and discover architectural treasures in the city centre, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.</li><li>- Meet the locals at a traditional Andean market and shop for colourful textiles and the famous Panama hat.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Discover the incredible diversity of the Amazon jungle on an array of adventures; from canoe excursions and fishing to hiking and birdwatching.</li><li>- Spectacular wildlife viewing, with the opportunity to view macaws, toucans, spectacled bear, fresh water dolphin, howler monkeys and jaguar.</li><li>- Fascinating cultural interactions with local tribes.</li></ul>
Getting There	International Flights	International flights into Mariscal Sucre International Airport, in Quito, or José Joaquín de Olmedo International Airport in Guayaquil. Direct flights from Miami, New York and Houston, (USA), Amsterdam (Netherlands), Madrid (Spain). Frankfurt (Germany) and Paris (France) connect via Lima (Peru) or Bogotá (Colombia).			
	Domestic Flights	A sophisticated network of domestic and regional flights links the main tourist destinations as well as those of neighbouring countries.			
	Gateway Airport	Baltra Airport or San Cristóbal Airport	Mariscal Sucre International Airport	Mariscal Lamar Airport	Francisco de Orellana Airport in Coca
	Internal logistics	45 min drive from the new airport of Quito to the city centre.	2 hour flight from Guayaquil to Baltra (main hub) or San Cristobal. Luxury boat cruises connect the islands of the Galapagos.	30 min drive to the city of Cuenca.	Scheduled light aircraft flights into the Amazon, followed by a boat or canoe trip to the lodge.
Where to Stay*	\$\$\$	Finch Bay	Patio Andaluz Casona de La Ronda Hacienda Cusin	Oro Verde Cuenca	Sacha Lodge La Selva Jungle Lodge
	\$\$\$\$	Galapagos Safari Camp Origin (Boat)	Plaza Grande JW Marriott	Mansion Alcazar	Napo Wildlife Center
	\$\$\$\$\$	Pikaia Lodge Stella Maris (Boat) Integrity (Boat) Ocean Spray (Boat)	Casa Gangotena Hacienda Zuleta Hacienda Agustin de Callo		Anaconda (boat)

\* The \$\$ / \$\$\$ / \$\$\$\$ references are used to indicate rate variation and are not associated with specific values. Please refer to the FAQ section for more information.

# ACTIVITIES

		GALAPAGOS	QUITO & SURROUNDS	CUENCA & SURROUNDS	AMAZON	BEST KEPT SECRETS
ADVENTURE	Hiking	●	●	●	●	<p>Explore the Laguna Limpiopungo, visit the pre-Incan ruins of Salitre and search for wildlife such as the Andean condors and wild horses of the Cotopaxi Park.</p> <p>Embark on a scenic drive through the awe-inspiring Avenue of Volcanoes, home to the renowned active volcano of Cotopaxi.</p> <p>Revel in the exceptional views of the Amazon rainforest from Ecuador's highest canopy platform.</p>
	River rafting				●	
	Photography	●	●	●	●	
	Fishing & Canoe trips				●	
	Canoe trips				●	
	Boat cruises	●			●	
	Birdwatching	●	●		●	
	Canopy tours		●		●	
	Swimming	●			●	
	Snorkelling & scuba diving	●				
	Island hopping	●				
CULTURAL	Museums	●	●	●	●	<p>Visit craft villages and engage with their gifted leather, wool, and wood craftsmen.</p> <p>Enjoy fascinating cultural interactions with indigenous tribes in the Amazon.</p> <p>Discover the wonders of Ecuador's historic landmarks on a privately guided and exclusive tour.</p>
	UNESCO World Heritage Site	●	●	●		
	Village/ community visits	●	●	●	●	
	Local markets		●	●	●	
	Scientific centre	●			●	
	Local food tour		●	●		
SPOIL	Spa treatments	●	●			<p>Discover the hidden secrets of Ecuador on a luxury train journey.</p>
	Luxury train ride		●	●		
	Luxury catamaran cruise	●				
WILDLIFE CHECKLIST	Condor		●	●		<p>Snorkel with Galapagos penguins, green turtles and sea lions.</p> <p>Cruise around the Galapagos Islands in the sublime comforts of a luxury catamaran, where you will be treated to the most in-depth explorations of the islands and their surrounding waters.</p>
	Macaw				●	
	Toucan		●		●	
	Naza, blue-footed and red footed boobies	●				
	Golden mantle tamarin monkeys		●		●	
	Giant otter				●	
	Brazilian tapir				●	
	White lipped peccary				●	
	Anaconda				●	
	Sloths				●	
	Galapagos penguins, green turtles and sea lion	●				



# TIMING IS EVERYTHING

		QUITO											
		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
TEMPERATURE HIGH*		66°F	66°F	66°F	66°F	66°F	67°F	67°F	67°F	68°F	67°F	67°F	67°F
TEMPERATURE LOW*		50°F	50°F	50°F	50°F	50°F	49°F	49°F	49°F	49°F	49°F	49°F	50°F
RAIN FALL*		3"	4"	5"	6"	4"	1"	1"	1"	3"	5"	3"	3"
VALUE**		\$ \$ \$	\$ \$	\$ \$	\$ \$ \$	\$ \$	\$ \$	\$ \$ \$	\$ \$ \$	\$ \$	\$ \$	\$ \$ \$	\$ \$ \$
		GALAPAGOS											
		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
TEMPERATURE HIGH*		87°F	87°F	87°F	87°F	87°F	85°F	80°F	81°F	81°F	81°F	85°F	86°F
TEMPERATURE LOW*		70°F	71°F	71°F	71°F	69°F	67°F	66°F	65°F	66°F	66°F	67°F	69°F
RAIN FALL*		3"	4"	4"	3"	1"	1"	1"	0"	0"	0"	0"	1"
VALUE**		\$ \$ \$	\$ \$	\$ \$	\$ \$	\$	\$ \$ \$	\$ \$ \$	\$ \$ \$	\$	\$	\$	\$
		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
GALAPAGOS	Warm and clear waters are perfect for snorkelling	●	●	●	●								●
	Nesting & hatching season for green turtles in the Galapagos	●	●	●	●	●	●						
	Brightly coloured marine iguanas during mating season	●											
	Nesting season for flamingos and Galapagos dove	●	●										
	Witness the amazing courtship of the waved albatross			●	●								
	Waved albatross starts laying eggs					●							
	Blue-footed boobies begin their courtship rituals					●							
	Humpback whales arrive on their migratory route					●							
	Giant tortoises begin migrating to the highlands in search of nesting sites					●	●						
	Sea birds become active especially blue-footed boobies							●					
	Courtship and nesting of flightless comorant							●					
	Sea lion pupping season (give birth to their young)								●				
	Mating season for sea lions									●	●		
	View blue footed boobies raising their chicks										●		
	Best time to go snorkelling amongst sea lions pups .											●	
	Hatchling season for giant turtles.	●	●	●	●								
AMAZON	Fluctuation season (Easter holidays) in the Amazon when the weather is almost entirely unpredictable.								●	●	●	●	
	Less rain in the Amazon.	●	●	●									
	Intermediate rain in the Amazon.				●	●					●	●	●
CULTURAL	Take part in the Semana Santa festival in Quito				●								
	Witness traditional costumes, music and dance at the Corpus Christi Festival.					●							
	Ecuador Independence Day celebrated with street parties and fireworks (9 Oct).											●	
	Foundation of Quito Festival celebrated with street parties and parades.												●

\* Temperature and rainfall is sourced from: ClimaTemp.com. Climate varies regionally and according to altitude - measured in farenheit and inches.  
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# ITINERARIES

## MOST POPULAR



### Best of Ecuador - 10 days / 9 nights

- 2 nights Quito
- 7 nights Galapagos (boat cruise)

## TIME-STARVED



### In the Footsteps of Darwin - 6 days / 5 nights

- 2 nights Quito
- 3 nights Galapagos (land base accommodation)

## REPEAT



### Ancient Cities and the Amazon - 8 days / 7 nights

- 2 nights Quito (Train Crucero)
- 2 nights Cuenca
- 3 nights Amazon

## IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD



### Add to Your Experience . . .

- 5 nights Machu Picchu and Cusco region (Peru)



# PARTNER PROPERTIES



Plaza Grande Hotel  
Quito



Hotel del Parque  
Guayaquil



MV Stella Maris  
Galapagos



MV Origin  
Galapagos







# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## DID YOU KNOW?

### Understanding rates in each country

*What does the \$\$ Key refer to under the destinations' Where to Stay and Timing is Everything sections?*

#### Where to Stay...

The \$\$ key in this document has been used to indicate the rate variation in the Partner Properties in each country. The rate segmentations have been grouped according to the destination comparisons, and does not reference the same values across the countries. This guide is indicative as seasonality, BAR rates and offers / specials may result in anomalies.

#### Timing is Everything...

The value guide on the "Timing is Everything" section is an indication of seasonality and the \$\$ key references the rate variation between the months. The \$ / \$\$ key does not reference the same values across countries. This guide is indicative as each property on our product shelf dictates its own seasonality.

## BEFORE YOU BOOK

### Travel insurance

*Do my guests require travel insurance and what does &Beyond's emergency evacuation insurance entail?*

It is essential that adequate travel insurance be taken out prior to departure. This should cover any medical situation such as hospitalisation, as well as cancellation, curtailment of arrangements and baggage. Please contact us for further details.

### Internet connectivity

*Will guests be able to connect to the internet during their trip?*

Internet access is widely available in major cities. Guests should be able to connect to the internet in most places frequented by tourists like hotels; however, WI-FI connectivity is limited and intermittent at lodges in remote areas.

### Safety

*Will my guests be safe?*

- In terms of personal safety, the same rules apply as to every international destination in the world. Guests are advised to keep their belongings close and guarded at all times, and not to go wandering about alone at night. When visiting South America's cities and smaller towns, they must be on the alert for pickpockets. It is advised that guests check with their tour operator or hotel concierge - they will know if there are any potentially unsafe areas along your guests' travel route.
- If guests are on a self-drive adventure, they must please ensure that their car is locked at all times and must park in well-lit, busy areas.
- Guests are advised to dress-down (i.e. don't wear excessive jewellery) when exploring South America's diverse cities. Concealed travel wallets are recommended.

## BEFORE YOU GO

### Passports & Visas

#### *What are the passport and visa requirements for the various South American countries?*

Guests are advised to check with their consulate for the latest visa information. It is a mandatory requirement that guests travel to South America with at least two blank passport pages per country visited and that their passport is valid for 6 months after the date of travel. If there is insufficient space in the passport, entry into a country could be denied. We advise you make copies of all your important documents (visa, passport, credit cards, air tickets, etc.). In case they are misplaced as it will make replacing them much easier.

#### Chile

- Single parents or grandparents travelling with a child (minor under age of 18) should be aware that most countries in Latin America require notarised, written parental consent for the child to travel from the non-custodial parent or absent parents.
- Citizens of most Western European countries do not require a visa for Chile, please check with your consulate if this applies to your country.
- Chilean Reciprocity Fee – Australian and Mexican citizens do not require a visa, but must pay a one-time “reciprocity fee” upon arrival at Santiago’s International Airport. This fee corresponds to the amount a Chilean national must pay when travelling to those countries. The fee is valid for the duration of your passport. Western European and US guests are not required to pay a “reciprocity fee”.
- How to pay - Payment can be made in cash (Chilean Pesos or US Dollars) or by Visa, MasterCard and American Express credit cards.
- Tourist Card - A 90-day tourist card is issued to all arriving visitors (normally during the flight to Santiago), and this is renewable for another 90 days at the Departamento de Extranjeria.

#### Argentina

- Citizens of the United States, Canada, the European Union, Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa require a valid passport to enter the country. No visa is required for citizens of these countries for tourist stays of up to 90 days.
- Reciprocity Fee: This fee corresponds to the amount an Argentine national must pay when purchasing a visa to other countries. The fee is valid for the duration of your passport. The payment of this “reciprocity fee” is not a visa – Argentina does not require a visa for citizens of the United States, Canada, the European Union, Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa when traveling for tourism or business purposes.

#### Peru

- No visa is necessary for U.S citizens or citizens of most other countries. Please consult with your local Peruvian embassy.
- Please keep your landing card with you throughout your travels in Peru, as you will be asked for the card at hotels, which will exempt you from local taxes and immigration upon departure.

#### Ecuador

- No visas are required for U.S. citizens or citizens of most other countries. There are exceptions for some Asian, Central American and European countries. Please consult with your consulate.

### Special Health Requirements

#### *What kind of medical precautions should my guests take before travel?*

- Guests are urged to consult their physician before they travel to South America for advice on precautions against malaria, cholera, typhoid, yellow fever and dengue fever.
- Anyone who has any special medication should take enough supplies to last the visit.
- Yellow fever certificates are required for entry into the Amazon or if guests have travelled, or will be travelling, through the yellow fever belt.
- Altitude sickness may develop in those who ascend rapidly to altitudes greater than 2 500 metres (8 202 feet). Symptoms may include headaches, nausea, vomiting, dizziness, malaise, insomnia and loss of appetite.
  - o The best treatment for altitude sickness is descent. If you are exhibiting symptoms, do not ascend. If symptoms are severe or persistent, descend immediately.
  - o When traveling to high altitudes, it’s also important to avoid overexertion, eat light meals and abstain from alcohol. Some high-altitude areas have a clinic where oxygen is available.
- No specific shots or vaccines are necessary for travellers to Ecuador, although vaccinations against Hepatitis A are always a good idea.



## Money

### *Is it easy to change money or use credit cards when travelling in South America?*

#### Chile

- The official currency is the Chilean Peso. MasterCard, Visa, American Express and Diners Club are regularly accepted throughout the country, though visitors should not count on being able to use their card in rural areas. Storeowners will sometimes charge more for purchases made with a credit card. The easiest way to obtain local currency is by using ATMs. You can exchange money at any established “Casa de Cambio” at market driven exchange rates. They are common in commercial areas as well as in shopping malls. US Dollars are often accepted in more touristic areas and in hotels. Foreign travellers who pay in dollars are exempt from paying the 19% IVA tax. Travellers cheques can be cashed at the banks or the exchange houses in main cities, but passports are essential for these transactions.

#### Argentina

- The legal tender currency in Argentina is the Argentine Peso. Some stores may accept US Dollars; however, it is easier to exchange them in banks or an authorized Exchange Bureaux.
- The legal tender notes are 100, 50, 20, 10, 5 and 2 Pesos, and the coins 1 Peso, 50, 25, 10 and 5 cents (there are also 1 cent coins but they are rarely used).
- Visa and MasterCard are the most widely accepted credit cards, but don't rely on them - some travellers have reported problems getting vendors to accept credit cards. The same goes for traveller's checks.

#### Peru

- Peru's official currency is the Nuevos Sol (S/). The US Dollar is the second currency; many hotels post their rates in dollars, and plenty of shops, taxi drivers, restaurants, and hotels across Peru accept US Dollars for payment. Exchange houses, or by using credit or debit card ATMs, are the best way to exchange cash.

#### Ecuador

- The official unit of currency in Ecuador is the US Dollar. The easiest and best way to get cash is from an ATM. Visa, Mastercard and Amex are accepted.

## Luggage allowance

### *What are the luggage restrictions when travelling to South America?*

As you will be travelling in vehicles and aircraft with limited space, maximum permitted luggage on domestic flights is as follows:

#### Chile

- Carry-on baggage: 8 kilos – 17 pounds
- Checked baggage allowance : 23 kilos – 50 pounds (1 bag)

#### Argentina

- Carry-on baggage: 5 kilos – 11 pounds
- Checked baggage allowance : 15 kilos – 33 pounds

#### Peru

Flights:

- Carry-on baggage: 8 kilos – 17 pounds
- Checked baggage allowance : 23 kilos – 50 pounds (1 bag)

#### Train to Machu Picchu:

- There are strict luggage restrictions for the train rides to Machu Picchu because there is no room for luggage on the train. Passengers should carry small hand luggage, which can fit below the passenger's seat or in the above compartment. Maximum weight per passenger is 5 kilos or 11 pounds (Perurail and Incarail lines).
- &Beyond will handle the storing and logistics of the rest of your guests' luggage for this portion of the trip.





#### Ecuador

- Carry-on baggage: 8 kilos – 17 pounds
- Checked baggage allowance: 23 kilos – 50 pounds (1 bag)

Clothing

What should my guests pack?

It's always best to pack less and travel light. Remember that laundry facilities are available at most of our partner properties (at an additional cost). Generally, try to pack a variety of clothes to suit changes in climate – layers of clothing in 'breathable' fabrics are ideal. Comfortable walking shoes are a necessity as a lot of the exploring is on foot. If visiting the jungle, waterproof clothing and footwear is essential. Most of the jungle lodges will provide you with rubber boots, which are the best footwear to tackle muddy and wet paths. At high altitudes and the coast, a hat is essential, together with sun block and sunglasses, as the atmosphere is very thin and burns fair skin very quickly.

	CLOTHING ITEM	CHILE	EASTER ISLAND	ARGENTINA	PERU	ECUADOR
<div>ACTIVITY SPECIFIC</div> <div></div>	HIKING BOOTS	●	●	●	●	●
	TREKKING PANTS	●				
	BINOCULARS				●	●
	DANCING SHOES			●		
	SNEAKERS/SPORT SHOES	●		●	●	
<div>BEACH</div> <div></div>	SWIMWEAR	●		●	●	●
	FLIP-FLOPS	●				●
	SUNGLASSES	●	●	●	●	●
	SUN HAT	●	●	●	●	
	SUNSCREEN	●	●	●	●	●
<div>CLIMATE SPECIFIC</div> <div></div>	WINDBREAKER	● (Winter)	● (Winter)	●		●
	RAINCOAT			● (Iguazu Falls)	●	
	FLEECE	● (Winter)	● (Winter)	●	●	
	HEADBAND	●		●		●
<div>GENERAL</div> <div></div>	LIGHT JACKET			●	●	
	LIGHT/INFORMAL CLOTHING	●	●	●	●	●
	CONSERVATIVE DRESS				●	
	SMART/CASUAL CLOTHING	● (Dining at restaurants)	● (Dining at restaurants)	● (Dining at restaurants)	● (Dining at restaurants)	



## Electricity

### *Will there be electricity where my guests are travelling?*

Most towns and cities in South America are electrified. Lodges in remote areas generally rely on generator power for lighting and refrigeration. It is advisable for guests to bring international adaptors with them.

Chile 220/240 Volts AC, 50Hz

Argentina 220 Volts AC, 50hz

Peru 220 Volts AC, 60hz

Ecuador 120 volts AC, 60hz

## Photography

### *In terms of photography, what should my guests take into consideration?*

- Guests must ensure that they bring sufficient memory cards and batteries as these may not be readily available.
- Guests must remember to ask permission before taking a photograph of any local resident. South Americans are renowned for being friendly; however it is courteous to ask permission before snapping away.

## Gratuities

### *What are the gratuity guidelines in South America?*

- It is customary to tip 10% of the bill at hotels and restaurants.
- The tipping guidelines for Chile, Argentina, Ecuador and Peru are similar.
- Being a personal matter, gratuities for local guides and drivers are not included and are left to the guests' discretion. Please note that gratuity is not compulsory and is based on staff performance, and this information is a guideline for a standard amount.
- Local guides and drivers:
  - Local Driver: USD 5 per person per day
  - Local Guide: USD 15 per person per day
  - Driver Guide: USD 15 per person per day

## Emergencies

### *How do we contact &Beyond in case of an emergency?*

&Beyond, Santiago, Chile

Tel: +56 2 2755 2148 or +56 9 9821 5034

Email: [southamerica.reservations@andBeyond.com](mailto:southamerica.reservations@andBeyond.com)

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