

## **South America** - Signature South America Circle

Trip Code  
MCCHSAC  
Departure



### Introduction

The best of what **South America** has to offer has been handpicked for the discerning traveller, ensuring you get the most out of the continent whilst travelling in comfort.

Begin your **21-day** journey in Chile's vibrant capital nestled in the snowcapped Andes, Santiago. Experience local art and traditions while walking through **Santiago's** authentic streets. Continue your trip to Argentina's cosmopolitan capital, **Buenos Aires**, where you will have time to explore the elegance of the city before being swept away to the mighty and spectacular **Iguazu Falls**. Then, moving on to **Rio de Janeiro**, one of the most attractive cities in the world, you'll explore the unparalleled natural beauty and the rich culture that Rio has to offer. Complete your visit with a traditional Brazilian BBQ lunch before flying to Peru.

Start your Peru journey in Lima. Try popular on-the-go delicacies while strolling through **Lima's** historical streets. Continue your journey to **Sacred Valley** and visit the famous market village of Pisac before arriving in the iconic **Machu Picchu**, known as the Lost City of the Incas. You will end this exciting journey in the ancient capital of the Inca Empire, **Cusco**.

**On this all-encompassing personalised itinerary, Chimu will provide travel logistics for your travel party for the duration of your journey, plus expert guides for all the major sightseeing as per itinerary. Each night you will stay in superior accommodation, handpicked by our experienced team for their creature comforts, convenient locations, and impeccable service.**

This itinerary is also available in reverse. [Ask us](#) for more information.

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Daily

Duration

DAY 1: Arrive in Santiago

21 Days

Locations: Arrival day in the Chilean capital of

South America, Chile, Argentina, Brazil, Peru, Machu Picchu

Santiago. You will be collected from the

airport and transferred to your hotel by

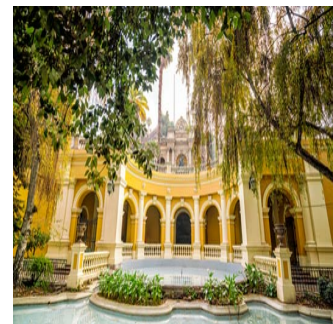
private car transfer. The rest of the day is

yours to recover from your flight.



## DAY 2: Santiago City Tour + Local Dinner

Spend your morning getting to know Santiago on a half-day city tour. You will visit the highlights that this cosmopolitan city has to offer. The rest of the afternoon is free for you to explore the local area near your hotel. Barrio Lastarria is an upmarket, vibrant, and safe neighbourhood, home to some of Santiago's best cafes, bars, and restaurants, with lots of boutique retail stores. In the evening enjoy a local Chilean dinner in a private apartment. This is a family styled dinner, shared with other like minded guests and includes wine and local drinks. This is an exclusive experience not to be missed! (B,D)



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Day 3: Valparaiso & Casablanca Valley

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Today you will join a small group tour to

head towards the Chilean coastline. Your

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First stop is the charming Valparaiso. This

city has been declared a UNESCO World

Heritage site and many of its colourful

buildings perch in a haphazard fashion on

the hillside. You will take a walk to discover

the local art galleries and street art which

embody Valparaiso's bohemian lifestyle,

including visiting one stairwell which

claims, "we are not hippies, we are

happies." You will also take a ride on one of

the city's remaining funiculars. Then it is on

to the Casablanca Valley. This region is

famous for wine production, in particular

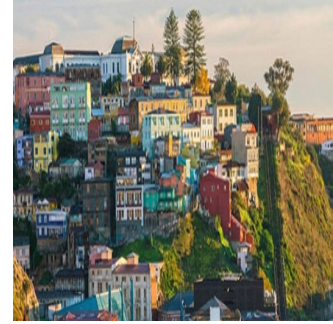
Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot

Noir varieties. You will visit a cellar door for

a premium wine tasting and have the

chance to purchase some wines and other

souvenirs.



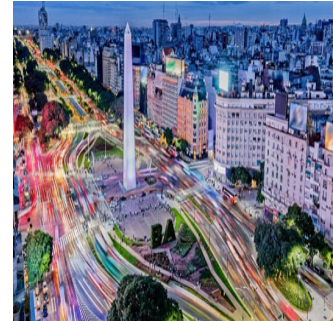
## DAY 4: Fly Santiago to Buenos Aires

You will be collected from your hotel and transferred by private transfer to Santiago airport to meet your flight to Buenos Aires.

On arrival, a driver will be waiting to transfer you to your hotel in one of Buenos

Aires' most elegant, historic, and

picturesque neighbourhoods, Recoleta. (B)



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~~Daily~~ 5: Buenos Aires City Tour

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The morning is at leisure before you are

collected from your hotel for a three hour

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afternoon city tour. We have designed this

tour exclusively for our guests. You will visit

the main square; Plaza De Mayo, home to

the famous Casa Rosada and then continue

on to the charming suburb of La Boca - the

birthplace of Tango where you will have

some time to wander the streets. Then head

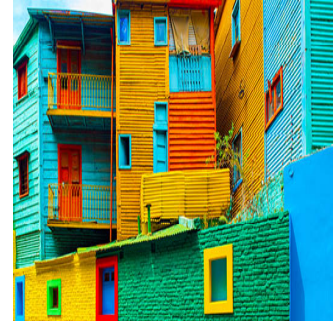
to Recoleta Cemetery, one of the most

beautiful in the world. Entrance is included

and your guide will point out the graves of

famous Argentinian's such as Eva Peron, or

Evita. (B).



## DAY 6: Walking with a Local Tour & Evening Asado Dinner

You will be collected from your hotel in the afternoon for a unique half day walking tour

with your own local guide. You will start by

exploring the streets of the upscale and

exclusive neighbourhood of Recoleta

through a local's eyes. Continue on through

the beating heart of the city, Retiro, home

to many significant government buildings

filled with fascinating history of Buenos

Aires. Chat with your guide over a local

Patagonian Ice Cream or a Coffee, before

heading over to the bohemian barrio of San

Telmo to explore the local markets, tasting

local specialties like Empanada's. You will

also visit an old Conventillo and the quaint

Plaza Dorrego. In the evening you will be

collected from your hotel and transferred to

an Asado restaurant where you will enjoy a

traditional Argentinian steakhouse. A

closed-door dining experience awaits you

that explores new ways of serving Argentine

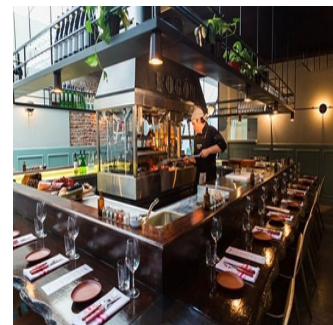
Asado classics, along with a wine pairing

menu that has also been designed to best

enhance the flavours of the ingredients

while presenting you with some of the best

boutique wines from Argentina. (B,D).



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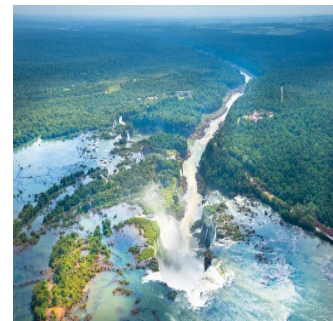
Day 7: Buenos Aires to Puerto Iguazu

Duration

21 Days

Location South America, Chile, Argentina, Brazil, Peru, Machu Picchu

Air transfer will take you to the airport for your flight to Puerto Iguazu. The spectacular Iguazu Falls that straddles the Argentine-Brazil border, is made up of 275 individual waterfalls lining a 2.7km wide horseshoe-shaped gorge. You will have the chance to experience the falls from both the Argentinian and the Brazilian sides, the Brazilian side offering a broader, panoramic view, with the Argentinian side offering a series of catwalks that allow you to experience the falls up close. (B)



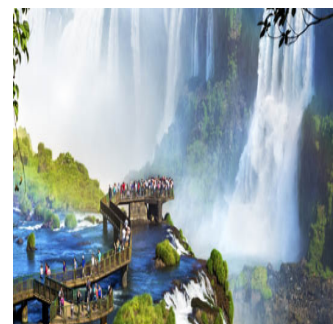
### DAY 8: Iguazu Falls

Get ready for a full day of exploring the Argentine side of the falls. We start early to beat the crowds and get the first train to the Devil's Throat. Walk along the paths over the islands which take you to a balcony over the falls and the most spectacular view of the entire Devil's Gorge. You will then have plenty of time to walk the paths on the upper circuit, providing you with a magnificent panoramic view, and the lower circuit, which has great views from below and around the falls. On completion of the tour, you will be taken to your hotel. (B)



### DAY 9: Fly Iguazu to Rio de Janeiro

Today you will cross into Brazil to enjoy a half-day tour of the Brazilian side where you will experience great panoramic views of the iconic falls. At the appropriate time, you will be collected from the Brazil National Park and transferred to the Foz do Iguacu airport for your onward flight to Rio De Janeiro. Rio never fails to amaze with its sandy beaches, carefree lifestyle, and unparalleled natural beauty. (B)



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~~Day 10: Copacabana, Corcovado &~~

~~Duration of Tour~~

~~21 Days~~

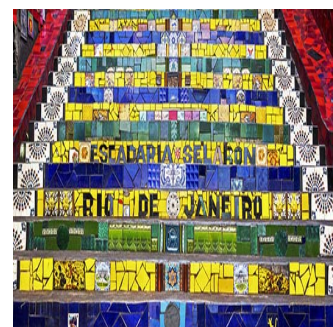
~~Locations: South America, Chile, Argentina, Brazil, Peru, Machu Picchu~~

~~Starting in Rio de Janeiro, today you will join a city tour exclusively designed for our guests for taking in all of Rio's famous sights, including Corcovado, to get up close to the Christ the Redeemer statue. The next stop is Sugar Loaf Mountain, where you will board a cable car to the top of Urca Hill, with spectacular views of Rio's famous beaches, bays, hills, and the city. Enjoy a traditional Brazilian BBQ for lunch and continue exploring more of the city including to Saint Benedict Monastery, Praça Maua, Duque de Caxias Palace and the Metropolitan Cathedral. Pass by Flamengo and Botafogo beaches on your way back to your hotel. (B,L)~~



## DAY 11: Half Day Tour of Santa Teresa & Lapa

Join a discovery tour of Rio de Janeiro that heads to the most beloved neighbourhoods, Santa Teresa and Lapa. The bustling suburb of Lapa is famous for its nightlife, historical monuments, and the Roman-style Acros da Lapa aqueducts. Santa Teresa, which is reached via a charming tram ride over the aqueducts is known for its cobblestone streets, beautiful architecture, charming upper-class residential homes, and stunning views from the hillside overlooking the city. Enjoy a local Brazilian speciality, Acai with your local guide along the way. Finally, a visit to the famous Selaron Staircase. The colourful stairway is covered in mosaic tiles, the work of Chilean born artist Jorge Salaron. The afternoon is free for you to enjoy the beaches of Rio. (B)



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Day 12: Rio de Janeiro to Lima

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21 Days

You will be transferred to the hotel for your

location sight to Lima, the capital of Peru.

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Lima is a bustling metropolis and one of

South America's largest cities. Home to a

plethora of interesting museums and a

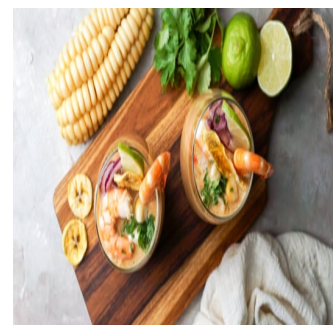
foodie's delight, being the 'gastronomical

capital of the Americas'. (B)



### DAY 13: Lima Walking Tour

Join your local guide will take you on an exclusive half-day tour of Lima's culinary and historical highlights, designed by us to help you get the most out of the city, starting with a visit to a local market to sample some local fruit and a scenic stroll through the city's historic downtown with some tastings of famous local bites along the way. Enjoy a stop at the San Francisco catacombs, a tour of Casa de Aliaga, a stunning colonial style mansion. End your tour with a Chilcano or Pisco Sour cocktail - both are made with the local brandy, Pisco. (B)



### DAY 14: Lima to the Sacred Valley

You will be transferred to the airport for your onward flight to Cusco, where you will descend into the Sacred Valley below Cusco. The Sacred Valley of the Incas is a region in Peru's Andean highlands which, along with the nearby town of Cusco and the ancient city of Machu Picchu, formed the heart of the Inca Empire. The Sacred Valley's elevation is 2,800 meters above sea level, so it's recommended to take it easy for the afternoon as your body acclimatizes to the altitude. (B)



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Day 15: Sacred Valley Tour

Duration

21 Days's Sacred Valley of the Incas tour,

locations will be presented with plenty of photo

South America of Chile, Argentina, Brazil, Peru, Machu Picchu

Opportunities of ancient Inca villages and

ruins, whilst learning about the culture and

beliefs of the Incan people. This tour is the

perfect start to understanding the unique

way of life, farming techniques, and

archaeological design of the Incas. The first

stop is the village of Pisac. Wander the

colourful market stalls before heading uphill

to the famous Pisac ruins, Intihuatana,

Q'allaqasa and Kinchiracay ruins. Enjoy

lunch in the gardens overlooking the Valley

before continuing along the River

Urubamba, to Ollantaytambo, which is

dominated by a giant Incan fortress. (B,L).



## DAY 16: Machu Picchu

Today will be one of your highlights in

South America with a visit to Machu Picchu.

A transfer will collect you and transfer you

to Ollantaytambo train station to board a

scenic train and arrive in one of the world's

most famous ruins after the morning fog

and crowds have cleared. A guide will meet

you on arrival and take you directly to the

UNESCO World Heritage Site, where you

will spend the afternoon marvelling at the

stunning display of ancient architecture and

incredible surroundings. located 2,430

metres above sea level, your guide will

explain the 15th-century Inca site before

taking you to your hotel for the night in the

local village of Aguas Calientes. (B)





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~~Day 17: Machu Picchu to Cusco~~

Duration

~~21 Days~~ your journey back to Cusco by

~~boarding a return train to Ollantaytambo. A~~

~~transfer will be waiting as you arrive back~~

~~to Ollantaytambo station to continue~~

onwards to Cusco. En route, you will visit  
the Maras Salt ponds, believed to pre-date

the Inca period. These shallow pools, dug

into the mountainside, are filled with salt

water from an underground spring from an

adjacent mountain. Continue to Moray,

which boasts an impressive Inca ruin of

giant circular terraces that are believed to

have been used for agricultural

experimentation. You will then be dropped

to your hotel in Cusco, set at an altitude of

3,400 metres in the Peruvian Andes. (B)



## DAY 18: Cusco City Tour

Join our Chimu Adventures exclusive day

tour and explore the city's fascinating

history. This specially designed tour has

been perfected to show you the best of this

incredible city without the crowds and other

tourists. Learn about this city from the Inca

times to colonial rule to the present day,

winding through narrow cobble-stoned

streets and visiting the market of Cusco.

Visit the fascinating Koricancha Temple of

the Sun, Cusco's Plaza de Armas and

Cathedral, built on the ruins of an Inca

Palace and finish up at Sacsayhuaman, a

former Incan fortress perched atop the hill

above Cusco. (B)



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Day 19: Cusco Free Day

Duration

21 Days at leisure, allowing you to spend

time wandering the cobble-stoned streets of

South America - Chile, Argentina, Brazil, Peru, Machu Picchu

The ancient Inca capital. With treasures,

around every corner, Cusco is a wonderful

city to explore on foot. Vibrant markets and

stores give the traveller a plethora of

shopping opportunities set amongst fine

Inca and Spanish colonial architecture.

Included is a BTG ticket which provides

access to most of Cusco's attractions and

museums, so you choose where you wish to

spend your day. (B)



DAY 20: Fly Cusco to Santiago

You will be transferred to the airport for

your onward flight back to Santiago,

surrounded by the snow-capped mountains

of the Andes and the Chilean Coastal Range.

Enjoy your final evening in this

cosmopolitan city. Alternatively, speak to

our Destination Specialists about extending

your time in Peru with a visit to the Amazon,

Lake Titicaca, or continuing your South

American adventure by travelling onwards

to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands, or

south into Bolivia to see the impressive Salt

Flats. (B)



DAY 21: Depart Santiago

Bid farewell as you are transferred to the

airport for your onward flight. (B)



Inclusions & Details

Accommodation

Hotels

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## Inclusions

Airport/hotel transfers throughout  
Internal flights as part of this itinerary (based on LATAM Airpass which must be combined with LATAM international flights)  
Accommodation with breakfast daily  
Sightseeing with local English-speaking guide as detailed in itinerary  
Other meals where stated  
Most Entrance/National Park Fees

Inclusions

## Exclusions

International flights and internal flights other than where specified  
Visa & reciprocity fees (if applicable)  
Travel insurance  
Beverages  
Personal expenses  
Gratuities for tour guides & drivers  
Any items not mentioned as included  
2 (Light Adventure - High Altitude In Some Areas)  
A single supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please [contact us](#) for more information.  
Prices are based on per person, twin share.  
Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time.  
All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice.

Difficulty Rating

Single Surcharge

Notes

Price Dependent upon Seasonality and availability at time of booking.

Sustainability