Discover South America: Chile, Argentina & Uruguay

CHILE: SANTIAGO, PUERTO VARAS, PATAGONIAN LAKES • ARGENTINA: BARiloCHE, BUENOS AIRES • URUGUAY: MONTEVIDEO, COLONIA DEL SACRAMENTO

16 Days from $5085
Tour with airfare from Richmond

15 Days from $3495
Tour Only

IT’S INCLUDED
- Choose to purchase Grand Circle’s airfare, and your airport transfers, government taxes, fees, and airline fuel surcharges are included. Or, make your own air arrangements.
- All flights within South America
- Accommodations for 14 nights in comfortable rooms with private baths
- 28 meals: 14 breakfasts, 8 lunches, and 6 dinners (including 1 Home-Hosted Dinner)
- 11 guided tours and 11 exclusive Discovery Series events: Chilean history discussion • Graffiti Art of Valparaiso • Lunch in a local home • Mapuche discussion • Chilean rodeo demonstration • Nazis in Patagonia discussion • Patagonian ranch visit • Argentina Today discussion • Home-Hosted Dinner • Tango demonstration & lesson • Estancia visit
- Personal headset for all included and optional tours on your main trip
- GRATUITIES on your main trip for local guides and motorcoach drivers
- Exclusive services of a local Grand Circle Program Director (assigned to no more than 38 travelers)
- 5% Frequent Traveler Credit toward your next trip
- Private motorcoach land travel
- Baggage handling for 1 piece of luggage per person, including tips

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS
PERU: MACHU PICCHU, CUZCO & LIMA
8 NIGHTS PRE-TRIP FROM 1795
BRAZIL’S IGUASSU FALLS & RIO DE JANEIRO
6 NIGHTS POST-TRIP FROM 2295

PRE-TRIP OPTION:
8 nights in Peru: Machu Picchu, Cuzco & Lima

DAY 1 / Depart U.S.

DAY 4 / Santiago, Chile
HOTEL Crowne Plaza Santiago or similar
INCLUDED TOURS Chilean Family Winery, Santiago, Valparaiso

DAY 5-6 / Puerto Varas
HOTEL Cacique Inacayal Hotel or similar
INCLUDED TOURS Petrohué Falls, Andean Lake Crossing, Bariloche panoramic tour & Campanario Hill visit
OPTIONAL TOUR Floating in the Limay River

DAY 7-9 / Bariloche, Argentina
HOTEL Cacique Inacayal Hotel or similar
INCLUDED TOURS Petrohué Falls, Andean Lake Crossing, Bariloche panoramic tour & Campanario Hill visit
OPTIONAL TOUR Floating in the Limay River

DAY 10-11 / Buenos Aires
HOTEL Panamericano Buenos Aires or similar
INCLUDED TOUR Buenos Aires
OPTIONAL TOUR Tango Show & Dinner

DAY 12-13 / Montevideo, Uruguay
HOTEL Radisson Montevideo or similar
INCLUDED TOUR Montevideo

DAY 14-15 / Colonia del Sacramento
HOTEL Radisson Colonia or similar
INCLUDED TOUR Colonia del Sacramento

DAY 16 / Colonia del Sacramento • Return to U.S.

POST-TRIP OPTION:
6 nights in Brazil’s Iguassu Falls & Rio de Janeiro

PLEASE MENTION THIS CODE WHEN BOOKING
GO-27098

For reservations and information 1-800-221-2610

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WHAT TO EXPECT

Group Size
- A maximum of 38 travelers, led by a local Grand Circle Program Director

Pacing
- 6 locations in 15 days
- 2 internal flights of 2 hours each
- 1 ferry ride over 2 hours in length, and 1 ferry ride 45 minutes in length
- 1 day features a total of 12 hours of travel, beginning with an 8am hotel departure, through the Andes from Chile to Argentina, utilizing 3 boats and 4 motorcoaches
- Air travel time will be 11-17 hours and will most likely have one connection

Physical Requirements
- Walk 2 miles unassisted and participate in 2 hours of physical activities daily, including stairs, steep hills, and cobblestones
- Not accessible for travelers using wheelchairs, scooters, walkers, crutches, or other mobility aids
- We reserve the right for Program Directors to restrict participation, or in some circumstances send travelers home, if their limitations impact the group’s experience

Terrain & Transportation
- Uneven walking surfaces, including unpaved paths, hills, stairs, and cobblestones
- Travel by 45-seat motorcoach, cable car, chair lift, 50-seat boat, and ferry

Climate
- Daytime temperatures range from 51-85°F during touring season
- December-February are the warmest months
- Weather in Patagonia tends to be cooler and more unpredictable. Temperatures drop dramatically from day to night and you should be prepared for wind and rain.

YOUR ITINERARY

Day 1 • Depart U.S.
Fly overnight from the U.S. today.

Day 2 • Arrive Santiago, Chile • Chilean family winery tour
Arrive in Santiago today, where you’ll meet your Program Director and join travelers who chose to take our pre-trip exploration of Peru: Machu Picchu, Cuzco & Lima.
Later, visit a family-owned winery, where you’ll enjoy a tour and a Welcome Dinner.
B,—Crowne Plaza Santiago or similar

Day 3 • Santiago
This morning, enjoy breakfast at your hotel. Then begin your included city tour featuring the Plaza de Armas and La Moneda, one of Latin America’s finest examples of neoclassical architecture. Continue on to the bustling Central Market for an included lunch.

EXCLUSIVE DISCOVERY SERIES EVENT
Tonight, learn more about a controversial chapter of Chilean history during a candid discussion about Allende and Pinochet.
B,—Crowne Plaza Santiago or similar

Day 4 • Santiago • Valparaiso
Today, discover Valparaiso, a colorful port city known in the 19th century as the “Jewel of the Pacific” and whose Historic Quarter was recently designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

EXCLUSIVE DISCOVERY SERIES EVENT
Learn about street art culture, and even contribute to a work in progress, during a Graffiti Art of Valparaiso activity.

EXCLUSIVE DISCOVERY SERIES EVENT
Then, join a Chilean family in their home for lunch and a glimpse into local life as you engage them in conversation.
B,L,—Crowne Plaza Santiago or similar

Day 5 • Santiago • Puerto Varas • Angelmo Market visit
This morning, you’ll fly to Puerto Montt. After you arrive, you’ll visit Angelmo Fish Market with your Program Director. Dinner tonight is included at a local restaurant.
B,D,—Hotel Bellavista or similar

Day 6 • Puerto Varas
EXCLUSIVE DISCOVERY SERIES EVENT
This morning, gather with fellow travelers for an enlightening discussion on the Mapuche people native to this region.

EXCLUSIVE DISCOVERY SERIES EVENT
Next, travel to a working Chilean horse ranch for a rodeo demonstration, followed by a homemade lunch.

Early this evening, you’ll have a presentation to prepare you for tomorrow’s travel through the Andes.
B,L,—Hotel Bellavista or similar

Day 7 • Puerto Varas • Petrohue Falls • Andean lake crossing • Bariloche, Argentina
This morning, tour Petrohue Falls, where you can explore the lush setting surrounding the rapids.

Then begin your crossing into Argentina, floating part of the way by boat across the glittering, green-hued lakes of the Andes, enjoying views of frosted mountain peaks on your mountain crossing. The lakeside, alpine town of Bariloche boasts a strong Swiss heritage that is evident in its architecture, ski resorts, and chocolate shops.
B,L,D,—Cacique Inacayal Hotel or similar
Day 8 • Bariloche • Local brewery visit • Panoramic tour & visit to Campanario Hill
This morning, enjoy an included tour of Bariloche, beginning with a walk through the peaceful forests that lend this region much of its natural beauty. Then, visit a local brewery for lunch and a lesson on the local beer. End your tour with a visit to Campanario Hill. You’ll take a chairlift ride to the top of the hill for breathtaking views of Nahuel Huapi Lake, the mountain peaks of the Andean range, and the city below. Dinner is on your own tonight.
B,L—Cacique Inacayal Hotel or similar

Day 9 • Bariloche • Optional Floating in the Limay River cruise
EXCLUSIVE DISCOVERY SERIES EVENT
This morning, you’ll attend a discussion on Nazis in Patagonia.
EXCLUSIVE DISCOVERY SERIES EVENT
Then, depart for the Patagonian steppe, where you’ll be the guests on a working ranch. You’ll enjoy a barbecue lunch, meet the owner, and learn about the romance and reality of life here.
Then, join an optional Floating in the Limay River tour and experience the vast Patagonian steppe from another perspective. Or enjoy an afternoon at leisure. Dinner is on your own tonight.
B,L—Cacique Inacayal Hotel or similar

Day 10 • Bariloche • Buenos Aires • Home-Hosted Dinner
You’ll have the morning on your own to stroll the charming streets, shops, and restaurants of Bariloche. Later, transfer to the airport for your flight to Buenos Aires.
EXCLUSIVE DISCOVERY SERIES EVENT
At your hotel, join a local expert for an illuminating Argentina Today discussion about current events in the country.
EXCLUSIVE DISCOVERY SERIES EVENT
This evening, you’ll enjoy a Home-Hosted Dinner with a local family in Buenos Aires, delighting in a wonderful meal and warm hospitality.
B,D—Panamericano Buenos Aires or similar

Day 11 • Buenos Aires
Today you’ll join an included half-day tour of Buenos Aires, including the monument-filled Avenida 9 de Julio, the vast Plaza de Mayo, and the colorful La Boca district. You’ll also visit Recoleta Cemetery, final resting place of former First Lady Eva Peron.
EXCLUSIVE DISCOVERY SERIES EVENT
This evening, you’ll learn a few steps of the tango during an included lesson.
B—Panamericano Buenos Aires or similar

Day 12 • Buenos Aires • Montevideo, Uruguay
After breakfast in your hotel, the morning and afternoon are yours to explore Buenos Aires and enjoy lunch at your leisure. Argentina is renowned for its grilled meats, and you might seek out a parrillada (barbecue) to experience it for yourself. Or savor the city’s international flair at a European-style cafe.
Early this afternoon, you’ll transfer to the pier and embark a ferry bound for Montevideo, Uruguay. After checking into your hotel this evening, you’ll savor an included dinner with your fellow travelers.
B,D—Radisson Montevideo or similar
Day 13 • Montevideo
Nestled between Brazil and Argentina, Uruguay has long been overlooked by travelers. But this tiny nation offers ample history, culture, and rugged natural beauty just waiting to be discovered.

During an included walking tour this morning, you’ll witness not only its modern amenities, but also its historic charms in Ciudad Vieja (Old City), a neighborhood of colonial-style buildings. Then, continue on to Mercado del Puerto (Harbor Market), where you’ll encounter vendors selling handmade crafts and street performers delighting passersby. Enjoy an included lunch here before setting off to discover more of Montevideo independently, with dinner on your own.

Day 14 • Montevideo • Colonia del Sacramento
This morning, begin your journey overland to Colonia del Sacramento.

EXCLUSIVE DISCOVERY SERIES EVENT
En route, you’ll pay a visit to La Vigna, a charming estancia known for its organic produce and sheep’s milk cheese. Following a tour and included barbecue lunch, continue on toward Colonia, arriving in the mid-afternoon. After checking in to your hotel, your Program Director will lead an orientation walk through the neighborhood surrounding your hotel.

Day 15 • Colonia del Sacramento
This morning, you’ll set off on a walking tour of Colonia, which will reveal the enchanting colonial architecture that earned the city a UNESCO World Heritage Site designation. You’ll have the rest of the afternoon to explore Colonia independently, with lunch on your own.

Re-convene with your fellow travelers this evening for your Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 16 • Colonia del Sacramento • Buenos Aires • Return to U.S.
Embark the ferry this morning for your two-hour return trip to Buenos Aires. Upon arrival, travelers continuing their discoveries our Brazil’s Iguassu Falls & Rio de Janeiro post-trip extension will transfer to the airport for their flight to Brazil. Otherwise, you’ll transfer to the airport to begin the journey back to the U.S.
Government and other authority taxes and fees: September 11th Security Fee of up to $2.50 USD applies per passenger, per flight segment (maximum charge per trip—$5.00 USD one-way, $10.00 USD round trip). A flight segment is defined as one take-off and one landing.

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