

# Andean Discovery

## 17 days | Santiago to Buenos Aires



*Discover the highlights of Chile, Bolivia and Argentina on this 17 day private tour, visiting Atacama and the otherworldly Valley of the Moon, Uyuni, the world's largest salt flat and the spectacular Iguazu Falls, before ending in the sultry capital of Buenos Aires.*

### HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

#### Trip Highlights

- Santiago - take in the highlights of Chile's capital on a half day cultural city tour
- Atacama Desert – explore the world's driest desert and the lunarlike landscape of the Valley of the Moon
- Take in the spectacular scenery of Laguna Verde on the slopes of the volcano Licancabur, the Valley of Dali, Chalviri hot springs, continue the journey to the Geysers of the Sun Morning to admire the spectacular colors of hot mud, then to Laguna Colorada
- Salar de Uyuni – explore Bolivia's spectacular dazzling white salt flats and see the giant cactus of Fish Island
- Colchani - spend at the unique Hotel Palacio de Sal, the first hotel in the world built entirely of salt

- Humahuaca - stroll around this picturesque little town which gives its name to the beautiful gorge
- Pucara - visit the ancient fortress located on a hill top, which is Argentina's most important archaeological site
- Purmamarca - wander around this charming Andean village, visit the craft market and see the famous Hill of the Seven Colours
- Salta - spend a night in this sophisticated city, renowned for its colonial architecture and breathtaking landscapes
- Iguazu Falls - take in incredible views of the spectacular Iguazu Falls from both the Brazilian and Argentine side
- Buenos Aires – take a guided tour of Argentina's captivating capital, dubbed the Paris of South America

#### What's Included

- 16 nights superior accommodation
- 16 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 1 dinner
- Airport arrival and departure transfer
- Santiago and Buenos Aires city tours on a shared basis (private touring available for a supplement)
- Moon & Death Valleys excursion on a shared basis (private touring available for a supplement)
- Tour of the Rocks Valley, Incahuasi Island and Uyuni Salt Flat on a shared basis (private touring available for a supplement)

- Humahuaca Gorge Excursion on a shared basis (private touring available for a supplement)
- Tour of the Dali Valley, Chalviri hot springs, Sol de Mañana Geysers and Laguna Colorada, Villamar on a shared basis (private touring available for a supplement)
- Brazilian Falls and Argentine Iguazu Falls Tour on a shared basis (private touring available for a supplement)
- English speaking local guides for all scheduled sightseeing
- All relevant transfers and transportation

#### What's Not Included

- International flights and visas
- Laundry, drinks and items of a personal nature
- Tipping – an entirely personal gesture
- Domestic flights – South American airpasses are available with LATAM and other airline carriers when booked in conjunction with international flights, which can often offer significant savings on domestic flights. Please ask a member of the team for more information.

### ITINERARY

#### Day 1 : Santiago

Welcome to Chile. Upon arrival at Santiago International Airport, you will be greeted and

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transferred to your hotel. Spend the rest of your evening at leisure. **Overnight - Santiago**

## Days 2-3 : City Sightseeing



After breakfast, enjoy a half-day city tour of Chile's capital. Starting at San Cristobal Hill, you'll visit the Plaza de Armas, Cathedral and the Government Palace. Then head east to experience some of Santiago's older neighbourhoods, such as Plaza Concha y Toro, which is known for its cobblestone streets and historic mansions. The tour ends at a handicraft store where you can admire lapis lazuli jewellery, a stone that is only found in Chile and Afghanistan.

Day 3 is free for you to explore this cosmopolitan city for yourself, whether you want to discover its fascinating museums, unwind in one of the hillside parks or check out what Santiago's buzzing nightlife has to offer. **Overnight - Santiago (B:2)**

## Day 4 : San Pedro de Atacama

Santiago - Atacama. Transfer to the airport for your flight to Atacama. Upon arrival at Calama airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel in San Pedro de Atacama.

**Overnight - San Pedro de Atacama (B)**

## Days 5-6 : Moon & Death Valleys



This afternoon you'll depart on a half-day excursion to the beautiful Moon Valley. Sculpted over thousands and thousands of years by erosion, this otherworldly landscape features incredible rock formations and sand dunes. Visit the salt caverns and climb the mayor sand dune for breathtaking views, before returning to San Pedro de Atacama in the evening.

Day 6 is free to spend at your leisure. **Overnight - San Pedro de Atacama (B:2)**

## Day 7 : Laguna Colorada



Atacama - Villa Mar (Bolivia). Today you will journey via the Hito Cajón Bolivian border to Villa Mar, passing the Valley of Dali and Chalviri hot springs enroute. Other stops include the Geysers of the Sun Morning, where you can admire the spectacular colours of the hot mud, and Laguna Colorada, home to the famous James Flamingos. **Overnight - Villa Mar (B)**

## Day 8 : Uyuni Salt Flats



Villa Mar - Uyuni Salt Flats. After breakfast, visit the bizarre rock formations of the Stones Valley and take in the incredible landscapes of the vast dazzling Uyuni Salt Flats, visiting the famous giant cactus of Incahuasi Island (commonly known as Fish Island). Next, learn about the process of salt extraction at a salt

processing plant before enjoying lunch in the middle of the Salt Flats.

In the afternoon travel on to Colchani where you will be staying at the Hotel Palacio de Sal, one of the world's most unusual hotels and the first hotel in the world built entirely of salt. After dinner, enjoy an evening walk near the hotel. The sky at this latitude is considered one of the clearest in the world. **Overnight - Uyuni / Salar De Uyuni Region (B, L, D)**

## Day 9 : Tupiza

Uyuni Salt Flats - Tupiza. Today travel to the tranquil Bolivian town of Tupiza, stopping en route to visit the mining centre of Atocha. On arrival enjoy a short walk through the city.

**Overnight - Tupiza (B)**

## Day 10 : Humahuaca & Pucara



Tupiza - Humahuaca - Purmamarca (Argentina). Today you will cross the border into Argentina, travelling to the colourful northwest region and the picturesque town of Humahuaca. Enjoy some free time to explore before continuing to Tilcara. Here you will visit the most important archaeological site in Argentina. Known as Pucara, this hilltop fortress boasts exceptional views over the valley below. Enjoy a short visit to the town of Tilcara and its fascinating Archaeological Museum, before the short drive to Purmamarca.

**Overnight - Purmamarca (B)**

## Day 11 : Salta

Purmamarca - Salta. Enjoy free time this morning to explore Purmamarca Village, where highlights include the famous Hill of Seven Colours, the church and the craft market. Discover its narrow streets and meet the locals, before travelling to the city of Salta, which is renowned for its

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handsome colonial architecture and rugged mountainous backdrop.

**Overnight - Salta (B)**

## Days 12-13 : Iguazu Falls (Argentina)



Salta - Iguazu. Transfer to Salta Airport for your flight to Iguazu, arriving into Puerto Iguazu Airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

On day 13 enjoy a full-day excursion into the Argentinean side of Iguazu Falls. Your visit can be done via 3 circuits, best-known as the Lower Path, Higher Path and the Devil's Throat Path. The Lower Path offers great views of the majority of the rapids and falls, however there are a high number of steps along the way (approximate duration: 2 hours). The Higher Path then crosses the top of the canyon and allows you to look down over the edge of the falls (approximate duration: 1 hour). To access the Devil's Throat Path, you must take the Ecological Jungle Train then follow the trail to the large lookout balconies at the edge of the falls (approximate duration: 2 hours). **Overnight - Iguazu Falls (Argentina) (B:2)**

## Day 14 : Iguazu Falls (Brazil)

Iguazu - Buenos Aires. Today enjoy a half-day excursion to the Brazilian side of Iguazu Falls. Separated from the Argentinean National Park by the Iguazu River, the Brazilian Falls were declared a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1986 and form part of one of the largest natural protected areas in South America. Stroll along the 1,200-metre catwalk and enjoy stunning views of the 275 falls.

Transfer to Puerto Iguazu Airport for your flight to Buenos Aires. You will be met on

arrival and transferred to your hotel in the capital. **Overnight - Buenos Aires (B)**

## Day 15 : Buenos Aires City Tour



Today enjoy a guided tour of the main highlights of Buenos Aires, including the Metropolitan Cathedral, Government House and Plaza de Mayo. Watch the locals tango on the streets of the San Telmo neighbourhood and stop at the colourful suburb of La Boca, home to several important artists. You will also visit Palermo, to marvel at its elegant buildings and parks before ending your tour in the exclusive neighbourhood of Recoleta, where you can visit the famous cemetery alongside many fine restaurants and cafes. **Overnight - Buenos Aires (B)**

## Days 16-17 : Buenos Aires

Spend day 16 exploring Buenos Aires at your leisure. Perhaps wander the lively outdoor markets or shop in some of the city's cutting-edge boutiques. Enjoy gourmet cuisine and sample some of the country's renowned wine. No trip to the Argentinian capital would be complete without watching a tango performance, or you could even put on your dancing shoes and learn to tango yourself.

On day 17 it's time to bid farewell to Buenos Aires. Unless you have considered extending your stay you will be transferred from your hotel to the international airport. **Overnight - Buenos Aires (B:2)**

price needs to be added to the twin/double price if single rooms are required. If travelling solo, an additional '1-person' supplement will apply.

### PRICES / DATES 2019

Date	Twin Share	Single
17 Jun	USD 7,445	USD 11,445

### PRICES / DATES INFO

Prices shown are 'per person', based on a travelling party of at least 2 adults, travelling in low season and staying in superior hotels. The single supplement

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