



Grand Tour of South America: Brazil, Argentina & Peru

15 days | 18 days with Lima & the Amazon extension

The sophisticated cities of Rio de Janeiro and Buenos Aires are the perfect introduction to this continent of contrasts. You'll undertake thrilling outdoor adventures, such as admiring the Iguazú waterscape from every angle and embarking on expeditions of Incan sites, like the legendary Machu Picchu.



Your tour package includes

- 12 nights in handpicked hotels
- 12 breakfasts
- 4 lunches
- 4 dinners with beer or wine
- 8 sightseeing tours
- Expert Tour Director & local guides
- Private deluxe motor coach
- 5 on-tour flights

Included highlights

- Christ the Redeemer statue
- Samba school visit
- Iguazú Falls
- Plaza de Mayo
- Buenos Aires' La Boca neighborhood
- Sacred Valley of the Incas
- Ollantaytambo
- Machu Picchu

Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for about 3 hours daily across uneven terrain, including paved roads, cobblestone streets, and slippery walkways, with some hills.

Group size

15-35

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Overnight Flight → 1 night

Day 1: Overnight flight

Board your overnight flight to Rio de Janeiro today.

Rio de Janeiro → 2 nights

Day 2: Arrival in Rio de Janeiro & sightseeing tour

Included meals: welcome lunch

Welcome to Brazil! Meet your fellow travelers at a welcome lunch.

Then, get to know Rio de Janeiro on a guided tour.

- Enjoy a cable car ride up Sugarloaf Mountain
- Stop halfway up the mountain to take in scenic vistas of the Rio Yacht Club and Botafogo Bay
- Continue to the top of the mountain, soaking in panoramic views of the city, beaches, and Atlantic ocean
- Return to Rio to admire the city's colonial architecture
- Pass the National Library, Municipal Theater, Candelaria Church, and Tiradentes Palace
- Admire the Escadaria Selarón and walk past the Museum of Tomorrow

Day 3: Corcovado & samba school visit

Included meals: breakfast

Head to the top of Corcovado Mountain for a guided tour of the iconic peak, then see where performers perfect their routines for Carnival.

- Hop aboard the cogwheel train, taking in the rainforest landscape of Tijuca National Park as you ride up the mountain
- See the iconic Christ the Redeemer, a colossal Art Deco statue atop the summit
- Pass Rio's white-sand beaches, including Ipanema and Copacabana
- Visit a samba school, where Carnival dance rehearsals take place
- Head to the *barracão*, a workshop where artisans craft parade floats and decorations

Iguazú Falls → 2 nights

Day 4: Flight to Iguazú Falls

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Say goodbye to Rio and fly to Brazil's Argentine border, site of the thundering Iguazú Falls, for a guided tour.

- Drive through Iguazú National Park, a subtropical paradise
- Walk through forested footpaths on the Brazilian side of the falls for panoramic views of the waters

Sit down for an included dinner this evening.

Day 5: Sightseeing tour of Iguazú Falls

Included meals: breakfast

Today, cross the border into Argentina and view Devil's Throat, the most famous section of Iguazú Falls.

- Take an ecological train through the park
- Walk along a pathway to arrive in front of Devil's Throat where can take photos of the incredible waterfall
- Enjoy another train ride to see the upper section of the park, including the San Martín, Dos Hermanas, and Bozzetti falls

Buenos Aires → 3 nights

Day 6: Flight to Buenos Aires

Included meals: breakfast

Fly to Buenos Aires, the capital of Argentina, this morning. Then, spend free time exploring the city or add an excursion.

+ Tango Show & Dinner

Day 7: Sightseeing tour of Buenos Aires

Included meals: breakfast

Embark on a guided tour of the city where tango was born.

- Drive through the aristocratic Retiro and Recoleta neighborhoods to visit the grave of Eva Perón, the former First Lady of Argentina
- Make your way past the National Museum of Fine Arts and the beautiful parks and gardens of Palermo
- Drive along 9 de Julio Avenue, the widest street in the world
- Explore Plaza de Mayo, site of the May Revolution in 1810, and enter the neoclassical Metropolitan Cathedral

- Enjoy free time in the La Boca neighborhood, where the influence of Italian settlers can still be felt today

Day 8: Free day in Buenos Aires

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Spend the day exploring Buenos Aires at your leisure or add an excursion.

Sit down for an included dinner this evening.

+ Estancia Visit: Argentine Barbecue & Gaucho Show

Lima → 1 night

Day 9: Flight to Lima

Included meals: breakfast

Fly to Lima, Peru this morning. Then, spend a free evening in the city or add an excursion.

+ Traditional Peruvian Dinner

Cuzco → 2 nights

Day 10: Sightseeing tour of Lima & flight to Cuzco

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

This morning, follow a local guide on a sightseeing tour highlighting Lima's modern and UNESCO-recognized colonial quarters.

- Visit the Miraflores district and Parque del Amor
- Stop in the San Isidro district to visit Huaca Huallamarca temple and its museum
- View Plaza Mayor and the Municipal Palace in Lima's historic center
- Enter the Cathedral of Lima and descend into the catacombs below the Church of San Francisco

Then, fly to Cuzco and get a taste of Peruvian cuisine during an included dinner as you watch a traditional folklore show featuring indigenous dances from around the country.

Day 11: Sightseeing tour of Cuzco

Included meals: breakfast

Set out on a sightseeing tour of Cuzco, the UNESCO-recognized ancient capital of the Inca Empire.

- Stroll through ruins at Kenko, the “red-fortress” of Puca Pucara and Sacsayhuaman, which was once completely covered in gold
- View the towering Cristo Blanco statue, a thank-you gift from the Palestinian refugees who took shelter in the city during World War II
- Stop in the colonial-era Plaza de Armas to enter Cuzco Cathedral
- Walk through the city center and step inside the Convent of Santo Domingo, built by the Spaniards where the Inca temple of Koricancha stood

Enjoy a free afternoon in Cuzco or add an excursion.

+ Peruvian Cooking Demonstration & Dinner

Machu Picchu → 1 night

Day 12: The Sacred Valley of the Incas

Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner

A local guide leads you on a full-day sightseeing tour of the Sacred Valley of the Incas.

- Peruse the colorful stalls of the wide-open Pisac Market, where you’ll find local fare and traditional crafts on display
- Enjoy an included lunch in Urubamba
- Uncover the ruins of Ollantaytambo, once the royal estate of Emperor Pachacuti
- Board a train bound for Aguas Calientes, the gateway to Machu Picchu, passing through the spectacular mountain scenery of the dramatic Urubamba River Valley

Sit down for an included dinner this evening.

Please note: Travelers must submit full passport details by Tour Finalization Date or risk being denied entry to Machu Picchu due to scarcity of tickets and daily entrance restrictions.

Cuzco → 1 night

Day 13: Sightseeing tour of Machu Picchu & train to Cuzco

Included meals: breakfast, lunch

Take a guided tour of Machu Picchu to uncover the Lost City of the Incas, one of the most spectacular archaeological sites in South America and a UNESCO World Heritage site.

- Soak in incredible views of the misty cloud forest and soaring Huayna Picchu mountain
- Tour the ruins of the ceremonial center, cultivation terraces, and guard house

- Visit Funeral Rock, the Main Temple, the Chamber of Ornaments, and the Sacred Plaza
- Soak in the vistas from the Temple of the Three Windows
- Marvel at the mysterious Intihuatana stone and discover the cave of the Temple of the Condor

This afternoon, enjoy an included lunch before boarding a train back to Cuzco.

Overnight Flight → 1 night

Day 14: Flight to Lima & departure

Included meals: breakfast, farewell lunch

Fly back to Lima and celebrate your trip at a farewell lunch. Then, relax in a dayroom before boarding your late-night or early morning flight home.

Please note: If you’re continuing on the tour extension, you’ll spend the night in Lima.

Arrive Home

Day 15: Arrival at home

Arrive home today.

+ Lima & the Amazon extension

In the Amazon, nature is on display like nowhere else (seriously—more things live here than anywhere else in the world). Fly to Iquitos, then set out to see incredible wildlife in the world’s biggest rainforest and meet indigenous Yagua people to learn about their history.

Lima → 1 night

Day 14: Flight to Lima

Included meals: breakfast, farewell lunch

Fly back to Lima and celebrate your trip at a farewell lunch. Then, settle in to your hotel for the evening.

The Amazon → 2 nights

Day 15: Flight to Iquitos & rainforest walk

Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Fly to Iquitos this morning to begin your adventure in the Amazon. When you arrive, enjoy lunch before setting out on an invigorating walk in the rainforest reserve surrounding your lodge. Then, sit down for an included dinner tonight.

Please note: Some flights to Iquitos depart very early in the morning, and breakfast may not be included.

Day 16: Free morning & Yagua village visit

Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Today, enjoy a free morning in the Amazon or add an excursion. Then, sit down for an included lunch before setting out to visit a local village.

- Take a short river cruise to a Yagua indigenous village, keeping your eye out for the elusive pink dolphin
- Learn about the local village culture and watch a blowgun demonstration

This evening, sit down for an included dinner.

+ Amazon Canopy Walk

Overnight Flight → 1 night

Day 17: Franciscan mission town visit & departure

Included meals: breakfast, lunch

Visit the Franciscan mission town of Indiana this morning. This large river community has grown to include its own market, high school, and small hospital.

Then, enjoy an included lunch before flying back to Lima. You’ll relax in a dayroom before boarding your flight home.

Arrive Home

Day 18: Arrival at home

Arrive home today.

Customize your experience

Customize your tour by adding excursion options. Excursions offered on the same day will occur at different times, so there's no need to choose. Save \$10 when you book your excursion up to three days before your tour departs.* Excursions requiring advance reservation only list this discounted price. Call or go online to customize your tour: goaheadtours.com/BSA | 1-800-597-0350

Day 6: Tango Show & Dinner

\$105/\$115* (5 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included)

Relax and enjoy the show as accomplished tangueros, or tango dancers, perform their national dance. Accompanied by live music, the elegant performers will transport you to a bygone era. You'll also enjoy a dinner featuring regional specialties and Argentine wine.

Day 8: Estancia Visit: Argentine Barbecue & Gaucho Show

\$165/\$175* (7.5 hours, departs in the morning with lunch)

Head to Argentina's countryside for a day at a traditional estancia, or ranch, where you'll get to know the culture of the Pampas. You'll be welcomed with empanadas, a local specialty, and Argentine wine, then have a chance to visit the estancia's museum and church. Later, enjoy a delicious barbecue lunch along with entertainment. Experience the folklore of the region through music, dance, and a horse-riding show as gauchos (traditional ranch hands) show off their skills in the center of the ring, or sortija.

Day 9: Traditional Peruvian Dinner

\$75/\$85* (3 hours, departs in the evening with dinner)

At tonight's dinner in Lima, get a taste of the traditional flavors of Peruvian cuisine. Start the evening with a cooking demonstration and learn to make classic ceviche and a pisco sour, the national drink of Peru. Then, sit down to enjoy a delicious dinner of regional specialties.

Day 11: Peruvian Cooking Demonstration & Dinner

\$125/\$135* (3 hours, departs in the evening with dinner)

Watch as an expert chef prepares a traditional Peruvian meal during a cooking demonstration at one of Cuzco's top restaurants on this culinary excursion. With the beautiful Andes Mountains as your backdrop, you'll discover how Peruvians use locally sourced ingredients to create authentic dishes. You'll also learn how to make causa de pollo, a dish made of chicken and potatoes, and tiradito de trucha, a popular seafood-based meal. Afterwards, enjoy a delicious three-course dinner crafted by the expert chef in the restaurant.

Extension excursion options

Day 16: Amazon Canopy Walk

\$165/\$175* (8 hours, departs in the morning)

Go deep into the Amazon for a treetop walk. The day starts with breakfast under the palm-thatched roofs of the ExplorNapó Lodge on the Napo River. Next, hike to the spectacular Canopy Walkway for a bird's-eye view of the rainforest, taking in the lush plants and wildlife along the way. Afterward, visit the ReNuPeRu Ethnobotanical Garden. A local shaman will explain how the 240 plants cultivated here are used for healing.

*Optional excursions may be purchased up to three days prior to departure or while on tour. Pre-purchased optional excursions cannot be canceled within three days prior to departure or while on tour. Select optional excursions require advance booking and cannot be purchased or canceled after the advanced reservation deadline. GAT accepts payment by cash, Visa or MasterCard for optional excursions purchased on tour. Additional fees may apply for optional excursions purchased on tour. Excursions require a minimum number of participants to operate. Details and prices are subject to change. Due to seasonal hours of operation and availability, some excursions may not operate. If this occurs, you will be refunded any payments made for that excursion post-tour. Learn more at goaheadtours.com/terms