

HIGHLIGHTS SOUTH AMERICA

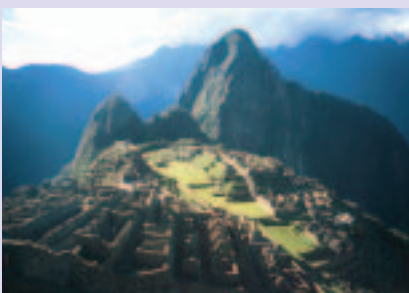


Galapagos Islands

The jewel in Ecuador's crown, the remarkable Galapagos Islands are where Darwin formulated his theory of evolution. The animals that live here have a legendary fearlessness of humans, meaning that a visit here is full of close encounters with sea lions, birds of the booby family, sharks, pelicans, iguanas and frigate birds, to name just a few.



The Galapagos Islands



Machu Picchu

Magnificently set on a terraced saddle and surrounded by forested mountains, the Inca citadel of Machu Picchu is one of South America's most famous sights. Whether you arrive via the Inti-Punku Sun Gate having walked all or part of the Inca Trail, or take the morning train from Cuzco, the temples, palaces, fountains and homes of this complete Inca city will astound you.



Lake Titicaca

The bright blue waters of Lake Titicaca ripple icily across the wind swept altiplano of Peru and Bolivia. Its shores and islands are a place of legends, customs and pre-conquest traditions which make for fascinating explorations. Spend a peaceful night on the serene Sun Island, visit the floating Uros Islands and admire the handiwork of the weavers on Taquile Island. Up in this rarefied air, reflections are clear and colours are sharp and bright so bring your sunglasses!



Salar de Uyuni

A blinding sea of white salt, punctuated by 'islands' covered in giant cacti and a hotel made entirely of salt, stretches as far as the eye can see in southern Bolivia's Salar de Uyuni. Far off the beaten track, this region is for the adventurous traveller, and also boasts a surreal region of geysers, volcanoes and multi-coloured lakes full of flamingos.



Torres del Paine

In the heart of wind swept Patagonia lies a place where granite peaks reach for the sky, herds of delicate guanacos roam and luminous blue icebergs float on milky lakes. Torres del Paine National Park in Chile is a glorious wilderness where you can stay in pure luxury, a comfortable lodge or a camp, and where you can explore by jeep, horse or foot.



Easter Island

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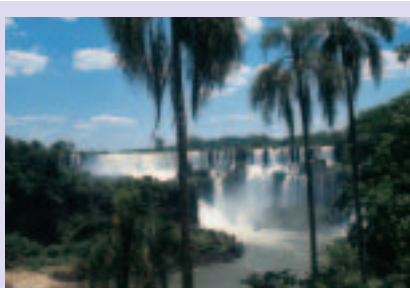
The Amazon

The mighty Amazon rainforest and river are the mysterious heart of South America, a place where scientists and travellers have barely touched the surface of what is hidden within its steamy depths. Stay in an ecologically friendly Amazon lodge in Brazil, Peru, Ecuador or Bolivia, to experience the sights and sounds of the jungle and learn about the flora and fauna of this amazing region.



Rio de Janeiro

In Brazil they say "God created the world in six days, the seventh he devoted to Rio". This vibrant, sensuous place has arguably the most stunning location of any city, wrapped as it is around mountains, forests and golden beaches. It also has more than its fair share of world famous icons: Christ the Redeemer, Sugar Loaf Mountain and Copacabana Beach to name but three.



Iguazu Falls

Nature puts on a dizzying display of power at the border of Brazil and Argentina, where the Iguazu Falls hurtle over a precipice nearly 5 kilometres wide. The falls are set in the midst of a subtropical nature reserve which is teeming with plant and animal life, a few days here is a real back-to-nature experience.



Buenos Aires

The capital of Argentina is one of the world's great urban experiences: a place of stylish people and buildings, wide boulevards and leafy parks, poignant history, gastronomic delights and tango in the streets. The joy of being in Buenos Aires is to explore by foot, pausing frequently to sit in a pavement café, sip espressos in the sun and watch the world go by.

Tailor-Made Latin America

Below are two example itineraries for a journey to Latin America. Please see the brochure for more ideas, or call us to discuss your own ideas.

Samba & Tango

Combining the bustle of Rio and Buenos Aires with the majestic falls of Iguazu

A brief tour that gives an introduction to Brazil and Argentina. Enjoy the atmosphere of two of the great cities of the world, and marvel at the powerful display of nature at Iguazu Falls.

Day 1: Fly from the UK **2:** Arrive in Rio de Janeiro; afternoon at leisure **3:** Full day city sightseeing including Sugarloaf Mountain and the statue of Christ the Redeemer **4:** At leisure **5:** Fly to Iguazu; afternoon tour of the Brazilian side of the falls **6:** Explore the falls on the Argentinian side **7:** Fly to Buenos Aires; afternoon at leisure; evening Tango show **8:** City sightseeing **9:** Day at leisure **10:** Fly to the UK **11:** Arrive in the UK

Prices from £1800 per person, based on 2 sharing.



SEA LION

Incas & Islands

The best of Peru and the Galapagos Islands

Once you have explored colonial Lima, Lake Titicaca and the fascinating sights of Cuzco and the Sacred Valley, take a weeklong cruise around the Galapagos Islands for a close encounter with its uninhibited wildlife.

Day 1: Fly to Lima **2:** Tour of Lima visiting the finest colonial buildings and museums **3:** Fly to Puno on the shores of Lake Titicaca; afternoon visit to the M/V Yavari **4:** Explore Taquile Island; visit the Uros Islands **5:** An Orient Express train journey across the altiplano to Cuzco **6:** A tour of Cuzco and the nearby Inca ruins **7:** Visit Pisac ruins and market and the Inca fortress at Ollantaytambo **8:** Take the train to the Inca citadel of Machu Picchu; afternoon tour **9:** Morning at leisure to further explore the ruins; return by train to Cuzco **10:** Fly to Quito via Lima; afternoon sightseeing **11:** Fly to the Galapagos Islands; join your chosen boat for a 7 night cruise **12-17:** In the Galapagos Islands **18:** Fly to Quito **19:** Morning flight to the UK **20:** Arrive in the UK

Prices from £3000 per person, based on 2 sharing.

Other itineraries

Choosing just 9 highlights from the 6 countries featured in the Audley Latin America programme was a virtually impossible job! So for information on all the other highlights of Latin America, as well as more details on the destinations opposite, please call **01869 276 210** for a copy of the Latin America brochure.