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TRAVEL'S NOBLE PURPOSE

When my family founded Abercrombie & Kent in East Africa in the early 1960s, we did so in the belief that great travel experiences are not only life-enhancing, they can also be life-changing. In the years since, I've seen that belief confirmed before my own eyes many times.

Truly great travel allows us to see the world through a new lens, in a new light. With the right perspective, an open heart and an expert guide, travel helps us come to a better understanding of the world and our place in it. Travel not only has the power to make the traveller a better person, it can also literally make the world a better place.

This belief, combined with a desire to share the company's enduring success, and the aim of leaving every place we explore even better than we found it, led us to establish Abercrombie & Kent Philanthropy (AKP). Now a registered charity in Australia, the US and the UK, with projects in dozens of countries across the world, AKP is making a real difference in the lives of countless individuals, communities and natural environments.

For many A&K travellers, a visit to an AKP project – a local school, a nature conservancy, a micro-financed social enterprise – will be one of the highlights of an A&K journey. For many more, an A&K journey will, in its entirety, be an experience even greater than the sum of its many memorable parts. It will be a shared adventure that lights a fire, and likely fuels a desire to explore more, see more, learn more, help more.

The right kind of travel asks us the great questions, and encourages us to keep asking more ourselves. A lifetime of travel has only served to heighten my own curiosity, my desire to experience more of the world, and to keep learning more from the inspiring people and the extraordinary places, cultures and creatures that together make travel so meaningful.

In one of his last great poems, T.S. Eliot wrote "We shall never cease from exploration." I believe that idea speaks to humankind generally. It certainly speaks to me and to the spirit of adventure I see running through A&K and all of our people, and I see it alight in everyone who travels with us.

I hope you are inspired by the travel ideas in these pages to explore more of the world with A&K, and I hope our paths cross sometime soon, somewhere out there in our wide and wonderful world. Keep exploring!

Geoffrey Kent

Founder, Chairman and CEO of the
Abercrombie & Kent Group of Companies

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THE A&K DIFFERENCE

When you travel with A&K, you can expect to travel in seamless style and comfort, where we take care of every detail, accommodate every request, prepare for every eventuality, even in the most remote and rugged locations. You'll stay in wonderful places, eat the best local cuisine, enjoy special performances and privileges – the very definition of luxury and service.

You'll do it all with the security and support of A&K experts on the ground and on call everywhere you go. You should expect these things, you will enjoy these things, but in the end, they won't be the reason you travel with A&K.

For us, travel has a noble purpose, and it is both a higher calling and a primitive urge. The Germans have a word for it, as they do for most things, 'Sehnsucht'. This is more than just nostalgia for times and travels past, as it is sometimes translated; it is a wistful longing, a yearning in the heart, for travel past and travel still to come. We feel it always, as many travellers do. Addressed or unaddressed, it soon gives rise to an even stronger feeling, and another German word – 'Fernweh' – 'farsickness' the mirror-reverse of homesickness, an urge to travel even stronger than wanderlust.

This spirit and these urges – travel's true and noble purpose – are built into every A&K journey. They are why we do what we do; they are why people, friends and families, travel together and travel with us, again and again, over a lifetime and across generations.

THE LEADER IN LUXURY TRAVEL

For over half a century, Abercrombie & Kent has been a pioneer in the world of luxury travel, redefining the notion of what is possible on holiday and delivering travel experiences that change the way travellers see the world. We've made it our business to specialise in destinations and itineraries that are extraordinary, creating exquisite adventures specially tailored to the needs of the most discerning travellers.

With experience comes excellence and reliability and with A&K this translates to peace of mind and security. Our guests are always our priority. You will be looked after from beginning to end and beyond. And if unexpected events occur, you can rely on us to go the extra mile to ensure your wellbeing.

A GLOBAL NETWORK

Unlike other travel companies who rely solely on third parties to create their programmes and support their travellers on the ground, A&K itineraries are backed by over 2,200 handpicked staff in our 52 offices worldwide. Through this global network of experts, we have the knowledge and resources to create memorable journeys and take care of every detail before, during and after your journey.

DEDICATED EXPERTISE

Our team of Travel Specialists regards travel not as an occasional diversion, but as a calling that stimulates the mind and nourishes the spirit. Exceptionally well-travelled individuals, they are on call for recommendations, guidance and first hand feedback. Staying in constant touch with A&K's partners and network of offices throughout the world means the most up-to-date information is at their fingertips. All this translates to the best experience for you.

SEAMLESS PRIVATE JOURNEYS

We extensively research every destination to which we travel. Our itineraries are subjected to close scrutiny, and every element of a journey is carefully considered in terms of logistics and guest enjoyment. The result is the selection of itineraries like those you see in this brochure, each one tried and tested, presenting the destination in the best possible way in seamless style and comfort. These journeys are all designed to give you an incomparable travel experience, and each is operated on a private basis for you and your travelling companion.

BESPOKE TRAVEL SERVICE

A&K also offers a bespoke travel service, and any of the destinations and itineraries included here can be adapted, amended or extended to meet your individual interests and needs. Our Travel Specialists deliver one-on-one consultations, taking the time to understand the destinations, experiences and ingredients that make up your ideal holiday, and then recommending or developing an itinerary to make your dream a reality.

EXPERT GUIDES

It is often said that a guide has the ability to make or break a special journey. We concur. A&K's guides are the best in the business and deliver superlative experiences in every destination. All are blessed with extensive knowledge and the ability to bring local attractions to life. Multilingual and well-travelled, each possesses insight into the diverse attractions and cultural interactions present throughout the region. Irrespective of the destination, our guides will enlighten you in every locale with insider information that adds depth to your journey.

HOSTED JOURNEYS

A&K also offers an exclusive portfolio of hosted small group journeys to a variety of destinations around the world. These journeys are expert-led shared adventures to more off-the-beaten track destinations. Each has been creatively designed for more intrepid, more inquisitive Australasian travellers, with educational elements and local encounters that broaden the mind and result in unforgettable experiences in each destination.

Intimate group sizes, with no more than 18 guests on any tour and guaranteed departures (and a guaranteed host) from the first two guests booked, ensure the right balance of guided activity and breathing room, the time and space for some self-discovery in a destination, and exclusive access to many attractions only available to a small group. On selected journeys, expert local hosts are joined by special guest hosts, entertaining and charismatic travelling companions with strong connections to the destination or expertise relevant to the focus of the journey.

See page 64 for journeys in this region.



CELEBRATE FAMILY AND FRIENDS

At A&K, we're all about creating lasting memories for you, your family and your friends, spending time away together in the world's most special places. Whether you're gathering to celebrate a special milestone - a big birthday, anniversary, honeymoon or wedding - or simply a family get-together, we recognise that shared experiences are the most memorable and we know how to tailor the journey to suit every dynamic.

Our Travel Specialists can create magical moments for every generation travelling. Imagine watching your children or your parents as a herd of elephants emerges from the African bush; the wonder on a child's face at their first iceberg on an Antarctic expedition; the fun of a hands-on pizza-making session in Rome; or the friendly sibling rivalry on a mountain bike excursion in Chile.

A&K'S FAMILY ADVENTURES

Latin America presents an endless list of opportunities and diversions for travellers of all ages. There's outdoor adventure aplenty, world famous cuisine and rich cultural experiences sure to leave you with unforgettable memories.

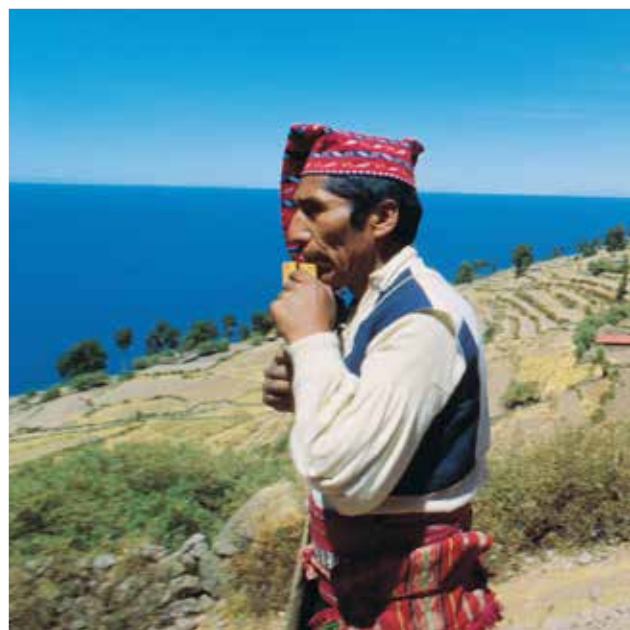
- A cruise in the Galapagos Islands is the ultimate biology lesson that will be remembered for years to come by travellers of all ages. Encounter extraordinary wildlife that remains oblivious to human presence like the blue-footed booby, the prehistoric looking land and marine iguanas and century old Galapagos tortoises, while swimming and snorkelling with sea lions and penguins is a highlight.
- From rainforests and beaches to volcanoes and hot springs, Costa Rica's variety of ecosystems and wildlife presents the ultimate stage for family-friendly adventure. Kayak through the creeks and lagoons of Tortuguero National Park, swim in hot springs warmed by a volcano, marvel at nesting sea turtles and zipline through the rainforest - the journey will be remembered for years to come.

A&K MILESTONE CELEBRATIONS

One of the best ways to mark a special occasion is to take up residence in your own fully-staffed villa, country estancia or luxury vessel. You decide who your guests are, and you set the daily timetable. A&K has access to some extraordinary seaside properties in Mexico, yachts in the Galapagos Islands and ranches in Argentina.

Palmasola at Punta Mita in Mexico is arguably the most beautifully positioned beach villa in the country and has a team of 20 focused solely on delivering the ultimate in personalised service while you relax and have fun. With nine bedrooms spread across the estate, the décor is colourful, fresh and beachy with plenty of room to move while the turquoise waters of Banderas Bay lap at the white sand beyond. There are plenty of land and marine-based activities on offer and fresh, flavoursome Mexican cuisine is a highlight with an award winning chef at the helm.

Charter a catamaran in Ecuador's Galapagos Islands and your milestone will certainly be celebrated in style. Ocean Spray is high performance with room for 16 of your best friends and family. Snorkel and kayak by day, relax on the deck by night and toast the incredible wildlife that you'll see nowhere else on Earth.





“In every destination, A&K’s travel experiences are designed to excite, educate, entertain, intrigue, surprise and delight.”
– Geoffrey Kent





ABERCROMBIE & KENT PHILANTHROPY



A deep-rooted consideration for the natural world infuses each and every Abercrombie & Kent journey.

A&K believes passionately that travel should both respect the natural environment and benefit the indigenous peoples whose lands we visit. For over 30 years, A&K has been intimately involved in the support of these communities, their environments and their ecosystems.

Abercrombie & Kent Philanthropy (AKP), guided by Vice Chairman Jorie Butler Kent, facilitates our commitment to socially and ecologically responsible travel worldwide, as well as helping our guests to become actively involved in these efforts. Every Abercrombie & Kent office plays an important hands-on role in its community, proudly sponsoring projects directly benefiting the local people and environment.

For example, in Peru's Sacred Valley, the Niños del Arco Iris (Children of the Rainbow) project supplies meals, medical care, education and hope for disadvantaged children in the Sacred Valley of the Incas.

Tourism has the potential to enrich yet also threaten the fabric and spirit of fragile destinations. A&K travellers have the opportunity to visit and be personally involved in the project.

Abercrombie & Kent makes a donation to AKP on behalf of every guest travelling.

Programmes marked with a  represent opportunities for travellers to be personally involved in these projects.

For further information about Abercrombie & Kent Philanthropy, please visit www.abercrombiekent.com.au/philanthropy





START EARNING QANTAS POINTS

Earn 1 Qantas Point for every AU\$1 spent on eligible itineraries*.



Abercrombie & Kent guests can earn Qantas Points when booking a luxury holiday. Qantas Frequent Flyer members will earn 1 Qantas Point for every dollar spent on an A&K land itinerary of seven nights or more (excludes taxes and credit card fees)*.

Qantas Frequent Flyers who book a tour with A&K using their Qantas Frequent Flyer linked credit card will also earn additional points**.

Please do take the time to visit our website where we are also highlighting the potential points you could earn when booking eligible itineraries.

Start exploring today, book your qualifying holiday and you could be closer to your dream reward, whether it be a flight to an exotic destination, a shopping voucher or one of the many other rewards available through Qantas Frequent Flyer.

*You must be a Qantas Frequent Flyer Member to earn and redeem Qantas Points. A joining fee may apply. Membership and the earning and redemption of Qantas Points are subject to the Qantas Frequent Flyer Terms and Conditions, available at qantas.com/terms. Qantas Frequent Flyer Members can earn 1 Qantas Point per AU\$1 spent on Eligible Products. Eligible Product(s) means any new International and Domestic private tour land itinerary booking of seven nights or more, created by Abercrombie & Kent, excluding flights (Eligible Booking). Qantas Points shall be awarded to you based upon the final amount spent on any Eligible Booking. Where a refund is applied after you return from your Eligible Booking, the final amount of Qantas Points awarded will be determined by the final amount paid less the refund amount. If Eligible Bookings are made in currencies other than AU\$, the number of Qantas Points earned will be calculated based on the exchange rate of the day when final payment was made. Full terms and conditions can be found at abercrombiekent.com.au/qantas-frequent-flyer/abercrombie-kent-qantas-frequent-flyer-terms-and-conditions

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FREQUENT
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A&K'S LATIN AMERICA

Where will your journey take you?



MEXICO Full of colour, culture, fascinating sights and some of the most beautiful beaches in the world, Mexico is a magical destination with a cuisine to match.



GUATEMALA A small but fascinating blend of ancient Maya traditions, colonial influences and a vibrant Indian culture. It is renowned for its colourful handicrafts, ancient ruins, towering volcanoes, and stunning colonial architecture.



HONDURAS Home to the impressive ancient city of Copán, as well as other Maya ruins, idyllic nature reserves and palm-fringed beaches, Honduras is well worth adding on to any journey in the region.



COSTA RICA This tiny nation is one of the most biodiverse areas on the planet with a wide range of habitats - rainforests, beaches, volcanoes and mangrove swamps - supporting a fascinating variety of wildlife.



ECUADOR Despite its modest size, Ecuador is packed with diverse attractions from the extraordinary wildlife of the Galapagos, biosphere cloud forest and Amazon jungle to the volcanoes and mountains of its interior.



PERU Both Spanish and Inca influences abound throughout Peru with famous ancient sites, grand monuments, Amazon jungle plus a rich textile and vibrant food scene.



EASTER ISLAND



CHILE Chile offers some of the most breathtaking landscapes on the continent from the desert of the north to the glaciers and icebound climes of the south, Pacific islands and fjords, the Andes mountain range and more.



CUBA Classic cars, cigars, music, dance, rum and colonial attractions – just some of the reasons to visit Cuba. It is a fascinating country emerging from economic privation and boasting a rich culture, wildlife habitats and amazing natural beauty.



COLOMBIA Colombia's dramatic landscapes range from high mountains and valleys to desert, jungle, sandy beaches and volcanic coastlines. Its colonial cities are impressive and the people warm and welcoming.



BRAZIL With a vast landmass, Brazil has much to offer, from iconic cities and palm-lined beaches to extraordinary wildlife reserves and spectacular festivals and celebrations.



BOLIVIA Land-locked and at high altitude, Bolivia is one of South America's most rugged countries with breathtaking scenery from high mountain peaks to salt flats, jungle terrain and windswept altiplano.



ARGENTINA Vast and varied, Argentina is the home of tango and the gaucho and boasts a cultured, cosmopolitan capital, a strong Latin vibe and amazing landscapes.





LATIN AMERICA

A continent more dramatic and varied would be hard to find. Landscapes which stretch as far as the eye can see: from the mountains of the Peruvian Andes to Brazil's dense rainforest, the arid desert of Chile's north and the endless Pampas of Argentina. Costa Rica in Central America is one of the most biodiverse nations on earth, while Colombia has a surprising range of ecosystems.

Culturally varied too, each country boasts its own rich and colourful history from pre-Columbian times to the present day and vibrant festival traditions. The people are warm and fun-loving, the food a star attraction and a broad selection of lodgings is available, from slick city boltholes and charming boutique estancias to luxury river cruises and wilderness retreats.

When you explore Latin America with A&K, be assured of an experience like no other.

WHEN TO GO

Peru and Ecuador are year-round destinations with rains Dec-Mar. Colombia's proximity to the Equator keeps temperatures stable throughout the year, around 24°C along the coast and 7-17°C as you move inland with peak travel times Dec-Feb. The Galapagos Islands are predominantly warm and dry with different wildlife attractions throughout the year.

Brazil is best visited Mar-Nov. In summer Rio is hot and humid while Mexico is at its best between Nov and Apr. Costa Rica has two seasons - dry (mid-Nov to Apr with Dec-Jan peak season) and rainy (May to mid-Nov). Guatemala has a pleasant climate year-round with best time to travel Nov-Apr.

In the continent's south, Argentina and Chile are also year-round destinations with warm-hot summers (Jan-Mar), especially in the north and cold winters, particularly at higher altitudes and in the Patagonian south.

A&K ADVANTAGES & INCLUSIONS

Here are the inclusions that make an A&K Private Journey in this part of the world unique:

- Your own dedicated A&K Travel Expert who will work with you before you travel to thoroughly understand your interests, needs and values and recommend ready-to-book A&K itineraries from this brochure, every one of which has been designed with passion, insight and attention to detail incorporating the very best, not just the best-known, options and experiences in the destination.
- Expert local guides who will share their personal insights of the destination, enable unique local encounters and ensure you take away lifelong memories
- A perfectly balanced journey that flows seamlessly from start to finish, with opportunities for self-discovery along the way and the ability to enjoy flexibility during your stay and set your own pace
- Hand-picked accommodation from the very best high end luxury hotels to intimate boutique inns and independently-owned lodgings
- Round-the-clock support in destination through A&K's extensive network of Travel Experts, local offices and associates
- Our 'Design Your Day' initiative is available on selected journeys giving you a choice of included excursions or activities at no additional cost.

Every A&K private journey also includes:

- A personal Meet & Greet on arrival at each destination
- Private transfers and transport in your own luxury vehicle with a driver, bottled water and hand towels
- All breakfasts and many other meals (as specified in the itinerary)
- Entrance fees for all sightseeing and included activities.

Flavours & Rhythms of Brazil



Carnival, Rio de Janeiro

BRAZIL | 10 Days | Rio de Janeiro - Iguazú Falls - Brasilia - Salvador



Welcome to Brazil, a vast nation overflowing with vibrant cultures, unstoppable rhythms and infectious energy. Discover a city where music and dance are as vital to life as air and water. Seek out the country's pulsing epicentre of Afro-Brazilian culture. Contemplate the architectural marvel that is Brasilia. And let endless thunderous waterfalls take your breath away.

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Drink in Rio's magical twilight on the summit of Sugar Loaf Mountain
- Witness an explosion of drums and energy in the epicentre of Afro-Brazilian culture, Salvador
- Stand amongst the thundering, steaming cauldron of 275 waterfalls at Iguazú Falls
- Wander through the futuristic cityscape of Brasilia

Day 1: Arrive Rio de Janeiro. Step into the steamy, sensuous, ever-surprising world of Rio de Janeiro. Get your bearings in this impossibly marvellous city, with its curving white beaches and city neighbourhoods studded with green-shrouded mountains. *Belmond Copacabana Palace (Superior Partial Ocean View)*

Day 2: Design Your Day Rio de Janeiro. Witness one of the Seven Wonders of the Modern World, Corcovado's Christ the Redeemer. Gaze skywards at the sandstone figure towering 38 metres high, with arms pointing north and south, and breathe in sweeping views of the city. Drive via the Maracanã stadium and famous Sambadrome. This afternoon, choose how to continue your city discovery. Step backstage into the captivating world of Rio's Carnival and see the making of the elaborate costumes and imaginative floats, or visit the Botanical Garden, one of the world's most important ecological sanctuaries, at the foot of Corcovado Mountain. Alternatively, head to the bohemian Santa Teresa neighbourhood on Morro do Desterro (Exile Hill) for a taste of Old Rio. Take to the hills in a charming street car, seek out art studios and bars, and stop at the "Little Castle" (B). *Belmond Copacabana Palace (Superior Partial Ocean View)*

Day 3: Rio de Janeiro. Hover over Sugar Loaf Mountain, Christ the Redeemer and the golden beaches of Ipanema and Copacabana in a helicopter flight over the city (additional charge). Then, navigate the streets by bicycle, taking in the hotspots of Copacabana, Ipanema, Leblon and Rodrigo de Freitas lagoon. Reward yourself with refreshing exotic fruits from a local street market. Having gazed at Sugar Loaf from Copacabana beach, take a driving tour through local

neighbourhoods to the base of the mountain. Enjoy the cable car ride to the summit for the best sunset views in the city. Enjoy sundowners and watch in awe as the city lights twinkle through the sea mist (B). *Belmond Copacabana Palace (Superior Partial Ocean View)*

Day 4: Rio de Janeiro - Iguazú Falls. Fly* to Foz do Iguaçu on the Brazilian side of the mighty Iguazú Falls. Drop your bags at the only hotel located within Brazil's Iguassu National Park, Belmond Hotel das Cataratas, just a short stroll from one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. Descend into the canyon and drink in the vista of some 275 falls, before taking a glass elevator back to the top. This evening, relax and witness rainbows of colour on this incredible force of nature (B,L). *Belmond Hotel das Cataratas (Deluxe Garden)*

Day 5: Iguazú Falls. No visit to the Iguazú Falls is complete without experiencing them from the Argentinian perspective, as today's tour will prove. Cross the bridge to Argentina and wander along the network of pathways around the endless sheath of water. Venture by train to the suspended platform at the very brink of the roaring 'Garganta del Diablo' waterfall (Devil's Throat). Take a helicopter flight (additional charge) over the Iguazú National Park for an unrivalled view of the waterfalls, Trés Fronteras (the meeting point of Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay) and the Itaipú Dam and reservoir. Head to the Bird Park, an internationally recognised rescue and conservation centre for birds for an exclusive behind-the-scenes experience where you get up close to rare birdlife. (B,L). *Belmond Hotel das Cataratas (Deluxe Garden)*.



Iguazú Falls

Day 6: Iguazú Falls – Brasilia. Fly* to Brasilia, an architectural masterpiece in the middle of the Brazilian savanna. Lose yourself in this beguiling city, which was designed specially to replace Rio de Janeiro as Brazil's capital. Classified as a UNESCO World Heritage site, Brasilia is a definitive example of 20th century modernist urbanism. On your city tour, explore the genius of city architect Oscar Niemeyer – the sweeping plazas, imposing white concrete monuments and his masterpiece, Catedral Metropolitana (B,D). *Windsor Plaza Brasilia (Superior Executive)*

Day 7: Brasilia – Salvador. Spend a culture-filled morning in Brasilia and learn more about this power centre and architectural showpiece. Later, take your flight* to Salvador, once the magnificent capital of Portugal's New World colony and today the country's Afro-Brazilian jewel. Spend your first evening immersed in the Bahian heritage at the intimate Miguel Santana Theatre. In an explosion of drums and energy, the world-renowned Bahia Folklore Company will enact the dances of the gods in the Candomblé pantheon and the rhythmic martial art, the capoeira. End with a feast of the foods of African gods (B,D). *La Villa Bahia (Standard)*

Day 8: Salvador. To peel back the layers of this Brazilian enigma, start in Pelourinho, a UNESCO World Heritage site and the largest complex of colonial architecture in South America. Wander the cobbled, hilly streets and stop awhile in the municipal square to soak up the city vibe. Take the Elevador Lacerda, a concrete-encased elevator, down to the lower, more modern Salvador where the air is filled with the aroma of acarajé, an African-inspired street food of sizzling shrimp-filled dumplings. Learn to

drink like a local with a curated tasting of cachaça, the Brazilian sugar cane liquor (B,L). *La Villa Bahia (Standard)*

Day 9: Salvador. Spend a whole morning soaking up the local culture in São Joaquim market, the largest market in Salvador. Wander the labyrinth of passageways filled with everything from fresh meat and fish to shoes and statues. Look out for cilantro, limes, garlic, coconut milk and dendê palm oil – all the ingredients for Bahia's best-known dish, moqueca. Then, head to a local restaurant to sample this rich stew of fish and prawns. Fuelled by Bahian inspiration, find your rhythm in an intriguing percussion demonstration and workshop. Pick up the cuica or berimbau drums and follow the local percussionist through a cacophony of beats and techniques (B,L). *La Villa Bahia (Standard)*

Day 10: Depart Salvador. Take a final stroll around this enchanting destination before your transfer to the airport (B).

PRICE

Twin Share Per Person: From \$8,255

Solo Traveller: From \$14,695

*Flight not included



Rio de Janeiro



Fruit stall, Salvador

Treasures of Northern Argentina



ARGENTINA | 12 Days | Buenos Aires – Cafayate – Salta – Iguazú Falls – Iberá



Embark on a pilgrimage from the Argentinian capital north. Discover how sultry Buenos Aires has been igniting passions since South America's colonial days. Venture into a surreal world of gauchos, mineral-coloured hills, dramatic gorges and impossibly good wine in the Calchaquí Valley. And let the wilderness circus of the Iberá wetlands entertain you day and night.

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Seek out dreamy old cafes, lively steakhouses and chic boutiques in Buenos Aires's Palermo Soho
- Sip world-class wines in the rugged Calchaquí Valley
- Venture into the roaring Garganta del Diablo canyon in Iguazú Falls
- Spy caiman, capybara, otters and monkeys on a wildlife safari in the Iberá wetlands

Day 1: Arrive Buenos Aires. Welcome to the Paris of the South where your base is the superb Hotel Legado Mitico, situated in the heart of trendy Palermo Soho. Step out onto the cobblestone streets for your first taste of the capital. *Legado Mitico Buenos Aires (Classic)*

Day 2: Design Your Day Buenos Aires. Spend your morning discovering the many sides to this passion-filled city. Start in the high-class hustle of Recoleta where mansions take you back in time to a grander Argentina. Visit the vast, surprisingly romantic Recoleta Cemetery and find the tomb of Argentina's first lady, Eva Peron. Then, step inside the dazzling opulence of the Teatro Colon opera house to discover a seven-storey labyrinth of stages, chandelier-lit hallways and dressing rooms. The afternoon is yours to design – choose from a bike tour of city highlights, a discovery of vibrant street art, or uncover some of the most recognisable landmarks in the "Paris of the South". Later, your dinner at The Argentine Experience promises more than exquisitely cooked steak paired with free-flowing malbec. Try your hand at making empanadas and dulce de leche filled biscuits while feasting on a wonderful meal (B,D). *Legado Mitico Buenos Aires (Classic)*

Day 3: Buenos Aires – Cafayate. Fly* to Salta, where your journey continues by road to Cafayate. Here, world-class wines share the spotlight with a surreal, mountainous landscape. Drink in this dazzlingly sunlit Andean valley from the luxury of your accommodation. And discover firsthand how the Calchaquí Valley's ancient traditions promoting relaxation, health and pleasure are still thriving (B). *Patios de Cafayate Hotel & Spa (Gallery)*

Day 4: Cafayate. Explore the colonial town of Cafayate and meander through streets with baroque-style houses and a picturesque stone mill. Visit the Museum of Vine and Wine to learn how Argentina's combination of culture, high-altitude vineyards and terroir allows it to produce some of the most unique wines in the world. Then, put your new knowledge to work at local wineries where you can sip the region's famed Torrontés varietal (B,L). *Patios de Cafayate Hotel & Spa (Gallery)*

Day 5: Cafayate – Salta. Journey through gorges to the foothills of the majestic Nevado de Cachi to the classic desert pueblo of Cachi. Enjoy a decadent lunch paired with local wine, before continuing over Cuesta del Obispo to your destination in the far northwest of Argentina: Salta (B,L). *Legado Mitico Salta (Mitico Superior)*

Day 6: Salta. Spend your day discovering why Salta is a world apart from the rest of the country. Meander through narrow streets and plazas steeped in Andean tradition. Marvel at the mountains that stand guard protectively over the city. Look for the ornate cathedral in dazzling pink and cream. Later, you may choose to enjoy sundowners in the shade of your hotel courtyard before dining late at one of the many *parillas*, with plenty of local wine and dancing (B). *Legado Mitico Salta (Mitico Superior)*

Day 7: Salta. Rumble past the rugged landscape by 4WD to the little town of Purmamarca, where mineral pigments in the Hill of Seven Colours look like ripples of ice cream. Continue north on the Camino Inca through the silent beauty of Quebrada de Humahuaca, a narrow valley steeped in more than 10,000 years of history. Stop at Tilcara to browse local crafts and hike to the pre-Inca settlement of Pucará de Tilcara, before returning to Salta (B,L). *Legado Mitico Salta (Mitico Superior)*



Teatro Colon Opera House, Buenos Aires

Day 8: Salta – Iguazú Falls. Fly* to Puerto Iguazú Falls, a tiny town on the border of Brazil and Argentina. Here, discover why the mighty Iguazú Falls are one of the New Seven Wonders of the World (B). *Melia Iguazú (Premier Falls View)*

Day 9: Iguazú Falls. Explore the Argentine side of the falls, surrounded by lush tropical forest that's home to more than 2,000 species of flora and over 500 bird species. Wander along the network of pathways and gaze at the endless sheath of water - some 275 thundering cascades across three kilometres. Venture by train for a close-up tour of Devil's Gorge, the most dramatic fall, before embarking on a jeep ride through riverside jungle following the Yacaratiá trail to Port Macuco. Here, a motorboat awaits to take you up the Lower Iguazú River, through rapids into the roaring Garganta del Diablo canyon in the heart of the falls (B). *Melia Iguazú (Premier Falls View).*

Day 10: Iguazú Falls – Iberá. Drive to a forgotten Jesuit sanctuary in the jungles of Argentina, the ruins of San Ignacio. Discover why this mission, one of the oldest in the region, was declared a UNESCO World Heritage site. Wander through the rich archaeological site of carved red sandstone and rock, and picture a time when these religious settlements provided a utopian refuge for indigenous people. Later, learn how powerful rainforest trees are turned into Argentina's popular caffeinated drink at a yerba mate plantation. Arrive at your hotel, a former cattle ranch in the heart of one of the largest conservation areas in Argentina (B,L,D). *Puerto Valle Hotel (Casco)*

Day 11: Iberá. Leave behind the fields, pine plantations and marshlands of your ranch for your boat trip along a waterway to Laguna Valle. Look out for caimans, capybaras – the world's largest rodent, marshland deer and otters along the way, not to mention over 350 bird species. Later, picnic on local produce as the sun sets and creatures of the night come out to play (B,L,D). *Puerto Valle Hotel (Casco)*

Day 12: Iberá – Buenos Aires. Bid farewell to the wildlife of the Iberá wetlands, before your transfer to Posadas Airport for your flight* back to the capital (B).

PRICE

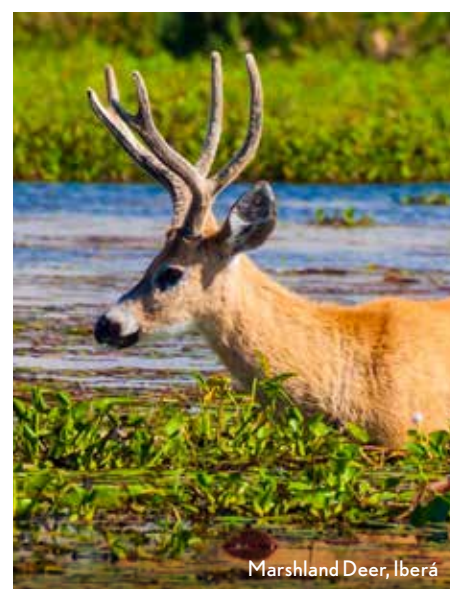
Twin Share Per Person: From \$8,995

Solo Traveller: From \$15,395

*Flight not included



Iguazú Falls



Marshland Deer, Iberá

Buenos Aires to Rio



ARGENTINA & BRAZIL | 12 Days | Buenos Aires – The Pampas – Iguazú Falls – Ouro Preto – Rio de Janeiro



Move to the hypnotic rhythm of Argentina and Brazil on this journey between two of the region's most cosmopolitan metropolises. Tangle yourself in cities overflowing with history, culture and a love of the good life. And discover a whole world of contrasts in between, from laidback estancias in the Pampas to the natural spectacle of Iguazú Falls and the art mecca of Inhotim.

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Learn about the life, loves and labour of Argentina's first lady, Evita
- Experience gaucho life at a typical estancia
- Step backstage into the vibrant, energetic world of Rio's Carnival
- Get caught in the seductive embrace of Argentina's most sensuous dance, tango
- Discover Brazil's best-kept secret for lovers of contemporary art

Day 1: Arrive Buenos Aires, Argentina. Step into a world of passion in Buenos Aires, the Paris of the South. Immerse yourself in the city's many sides, from gritty La Boca and the dilapidated charm of San Telmo to the high-class hustle of Recoleta and leafy streets of Belgrano. Wander through the urban catwalk of Palermo with your personal guide. Stroll the cobbled streets filled with porteños clad in beautiful attire from chic boutiques, sipping coffee at the pavement cafes. Head to Bosques de Palermo to admire the Japanese and rose gardens, race track and polo grounds. *Legado Mitico Buenos Aires (Classic)*

Day 2: Design Your Day Buenos Aires. This morning, walk in the footsteps of the First Lady of Argentina, Eva Peron. On your private tour, uncover the myths and legends of this fascinating Argentinian who helped women get the vote, founded hospitals and orphanages and helped secure labour benefits for the working class. Learn about her life and work at the Evita Museum. Take in the famous balcony, the Labour Ministry, Avenida de Mayo, Our Lady of Pilar Church and finally, the vast Recoleta Cemetery – the so-called City of Angels where Eva rests. The afternoon is yours to design – choose from a bike tour of the city highlights, a tour of the vibrant urban street art culture, or a wine tasting in elegant Palermo. This evening, get caught in the seductive embrace of Argentina's most sensuous dance. From the moment you enter the see-and-be-seen Faena Hotel, you'll realise that Rojo Tango is not your average dinner and show. A live band and sensuous dancers will leave you breathless, while the Faena's gastronomic offering teams aromas and textures with Argentina's finest wines (B,D). *Legado Mitico Buenos Aires (Classic)*

Day 3: Buenos Aires – San Miguel del Monte.

This morning, enter the dazzling opulence of the Teatro Colon. Discover a seven-storey labyrinth of stages, chandelier-lit hallways, dressing rooms, workshops and rehearsal rooms on your behind-the-scenes tour of a building that was ranked the third best opera house in the world by National Geographic. Later, drive to the wilds of the Pampas to experience the true Argentina at a typical estancia. Saddle up for a ride, laze in the outdoor pool, help the gauchos with some light farm work or simply soak up the great green canvas around you (B,D). *Candelaria del Monte (Suite Z)*

Day 4: The Pampas. Immerse yourself in estancia life this morning. Explore the property on a horse ride, by carriage or by bike. Challenge locals to a game of bocce, Argentine style. Or simply relax on the porch, watching local life unfold around you. Later, head into the village to visit the local silversmith workshop, a tradition from the times when the gauchos carried their wealth on their belts in silver coins (B,L,D). *Candelaria del Monte (Suite Z)*

Day 5: The Pampas – Iguazú Falls. Transfer to the airport for your flight* to Puerto Iguazú. Here in this quiet town on the border of Brazil, Argentina and Paraguay, discover why the mighty Iguazú Falls are one of the New Seven Wonders of the World (B). *Melia Iguazú (Premier Falls View)*

Day 6: Iguazú Falls. Explore the Argentinian side of the falls, surrounded by lush tropical forest that's home to more than 2,000 species of flora and over 500 bird species. Wander along the network of pathways and gaze at the endless sheath of water – some 275 thundering cascades across three kilometres. Venture by train for a close-up tour of Devil's Gorge, the most dramatic drop, before



Ouro Preto

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Day 7: Iguazú Falls – Ouro Preto, Brazil.

No visit to the Iguazú Falls is complete without experiencing them from the Brazilian perspective, as your morning tour will prove. Then, transfer to Foz do Iguaçu for your onward flight* to Belo Horizonte and the journey to Ouro Preto, in the Brazilian state of Minas Gerais. Once the richest city in the New World, Ouro Preto, which translates to “Black Gold”, is today a masterpiece of colonial Brazilian architecture and art. Your dinner reservation is at Benê da Fluta, where stories of the city’s heroes, writers and artists abound (B,D). *Solar do Rosario (Ouro Apartment)*

Day 8: Ouro Preto. Step back in time in this perfectly preserved 18th century town and imagine the glory of a richer, more splendid past. Everywhere you go you find yourself surrounded by astonishing beauty: the city theatre – the oldest in Brazil, magnificent colonial palaces with ornate balconies and pretty porches, mansions with colourful little shutters, baroque fountains, and enchanting little boutiques. Continue your tour to the “Enchanted City” of Mariana. Navigate the picturesque streets dotted with artist studios, intricately decorated churches and colonial gems (B,L). *Solar do Rosario (Ouro Apartment)*

Day 9: Ouro Preto. Lose yourself in the art wonderland of Inhotim, arguably the finest outdoor contemporary art centre in the world. Nestled in the remote southeastern town of Brumadinho, Inhotim promises a full-sensory unparalleled aesthetic experience. Spend the day exploring the sprawling 5,000 acres of lush botanical gardens, designed by Brazilian landscape artist Roberto Burle Marx, which house some 500 works by 100 artists from 30 countries (B,L). *Solar do Rosario (Ouro Apartment)*

Day 10: Ouro Preto – Rio de Janeiro. Travel to Belo Horizonte airport and fly* to Rio de Janeiro, where incredible contrasts of colour, lifestyles and dazzling scenery await. Drop your bags at your Copacabana beachside hotel before taking the cable car to the summit of Sugar Loaf for the best sunset in the city. Enjoy sundowners and watch in awe as the city lights twinkle through the sea mist (B). *Hotel Emiliano (Ocean Deluxe)*

Day 11: Rio de Janeiro. Step backstage to discover more about Rio’s famous Carnival. Move to the hypnotic rhythm of samba at Grande Rio’s samba school. Create your own beats in a percussion workshop. Learn about the roots of samba and the carnival. See the making of the elaborate costumes and imaginative floats, ranging from giant peacocks and pineapples to Venetian pianos and Egyptian pharaohs. Later, head to bohemian Santa Teresa neighbourhood on Morro do Desterro (Exile Hill) for a taste of Old Rio. Take to the hills in a charming street car, seek out art studios and bars, and stop at the “Little Castle” (B,L). *Hotel Emiliano (Ocean Deluxe)*



Rojo Tango, Buenos Aires

Day 12: Depart Rio de Janeiro. Witness one of the seven wonders of the modern world, Corcovado’s Christ the Redeemer. Gaze skywards at the sandstone figure towering 38 metres high, with arms pointing north and south, and bask in the views of the city before you. Capture this lasting image of Rio before your transfer to the airport for your outbound flight (B).

PRICE

Twin Share Per Person: From \$13,225

Solo Traveller: From \$21,995

*Flight not included

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Capybara, Pantanal wetlands

PANTANAL

The Pantanal may live in the shadow of the Amazon, but it promises a wildlife experience like no other. Follow the Transpantaneira Highway from the Brazilian town of Poconé into vast wetlands that are considered to be South America's finest destination for animal viewing. Watch in quiet awe as capybaras, hyacinth macaws, giant anteaters, and ring-tailed coatis emerge from seemingly impenetrable bushes. Drift along the waters in search of the elusive jaguar on the river banks. And greet friendly giant otters in their natural habitat. With 698 bird species, 80 mammals, 260 fish species and 50 reptiles in this biogeographic mixing bowl, wild encounters promise to be just that.

& A&K RECOMMENDS

Jungle Safari Experience from Cuiabá | 6 Days

Twin Share Per Person From: \$9,245

Solo Traveller: From \$14,685



Paraty

PARATY

The perfect antidote to the frenetic pace of Rio, Paraty lures with its slower pace. Meander through the cobble streets under the shady mango trees and lose yourself amongst the plethora of trendy cafes, bars and art galleries. Follow the aroma of fresh seafood to laidback restaurants. Glide on a private schooner around the surrounding islands and beaches of rare isolated beauty. And venture into the nearby Serra da Bocaina National Park to explore the diverse ecosystems of the Atlantic Forest. Here, the Toboggan Falls are sure to invigorate those daring enough to try the natural waterslide. Afterwards, head to the nearby cachaça distillery to sample Brazil's most famous spirit – a timely reward.

& A&K RECOMMENDS

Coastal Paraty from Rio de Janeiro | 4 Days

Twin Share Per Person From: \$3,145

Solo Traveller: From \$6,145



Amazon river

AMAZON

Reveal wild wonders with a journey into the Amazon Basin. Head north to one of the greatest fluvial archipelago systems in the world, Anavilhanas Ecological Station, a UNESCO-listed 100,000-hectare mosaic of dense forest and interlocking waterways. Let the luxury sustainable lodge perched on the edge of the reserve become your base as you explore by canoe and on foot. Try your hand at piranha fishing. Inhale the remarkable variety of plant life. Watch craftsmen at work in isolated riverside communities. Spy macaws, sloths, tree frogs and pink dolphins by day. Then, when dusk falls, feel the forest come alive as you glide in canoes in silent search of alligators. It may be remote, but the Amazon is full of life.

& A&K RECOMMENDS

Amazon Adventure from Manaus | 5 Days

Twin Share Per Person From: \$3,895

Solo Traveller: From \$5,825

EXPLORE MORE OF ARGENTINA

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Vineyard, Mendoza

MENDOZA

When it comes to Argentinian wine, Mendoza is the headline act. Discover the winemaking prowess and welcoming vibe of this spectacular Andes-dominated setting. Taste the complexities of award-winning malbecs or the simple vino patero (foot-pressed wine). Venture through the southerly lowlands of the Uco Valley and step into the tasting room to compare the fruits of Mendoza's diverse microclimates. Sample mouth-watering Argentine cuisine in rural family-run eateries and celebrity chef-owned restaurants. Even learn how to create your own local delicacies in a private cooking class. If ever proof was needed that Argentina is the wine-making capital of the world, you may just find it here.

& A&K RECOMMENDS

Wineries of Mendoza from Mendoza | 4 days
Twin Share Per Person From: \$2,125
Solo Traveller: From \$3,995



Salta Cabildo, Salta

SALTA

Multi-coloured striped mountains, a strong Andean culture and high-altitude wines – northwest Argentina is a world apart from the rest of the country. Meander through the narrow pristine lime-washed streets and plazas of Cafayate, birthplace of the famous Torrontés wine. Sip the region's famous varietal in some of the world's highest vineyards, and even indulge in wine ice-cream back in town. Venture into a lunar landscape in search of almost 10,000 years of history. Then, dine late at one of Salta's many parillas, serenaded by the local music and dancing of El Norte.

& A&K RECOMMENDS

Hidden Treasures of Salta from Salta | 5 days
Twin Share Per Person From: \$2,565
Solo Traveller: From \$4,495



Nahuel Huapi National Park

BARILOCHE

Cobalt blue lakes and towering mountains of sheer granite crowned by glistening snow – this is Bariloche in Argentina's Lake District. On the surface, the wooden chalet architecture and chocolate shops may be reminiscent of the Swiss Alps, but the sheer unspoilt beauty far outshines its European rival. Discover the Nahuel Huapi National Park and choose from a seemingly endless list of outdoor adventures. Trek through evergreen Valdivian rainforest to Lake Nahuel Huapi, the largest in the region. Wind down a maze of mountain trails by bike. Take aim with archery on the coast of Lake Moreno. Or simply relax in the pool, taking in your own alpine paradise.

& A&K RECOMMENDS

Majestic Bariloche from Bariloche | 3 days
Twin Share Per Person From: \$2,395
Solo Traveller: From \$3,895

Chile & Argentina: Grapes and Gourmet



Bodega Catena Zapata, Mendoza

CHILE & ARGENTINA | 15 Days | Santiago - Valparaíso - Casablanca Valley - Mendoza - Cafayate - Iguazú Falls - Buenos Aires



From the world's highest vineyards to hidden bodegas, taste a world of extremes in South America. Linger in cellars to discover the secrets of Chile and Argentina's world-famous wines. Learn local tricks of the trade from celebrated chefs. And get caught in the passion of the 'Paris of the South'. This is South America at its most intoxicating.

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Meet winemakers in the Casablanca Valley
- Wander through rows of colourful houses perched on the hills of Valparaíso
- Uncover barrel room secrets to blend your own wine
- Join one of Mendoza's chief winemakers for an intimate dinner at his estate
- Learn the secrets of Argentinian cuisine in a hands-on cooking class

Day 1: Arrive Santiago, Chile. Welcome to Santiago, one of the world's most spectacularly located cities. Ease into local time with a walking tour of the vibrant creative districts and the triumph of colonial-style architecture. Then, head back to trendy Lastarria where you may choose to seek out your hotel's rooftop bar for laid-back drinks and Andes views. *The Singular Santiago (Singular Room)*

Day 2: Santiago - Valparaíso. Continue your Santiago discovery this morning. Step inside the treasure-filled La Chascona, built by Chilean poet Pablo Neruda for his mistress. Travel back in time at the Museo Chileno de Arte Precolombino, one of the world's best museums for ancient Central and South American artefacts. Finish at the top of South America's tallest building, Sky Costanera, where the city will be reduced to toy-town proportions. This afternoon, journey west to the gorgeous coastal city of Valparaíso (B). *Casa Higuera Hotel (Premium)*

Day 3: Valparaíso. Discover a port town oozing with culture, nestled between the mountains and the sea. Step aboard gravity-defying funicular railways to explore the labyrinth of colourful hills that earned a place on the UNESCO World Heritage List. Spend time admiring the vibrant street art and continue your education on Chile's Nobel Prize-winning poet, Pablo Neruda, at his residence 'La Sebastiana'. Halt for lunch at arguably the freshest fish and seafood spot on the Pacific, before continuing to explore (B,L). *Casa Higuera Hotel (Premium)*

Day 4: Valparaíso - Casablanca Valley. Leave the coast and continue into the mountain-rimmed vineyards of Casablanca Valley. Discover firsthand why this unspoiled terroir produces Chile's best

drops as you visit some of the region's most prestigious winemakers. Meander through the vines and savour the lusty flavours of Pinot Noir and Cabernet Sauvignon. Learn the secrets of a winning vintage straight from the masters and put your knowledge to work as you create your very own blend. Journey deeper into this wine lover's paradise to Rosario Valley, and find your guest house in the vines (B,L,D). *La Casona Matetic (Standard)*

Day 5: Casablanca Valley. Explore wine country, your way. Linger in the barrel rooms for an exclusive tasting led by passionate winemakers. In between tastings, wind through the valley on foot, horseback or bicycle. Or take your place on the terrace and enjoy precious hours of quietude drinking in the vine-ruffled hills (B,L,D). *La Casona Matetic (Standard)*

Day 6: Casablanca Valley - Mendoza, Argentina. Transfer to Santiago for your flight* to Mendoza, the mountainous capital of Argentina's thriving wine scene. See where Old-World expertise meets New-World innovation, as you taste the complexities of award-winning malbecs and simple vino patero (foot-pressed wine). Join one of Mendoza's chief winemakers for an intimate dinner at his estate, El Enemigo, and be the first to sip his yet-to-be-released creations (B,D). *Entre Cielos (Classic)*

Day 7: Mendoza. Drink in the winemaking prowess of this spectacular Andes-dominated setting. Visit one of the world's greatest wine estates, Bodega Catena Zapata. Learn how the winemakers of Finca Decero Winery tend to their wines by hand. And take a long indulgent pause for lunch paired with wines (B,L). *Entre Cielos (Classic)*



The Argentine Experience, Buenos Aires

Day 8: Mendoza. Venture through the southerly lowlands of the Uco Valley. Step into the winery kitchen to learn how to create local delicacies in a private cooking class. Master the art of empanadas, humita and pollo al disco using seasonal produce from the garden, before feasting on your creations (B,L). *Entre Cielos (Classic)*

Day 9: Mendoza – Cafayate. Fly* to Salta, a province in north western Argentina that's home to some of the world's highest vineyards. Travel through dramatic landscapes to Cafayate, a small town in the Calchaquí Valley. Stretch your legs with a meander to the central square, a perfect people-watching spot, to soak up the friendly local buzz (B,L). *Patios de Cafayate Hotel & Spa (Sepulveda Jardin)*

Day 10: Cafayate. Explore the home of the world-famous Torrontés white wine. Meander through narrow pristine lime-washed streets and plazas. Seek out locally crafted pottery, tapestry and knitted fabrics in the market and shops. Venture out to one of the nearby wineries to sample local varietals. Continue your vino education back in the town's wine museum, Museo de la Vid y el Vino, before pausing to sample the town's unique wine-flavoured ice-cream. Later, choose a bodega to sample fresh regional products such as trout, llama meat and quinoa (B). *Patios de Cafayate Hotel & Spa (Sepulveda Jardin)*

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Day 13: Iguazú Falls – Buenos Aires. Journey to the airport for your flight*. Arrive in Buenos Aires, brimming with creative talent, atmospheric cafes and aristocratic mansions. Spend the afternoon easing into the 'Paris of the South'. Step outside your hotel to encounter the city's European history with a guided walk through Recoleta, where neo-classical mansions sit alongside bustling street markets. This evening, get caught in the seductive embrace of Argentina's most sensuous dance. At Rojo Tango, a live band and sensuous dancers will leave you breathless, while the Faena's gastronomic offering teams aromas and textures with Argentina's finest wines (B,D). *Four Seasons Buenos Aires (City View)*

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Day 15: Depart Buenos Aires. Take a final stroll around the enchanting city, before your transfer to the airport (B).

PRICE

Twin Share Per Person: From \$13,495
Solo Traveller: From \$23,225

*Flight not included

Patagonia and Beyond



ARGENTINA & CHILE | 9 Days | Ushuaia - El Calafate - Puerto Natales - Santiago



Raw, thrilling and extraordinary: a journey through the wilds of Patagonia is unparalleled. Hike to the edges of glaciers, where ice cracks and rumbles around you. Journey to a ranch at the end of the world. And inhale the sheer enormity of physical space that will get your heart racing. In Patagonia, this is just the tip of the iceberg.

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Get a striking insight into life at the end of the world at the region's oldest ranch
- Watch ice shift on one of the fastest moving and last advancing glaciers on the planet
- Explore the fabled "land of fire"
- Venture into the wilderness of Torres del Paine National Park
- Walk among native Magellanic penguins on Isla Martillo

Day 1: Arrive Ushuaia, Argentina. Welcome to the southernmost city on Earth, or as locals boast: "El fin del mundo" (The end of the world). Once known as the Siberia of Argentina, Ushuaia is today a charming gateway to the Patagonian paradise of Tierra del Fuego. Get straight to the heart of the city's beguiling history at the military prison, where tales of the most notorious residents will astonish and amaze. Your hotel is set on a magnificent outcrop high above the city inside the Reserva Natural Cerro Alakén, just a few minutes from downtown Ushuaia. *Arakur Ushuaia (Superior Deluxe)*

Day 2: Ushuaia. Journey into Tierra del Fuego's extreme remoteness. Stop at the region's oldest ranch, Estancia Harberton, located on a peninsula jutting out into the gunboat-grey Beagle Channel. Sail to Isla Martillo and walk among the enchanting native Magellanic penguins, as well as smaller colonies of gentoo and king penguins. Continue to the far-flung Gable Island for a rustic lunch before your return trip (B,L). *Arakur Ushuaia (Superior Deluxe)*

Day 3: Design Your Day Ushuaia. Spend your day exploring the Tierra del Fuego National Park, the southernmost example of the Andean-Patagonian forest, and discover why the fabled "land of fire" has fascinated intrepid explorers for centuries. Ride the historic railroad across the narrow gorge of the Cañadon del Toro to the national park. Discover the true wonders of the remote and rugged archipelago on foot and by canoe. Or trek into the wild forest of Cerro Alakén (B). *Arakur Ushuaia (Superior Deluxe)*

Day 4: Ushuaia - El Calafate. Journey onwards to El Calafate by flight*, the gateway to Los Glaciares National Park. Soak in the atmosphere of this lakeside oasis in the middle of the barren Patagonian landscape. Spend time in your luxury

accommodation or take a short stroll to the nearby ecological reserve, Lake Nimez, to spot Chilean flamingos (B). *Posada Los Alamos (Standard)*

Day 5: El Calafate. Venture to the Perito Moreno Glacier, a five-kilometre wide, 60-kilometre long and 70-metre high wall of ice that dramatically ends in Lake Argentino. Drink in one of the most spectacular natural sights on earth with walkways that put you just metres from the ice. Reflect on the spectacle and listen for rumbles as the glacier breaks and shifts. Cruise across Lake Rico to witness icebergs calving off the massive ice sheet, which is one of the few remaining advancing glaciers in the world (B,L). *Posada Los Alamos (Standard)*

Day 6: El Calafate - Puerto Natales, Chile. Travel to Cerro Castillo on the Chilean border and cross over to Puerto Natales, a city at the edge of Chilean Patagonia. Your base here is a unique hotel located in a converted cold-storage plant built in 1915. Soak up the atmosphere of this quaint fishing town with its hip eateries and shops, and weigh up the many options for exploring the Torres del Paine National Park. Torres del Paine National Park is 242,000 hectares of geological and glacial magnificence in Chile's wedge of Patagonia. Here, it's easy to see how Patagonia enlightened the young, inquisitive Charles Darwin and inspired aviator and author Antoine de Saint-Exupéry. This afternoon, start your adventure with your choice of exclusive expeditions and activities (B,L,D). *The Singular Patagonia (Singular Room)*.

Days 7-8: Puerto Natales. Choose from The Singular's menu of 20 expeditions into the otherworldly landscape of granite spires, ice and deserted pampas that is Torres del Paine. Sail through the Patagonian Fjords and marvel at the Balmaceda and Serrano glaciers. Observe the prolific wildlife, including flamingo, condor and



Sealions, Ushuaia, Argentina

guanaco – a llama-like native of South America and tasty bait for pumas. Meet local Patagonians and learn their way of life. Trek far off the beaten path and see firsthand how the jagged granite ridges and spires are magnificently serrated. Celebrate your discoveries the Patagonian way – with a feast of meats barbecued over hot coals (B,L,D). *The Singular Patagonia (Singular Room)*

Day 9: Puerto Natales – Santiago. Journey to Punta Arenas and fly* onwards to Santiago where your journey ends (B).

PRICE

Twin Share Per Person: From \$10,295

Solo Traveller: From \$17,295

*Flight not included



The Singular Patagonia

Extend your Journey



Uncover the Chilean Lake district cross the Andes back into Argentina and end in Bariloche.

Patagonia and Beyond plus Chilean Lake District | 12 Days

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Perito Moreno glacier, El Calafate

Wonders of Chile



CHILE | 14 Days | Santiago – Atacama – Chiloé – Patagonia



Venture into a land of extremes. From the driest place on Earth, the Atacama Desert, to the juicy grapes of the Casablanca Valley. From the bustling capital to the soul-stirring wilderness of Torres del Paine. It may be narrow, but Chile packs an unforgettable punch.

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the soul-stirring wilderness of Torres del Paine National Park
- Meet pioneering winemakers in the world-famous Casablanca Valley
- Venture into the hauntingly beautiful Atacama Desert
- Immerse yourself in island life on picturesque Chiloé
- Explore Chilean history in dynamic Santiago

Day 1: Arrive Santiago. Discover a city full of surprises. Step inside the treasure-filled La Chascona, built by Chilean poet Pablo Neruda for his mistress. Take the funicular railway to San Cristóbal Hill to soak up the spectacular views. And ride the cable car to eclectic Providencia. End today at the top of the Sky Costanera, the tallest building in South America at 300 metres with an impressive 360° view of the metropolis. *Ritz-Carlton Santiago (Deluxe)*

Day 2: Santiago – San Pedro de Atacama (2,500m). Fly* to Calama and onwards by road to the oasis town of San Pedro de Atacama, your gateway to the wonders of the Atacama Desert (B,L,D). *Tierra Atacama (Orient)*

Days 3-4: Atacama Desert. Explore your way over the next two full days. Visit the remote lagoons of Aguas Calientes and the surprising salt flats of Tuyajto. Marvel at the Licancabur volcano or the huge steam columns of the Tatio geysers. Or watch flocks of feeding flamingos on the Atacama salt flat (B,L,D). *Tierra Atacama (Orient)*

Day 5: Atacama – Santiago. Return to Santiago by air* and later begin your private walking tour. Start at the grand La Moneda Palace and step back in time in the nearby Museo Chileno de Arte Precolombino. Watch chess players in the Plaza de Armas and soak up the vibrant artistic life of Lastarria (B). *Ritz-Carlton Santiago (Deluxe)*

Day 6: Santiago. Journey to the heart of Chile's famous Casablanca Valley, home to a generation of pioneering winemakers. Head to Viña Matetic and learn the artistry of organic and bio-dynamic winemaking. Sample an extraordinary medley of wines before lunch overlooking the vast expanse of plains and valleys. Later, enjoy a tasting and blending experience led by the winemaker and make your very own wine (B,L). *Ritz-Carlton Santiago (Deluxe)*

Day 7: Santiago – Chiloé. Fly* to Castro in Chiloé. Chile's second-largest island is overflowing with timeless traditions, ethereal beauty and surprising wildlife for you to discover (B,L,D). *Tierra Chiloé (Superior)*

Days 8-9: Chiloé. Enjoy two whole days immersed in the magic of Chiloé. Sail around picturesque coves. Seek out the antique wooden churches so architecturally unique that UNESCO declared them World Heritage Monuments. Glimpse curlews, Chilean flamingos and cormorants. And step inside the island's peculiar stilted homes (B,L,D). *Tierra Chiloé (Superior)*

Day 10: Chiloé – Patagonia. A flight* south to Punta Arenas, the Patagonian city with the richest history. Soak up the bustling vibe before journeying onwards to the headline act: the Torres del Paine National Park (B,L,D). *Tierra Patagonia Hotel & Spa (Superior)*

Days 11-13: Torres del Paine. Spend three whole days exploring soul-stirring wilderness, your way. Trek forest trails and drink in panoramic views of geographic formations that are millions of years old. Spy a variety of animals, including guanaco, condors, foxes and flamingos. Seek out ancient cave paintings and hidden waterfalls. And watch icebergs from the Grey Glacier (B,L,D). *Tierra Patagonia Hotel & Spa (Superior)*

Day 14: Torres del Paine – Depart Santiago. Transfer to Punta Arenas airport and fly* back to Santiago (B).

PRICE

Twin Share Per Person: From \$14,395

Solo Traveller: From \$20,335

*Flight not included

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Easter Island

EASTER ISLAND

Guarded by some 400 moai stone statues, "Rapa Nui" has long tempted adventurous souls keen to unravel its mysteries. See why on your own discovery of this beguiling island perched in the middle of the South Pacific. Explore the wild coastline on foot, by bicycle or on horseback. Marvel at the natural lava tube cave once used for shelter by ancient islanders. Join local families around the table for incredible stories, food and new friendship. Hike to the volcanic crater of Rano Raraku, where hundreds of moai were carved. But don't be surprised if, after all this, you find yourself relaxing on the soft white sands of this extraordinary island, content that the mystery will live on.

& A&K RECOMMENDS

Experience Easter Island from Easter Island | 5 days

Twin Share Per Person From: \$2,865

Solo Traveller: From \$3,595



Pucón

PUCÓN

Discover a vast, unspoiled landscape filled with spectacular contrasts of ancient forest, fertile farmland, sapphire-blue lakes and glowing volcanoes. Find a hiker's paradise or channel your inner huaso (cowboy) and learn to ride horses. Fly-fish on the banks of impossibly clear rivers. Marvel at the indigenous Mapuche culture. And relish in the knowledge that every day ends with exceptional Chilean wine, farm-fresh food, and a luxurious soak in bubbling hot springs.

& A&K RECOMMENDS

Chile's Lake District from Temuco | 4 Days

Twin Share Per Person From: \$3,595

Solo Traveller: From \$5,395



Colchagua Valley, Valparaíso

VINEYARDS & VALPARAISO

Venture into the mountain-rimmed vineyards of Colchagua Valley and discover firsthand why this unspoiled terroir produces Chile's best drops. Stroll through the vines and learn the secrets of a winning vintage straight from the masters. Linger in the barrel rooms of Chile's most prestigious winemakers and savour the lusty flavours of Pinot Noir and Cabernet Sauvignon. Wind through the valley on foot or horseback, or take your place on the terrace and enjoy precious hours of quietude soaking up the vine-ruffled hills. Journey through the valley to Valparaíso, nestled between the mountains and the sea. Step aboard gravity-defying funicular railways to explore the colourful labyrinth hills that earned a place on the UNESCO World Heritage List.

& A&K RECOMMENDS

Explore Chile's Wineries and Coast from Santiago | 4 days

Twin Share Per Person From: \$3,995

Solo Traveller: From \$6,865

Peru in Depth



Local colour, Cusco

PERU | 15 Days | Lima - Puerto Maldonado - Sacred Valley - Machu Picchu - Cusco - Puno



Some of the most intriguing mysteries of the world await within Peru. Step back in time to unravel secrets of the Incas in the lost city of Machu Picchu. Roam the cobblestone streets of Lima and Cusco to uncover hidden treasures. Then venture beyond to discover an endless land of wilderness, intriguing cultures and even new species.

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover the mysteries of Machu Picchu, the lost city of the Incas
- Indulge in a secret high tea overlooking Cusco Cathedral
- Roam high above the rainforest on the Inkatererra Canopy Walkway
- Taste the real Peru in an intimate cooking lesson
- Spend time with villagers in the Sacred Valley

AKP supported project:
Children of the Rainbow



Day 1: Arrive Lima. Perched on cliffs by the Pacific Ocean, Lima is one of Latin America's most surprising cities. A leisurely walk promises history, colour, and culture at every turn. *Hotel B (Aposento)*

Day 2: Lima. Taste the real Peru with a revealing culinary experience. Take a trip to the local market to source fresh ingredients for a hands-on class in bohemian Barranco. With a pisco sour in hand, you'll become sous chef for the morning as a local chef shares Lima's classic recipes. After enjoying the spoils of your labour, unlock the secrets of the "City of Kings" on a tour led by a local expert. Find South America's oldest house amongst hidden courtyards, and ramshackle rooftops. Stand in Lima's birthplace, Plaza Mayor, and admire architectural masterpieces including the historic cathedral, grand presidential palace and Santo Domingo Convent (B,L). *Hotel B (Aposento)*

Day 3: Lima. This morning, lose yourself amongst more than 45,000 classified archaeological objects in the Larco Museum. Then, embark on your own treasure hunt through the city, or find some closer to home at the Lucia de la Puente Gallery adjoining your hotel during your time at leisure. (B, L). *Hotel B (Aposento)*

Day 4: Lima - Puerto Maldonado. A flight* east to Puerto Maldonado, on the banks of the Madre de Dios River, a tributary of the Amazon near the borders with Bolivia and Brazil. Cruise slowly by boat through enchanting rainforest to arrive at eco-luxury lodge Inkatererra Reserva Amazonica. Drop your bags in your cabaña, inspired by the Ese'Eja culture, and test out your hammock. Then, spend the afternoon exploring the trails winding through the surrounding rainforest. The hotel also serves as a research centre, and no fewer than 540 bird species have been spotted in its grounds. Opt for the twilight boat tour and watch as animals and birds of the day give way to species of the night (B,L,D). *Inkatererra Reserva Amazonica (Superior Rio)*

Day 5: Puerto Maldonado. Rise early to enjoy nature at its fullest. Choose to visit Lake Sandoval in the Tambopata National Reserve. Glide in a wooden canoe across a beautiful, mirror-like oxbow lake, home to the endangered giant river otter, as well as red howler monkeys, red-bellied macaws, side-neck turtles and black caimans. Later, the remarkable Inkatererra Canopy Walkway beckons. High above the forest floor, you'll discover the perfect lookout for bright toucans, woodpeckers, trogons, monkeys and the three-toed sloth. Return to earth to explore an utterly different ecosystem on the Anaconda Walk over the Aguajales swamps (B,L,D). *Inkatererra Reserva Amazonica (Superior Rio)*

Day 6: Puerto Maldonado - Cusco - Sacred Valley (2,800m). Return along the Madre de Dios River to Puerto Maldonado and head to the Butterfly House, a garden fluttering with rare species. Transfer for your flight to Cusco and onwards by car to the Sacred Valley of the Incas. It is difficult to imagine anywhere better to soak up the tranquility of the mountain-ringed valley than the Inkatererra Hacienda Urubamba. Take time to acclimatise the local way - with rest and coca tea (B,L,D). *Inkatererra Hacienda Urubamba (Superior Deluxe)*

Day 7: Sacred Valley. Once the epicentre of the Inca Empire, the Sacred Valley is speckled with little-known but spectacular ruins, many of which remain unexplored. Join in the daily activities of "the village of beautiful flowers" and discover how local communities live today. Step inside village kitchens and learn how vibrant food is being cooked in wood-fired, mud-brick stoves. Watch a demonstration of age-old textile artistry and uncover secrets to natural dyeing. Later, enjoy an impressive Andean Nouvelle lunch at a hacienda filled with Incan and colonial artifacts (B,L,D). *Inkatererra Hacienda Urubamba (Superior Deluxe)*



Day 8: Sacred Valley – Machu Picchu (2,450m).

Begin your pilgrimage to Machu Picchu, stopping en route at the imposing fortress of Ollantaytambo, where the Incas celebrated their greatest victory over the invading Spanish. Board the picture-windowed Vistadome train, which winds through the mountains and cloud forest to the lost city of Machu Picchu. Overlooking the raging Urubamba River and discovered by American explorer Hiram Bingham in a hidden tangle of trees, the true history of Machu Picchu will forever remain an enigma, as the Incas left no written records. Unravel its mysteries as you explore with your expert guide (B,L,D). *Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo (Junior Suite)*

Day 9: Design Your Day Machu Picchu. Delve deeper into the mysteries of the ancient citadel. Take the opportunity to climb to the "Inti Punku", the famous Sun Gate. Or, for superior views across the ruins, hike further to the highest mountain, Huayna Picchu (2,720m). Or continue a leisurely tour of the rambling stone terraces with your guide (B,D). *Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo (Junior Suite)*

Day 10: Machu Picchu – Cusco (3,400m).

Spend your morning seeking out any last treasures in this alluring city before boarding the Vistadome train to Ollantaytambo and onwards to Cusco, the former ancient capital of the Inca Empire (B). *La Casona Inkaterra (Balcony Suite)*

Day 11: Cusco. There's more to Cusco than you might imagine, as your walking tour will soon reveal. Roam the cobblestone plazas and winding alleyways and explore Cusco's rich tapestry of Spanish and Quechua influences. Considered to be one of the most beautiful churches in the Americas, the cathedral in the central Plaza de Armas will leave you breathless. Seek out the fresco of 'The Last Supper' with Jesus eating guinea pig, a sacred motif of Incan paganism. Later, unearth the well-preserved ruins of Sacsayhuaman, a testament to Incan architectural skill and precision (B). *La Casona Inkaterra (Balcony Suite)*

Day 12: Cusco. Explore the city at your own leisure this morning before making your way to your high tea in a secret spot with unrivalled cathedral views (B). *La Casona Inkaterra (Balcony Suite)*

Day 13: Cusco – Lake Titicaca (3,800m). Transfer to Cusco airport for your flight* to Juliaca and onwards to Puno, situated between the mountains and the shores of Lake Titicaca. Journey onwards to Titilaka, your launching place for discovering this mystical land and birthplace of the Incan civilisation (B,L,D). *Titilaka Lodge (Dawn/Dusk)*

Day 14: Lake Titicaca. Tucked between snow-capped mountains along the border of Bolivia and Peru, Lake Titicaca is not only the world's highest navigable lake, it's also one of the most beautiful. And there are endless ways to explore. Excursion options include day trips to the Uros floating islands and the Island of Taquile, trekking along the Colla Route, part of the original network of Incan roadways to the market, birdwatching with specialists, visits to colonial temples, and more. After a day exploring, there's no better place to re-energise than back at your lodge surrounded by astounding Andean geography (B,L,D). *Titilaka Lodge (Dawn/Dusk)*

Day 15: Puno – Lima. Transfer to Puno airport for your flight to Lima, where your journey ends (B).

PRICE

Twin Share Per Person: From \$12,695
Solo Traveller: From \$20,445

*Flight not included



Highlights of Peru



Colouring weaving threads, Lima

PERU | 7 Days | Lima - Cusco - Machu Picchu - Cusco



From intricate frescos to architectural marvels, Peru is home to one of South America's most sophisticated ancient civilisations and a thriving modern culture. Unearth a surprising history in Lima. Delight in Cusco's tapestry of colonial charm and Incan spirit. Unlock hidden treasures in the lesser known South Valley. And make the pilgrimage of a lifetime to the mountaintop ruins of Machu Picchu.

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Journey to another world aboard the luxury Belmond Hiram Bingham train
- Discover the mystery of the lost city of Machu Picchu
- Find South America's oldest house and a treasure trove of period curios in Lima
- Lose yourself in Cusco's rich tapestry of old and new

Day 1: Arrive Lima. Welcome to the City of Kings. Perched on cliffs by the Pacific Ocean, Lima is one of Latin America's most vibrant cities. A leisurely walk promises history, colour, and culture at every turn. *Belmond Miraflores Park Hotel (Ocean View Junior Suite)*

Day 2: Lima. Unlock the secrets of the city on a private walking tour led by a local expert. Get the key to one of South America's oldest houses, Casa Aliaga, amongst hidden courtyards and ramshackle rooftops. Stand in Lima's birthplace, the Plaza Mayor, and appreciate architectural masterpieces including the historic cathedral, grand presidential palace and Santo Domingo Convent. Later, lose yourself amongst more than 45,000 classified pre-Columbian archaeological objects in the Larco Museum (B,L). *Belmond Miraflores Park Hotel (Ocean View Junior Suite)*

Day 3: Lima - Cusco (3,400m). A short flight* to Cusco, the former ancient capital of the Inca Empire. Take time to acclimatise the local way - with rest and coca tea. Enjoy a short walking tour of this magnetic city. Stroll the cobblestone plazas and winding alleyways, before stepping inside the private cathedral at your hotel (B). *Belmond Monasterio (Deluxe)*

Day 4: Cusco - Machu Picchu - Cusco. Board the opulent Belmond Hiram Bingham train bound for the mystic city of Machu Picchu. Enjoy a full afternoon exploring the enigmatic Incan citadel built by the most advanced pre-Columbian people. Climb up and down the rambling stone terraces amongst pitched-roof houses in a dramatic setting between two forest-clad Andean peaks. Feel its pulse as you visualise the lives of the priests, craftsmen and servants who inhabited the seemingly uninhabitable. Enjoy tea at the Belmond Machu Picchu Sanctuary Lodge, before boarding the luxury

Belmond Hiram Bingham train back to Cusco. Sink into an armchair in the 1920s-style carriages to relish the fine dining and perhaps a pisco sour. (B,L,D). *Belmond Monasterio (Deluxe)*

Day 5: Cusco. Cusco's rich tapestry of Spanish and Quechua influences is yours to explore this morning on foot. Considered to be one of the most beautiful churches in the Americas, the cathedral in the central Plaza de Armas will leave you breathless. Seek out the fresco of 'The Last Supper' with Jesus eating guinea pig, a sacred motif of Incan paganism. Later, unearth the well-preserved ruins of Sacsayhuaman, a testament to Incan architectural skill and precision (B). *Belmond Monasterio (Deluxe)*

Day 6: Cusco. Venture into Cusco's South Valley, Peru's hidden treasure. Gaze in wonderment at Tipón, where the Incas created an impressive hydraulic system of baths, canals and aqueducts worthy of an empire that stretched from Colombia to Chile. Journey onwards to the red adobe complex of Pikillacta, the only pre-Inca site in the Cusco area. Then, step into the surprisingly vivid "Sistine Chapel of Peru" in Andahuaylillas (B). *Belmond Monasterio (Deluxe)*

Day 7: Cusco. Enjoy a morning stroll in Cusco before your transfer to the airport for your onward journey (B).

PRICE

Twin Share Per Person: From \$6,355
Solo Traveller: From \$10,445

*Flight not included

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Belmond Andean Explorer

PERU BY RAIL

Experience one of the highest train journeys on earth, exploring ancient kingdoms, natural wonders and rural communities. Belmond Andean Explorer, takes you through some of the world's most breathtaking scenery. From Cusco, the ancient capital of the Inca Empire, traversing the high Andean altiplano, the traditional communities on Lake Titicaca and the city centre of Arequipa, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

& A&K RECOMMENDS

Belmond Andean Explorer | 2 to 3 days

Twin Share Per Person: From \$995

Solo Traveller: From \$1,765



Nazca Lines

PARACAS

Venture to where the desert meets the ocean, where spectacular rock formations have been carved by the elements, and where there's a marine life spectacle at every turn. The skies and waters of the Paracas National Reserve teem with gannets, cormorants and pelicans feeding on rich sea-life. Take the short journey to the Nazca Lines, where you can soar over this enduring enigma of animals, geometric figures and birds engraved in the desert.

& A&K RECOMMENDS

Paracas Peninsula and the Nazca Lines from Lima | 3 days

Twin Share Per Person: From \$1,975

Solo Traveller: From \$3,395



Arequipa

AREQUIPA AND COLCA

Unearth the treasures of Peru's 'White City'. From the maze of vividly coloured cloisters at the Convent of Santa Catalina to the Andean Sanctuaries Museum with its 'Ice Princess'. Dare to dine on roast guinea-pig and enjoy a pisco sour or two with laid-back locals. Climb high into the Andes and down a long twisting descent to a chasm twice as deep as the Grand Canyon: the Colca Canyon. Stop awhile in this intricate patchwork of pre-Inca terraces, elegant trees and stone walls, and gaze at sacred Andean condors soaring above.

& A&K RECOMMENDS

Unearth Colca Canyon and the White City from Arequipa | 5 days

Twin Share Per Person: From \$2,145

Solo Traveller: From \$3,795



Kuelap, Chachapoyas

CHACHAPOYAS

Uncover the mysteries of the Chachapoyas, the Cloud Warriors who lived in the northern Andes some 800 years before the Incas. Dubbed the Machu Picchu of the North, Kuelap is the largest ancient stone structure in South America. Zig-zag amongst the treasure-trove of ruins and enjoy the quietude of this little-visited place. Marvel at hundreds of mummies in Leymebamba and the tombs of Revash, dotted like colourful houses on the edge of the cliff.

& A&K RECOMMENDS

Northern Peru Uncovered from Jaen | 7 days

Twin Share Per Person: From \$3,675

Solo Traveller: From \$6,295

Breathtaking Bolivia



BOLIVIA | 12 Days | Santa Cruz – Concepción – Sucre – Uyuni – La Paz – Lake Titicaca – La Paz



Brimming with variety, vitality and living history, Bolivia offers a unique experience in Latin America. See where communities preserve their mélange of religious traditions and costumes. Bask in the seclusion of Sun Island on Lake Titicaca. Witness the world at its most barren at Salar de Uyuni, the largest salt flat on earth. Bolivia is breathtaking in more ways than one.

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Live the village life in the UNESCO World Heritage listed settlements of the Jesuit missions
- Witness Salar de Uyuni, the largest salt flat on earth
- Bask in the seclusion of your Sun Island eco retreat on Lake Titicaca
- Navigate through the sparkling white colonial buildings of Sucre

Day 1: Arrive Santa Cruz. Welcome to Santa Cruz, a dynamic cosmopolitan city where modernity fuses with tradition. Get your bearings in the buzzing Plaza 24 de Septiembre, before taking in the El Abasto indigenous market. Wind through the city's neighbourhoods to where up-scale restaurants sit alongside local street-vendors, and colonial architecture blends with native art. Here, sip your first taste of real Bolivian coffee. *Camino Real Hotel (Royal Suite)*

Day 2: Santa Cruz – Concepción. Venture into the Chiquitos region where an impressive collection of six UNESCO World Heritage listed settlements reveal the extraordinary legacy of the 18th century Jesuits. Head to San Javier, the region's first Jesuit mission and home to an awe-inspiring church complex. Continue onwards to Concepción (B,L,D). *Gran Concepción (Suite)*

Day 3: Concepción – Santa Cruz. Get a taste of mission life in Santa Rita. Take in the unique atmosphere, with its pitched roofed churches and humble adobe homes that hide intricate interiors. Spend time with local women and learn traditional techniques to spin a hammock and blankets, before enjoying tea and bread warm from the clay oven. Later, stroll through Concepción and admire the Jesuit church in the cobblestone main square with its orange and yellow images of saints and ornate flower designs, before returning to Santa Cruz (B,L). *Camino Real Hotel (Royal Suite)*

Day 4: Santa Cruz – Sucre. Fly to the UNESCO World Heritage listed city of Sucre, Bolivia's constitutional capital. Navigate through the sparkling white colonial buildings of its picture-perfect centre and enjoy its cultural hotspots, including museums and galleries filled with indigenous arts, colonial paintings and archaeological remains (B). *Parador Santa Maria La Real (Standard)*

Day 5: Sucre. Spend the day uncovering Bolivia's most admired Indian weavings in nearby Tarabuco. This charming indigenous town comes to life every Sunday, as villagers come from far and wide to buy and sell wares at the myriad of stalls lining the streets. Marvel at the fantastic mix of traditional dress, including their surprising choice of hats (B,L), *Parador Santa Maria La Real (Standard)*

Day 6: Sucre – Uyuni (3,656m). Start your overland journey to colonial Potosí, home to the Rich Mountain. Legend has it that this cone-shaped peak rising 4,800 metres into Bolivia's southern highlands bankrolled the Spanish empire with its rich silver deposits. See how mining still drives the local economy when you visit a working mine. Then, continue overland to Uyuni where your hotel is built almost entirely out of salt blocks (B,L,D). *Hotel Luna Salada (Deluxe)*

Day 7: Uyuni. Lose yourself in Salar de Uyuni, the largest salt flat on Earth comprising 10bn tonnes of salt. Discover Bolivia at its most barren and uninhabitable, where the only sound is the crust of salt crunching under your feet. Gaze beyond the unchanging and shadowless flatness to the snow-capped Andes on the horizon. If you can tear yourself away, lunch at Isla Incawasi will not disappoint – the corpse of a magnificent coral reef is now covered with 1,200-year-old cacti and fossils (B,L,D). *Hotel Luna Salada (Deluxe)*

Day 8: Uyuni – La Paz (3,640m). On northwards to the Bolivian capital where you'll soon discover there's more than the altitude making La Paz so exquisitely memorable. Step back in time and unearth mystic remedies and charms in the Mercado de las Brujas, or witches' market. Stroll along streets filled with the stalls of women in brightly coloured traditional shawls and bowler hats to the Museo de Coca, dedicated to Bolivia's best-known export.



Lake Titicaca

Get lost in a maze of canyons and giant spires in Moon Valley, before soaring in a cable car to breathe in views of majestic Mount Illimani. Take your dinner reservation at the celebrated Gustu for trailblazing ultra-local, seasonal cuisine (B,D). *Casa Grande Hotel (Deluxe)*

Day 9: La Paz – Lake Titicaca (3,800m). Journey onwards to board the hydrofoil to Copacabana. Brazil's Copacabana beach may be world renowned, but it took its name from Lake Titicaca's base town, in homage to the Virgin Mary statue there. Visit the shrine before a cruise to Sun Island, where your rustic eco lodge rests atop the hill. The afternoon is yours to enjoy in this wondrous place (B,L,D). *Posada del Inca Eco Lodge or similar*

Day 10: Lake Titicaca. Bask in the seclusion of your island retreat for the day. Your lodge is the ideal base from which to explore the island's highlights, like the sacred Puma Rock or to soak in the surrounding scenery and the majesty of the Andes (B,L,D). *Posada del Inca Eco Lodge or similar*

Day 11: Lake Titicaca – La Paz. Descend the Inca Steps to taste the water of the sacred fountain, promising to bring eternal youth and happiness. Soak up lake views over lunch at the Uma Kollu archaeological restaurant, with its picturesque handicraft market. Visit the temple of nearby Moon Island, before cruising to Copacabana for your return journey to La Paz (B,L). *Casa Grande Hotel (Deluxe)*

Day 12: Depart La Paz. Take a final stroll through the city's colonial centre, before your transfer to the airport for your onward journey (B).

PRICE

Twin Share Per Person: From \$7,245

Solo Traveller: From \$11,395



Potosi

DELUXE AIR STREAM CAMPER UPGRADE | 2 DAYS



Upgrade your experience on the Uyuni Salt flats with a stay in a Deluxe Air Stream Camper. Complete with double or twin beds and a convertible sofa, enjoy every home comfort from electric blankets and a private bathroom with hot shower to air-conditioning/heating and a mini-bar. Gourmet meals are prepared by your private chef.

PRICE

Twin Share Per Person: From \$1,795

Solo Traveller: From \$3,395



Santa Cruz

Argentina & Bolivia: The Heart of South America



ARGENTINA & BOLIVIA | 14 Days | Buenos Aires - Iguazú Falls - Purmamarca - Salta - Santa Cruz - Concepción - La Paz



Journey north through the heart of South America. From the seductive tango of Buenos Aires to the lunar landscape of La Paz. Venture through the wilds of the Pampas, over Andean plateaus and deep into the jungle. Drink local wine with cowboys and sip tea with Bolivian villagers in mud-brick homes. And experience the true spirit of South America.

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Step backstage in the opulent Teatro Colon opera house
- Sip world-class wines in the home of Torrontés
- Sail into the thundering Garganta del Diablo canyon at Iguazú Falls
- Spin hammocks with local villagers in Santa Rita
- Drink the water of eternal youth and happiness at Lake Titicaca

Day 1: Arrive Buenos Aires, Argentina. Welcome to the Paris of the South. Ease into local time with a walking tour of Puerto Madero, a gentrified dockland hub for the city's new rich. Locals tend to eat late, so take your time before ambling to the many trendy bars and eateries. *Faena Hotel (Skyline View)*

Day 2: Buenos Aires. Spend your morning discovering the many sides to this passion-filled city. Start on the urban catwalk of Palermo with your personal guide. Stroll the cobbled streets filled with porteños clad in beautiful attire from chic boutiques, sipping coffee at the pavement cafes. Meander through the high-class hustle of Recoleta where mansions take you back in time to a grander Argentina. Visit the vast, surprisingly romantic Recoleta Cemetery and find the tomb of Argentina's first lady, Eva Peron. Then, step inside the dazzling opulence of the Teatro Colon opera house. Later uncover the city's vibrant art culture on a walking tour. Discover why Buenos Aires has become one of the world's most exciting cities for street art. This evening, be seduced by Argentina's most sensuous dance at Rojo Tango (B,D). *Faena Hotel (Skyline View)*

Day 3: Buenos Aires. Drive to the wilds of the Pampas to experience the true Argentina at a typical estancia. Saddle up for a ride, laze in the outdoor pool, help the gauchos with some light farm work or simply soak in the great green canvas around you (B,L). *Faena Hotel (Skyline View)*

Day 4: Buenos Aires - Iguazú Falls. A flight* to Puerto Iguazú. Here in this quiet border town where two rivers meet, discover why the mighty Iguazú Falls are one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. Later, your dinner at The Argentine Experience promises more than exquisitely cooked steak paired with free-flowing malbec. Try your hand

at making empanadas and dulce de leche filled alfajor biscuits while feasting on a lavish meal (B,D). *Melia Iguazú (Premier Falls View)*

Day 5: Iguazú Falls. Explore the Argentinian side of the falls, surrounded by lush tropical forest that's home to more than 2000 species of flora and over 500 bird species. Wander along the network of pathways and gaze at the endless sheath of water - some 275 thundering cascades across three kilometres. Venture by train for a close-up tour of Devil's Gorge, the most dramatic fall, before embarking on a jeep ride through riverside jungle following the Yacaratiá trail to Port Macuco. Here, a motorboat awaits to take you up the Lower Iguazú River, through rapids into the roaring Garganta del Diablo canyon in the heart of the falls (B). *Melia Iguazú (Premier Falls View)*

Day 6: Iguazú Falls - Purmamarca. Fly* to Salta in northwest Argentina and onwards through multi-coloured hills and snowcapped mountains to Purmamarca. Witness primitive settlements, rushing rivers and vast cactus fields as you journey towards beautiful Purmamarca in the heart of the mythical Quebrada de Humahuaca canyon that is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. (B). *La Comarca (Standard)*

Day 7: Purmamarca - Salta. Rumble over the rugged landscape in a 4WD around the Andean Circuit, experiencing the vistas of the high plateau before stopping in the lovely town of Tilcara. Accompanied with your guide and a llamas, walk among old ruins, salt deposits, valleys and ravines and learn about ancient local cultures and traditions before continuing on to Salta. (B,L). *Legado Mitico Salta (Mitico Superior)*



Local, Lake Titicaca

Day 8: Salta. Meander through narrow streets and plazas steeped in Andean tradition during a morning guided walk. Marvel at the mountains that stand guard protectively over the city. Look for the ornate cathedral in dazzling pink and cream. Later, enjoy you may choose to enjoy sundowners in the shade of your hotel courtyard before dining late at one of the many parillas, with plenty of local wine and dancing (B). *Legado Mitico Salta (Mitico Superior)*

Day 9: Salta – Santa Cruz, Bolivia. Fly to Santa Cruz, a dynamic cosmopolitan city where modernity fuses with Bolivian tradition. Get your bearings in the buzzing Plaza 24 de Septiembre, before taking in the El Abasto indigenous market. Wind through the city's neighbourhoods to where up-scale restaurants sit alongside local street-vendors, and colonial architecture blends with native art (B). *Camino Real Hotel (Royal Suite)*

Day 10: Santa Cruz – Concepción. Leave the buzzing city for the tranquility of the Chiquitos region, where six UNESCO World Heritage listed settlements reveal the Jesuit legacy. Head to San Javier, the region's first Jesuit mission and home to an awe-inspiring church complex. Continue onwards to Concepción (B,L,D). *Gran Concepcion (Suite)*

Day 11: Concepción – Santa Cruz. Get a taste of mission life in Santa Rita. Take in the unique atmosphere, with its pitched roofed churches and humble adobe homes that hide intricate interiors. Spend time with local women and learn traditional techniques to spin a hammock and blankets, before enjoying tea and bread warm from the clay oven. Later, stroll through Concepción and admire the Jesuit church in the cobblestone main square with its orange and yellow images of saints and ornate

flower designs, before returning to Santa Cruz (B,L). *Camino Real Hotel (Royal Suite)*

Day 12: Santa Cruz – La Paz (3,640m). Fly to La Paz, a city of high altitude and surprises at every turn. Step back in time and unearth mystic remedies and charms in the Mercado de las Brujas, or witches' market. Stroll along streets filled with the stalls of women in brightly coloured traditional shawls and bowler hats. Get lost in a maze of canyons and giant spires in Moon Valley and soar in a cable car to soak up views of majestic Mount Illimani. Later appreciate the contemporary art adorning the public areas by renowned artist and photographer Gastón Ugalde—known as the Andy Warhol of the Andes during a private tour (B). *Atix Hotel (Deluxe)*

Day 13: La Paz. Journey overland to Copacabana on the shores of Lake Titicaca. Take a hydrofoil cruise to Sun Island and descend the Inca Steps to taste the water of the sacred fountain, which promises to bring eternal youth and happiness. Soak up lake views over lunch at the Uma Kollu archaeological restaurant, with its picturesque handicraft market. Visit the temple of nearby Moon Island, before cruising back to Copacabana to explore. Later, step inside the mud igloos of the Uru Chipayas in the Andean Roots Igloo Village before returning to La Paz (B,L). *Atix Hotel (Deluxe)*

Day 14: Depart La Paz. Bid farewell to this captivating city, and transfer to the airport where your journey ends (B).

PRICE

Twin Share Per Person: From \$11,665

Solo Traveller: From \$19,135

**Flight not included*

Itinerary departs on a Wednesday, Friday and Sunday



Recoleta Cemetery



Markets, Santa Cruz

Peru & Bolivia: Lost Worlds



Island of Taquile, Peru

PERU & BOLIVIA | 14 Days | Lima - Sacred Valley - Machu Picchu - Cusco - Puno - La Paz - Uyuni - La Paz



Unearth ancient worlds on your journey across the Andean plateau of Peru and Bolivia. Delve deep into mountains and cities to uncover the mysteries of the Incas. Discover a cobalt blue lake peppered with golden islands and rich indigenous culture. And witness how desolate landscape can be truly astounding at Salar de Uyuni, the largest salt flat on earth.

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Uncover Inca secrets in the lost city of Machu Picchu
- Visit traditional adobe villages in the Sacred Valley of the Incas
- Witness the world's largest salt flat, Salar de Uyuni
- Explore the golden islands and indigenous communities of Lake Titicaca, the world's highest navigable lake

Day 1: Arrive Lima, Peru. Welcome to the City of Kings. Perched on cliffs by the Pacific Ocean, Lima is one of Latin America's big surprises, boasting culinary delights, a glorious old town, many museums and the impressive 1,800-year-old Huaca Pucllana ruins. Soak up the city's atmosphere, admire neoclassical and Art Deco architecture, sample rich cuisine, and watch street performers. *Belmond Miraflores Park Hotel (Ocean View Junior Suite)*

Day 2: Lima. Head just beyond the city to visit the vestiges of Peru's ancient civilisations, the Pachacamac temple. Wander through the ancient ruins made entirely out of clay, where the massive Temples of the Sun and the Moon will take your breath away. Later, accept an invitation to the studio of master potter Marilyn Lizarraga to learn secrets of the craft. Discover the incredible private collection of pre-Inca ceramics at the fascinating Larco Museum. (B,D). *Belmond Miraflores Park Hotel (Ocean View Junior Suite)*

Day 3: Lima - Sacred Valley (2,800m). Transfer to your flight* to Cusco and onwards by car to the Sacred Valley of the Incas, a swathe of villages and citadels strung along the Urubamba River from the time of the Inca Empire. Enjoy a lunch of fresh Peruvian cuisine at Huayocari Hacienda, nestled in the lush, vegetation-filled private estate of the Lambarri-Orihuela family (B,L). *Hotel Sol y Luna (Deluxe Casita)*

Day 4: Sacred Valley. Learn centuries-old traditions in the "village of beautiful flowers". Watch as women dressed in a colour wheel of fabrics weave remarkable textiles with llama and sheep wool, and cook on mud-brick stoves. Then join the villagers for the Pago a la Madre Tierra, a ritual to give payment to the Earth Mother. Follow the winding road to an elevation of 3,500 metres where a blanket of salt flats tumbles down the mountainside. This is the Salineras de Maras. See

the pools where individual families still scrape and bag salt by hand, as they have since pre-Inca times (B,L). *Hotel Sol y Luna (Deluxe Casita)*

Day 5: Sacred Valley - Machu Picchu (2,450m). Begin your pilgrimage to Machu Picchu, stopping en route at the imposing fortress of Ollantayambo, where the Incas celebrated their greatest victory over the invading Spanish. Board the picture-windowed Vistadome train, which winds through the mountains and cloud forest, where you board the bus for the last mountain climb to the lost city of Machu Picchu. Overlooking the raging Urubamba River and discovered by American explorer Hiram Bingham in a hidden tangle of trees, the true history of Machu Picchu will forever remain an enigma, as the Incas left no written records. Unravel its mysteries as you explore with your expert guide (B,L,D). *Belmond Sanctuary Lodge (Deluxe)*

Day 6: Design Your Day Machu Picchu - Cusco (3,400m). Delve deeper into the mysteries of the ancient citadel. Take the opportunity to climb to the "Inti Punku", the famous Sun Gate. For superior views across the city, hike further to the highest mountain, Huayna Picchu. Or, continue a leisurely tour of the rambling stone terraces with your guide, before you board Belmond Hiram Bingham luxury train to Cusco (B,L,D). *Belmond Monasterio (Deluxe)*

Day 7: Cusco. Cusco's rich tapestry of Spanish and Quechua influences is yours to discover today. Considered to be one of the most beautiful churches in the Americas, the cathedral in the central Plaza de Armas will leave you breathless. Seek out the fresco of 'The Last Supper' with Jesus eating guinea pig, a sacred motif of Incan paganism. Later, unearth the well-preserved ruins of Sacsayhuaman, a testament to Incan architectural skill and precision (B). *Belmond Monasterio (Deluxe)*



Tunupa Volcano, Salar de Uyuni, Bolivia

Day 8: Cusco – Puno (3,827m). Transfer to Cusco airport for your flight* to Juliaca and onwards to Puno, situated between the mountains and the shores of Lake Titicaca. It was here in the sacred waters that the Inca Sun God was born. Journey onwards to Titilaka, your launching place to discover this mystical land (B,L,D). *Titilaka (Dawn/Dusk)*

Day 9: Puno. Tucked between snow-capped mountains along the border of Bolivia and Peru, Lake Titicaca is not only the world's highest navigable lake, it's also one of the most beautiful. And there are endless ways to explore. Excursion options include day trips to the Uros floating islands and the island of Taquile, trekking along the Colla Route, part of the original network of Incan roadways to the market, birdwatching with specialists, visits to colonial temples, and more. After a day exploring, there's no better place to re-energise than back at your lodge drinking in the astounding Andean geography (B,L,D). *Titilaka (Dawn/Dusk)*

Day 10: Puno – La Paz, Bolivia (3,640m). Journey across the Bolivian border to the religious sanctuary of Copacabana. Brazil's Copacabana beach may be world renowned, but it took its name from Lake Titicaca's base town, in homage to the Virgin Mary statue there. Visit the shrine before a cruise to Sun Island. Descend the Inca Steps to taste the water of the sacred fountain, which promises to bring eternal youth and happiness. Soak up lake views over lunch at the Uma Kollu archaeological restaurant, with its picturesque handicraft market. Step inside the mud igloos of the Uru Chipayas in the Andean Roots Igloo Village. Later, continue your journey to La Paz, the unofficial capital of Bolivia (B,L). *Casa Grande Hotel (Deluxe)*

Day 11: La Paz – Uyuni (3,600m). A flight south to Salar de Uyuni, the largest salt flat on Earth comprising 10bn tonnes of salt. Discover Bolivia at its most barren and uninhabitable, where the only sound is the crust of salt crunching under your feet. Gaze beyond the unchanging and shadowless flatness to the snow-capped Andes on the horizon. If you can tear yourself away, lunch at Isla Incawasi will not disappoint – the corpse of a magnificent coral reef is now covered with 1,200-year-old cacti and fossils (B,L,D). *Luna Salada Hotel (Deluxe)*

Day 12: Uyuni. Soak up the village atmosphere of Tahua, at the foot of extinct Tunupa volcano, named after the god of lightning and volcanoes. Hike to the ancient mummies in the caves above the village of Coquesa. At sunset, watch the salt flats set alight under the red Bolivian sky, with a cocktail in hand (B,L,D). *Luna Salada Hotel (Deluxe)*

Day 13: Uyuni – La Paz. Return to La Paz, where you'll soon discover there's more than the altitude making this city so wonderfully memorable. Step back in time and unearth mystic remedies and charms in the Mercado de las Brujas, or witches' market. Stroll along streets filled with the stalls of women in brightly coloured traditional shawls and bowler hats to the Museo de Coca, dedicated to Bolivia's best-known export. Get lost in a maze of canyons and giant spires in Moon Valley, before soaring in a cable car to breathe in views of majestic Mount Illimani. Take your dinner reservation at the celebrated Gustu for trailblazing ultra-local, seasonal cuisine (B,D). *Casa Grande Hotel (Deluxe)*

Day 14: Depart La Paz. Travel to the airport for your onward journey (B).

PRICE

Twin Share Per Person: From \$15,725

Solo Traveller: From \$24,475

*Flight not included



Cusco, Peru



Peruvian vendor

Ecuador Adventure



ECUADOR | 12 Days | Quito - Mashpi Reserve - Otavalo - Cotopaxi National Park - Riobamba - Cuenca - Guayaquil



Venture beyond the Galapagos to discover a treasure trove of natural and cultural wonders in Ecuador. Immerse yourself in its soaring capital city. Wander through nature's playground at Mashpi Rainforest. Stay awhile to meet Andean villagers in markets and workshops, and delight in the traditional life of a hacienda. There's a whole world to explore in these Andean peaks.

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Wind down the Devil's Nose on the world's most unique train ride
- Discover nature's playground in Mashpi Rainforest Biodiversity Reserve
- Marvel at the snow-covered peak of active Volcano Cotopaxi
- Spend a day in the life of Ecuador's captivating capital

Day 1: Arrive Quito (2,800m). Welcome to Quito, the second highest capital in the world, after La Paz, and one of the most endearing. After time to settle in, set out to explore a city brimming with friendly locals, hearty foods, colonial architecture and true Latin American spirit. *Casa Gangotena (Luxury)*

Day 2: Quito. Delve deeper into Ecuador's captivating capital and learn first-hand how it earned its status as the first UNESCO World Heritage Site. Meander through colonial streets amongst flowering balconies and intricate woodcarvings. Stop awhile in the San Francisco Church, the bustling Independence Plaza and La Compañía, where seven tonnes of gilded shimmering walls will take your breath away. Later, try your hand at making Ecuadorian classics like ceviche and manestra, before feasting on your creations. Journey the short distance to the Equator at the Mitad del Mundo (Middle of the World) and experience the bizarre sensation of standing in both hemispheres at once. Spend some time learning about the unique astrology and science of the Equator in the Intiñan Museum (B,L). *Casa Gangotena (Luxury)*

Day 3: Quito - Mashpi Reserve. Head north past the Latitude 0 and over the pass towards the Pacific Ocean. Arrive at Mashpi Rainforest Biodiversity Reserve, one of the world's most important biodiversity hot spots, home to thousands of plant species and more than 500 species of birds. Be hypnotised by the lively flying machines at Hummingbird Viewpoint before embarking on an electric buggy to your lodge. Later, choose from a menu of unique eco-adventures. Pedal over gorges and treetops on a sky bike. Meander through forest trails. Or take a dip in the nearby waterfalls. Don't miss the opportunity to explore the wilderness by night with a guided night walk (B,L,D). *Mashpi Lodge (Wayra)*

Day 4: Mashpi Reserve. Rise early to hear the choir of birds welcome the day. Later, venture into the forest on your choice of guided adventure. Navigate trails of wondrous wildlife, with ferns towering above and a carpet of mushrooms underfoot. Seek out waterfalls and wade through refreshing rivers, all while learning the secrets of the forest from your naturalist guide. Visit the Life Centre to discover more about your surroundings, or simply laze in a hammock with a cup of locally-grown java, mesmerised by the vivid butterflies and birds. Climb the observation tower for a birds-eye vista (B,L,D). *Mashpi Lodge (Wayra)*

Day 5: Mashpi Reserve - Otavalo. Enjoy a final activity this morning. Then, head north to Zuleta, a family-run hacienda in the dizzying heights of the Andes. Hear the stories of this 4,000-acre working farm, which has been in the family of the late Galo Plaza Lasso, a former president of Ecuador, for more than 100 years. Then, seek out your favourite spot for a glass of wine before dinner (B,L,D). *Hacienda Zuleta (Deluxe)*

Day 6: Otavalo. Rise early to glimpse rare species of birds on a stroll around the property. Enjoy a morning filled with talent and artistry in the small mountain village of Peguche. Step inside a music-filled home where your talented hosts craft and play traditional instruments, then learn the ancient art of weaving. Take a hike to the town's sacred waterfall before a well-earned lunch made from organic garden produce. Later explore the wonders around your hacienda, which includes a cheese factory, organic garden and trout farm. Visit the Galo Plaza Lasso Foundation, which has set up a wild condor rehabilitation project on the estate, and even try your hand at milking a cow (B,L,D). *Hacienda Zuleta (Deluxe)*



Cotopaxi Volcano

Day 7: Otavalo – Cotopaxi National Park.

Visit the bustling town of Otavalo. Meet the friendly Otavaleños and discover strange-looking produce at the world-famous market that's been gathering since pre-Incan times. Enter a world of delicate colour in the rose plantation of Hacienda La Compañía, also home to one of UNICEF's Flowers for Kids educational initiatives. Then, drive south to Cotopaxi for your unforgettable stay at Hacienda San Agustín del Callo, built on a 600-year-old Incan ruin, on the high plains below the snowcapped volcano. Take a stroll around the Laguna Limpiopungo, visit the Salitre pre-Inca ruins or simply bask in the splendour of the perfectly cone-shaped Cotopaxi (B,L,D). *Hacienda San Agustín del Callo (Standard)*

Day 8: Cotopaxi National Park. Journey along the mountainous spine dotted with villages and farms to the Andean crater lake of Laguna Quilotoa. Visit the nearby villages of Tigua and Pujili and browse artisan crafts (B,L,D). *Hacienda San Agustín del Callo (Standard)*

Day 9: Cotopaxi National Park – Riobamba. Venture south along the aptly-named Avenue of Volcanoes to Cotopaxi, the highest of Ecuador's volcanoes at almost 6,000m and still active. Continue to Riobamba, once the capital of Ecuador and now a vibrant town brimming with colonial treasures. Meander through the old town, enjoy religious art in the Concepción Convent and expand your knowledge in the Natural Science Museum (B,L,D). *Hacienda La Andaluza (Standard)*

Day 10: Riobamba – Alausi – Cuenca. Rise early for the iconic rail journey down the Devil's Nose, an incredible feat of engineering. Head first to the city of Alausi to board your train. Drink in the Andean peaks from your carriage as you climb up the cliffs. Then, descend down the Devil's Nose, a series of switchbacks designed let the train traverse a 45-degree rock slope. Stop awhile to explore the charming museum, before riding back to Alausi. Later, head to the complex Inca ruins of Ingapirca, a place of extraordinary historical significance (B,L). *Mansion Alcazar (Standard)*

Day 11: Cuenca. Immerse yourself in the "Athens of the Andes" and discover why it's hailed the hidden treasure of Ecuador. Roam a wonderful world of cobblestone streets and flowery plazas to the striking cathedral with three blue domes. Be sure to peek inside at the jaw-dropping gold altar. Later, enjoy the quirky Homero Ortega Panama Hat factory before swapping the city charm for the creative villages of Santa Ana Valley. Meet guitar-makers of San Bartolomé, enter jewellery workshops of Chordeleg and seek out gems in the colourful markets of Gualaceo (B,L, D). *Mansion Alcazar (Standard)*

Day 12: Cuenca - Guayaquil. Journey to the El Cajas National Park, a UNESCO-protected site on Cuenca's doorstep. Take some time to explore the park, with its rolling lakelands, ancient woods and sprawling cloud forest set against a jagged skyline of rocky peaks. Arrive in Guayaquil, the nation's principle port and largest city, where your journey ends (B,L).

PRICE

Twin Share Per Person: From \$11,925
Solo Traveller: From \$20,125



Mashpi Reserve



Local food, Otavalo

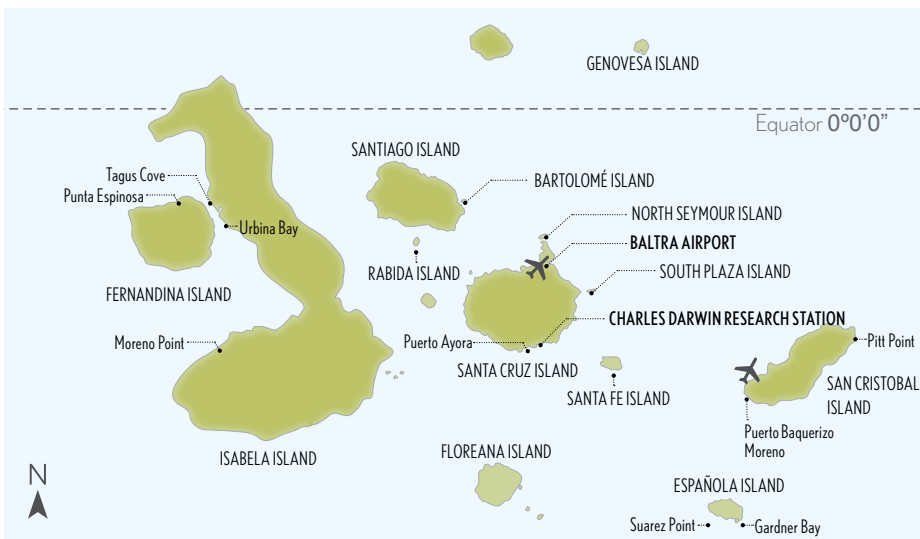
EXPLORE THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

Nature's Showstopper. Take a front-row seat for nature's dizzying showcase of evolutionary magic: the Galapagos. The remote archipelago is a land of stark lava formations, cactus forests, lush green highlands and turquoise bays – all overflowing with wildlife at every turn.



Galapagos sea lion

Discover the earthy mecca where the wildlife that inspired Charles Darwin's Theory of Evolution still flies, waddles and crawls freely. Get face-to-face with species found nowhere else on Earth. Simply choose your vessel or lodge with A&K, and let nature take care of the rest.



Red-footed booby

Fernandina On the youngest and most volcanically active island, see the largest colony of marine iguanas in the archipelago in addition to a big sea lion colony and flightless cormorants.

Bartolomé Climb the stairs to the summit of the extinct volcano for sweeping views of James Bay and Santiago Island. Cool off with swimming and snorkelling amongst Galapagos penguins, marine turtles and tropical fish.

Espanola Witness the peculiar and lengthy mating dance of the waved albatross in their almost-exclusive breeding ground. Spy the blue-footed booby, lava lizards, iguanas, and mockingbirds. And stroll along the impossibly-white sandy beach at Gardner Bay.

Floreana (Santa Maria Island) Discover a colourful history of prolonged volcanic activity and visit the site of Ecuador's oldest mailing system.

Genovesa Count a mind-boggling range of sea birds such as boobies, magnificent frigatebirds, swallow-tailed gulls and storm petrels. In the water,

sea lions, fur seals and hammerhead sharks roam.

Isabela The largest island formed by five volcanoes, Isabela is home to 70% of the archipelago's wildlife. Get up close to Galapagos tortoises, flightless cormorants, flamingos, mangrove finches and Galapagos penguins, which breed here almost exclusively.

Rabida Float over undersea worlds in this excellent snorkelling spot. Look up for some of the area's rarest bird species, including nine varieties of finches, large-billed flycatchers, Galapagos hawks and brown pelicans.

North Seymour Prickly pear cactus and Palo Santo trees are highlights in this arid wilderness. See great frigatebirds, swallow-tailed gulls, blue-footed boobies, Galapagos sea lions and iguanas.

Santa Cruz Explore Puerto Ayora, the largest city in the Galapagos. Lose yourself in the Charles Darwin Research Station, where there's also a giant tortoise-breeding programme. Encounter Darwin's finches – possible the most famous birds in the

archipelago – as well as giant tortoises, Galapagos mockingbirds, vermilion flycatchers and herons.

Santa Fe Snorkel with the Galapagos sea lion in the calm waters of Barrington Bay. Spot the endemic Santa Fe land iguana, as well as finches and Galapagos hawks.

South Plaza Meander amongst the resilient endemic flora and the prickly pear cactus, a surprising source of sustenance for giant tortoises and land iguanas. Red-billed tropicbirds, swallow-tailed gulls, Galapagos land iguanas, sea lions, brown pelicans and finches are prolific here.

Santiago Step onto the black sandy beach at Puerto Egas and walk along century-old lava flow at Sullivan Bay. Get up close to Galapagos fur seals, sea lions and marine iguanas, while spy hawks, finches and mockingbirds overhead.

San Cristobal With the only permanent fresh water lagoon in the Galapagos, this island is home to Galapagos sea lions, Darwin's finches, marine iguanas, lava lizards and giant tortoises.

GALAPAGOS ISLANDS CRUISES

A&K presents a hand-picked selection of vessels for you to consider for your Galapagos Island's adventure. Cruise for between three and 14 nights to remote islands and discover the extraordinary wildlife. A truly unforgettable Galapagos experience.



OCEAN SPRAY

Enjoy luxury, privacy and comfort as you cruise around nature's playground on this intimate mega-catamaran. Its ultra-deluxe design features 16 spacious suites, each with a private balcony. Soft breezes and unparalleled views beckon on the huge sundeck, where you can gather to spot wildlife or talk about the day's discoveries over an alfresco dinner. Explore on kayaks and snorkel amongst playful sea lions and sea turtles. Exceptional comfort, top naturalist guides, and an excellent range of shore excursions make Ocean Spray the ideal yacht for your Galapagos adventure.



LA PINTA

Step aboard one of the finest expedition ships to sail the Galapagos, La Pinta. From the wraparound windows to the observation deck, every part of the 24-cabin vessel is designed for maximum views of nature's paradise. Enjoy the excitement of witnessing rare species from the glass-bottomed boat and sea kayaks. And when it comes to relaxing, look no further than the Jacuzzi, sun deck, bars and lounges. With attentive crew members and expedition leaders, you have everything you need for the Galapagos expedition of a lifetime.



SANTA CRUZ II

Striking the perfect balance of yacht-like intimacy with the comforts of larger vessels, Santa Cruz II is the perfect platform for exploring the untamed wonders of the Galapagos. The stylish 50-cabin vessel is filled with exceptional features, including two hot tubs, a gym, lounge areas, al fresco dining and natural history library. Get up close to nature on a glass-bottomed boat or kayak. Join small-group expeditions to isolated shores brimming with wildlife. Then, at the end of an adventure-filled day, share stories of your discoveries with fellow travellers over drinks in the lounge bar.

Galapagos by Land



Bartolomé Island

ECUADOR | 7 Days | Guayaquil - Galapagos Islands



Welcome to boutique lodge, Pikaia, headquarters for discovering nature's headline act: the Galapagos Islands. Cruise between islands on a luxury yacht and meet the real-life inspiration behind Darwin's Theory of Natural Selection. Marvel at dramatic evidence of the area's volcanic provenance. And when you think you've seen everything on terra firma, head beneath the waves for a whole new treasure trove.

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Get up close to Galapagos sea lions, turtles, Darwin's finches and more
- Spy rare wildlife on the tip of an underwater volcano, Bartolomé Island
- Step back in time to the volcanic beginnings of the Galapagos in Sullivan Bay
- Explore Santa Cruz Island with an array of adventures

Day 1: Arrive Guayaquil. Welcome to Guayaquil, Ecuador's main harbour and a bustling city. Get your first taste of the country with a chocolate experience like no other. Pick your own cacao pods and watch as they are transformed into decadent chocolate (D). *Hotel del Parque (Deluxe)*

Day 2: Guayaquil - Galapagos Islands. Journey to the airport for your flight to Baltra in the Galapagos archipelago. Leave the city behind and take your front-row seat for nature's dizzying showcase of evolutionary magic in the Galapagos. Cruise along Itabaca Canal to Santa Cruz Island. Here, the luxurious Pikaia Lodge becomes your base for discovery (B,L,D). *Pikaia Lodge (Balcony)*

Day 3: Galapagos Islands. Step aboard your luxury yacht for a whole day dedicated to discovering exactly what inspired Charles Darwin's Theory of Evolution. Head first to North Seymour Island, where prickly pear cactus and Palo Santo trees stand out in an arid wilderness. Spy great frigatebirds, swallow-tailed gulls and blue-footed boobies. And get up close to Galapagos sea lions and iguanas. Next, cruise to Bachas Beach and seek out small flamingo ponds overflowing with iguanas, black-necked stilts, whimbrels, Darwin's finches, mockingbirds and gulls. Spend time with nesting sea turtles on the coral beach. Then, back on the yacht, plunge into the steaming water of the Jacuzzi and watch dolphins play below (B,L,D). *Pikaia Lodge (Balcony)*

Day 4: Galapagos Islands. Explore your island paradise, your way. Soak up the laid-back vibe of Puerto Ayora, the largest town in the Galapagos. Lose yourself in the fascinating world of the 'Father of Evolution' at the Charles Darwin Research Station and stop by the giant tortoise-breeding programme. Trek deep into the Scalesia Forest and encounter Darwin's finches - possibly the most famous birds

in the archipelago. Snorkel amongst sea turtles moving dreamily underwater, or embark on your own wildlife-spotting tour by bike or on foot (B,L,D). *Pikaia Lodge (Balcony)*

Day 5: Galapagos Islands. Back on board your luxury yacht for a cruise to Bartolomé Island, the tip of an underwater volcano. Climb to the summit for sweeping views of James Bay and Santiago, your next stop. Cool off with swimming and snorkelling amongst Galapagos penguins, marine turtles and a kaleidoscope of fish. Marvel at sea lions curled up on rocks and watch flamingos stalking through the water of beachside saline lagoons. Journey onwards to Sullivan Bay and step back in time to the volcanic beginnings of the Galapagos. Experience the surreal and starkly beautiful environment of white coral sand beach and lava, as spy hawks, finches and mockingbirds soar overhead (B,L,D). *Pikaia Lodge (Balcony)*

Day 6: Galapagos Islands. Continue your island adventure this morning, your way. This afternoon, join your A&K Guardian Angel on a revealing tour of Puerto Ayora. Then, seek out your favourite spot to enjoy nature's show before dinner (B,L,D). *Pikaia Lodge (Balcony)*

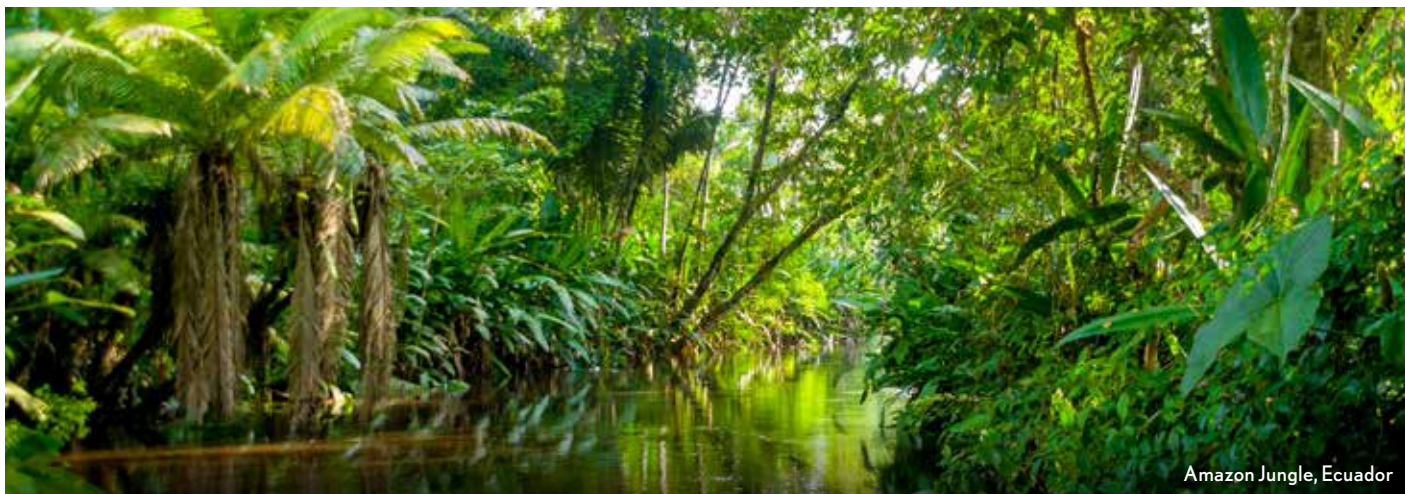
Day 7 Galapagos Islands - Guayaquil. Rise early this morning to soak up your final taste of the Galapagos, before your return flight to Guayaquil (B).

PRICE

Twin Share Per Person: From \$XXX
Solo Traveller: From \$XXX

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Amazon Jungle, Ecuador

CRUISE THE AMAZON

Capture the wonders of the exotic jungle on a cruise aboard Anakonda through the Ecuadorian Amazon. From your luxury boutique riverboat, enter a world that's surreal and breath-taking in equal measure. You'll barely drift a few metres without seeing something remarkable. And it's this ever-changing view of untamed landscapes and exotic creatures that distinguishes an Amazon cruise from any other experience. Watch in awe as your talented guides seek out intriguing creatures, from sloths to river turtles – and some you didn't even know existed. Step on terra firma to explore the forest in its dusky magic hour and learn how local communities live in this remote corner of the world. Then, at the end of a day filled with animal-spotting and natural phenomena, recline on your sumptuous deck and enjoy nature's circus from the best seat in the house.

& A&K RECOMMENDS

Ecuador Amazon Cruise from Quito | 5 days

Twin Share Per Person: From \$5,645

Solo Traveller: From \$8,265



Napo Wildlife Centre

AMAZON LODGE

Welcome to the entrancing, untamed world of the Amazon. Step inside Ecuador's Napo Wildlife Centre, a luxury eco-lodge located in the most bio-diverse spot on earth: Yasuni National Park. Let this become your platform to explore the heart of Ecuador's Amazon Basin. Glide on a canoe and glimpse giant otters, caimans and herons on the riverbank. Climb high into the trees and watch nature's theatre play out before you – from jumping spider monkeys and pygmy squirrels to a whimsy of rainbow-coloured birds within touching distance. See first-hand how the locals live on a visit to a Kichwa Anangu community, where you'll be welcomed with traditional dances, customs and drinks. Or simply recline on your private balcony watching the dance of nature around you.

& A&K RECOMMENDS

Ecuador Amazon Lodge from Quito | 5 days

Twin Share Per Person: From \$3,295

Solo Traveller: From \$4,985

Colombia Revealed



Cartagena

COLOMBIA | 15 Days | Bogotá - Villa de Leyva - Pereira - Medellín - Tayrona - Cartagena



Journey through a nation of ecological, cultural and gastronomic treasures. From the seemingly impossible underground salt cathedral to the world's tallest palm trees. And lush valleys of coffee to a soaring cable car network of a city reborn. Every corner of Colombia reveals something more extraordinary than the last.

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Navigate the extraordinary underground Salt Cathedral
- Learn the dance of passion from Bogotá's salseros
- Gaze skywards in Valle de Cocora, home to the world's tallest palm tree
- Venture to the heart of coffee country at Hacienda San Alberto
- Trek through Colombia's crown jewel, Tayrona National Park

Day 1: Arrive Bogotá (2,640m). Welcome to Bogotá, located on one of the Andes' many high plateaux. On your private walking tour, soak up the cool European atmosphere that fills the brilliant museums, street art, markets and cafes, where you'll taste your first unforgettable Colombian coffee. *Four Seasons Casa Medina (Premier)*

Day 2: Bogotá. Step back to a time of great architecture and military might in the historic centre of La Candelaria. Admire the statue of the great liberator, Simón Bolívar, and Capilla del Sagrario, a gem of religious architecture. The Museo Botero, in an old colonial residence, houses the pre-eminent collection of Botero's works and will leave you dazzled by his artworks and those of his private collection including Picassos, Renoirs and Monets. The Museo del Oro glitters with some 32,000 pieces of incredible pre-Hispanic gold artifacts. Dine on classic Santafereña fare at Las Margaritas, the oldest restaurant in Bogotá. Then indulge in dessert in the form of a chocolate workshop, where a myriad of aromas and flavours awaits (B,L). *Four Seasons Casa Medina (Premier)*

Day 3: Design Your Day Bogotá. Explore the city your way today. Uncover Bogotá's eclectic street art scene on a bike tour of graffiti hotspots. Discover the city's unique art culture as a local art dealer takes you to hidden galleries and ateliers. Or get a taste for Colombian cuisine on a gastronomic walking tour of five family-run eateries. This evening, learn the dance of passion in a local home before swinging your hips with Bogotá's salseros in iconic salsa clubs (B). *Four Seasons Casa Medina (Premier)*

Day 4: Bogotá - Villa de Leyva. Head north through the Bogotá Savannah to Zipaquirá, home to one of Colombia's most revered attractions: the underground salt cathedral. Navigate through

underground tunnels to the gigantic cross crafted in salt by the Colombian artist Carlos Enrique Rodríguez - the largest of its kind in the world. Continue onwards to Villa de Leyva, one of the area's most picturesque towns (B). *Casa Terra (Suite)*

Day 5: Villa de Leyva. Explore the colonial jewel of Villa de Leyva with its Spanish-style houses and winding cobblestone laneways. Learn the art of ceramics in Ráquira, the "city of pots", before sampling the famous longaniza and morcilla spicy sausages of Sutamarchán (B). *Casa Terra (Suite)*

Day 6: Villa de Leyva - Pereira. Return to Bogotá, stopping en route to admire the religious artwork of the 17th century Convento del Santo Ecce Homo. Transfer to Bogotá Airport for an evening flight into Pereira, Colombia's coffee country. (B). *Hacienda Sazagua (Junior Suite)*

Day 7: Coffee Country. Climb high into the steep volcanic hills to visit the coffee finca of Hacienda San Alberto. Here, you'll learn about coffee in all its stages - from the sweet red fruits the beans start off as on the branch, to sorting, roasting, grinding and brewing. Fuelled by a coffee tasting, move onto Pijao, a city where the living is slow and the locals are gracious. Be welcomed into the homes of four families; taste home-made beverages using produce from their treasure-filled gardens and get a unique taste of life in Latin America's first "Slow City" (B,L). *Hacienda Sazagua (Junior Suite)*

Day 8: Coffee Country. Journey to the rolling green foothills of the Colombian Andes to the Valle de Cocora, home to the world's tallest palm tree, the Quindian wax palm. Explore the cloud forest on foot or horseback (additional charge) and learn firsthand why Colombia is the second most biodiverse country in the world. Later, explore the vibrant



Valle de Cocora

traditional towns of Salento and Filandia, and even dare to sample some local spirits before your return journey (B,L). *Hacienda Sazagua (Junior Suite)*

Day 9: Pereira – Medellín. Visit Finca Romelia, home to some 6,000 orchids. Meet José and Maria and learn the story of their private collection, which spans 832 different species. After sampling their home-grown produce, travel onwards to Medellín (B). *Patio del Mundo (Superior)*

Day 10: Medellín. Known as the City of Eternal Spring, Medellín is a city fizzing with civic pride, arts and innovation. Learn about the incredible social transformation of the city since the death of Pablo Escobar, admire some of the best street-art murals in the world, and try your hand at creating gourmet masterpieces in a community cooking class. Floating over colourful rooftops in a cable car will give you a whole new perspective of a city reborn (B,L). *Patio del Mundo (Superior)*

Day 11: Medellín – Tayrona National Park. Transfer to Medellín airport for your flight to Santa Marta and onwards to Tayrona, the unspoiled national park on the Caribbean in northern Colombia (B,D). *Ecohabs (Standard)*

Day 12: Tayrona National Park. Lace up your hiking shoes for a rewarding trek through dense jungle and past traditional villages of the Kogui people to Pueblito, the heart of Tayrona. Step back in time through the ruins of terraces, homes, bridges, stairways and complex architectural achievements of one of the most important pre-colonial Colombian civilisations. Continue your hike to where the jungle meets a secluded golden beach. Take a refreshing swim before hiking onwards to Cañaveral (B,L,D). *Ecohabs (Standard)*

Day 13: Tayrona National Park – Cartagena.

Journey to the vibrant port city of Cartagena, the jewel in Colombia's crown and one of the most exquisite colonial cities in Latin America. Famous for its pastel coloured colonial-era architecture, bougainvillea draped balconies, cobbled streets and the grand churches of its old walled city, Cartagena is a city best explored on foot. This evening, sip wine on the deck as you cruise along Cartagena Bay before enjoying dinner at Interno (B,D). *Casa San Agustin (Deluxe)*

Day 14: Cartagena. Start your day off at the hilltop San Felipe Fortress, built to defend the city from pirate attacks. Return to the old city to soak up its charming shady plazas and handicraft stalls as well as the gold-filled museum and aptly-named Inquisition Palace (B,L). *Casa San Agustin (Deluxe)*

Day 15: Design Your Day Cartagena – Depart Cartagena. Spend the morning discovering this captivating place your way. Venture on a half-day tour to the National Aviary of Colombia to witness incredible biodiversity and some 1,800 birds. Or feast on the city's unique fusion of Spanish and African flavours in a gastronomic walking tour. Later transfer to the airport for your onward journey (B).

PRICE

Twin Share Per Person: From \$11,255
Solo Traveller: From \$20,165



Medellín



Arepas, Villa De Leyva

Colombia Highlights



Palenquera selling fruits, Cartagena

COLOMBIA | 8 Days | Bogotá - Pereira - Cartagena



Discover Colombia's natural and cultural treasures. Walk in the footsteps of Gabriel Garcia Márquez in one of Latin America's most exquisite colonial cities. Feast on exotic fruits and savour rich black coffee. And, discover the enduring African customs of San Basilio de Palenque. Whether sipping spirits with villagers or gliding through mangroves on a canoe, Colombia promises to be an eye-opener.

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Witness Colombia's incredible biodiversity at Guatavita Lake
- Follow in the footsteps of Gabriel Garcia Márquez in Cartagena
- Gaze skywards in Valle de Cocora, home to the world's tallest palm tree
- Feast on a colourful cornucopia of fruits in the heart of coffee country

Day 1: Arrive Bogotá (2,640m). Welcome to Bogotá, an Andean city filled with cultural highlights. On your private walking tour, soak up the colonial charm of La Candelaria, the historic centre, and discover the brilliant museums, street art, markets and cafes. *Four Seasons Casa Medina (Premier)*

Day 2: Bogotá. Head north to the legendary Guatavita Lake, a crater lake 3,100 metres above sea level that served as a sacred site for Indians who worshiped the goddess of water. Witness Colombia's incredible biodiversity here in the high Andean woodlands. Then, explore the tranquil town of Guatavita with its striking white houses and enjoy a traditional lunch. Back in Bogotá, admire artworks in Museo Botero and the treasures of the Gold Museum (B,L). *Four Seasons Casa Medina (Premier)*

Day 3: Bogotá - Pereira. Fly to Pereira and continue your journey to the rolling green foothills of Colombia's coffee country and the Valle de Cocora, home to the world's tallest palm tree, the Quindian wax palm. Explore the cloud forest on foot and learn firsthand why Colombia is the second most biodiverse country in the world. Later, explore the vibrant traditional towns of Salento and Filandia, and dare to sample local spirits (B,L). *Hacienda Sazagua (Junior Suite)*

Day 4: Pereira. From zingy zapotes to luscious lulos, Colombia's exotic fruits are a guaranteed delight - sample a colourful cornucopia in the beautiful courtyard of your hotel. Move onto Pijao, a city where the living is slow and the locals are gracious. Be welcomed into the homes of four families; enjoy their beautiful gardens, try their local drinks, and get a unique taste of life in Latin America's first "Slow City" (B,L). *Hacienda Sazagua (Junior Suite)*

Day 5: Pereira - Cartagena. Fly to Cartagena, the jewel in Colombia's crown. There's no better way to explore this picture-perfect colonial city than by following the footsteps of Gabriel Garcia Márquez. See the places that inspired his literary masterpieces, including *Love In The Time Of Cholera*. This evening, climb to the hilltop fortress for sunset cocktails (B). *Casa San Agustin (Deluxe)*

Day 6: Cartagena. Enjoy a short drive to La Boquilla, a beautiful untouched fishing village. Glide down the river in a canoe to explore the mangrove tunnels and the fascinating coastal ecosystem. Take time to meander through the village, soaking up its unique charm, before returning to Cartagena for lunch (B,L). *Casa San Agustin (Deluxe)*

Day 7: Cartagena. Head to the village of San Basilio de Palenque, a village established by escaped slaves in the 17th century and today a UNESCO-listed Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. Join a local family for a walking tour of the community and learn how the Afro-Colombian inhabitants have preserved many of the customs of their African ancestors, even their own dialect. Return to Cartagena for lunch and a leisurely afternoon (B,L). *Casa San Agustin (Deluxe)*

Day 8: Depart Cartagena. Transfer to the airport for your outbound flight (B).

PRICE

Twin Share Per Person: From \$5,795
Solo Traveller: From \$9,995

EXPLORE MORE OF COLOMBIA

Get more out of your holiday and explore the region in greater depth. Here are some recommendations to complement your visit. Ask your Travel Specialist how best to personalise your journey or visit www.abercrombiekent.com.au to learn more.



PROVIDENCIA

You may come to Providencia for some of the world's most pristine beaches and best-preserved coral reefs, but you'll stay for its truly Caribbean island way of life. This tiny South American corner of the Caribbean is unknown to much of the travel world – and it shows. Explore the hidden bays by boat. Hike the rainforests to the peak of the island, picking fresh mangoes as you go. And gasp at views of the Sea of Seven Colours with its impossible hues of turquoise and blue. Wander over the multi-coloured Lover's Bridge to neighbouring Santa Catalina. Feast on the local catch of the day. It's all part of the charm of this Caribbean hideaway accessed by air from Cartagena.

& A&K RECOMMENDS

Pristine Providencia from Cartagena | 4 days

Twin Share Per Person From: \$1,295

Solo Traveller: From \$2,155



MOMPOX

"If to Caracas I owe my life, to Mompox I owe my glory," reads an inscription on a statue of Simón Bolívar in the town square. Step back in time in Santa Cruz de Mompox, a tranquil riverside town so steeped in history and tradition, it's a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Discover why it was the inspiration behind Gabriel Garcia Márquez' seminal novel, *One Hundred Years of Solitude*. Soak up local life on streets lined with colonial architecture built by rich merchants. Stop awhile to watch artisans working with a gentleness that's hypnotic, before enjoying an excellent fish dinner with a view of river life. Once seduced by Mompox's charm, you'll be reluctant to leave.

& A&K RECOMMENDS

Discover Mompox from Cartagena | 3 days

Twin Share Per Person From: \$1,355

Solo Traveller: From \$2,575



ROSARIO ISLAND

Disappear into a tranquil haven of islands, just a short lancha ride away from the busy port of Cartagena. Cross the channel to the colourful archipelago of coral islands. Immerse yourself in the shimmering warm waters and verdant vegetation, where white egrets, herons, pelicans and parrots can appear at any moment. Venture into beachfront restaurants for just-caught *pargo* (snapper) or recline on the beach as wandering oyster vendors squeeze lime over freshly-shucked *ostras*. Nearby Isla Barú is home to Playa Blanca, a stretch of impossibly white sand fringed with mangroves and palapas. This is the Caribbean, but not as you know it.

& A&K RECOMMENDS

Tranquil Rosario Island from Cartagena | 3 days

Twin Share Per Person From: \$655

Solo Traveller: From \$1,075

Wonders of South America



PERU, ARGENTINA & BRAZIL | 16 Days | Lima – Sacred Valley – Machu Picchu – Cusco – Buenos Aires – Iguazú Falls – Rio de Janeiro



Uncover the many layers of South America on this journey through three extraordinary countries. Explore the ruins of the once-glorious civilisations in Peru. Fall in love with Buenos Aires and its insatiable passion. Drink in the natural wonder of Iguazú Falls. And be swept away by the magnetic energy of Rio de Janeiro.

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience ancient cultures thriving in the Sacred Valley
- Ride the rails to Machu Picchu onboard the luxury Hiram Bingham train
- Move to the rhythms of South America's sensuous dances: tango and samba
- Witness the wonder of Iguazú Falls

Day 1: Arrive Lima, Peru. A warm A&K welcome and transfer to hotel. *Belmond Miraflores Park Hotel (Ocean View Junior Suite)*

Day 2: Lima. This morning touring begins at the Plaza Mayor, the official centre of the city. See the 16th century cathedral, an architectural marvel, and the Presidential Palace before driving through modern Lima to the fascinating Larco Museum which houses one of the largest private collections of pre-Inca ceramics in the world. An optional culinary experience is available today with top Lima chef Penelope Alzamora at her home in Barranco (additional cost) (B). *Belmond Miraflores Park Hotel (Ocean View Junior Suite)*

Day 3: Lima – Sacred Valley (2,800m). Fly* to Cusco then stop for lunch at Limo restaurant before travelling by road into the Sacred Valley, full of archaeological sites, Inca terraces and colonial churches. Visit Awanakancha, a centre where South American camelids including llamas, alpacas, guanacos and vicuñas are bred. Learn about the renowned fibres created from their fleeces, as well as ancient weaving techniques which are still used today. Remainder of afternoon at leisure (B,L). *Inkaterra Hacienda Urubamba (Superior Deluxe)*

Day 4: Sacred Valley. A rewarding day starting with a visit to the Kuychi Centre, created to support the Children of the Rainbow project. Continue with a unique visit to an Andean highland community to meet local Quechua-speaking farmers and weavers. This personal encounter introduces you to the lifestyle and traditions of these Incan

descendants. Lunch is at Hacienda Huayocari, an elegant farmhouse high in the hills. Remainder of the afternoon at leisure (B,L). *Inkaterra Hacienda Urubamba (Superior Deluxe)*

Day 5: Sacred Valley – Machu Picchu (2,450m). A morning visit to the impressive fortress of Ollantaytambo, a formidable stone structure which was the site of the Incas' greatest victory against the Spanish. Next, board the Vistadome train to Machu Picchu where a late morning arrival gives you time to begin your explorations of this breathtaking Inca citadel with your guide. Well preserved, most of the outlying buildings have been reconstructed giving an excellent picture of what the structures originally looked like (B,L,D). *Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo (Junior Suite)*

Day 6: Machu Picchu – Cusco (3,400m). An option to further explore the site of Machu Picchu at sunrise or enjoy a hike with your guide. Later board the Hiram Bingham luxury train to Cusco with gourmet dinner included on board (B,L,D). *Inkaterra La Casona (Balcony Suite)*

Day 7: Cusco. This morning enjoy a city tour which includes the Cathedral on the Plaza de Armas and the Santo Domingo Temple or Koricancha, a Dominican Church and convent built on the foundations of the Inca's principal religious building, dedicated to sun worship. You also visit the ruins of Sacsayhuaman outside of Cusco, a testimonial to Incan architectural skills. This ancient fortress where the greatest battle between the Spanish and Incas took place overlooks the red-tiled roofs of Cusco and spectacular countryside (B). *Inkaterra La Casona (Balcony Suite)*

AKP supported project:
Children of the Rainbow





Two Brothers Mountain, Rio de Janeiro

Day 8: Cusco – Buenos Aires, Argentina. Fly* to Lima and connect with your onward flight* to the Argentine capital, Buenos Aires, where a private A&K welcome awaits. (B). *Alvear Palace Hotel (Junior Suite)*

Day 9: Buenos Aires. This morning you are driven through the leafy streets of Palermo with time to explore the famous ten acre Recoleta cemetery where generations of Argentina's elite are buried, including Eva Peron. Dinner and a tango show are included at Esquina Carlos Gardel with VIP seating (B,D). *Alvear Palace Hotel (Junior Suite)*

Day 10: Buenos Aires. Visit the colourful La Boca district once inhabited by Italian immigrants and home to football giants Boca Juniors. Explore the Bohemian delights of San Telmo and visit the beautifully restored 19th century residence El Zanjón, an important urban archaeological site (B). *Alvear Palace Hotel (Junior Suite)*

Day 11: Buenos Aires – Iguazú Falls, Brazil. Transfer to airport for your flight* to Foz do Iguaçu. Your hotel is within the Brazilian National Park and an easy walk from the falls (B). *Belmond Hotel Das Cataratas (Deluxe)*

Day 12: Iguazú Falls. Explore the Argentinian side of the Falls and get up close to the thundering torrent. Walk through the jungle to a catwalk for dramatic views (B). *Belmond Hotel Das Cataratas (Deluxe)*

Day 13: Iguazú Falls – Rio de Janeiro. Fly* to Rio de Janeiro where incredible contrasts of colour and dazzling scenery awaits. Head to your beachside hotel and enjoy the afternoon at leisure. (B). *Belmond Copacabana Palace Hotel (Deluxe Ocean View)*

Day 14: Rio de Janeiro. Take in the sights this morning including a cable car ride up Sugar Loaf, Guanabara Bay. After a typical Brazilian BBQ lunch visit the statue of Christ the Redeemer, one of the Seven Wonders of the Modern World, with time to explore the bohemian Santa Teresa neighbourhood. (B,L). *Belmond Copacabana Palace Hotel (Deluxe Ocean View)*

Day 15: Design Your Day Rio de Janeiro. Explore this vibrant city, your way. Choose to move to the hypnotic rhythm of Brazil's famous dance at Grande Rio's samba school. Or venture into the city's favelas for an intimate look at shanty town life and a new understanding of Brazilian society. (B). *Belmond Copacabana Palace Hotel (Deluxe Ocean View)*

Day 16: Depart Rio de Janeiro. Your journey ends with a transfer to the airport (B).

PRICE

Twin Share Per Person: From \$13,975

Solo Traveller: From \$23,945

*Flight not included.



Machu Picchu



La Boca, Buenos Aires

Mexico Discovered



Old Basilica of Guadalupe, Mexico City

MEXICO | 13 Days | Mexico City – Puebla – Oaxaca – San Cristobal de las Casas – Palenque – Mexico City



Uncover the real Mexico. A place where vivid art, remarkable cuisine and cultural tradition wait at every turn. Spark your creativity in dynamic Oaxaca. Walk in the footsteps of the all-conquering Aztecs. Eat sizzling street food to rival the world's best cuisine. And discover ancient legends hidden deep in the jungle.

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Walk in the footsteps of Mexico's most revered artists and writers
- Uncover Mayan secrets in ancient jungle-swathed cities
- Drift down the Grijalva River to the geological wonder, Sumidero Canyon
- Taste Mexico's "drink of the gods"

Day 1: Arrive Mexico City (2,250m). Arrive into Mexico City, the most populous metropolis beyond Asia. Mexico's capital is a throbbing place of wide boulevards, palm trees, street food, murals, and intriguing architecture, old and new. *Las Alcobas (Deluxe)*

Day 2: Mexico City. Journey to Teotihuacán and, accompanied by your private guide, uncover the secrets of this vast complex of pre-Aztec ruins, once one of the largest cities in the Americas. Scale the stone steps to the top of the Pyramids of the Sun and Moon for sweeping views across the "birthplace of the gods". Back in the capital, embark on a guided walking discovery starting in the bustling Zócalo, the city's main square. Unpeel layers of history as you explore the baroque Metropolitan Cathedral, Diego Rivera's murals in the Palacio Nacional and treasures of the Palacio de Bellas Artes (B). *Las Alcobas (Deluxe)*

Day 3: Design Your Day Mexico City. Choose what moves you. Head to Mexico City's southern neighbourhoods that still feel like small villages. Soak up the vibe in Coyoacán's artisanal market and walk the maze of tree-lined cobblestone streets in the footsteps of Mexico's most revered artists and writers, including a visit to Frida Kahlo's Casa Azul and Studio Diego Rivera. Or accompanied by your local expert, learn about Luis Barragan, one of the most influential architects of Mexican modernity and discover some of the city's fascinating architectural styles (B,L). *Las Alcobas (Deluxe)*

Day 4: Mexico City – Puebla. Journey south to the UNESCO World Heritage City of Puebla, chock full of colonial treasures, café-lined squares and vibrant arts and crafts. Join your personal guide and marvel at the splendour of elegant buildings clad in shimmering azulejos, tin-glazed ceramic tiles. Gaze skyward at the majestic Catedral de Puebla and wealth of beautiful churches around the bustling zócalo, the centre of the old city. When hunger calls, Puebla's signature mole poblano will not disappoint (B). *Rosewood Puebla (Deluxe)*

Day 5: Puebla. An adventure today to Cantona (La Casa del Sol), believed to be one of the largest Mesoamerican archaeological sites yet discovered. Hidden from the tourist route, you'll feel as though you are the first person to explore it. Stop in the quaint indigenous town of Tepeyahualco for a lunch of local delicacies. For the full experience, taste Mexico's oldest alcoholic beverage, pulque, and discover why Aztecs called it the "drink of the gods" (B,L). *Rosewood Puebla (Deluxe)*

Day 6: Puebla – Oaxaca. Travel further south to Oaxaca, the creative capital of Mexico. Navigate the vibrant city with its imposing Baroque churches, art galleries and shady plazas - perfect for people-watching. Dare to eat like a local and feast on grasshoppers, agave worms and ants. Or, play it safe with the equally rewarding grilled empanadas and spicy hot chocolate (B). *Hotel Casa Oaxaca (Standard)*

Day 7: Design Your Day Oaxaca. Spark your creativity, your way. Seek colourful crafts in Zaachila's local markets before visiting the village homes of skilled artisans to learn age-old techniques, such as knife-making, ceramics and



Palenque

backstrap loom weaving. Or, treat your taste buds to a culinary adventure, led by world-renowned chef Alejandro Ruiz of Casa Oaxaca, one of the Pellegrino Top 50 Restaurants of Latin America. Meet Alejandro's favourite merchants in the local market, before joining him in the kitchen to prepare your feast. Then, enjoy your creation the Oaxacan way – served with rare varieties of mescal (B,L). *Hotel Casa Oaxaca (Standard)*

Day 8: Oaxaca – San Cristóbal de las Casas. Board your flight for Tuxtla Gutierrez. Drift down the Grijalva River to one of the most impressive geological wonders of Chiapas. Towering cliffs, dense jungle, mysterious caves and deep waterfalls offer a hint of what awaits you downstream at Sumidero Canyon. Continue on to San Cristóbal de las Casas, a town of cobblestone streets and red-tile roofs set amid pine-filled forests in the rugged Chiapan highlands (B). *Hotel BO (Deluxe)*

Day 9: San Cristóbal de las Casas. Take a morning stroll through the city's narrow winding streets and beautiful colonial buildings, before embarking on your private tour to intriguing Mayan villages nearby. Witness the extraordinary blend of Catholicism and local Tzotzil practices in the famous church of San Juan Chamula. Then, onwards to Zinacantán where women use centuries-old techniques to transform a whirlwind of colours into rich textiles (B). *Hotel BO (Deluxe)*

Day 10: San Cristóbal de las Casas – Palenque. Take a morning trip to the enigmatic and seldom visited ruins of Toniná on the way to Palenque. The site's crowning glory is the recently discovered pyramid, now confirmed as the largest in Mexico. Amble along the hillside terraces and seek out the

ballgame court, war palace and temple of murals – each discovery provides a fascinating glimpse of life in this ancient city. Arrive in Palenque, where lush jungle meets ancient legend (B). *Boutique Hotel Quinta Chanabnal (Junior Suite)*

Day 11: Palenque. Journey to two jungle-swathed Mayan cities. Marvel at incredibly preserved painted frescoes in Bonampak, which means "painted wall" in modern Mayan. Continue to Frontera Corozal and board your vessel to the Mayan city of Yaxchilán. Here, intricate structures, hieroglyphs and inscriptions narrate the city's history, while howler monkeys look on from the trees (B,L). *Boutique Hotel Quinta Chanabnal (Junior Suite)*

Day 12: Palenque – Mexico City. Venture deeper into the jungle to where one of the most notable city's of the Maya Classic period once reigned. Unravel the myths of the Maya as you wander around Palenque's exquisite architecture and decipher age-old inscriptions. Then, travel by plane onwards to Mexico City and soak up the very last of your visit amidst its vibrant nightlife (B). *Las Alcobas (Deluxe)*

Day 13: Depart Mexico City. Travel to the airport for your onward journey (B).

PRICE

Twin Share Per Person: From \$11,225
Solo Traveller: From \$20,475



Mezcal tasting, Oaxaca



Puebla

Flavours of Mexico



MEXICO | 11 Days | Mexico City – Puebla – Oaxaca



Embark on a journey of culinary discovery through the vibrant, tongue-tingling world of Mexican cuisine. Taste a whirl of top-notch tequila, tortillas and more in Mexico City. Inhale the aromas and flavours of Oaxaca's bustling market stalls. Learn the secrets of time-honoured recipes in a family kitchen. And indulge your sweet side with world-famous chocolate. This is the real Mexico.

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Prepare a feast with world-renowned Chef Alejandro Ruiz of Casa Oaxaca
- Experience the true beauty of Mexican cooking in a family home
- Learn to appreciate Mexico's ancient beverage, mezcal
- Indulge in a chocolate tasting led by acclaimed chocolatier Chef Jose Ramon Castillo

Day 1: Arrive Mexico City (2,250m). Soak up the city vibes in this buzzing metropolis before your culinary journey begins. Join your private guide for a locals-only tour of taquerias where you can appreciate the true artistry of Mexican cuisine: El Taco. Drink like a local and try the ancient beverage of mezcal (D). *St. Regis Mexico City (Deluxe)*

Day 2: Mexico City. Join a local chef for a gourmet tour of La Roma neighbourhood. Experience the true beauty of Mexican cooking at Casa Jacaranda. Take a walk through historical Mexico City and discover the main square and national palace. Indulge your sweet side with a chocolate tasting led by acclaimed chocolatier Chef Jose Ramon Castillo of Que Bo (B,L). *St. Regis Mexico City (Deluxe)*

Day 3: Design Your Day Mexico City. Choose your own menu today. Start with a private sunrise hot air balloon flight (additional cost) over the valley before delving into the fascinating Mesoamerican site, Teotihuacán. Or join a private guided tour of the city's southern neighbourhoods, San Angel and Coyoacán. Walk in the footsteps of Mexico's revered artists, including a visit to Frida Kahlo's Casa Azul, and enjoy a flavour-packed lunch at bustling Mercado Coyoacán. (B). *St. Regis Mexico City (Deluxe)*

Day 4: Mexico City – Puebla. Journey south to the UNESCO World Heritage City of Puebla. Sample the region's specialties, including the famous mole poblano – a complex sauce made with 30-odd spices. Enjoy the wonderfully walkable city at leisure (B,L). *Rosewood Puebla (Deluxe)*

Day 5: Design Your Day Puebla. Explore the historic centre, home to churches and colonial buildings many covered with the azulejos (ceramic tiles). Later choose to visit the Talavera Factory learning from skilled artisans, or immerse yourself in local art and culture at either the Barroco International Museum or the Amparo Museum (B). *Rosewood Puebla (Deluxe)*

Day 6: Puebla. Travel to Cholula, home of the Aztec's Great Pyramid. Explore the quaint villages of Acatepec and Santa Maria Tonantzintla and learn firsthand why cacao is "the food of the gods" (B). *Rosewood Puebla (Deluxe)*

Day 7: Puebla – Oaxaca. Discover why Oaxaca is unofficially dubbed the gastronomic capital of Mexico. Embark on a private evening tour of local eateries and seek out a local mezcaleria for rare varieties of the city's prized beverage (B,D). *Hotel Casa Oaxaca (Standard)*

Day 8: Oaxaca. Meander through Oaxaca's historic centre and glimpse the impressive treasures at the Museum of Culture. Dare to sample the city's specialties – grasshoppers and spicy hot chocolate. Later, head to UNESCO World Heritage Listed Monte Albán where magnificent Zapotec stone formations will leave you speechless (B). *Hotel Casa Oaxaca (Standard)*

Day 9: Oaxaca. Visit the famous weaving town of Teotitlan Del Valle and meet a local family of weavers. Later, become the special guest in a local Zapotec home and learn the family's culinary secrets over an intimate cooking class and lunch (B,L). *Hotel Casa Oaxaca (Standard)*

Day 10: Oaxaca. Spark culinary creativity with your private cooking class at Casa Oaxaca, one of the Pellegrino Top 50 Restaurants of Latin America. Let world-renowned chef Alejandro Ruiz lead you on an exploration of traditional Oaxacan cuisine. Meet his favourite merchants in the local market, before heading to the kitchen to prepare your feast (B,L). *Hotel Casa Oaxaca (Standard)*

Day 11: Depart Oaxaca. Transfer to the airport (B).

PRICE

Twin Share Per Person: From \$10,395
Solo Traveller: From \$18,445

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Chihuahua al Pacifico

COPPER CANYON

Discover extraordinary natural beauty hidden deep in Mexico's mountains. The Copper Canyon may be over four times as large as the Grand Canyon, but it remains obscure and captivating. Start your exploration on one of the most remarkable railways in the world: Chihuahua al Pacifico. Emerald hills and slate-blue lakes slowly give way to red canyon walls as the train journeys deeper into the Sierra Madres. Experience the quiet mysticism of the Tarahumara people and wander the streets of charming colonial El Fuerte.

& A&K RECOMMENDS

Discover Copper Canyon from Los Mochis | 8 days
Twin Share Per Person: From \$3,365
Solo Traveller: From \$5,535



Chichen Itza

YUCATÁN PENINSULA

Fall under the spell of the Yucatán Peninsula. Culturally rich and beguiling, the Yucatán is where quiet indigenous life meets bustling modernity. Unpeel layers of ancient history in the Maya cities of Ek' Balam and Dzinilchaltun. Bask in the gracious charm of the state's capital, Merida. Rise at dawn to witness the morning colours creep up the walls of Chichen Itza, the most famous of all Maya sites. Learn how to make Panama hats from skilled artisans. Savour intricate and utterly different Yucatecan cuisine in a private cooking class.

& A&K RECOMMENDS

Jewels of Yucatan from Cancun | 9 days
Twin Share Per Person: From \$9,475
Solo Traveller: From \$18,355



San Miguel de Allende

COLONIAL CITIES

Revealing a patchwork of stories at every turn, Mexico's fabled colonial cities will leave you spellbound. Each has its own character: the bustling little town of San Miguel de Allende is a magnet for artists while the vibrant university town Guanajuato shows off some of the grandest monumental colonial architecture. Be inspired by the birthplace of revolutionary painter Diego Rivera, and watch modern-day artisans crafting delicate wares. Step inside famed Majolic ceramicist Gorky Gonzalez's workshop to witness masterpieces in the making.

& A&K RECOMMENDS

Mexico's Colonial Cities from Mexico City | 10 days
Twin Share Per Person: From \$8,995
Solo Traveller: From \$16,995



Riviera Maya

RIVIERA MAYA

To perfectly round out your Mexican adventure don't miss a beach escape on the beautiful Riviera Maya on Mexico's northeastern Yucatán Peninsula. Picture spectacular white sandy beaches lined with palm trees, warm turquoise waters, offshore reefs and fascinating archaeological sites such as Tulum, one of the most beautiful. Soak up local culture, visit local fishing villages, plan a spa treatment or snorkel the outer reefs and cenotes. Bed down in a luxe seaside hideaway and taste some of the delicious regional cuisine.

& A&K RECOMMENDS

Relaxing Riviera Maya from Cancun | 4 days
Twin Share Per Person: From \$2,825
Solo Traveller: From \$5,435

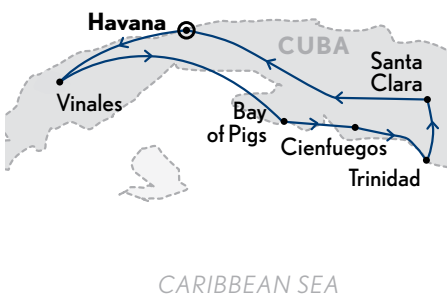
Secrets of Cuba



Trinidad

CUBA | 13 Days | Havana – Viñales – Cienfuegos – Trinidad – Havana

GULF OF MEXICO



Road →

Welcome to Cuba at its most alluring. Delve deep into the surprises and contradictions of Havana. Walk in the footsteps of Hemingway and Guevara. Witness the mastery of cigar rolling and rum-making. Journey through the surprising landscapes of the Viñales Valley. Discover the jewel in Cuba's Spanish colonial crown. And marvel at the astounding architecture of Cienfuegos.

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Rewind the clock in the Valley of the Sugar Mills
- Hike through the green hills and tobacco farms of the Viñales Valley
- Marvel at Neoclassical architecture in the city of Cienfuegos
- Taste true Cuban culture at Havana Club Museum of Rum

Day 1: Arrive Havana. Unpeel the layers of Havana's rich colonial past with a private tour of La Habana Vieja, or Old Havana. Navigate the web of narrow streets and plazas lined with gelato-coloured houses that comprise this UNESCO World Heritage Site. Explore more with your own vintage 1950's car and driver, ready for you to enjoy throughout your stay in the city. Later, head to the legendary El Floridita, world-renowned author Ernest Hemingway's favourite bar, and birthplace of the daiquiri. *La Reserva in Vedado (House Suite)*

Day 2: Havana. Join a Cuban chef to source the freshest ingredients in the local market. Then, learn how to turn these ingredients into Cuban delicacies in a private cooking lesson. Later, delve into the fascinating Afro-Cuban culture with renowned Santería expert and author, Valentina Porras. Return for an evening at Havana's mighty fortress, Fortaleza de la Cabana, where actors re-enact the firing of a canon over the harbour (B,L). *La Reserva in Vedado (House Suite)*

Day 3: Havana. Explore Hemingway's Cuba with your personal literary guide. Start at the writer's villa on the outskirts of Havana before cruising in a classic American convertible to Cojimar fishing village, the picturesque town that inspired Hemingway to write the novel *The Old Man and the Sea*. This evening, your dinner reservation is at El Cocinero, an industrial chic alfresco rooftop haunt with a buzzing atmosphere and fabulous food. (B,D). *La Reserva in Vedado (House Suite)*

Day 4: Havana. Uncover Havana's astonishing architectural styles, from art nouveau and art deco to the flowering of high modernism. See masterpieces of Cuban architecture before and after the revolution, including the grand Hotel Nacional de Cuba, the University of Arts of Cuba, the Columbus Cemetery, and more (B). *La Reserva in Vedado (House Suite)*

Day 5: Havana – Pinar del Río – Viñales. Witness the intricate artistry of cigar making in Pinar del Río, before continuing through the green hills of the Valley of Viñales. Just how green the Valley of Viñales is has been recorded by the vivid prose of Cuban writer García Valdés and the striking canvases of Domingo Ramos. Explore the bustling farming town before finding quietude amongst the hills. Hike between towering mogote mountains and watch guajiros working in the tobacco fields, before a traditional lunch (B,L). *Hotel Los Jazmines (Standard)* or *Villa Palmarito (Full House)*

Day 6: Viñales. Take a short trip to the Cave of the Indian, a limestone cave that early inhabitants carved out of the hills for shelter. Board a boat to venture deeper into the cave along the underground river (B). *Hotel Los Jazmines (Standard)* or *Villa Palmarito (Full House)*

Day 7: Viñales – Cienfuegos. Journey to Cienfuegos, Cuba's "Pearl of the South". Stop en route at the Bay of Pigs museum and learn about the failed military invasion in 1961. Venture into the jungle-clad forests of Ciénega Zapata on horse and cart and navigate the best network of hiking trails in Cuba (B). *Boutique La Union (Standard)*

Day 8: Cienfuegos. Wander through this seductive colonial port town and marvel at its eclectic Neoclassical architecture. Appreciate the French and Italian influences of the Tomas Terry Theatre and the extravagantly decorated Arabian Nights-like Palacio de Valle, amongst others, on your private tour (B). *Boutique La Union (Standard)*

Day 9: Cienfuegos – Trinidad. Journey onwards to Trinidad, the jewel in Cuba's colonial crown. Rewind the clock with a visit to the Valley of the Sugar Mills. Step inside the once lavish homes, and imagine a time when slave-worked sugar plantations plumped up the coffers of the local sugar barons (B). *Casa Finca Kenia (Standard)*



Havana

Day 10: Trinidad. A day spent visiting Topes de Collantes, a beautiful nature reserve. Wander along its hiking trails taking in caves, rivers, canyons and natural pools and learn about the scientific value it holds for Cuban botany, zoology and ecology. Then, take a well-deserved dip under the waterfalls. This afternoon, join your personal guide to delve into the rich traditions of local artisans from Santander pottery to intricate lace makers. Later, join the locals for dancing at Casa de la Musica (B). *Casa Finca Kenia (Standard)*

Day 11: Trinidad – Havana. Depart Trinidad to pay homage to the Cuban revolutionary at the Che Memorial, at the very place where he won the Battle of Santa Clara. Arrive in Havana ready to be transported into the golden era of Son music. Sway to seductive sounds inspired by the Buena Vista Social Club in the famous Hotel Nacional (B). *La Reserva in Vedado (House Suite)*

Day 12: Havana. Taste true Cuban culture at Havana Club Museum of Rum in the heart of Habana Vieja. Journey back to the origins of Cuba's most famous beverage, from freshly cut stalks of sugar cane to the distillery and ageing cellar. Find the museum bar for a rum cocktail or two while enjoying the sounds of Cuban music. Later, find your own rhythm with a talented Cuban percussionist in a private drumming lesson (B). *La Reserva in Vedado (House Suite)*

Day 13: Depart Havana. Take a leisurely stroll along the Malecón or take a drive in your own vintage 1950's car before a transfer to the airport (B).

PRICE

Twin Share Per Person: From \$9,995

Solo Traveller: From \$18,135



Cigar making, Pinar del Rio



Cienfuegos

Cuban Rhythms



CUBA | 7 Days | Havana - Trinidad - Havana

GULF OF MEXICO



CARIBBEAN SEA

Air ---->
Road ———>

Welcome to Cuba, where the mojitos are sweet, the architecture is astounding, and a new era is dawning. Delve deep into the surprises and contradictions of Havana. Sway to seductive Son music drifting from street corners. Walk in the footsteps of the literary greats. And step back to a time where sugar and cigars reigned.

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover Hemingway's Cuba and his favourite haunts
- Rewind the clock in the Valley of the Sugar Mills
- Be seduced by the French airs and Caribbean spirit of Cienfuegos, the "Pearl of the South"
- Mingle with artists, musicians and locals at Fabrica del Arte Cubano

Day 1: Arrive Havana. Capture Havana's rich colonial past with a private tour of La Habana Vieja, or Old Havana. Navigate the web of narrow streets and plazas lined with gelato-coloured houses that comprise this UNESCO World Heritage Site. Later, explore more with your own vintage 1950's car and driver, at your disposal throughout your stay in Havana. *Gran Hotel Manzana Kempinski (Deluxe)*

Day 2: Havana. Join a Cuban chef to source the freshest ingredients in the local market. Then, learn how to turn these ingredients into a mouth-watering Cuban meal in your private cooking lesson. This afternoon, explore Hemingway's Cuba with your private guide. Start at the writer's villa on the outskirts of Havana and cruise in a convertible classic American car to Cojimar fishing village, the picturesque town that inspired his novel *The Old Man and the Sea*. Later, sip on the city's best daiquiris at famed Hemingway haunt El Floridita (B,L). *Gran Hotel Manzana Kempinski (Deluxe)*

Day 3: Havana. Uncover Havana's astonishing architectural styles, from art nouveau and art deco to high modernism. Take note of the masterpieces of Cuban architecture before and after 1959, including the grand Hotel Nacional de Cuba, the University of Arts of Cuba, the Columbus Cemetery, and more. This evening, mingle with artists, musicians and locals at Fabrica del Arte Cubano, a nightclub, performance space and art gallery in a converted cooking-oil factory in Vedado (B). *Gran Hotel Manzana Kempinski (Deluxe)*

Day 4: Havana - Trinidad. Journey to Cienfuegos, Cuba's "Pearl of the South". Wander through this handsome colonial port town and be seduced by its enlightened French airs and feisty Caribbean spirit. Later, taste the freshest Criollo cuisine at Villa Lagarto overlooking the harbour. Today's final destination is Trinidad, the jewel in Cuba's colonial

crown. Led by an expert guide, delve into the rich traditions of local artisans from Santander pottery to intricate lace makers. Feast on traditional Cuban fare and imaginative cocktails at Los Conspiradores, owned by the famous Trinidad artist Yami (B,L,D). *Iberostar Grand Hotel (Junior Suite)*

Day 5: Trinidad. Be transported back to a time where slave-worked sugar plantations plumped up the coffers of the local sugar barons in the Valley of the Sugar Mills. Wander the once lavish homes and ruined plantations dotted amongst the gentle hills and scenic plateau. (B). *Iberostar Grand Hotel (Junior Suite)*

Day 6: Trinidad - Havana. Pay homage to Che Guevara Cuban revolutionary at the Che Memorial, at the very place where he fought and won the Battle of Santa Clara. Arrive in Havana ready to rewind the clock to the golden era of Son music. Sway to seductive sounds inspired by the Buena Vista Social Club in the famous Hotel Nacional (B). *Gran Hotel Manzana Kempinski (Deluxe)*

Day 7: Depart Havana. Take a leisurely stroll along the Malecón before a transfer to the airport for your onward journey. (B).

PRICE

Twin Share Per Person: From \$6,795
Solo Traveller: From \$11,355

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City Hall, Santiago de Cuba

EASTERN CUBA

This is the wild side of Cuba. Home to Don Facundo Bacardi's first-ever rum factory and the launching place of Fidel Castro's embryonic revolution, the sizzling streets of Santiago de Cuba move to their own beat. Follow their rhythm to unravel the stories of trailblazing characters. Seek out the quirky museum collections of the rum king in Museo Emilio Bacardi Moreau. Sway to sensuous rumba sounds in Casa de la Trova. Venture deep into the mountains of the Sierra Maestra, where Castro set up the headquarters of his rebel army. Lose yourself in the enchanting world of Baracoa, Cuba's oldest and most isolated town. Then, when you desire absolute seclusion (and the best seafood in Cuba), head to the idyllic Playa Maguana. There's untold magic here too.

& A&K RECOMMENDS

Discover Eastern Cuba from Santiago de Cuba | 7 days

Twin Share Per Person: From \$4,635

Solo Traveller: From \$7,885



Playa Perla Blanca

NORTHERN CAYS

Connect with nature and forget the world in Cayo Santa Maria. Hidden within Cuba's northern cays, a network of small islets, is a paradise of turquoise waters, mangrove colonies and impossibly white beaches. At the far end of the chain, Cayo Santa Maria feels like an untouched hideaway from the world. Drink in the luxury of your all-inclusive five-star adults-only resort, the only way to experience this island paradise. Wake up with the sun, emerge from your opulent quarters and spend the day lazing on the unspoilt Playa Perla Blanca. Snorkel and dive in azure waters. Enjoy yoga and pilates. Or, simply walk amongst nature. Here, you can do as much or as little as you desire.

& A&K RECOMMENDS

Serene Santa Maria from Havana | 4 days

Twin Share Per Person: From \$1,595

Solo Traveller: From \$2,585

Guatemala & Copán Discovery



Colonial city of Antigua

GUATEMALA & HONDURAS | 13 Days | Antigua - Lake Atitlán - Guatemala City - Copán - Livingston - El Remate



Immerse yourself in the bygone cultures and impossibly beautiful wilderness of Guatemala and venture across the border to Honduras. Get lost amongst Antigua's crumbling archways. Float across the natural wonder of Lake Atitlán. Seek out the towering jungle-cloaked temples of Tikal. Move to a whole new beat in otherworldly Livingston. And savour the subtleties of the coffee craft in the lush hills of Honduras.

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Weave colourful textiles in a village on the shores of Lake Atitlán
- Glimpse rare creatures along the Rio Dulce
- Learn the age-old secrets of coffee, cardamom and cacao on a family-owned finca
- Feast on a sunset picnic overlooking the jungle-cloaked UNESCO World Heritage Site, Tikal

Day 1: Arrive Antigua, Guatemala. A warm A&K welcome and transfer to your hotel in the beautifully preserved Spanish colonial city of Antigua. On your private walking tour of this UNESCO World Heritage Site, wander through 500-year-old streets punctuated by flowering trees, red-tiled roofs and church bell-towers of what was once Central America's most powerful city. *Posada del Angel (Standard)*

Day 2: Antigua. Take a short drive to San Miguel Escobar, a quaint town situated at the base of Volcán Agua. Meet families supported by De La Gente (DLG), a non-profit organisation supporting small independent coffee producers. Work side-by-side with farmers as they husk the fruit, ferment, wash and dry the beans, sort and roast the beans, and - finally - taste. Later, join a local family for a traditional lunch (B,L). *Posada del Angel (Standard)*

Day 3: Antigua. Adventure awaits those who trek Guatemala's active Pacaya Volcano. Bask in the unfolding panorama as you climb from the foothills through a lush pine forest. Step over the barren moonscape to marvel at the fiery glow of lava and steam rising from vents that dot the forever-changing landscape. Savour views of the summit as you feast on a well-deserved sumptuous picnic lunch, before an easy walk down (B,L). *Posada del Angel (Standard)*

Day 4: Antigua - Lake Atitlán. Journey through rolling farmland and villages to the highland town of Chichicastenango. Nestled in the El Quiché valley, "Chichi" may seem like a tranquil, sleepy village outside of market days, but twice a week it comes alive as Mayan people from the whole country gather for the largest market in Central America. Follow the chaos of vibrant, almost endless stalls running from the central square, up through the

stairs of the Santo Tomás Church, and beyond. From the rich textures of native textiles to smells of traditional incense, this market promises a feast for the senses. Later, visit the surprisingly colourful cemetery, where a local shaman will perform a Maya ceremony for you. Sample local delicacies over lunch before continuing onwards to Lake Atitlán, Guatemala's geological show-stopper (B,L). *Casa Palopó (Deluxe)*

Day 5: Lake Atitlán. Cruise across the crystal-clear lake to the shore-side village of San Juan La Laguna. Meander through this petite Tz'utujil Maya town to admire impressive murals, galleries and artisan shops. Step inside a local artist's studio to spark your creativity with naïf paintings. Then, try your hand at weaving richly coloured textiles in a workshop led by a women's cooperative (B,L). *Casa Palopó (Deluxe)*

Day 6: Lake Atitlán - Guatemala City. Lose yourself in the magic of Lake Atitlán during your morning at leisure before your journey continues to Guatemala City. With a free evening to explore, venture into the city's bohemian hub of Cuatro Grados Norte for surprising street art, artisan cooperatives and chef-owned restaurants (B). *Westin Camino Real (Standard Deluxe)*

Day 7: Guatemala City - Copán, Honduras. Journey to the Honduras border and on to Copán, home to one of the ancient Maya's most lavish cultural centres and now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Your lovingly restored Spanish colonial hacienda is perched on the hillside overlooking the picturesque Copán Valley and temple tops of the ancient site itself (B). *Hacienda San Lucas (Standard)*



Mayan ruins, Copán

Day 8: Copán. Breathe life into this ancient city as you explore with an archaeologist. Unravel the mysteries behind the intricately carved pillars, marvel at the large ball court, and venture into the two excavated tunnels under the ruins. Later, continue your archaeology tour to Las Sepulturas, once a residential area for Copán's nobility, and Rastrojón, an ancient Maya defensive fort only recently opened to the public. Learn about the discoveries of a six-year excavation led by Harvard University and the Honduran Institute of Anthropology and History (B,L). *Hacienda San Lucas (Standard)*

Day 9: Copán. Travel into the Copán Valley and spend the day in the warm hospitality of the Castejón family at Finca El Cisne. Together with your host, Carlos, take an easy horse ride through the forests and fields, and learn the secrets of coffee, cardamom and cacao farming. Gather around the family table for a hearty farmhouse lunch, prepared by Carlos' mother from home-grown produce. Before you return to Copán, take a soothing dip in steaming thermal pools hidden in the forest (B,L). *Hacienda San Lucas (Standard)*

Day 10: Copán – Livingston, Guatemala. Cross back into Guatemala and spend your morning decoding beautifully engraved monuments at Quiriguá, one of the wonders of the Mayan world. Travel onwards to Puerto Barrios to board your boat to Livingston, a wonderfully strange and captivating fishing enclave at the mouth of the Río Dulce. Relax into the Caribbean-infused pace of life of the Garífuna people, descendants of shipwrecked African slaves. Move to the hypnotic beat of bongo drums, conch shell horns, turtle shell drums and maracas that echo from street corners. And taste a whole other side to Guatemala, starting with the remarkable coconut seafood soup, tapado (B,L,D). *Villa Caribe (Junior Suite)*

Day 11: Livingston – El Remate. Journey to Río Dulce and cruise along mesmerising blue-green waterways past coastlines lined with pines, Casa Maria trees and mangroves. Stop at the Maya village of Ak-Tenamit and meet the locals. Then, drift silently towards a aptly named Bird Island and scan the shoreline for jaguars or manatees, before docking at your rainforest lodge, a creation of Francis Ford Coppola, for the night. (B,L). *La Lancha (Rainforest Junior Suite)*

Day 12: El Remate. Be transported to an ancient world in Uaxactun, one of the oldest complete Maya astronomical complexes yet discovered. Roam the many treasures of this site, before a traditional lunch prepared by locals. Venture further into the jungles of El Peten where the awe-inspiring pyramids of Tikal's ruined temple complex rise through the rainforest. Walk in the footsteps of royalty in the majestic Great Plaza and Temple of the Jaguar, as howler and spider monkeys look on from the dense jungle. Your sunset picnic at Temple IV is one of those never-to-be-forgotten moments (B,L,D). *La Lancha (Rainforest Junior Suite)*

Day 13: El Remate – Guatemala City. Transfer to Flores for your flight to Guatemala City and onward arrangements (B).

PRICE

Twin Share Per Person: From \$10,165

Solo Traveller: From \$19,695

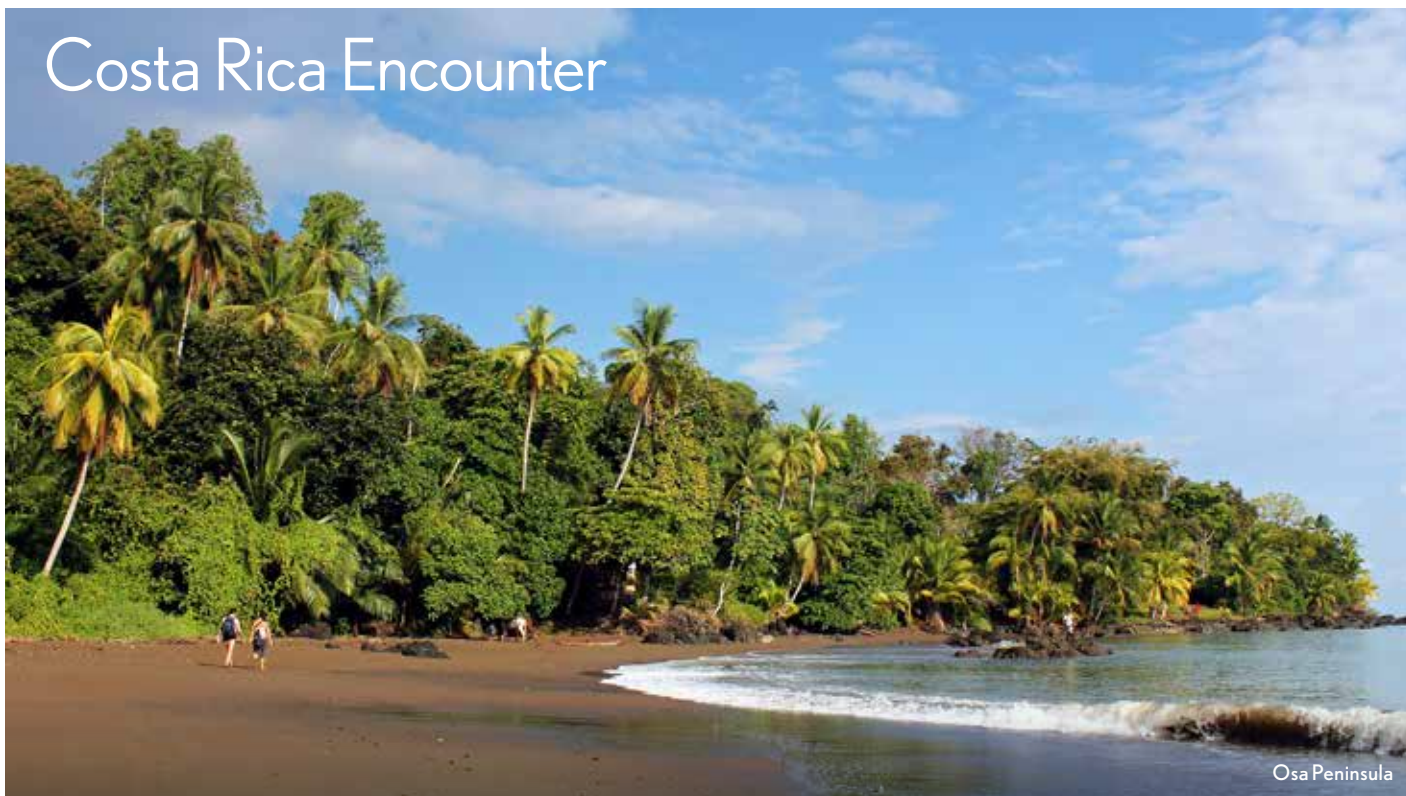


Lake Atitlán



Livingston

Costa Rica Encounter



COSTA RICA | 10 Days | San José - Tortuguero National Park - Arenal - Osa Peninsula



Wild, wondrous, green and serene, Costa Rica is a haven for nature lovers. Hike through forests teeming with rare wildlife. Venture into pockets of wilderness reached only by air and boat. See why National Geographic declared the Osa Peninsula "one of the most biologically intense places on Earth". And witness first-hand the incredible rewards of Costa Rica's visionary approach to eco-tourism.

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Immerse yourself in the wild world of Tortuguero on the Caribbean coast
- Hike through wildlife-rich forests in Arenal Volcano National Park
- Discover Costa Rica's crown jewel, the magical Osa Peninsula
- Get up close to rare species at two luxury eco-lodges

Day 1: Arrive San José. Pura vida! Welcome to San José, the nation's small leafy capital. Get your first taste of Costa Rica in this wonderfully walkable and friendly city. Your boutique hotel is named after the "golden bean", so be sure to sip some of the world's finest coffee while you're there. *Hotel Grano de Oro (Deluxe)*

Day 2: Design Your Day San José. Explore your way today. Take an exhilarating rafting trip along one of the top white-water rivers on the planet. Between rapids, soak up the natural beauty of the pristine Pacuare Canyon and learn about the history and culture of the people of the mountainous Turrialba region. Or spend the morning with wildlife at the Toucan Rescue Ranch. Meet orphaned baby sloths, woodpeckers and parrots, before a tour of the wildlife reserve and rehabilitation centre. Later explore the fascinating pre-Columbian Gold Museum and the National Theatre and discover why this was built in the late 19th century by the ruling coffee barons. (B). *Hotel Grano de Oro (Deluxe)*

Day 3: San José - Tortuguero National Park.

Take the short flight northeast to Tortuguero on the Caribbean coast. It's a short boat ride to Tortuga Lodge, your jungle retreat for the next two days. From rainforest and swamps to mangrove forest and lagoons, Tortuguero National Park boasts vast biological diversity - the headline act being protected beaches where sea turtles nest and lay their eggs. Join your Tortuguero local naturalist for a private expedition into the park's back water lagoons and creeks. Look out for egrets, tiger herons, keel-billed toucans and the ever-mischievous white-faced capuchins catching the last sunlight. Return to the lodge in time for bocas (hors d'oeuvres) to the music of chirping tree frogs in the dimming twilight (B,L,D). *Tortuga Lodge & Gardens (River View Upstairs)*

Day 4: Tortuguero National Park. Take off on a full day expedition of the park, one of the last large areas of tropical rainforest in Central America. Start with a guided river excursion through creeks alive with wildlife in search of breakfast. Watch troops of howler monkeys searching for figs and look out for river otters and caimans waiting for their next meal to swim by. Later, feast on local cuisine in your own private garden setting surrounded by tropical rainforest (B,L,D). *Tortuga Lodge & Gardens (River View Upstairs)*

Day 5: Tortuguero National Park - Arenal. Fly to La Fortuna in the Arenal Volcano National Park, home to the infamous Arenal Volcano, among the world's ten most active volcanoes. Surrounding the volcano is 500,000 acres of rainforest, rivers, lakes and lava fields just begging to be explored. Arrive at your luxury eco-lodge in the remote reserve to be greeted by sloths lazing in Cecropia trees. Later, wander through the lush reserve to spy rare frogs, sloths, butterflies and a cacophony of birds (B). *Nayara Hotel Spa & Gardens (Deluxe)*

Day 6: Arenal. Venture closer to Arenal Volcano and wander high above the forest canopy on hanging bridges. Led by your naturalist guide, you will spy birds and animals unseen from the forest floor. Later, bathe in natural hot springs hidden in a river gorge. Sip cocktails and smoothies at the spring-side bar before a gourmet buffet dinner (B,D). *Nayara Hotel Spa & Gardens (Deluxe)*

Day 7: Arenal - Lapa Rios, Osa Peninsula. Fly to Puerto Jiménez, via San José, and journey onwards to the remote Osa Peninsula on the country's Pacific coast. See why National Geographic declared Osa Peninsula "the most biologically intense place on Earth" from your base at Lapa Rios Ecological.



Toucan, Tortuguero National Park

Overlooking the pristine point where the Golfo Dulce meets the Pacific Ocean, this tranquil nature lodge is a paean to all things local and sustainable set in over 1,000 acres of wildlife-rich nature reserve. Slow down to soak up the sights, smells and sounds of the forest and ocean (B,L,D). *Lapa Rios Hotel (Ocean View Bungalow)*

Days 8-9: Osa Peninsula. You have two full days to explore the Osa Peninsula, your way. Choose from a menu of activities. Rise early to see colourful birds at their most active. Discover traditional medicinal plants and seeds hidden in the forest on the local medicine tour. Trek amongst towering trees and swim in tumbling waterfalls. Drink in breathtaking forest views on the rainforest ridge walk. Take the opportunity to contribute to the Lapa Rios reforestation programme by planting a tree, and learn more about the pioneering ecolodge on their rewarding Pigs, Twigs and Garbage tour. Then, experience a whole other world in the rainforest by night (B,L,D). *Lapa Rios Hotel (Ocean View Bungalow)*

Day 10: Osa Peninsula – San José. Transfer to Puerto Jiménez airport for your flight back to San José, where your journey ends (B).

PRICE

Twin Share Per Person: From \$10,785

Solo Traveller: From \$17,375



San José



Arenal Volcano

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Sail legendary seas in the wake of pioneering navigators and indigenous natives on impressive adventure cruise ships in the southernmost region of the world. Operating out of Ushuaia, Argentina and Punta Arenas, Chile journeys take in some of the world's wildest and most pristine landscapes with dazzling glaciers, penguin and seal colonies, towering snow-capped mountains, Magellanic forest and Cape Horn. Stella Australis carries a maximum of 210 guests with the new Ventus Australis launching in 2018 for 210 passengers. Cruises are all-inclusive of breakfast, lunch, dinner, Open Bar for wine, beer, liquor and other beverages and an extensive programme of shore excursions. Shore access is via Zodiacs in the company of expert naturalist guides. 3 and 4 night cruises available September to April.



DELFIN AMAZON CRUISES

Peru – Amazon River

Delfin Amazon Cruises take travellers on exclusive journeys into one of the world's largest protected flooded forests, the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve. Experienced guides reveal the immense biodiversity of the area on voyages which include visits to native villages, kayaking, swimming near pink river dolphins, fishing, daytime hiking and night safaris. On board, exquisite Amazonian cuisine is served up in an authentic, intimate setting with just the right amount of elegance and comfort. There are three vessels to choose from, Delfin I, II and III, accommodating between eight and 43 guests, with cruises of three or four nights duration carefully crafted to showcase the best flora and fauna that the Marañon and Ucayali Rivers offer.



ARIA AMAZON

Peru – Amazon River

The mighty Amazon region occupies 60% of Peru and is an unmissable wilderness experience best enjoyed on board a river cruise. One of our favourite vessels, the striking matte-black-hulled and recently refurbished Aria Amazon was designed by the innovative Peruvian architect Jordi Puig with a sophisticated boutique hotel-style ambience that incorporates natural wood flooring, a neutral colour scheme and soft lighting. There are 16 Design Suites on board, each measuring 23 square metres with floor to ceiling windows for a maximum of 32 guests. Four suites can interconnect for families. 26 crew include a paramedic and four English-speaking naturalist guides. Aqua Expeditions' highly experienced river pilots and the most rigorous cruise ship standards ensure smooth travel and safety on the waters of the Peruvian Amazon.

LUXURY EXPEDITIONARY CRUISING

Abercrombie & Kent expresses unparalleled mastery in Luxury Expedition Cruising as an artful combination of passion, experience, dynamic orchestration and the very best experts in the region.



ANTARCTICA

More than 25 years since launching our first voyage to Antarctica, Abercrombie & Kent continues to set the standard for modern expedition cruising. Now having operated over 200 successful polar expeditions, we continue to deliver the most inspiring voyages to Antarctica. We control every aspect of our voyages, from the top-notch service to the execution of an expertly crafted itinerary aboard exclusively chartered luxury vessels. We have the highest crew- and guide-to-guest ratios, every Zodiac driver we employ is a qualified field naturalist and our Expedition Team reflects unmatched expertise in every category, from marine biology and ornithology to history and climate change.

THE FINEST GUIDES IN THE BUSINESS

Occupying a category all their own, A&K's Expedition Leader and Expedition Team comprises a cast of extraordinary real-life characters – an average of 18 guides on every cruise – representing acclaimed scientists, historians, photographers, authors and true-to-life explorers. Yet their credentials and expertise in the regions we visit are matched only by their commitment to the success of your voyage, which they oversee down to the last detail.

ONBOARD SOPHISTICATION

An A&K voyage to Antarctica offers an opportunity to experience the world's most pristine region at its very best, all from aboard the comfortable and sophisticated 'Le Lyrial.' Enjoy its stunning blue

palette inspired by the Vega star and all-balcony staterooms and suites. On other cruises to different destinations, she carries more than 264 passengers; on voyages with A&K, we limit her capacity to just 199 guests. Fewer passengers in turn allows for more shore excursions each day and cabins with private balconies for every guest.

SUPERBLY CRAFTED ITINERARIES

On the edge of the Earth, Antarctica represents the last true wilderness, a place of dramatic and untamed extremes. Very few make this unique trip deep into the wilds of the Southern Hemisphere, joining the ranks of legendary explorers like Shackleton. Dramatic diversity and incredible scale define Antarctica and the sub-Antarctic islands, from gargantuan icebergs and towering mountains

to colossal humpback whales and vast colonies of penguins

Two itineraries are on offer for 2018-19: the 12-day Classic Antarctica journey focuses on the towering icebergs, impressive glaciers and wildlife of the Antarctic Peninsula; the 17-day Antarctica, South Georgia & Falkland Islands adventure takes guests to the colourful Falkland Islands, unspoiled South Georgia with its rookeries of king penguins, and epic Antarctica.

HOSTED SMALL GROUP JOURNEYS

In addition to the private journeys featured in this brochure, A&K also offers a range of Hosted Small Group Journeys around the globe. Below is a selection of what is on in the region. For more details visit our website or request a copy of our Hosted Small Group Journeys brochure.



CHILE, BOLIVIA, PERU | Deserts, Lakes & Salt Plains

This journey is perfect for travellers seeking adventure by day and comfortable lodgings by night. The dazzling highlights of northern Chile are combined with the extraordinary landscapes of the Bolivian salt flats and the high altitude wonders of Lake Titicaca and Cusco. You'll contrast ancient archaeology with street art, savour delicious food and wine and observe a rich textile heritage. Photographers will find endless subject matter in extraordinary landscapes, faces full of character, and unusual wildlife.

DEPARTURE DATES: 11 May 2018; 7 September 2018

PRICE	2018
Twin Share Per Person:	\$11,895
Single Supplement:	\$2,050



COLOMBIA | Jewels of Colombia with Richard McColl

Discover Latin America's best kept secret when you explore this fascinating country in the company of Bogotá expat, Richard McColl. Focus on two of Colombia's most famous cultural assets - renowned author Gabriel García Márquez and the great artist Fernando Botero - as well as the abundant natural attractions of the coffee country and Medellín. Richard will share with you his in-depth knowledge of this fascinating destination through a series of insightful discussions about the culture, politics and current affairs of the country.

DEPARTURE DATES: 18 May 2018; 16 November 2018

PRICE	2018
Twin Share Per Person:	\$9,085
Single Supplement:	\$1,895



GUATEMALA | Ancient Traditions & Icons of the Maya

Small and compact, the charming Central American country of Guatemala is a stunning blend of ancient Maya traditions, colonial influences and modern ways. Its topography and ecosystems are diverse with volcanoes, virgin rainforest and highland lakes home to an incredible array of birds and wildlife. It boasts some of the world's most important ancient Maya ruins plus colourful markets and a vibrant art and craft tradition. Sample free trade coffee, typical street food as well as the flavoursome traditional cuisine and come home amazed by all it has to offer.

DEPARTURE DATES: 20 April 2018; 6 November 2018

PRICE	2018
Twin Share Per Person:	\$6,950
Single Supplement:	\$1,495



MEXICO | Mexico's Day of the Dead Festival

If you want to see Mexico at its vibrant best then be there to celebrate the Day of the Dead. There's nothing morbid about this festival, it's all about celebrating the departed with colourful pageants, vibrant shrines, street parties, home altars and markets full of intricately decorated sugar skulls and animated papier-mâché skeletons. This journey focuses on the festivities in Oaxaca with a variety of different activities included over the five day period. You'll also visit some important archaeological sites, taste Oaxaca's famous cuisine and meet the colourful locals.

DEPARTURE DATES: 27 October 2018

PRICE	2018
Twin Share Per Person:	\$9,995
Single Supplement:	\$2,995

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ECONOMY SKYCOUCH™

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ECONOMY

Air New Zealand offers one of the best Economy seats in the sky with ergonomic design creating generous personal space ensuring a relaxing journey. Enjoy the fresh flavours of fine New Zealand food and an extensive range of premium New Zealand wines. On-demand entertainment keeps you entertained with a wide range of audio and the most recent blockbuster movies and TV programs.

1. Definitions

"A&K" means Abercrombie & Kent (Australia) Pty Ltd ACN 005 422 999.

"ACL" means the Australian Consumer Law Schedule to the Competition and Consumer Act.

"Conditions" means these Terms and Conditions.

"Contract" means any agreement for the provision of Travel Arrangements or Services by A&K to the Customer;

"Customer" means a person, jointly or severally if more than one, acquiring Travel Arrangements and Services from A&K.

"Departure Date" means the date scheduled for the Customer to depart at the start of the Travel Arrangements.

"GST" has the definition given in A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999 ("Act") or any amending legislation, and includes any similar value-added or consumption tax.

"Material Alteration" means a material change to the Travel Arrangements as determined at A&K's sole discretion.

"Products" means individual components of Travel Arrangements, such as accommodation, meals, transport, cruises and tours.

"Services" means the booking and payment services provided by A&K in relation to Travel Arrangements.

"Suppliers" means the third parties that are responsible for providing the individual Products.

"Tax Invoice" means a tax invoice which complies with the definition contained in section 29 - 70 of the Act or any amending legislation.

"Travel Arrangements" means the travel arrangements made by A&K including all Products.

2. Basis of Contract

2.1 The Conditions apply exclusively to every contract for Services by A&K to the Customer and cannot be varied or supplanted by any other condition unless expressly accepted in writing by A&K.

2.2 Acceptance: Payment of a deposit indicates the Customer's acceptance of the Conditions.

2.3 Different Products may have specific terms and conditions, deposit requirements and cancellation charges applicable to the Product. These will be communicated during the quoting and booking process.

3. Booking Your Holiday

3.1 Quotes - will be provided in relation to a price for the Travel Arrangements. The quote is valid for a period of 7 days.

3.2 Deposit - a deposit of 25% of the total booking cost or \$1,000 per person (whichever is the higher amount) and full names of all Customers as per passport are required to secure the booking. There may be an additional deposit depending on the policies of the Supplier of Products being booked. Any additional deposits will be advised at time of booking.

3.3 Booking requests within 90 days before the Departure Date must be accompanied by full payment and may be subject to an urgent processing fee.

3.4 A minimum stay of 3 nights is required for all bookings.

4. Price Policy

4.1 Prices are valid for travel arrangements made and travelling in the period until 31 March 2019. All prices are per person in Australian Dollars unless otherwise specified. Private Travel 'from' prices shown are indicative only. Prices do vary across date ranges, are subject to availability and to change due to factors including currency exchange rate fluctuations, fuel levies, tax changes or any other changes in connection with the Travel Arrangements. Please contact A&K for best available price for your preferred travel dates. Prices are

subject to the quote provided.

4.2 Travel Arrangement prices are quoted for the entire package and itemised component costs cannot be given.

4.3 Travel Arrangements - prices may be based on Products being booked for all Customers in the Booking, and accordingly Customers must travel together throughout the Travel Arrangements, unless variations are explicitly agreed

4.4 Surcharges - the price of the Travel Arrangements is subject to the possibility of surcharges. Surcharges may be incurred (without limitation) in connection with: currency exchange rates, increases in Product prices, fuel levies, scheduled airfares, hotel, cruise and ground transportation charges, game park entrance fees and any other increases in connection with the Travel Arrangement.

4.5 Where there is any change in the costs incurred by A&K in providing the Services, A&K may vary its price to account for such change by notifying the Customer, whether or not the Customer has made full payment.

4.6 Changes in the Australian Dollar - the financial commitments A&K undertakes in order to offer the prices mean that prices cannot be reduced or refunded if the Australian dollar strengthens.

4.7 Products not Utilised - no refunds are made in respect of Products not utilised, for example, flights, accommodation, meals and sightseeing excursions.

4.8 Goods and Services Not Included - the following are excluded from the Travel Arrangements price: International Airfares, arrival and/or departure taxes, fuel levies and surcharges, passport and visa costs, travel insurance, personal expenditure including drinks, laundry, room services, meals and gratuities, unless expressly included.

4.9 Prices quoted include GST. Prices for the supply of the Travel Arrangements and the Services exclude any other taxes, duties or imposts imposed on or in relation to the Travel Arrangements and the Services in Australia or overseas. The Customer is liable to pay any amount of GST imposed on any Product.

5. Payment

5.1 Final Payment - unless otherwise agreed in writing the final payment must be received by A&K 90 days prior to the Departure Date.

5.2 Where bookings are made less than 90 days before the Departure Date, full payment must be made at the time of the booking.

5.3 If you pay A&K by credit card a surcharge will be added to the total price. The current surcharge for all credit cards is 1.5% of the total price

6. Amendments

6.1 A&K reserves the right to modify program itineraries, including arranged sightseeing, and substitute accommodations, including vessels and trains, at any time due to unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond A&K's control. Every effort will be made to operate itineraries as planned, but alterations may occur after the final itinerary has been issued.

6.2 A&K will endeavour to assist if the Customer requests an amendment to the Travel Arrangement booking up to 90 days prior to the Departure Date subject to the following:

a) Amendment Charge - fees apply to any Customer requesting a change to a confirmed booking.

b) Additional Charges - all other expenses incurred by A&K may also be payable by the Customer at A&K's discretion.

c) Any charges arising from a request for an amendment are payable by the Customer whether or not A&K is successful in confirming the requested amendment.

d) Late Amendments - amendments made by the Customer within 90 days of the Departure Date are treated as

cancellations and re-bookings. Cancellation charges apply as detailed below.

7. Cancellations By The Customer

7.1 The Customer must give A&K notice if it intends to cancel any Travel Arrangements.

7.2 Charges - the following charges, exclude international airfares, are payable by the Customer in accordance with the number of days prior to the Departure Date following notice being received by A&K of cancellation:

Days prior to Departure Date	Percentage of Travel Arrangements Price Payable
91 days or more	\$1,000 per person
90 - 46 days prior	50% cancellation fee
45 - 0 days prior	100% cancellation fee

7.3 Additional Charges - the Customer may incur further cancellation charges from some Suppliers, including international flight providers and local agents.

8. Cancellations and Material Alteration by A&K

8.1 A&K may treat a booking as cancelled and levy cancellation charges if the Customer does not pay the balance of the Travel Arrangements price at 90 days prior to the Departure Date.

8.2 Force Majeure - A&K may, at its sole option, where circumstances outside of its control affect the provision of Travel Arrangements (such as flood, fire, act of God, war or threat of war, physical unrest, riots, civil disturbances, terrorist activities (threatened or actual), strikes, port or airport closure, technical problems with transport, alteration or cancellation of scheduled travel services) cancel scheduled Travel Arrangements at any time at A&K's sole and absolute discretion:

a) offer the Customer alternative Travel Arrangements or Products of comparable standard as may be appropriate in the circumstances; or

b) if alternative Travel Arrangements or Products are not offered by A&K, A&K will make a prompt proportional (taking into account the extent of the Travel Arrangements that have been provided or arranged) refund of monies paid by the Customer.

8.3 A&K may charge a reasonable fee to cover the administration costs associated with providing alternative Travel Arrangements or Products.

8.4 A&K reserves the right to modify program itineraries, including arranged sightseeing, and substitute accommodations, including vessels and trains, at any time due to unforeseen circumstances of circumstances beyond A&K's control. Every effort will be made to operate itineraries as planned, but alterations may occur after the final documents have been provided to the Customer.

8.5 Material Alteration - if a Material Alteration becomes necessary within 90 days of the Departure Date for any reason other than the circumstances described in clause 8.2 A&K will endeavour to offer comparable Products or a full refund of all monies paid by the Customer.

9. Obligations and Liability

9.1 Booking Agent - A&K acts as a booking agent for the Suppliers of Products and accepts no liability for any injury, loss, damage, accident, delay or irregularity that may arise to any Customer or third party resulting from the Customer's or third party's use of the Products, unless recoverable from A&K on the failure of a statutory guarantee under the ACL. A&K makes reasonable enquiries to determine that Suppliers provide appropriate Products, but A&K is not responsible for the Products or their standard.

9.2 Except as the Conditions specifically state, the Agreement

does not include by implication any other term, condition or warranty in respect of the quality, merchantability, acceptability, fitness for purpose, condition, description, specification or performance of the Travel Arrangements or Services or any contractual remedy for their failure.

9.3 Nothing in these Terms restricts, limits or modifies the Customer's rights or remedies as a consumer against A&K for failure of a statutory guarantee under the ACL.

9.4 Loss – A&K is not liable for and accepts no responsibility for any direct or indirect loss, financial loss, consequential loss, loss of enjoyment, pain and suffering, damage, injury, accident delay or irregularity occasioned to the Customer, other than if the Customer is a consumer, then to the extent the loss was reasonably foreseeable.

9.5 Nothing in the Conditions is to be interpreted as excluding, restricting or modifying the application of any relevant State or Federal legislation which cannot be excluded, restricted or modified.

9.6 Visa Requirements – it is the Customer's responsibility to ensure that it has valid passports, visas and permits which meet the immigration and governmental requirements of the country of travel.

9.7 The Customer agrees and acknowledges that A&K will not be liable for any loss or damage incurred by the Customer due to the Customer's failure to obtain any valid passports, visas, permits or any other governmental requirements of the countries of transit or travel.

9.8 Medical Conditions – the Customer must notify A&K of any pre-existing medical conditions that might reasonably be expected to affect the Travel Arrangements. The Customer agrees and acknowledges that A&K will not be liable for any loss or damage incurred by the Customer as a result of any pre-existing medical condition or health issue of the Customer that may preclude, delay, affect or interfere with the Travel Arrangements.

9.9 Health Issues – It is the Customer's sole responsibility to
a) obtain any vaccinations or take any other health precautions applicable to the country of travel;
b) take all steps reasonably necessary (including, without limitation, the consultation of appropriate medical professionals) to identify whether they have any pre-existing medical conditions or health issues (whether known or unknown) that may preclude, delay, affect or interfere with the Travel Arrangements; and
c) notify A&K if the Customer has any pre-existing medical conditions or health issues that may preclude, delay, affect or interfere with the Travel Arrangements.

9.10 A&K strongly recommends that the Customer insure themselves against loss of deposit, cancellation charges, medical expenses and loss of personal possessions, and any other foreseeable loss or expense.

9.11 The Customer acknowledges and accepts that different places, countries, facilities and tour operators may have lower standards of safety, labeling, warnings and precautions. The Customer is responsible for maintaining personal diligence and safety notwithstanding the level of standards. A&K is not liable for any loss, damage, injury or death that could be avoided if the Australian standards were to apply.

10. Notice

10.1 A notice by the Customer must be in writing, and may be delivered by hand, sent by prepaid mail, sent by facsimile or sent by electronic means such as e-mail to the address or number specified.

10.2 A notice is treated as given to A&K, when:

- if hand delivered, when delivered;
- if sent by prepaid mail, when received or within 48 hours after posting, whichever is the sooner;
- if sent by email or facsimile, on confirmation of successful transmission.

11. Governing Law

11.1 These Conditions are governed by and are to be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Victoria and Australia.

11.2 Each party irrevocably and unconditionally submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts and Tribunal of Victoria and Courts entitled to hear appeals from those Courts and Tribunals.

12. Privacy Information

12.1 Any personal information that A&K obtains from the Customer, or about the Customer from its representative, is necessary for A&K's business purposes or providing the Customer with A&K's Travel Arrangements, Products and Services, and may be used in answering any queries the Customer may have, considering the Customer's application for credit or to become a Customer, performing internal administration and operations, developing, improving and marketing A&K's products and services, and related purposes.

12.2 A&K's Privacy Policy details why A&K collects this personal information, who A&K may disclose it to (including whether A&K is likely to disclose it to overseas recipients), and the main consequences (if any) if A&K does not collect the personal information of the Customer. A&K's Privacy Policy also contains information about how the Customer may seek access to, or correction of, the personal information held about the Customer, and A&K's complaint resolution procedures.

12.3 A&K will not disclose any personal information to any other party without the consent of the Customer except to the Suppliers, a related entity or adviser of A&K or where A&K is otherwise required by law to do so.

12.4 A&K's Privacy Policy is available at <http://www.abercrombiekent.com.au/legal> or by request to A&K by phoning +61 3 9536 1800 or via email at privacy@abercrombiekent.com.au

13. Consent for cross-border disclosures

13.1 By making a booking, the Customer acknowledges and consents that A&K will not, as would otherwise be required, be obliged to take steps to ensure that an overseas recipient of Customer Information complies with the APPs.

14. Miscellaneous

14.1 A&K's failure to enforce any of these Conditions shall not be construed as a waiver of any of the A&K's rights.

14.2 If any Condition is unenforceable it shall be read down to be enforceable or, if it cannot be read down, the condition shall be severed from the Conditions without affecting the enforceability of the remaining conditions.

14.3 A&K reserves the right to correct any errors or omission in its published materials and to amend these Terms and Conditions at any time as a result of any material change to legislation or regulations. Amended Terms and Conditions shall automatically be effective upon being posted by A&K to the website www.abercrombiekent.com.au

15. Photography During Travel

15.1 A&K reserves the right to take photographs or video during the operation of any program or part thereof and to use them for promotional purposes during the program and thereafter.

15.2 By booking a program with A&K, guests agree to allow their images to be used in such photographs.

15.3 Guests who prefer that their images not be used are asked to identify themselves to a A&K representative at the beginning of their program.

16. Travel Documents

Travel documents will be issued after final payment has been received. Travel documents may include special conditions

including restrictions such as baggage size and weight limits. Travel documents are not transferable. All airline tickets must be issued in the name of the passport holder and some carriers will deny carriage if the name varies and the booking may be cancelled. It is your responsibility to collect all travel documents prior to travel.

17. Travel Advisories and Warnings

It is the responsibility of the guest to become informed about the most current travel advisories and warnings by referring to the Australian Government's website at smartraveller.gov.au or by phone to 1300 555 135. In the event of an active Travel Warning against travel to the specific destination location(s) of the trip, should the guest still choose to travel, notwithstanding any travel advisory or warning, the guest assumes all risk of personal injury, death or property damage that may arise out of the events like those advised or warned against.

18. Qantas Points

18.1 You must be a Qantas Frequent Flyer member to earn Qantas Points. A joining fee may apply. Membership and Qantas Points are subject to the Qantas Frequent Flyer Terms and Conditions, available at qantas.com/terms

Note: Specific programmes may have different Terms & Conditions which will be advised at the time of booking.

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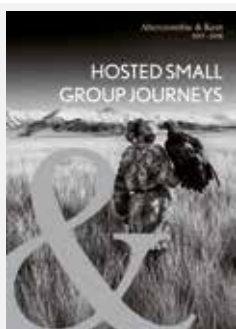
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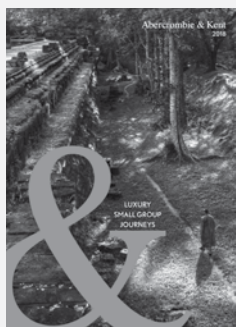
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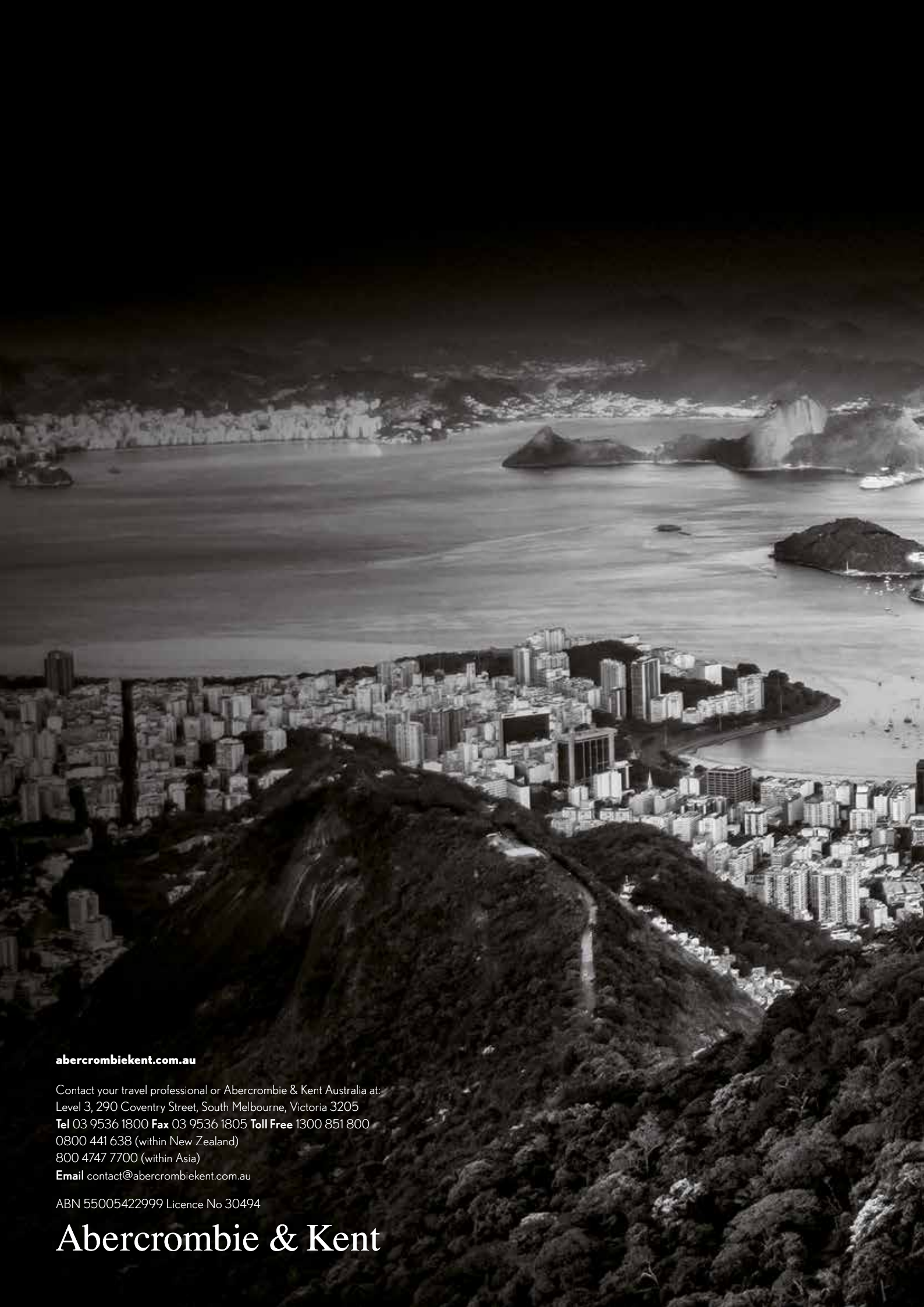
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