15 Day Tour from Rio de Janeiro to Santiago

TOUR: SG



Triple the sights, sounds, and sizzle on this South American vacation through three of the continent's most scintillating countries. As you samba through Brazil, tango through Argentina, and cueca through Chile, your toes will meet the liveliest of dance floors, the sandiest of beaches, and the most storied of streets. Guided visits to the vibrant cities of Rio de Janeiro, Buenos Aires, and Santiago are perfectly balanced with quieter excursions to lush rainforests, chic waterfront resorts in Patagonia, and even a rural Argentine ranch where you can saddle a horse and be a beret-wearing gaucho for the day. Traditional open-fire barbecues and crispy empanadas are sure to

satisfy your appetite for the cowboy life throughout this South American journey, while getting your fill of scenic wonder by witnessing both sides of thundering Iguassu Falls and cruising Patagonian fjords beneath the soaring peaks of the Andes will satisfy your need for scenic adventure.

Globus All Access

Special features included in this tour:

- Guided sightseeing in Rio de Janeiro includes Sugarloaf Mountain cable car with a regional cocktail, cog railway up Corcovado Mountain to the foot of the Christ the Redeemer statue, the Cathedral and more
- Visit both sides of Iguassu Falls with a Local Guide
- Guided sightseeing in Buenos Aires includes a walk through the San Telmo and La Boca neighborhoods and a tour of Recoleta Cemetery
- Empanada cooking class with regional wine
- Private Tango lesson followed by dinner and a show
- Authentic estancia experience with a traditional lunch...

View full itinerary and read more >

Variations of this Tour

Group Size Options

TOUR OVERVIEW

15
DAYS

3
COUNTRIES

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Brazil

Argentina

Chile

MEALS

Breakfast	14
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You Dream. We Plan.

Globus takes you beyond the guidebooks with more ways to discover each destination.

Local Favorites

Every Globus tour includes our exclusive Local Favorites, specially included to share the authentic experiences that make each destination unique. Get to know the locals and local flavors you might just miss on your own!

Tour Highlights

Discover something unexpected and unforgettable in the special way only Globus can share—with sightseeing highlights to off-the-beaten-path surprises to out-of-this world moments you'll remember for a lifetime!

Enhanced Free Time

Explore or relax as you please, or choose exciting options available at MyGlobus. Get local maps and free time tips on your GlobusGO mobile app. Your Tour Director can suggest the perfect way to design your day!

DAY-BY-DAY

Itinerary

1 **ARRIVE IN RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL**

Welcome to Rio de Janeiro!

At 3:30 pm, meet your Tour Director for a drive along Ipanema and Copacabana beaches to the base of 1,300-foot-high Sugarloaf Mountain. Ascend by cable car to its summit, where you can take in spectacular vistas of the city. Next, toast the start of a memorable vacation with caipirinhas, a traditional Brazilian cocktail, from atop Sugarloaf Mountain during a cocktail party.

LOCAL FAVORITE

LOCAL TASTES A once-in-a-lifetime experience awaits atop Sugarloaf Mountain overlooking Guanabara Bay and the Atlantic Ocean. Take in the breathtaking panoramic views as you join a private cocktail party with your fellow travel companions. Toast with a traditional caipirinha, Brazil's national cocktail, made with fresh lime, cachaça (a distilled sugarcane spirit), and sugar. Deliciosa!

2 **RIO DE JANEIRO**

Heavenly Views

The city's landmark, the statue of Christ the Redeemer, crowns Corcovado Mountain, a rounded peak rising 2,300 feet from the bay below. A scenic ride by cog railway leads to the top, where a breathtaking 360-degree panorama affords sweeping views. From here, proceed to bustling downtown Rio, where modern office towers stand next to relics of the Portuguese colonial past. View the Sambódromo and visit the Cathedral. The afternoon is at leisure for you to experience this vibrant city on your own. Tonight, it's a fun outing to a churrascaria for a feast of barbecued meats marinated and roasted over charcoal in true Brazilian style.

Breakfast Dinner

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

EPIC RIDE Soar to the summit of Corcovado Mountain by cog railway to reach the site of the iconic statue of Christ the Redeemer. This crowning jewel of Rio and Brazil was constructed between 1922 and 1933. The statue of Jesus Christ stands 98 feet high (or 124 feet including the pedestal) with an arm span of 92 feet wide. Towering over the city, this piece of art is truly an engineering marvel and was even voted one the New7Wonders of the World.

3 RIO DE JANEIRO

Beaches, Boutiques & Bites

A full day at leisure to enjoy Rio. Relax on one of the world-famous beaches or take advantage of the world-class shopping or fine dining.

Breakfast

ENHANCED FREE TIME

EXPLORE MORE Spend free time in Rio de Janeiro with an optional excursion to Petropolis, (mountain resort and former summer palace of Emperor Dom Pedro II). This and more options throughout your tour are available for purchase with MyGlobus. Get local maps and tips for free time on your GlobusGO app.

Make the Most of Your Free Time

While we include select excursions and must-see sights on your trip, you may wish to explore other options to enhance your free time. Below is a selection of excursions that may be available for purchase on your tour.

Petropolis

Visit the 'Imperial City of Petropolis' outside of Rio in the Atlantic Rain Forest to visit the summer palace of former Emperor Pedro II of Brazil.

7h 45m
Price Range: $

4 RIO DE JANEIRO–IGUASSU FALLS

What a Rush!

A flight from Rio takes you to Iguassu Falls. Experience the clouds of spray, the incessant roar, and the surrounding luxuriant tropical growth that make this an unforgettable natural wonder. Head into Brazil's Iguassu National Park to enjoy the magnificent panorama of waterfalls from the Brazilian side. Your Local Guide introduces the spectacle of this 2-mile-wide rushing torrent. With some cataracts as high as 250 feet, Iguassu Falls is nothing short of hypnotic!

Breakfast Dinner

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

NATURAL WONDERS Explore incredible Iguassu National Park (Brazilian side) and walk the pathways skirting Iguassu Falls. Watch for amazing wildlife in this protected area, including toucans, agoutis, giant otters, anteaters, tapir, and even jaguars!

5 **IGUASSU FALLS. EXCURSION TO IGUASSU FALLS, ARGENTINA**

Taking the Plunge

Today, journey across the Brazilian border by motorcoach to the Argentine side of Iguassu Falls, where you will take the Ecological Jungle Train and enjoy a closer perspective on a walking tour of the falls. Meander along the walkways from atop the falls and enjoy an exhilarating view looking over the precipice of the falls as the water plunges to the rocks below. You will also have the chance to walk through the rainforest on the lower falls trails that will bring you up close to some of the smaller cataracts. Cross back into Brazil and return to the hotel, where the remainder of the day is at your leisure.

Breakfast

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

PICTURE PERFECT Iguassu National Park (Argentinean side) – From this side of the falls you get a bird's-eye view from the catwalks perched over part of the Devil's Throat, where 14 waterfalls drop more than 300 feet into the Devil's Gorge below. A completely different perspective from that of Brazil's side which is why you always need to see both sides of the falls!

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Bird Park

The Bird Park near Iguassu Falls offers visitors the opportunity to see indigenous birds up close is their native rain forest environment.

2h 45m
Price Range: $

6 IGUASSU FALLS–BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

The Boulevards of Buenos Aires

This morning, cross the Brazilian border into Argentina by motorcoach to transfer to the Cataratas del Iguazu International Airport for your flight to Buenos Aires. After arriving, an orientation walk acquaints you with the "Paris of South America" and its wide boulevards and outdoor cafés.

Breakfast

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

CITY SIGHTS Elegant European architecture, epicurean cuisine, and a café culture to rival any rue de Paris, Buenos Aires is a city of leisurely afternoons sipping café con leche or the choicest Argentinian wines.

7 BUENOS AIRES

Dining, Dancing & Dazzling

Your sightseeing starts in La Boca, a vibrant district and site of the city's first port. Take a short walking tour of this unique enclave and then on to San Telmo, famous for its late-colonial buildings and a popular gathering spot for artists. At Plaza de Mayo, see La Casa Rosada (the President's Pink House) and the Metropolitan Cathedral, housing San Martin's Mausoleum. Drive past the ornate Teatro Colón opera house before reaching Recoleta Cemetery, burial site of Eva Perón. Next, learn how to make a traditional Argentinean dish during your empanada cooking class. After an afternoon at leisure, top off the evening at a famous Tango club. The Tango and Argentina go hand in hand and tonight you will visit a local milonga, or tango house, where professional tango dancers teach the traditional techniques of the Argentine Tango. After your lesson, enjoy a farewell dinner featuring Argentine steaks and other local specialties. Top off the evening when the professionals delight you with a Tango Show featuring the dance as it has evolved through the ages!

Breakfast Dinner

LOCAL FAVORITE

LOCAL TASTES Immerse yourself in Argentina's culinary culture when you learn how to make empanadas. This hands-on cooking class teaches you the different fillings and the various 'repulga' techniques (how to close the empanada.) After perfecting your creation, enjoy your homemade empanada and a glass of Malbec.

8 **BUENOS AIRES**

Ranch Life

Today, head into the heart of the pampas (grasslands) and immerse yourself in the atmosphere of rural, country life at a working Argentina estancia (ranch). After a traditional welcome with empanadas and local beverages, get acquainted with the lifestyle of real gauchos (cowboys) on a carriage ride through the pampas. Later, at lunch, enjoy an authentic feast, complete with world-renowned Argentine beef, salad, desserts, and live music and dance by the gauchos themselves. Top off the day with an equestrian demonstration by the gauchos before saying adios to the countryside and heading back to the city.

Breakfast Lunch

LOCAL FAVORITE

CULTURE & TRADITION Argentinean Estancias date back to the 16th Century during Spanish colonization when conquistadors where gifted land to raise and breed cattle. Today, these lands and traditions that go along with them have been passed down from generation to generation. Today, you step into the traditional, local life of a gaucho and embrace Argentinian heritage.

9 **BUENOS AIRES–BARILOCHE**

Patagonian Pleasures

Fly south to Bariloche in Patagonia on the shores of fjord-like Lago Nahuel Huapi in the heart of Argentina's Lake District. Arrive in the early evening and join your Tour Director for a leisurely stroll through the picturesque town. See the city hall, the clock tower in Municipality Square, and the famous chocolate factories.

Breakfast Dinner

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

CULTURAL GEMS You are in Argentina but, you feel like you are in a small town in Switzerland when in Bariloche! Use your time here to sample its famous chocolate, sip locally crafted beer, dine on world class cuisine, and take in the breathtaking views of this Patagonian mountain town.

10 **BARILOCHE**

Alpine Treasures

This chic alpine resort boasts some of the most glorious scenery in the country. Cameras should be ready for today's guided sightseeing including a chairlift ride to a lookout point at Cerro Campanario. You'll want to capture the vistas of surrounding lakes and Andes mountain peaks. The tour continues with a leisurely drive around the Llao Llao Peninsula, Lago Moreno, and Lopez Bay followed by lunch at a local restaurant.

Breakfast Lunch

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

EPIC RIDE Sit back and relax on the 7-minute chairlift ride to the Campanario summit at 3400 feet. From here you will experience the best views in Patagonia. Take in the sweeping vistas of the surrounding snow-capped mountains, glacial lakes, and lush forests.

11 BARILOCHE–PUERTO BLEST–PUERTO VARAS, CHILE

Peak Perfection

Set out today for your Andes Lake crossing! Board a boat for the cruise across Lago Nahuel Huapi to Puerto Blest. Proceed by motorcoach and see emerald lakes, thick pine forests, and the snow-capped peaks of the Andes Mountains. Look out for soaring Osorno Volcano as you cross Lago Todos los Santos by catamaran. Skirt the southern shore of Lago Llanquihue on the way to Puerto Varas. Drive to your hotel along the rosebush-lined streets of this lakeside resort.

Breakfast Lunch

LOCAL FAVORITE

NATURAL WONDERS Why go around the Andes Mountains when you can cut a path directly through them? That's exactly what you will do today on a full-day Andes Lake Crossing from Argentina to Chile! Sail across glacial lakes, travel through national parks, watch for giant condors, and cruise past active volcanoes into Chile. Today will be an unforgettable adventure.

12 PUERTO VARAS–PUERTO MONTT–SANTIAGO

Summits & Seas

Your morning tour of the nearby seaport of Puerto Montt in Chilean Patagonia takes you to the harbor brimming with fishing vessels and along a busy waterfront lined with seafood stalls. Transfer to the airport for your flight north to Santiago. Perched between the Pacific Ocean and the Andes, Santiago has evolved as the country's political, commercial, and cultural capital.

Breakfast

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

LOCAL TASTES Discover a wide variety of fresh seafood during your visit to the local market in the seaside village of Angelmó near Puerto Montt. If seafood isn't your preference, you'll also find fruits, vegetables, cheese, meats, handicrafts, and much more.

13 **SANTIAGO**

Santiago Especial

Today, your Local Guide traces the city's history and heritage on a guided city tour. Start at La Moneda, the official Government Palace, before heading to the Plaza de Armas, the main square, with a visit to the 18th-century cathedral. Conclude your tour of Santiago with lunch at a local restaurant, including a glass of regional wine. Return to your hotel for a free evening. Your Tour Director will have recommendations on how to spend your evening.

Breakfast Lunch

ENHANCED FREE TIME

SIGHTS & CITY LIGHTS Chile's capital city shines amid the heights of the Andes and the horizons of the sea with plenty of head-turning panoramas. If you've got a head for nightlife, Santiago's streets are brimming with restaurants, bars, and cafes. Explore the Barrio Bellavista where trendy restaurants, bars, discos, music venues, street art offer something for every taste.

14 **SANTIAGO**

Hasta Luego, Chile

The day is free for independent activities. You may want to take advantage of an optional excursion to the beautiful coastal region west of Santiago. Tonight, your Tour Director hosts a special farewell dinner to celebrate a great touring adventure.

Breakfast Dinner

ENHANCED FREE TIME

EXPLORE MORE Take an excursion to Valparaiso and Viña del Mar. Drive through the hills of Chile's wine country to the historic port of Valparaiso, and continue along the coast to nearby Viña del Mar. This and more options throughout your tour are available for purchase with MyGlobus. Get local maps and tips for free time on your GlobusGO mobile app.

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Undurraga Winery

Travel to the Maipo Valley, located on the eastern side of the Andes Mountains, for a half-day tour to the famous Undurraga Winery, where a local guide demonstrates how Chile's world-famous wine is...

3h 30m
Price Range: $$

15 **SANTIAGO**

Safe travels until we meet again!

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.

Breakfast

Notes

•Please note that this tour is designed for all levels of fitness, however one should be in suitable physical condition to fully enjoy the experiences. Guests with mobility concerns may experience uneven surfaces specifically for ferry loading and unloading.
•There is a welcome meeting scheduled on day 1 in Rio de Janeiro at 2 pm. Check-in at the hotel is at 3 pm. Guests will depart the hotel for included sightseeing at 3:30 pm. Please make sure to arrive at the hotel in Rio prior to the meeting.

Tour Director

HAND-PICKED
Hotels

We've vetted and hand-selected the best hotels around the world with location, comfort, and style in mind. Enjoy first-class hotels in each destination, and check in with the confidence that we've already checked everything out for your comfort and convenience.

RIO DE JANEIRO

Sheraton Grand Rio Hotel And Resort

Avenida Niemeyer 121 Rio de Janeiro Brazil

Deluxe

WiFi

Beautifully situated along the well-known Ipanema Beach, this contemporary hotel boasts gorgeous views and extreme comfort. All 559 guestrooms are equipped with the signature Sheraton Sweet Sleeper bed, private balcony overlooking the sea, mini-bar, cable television, air-conditioning, and room service. The facilities include a swimming pool, tennis courts, beauty salon, fitness center, sauna, business center, three restaurants, and two bars.

Hotel Amenities

- Spa Services
- Fitness Room
- Business Center
- ATM

- Elevator
- Laundry Available
- Restaurant On-Site
- Luggage Storage
- Ice Machine
- Gift Shop
- Parking/Valet
- Shoe Shine
- Concierge Desk
- Currency Exchange
- Beauty Salon
- Pool
- Bar/Lounge

Room Features

- Coffee Maker
- Desk
- Phone
- Television
- Iron/Ironing Board
- In-Room Safe
- Window Opens
- Internet Access
- Pay Movies
- Complimentary Toiletries
- Daily Housekeeping
- Complimentary Newspaper
- Voicemail
- Mini-Bar
- Hair Dryer
- Room Service
- Wake-Up Calls
- Alarm Clock
- Cable/Satellite
- Climate Control
- Air Conditioning

IGUASSU FALLS

Bourbon Cataratas Hotel

Rodovia Das Cataratas KM 2,5 Iguassu Falls Brazil

First-Class

WiFi

The Bourbon Cataratas Resort Hotel, is strategically located near the main tourist sites of Iguassu. Exclusive and professional staff take care of every detail.

Hotel Amenities

- Spa Services
- Fitness Room
- Elevator
- Concierge Desk
- Currency Exchange
- Beauty Salon
- Gift Shop
- Parking/Valet
- Business Center
- ATM
- Laundry Available
- Restaurant On-Site
- Luggage Storage
- Pool
- Bar/Lounge

Room Features

- Desk
- Phone
- Television
- Smoking Rooms
- In-Room Safe
- Window Opens
- Cable/Satellite
- Complimentary Toiletries
- Daily Housekeeping
- Voicemail
- Mini-Bar
- Hair Dryer
- Room Service
- Wake-Up Calls
- Internet Access
- Climate Control
- Air Conditioning

BUENOS AIRES

Hotel Alvear ICON

Aime Paine 1130 Buenos Aires Argentina

SuperiorFirst-Class

WiFi

Situated in Puerto Madero, the city's most eclectic district, take in the breathtaking views of the city and the River Plate while lodging in opulent and cozy suites, exploring the many eateries and bars, and unwinding in the magnificent Beauty & Wellness Center. The Alvear Icon Hotel is the ideal representation of the vitality and modernity that define Buenos Aires.

Hotel Amenities

- Spa Services
- Fitness Room
- Laundry Available
- Restaurant On-Site
- Luggage Storage
- Bar/Lounge
- Business Center
- Elevator
- Concierge Desk
- Free WiFi
- Pool

Room Features

- Phone
- Television
- Room Service
- Internet Access
- Complimentary Toiletries
- Mini-Bar
- Hair Dryer
- In-Room Safe
- Cable/Satellite
- Air Conditioning

BARILOCHE

NH Edelweiss

San Martin Ave 202 Bariloche Argentina

SuperiorFirst-Class

WiFi

Built in 1970 and refurbished recently, the Edelweiss Hotel is a modern first class property. A large lobby with fireplace, cozy lounge and reading corners awaits visitors. Amenities include a restaurant, bar, pool on the 7th floor, gym, full service spa, room service, and laundry service.

Hotel Amenities

- Spa Services
- Fitness Room
- Laundry Available
- Restaurant On-Site
- Currency Exchange
- Beauty Salon
- Business Center
- Elevator
- Concierge Desk
- Free WiFi
- Luggage Storage
- Pool

- Gift Shop
- Parking/Valet
- Bar/Lounge

Room Features

- Coffee Maker
- Phone
- Television
- Smoking Rooms
- Room Service
- Wake-Up Calls
- Internet Access
- Climate Control
- Air Conditioning
- Voicemail
- Mini-Bar
- Hair Dryer
- Iron/Ironing Board
- In-Room Safe
- Alarm Clock
- Cable/Satellite
- Complimentary Toiletries
- Daily Housekeeping

PUERTO VARAS

Radisson Puerto Varas

Del Salvador 24, esquina Av Costenera Puerto Varas Chile

SuperiorFirst-Class

WiFi

Situated in the heart of the city beside Lake Llanquihue, the Radisson Hotel offers stunning views of the Osorno and Calbuco volcanoes along with easy access to popular attractions. Featuring German-influenced architecture blended with rich wooden fixtures and classic stonework accents, the hotel's atmosphere is warm and inviting. Guests can enjoy the indoor pool, spa, complimentary Wi-Fi, and on-site restaurant.

Hotel Amenities

- Spa Services
- Fitness Room
- Laundry Available
- Restaurant On-Site
- Business Center
- Elevator
- Concierge Desk
- Free WiFi

- Luggage Storage
- Bar/Lounge
- Hot Tub
- Pool
- Parking/Valet

Room Features

- Non-Smoking Rooms
- Voicemail
- Mini-Bar
- Hair Dryer
- In-Room Safe
- Alarm Clock
- Cable/Satellite
- Disabled Access / Rooms
- Desk
- Phone
- Television
- Room Service
- Wake-Up Calls
- Internet Access
- Complimentary Toiletries
- Air Conditioning

SANTIAGO

Sheraton Santiago Hotel & Convention Center

Ave Santa Maria 1742 Santiago Chile

Deluxe

WiFi

This contemporary hotel is ideally located within minutes of some of the city's best shopping areas, restaurants, and attractions. The hotel features three Chilean inspired restaurants, two bars, state-of-the-art fitness center, indoor and outdoor pools, beauty salon, tennis court, gift shop, and access to medical services.

Hotel Amenities

- Spa Services
- Fitness Room
- Elevator
- Laundry Available
- Restaurant On-Site
- Business Center
- ATM
- Shoe Shine
- Concierge Desk
- Currency Exchange

- Luggage Storage
- Ice Machine
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