

# **Brazil & Peru Program (16D/15N)**



## **Day 1 – 02<sup>nd</sup> JULY: SAO PAULO**

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Arrival to Sao Paulo International Airport and transfer to the hotel  
Overnight at the selected hotel in Sao Paulo.

## **Day 2 – 03<sup>rd</sup> JULY: SAO PAULO / RIO DE JANEIRO (B, L)**

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Breakfast at the Hotel

We will visit Sao Paulo City. The city of Sao Paulo is the most important financial center in South America and has the most modern tertiary sector in Brazil. Its industrial park is responsible for around 10% of the national production and its commerce - a huge number if you consider that Brazil ranks among the 10 biggest Industry Nations.

The development boom at the end of the 19th century quickly transformed the landscape of the city, giving rise to new buildings and monuments that made it a grand metropolis. It is maybe not the most beautiful city but it can be very fascinating if you can "see behind the curtains".

Our tour is fascinating and educational. You will get to know the enchantments of this big metropolis and its major tourist attractions. You will be picked up at your hotel and returned at the end of the tour.

Main sightseeing points: Paulista Avenue, Roses House, Financial Trade, MASP - São Paulo Arts Museum, Trianon Park, Historical centre\*, Liberdade - an oriental district, Portugal House, 23 de Maio avenue, Flags Monument, Ibirapuera Park\*, Obelisk, Juscelino Kubitschek Avenue, Morumbi, Volpi Park, Maria Luiza Oscar Americano Foundation, Bandeirantes Palace (State Government Headquarters), Albert Einstein Hospital, Morumbi Stadium, Morumbi Chapel, Panambi Project, SP Market Shopping, Morumbi Shopping, Nações Unidas Avenue, D&D Shopping, World Trade Center, Circus School, Cidade Jardim avenue, Faria Lima new avenue, Casa Brasileira museum, Iguatemi Shopping, Rebouças avenue, Rebouças Convention Centre, Clinics hospital, INCOR - Heart Institute.



At proper time transfer to the airport in order to take the flight that will take you to Rio de Janeiro. Arrival to Rio de Janeiro, meet and greet by local staff and transfer to the hotel.

Overnight at the selected hotel in Rio de Janeiro.

## **Day 3 – 04<sup>th</sup> JULY: RIO DE JANEIRO (B, L)**

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Breakfast at the Hotel

You will enjoy a half visit to SUGAR LOAF, a worldwide symbol and trademark of Rio de Janeiro. From the top of the hill, you will enjoy the most beautiful views of the city. The two 2 mountains are reached and connected by a cable car: the first one is Morro da Urca, which is 220 meters high and offers a beautiful view of the Guanabara Bay, the beaches of Botafogo and Flamengo, the local airport and the Rio-Niteroi Bridge. From this stage, a second cable car will take you up to the top of the second mountain, 395 meters above the sea level, to find a splendid view of Copacabana beach, the Santa Cruz fortress and some of the beaches of Niteroi.

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Lunch included at a local restaurant

Continue the tour, visit the famous MARACANA STADIUM. From the opening goal in 1950, to the goals that will move the planet in the seven games that will host the World Cup 2014, including the grand final, the Maracanã has always been a temple of emotions and many joys. In 2016 Maracanã will host the opening and closing of the Olympic Games and is always with open doors for everyone, now fully refurbished and increasingly prepared to receive great matches. With its 78 thousand seats, it emerges as one of the most modern and safest stadiums in the world. Go behind the scenes of Maraca. From the Tribune Press to the locker rooms, through the Grandstand, the cabins and a collection of relics of the stars who made the history of the world soccer temple. Prepare yourself for a world of dreams, exploring every way, with videos, sounds and different experiences that will last forever in your memory.



Return to the hotel in the afternoon.

Overnight at Windsor Excelsior Hotel, in Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro

### Day 4 – 05TH JULY : RIO DE JANEIRO (BRA) (B, L)

Breakfast at the Hotel

In the morning, enjoy a city tour in HISTORICAL RIO (4 hours): visit the São Bento Monastery, Candelaria (the candle-makers), Praça XV, the "Travessa do Mercado", Imperial Palace, the cultural centre located in the beautifully-restored Banco do Brasil, the Casa França-Brasil, Ouvidor (the listeners) Street and Gonçalves Dias Street with the traditional Colombo Coffee Shop. We will also visit the Carioca Square and the Metropolitan Cathedral.





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Lunch at local restaurant

Return to the Hotel, and Balance of the day at leisure to enjoy the city.

Overnight at the selected hotel in Rio de Janeiro.

### **Day 5 – 06TH JULY: RIO DE JANEIRO (B)**

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Breakfast at the Hotel

You will enjoy a half day visit to the CHRIST OF CORCOVADO & FLORESTA DE TIJUCA RAIN FOREST. Rio's best-known icon is a concrete statue of 30 meters, whose wide open arms seem to embrace the whole city. The base stands on the top of the Corcovado hill (710 meters), offering a magnificent view of the city: the Guanabara bay, Niteroi, the Rodrigo de Freitas lagoon, the beaches of Ipanema and Copacabana, the botanical garden and the Sugar Loaf. The Christ of Corcovado has been declared one of the Seven Wonders of Modern World.



Return to the hotel at midday.

Overnight at the selected hotel in Rio de Janeiro.

### **Day 6 – 07TH JULY: RIO DE JANEIRO (B)**

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Breakfast at the Hotel

#### **Full Day excursion to Petropolis**

Near Rio de Janeiro, and going up the mountains there is the historical Petropolis city, built on the top of Serra Da Estrela at 809 m. height. Here you will enjoy a fantastic natural sight, famous mountains with more than 2.787 mts. height., rivers, cascades, lakes, and its characteristically Atlantic native vegetation.

In the city; there is a wonderful architecture, keeping together European culture, palaces, museums, churches, statues, and historical buildings.



Overnight at the selected hotel in Rio de Janeiro.

### **Day 7 – 08th JULY: RIO DE JANEIRO – IGUASSU FALLS (B)**

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Breakfast at the Hotel

Transfer to Rio airport to take the flight to Foz do Iguazu (2:20 hours)

Met upon arrival, to be transferred to the hotel, for check in

### **Half Day excursion to Brazilian Falls**

In the afternoon, take a guided tour through the BRAZILIAN SIDE OF THE FALLS: You will discover secure and modern catwalks that lead through the falls. You will continue down the pathways, which take you over the falling water up to a special area with a fantastic panoramic view of the Devil's Throat and the surrounding falls.



Overnight at the selected hotel, in Iguassu

### **Day 8 – 09<sup>TH</sup> JULY: IGUAZU FALLS (B)**

Breakfast at the hotel

In the morning, you will cross the border to enter into Argentina for a Full day excursion of the ARGENTINEAN SIDE OF THE FALLS. You will enjoy a Full Day tour, visiting the 3 main circuits that will bring you face to face with the native wildlife: the Lower, Superior circuits, and the most impressive, the Devil's Throat. The Iguazu River plunges into a gorge of over 275 falls along 4 km completely surrounded by a dense tropical forest. The Upper Circuit guarantees spectacular panoramic views of the falls. The Lower Circuit will give us a close contact with the falls and surrounding vegetation. Finally, we will arrive at the Devil's Throat, the most impressive one of the Iguazu Falls.

Take a boat ride on the Iguazu river, getting close to the falls, and getting completely drenched!



Return to the Hotel, crossing back the border to Brazil

Overnight at the selected hotel, in Iguassu

### **Day 9 - 10<sup>TH</sup> JULY: IGUAZU – LIMA (B)**

Breakfast at the Hotel

Morning at leisure to relax at the Hotel

In the afternoon, cross the border back to Brazil, and transfer to Foz do Iguazu Airport, to take the direct flight to Lima (4:15 hours).

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Upon arrival, transfer to the Hotel and Check-in.

Overnight at the selected hotel in Lima.

### **Day 10 – 11<sup>TH</sup> JULY: LIMA (B)**

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Breakfast at the Hotel

In the morning, take a LIMA CITY TOUR: you will see the 18<sup>th</sup> century San Francisco Monastery and its unique cloisters, the Government Palace, and Cathedral situated around the vast Plaza de Armas. Then, take a short drive to the seaside suburb of Miraflores and the Larco Herrera Museum, with its dazzling collection of Peruvian artifacts.



Return to the hotel, and Balance of the day at leisure.

Overnight at the selected hotel in Lima.

### **Day 11 – 12<sup>ND</sup> JULY: LIMA – CUSCO (B)**

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Breakfast at the Hotel

In the morning, transfer to Lima Airport to take the flight to Cusco (1:30 hours).

Met upon arrival, to be transferred to the Hotel for Check-in

In the afternoon, CUSCO CITY TOUR and the surrounding ruins of SACSAYHUAMAN: we will browse the Imperial City, a living example of the mixture of the Andean and Spanish cultures. We start our trip visiting the Santo Domingo Convent, built over the Koricancha, and ancient Inca palace and main worship center of the Sun God. Later, we will stop at the Main Square, where you can find the Cathedral and the beautiful Church of La Compañía. Going on with the tour, we will visit the Sacsayhuaman Fortress, imposing sample of military Inca architecture which domains the city.



Overnight at the selected hotel in Cusco.

### **Day 12 – 13<sup>RD</sup> JULY: CUSCO / SACRED VALLEY (B, L)**

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Breakfast at the Hotel

FULL Day excursion to PISAC MARKET & OLLANTAYTAMBO, in the SACRED VALLEY.

We will visit the famous market located in the town of PISAC, where the color and flavor of its products perfectly combines with the happiness of its people avid to share their culture with all visitors. After a deserved lunch, we will



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head to the farthest town located in the SACRED VALLEY OF THE INCAS, which is considered as the oldest continuously occupied town in America. We will walk around its narrow streets where we will amaze ourselves with the beauty of the its houses made of adobe and where we will find its famous fortress which remain as a silent witness of the battle between the troops lead by Manco Inca in his attempt to avoid the Spanish invasion commanded by Hernando Pizarro in 1537.

Lunch at local restaurant



Return to the Hotel in Cusco in the afternoon.  
Overnight at the selected hotel, in Sacred Valley.

### Day 13 – 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY: Sacred Valley / Machu Picchu / Aguas Calientes (B, L)

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Breakfast at the hotel

#### Full day excursion to Machu Picchu

Lunch on board First Class train

Dinner on board First Class train

We will be transferred very early this morning to the station to board the train that will take us to the Lost City of the Incas. Along the route, we will enjoy amazing Andean views while it integrates itself into the cloud forest. We will first arrive in Aguas Calientes where we will take a bus that will transfer us to the Citadel of Machu Picchu, without doubts, the best proof of the perfection of the Inca ability working the stone. It has different sectors such as the urban, religious and farming. We will find temples and houses as well as its famous Intihuatana or Solar Clock which was finely carved on stone. At the end of our tour, we will take lunch and will take the bus to Aguas Calientes.



Overnight at the selected hotel.

### Day 14 – 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY: AGUAS CALIENTES / CUSCO / LIMA (B)

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Breakfast at the Hotel

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This morning you will be able to visit Machu Picchu citadel at our own pace.

You can hike to Inti Punku which in quechua means Sun Gate. It is for sure the entrance for those coming to Machu Picchu using the Inca Trail and from where we will enjoy a fantastic panoramic view of the famous citadel.



At the proper time, walk to the station to take the train.

You will board the train that will take you back to Cuzco. On arrival, our collaborators will be waiting in the train station, from where we will transfer you to the hotel.

Overnight at chosen hotel in Lima –Breakfast included.

### **Day 15 – 16TH JULY: LIMA / PISCO / PARACAS (B)**

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Breakfast at the Hotel

You will be picked up at your hotel in Lima, drive south along the Pacific Coast to your hotel in Paracas. Along this way, you will pass through the different types of desert and oasis, landscapes while your guide will introduce you to the new Peru coastal population as well as to the various vestiges of ancient civilizations.

#### **NAZCA LINES OVERFLIGHT**

We will head to the airfield to board the aircraft that will allow us appreciate the gigantic Nazca Lines, that are only visible from air and that still keep the mystery about the reason why the ancient Nazca people traced them, as well as the methods used to draw such huge figures with such amazing precision.



Lunch at a local restaurant.

Dinner at the hotel in Paracas.

Overnight at the selected hotel in Paracas.

### **Day 16 - 17TH JULY: PARACAS / LIMA (B)**

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Breakfast at the Hotel

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### **BALLESTAS ISLANDS**

We will head to the pier of El Chaco to board the vessel that will allow us enjoy one of the main attractions of Ica: The Ballestas Islands.

During our journey, we will have the chance to appreciate the Candelabro (candlestick) which is thought to have relation with the enigmatic Nazca Lines. Upon our arrival in the Ballestas Islands, we will find frigates, pelicans, Nazca boobies, Humboldt penguins and sea lions families among other species. Two hours later, we return to mainland to visit the Interpretation Center of the Paracas National Reserve.

Lunch is included at hotel in Paracas.

Return to Lima and transfer to the hotel.

Dinner is included at hotel in Lima. Overnight at the selected hotel.