Top 12 Tours in South America
A WORD FROM THE FOUNDERS

We are passionate about South America Travel, and are eager to share with you our favorite Buenos Aires restaurants, our insider’s tips for Machu Picchu, or the secret colonial gems of Brazil, to help you plan an unforgettable South America holiday.

SouthAmerica.travel is proud of its energetic Team of travel experts. Our Travel Consultants come from around the world, have traveled extensively throughout South America and work “at the source” from our operations headquarters in Rio de Janeiro, Lima and Buenos Aires, and at our flagship office in Seattle.

The idea for SouthAmerica.travel first came to Co-Founders Juergen Keller and Bradley Nehring in 1999 while traveling through Brazil’s Amazon Rainforest. The two noticed few international travelers, and those they did meet had struggled to arrange the trip by themselves. Expert custom travel planning to Brazil was scarce - nearly nonexistent.

This inspired the duo to fill the void and help travelers plan incredible customized trips to Brazil, and later all South America.

With five offices on three continents, as well as local phone numbers in 88 countries worldwide, the SouthAmerica.travel Team has helped thousands of travelers fulfill their dream of discovering the marvelous and diverse continent of South America.

Here are our favorite 12 itineraries, to customize, combine and inspire. Let us create your perfect tour - we’ll take care of all the details!

Where will your dreams take you? Let's start planning today!

“Our goal is to create good memories that will last our guests a lifetime.”

Juergen Keller  
President

Bradley Nehring  
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Brazil & Argentina | The South America Deluxe Tour
The city of tango, Atlantic Rainforest & Rio de Janeiro

Peru | The Essence of Peru
Discover the highlights of Peru & the Land of the Incas

Brazil | Rio de Janeiro & The Amazon
Where the city meets adventure

Argentina | The Best of Argentina
Visit the must-see destinations throughout Argentina

Brazil | Brazilian Beaches & Lençóis Maranhenses
Beaches, dunes & lagoons

Peru | Machu Picchu & The Peruvian Amazon
Antique cultures & nature pure

Brazil | Rio & The Route of Gold
Brazil’s gems: colonial cities & sparking stones

Chile, Uruguay & Argentina | THE South America Wine Tour
Savor the finest wines of South America

Brazil | Flora & Fauna of the Amazon
Discover the world’s largest tropical rainforest by lodge or cruise

Peru & Brazil | World Wonders of South America
From Andean highlands to cascading waterfalls

Brazil | Rio, Tropical Islands & Port of Paraty
Romantic Brazilian coastal getaway

Brazil | Brazilian Exuberance - Rio & The Wild Pantanal
The Heart of Brazil – wildlife, nature, landscapes & waters

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The South America Deluxe Tour
Buenos Aires, Rio, Iguassu Falls, Atlantic Rainforest & Salvador

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12 Days / 11 Nights

Discover the highlights of South America in style on our most popular itinerary. Start in Buenos Aires, the “Paris of the Americas,” and learn to tango from the experts. Fly from Buenos Aires to Iguassu Falls, and view the mighty falls from the Argentine and Brazilian sides. Go on an unforgettable train journey through the Atlantic Rainforest and admire the contrasts of Brazil as you travel to the industrial megalopolis of Sao Paulo. Revel in Rio de Janeiro, and visit Corcovado and Sugarloaf Mountain. Finish your tour in Salvador, a picturesque colonial city known for its music, architecture, cuisine & friendliness. +Add Machu Picchu & the Amazon
The Essence of Peru

Cuzco, Machu Picchu, Colca Canyon, Nazca Lines, Arequipa & Lima

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15 Day / 14 Night Tour

Explore the Land of the Incas, where the remnants of an ancient civilization continue to dazzle the imagination. Start your tour in the bustling city of Lima; learn about the Spanish conquistadors and enjoy the exquisite cuisine. Cruise around the Ballestas Islands, an important sanctuary for Humboldt penguins, sea lions, birds and more. Transfer to Arequipa, a colonial town with Baroque architecture. Then, descend into the Colca Canyon to view the giant Andean Condor. Visit Lake Titicaca where you will see the floating Uros Islands. Finish your tour at Machu Picchu and take in the mystery of the ruins and what once was a thriving Incan village.
Rio de Janeiro & The Amazon
“The Marvelous City” & the Brazilian Rainforest
www.SouthAmerica.travel/RAA

8 Days / 7 Nights
Combine two highlights of Brazil into one unforgettable journey. Begin at the top of the Sugarloaf Mountain for breathtaking views of the city and the bay before ascending Corcovado in a cogwheel railway to stand at the foot of Christ the Redeemer. Unwind at some of the most beautiful beaches in the world before discovering the wildlife of the Amazon Rainforest. Choose between an Amazon River Cruise or Lodge from where you will spot pink river dolphins, fish for piranha, walk in the jungle and marvel at the flora.
The Best of Argentina
Buenos Aires, Bariloche Lake District, El Calafate, Ushuaia

Visit El Calafate and see the world-famous Perito Moreno Glacier in Los Glaciares National Park. Finish your tour in Ushuaia, “the end of the world,” in Tierra del Fuego National Park. The landscapes, culture, tango & wine await you.

9 Days / 8 Nights
Discover the most scenic landscapes in Argentina, from the metropolis of Buenos Aires, to the southernmost city in the world, Ushuaia. On this 9-day tour, you will encounter the charming hamlet of Bariloche, the Aspen of South America and the gateway to Patagonia.

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Brazilian Beaches & Lençôis Maranhenses

Fortaleza, Jericoacoara, Delta do Parnaíba, São Luís

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9 Days / 8 Nights

Explore the northern coast of Brazil, where the warm Caribbean-like waters give way to extraordinary coastal deserts of remarkable beauty. Relax at luxurious beach hotels in Fortaleza, Guajirú, Jericoacoara, the Delta of Parnaíba and Barreirinhas. Visit the UNESCO World Heritage City of São Luís & see the picturesque Historical Center. Travel to Lençôis Maranhenses National Park, a coastal desert where you can swim and explore the sand dunes. Pamper yourself at the spa while enjoying the five-star amenities.

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Machu Picchu & The Peruvian Amazon

A concise summary of Peru through Lima, Cuzco, Puerto Maldonado

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9 Days / 8 Nights

Discover two of Peru's highlights on this Machu Picchu and Amazon Jungle tour. Visit Lima, the gastronomical, historical & culinary capital of South America. Follow the steps of the Incas from Cuzco through the Sacred Valley to the breathtaking ruins of Machu Picchu. Delve into the Peruvian Amazon (just a 45-minute flight away) from a serene rainforest lodge. Hike along the banks of the Tambopata River along the narrow channels of the Amazon basin, a birding paradise. Discover the sights, sounds, scents, and tastes of the wild Amazon Rainforest. Perfect for the adventurous traveler seeking to combine ancient cultures and nature in style.

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Travel from Rio to Minas Gerais, the cradle of Brazilian arts, known for its mineral water with healing properties. Visit Ouro Preto and Tiradentes, the colonial center of gold mining. Travel through imperial Petrópolis and follow the mountains of the Serra do Mar Atlantic Rainforest for a spectacular end to your tour.

8 Days / 7 Nights

The Gold Rush in Brazil transformed the country. It altered the course of history and financed the Industrial Revolution in Europe. Our Brazil Route of Gold Tour takes you on a scenic and historical journey through the Atlantic Rainforest to near-forgotten mining towns, UNESCO World Heritage Sites and picturesque colonial seaports.

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THE South America Wine Tour
Mendoza, Santiago, Colonia del Sacramento, Buenos Aires

10 Days / 9 Nights

The South America Wine Tour is perfect for both wine connoisseurs and casual wine enthusiasts. Sample from the finest wines of Chile, Argentina, & Uruguay amidst scenic landscapes. Experience vibrant cultures, bustling capital cities & authentic cuisine. Sip exquisite Carmenere wine in Santiago’s wine region. Ascend over the Andes Mountains to the highlands of Mendoza, home to world-famous Malbec wines. Continue to Colonia del Sacramento, Uruguay, for specialty Tannat wines. Gaze at the cityscape of Buenos Aires as the ferry whisks you across the Rio de la Plata to the “Paris of South America,” topped by a night of Tango and Argentine steak.

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Flora & Fauna of The Amazon

Discover the Worlds Largest Tropical Rainforest by River Cruise or Lodge

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Tucano River Cruise  4-7 Nights
The Tucano Motor Yacht is a spectacular way to see lesser-known tributaries of the Amazon River. Travel deep into the rainforest up the Rio Negro. Discover the flooded grasslands, narrow streams teeming with wildlife, and embark on daily excursions by launch or canoe. Enjoy the sights and sounds of the jungle on a Yacht.

Uakari Lodge  4 Days / 3 Nights
The Uakari Lodge (a 2-hour flight up the Solimões River) features eco-friendly, locally-sourced floating bungalows. Visit nearby communities, take canoe rides, walk along nature trails surrounding the lodge, fish for piranha and view pink dolphins. Or opt for one of several other lodes, each unique in style.
World Wonders of South America
Machu Picchu, Iguassu Falls & Rio’s Christ the Redeemer - Lima & Cuzco
www.SouthAmerica.travel/WSA

11 Days / 10 Nights
Discover recently voted New Wonders of the World. Iguassu Falls, located on the border of Brazil and Argentina, and the “lost city” of Machu Picchu, nestled in the cloud forest of Peru, have been difficult to combine into a quick South America tour until now. These are now readily accessible with a direct flight from Iguassu Falls to Lima. Now a whirlwind tour of South America’s New World Wonders is an easy feat. Imagine yourself gazing upon the 275 waterfalls of Iguassu & then exploring the Incan ruins of Machu Picchu – all in a week. Finish your tour with a visit to the Christ the Redeemer statue in Rio de Janeiro, the “Marvelous City” of Brazil.

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Rio, Tropical Islands & Port of Paraty
Ilha Grande, Rio de Janeiro & Paraty
www.SouthAmerica.travel/RGP

8 Days / 7 Nights

Pack your sunscreen for a tropical beach tour through Brazil. See the wonders of Rio de Janeiro on guided city tours to Sugarloaf Mountain, Christ the Redeemer and Copacabana Beach. Experience Brazilian culture, vibrant foods and friendly locals in the “Marvelous City.” Then escape to the quaint island of Ilha Grande. Relax on the beach and explore Brazil’s Atlantic rainforest. Take photos of the foliage and mountains reflecting in the water creating a striking green hue. Finish in Paraty, a colonial Brazilian Imperial site. Savor a schooner cruise through the Bay of Paraty and relax in this beautiful remote destination.
Brazilian Exuberance – Rio & The Wild Pantanal

Chapada dos Guimarães Nobres River and Abundant Flora & Fauna

www.SouthAmerica.travel/BRE

8 Days / 7 Nights

Explore the remote corner of Brazil, where every step brings a new surprise - have your camera ready at all times! See red rocks and cascading waterfalls, freshwater pools and agricultural fields teeming with fauna. The Pantanal is a wildlife sanctuary filled with giant river otter, anaconda, iguana, jaguar, caiman, zebu, capybara, monkeys, the list goes on. Snorkel in the crystal clear Nobres River and explore the limestone caves. Visit Chapada dos Guimaraes highlands with spectacular cliffs and spring fed waterfalls. Landscapes and wildlife stay in flux with the rise and fall of the waters. End with two nights on the Copacabana.

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