

HIGHLIGHTS OF SOUTH AMERICA

Chile – Argentina – Uruguay – Brazil

November 1–16, 2019 (16 days)



Highlights:

- Visit the most vibrant Latin American cities of Santiago, Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro, and discover amazing landscapes and natural gems as you travel from Chile to Argentina, crossing the mighty Andes, and onto Brazil.
- Delve into the local culture of these diverse countries with some wine tasting in the famed Mendoza wine region, a day at an estancia in the Argentine pampas, tango in Buenos Aires, and samba and relaxation at the beach in Rio de Janeiro.
- Experience the grandiosity of Iguazu Falls, from both sides of the Argentina and Brazil border.



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ITINERARY

Day 1 / Fri, Nov 1 / DEPART CANADA

Depart for Chile.

Day 2 / Sat, Nov 2 / ARRIVE SANTIAGO

After arrival at Santiago International Airport, embark on a tour of Chile's capital. Start with the historic and cultural heart of the city – **Santiago's** Plaza de Armas and its cathedral. Walk along the Ahumada Boulevard to the 18th-century Moneda Palace, Chile's presidential offices. Visit the **Pre-Columbian Art Museum** with its extensive collection of artefacts from the Maya, Aztec and Inca civilizations. Drive to the bohemian neighbourhood of Bellavista and up to San Cristóbal Hill for a magnificent view of the city and the Andes. Early afternoon transfer to the hotel. Free time to relax before dinner. (D)

Day 3 / Sun, Nov 3 / SANTIAGO

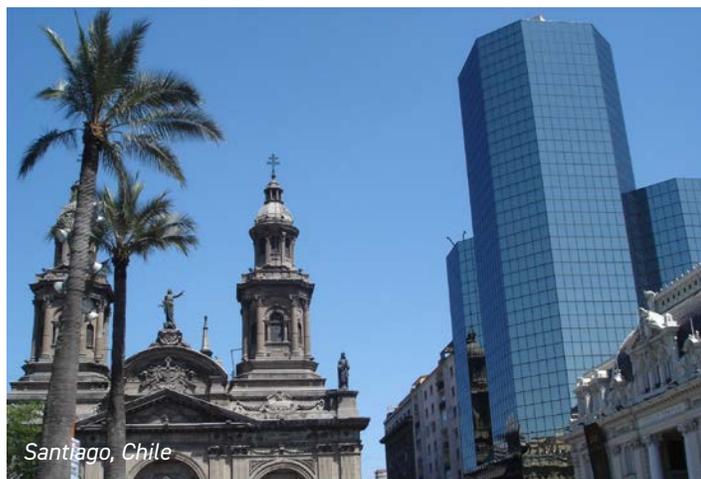
Travel across the valleys of Curacaví and Casablanca to the Pacific coast. See the beaches of Las Salinas and Reñaca and visit **Viña del Mar**, also known as the garden city for its beautiful parks and floral displays, and highly praised by Pablo Neruda for its charismatic atmosphere.

Visit the Municipal Casino, before continuing to the charming colonial city of **Valparaíso**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site where stairways and old funiculars lead up to the 42 hills on which the city is built. Visit **La Sebastiana Museum**, one of the houses of famous Chilean poet Pablo Neruda (Nobel Prize for Literature), offering impressive panoramic views of all Valparaíso. (B,D)

Day 4 / Mon, Nov 4 / SANTIAGO – MENDOZA

Today depart Chile and cross the mighty Andes into Argentina. Enjoy the spectacular views as you drive through the 28 hairpin turns on the Chilean side. Cross the border.

Once in Argentina, stop at Puente del Inca, a natural bridge over the Río Mendoza. You might be able to see South America's tallest mountain, Mount Aconcagua, lying in the distance. The landscape continues to fascinate with barren red mountains and dry desert-like plains. Late afternoon arrival in **Mendoza**, in the heart of the Argentinian wine country. (B,D)



Santiago, Chile

Day 5 / Tue, Nov 5 / MENDOZA

This morning, enjoy a panoramic tour of **Mendoza**, along its traditional streets and avenues, sheltered by tall and bushy trees. See the Foundational Area, where the city was founded in 1561, Plaza Independencia, the beautiful General San Martín Park and the Cerro de la Gloria Monument for a panoramic view of the city. In the afternoon, head towards the districts of **Maipú** and **Lujan de Cuyo** – the home of Malbec. Pass wonderful fruit plantations and vineyards and learn about the irrigation system that gives life to the area, due to the Cipolletti dam. Enjoy wine tastings at two well-known cellars. (B,D)

Day 6 / Wed, Nov 6 / MENDOZA – BUENOS AIRES

Transfer to the airport for your flight to **Buenos Aires**, the vibrant Argentinian capital. Transfer to your hotel on arrival. (B,D)

Day 7 / Thu, Nov 7 / BUENOS AIRES

Morning city tour of **Buenos Aires** – one of the biggest urban concentrations in the Southern Hemisphere. Start at the Plaza de Mayo, surrounded by the Casa Rosada (Government House), the Metropolitan Cathedral and the ancient City Hall, seat of the former Spanish colonial administration. Continue along Avenida de Mayo and cross Avenida 9 de Julio, the widest avenue in the world, modelled after Paris' Champs Elysées in the 1930s. Drive to San Telmo, the city's oldest neighbourhood, which has maintained much of its original architecture, with historic mansions, cobbled streets and patios with fountains. Visit the bohemian and colourful neighbourhood of La Boca. Drive past Puerto Madero before heading to one of the most fashionable districts of the city, La Recoleta. Visit its famous cemetery – the resting place of many of Argentina's wealthiest and most celebrated sons and daughters, including that of Eva Perón.

Afternoon at leisure to further explore the city on your own.

No visit to Buenos Aires is complete without an evening at one of the city's tango houses. Enjoy dinner and a tango show at La Ventana, a famous restaurant-theatre in a restored tenement. (B,D)



Vineyards, Mendoza © Beatrice Murch

Day 8 / Fri, Nov 8 / BUENOS AIRES

Take a full day excursion to **Cardales** for a Fiesta Gaucha. Enjoy the scenic drive through the vast flatlands known as the Pampas. At **Estancia Santa Susana**, explore the grounds of the ranch and enjoy a traditional parrillada (BBQ lunch) while watching a tango and folk show. The real entertainment begins as you watch the gauchos show off their incredible horsemanship skills. Be impressed by a ring race (known as la sortija), animal herding and the cuadreras race – a typical gaucho game. (B,L,D)

Day 9 / Sat, Nov 9 / BUENOS AIRES – COLONIA – BUENOS AIRES

Today, leave the hustle and bustle of the city behind and take a scenic boat ride across the Río de la Plata to **Colonia, Uruguay**. Visit its charming historic centre and admire the fascinating architecture of this UNESCO-listed town. See the port, the superb Ferrando Beach and the lovely Rambla that stretches along the coast up to the Plaza de toros Real de San Carlos. (B,D)

Day 10 / Sun, Nov 10 / BUENOS AIRES – IGUAZU FALLS

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Iguazu Falls. One of the great natural wonders of the world, the area around the mighty falls has been designated a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. Upon arrival, experience the Argentinian side of **Iguazu Falls** before crossing the border to your hotel on the Brazilian side. (B,D)

Day 11 / Mon, Nov 11 / IGUAZU FALLS

This morning, take a tour of the monumental **Itaipu Dam**, one of the largest hydroelectric dams in the world across the Paraná River.

After lunch, get a different perspective from the Brazilian side of **Iguazu Falls**. From virtually every angle, you will enjoy an entire panorama of cascades. Return to your hotel for dinner. (B,L,D)

Day 12 / Tue, Nov 12 / IGUAZU FALLS – RIO DE JANEIRO

Transfer to the airport for an early flight to **Rio de Janeiro**. Locals like to say "God made the world in six days and the seventh, he devoted to Rio". Start with a panoramic tour of the city including

the Maracanã Stadium and the Botanical Garden. Take the cable car up to the top of the impressive Sugar Loaf, 396 metres above sea level, and enjoy the magnificent views of the great beaches and the city, including Niteroi, Copacabana and Santa Cruz Fortress.

Head to your hotel in the afternoon and enjoy the remainder of the day to stroll along Copacabana Beach before dinner at a popular local BBQ restaurant. (B,D)

Day 13 / Wed, Nov 13 / RIO DE JANEIRO

Today travel to some of the **exotic tropical islands** surrounding Rio by private boat. Don't forget your swim suit!

Late afternoon return and dinner at the hotel. (B,L,D)

Day 14 / Thu, Nov 14 / RIO DE JANEIRO

Travel up the Corcovado mountain by jeep and explore the dense greenery of the **Tijuca Rainforest**, before getting to the iconic statue of **Christ the Redeemer**, at 700 metres above sea level.

Enjoy the breathtaking views of the city below. You will also visit the strikingly modern Metropolitan Cathedral and stop at the new urban development of **Porto Maravilha**, home of the neo-futuristic Calatrava-designed Museu do Amanhã.

Tonight enjoy a spectacular dinner samba show. Feel the energy of each dance lighting up the night with the rhythms of Brazil. (B,D)

Day 15 / Fri, Nov 15 / DEPART RIO DE JANEIRO

Free morning to enjoy the beach before checking out of the hotel.

This afternoon, you will have the option to go shopping for last-minute souvenirs or join your guide for a walking tour of Ipanema Beach, on the ritzy side of Rio.

After dinner, transfer to Rio de Janeiro International Airport for your flight back to Canada. (B,D)

Day 16 / Sat, Nov 16 / ARRIVE CANADA

Arrival in Canada.



TOUR COSTS in CAD

Land only costs:

Per person, twin-share	\$4,890
Single supplement	\$990

FLIGHTS

Airfares are generally released 11 months prior to departure. Our office will contact you to arrange the best option. Approximate flight costs incl. international and internal flights and taxes (based on 2018 airfares):

From major Canadian gateways \$1,900-2000

INCLUDED

- Private coach transportation throughout
- Accommodation in comfortable 3- and 4-star hotels
- Hotel portorage
- Meals as per itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
- English-speaking guide throughout
- Comprehensive sightseeing including local guides, admission fees, national park fees and special shows as per itinerary
- Gratuities for drivers and guides

NOT INCLUDED

- Return international airfare Canada – Santiago and Rio de Janeiro – Canada
- Economy airfare for internal flights Mendoza – Buenos Aires – Iguazu Falls – Rio de Janeiro
- Travel insurance
- Visa for Brazil (approx. USD 45) to be arranged prior to travel
- Meals not mentioned in itinerary
- Drinks with meals
- Items of a personal nature



RESERVATION FORM

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Please fill out this form in full and mail it with your deposit of \$800.00 and travel insurance payment for each traveller. Travel insurance is optional but recommended. Please write name(s) exactly as listed in passport (e.g.: William, not 'Bill').

TRAVELLER #1		TRAVELLER #2	
Mr/Mrs/Ms	First name	Mr/Mrs/Ms	First name
	Middle name(s)		Middle name(s)
	Last name		Last name
Date of birth:	dd/mmm/yyyy	Date of birth:	dd/mmm/yyyy
City + country of birth:		City + country of birth:	
Passport #:		Passport #:	
Passport expiry date:	dd/mmm/yyyy	Passport expiry date:	dd/mmm/yyyy
Passport issuing country:		Passport issuing country:	
Preferred first name (for name tag):		Preferred first name (for name tag):	

ADDRESS

Street:	
City:	Province/State:
Postal code:	Country:
Cell #:	Home #:
Email:	
Accommodation:	<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Double <input type="checkbox"/> Twin <input type="checkbox"/> Sharing with:
Seating preference on aircraft:	<input type="checkbox"/> Aisle <input type="checkbox"/> Window
Special dietary meal request:	(where available)
Next of kin (in case of emergency):	Phone #:

TRAVEL INSURANCE (to be purchased at time of deposit)

<input type="checkbox"/> All Inclusive <input type="checkbox"/> Trip Cancellation <input type="checkbox"/> Declined
Amount of premium (see next page): \$

PAYMENT

<input type="checkbox"/> Please make cheques payable to: SPECIAL TRAVEL INTERNATIONAL 4603 Main Street Vancouver, BC V5V 3R6 Canada Tel: 604 291 1332 or 1800 665 0998
<input type="checkbox"/> Visa/MasterCard (a 2% service fee applies to payments made by credit card)
Card #:
Expiry date:
Name on card:
Amount to be charged: \$

I acknowledge that I have read and agree to the terms and conditions outlined in the brochure.

SIGNATURE: _____

Date: _____

FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW

RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT:

\$800 pp deposit due at time of booking
 2nd installment of \$800 pp due by February 1, 2019
 Balance due by September 1, 2019
 Travel documents will be sent to you approximately 14 days prior to your trip departure, provided full payment has been received.

TOUR PRICES:

All tour prices for land arrangements are based on rates effective at the time of printing and are expected to be in effect at the time of departure. Should these rates change, it may be necessary to surcharge the price of your vacation. Should the tour price increase by more than 10%, the passenger shall have the right to cancel within seven days of notification without penalty.

CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS:

Notice of cancellation must be made in writing. The effective cancellation date is the date when written notification is received by Special Travel International (hereafter called STI). The deposit of \$800 is non-refundable. The following scale of charges will apply when cancellation is received prior to departure:

Until Jan 31, 2019	\$800
Feb 1 – Aug 31, 2019	\$1,600
Sep 1–30, 2019	75%
From Oct 1, 2019	100%

NB: different payment/cancellation policy applies to airline tickets; you will be advised at time of booking.

TRAVEL INSURANCE:

STI strongly recommends that each tour participant has health, cancellation, interruption, accident and baggage insurance for the duration of his/her travel.

RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY:

STI acts only as an agent in securing all services related to the tours described in this brochure, including transportation, sightseeing and accommodation. STI shall not be responsible or liable for any loss, cost, damage, injury, delay or expense arising from the use of any conveyance, accommodation or service or from acts of God, strikes, weather, quarantine, accidents, sickness, government regulations, insufficient documents and any loss expense resulting from the above contingencies shall be borne by the tour member. In the event it becomes necessary or advisable for the comfort of the passenger, or for any reason whatsoever, to alter the itinerary or arrangements, such alterations may be made without penalty to the operators. Additional expense, if any, shall be borne by the passenger. The right is reserved to withdraw any or all tours should conditions warrant, and also to decline to accept or retain any passenger as a member of the tour. In such instances, full or equitable amounts will be refunded.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS:

It is entirely the passenger's responsibility to possess whatever documents and visas are required by the law of the countries visited on the tour.

AIRLINE RESPONSIBILITY:

Any air carrier providing transportation in connection with these tours is not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time the passenger is not on board its planes or conveyances. The passenger contract in use by the airlines concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airline and the purchase of these tours and/or passenger. Similar responsibility as noted applies to all types of carriers, including car rental companies.

TRAVEL INSURANCE PREMIUMS

Following are the main areas of coverage with Allianz Global Assistance and the two packages we offer for this trip. Please carefully read the brochure you will receive after booking for full details. For insurance purposes the key point is that you are in good health. PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS are not covered. Please contact us if you have any questions or would like further information. Please note that travellers need to have current Provincial Health Plan coverage in order to qualify for the ALL-INCLUSIVE insurance package.

The **ALL-INCLUSIVE PACKAGE** consists of:

- Cancellation & Interruption
- Flight Accident
- Emergency Medical (\$5 Million limit)
- Travel Accident
- Baggage & Personal Effects

If you wish you may also choose the **CANCELLATION & INTERRUPTION** insurance alone. This plan is suitable if you have sufficient medical coverage already and rates apply to any trip length.

NB: These premiums are guidelines. The exact premium will depend on your total tour cost (including final airfare with taxes, additional expenses such as single supplement, extra nights at the hotels etc.). At time of booking we will provide the applicable premium for your situation. Insurance rates are valid at time of printing and are subject to change. Premiums are quoted per person, in CAD, and subject to Provincial Sales Tax (8% Ontario, 9% Quebec, 7% Manitoba).

OPTION 1: THE ALL-INCLUSIVE PACKAGE

TOUR COST	AGES				
	0-60	61-65	66-70	71-76	77+
\$5,500	\$291.00	\$367.00	\$449.00	\$518.00	\$1,041.00
\$6,000	\$311.00	\$392.00	\$481.00	\$553.00	\$1,111.00
\$6,500	\$331.00	\$418.00	\$512.00	\$588.00	\$1,181.00
\$7,000	\$351.00	\$444.00	\$544.00	\$623.00	\$1,251.00

OPTION 2: CANCELLATION + INTERRUPTION INSURANCE

TOUR COST	AGES					
	0-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75-79	80+
\$5,500	\$268.00	\$312.00	\$353.00	\$404.00	\$531.00	\$633.00
\$6,000	\$286.00	\$334.50	\$380.00	\$435.50	\$567.00	\$673.50
\$6,500	\$304.00	\$357.00	\$407.00	\$467.00	\$603.00	\$714.00
\$7,000	\$322.00	\$379.50	\$434.00	\$498.50	\$639.00	\$754.50



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