### INCAS & CONQUISTADORES The Quechua Tour: Peru & Bolivia



#### 17 night itinerary:

Lima - 2 nights • La Paz - 3 nights • Sucre - 4 nights Potosí - Day Trip • Sun Island/ Lake Titicaca – 1 night Puno/ Lake Titicaca - 1 night • "Sacred Valley" - 2 nights Machu Picchu - 1 night • Cusco - 3 nights

Travel back in time to the land where the mighty Incas once held sway. Tradition, music and culture envelop us as we walk through local markets, explore the majestic ruins of Machu Picchu, climb aboard local trains which take us through landscapes ranging from lush subtropical areas to the wind-swept altiplano.

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Local life in the Andean Mountains, Days 8-18

**Days 1-2** Depart Saturday on the flight to Lima arriving in the evening. The following morning you take a guided tour of Lima, including the grand colonial squares in the centre, the Presidential Palace and Larco Herrera Museum. (*B*)

*Days* 3-5 Flight to La Paz and spend the afternoon resting to acclimatise to the high altitude. Next day take a guided tour of the city in the afternoon exploring the maze of bustling streets, visit the colourful witches' market and the Moon Valley. Day 5 we take a tour outside the city to visit the magnificent pre-Inca ruins at Tiahuanaco, and marvel at the ornate stonework. (*B*)

*Days* 6-7 Today we fly to Sucre, staying for four nights. Sucre's importance in the history of Bolivia has left a rich legacy of colonial buildings, many of which are still decorated in their traditional white plaster imparting a grand atmosphere. Tour of Sucre heritage and history. (*B*)

*Day* 8 Full day visit to Potosí. Towering over the city, the Cerro Rico is an imposing mountain whose stores of precious metals are still being mined. We visit the central square, convent and the old Mint. (*B*,*L*)

Day 9 Visit Tarabuco's colourful Sunday street market where local Aymara people come to barter and trade in a vibrant and

authentic display, where may people still wear their traditional costumes. (*B*)

**Day 10** Early flight to La Paz and drive to the charming village of **Copacabana**, overlooking **Lake Titicaca**, framed by snow covered peaks. We take a boat to **Sun Island**, and walk along trails and terraces to the Ecolodge, staying overnight. Explore the trails with majestic views. (*B*)

**Day 11** Morning to explore **Sun Island** and journey to **Puno** on the lake shore (*B*)

Day 12 Depart on the Andean Explorer luxury train, (See page 102) travelling across the Andean landscape of mountains, farms and small towns. Transfer to the Sacred Valley (See page 104-105). (B,L) *Day* 13 A full day excursion on the so called Sacred Valley of the Incas, driving through the Urubamba river valley, visiting the ruins of Ollantaytambo, Pisac, small villages in the countryside, the ancient Inca terraces, Maras, and the local market. (*B*,*L*)

Days 14-15 A stunning rail journey (See page 106) along the Urubamba River. We roll along on a glorious trip with fantastic view of the river bank, culminating in the awe-inspiring Machu Picchu staying for one night. Next morning free to explore: optional walk to Sun Gate or take the tough climb to Huayna Picchu. Return to Cusco by Vistadome train (*B,L*)

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QUECHUA Tour	Traveller	Double	Own Room	Traveller	Double	Own Room
1 Jan - 30 June, 6 Sept-15 Dec	£6488	£4486	£5212	£7316	£4942	£5998
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#### Days 16-18

Morning or afternoon tour of **Cusco**, the Cathedral, Qorikancha Temple of the Sun and the **Sacsayhuamán** archaeological sites. Time free to relax, explore on your own, walk to the main square, sit in the garden and watch the world go by. Next day, morning free and afternoon flight to Lima to connect with your overnight flight home arriving on **Day 19**. (*B*)

The Quechua Tour departs Saturday, returns Wednesday INCLUDING 19 days, 17 nights' accommodation and breakfast (B), all flights (1 overnight), taxes, all transfers and excursions with our English-speaking guides, entrance fees, services of our representatives throughout, all transport and meals as per the itinerary shown.

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### The Viracocha Tour: Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Peru

#### 21 night itinerary:

Rio de Janeiro – 3 nights • Iguazú – 1 night Buenos Aires – 3 nights Santa Cruz – 1 night • Sucre – 3 nights La Paz – 2 nights Lake Titicaca/Sun Island – 1 night Lake Titicaca/Puno – 1 night Sacred Valley of the Incas – 2 nights Machu Picchu – 1 night Cusco – 2 nights • Lima – 1 night Optional Extensions: Amazon – 2 or more nights Inca Trail – 3 nights web veloso.com/viracocha



The Statue of Christ the Redeemer offers superb views of Rio de Janeiro, Day 1-3

Travelling from the Atlantic to the Pacific, we gain an insight into very distinct cultures and their histories, from the cosmopolitan city of Buenos Aires to the Andean villages and mighty ruins of Inca times. Stunning scenery surrounds us as we go from subtropical climes to landlocked Bolivia and life at the heart of the Andean mountains.

**Days 1-3** Depart on Friday on a daytime non-stop flight to **Rio de Janeiro**. Transfer to a hotel in the cosmopolitan beach area of Copacabana. Next day we visit the statue of **Christ the Redeemer**, perched on Corcovado mountain, granting fabulous views of the city, lagoon and beaches, and we visit the historic Royal Palace and Cathedral. *(B)* 

The Iguassu waterfallss, Days 4-5



*Day 4* Fly to Foz do Iguassu to visit the spectacular waterfalls which are made of numerous smaller falls along a span of 2,470m. We visit the Brazilian side for a panoramic view, then we transfer to the Argentinian side, for a perpective from above and walks along the trails. Spend one night at our hotel overlooking the falls. *(B)* 

*Days* 5-7 Fly to Buenos Aires and we visit this city, dubbed the 'Paris of South America'. We pass through the colourful quarter of La Boca, birthplace of the tango, and the main square with the Presidential Palace, finishing at the elegant Parque de Recoleta with its smart bars and street cafés. Time at leisure to explore or watch a tango show in bohemian San Telmo. (*B*)

**Day 8** Fly to **Santa Cruz** in Bolivia and stay overnight at leisure and sightseeing. (B)

*Day* 9 Fly to Sucre, an attractive, temperate city, with numerous museums and where buildings retain their colonial charm, preserving the traditional white façades. Afternoon tour of the city. (*B*)

*Day* 10 Full day excursion to Tarabuco market, where locals, dressed in their unique costumes, sit behind pyramids of coca leaves and fruit, whilst others sell their traditional woven goods. (*B*,*L*)

**Day 11** Our day begins with a journey to **Potosí.** Towering over the city, **Cerro Rico** is an imposing mountain whose wealth of precious metals, have been mined in poor conditions since colonial times, leading to a "devil worhip". Afternoon visit of the city, old Spanish **Mint** and return to Sucre. (*B*)

Days 12-13 Transfer to Sucre airport and fly to La Paz, the world's highest capital city (3,636m). Stay for 2 nights. A bustling city settled in a large basin, where adobe houses cling precariously to the sheer sides. Our tour of the city follows a maze of streets and alleyways, leading us to the witches' market, where indigenous ladies sell colourful potions to cure all ills. (*B*) Day 14 Journey to Lake Titicaca, cross the straits of Tiquina and drive along the lake shore with the snow-capped mountains in the background. Visit the village of Copacabana, Bolivia's main pilgrimage centre and Calvario hill high above the lake. Afternoon boat trip to Sun Island, hike to our hotel with a panoramic view of the lake. Time to walk and explore, relax and admire Lake Titicaca. Overnight. (B,L)

*Day* 15 Morning on Sun Island to walk and explore. In the afternoon continue to **Puno**, staying at our lakeside hotel. (*B*,*L*)

Day 16 Full day Titicaca luxury train journey (See page 102) to Cusco, crossing stunning Andean landscapes. We sit at a table by the window, where lunch and afternoon tea are served, to catch glimpses of small villages and isolated stations, where local people wait to sell their wares. From Cusco transfer to the Urubamba Valley, the "Sacred Valley of the Incas", (See pages 104-105) for two nights. (*B,L*)

Day 17 Full day excursion on the Sacred Valley of the Incas. We drive through the beautiful valley, visiting the ruins of Ollantaytambo, a massive temple fortress, spend time at Chinchero and Pisac markets, where local people buy and sell their wares,

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Enjoy spectacular views of the valley at sunset from **Pisac** ruins. (*B*,*L*)

**Days 18-19** Transfer to the train station for a stunning Vistadome journey along the **Urubamba River**. (See page 106) A journey with fantastic views, culminating in the breath-taking **Machu Picchu**, stay 1 night. Guided tour of the archaeological site. Afternoon free to explore. Next day afternoon return to Cusco by Vistadome train, staying for two nights. (*B,L*)

**Day 20** Full day to explore **Cusco** including a tour of this marvellous city and ruins in the surrounding area. Beautiful colonial buildings rest upon Inca foundations unchanged over the centuries. Visit the mighty Inca fortress and religious site of **Sacsayhuamán**, an astounding megalithic structure, whose massive stones, weighing over 100 tons, fit together with incredible perfection. (*B*)

Days 21-22 Fly to Lima and transfer to our hotel in the elegant quarter of Miraflores. Afternoon tour, visiting the grand colonial squares and the Larco Herrera Museum, which houses fascinating artefacts from pre-Inca and Inca times. Next morning at leisure. Afternoon departure on your direct flight home, overnight, arriving on Day 23.



Wonderful, full day train journey along the Andes with gourmet meals, Day 16

#### Suggested Extensions : Galapagos Islands and <u>The Inca Trail</u>

**Days 18-20** An unforgettable walk along the ancient Inca Trail to **Machu Picchu**, passing remote ruins shrouded in mist, and remarkable scenery. Three nights camping, arrive at Machu Picchu for sunrise, tour the site and return to Cusco by train and bus on **Day 21** for two nights. Inca Trail description on page 107. (*B,L,D*)

*Days* 22-24 As Days 20 to 22 of main itinerary arriving back on Day 25. (*B*)

#### The Amazon

*Days* 21-23 Fly Cusco to the Amazon to experience the rainforest, staying at a Refugio Amazonas lodge for two nights (B,L,D) as shown on pages 110 - 111. Accompanied at all times by our guides, we walk and canoe in the dense, vibrant rainforest. Fly to Lima, stay one night, city tour and flight home arriving Day 25. *(B)* 

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Street Life outside Cusco, Peru, Day 17

Visit Santa Cruz, Sucre, Potosi, La Paz, Sun Island,, Bolivian heartland, Days 8-14

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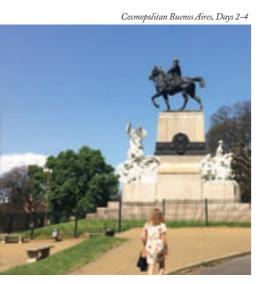
### The Shaman Tour: Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Peru

#### 31 night itinerary:

Buenos Aires – 3 nights • Iguazú – 2 nights Rio de Janeiro – 4 nights Salvador – 3 nights Brasília – 1 night • Manaus – 1 night Amazon Cruise – 4 nights Lima – 2 nights • La Paz – 2 nights Lake Titicaca/Puno – 2 nights Sacred Valley of the Incas – 3 nights Machu Picchu – 1 night Cusco – 3 nights

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Coast to coast, across the Amazon, on a grand tour where the rythms of Tango, Axé and Andean pipes are as diverse and fascinating as the landscapes and as the people. Follow a wide-ranging journey with an Amazon cruise and insights into life in small villages, vibrant cosmopolitan cities, colonial heritage and the majestic citadel of the Incas.



**Days 1-4** Depart on an evening flight for **Buenos Aires** arriving the following day. On arrival, transfer to our hotel and spend the day at leisure. Next day we take a full tour of the city including Recoleta with its European architecture, trendy shops and street cafes. We visit the Presidential Palace, Cathedral and go to La Boca, to see the brightly decorated houses in the famous 'Caminito'. Explore at leisure or even dance the Tango. (*B*)

**Day 5-6** Today we fly up to Puerto Iguazú, visiting the Argentinian side of the awe-inspiring **Iguazú Falls**, surrounded by tropical rainforest. Stay two nights at our hotel overlooking the waterfalls with one full day to walk the three main trails and take a boat trip for a close view of the waterfalls. (*B*)



Colonial architecture and culture of Salvador, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Days 11-13

**Days 7-10** Spend the morning exploring the Brazilian side for a panoramic view and relaxing at the falls and take an afternoon flight to **Rio de Janeiro**. (See pages 44-47) The following day we tour Rio's famous landmarks, the statue of Christ the Redeemer, on **Corcovado mountain**, granting fabulous views of the city and Guanabara Bay. We pass through the lush forest of **Tijuca**, with its tropical trees, waterfalls and pleasant shade. We visit **Santa Teresa** hill and the old centre of Rio. Spend two days exploring Rio at leisure. (*B*)

Days 11-13 Flight to Salvador da Bahía (Page 52), a city of superb colonial architecture, where Catholicism, Orixa deities and Candomblé live side by side. African influences are reflected in the exotic cuisine and the unique drumming rhythms of Axé music, Carnival and Capoeira. Spend the afternoon visiting the city, including its markets, churches and colourful Pelourinho district. You have the following day free to explore. (*B*) **Day 14** Morning flight to the capital, **Brasília**, an ultra-modern city, set out in the form of a primed bow and arrow, with the 'super-blocks' spanning out in large arches. We spend the afternoon visiting the centre with the Palacio de Alvorada and Metropolitan Cathedral (*B*)

**Day 15** We fly today to **Manaus**, booming in the 19th Century with the rubber barons. Our morning tour of **Manaus** includes a visit to the grandiose Opera House, built during a period of great wealth and the fascinating market with tropical fish, fruit and plants. (*B*)

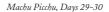
**Days 16-19** Fly deeper into the heart of the **Amazon**, at **Tabatinga** and short drive to **Leticia**. Fascinating insight into this isolated fishing port bustling with trade between **Peru**, **Colombia and Brazil**. Board our **private river boat** for the **Amazon river 4 night cruise** to **Iquitos** with comfortable cabins, all meals and excursions included. The ship has a local

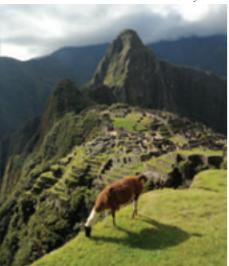
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design built in wood for river navigation. Cabins with private facilities, a lounge and dining room and an observation deck with a bar for cool drinks at sunset after the day's excursions. Each day the guides will take you on excursions to observe the exuberance of the **rainforest**, the wildlife and witness how life is developing in the villages and farmsteads stranded along the remote riverbanks. (*B*,*L*,*D*)

*Days* 20-21 Disembark, explore Iquitos and transfer to the airport, bound for Lima. Following morning we take a tour







of Lima visiting the Larco Herrera museum and the main Plaza with its grand colonial squares, and colonial buildings decorated with intricate balconies. (*B*)

**Days 22-23** Transfer to the airport and fly to **La Paz**, the capital of Bolivia, perched high in the Andean mountains. A bustling city settled in a large basin, with an amazing network of cable cars for public transportation over the city. A maze of streets, colonial squares, witches' markets selling assortments of colourful potions, and little shops full of wonderful weavings and tapestries. (*B*)

Days 24-25 We journey to Lake Titicaca, the highest navigable lake in the world. En route we visit Copacabana, with its magnificent colonial church and black Jesus, and a boat trip to Sun Island. The scenery is stunning with Inca terracing still being worked by the locals, and the snowcapped cordillera stretches out into the background. Arrive in Puno, staying for 2 nights. Next day we take a boat trip on Lake Titicaca, to visit the floating Uros Islands and remote Taquile Island. (*B*)

**Day 26-28** Full day on the stunning luxury **Titicaca train journey** (See page 102) Sit at a table by the window with meals served as you cross the Andean altiplano, pass towering mountain, small villages and homesteads. On arrival in Cusco we transfer to the **Urubamba** Valley for three nights. (*B*,*L*)

Day 27-28 Full day excursion visit of the Urubamba Valley, Sacred Valley of the Incas (See pages 104-105), affording stunning views of the fertile plains and Inca terracing. We visit the ruins of Ollantaytambo scaling the hill above a charming Inca village, which show us some of the most impressive examples of Inca masonry. Continue to Chinchero, Maras salt pans and Pisac market with local produce, alpaca woollen weavings and handicrafts. Time allowing we will drive up to visit Pisac ruins and a great view of the Urubamba Valley at sunset. Next day at leisure to explore. (B)

*Days* 29 Our day begins with a spectacular Vistadome Tain journey

(See page 106), along the Urubamba River and culminating with Machu Picchu. Once at the ruins, we have a guided tour and the afternoon free. Overnight in the valley below.(B,L)

*Days* 30-32 Next morning to explore and train journey to Cusco for 3 nights. Tour of Cusco with a fascinating blend of Inca and colonial heritage, the Cathedral and nearby Inca archaeological sites of Sacsayhuaman and Kenko. Day at leisure to explore further or sit on the main square and watch the world go by. (*B*)

*Day* 33 Flight to Lima connecting with your return flight home, arriving the following day, Day 34. (*B*)

Life on an Amazon settlement, Days 16-19



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Rio de Janeiro, Days 7-10



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SHAMAN Tour	£32548	£17442	£22696					

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The Osorno Tour: Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Bolivia, Peru

#### 22 night itinerary:

Rio – 3 nights • Iguazú – 1 night Buenos Aires – 3 nights • Bariloche – 2 nights Puerto Varas – 1 night • Santiago – 2 nights La Paz – 3 nights • Lake Titicaca/Puno – 1 night Cusco – 2 nights • Machu Picchu – 1 night Cusco – 2 nights • Lima – 1 night web veloso.com/osorno

Cutting a swathe across South America, our Osorno Tour covers a wide range of interests and landscapes. Beautiful cities, untamed mountains and volcanoes punctuate our route, and numerous ruins lie dotted around Cusco as evidence of the ancient Inca Empire. Enjoy an unforgettable experience heightened by the diverse cultures of these five distinct countries.





**Days 1-3** Departure on Thursday on your flight to **Rio de Janeiro**, arriving in the evening, transfer to our hotel for three nights. (See pages 44-47). Visit the famous statue of **Christ the Redeemer** perched on Corcovado mountain. The views extend to tropical islands, the bay with its beautiful beaches and the city surrounded by lush green forest. A wide choice of optional Lake District, Days 8 – 10

excursions are available for the following day, including a tropical islands cruise, a scenic mountain bus ride inland to the colonial city of Petropolis. (*B*)

**Day 4** Today we fly to **Iguassu**, visit the Brazilian side of the Falls for a panoramic view, (See page 58), then cross the border to the Argentinian side to explore. (*B*)

'The Devil's Throat' at Iguazú Falls, Day 4-5

**Days 5-7** Excursion to walk the trails around the crashing **Iguazú waterfalls**, surrounded by tropical forest, where birds abound, including toucans and the bright caciques. Afternoon flight to **Buenos Aires** for three nights. Our full day city tour includes the Cathedral, Presidential Palace, centre stage to numerous historic events as well as economic and political protests. Continue to La Boca, birthplace of the tango, and to Recoleta, an elegant park with restaurants and street cafés. *(B)* 

**Days 8-9** Fly to the Argentinian Lake District, **Bariloche** staying on the shores of Lake Nahuel Huapi, surrounded by snow-covered peaks, pine forests and green valleys. Full day tour of scenic lakes, mountains and walks along the trails. *(B)* 

*Day 10* A glorious full day journey to Chile by bus and boat, across Andean

lakes and mountains covered in forest. We take a sequence of buses and boats across the mountains. Stunning scenery of deep blue lakes reflecting the mountains and lush forests towering around us. forests. Overnight in Puerto Varas. (B,L)

**Days 11-12** Transfer to Puerto Montt and fly to **Santiago**, staying for 2 nights. Afternoon tour of the city, visiting the 'Plaza de Armas' main square, the Presidential Palace, and taking the funicular railway up the **San Cristóbal mountain**, affording extensive views of the city below and the snow-capped Andes stretching into the distance. Following day at leisure or take optional excursions to the Santa Rita vineyards, the coastal resort of Viña del Mar, the UNESCO World Heritage city of Valparaiso or ramble in the mountains at the Cañon del Maipo. (*B*)

# INCAS

**Days 13-15** Early morning flight to La Paz and transfer to our hotel for 3 nights. Spend the afternoon relaxing to avoid soroche (altitude sickness). Next day, our tour of La Paz uses the amazing cable cars with an aerial view of the city, to visit the colonial quarter, the fascinating witches' market, where weird and wonderful potions are sold, and the mazes of narrow streets full of market stalls and shops selling jumpers and local handicrafts. Visit the Moon Valley, an area of sandstone, sculpted by wind and rain into bizarre land-formations. (*B*)



Copacabana Beach, Rio, Days 1

**Day 16** A scenic road takes us to Lake Titicaca, the world's highest navigable lake. We skirt the lake, catching glimpses of the locals working their terraces with the help of oxen, and stop for lunch at the charming lakeshore village of **Copacabana**. Visit the church of Our Lady of Copacabana, Patron Saint of Bolivia and take a boat trip to **Sun Island** before crossing the border into Peru and continuing to **Puno** where we spend one night at a hotel by the lake. (*B,L*)

Day 17 An early morning start on the luxury Andean Ttiticaca train to Cusco (See page 102) We sit at a table by the window with meals served as the route takes us through beautiful Andean landscapes, of cloudcovered mountains, past fields of grazing cattle, hot springs and small villages. Little stations crop up in the middle of the altiplano, where local people wait to sell local food and handicrafts. On arrival, transfer Santiag to our hotel for 2 nights. (B,L)

Day 18 On our trip to the Sacred Valley of the Incas, the road winds down into the Urubamba Valley, offering fabulous views of the Inca terracing and the fertile plains below. We visit the ruins of Ollantaytambo and Pisac, remains of some of the finest examples of Inca masonry, and stop at Pisac's Sunday market, a colourful affair, where villagers come from miles around to barter and sell food, weavings and handicraft. (B,L)

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<u>OSORINO TOUR</u>	Traveller Double Own Room T	Traveller	Double	Own Room		
Rest of the year	£7690	£5286	£6251	£10274	£6662	£8357
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Inca Stonework at Sacsayhuamán, Day 21

Day 19 Our day begins with a stunning Vistadome train journey (See page 106), along Urubamba River bank, and

culminating in the spectacular Machu Picchu where we stay for

AZIL Rio de and time to walk to Sun Gate, climb Huayna Picchu and explore the site. (*B,L*)

Days 20-21 Morning at leisure at Machu Picchu before returning to Cusco by train, staying for 2 nights. Our time spent in Cusco includes a tour of this marvellous city and ruins in the surrounding area. Beautiful colonial buildings rest upon Inca foundations unchanged over the centuries. Outside the city lies the mighty fortress and religious site, Sacsayhuamán, an astounding megalithic structure, whose massive stones, weighing over 100 tons each and covering a large area, fit together with typical Inca masonry precision. (B)

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*Days* 22-23 In the morning we fly to Lima, where we stay for 1 night. In the afternoon we take a tour of the city, visiting the grand colonial Plaza de Armas, the Presidential Palace and the Anthropological Museum, housing fine collections of artefacts from pre-Inca and Inca cultures. Next day, return home on the direct overnight flight, arriving the following Day 24 (Saturday). (*B*) The Osorno Tour departs Thursday, returns Saturday INCLUDING: 24 days, 22 nights' accommodation & breakfast (B), all flights (1 overnight), taxes, all transfers and excursions with our English-speaking guides, entrance fees, services of our representatives throughout, all transport and meals (L,D) as per the itinerary shown. Please see pages 190 - 193 for further details of what is included.

#### Work on Lake Titicaca, Day 16



# COSMOPOLITAN CITIES,<br/>ANDEAN LAKESTies,<br/>& WATERFALLSThe Cataratas Tour:Chile, Argentina & Brazil

*14 night itinerary:* Santiago – *3 nights* Puerto Varas – *1 night* Bariloche – *2 nights* Buenos Aires – *3 nights* Iguazú Falls – *2 nights* Rio de Janeiro – *3 nights* 

This itinerary can be arranged in reverse



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The vibrancy of Rio de Janeiro, the sophistication of Buenos Aires and the mountain setting of Santiago de Chile combine with the natural beauty of Iguazú Falls and the Andean Lake District. An eclectic mix of mountains, rainforest and cosmopolitan cities with a bustling nightlife, exotic cuisine and colonial history.

Days 1-4 Evening departure on an overnight flight to Santiago de Chile. Transfer to your hotel and afternoon tour of the city followed by a full day visit to the Pacific coast at Viña del Mar and

Valparaíso. Day free to visit

**Days 5-6** Transfer and Buenos flight to Puerto Montt for one night in **Puerto Varas**. Stunning full day excursion, **'Andean Lake Crossing'**, over the Andes from Chile to Bariloche in Argentina, by bus and boat over the Andean mountains and acrossing three lakes, surrounded by beautiful scenery and lush pine forests. Lunch is included along the way. (B,L)

*Day* 7 Full day excursion on the Argentinian Lake District 'Seven Lakes Road' visiting La Angostura and San Martin Los Andes. Return to the hotel. Following day fly to Buenos Aires. *(B)* 

#### <u>Cataratas Tour 'Essentials' - 8 nights</u> <u>Buenos Aires, Iguazu, Rio de Janeiro</u> Contact us for prices

*Day 8* Arrive from Bariloche, or on the Cataratas Tour 'Essentials' (departing the UK on an overnight flight arriving Buenos Aires today.) Transfer to the hotel and stay for 3 nights. (*B*)

**Days 9-10** Full day tour of **Buenos Aires**, including the brightly coloured houses of La Boca district, the Cathedral, and the Presidential Palace - 'La Casa Rosada', with its famous balcony where Eva Perón and numerous Presidents have made their public appearances. End the afternoon in the cafés of La Recoleta, famous for their diverse architecture, many of them boasting a French style, which has given Buenos Aires its nickname of the 'Paris of Latin America'. Optional evening at the Colón Theatre for opera or classical music performances or a genuine local Tango show (and/or practice) with our specialist guide. *(B)* 

**Days 11-12** Transfer to the airport for the flight to **Iguazú**, staying 2 nights at our hotel surrounded by the tropical rainforest of the national park and overlooking the magnificent **Iguazú Waterfalls**. Time to walk the trails by the river, admire the panoramic view of the numerous waterfalls, the exuberance of the surrounding forest and birdwatch. (*B*)

**Day 13** Transfer to see the panoramic view on the Brazilian side of the Iguassu Falls, and fly to **Rio de Janeiro**. Spend three days in this vibrant, cosmopolitan city by the sea, combining colonial heritage with iconic beaches, and granite peaks covered in forest, as well as sophisticated shops and restaurants. *(B)* 

*Day* 14 Full day excursion with our guide visiting the statue of Christ the Redeemer with fantastic view or the city, the old quarter of Santa Teresa with

Foz do Iguassu Waterfalls, Days 11–13

mansions and the famous tram and the old city centre with its historic Cathedral, **Royal Palace**, cafes, museum of tomorrow and **waterfront promenade**. (*B*)

*Days* 15-16 Spend the following days exploring at leisure. Optional excursions and our guides are shown on page 46. Late afternoon transfer to the airport for your return flight home arriving Day 17. (*B*)

#### <u>The Cataratas Tour</u>

PRICES ON PAGE 23 - Departure every day INCLUDING 17 days, 14 nights accommodation & breakfast (B), all flights (2 overnight), taxes, all transfers and excursions with our English-speaking guides, entrance fees, all transport and meals as per the itinerary shown. Please see pages 190-193 for further details of what is included.

Fascinating Cities: Rio de Janeiro, Days 13-16



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## Potosi Silver, Uyuni Salt Flats, Atacama Desert Landscapes

Bolivia, Chile & Argentina: The Altiplano Tour



The Altiplano Tor 20 night itinerary:

Santa Cruz – 1 night Sucre – 3 nights Potosi – 2 nights Uyuni – 2 nights San Pedro de Atacama – 3 nights Salta - 4 nights Iguazu Waterfalls - 2 nights Buenos Aires - 3 nights

This itinerary can be arranged in reverse

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Experience the remote heartland where ancient history and traditions try to blend with modernity. Visit the famous silver mines and old Mint of Potosi, the surreal salt flats and imense Atacama desert, before unwinding at magnificent waterfalls and cosmopolitan cities.

*Days* 1-2 Evening departure on an overnight flight to Santa Cruz in Bolivia. Transfer to your hotel. Afternoon tour of this wealthy, warm, university city and time to enjoy the swimming pool. (B)

*Days 3-5* Transfer and flight to Sucre. Steeped in colonial history and the seat of the Supreme Court. We visit the main square with white buildings and central garden, walk through narrow streets to the local market, the Recoleta Convent, the facinating Cathedral and museum, the House of Liberty. On Sunday we explore the famous market at **Tarabuco** where local people come to trade their produce. Visit an old country "manor house" steeped in Bolivian history. (*B,L*)

*Day* 6-7 Land transport to Potosi enjoying the mountain scenery. Visit the myriad of exhausted silver mines of Cerro Rico above the city and admire how the coins were made at the Mint. (*B*)

#### PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL TOUR GUIDELINE PRICES FROM

	_	Tourist			First		
		1 Single			1 Single	Travelling Togethe	
	1	Fraveller	Double	Own Room	Traveller	Double	Own Room
CATARATAS Tour		£5898	£3982	£4639	£7096	£4549	£5666
ALTIPLANO Tour		£8872	£5868	£7274	N/A	N/A	N/A

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FLIGHTS are included, departing from London and UK Regional Airports, all Internal Flights and Taxes UPGRADE to Business Cabin seat add: £1840 in High Season / £2128 in Low Season; Premium Economy add : £598

HOTELS used, descriptions and photographs on our website, veloso.com/aurora

<u>TAILOR-MADE SERVICE</u>: Please enquire for a personalised itinerary to fulfil your individual requirements. We can combine hotels, change route, excursions and we can offer Triple Rooms, Suites and Deluxe Hotels.

Mountains, Desert, Salt Flats & Lagoons, Days 8-18

**Day 8-9** Overland to **Uyuni** with stunning remote landscapes. Full day on the immense **Salt Flats** enveloped in bright light, blue sky and distant volcanoes. In the centre, we stop at a large rocky island with tall cactus and trek to the top for a magnificent scenic view. (*B*)

Days 10-12 Journey to San Pedro de Atacama skirting desert landscapes with distant volcanoes, salt flats and lagoons. Two full day excursions visiting the Tatio Geysers, the mystifying Moon Valley, the pre-Inca fortress of Pucara de Quitor at sunset and local museum with ancient Pre-Columbian artifacts. (*B,L,D*)

**Days 13-16** Travel by road across the Andean mountains into Argentina, with distant volcano peaks on the horizon under vast blue sky, to the splendid, colonial city of **Salta**. Three full days of excursions visiting the surrounding countryside to **Cachi, Cafayate, Purmamarca** and **Humahuaca**, with historic small towns, otherworldly rock formations, green canyons, and excellent wineries. (*B*)

**Days 17-18** Morning tour of Salta's charming square, cathedral and museum. Afternoon flight to Iguazú, staying for two nights to view the impressive waterfalls and tropical rainforest. Walk the trails below and above, to admire a panoramic view of the numerous waterfalls. (*B*)



#### Days 15-16 Spend

the following days exploring at leisure. (*B*) Late afternoon transfer to the airport and overnight flight home arriving **Day 17** 

The Altiplano Tour - Departure every Wednesday INCLUDING 23 days, 20 nights accommodation & breakfast (B), all flights (2 overnight), taxes, all transfers and excursions with our English-speaking guides, entrance fees, all transport and meals as per the itinerary shown. Please see pages 190-193 for further details of what is included.

# GALAPAGOS AND ANDEAN

The Encantada Tour: Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Brazil

#### 17 night itinerary:

Quito – 3 nights • Galapagos – 7 nights Lima – 2 nights • Cusco – 3 nights Machu Picchu – 1 night • Cusco – 1 night Continuing to LAKE TITICACA & LA PAZ 22 night itinerary: Cusco – 1 night • Lake Titicaca/Puno – 1 night Sun Island – 1 night • La Paz – 2 nights Continuing to BRAZIL 25 night itinerary: Rio de Janeiro – 3 nights This itinerary can be reversed with Galapagos at the end

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Basking marine iguanas cling to the rocky shores of a Pacific archipelago that is home to an immense variety of wildlife species, many of them endemic. Continuing to the mountain kingdom of the Incas, high in the Andes, we visit their imperial capital of Cusco and the remote citadel of Machu Picchu.

Machu Picchu Days 16–17





etting to know the Galapagos wildlife, Days 4–10

Days 1-3 Daytime flight to Quito on Tuesday (First) or Saturday (Tourist) depending on the Galapagos cruise yacht chosen. On arrival you will be met and taken to your hotel staying for 3 nights. Situated between two ranges of the snowcapped Andes, Quito's setting is beautiful. The next morning we take a tour of the modern and colonial quarters including La Compañía Church with its ornate façade and a visit to the Archaeological Museum, housing a fascinating collection of pre-Colombian ceramics and gold. Excursion to Otavalo market where local people trade produce, weavings and we admire the mountain countryside. (B)

**Days 4-10** Cruise the Galapagos Islands, where Darwin observed the wildlife that would lead him to his theory of evolution. Spend 7 nights cruising the archipelago on the M/Y Beluga (First) or M/Y Samba (Tourist) with daily morning and afternoon guided walks to admire the tame wildlife endemic in each island. Basking marine and land iguanas, red and blue footed boobies, frigate birds, giant tortoises, and friendly sea lions abound. Please refer to pages 128 -137 for details of yachts available. (*B,L,D*) **Days 11-12** Flight back to the mainland connecting with a flight to Lima staying for 2 nights. The following day we explore **Lima**, visiting the main squares, surrounded by grand colonial buildings, the Anthropological Museum with its fascinating array of textiles, pottery and mummies spanning from 1400 BC to Hispanic time, and the **Larco Herrera Museum**, with a lovely garden, cafe and a large collection of randomly arranged treasures including Inca gold artifacts. (*B*)

*Day* 13 Continue with a flight to Cusco staying for 3 nights. On arrival you are met and have the afternoon free to acclimatise to altitude or walk to the main square to absorb the local atmosphere. (*B*)

**Day 14** A fascinating, half day excursion of **Cusco** and the ruins surrounding the city. Within Cusco, the evidence of Inca culture is visible in the Cathedral, churches and numerous buildings erected on solid Inca stonework foundations. Outside the city stands the fortress of **Sacsayhuamán**, whose stones weigh over 100 tons and are fitted together with Inca precision. (*B*)

# CULTURE

Day 15 A scenic, full day trip to the Sacred Valley of the Incas, affording great views of the valleys and Inca terracing. Stop at the Maras salt pans, on to Pisac market, a colourful show of local foods and weavings, and visit Pisac ruins, remains of some of the finest examples of Inca masonry. Continue to the village of Ollantaytambo, with its ancient irrigation system, still in good working order, and with the ancient Inca temple fortress towering above. (B,L)

Day 16 Set off by Vistadome train on a glorious journey trundling along the course of the Urubamba River to Aguas Calientes. (See page 106) Bus up to the mountain to the magnificent Machu Picchu ruins. Guided tour of the archaeological site explaining its history. Afternoon free to explore at leisure. Overnight. (B,L)

Day 17 Early morning offers an excellent opportunity to go back for a quiet stroll around Machu Picchu, a walk along the Inca Trail to the Sun Gate, or a strenuous climb to Huayna Picchu, the rocky escarpment overlooking the ruins. Afternoon return to Cusco, by Vistadome train and transfer to your hotel. (B)



Day 18 Afternoon flight to Lima, and connect with an evening flight arriving home on Monday Day 19.

The Encantada Tour departs Thursday, returning Monday (First) or Saturday returning Wednesday (Tourist) INCLUDING: 19 days, 17 nights accommodation & breakfast (B), all flights (1 overnight), taxes, all transfers and excursions with our English-speaking guides, entrance fees, services of our representatives throughout, all transport and meals as per the itinerary shown. Please see pages 190-193 for further details of what is included.

#### **Extensions:** Lake Titicaca & Bolivia

Days 18-19 One day free in Cusco to explore. Full day on the luxury Andean Titicaca train to Lake Titicaca (See page 102). A memorable journey with stunning landscapes and seats at a table by the window where breakfast, lunch and tea are served as you watch towering Andean mountains, hot springs and solitary villages and homesteads, pass by. On arrival on the shores of Lake Titicaca, we stay in Puno for 1 night. (B,L)

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		Tourist	:	First		
	1 Single		Travelling Together			g Together
	Traveller	Double	Own Room	Traveller	Double	Own Room
		Occupancy	& Cabin		Occupancy	& Cabin
ENCANTADA Tour	£9351	£6998	£8782	£11536	£8098	£10931
Add LAKE TITICACA & BOLIVIA	£10996	£7998	£9335	£13532	£9305	£11852
Add LAKE, BOLIVIA & BRAZIL	£11794	£8568	£10368	£14420	£9980	£12466

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FLIGHTS are included, departing from London and UK Regional Airports, all Internal Flights and Taxes UPGRADE to Business Cabin seat add: £1989 in High Season / £2251 in Low Season; Premium Economy Seat : £661

HOTELS used, descriptions and photographs on our website: veloso.com/encantada

<u>TAILOR-MADE SERVICE</u>: Please enquire for a personalised itinerary to fulfil your individual requirements. We can combine hotels, change route, excursions and we can offer Triple Rooms, Suites and Deluxe Hotels.

Day 20 This morning we take a boat trip on the lake to visit the people living on the floating Uros Islands, which together with huts and rafts, are built out of the reeds prevalent in the area. Depart Puno in the afternoon on a scenic road skirting the lake shore and framed by mountains and valleys with snow covered peaks and the lake in the background. Local farmers work old Inca terraces planting potatoes, quinoa and cereals. Enter Bolivia arriving at the charming village of Copacabana, Bolivia's main pilgrimage centre. Continue by boat to Sun Island, trek and overnight at our simple lodge overlooking the lake. (B,L)

*Day 21* Time in the morning to explore Sun Island before taking a boat back to Copacabana. From Copacabana our journey continues along the lake shores to Paz where we stay for 2 nights. (B)

Day 22 Morning tour on the unique cable cars above La Paz, with amazing views and freshair. Visit the colonial quarter, the fascinating witches' market, where weird and wonderful potions are sold, and the Moon Valley, an area of sandstone, sculpted by wind and rain to create a surreal lunar landscape. (B)

Day 23 Flight to Lima connecting with the overnight flight home arriving on Day 24 Saturday. (B)

NOTE: Opportunity to see more of Bolivia including the historic city of Sucre, Tarabuco market and the ancient mining town of Potosí. Please enquire.

#### The Encantada Tour & Bolivia

INCLUDING 24 days, 22 nights accommodation & breakfast (B), all flights (1 overnight), taxes, all transfers and excursions with our English-speaking guides, entrance fees, services of our representatives throughout, all transport and meals as per the itinerary shown.

Lake Titicaca, Bolivia & Brazil Day 23 From Bolivia fly on to Rio de Janeiro, via Sao Paulo, staying for 3 nights in the cosmopolitan beach areas of **Copacabana** or Ipanema. (B)

Day 24 Morning excursion to Brazil's famous landmark, the statue of Christ the Redeemer, perched on Corcovado mountain, granting fabulous views of the city in a unique setting of granite peaks, lagoon, beaches and the sea. Afternoon free to explore Rio de Janeiro. (B)

Days 25-26 Afternoon visit to Rio's Botanical Gardens. Following day flight home arriving on Day 27 Tuesday. (B)

NOTE: Stay on longer in Rio de Janeiro and see pages 44 - 47 for optional excursions, visits to colonial Parati (page 48) or stay at a tropical beach resort on the coast. (pages 49-50)

The Encantada Tour & Bolivia & Brazil INCLUDING 27 days, 25 nights' accommodation and breakfast (B), all flights (1 overnight) and same services as shown for the Encantada Tour.

The beautiful setting of Rio De Janeiro, Day 23



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### The Libertador Tour: Peru & Galapagos

#### 16 night itinerary:

Lima – 2 nights • Lake Titicaca/Puno – 1 night Cusco – 3 nights • Machu Picchu – 1 night Cusco - 1 night • Quito - 1 night Galapagos Islands Cruise - 7 nights This itinerary can be arranged with Galapagos at the start

Combine Inca Culture and Andean mountain landscapes with the friendly wildlife of the Galapagos Islands for a fascinating journey into the land of the Incas, Conquistadores and seafaring explorers.

web veloso.com/libertador

Days 1-2 Your day of departure depends on the Galapagos Cruise chosen. Departure on an daytime flight to Lima. Tour to explore Lima visiting the main squares with grand colonial buildings, the anthropological museum with its fascinating array of textiles, pottery and mummies spanning from 1400 BC to Hispanic time, and the Larco Herrera Museum, where a large, important collection of treasures is housed. (B)

Urubamba River, Sacred Valley of the Incas. Day 5



Day 3 Morning flight to Juliaca where you will be taken to Puno, on the shores of Lake Titicaca. In the afternoon we take a boat trip on the lake to see the way of life on the floating Uros Islands, which together with huts and rafts, are built of reeds growing along the lake shore. (B)

*Day* **4** Early departure from Puno to Cusco on a memorable journey through the Andean altiplano. By road on a coach (Tourist) along the same route or on (First/Deluxe) the Andean Titicaca train. (See page 102). We have seats at a table by the window where breakfast, lunch and afternoon tea is served, as towering peaks, valleys, hot springs and solitary villages pass by. There is an open panoramic carriage for freshair and photography. Arrive in Cusco in the evening and transfer to your hotel staying for 3 nights with two full days to explore. (B,L)

Day 5 A scenic, full day visit to the Sacred Valley of the Incas, affording great views of the valleys and Inca terracing. We stop at the Maras salt ponds, on to Pisac market, a colourful show of local foods and weavings, and visit Pisac ruins,



Machu Picchu and Huayna Picchu high above the Urubamba river valley, Day 7

with some of the finest examples of Inca masonry and a magnificent view over the valley. Continue to the Inca village of Ollantaytambo, with its ancient irrigation system, still in good working order, and the temple fortress towering above. (B,L)

Day 6 A fascinating, morning or afternoon, excursion to visit Cusco and the surrounding archaeological sites. Within Cusco, the evidence of Inca culture and buildings is still apparent with the Cathedral, churches and

numerous buildings resting on solid Inca stonework foundations. Outside the city we visit Kenko and the mighty fortress of Sacsayhuamán, whose stones weigh over 100 tons and are fitted together with astonishing Inca precision. (B)

Day 7 Journey to Machu Picchu on the Vistadome train, (See page 106) a glorious journey with superb views of the mountain landscapes, small villages and trundling along the Urubamba River valley to Aguas Calientes.

PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL TOUR GUIDELINE PRICES FROM										
LIBERTADOR Tour	Tourist	First	First	Deluxe						
Galapagos Yachts included :	Cachalote	Beluga	Legend	Evolution						
Tour departs on :	Monday	Wednesday	Monday	Wednesday						

1 Jan - 30 June, 18 Aug - 14 Dec	£6598	£7998	£7399	£10675
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1 July - 17 Aug, 15 Dec - 31 Dec	£6780	£8216	£7581	£10857
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FLIGHTS are included, departing from London and UK Regional Airports, all Internal Flights and Taxes UPGRADE to Business Cabin seat add: £1951 in High Season / £2163 in Low Season; Premium Economy Seat : £669

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ARGENTINA



Exploring the Galapagos Islands Snorkeling with payful sea lions

#### Galapagos Expedition Yachts for the Libertador Tour. More Yachts and durations available on pages 130-137.

#### CACHALOTE Tourist



#### LEGEND First



#### BELUGA First



#### EVOLUTION Deluxe



From here we take a bus up to the magnificent **Machu Picchu**. Our local guide will show us the ruins explaining the history of the site. We stay in the valley for 1 night. (*B*,*L*)

**Day 8** Early morning offers an excellent opportunity for a quiet stroll around Machu Picchu, a walk along the Inca Trail to **Sun Gate**, or a strenuous climb to **Huayna Picchu**, the rocky escarpment overlooking the ruins. In the afternoon return to Cusco, by train and bus, staying for 1 night. (*B*)

**Day 9** Early flight to Lima, connecting with a flight to Quito staying for one night. Situated between two ranges of the snow-capped Andes, **Quito's** setting and temperate climate is beautiful. (*B*)

Days 10-16 Flight to the Galapagos and transfer to your selected yacht to cruise the Galapagos Islands, where Darwin observed the wildlife that would lead him to his theory of evolution. You have a 7 night Galapagos Cruise with daily morning and afternoon guided walks to admire the tame wildlife endemic in each islands. Basking marine and land iguanas, red and blue footed boobies, frigate birds, giant tortoises, and friendly sea lions abound.

styles and durations. (B,L,D) Day 17 Desembark, transfer to the airport and flight to Guayaquil to connect with your overnight flight home, arriving the following day, Day 18

Please select one of

the yachts shown

here or refer to pages

130-137 for a wide

selection of cruise yachts,

<u>The Libertador Tour:</u> please refer to price panel or contact us for complete itinerary with the Galapagos yacht you have chosen. INCLUDING 16 nights accommodation & breakfast (B) plus all meals on the cruise (B,L,D), all flights (1 overnight), taxes, all transfers and excursions with our English-speaking guides, entrance fees, services of our representatives throughout, all transport and meals as per the itinerary shown. Selecting the Legend or Evolution ships includes one extra night in Quito. Please see pages 190-193 for further details of what is included.

#### Galapagos Beach extension

Stay on in the Galapagos at the Finch Bay Hotel just outside Puerto Ayora, with comfortable rooms, a pool and a small beach where you can unwind, sunbathe and take walks along the shore. Please refer to page 137 for further information.

Marine Iguanas sunbathing, Galapagos Islands, getting close to wildlife, Days 10-16



#### 7 night Itinerary web veloso.com/cachalote

Cachalote is a tourist class, schooner rigged motor sailor. She accommodates a maximum 16 passengers in 7 cabins with upper and lower berths, air-conditioning, private facilities with hot shower. There is an indoor lounge, dining room and bar and outdoor deck space. The Naturalist guide leads excursions ashore. Itinerary and images on page 136 and our website.

#### 7 night Itinerary web veloso.com/legend

She accommodates up to 100 passengers in 57 spacious cabins, most with exterior portholes or windows. There are 5 Naturalist guides who will take you ashore every day. There is a sun deck with a bar and pool, an observation area, lounge and bar. Description, images, deck plan, cabins and itineraries on page 134 and our website link above

#### 7 night Itinerary web veloso.com/beluga

She is a spacious and comfortable first class yacht with a maximum of 16 passengers in 8 double cabins with private bathroom, portholes or windows. There ia ample deck with seating and a lounge with panoramic windows and 2 large tables for dining. Description of the cabins and itineraries on page 136 and website.

#### 7 night Itinerary web veloso.com/evolution

The Evolution has a 1920s style first class motor yacht with modern comforts for 32 passengers in 16 well-appointed spacious cabins with private facilities. She has a cruise director plus 2 naturslist guides for daily excursions ashore. There is a large outside deck with lounge chairs for sunbathing and unwinding. Images and itineraries on page 135

# INCAS & REMOTE ANDEAN LAN

### The Laguna Tour: Chile, Bolivia, Peru

#### 21 night itinerary:

Santiago de Chile - 1 night San Pedro de Atacama - 2 nights Laguna Colorada (Desierto Siloli) - 1 night San Pedro de Quemez - 1 night Uyuni (Colchani) - 1 night Potosí - 1 night Sucre - 3 nights • La Paz - 2 nights Lake Titicaca/Sun Island - 1 night Lake Titicaca/Puno - 1 night Cusco - 3 nights • Lima - 1 night. Web veloso.com/laguna

Travel through mountain landscapes of

roaring geysers, thermal springs, brilliantly intense desert vistas, multi-coloured lakes with Andean flamingos and immense, white salt flats. View ancient markets of farm produce and weavings in the depths of South America, passing Lake Titicaca, to culminate with mountainsides covered in lush, dense forest and the ancient, 'forgotten' city of the Incas, Machu Picchu.

The Mint at Potosi, Days 8-9



Days 1-2 Depart Friday on an overnight flight to Santiago de Chile. Arrive and transfer to your hotel. In the afternoon we visit this beautiful city, situated in a wide plain with the snow-capped Andes stretching alongside. It has extensive parks and gardens, a bustling centre with treelined avenues and the Cerro San Cristóbal, a hilltop reached by funicular railway, which affords superb views of the city and surrounding landscape. (B)

*Day 3-4* Our day begins with a morning flight to Calama, and a drive past the snow-capped Andes to **San Pedro de Atacama**. We visit the Valley of the Moon,

Uyuni Salt Flats from Isla Pescado, Day 7

an incredible landscape of colourful sculpted rock formations. We continue to Pucara de Quitor as the sun settles into the Pacific Ocean, lighting up the Andes mountains stretching north and south, over the desert, as far as the eye can see. Very early morning departure to visit the **Tatio Geysers** and in the afternoon walk to the Museum with artefacts from hundreds of years of Atacameño culture. Overnight in San Pedro. *(B)* 

Day 5 A very early morning start, crossing the Bolivian border and commencing our journey by stepping back in time, through this majestic scenery of iridescent coloured rocks, desert, lagoons with flocks of flamingos and stunning quality of light for photography. Visit Laguna Verde, Laguna Blanca, Volcan Llicancabur, the desert of Salvador Dalí, the geyser field of Sol de Mañana and Laguna Colorada. Arrive at the desert of Siloli and overnight at Hotel del Desierto (private facilities, no heating). The scenery is stunning, the altitude tiring, the nights freezing and the mountain track bumpy, in a five day (Days 5-8) expedition suitable for hardy, well-prepared explorers.(B,L,D) Day 6 Continue through this incredible mountain scenery to the Arbol de Piedra, Laguna Honda, Laguna Hedionda and Laguna Canapa. Overnight in San Pedro de Quemez at the Hotel de Piedra (The hotel rooms have private facilities, but there is no heating). (B,L,D)

**Day** 7 Today we visit the immense and stunning **Uyuni Salt Flats;** a seemingly endless, flat, expanse of white salt, a desolate and overwhelming sight. In the middle is **Isla Pescado**, an island mountain of rock formation covered in tall cacti and providing all round panoramic views of the vast salt flats. Continue to the villages of **Colchani** and Uyuni to overnight in a hotel with heating and private facilities (*B*,*L*)

**Day 8** We continue deeper into Bolivia passing Uyuni continuing to Potosí. Towering over the city, the Cerro Rico is an imposing, colourful mountain whose stores of precious metals, although mostly depleted, are still being mined. Taking gifts of coca leaves, cigarettes and dynamite for the mine workers, we are guided to the entrance of the tunnels. *(B)* 

### DSCAPES



Modern and colonial heritage in Sucre, architecture, churches, museums, people and lifestyle, Days 8–11

*Day* 9 Visit the Casa de la Moneda, the old mint, which presents a historical overview of Potosí. Continue to **Sucre**, the official capital, staying for 3 nights. An attractive, temperate city, where buildings retain their colonial charm, preserving the traditional white façades. *(B)* 

Days 10-11 Full day excursion to

Tarabuco's all-encompassing market, a colourful affair, where locals, some dressed in their typical weavings, sit behind pyramids of coca leaves, fruits and vegetables, whilst others sell all manner of domestic utensils and their traditional woven fabrics. (*B*,*L*) Full day tour of Sucre, and its museums and churches. (*B*)

Days 12-13 Our day begins Santiago with a flight to La Paz. Spend the afternoon visiting this bustling city, settled in a large basin and spilling out onto the altiplano. Stunning views and wonderful public cable cars above the maze of streets to visit the witches' market, where local ladies sell potions to cure all ills, past colourful handicraft markets and on to the colonial quarter, Tiahuanaco Museum, containing some fine examples of the arts and crafts of this ancient culture. The following day we tour the Moon Valley, an area of sandstone, sculpted by rain and wind to resemble a lunar landscape. (*B*)

Day 14 From La Paz, we journey to Lake Titicaca, the world's highest navigable lake and take a boat across the Strait of Tiquina. We travel along the shore with the immense lake forming a magnificent backdrop to the Andean landscape with its isolated farms and villages, and ARGENTIN glimpsing people working the ancient terraces, arriving at Copacabana and continuing by boat to Sun Island. We walk up to our hotel, a beautifully serene spot on a hill overlooking the lake with the snowcapped mountains of the Cordillera Real in the background. (B)

#### PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL TOUR GUIDELINE PRICES FROM

Tourist				First	
1 Single					
Traveller	Double	Own Room	Traveller	Double	Own Room
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<u>TAILOR-MADE SERVICE</u>: Please enquire for a personalised itinerary to fulfil your individual requirements. We can combine hotels, change route, excursions and we can offer Triple Rooms, Suites and Deluxe Hotels. *Day* 15 Morning walk to explore the Inca terracing, villages and lake shore of Sun Island. Afternoon return to **Copacabana**, visiting the Cathedral, home of the Virgin of Candelaria, patron saint of Bolivia. Continue to Puno for 1 night on the Peruvian side of lake Titicaca. *(B,L)* 

**Day 16** Early start for a luxury railway journey on the Andean Titicaca Train. (See page 102). We have seats at a table by the window as the train travels across the Andean altiplano, with view of towering mountains, small farms and villages. (*B*,*L*)

Day 17 A full day excursion to the Sacred Valley of the Incas. We wind our way through the valley, stopping at vantage points which afford us stunning views of villages below and ancient Inca terracing, still farmed today. Our trip takes us to the formidable Ollantaytambo, complete with its intricate irrigation system and Inca baths; we continue to the ruins of Pisac, high above the valley and with fine examples of Inca stonemasonry. (*B*,*L*)

*Day 18* Tour with one of our expert local guides around historic **Cusco**, capital of the Inca empire. Many of the colonial buildings rest on solid Inca foundations, which have proven to be impervious to the earthquakes that have befallen this city. Outside the city we visit a variety of ruins, including the imposing fortress-like **Sacsayhuamán**, whose huge stones are locked together with Inca precision. *(B)* 

**Day 19** An early morning start for **Machu Picchu**. The **Vistadome train** (See page 106) journeys along the mountains and valleys following the course of the Urubamba River. A memorable trip, with beautiful views, culminating in the great Lost City of the Incas. Guided tour, time to explore and 0vernight in the valley. (*B*,*L*) *Days* 20-21 Return to Cusco the following afternoon to stay for 2 nights, allowing for one full day at leisure. (*B*)

Days 22-23 A morning flight to Lima. On arrival transfer to our hotel in the elegant and cosmopolitan quarter of Miraflores. Afternoon tour of Lima, including the grand colonial centre, the Presidential Palace in the main plaza, and the Anthropological and the Larco Herrera Museums, both of which house fascinating artefacts from pre-Inca and Inca times. Depart for home on Day 23, arriving the following day, Day 24 (Sunday). (B)

The Laguna Tour departs every Friday, returning Sunday, INCLUDING 24 days, 21 nights' accommodation and breakfast (B), all flights (2 overnight), taxes, all transfers and excursions with our Englishspeaking guides, entrance fees, services of our representatives throughout, all transport and meals as per the itinerary shown. Please see pages 190-193 for further details of what is included.

Traditional wear at Pisac market, Day 17



### PATAGONIA, GLACIERS AND The Yamana Tour: Argentina, Chile

#### 14 night itinerary:

Buenos Aires – 2 nights Puerto Madryn – 3 nights Ushuaia – 2 nights Calafate – 3 nights Torres del Paine – 3 nights Santiago – 1 night Including LAKE DISTRICT Additional 3 nights – 17 night itinerary:

Puerto Montt – 1 night (instead of Santiago) Bariloche – 2 nights Buenos Aires – 1 night Opional extension to Iguazú Falls – 2 nights

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Discover Southern Chile and Argentina, with serene glacial lakes, snow-capped peaks, the National Parks of Patagonia, to the icy tip of Tierra del Fuego, Beagle Channel and Cape Horn. Journey through spectacular landscapes with wonderful opportunities to see wildlife and enjoy the outdoors.

**Days 1-3** Depart any day of the week for **Buenos Aires** arriving the following day. Transfer to your hotel for 2 nights. In the afternoon we will visit this fascinating city, passing through the old quarter of **La Boca** with its distinctive, brightly coloured houses, the Plaza de Mayo and the presidential Casa Rosada and finishing in the elegant Parque de Recoleta, to relax in one of the many stylish street cafés. The next day is free. (*B*)

Southern Right Whales come to breed (June-Nov) at Peninsula Valdés, Argentina. Days 4-6



**Days 4-6** Fly to Trelew and transfer to your hotel in **Puerto Madryn** for 3 nights. Two full day excursions to **Península Valdés**. Wildlife abounds. Guided to superb vantage points, we can observe sea lion colonies, elephant seals, penguins and, June to November, we can take a motor boat out to see the Southern Right whales at close range. (*B*)

*Day* 7 Transfer to Trelew airport and fly to Ushuaia, the southernmost town in Argentina, located in a glorious setting by the icy waters of the Beagle Channel, at the foot of the towering Andes. On arrival transfer to your hotel for 2 nights. *(B)* 

*Day 8* An early morning start for a full day excursion to Lapataia Bay in the national park. We walk through the park



Picture perfect: Torres del Paine National Park, Chile. Days 12-14

which encompasses a stunning region of forests, lakes, streams, and snow-capped mountains. Beavers' dams cover the area, and, with luck, we may see some at work. Return to Ushuaia. *(B)* 

*Day* 9 Fly to Calafate, a little resort, on the southeastern shore of Lago Argentino, where birds congregate, including the Magellanic oystercatcher. We stay for 3 nights. (*B*)

**Days 10-11** We set off early on a full day excursion to the breathtaking **Perito Moreno Glacier**, with its 4km frontage and height reaching 70m. Silence reigns, shattered only by the thunderous roar of ice breaking off the glacier, and punctuated by the unearthly groans of creaking ice. This is one of the few glaciers in the world that is still growing. The following day there is an optional excursion to visit the **Upsala and Onelli glaciers**, travelling by boat up to the northwestern end of Lago Argentino. (*B*) **Days 12-14** A long, scenic crossing into Chile to **Torres del Paine National Park** for 3 nights. An area of outstanding natural beauty, the massive Torres rise up out of the earth, reflected in the glacial waters of Lake Nordenskjöld, all on our doorstep. Many walks can be taken, of varying degrees of difficulty, all affording splendid mountain views and an opportunity to observe the wildlife. See page 98 for a map of the park to plan your walks. We have two full days to enjoy the scenery. (*B*)

Days 15-16 Morning transfer to Punta Arenas for a late afternoon flight to Santiago de Chile, a beautiful city situated in a plateau with the snow-capped Andes stretching alongside. Overnight and morning panoramic tour of Santiago's palace, extensive parks and gardens, a bustling centre with tree-lined avenues. Return to the hotel. in the afternoon transfer to the airport for your return flight back home arriving on Day 17.

# THE ANDES



The Yamana Tour departs everyday of the week, INCLUDING 17 days, 14 nights' accommodation and breakfast (B), all flights (2 overnight), taxes, all transfers and excursions with our English-speaking guides, entrance fees, services of our representatives throughout, all transport and meals as per the itinerary shown. Please see pages 190-193 for further details of what is included. Anternative to the Andean Lakes Stunning scenery across three lakes Day 15 Transfer to Punta Arenas for an afternoon flight to Puerto Montt. Transfer to Puerto Varas overlooking Lake Llanquihue and overnight (B)

Day 16 Andean Lake Crossing into Argentina, hopping between buses and boast, surrounded by stunning scenery, mountains, lakes and forest. Lunch at Peulla. Stewards take your luggage so that you can enjoy the landscape as we cross three lakes to reach Bariloche. (*B,L*)

The Lake Region of Chile and Argentina, Days 15-17





The immense Perito Moreno Glacier at close range, Day 1.

Day 17 Full day to explore the Andean countryside in San Carlos de Bariloche: high snow covered mountain peaks, dense forest of local arranyanes, lenga, cuihue, nires species, lakes and islands, bubbling streams with rocky boulders and meadows, and the Patagonia pampa. Opportunity for picnics, cycling and walks with your guide and vehicle. (*B*)

*Days* 18-19 Fly to Buenos Aires, and on arrival transfer to hotel for 1 night. Following day transfer to the airport for your flight home arriving on Day 20. (*B*)

#### The Yamana Tour & The Lake District

departs every day INCLUDING 20 days, 17 nights' accommodation and breakfast (B), all flights (2 overnight), taxes, all transfers and excursions with our Englishspeaking guides, entrance fees, services of our representatives throughout, all transport and meals as per the itinerary shown. Please see pages 190-193 for details of what is included.



Guanaco in Torres del Paine Park, Days 12-14



Lakes and peaks in Torres del Paine, Days 12–14

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# ANDEAN LAKES & FJORDS OF

### The Magellan Tour: Argentina & Chile

#### 15 night itinerary:

Buenos Aires – 3 nights Bariloche "Lake District" – 3 nights Puerto Varas "Lake District" – 1 night Torres del Paine National Park – 3 nights Australis Cruise / Tierra del Fuego – 4 nights Buenos Aires – 1 night <u>Alternative to Cruise:</u> Extra night in Torres del Paine National Park El Calafate, Perito Moreno Glacier – 3 nights Buenos Aires – 1 night web veloso.com/magellan



Magnificent Glaciers of Tierra del Fuego, Australis Cruise Days 12–15

Patagonia, Tierra del Fuego and Cape Horn lie where the turbulent Pacific and Atlantic Oceans meet. The landscape is a myriad of islands and channels, windswept valleys and massive glaciers. By contrast, cosmopolitan Buenos Aires offers Tango dancing, pleasant cafes and superb restaurants in historic surroundings; while in the Lake District and Torres del Paine you can walk, trek and admire the great outdoors.



M/V Stella Australis Days 12-15

*Days* 1-4 Depart on Tuesday evening on your overnight flight to **Buenos Aires** staying for three nights. The following day we take a morning or afternoon tour of Buenos Aires, named the "Paris of South America" for its turn of the century French architecture. We visit La Boca with its brightly coloured houses, the Cathedral, Recoleta area and the Presidential Palace with its famous balcony where successive leaders have made appearances. The next day is free to explore on your own, experience a Tango Show or enjoy other optional excursions. *(B)*  *Days* 5-7 Flight to Bariloche, in Argentina's Lake District, staying for three nights. This alpine town is surrounded by beautiful mountain contryside with excellent hotels and country lodges. The scenery ranges from lush, snow-covered mountain peaks and beautiful lakes, to the dry Pampa in the lowlands. It is a hub for outdoor activities, horse riding and walking the numerous trails; a wonderful place for picnics on the shore of picturesque lakes. Gabriela, (page 12) our local guide, has a wonderful knowledge of the area. (*B*)

*Day* 8 Full day journey across Andean Lakes and Mountains, to Puerto Varas in Chile. We take a sequence of bus and boat journeys across three crystal clear lakes surrounded by mountains covered in thick forest, and wonderful Andean scenery. On arrival transfer to the hotel in Puerto Varas. (*B*)

**Days 9-11** Depart from Puerto Varas in the morning and fly to Punta Arenas. On arrival transfer to **Torres del Paine National Park** staying for three nights with two full days for sightseeing and trekking. The map of the park on page 92 shows the routes and trekking distances for you to plan your sightseeing and trails to follow each day. (*B*)

Days 12 - 15 Transport to Punta Arenas pier to board the cruise ship M/V Stella Australis (see page 78) on a four night cruise. The myriad of islands and channels of Tierra del Fuego offer calm waters to sail to the Straits of Magellan, the Beagle Channel and a short passage in the open sea takes us to Cape Horn Island, a National Park and

#### Cruise itinerary in Tierra del Fuego



# TIERRA DEL FUEGO



UNESCO Reserve. There is a range of daily guided excursions with walks in the Magellanic Forest to vantage points with stunning views. Sip a drink on deck and sail along, viewing numerous glaciers at close range as they descend from the mountains into the sea. (B,L,D)

Days 16 - 17 On arrival at Ushuaia in Argentina, we take a flight to Buenos Aires to stay for one night in the artistic, bohemian district of Palermo with cafes, galleries, shops and excellent restaurants to enjoy, before your overnight flight home arriving on Day 18. (B)

**Alternative Itinerary:** Visit the Perito Moreno Glacier at El Calafate instead of the Cruise

Days 12 - 15 We have an extra day to take excursions or hike in Torres del Paine, staying one more night. Day 13 we journey across to El Calafate in Argentina, and staying for three nights on the shore of Lake Argentino. Two days of excursions include a trip to the magnificent Perito Moreno Glacier, where we see huge chunks of ice falling into the lake below. Next day we take a boat trip along the arms of Lake

Argentino, to visit the Upsala and Spegazzini Glaciers and marvel at the sublime Patagonian scenery. (B)

Day 16 Fly to Buenos Aires to stay for one night, before your overnight flight home arriving on Day 18. (B)

The Magellan Tour departs on Tuesday, returning Friday - 18 days INCLUDING: 15 nights' accommodation, breakfast (B), all flights (2 overnight), all transfers and excursions with guides, transport and meals as shown. Please see pages 190-193 for further details of what is included.

MAGELLAN Tour

8 Jan - 31 Mar, 01 Oct - 8 Dec

(No cruise Apr,Sept), 9 Dec - 8 Jan

With Perito Moreno instead of Cruise £5250

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Double

£5123

£5311

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1 Single Traveller

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Travelling Together

Own Room

£6599

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£4580

Visiting a penguin colony on the Australis cruise, Days 12-15



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Traditional Buenos Aires, Days 2–4	and 16-17

First

Double

£5745

£5933

£4898

1 Single Traveller

£8155

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Travelling Together

Own Room

£7456

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LANDMARK TOURS

### MODERN & ANCIENT CIVILISATIONS The Montecristi Tour: Brazil, Argentina & Peru

#### 17 night itinerary:

Rio – 3 nights • Iguassu Falls – 1 night Buenos Aires – 3 nights • Lima – 2 nights Lake Titicaca/Puno – 2 night • Cusco – 3 nights Machu Picchu – 1 night • Cusco – 2 nights

The ancient Inca empire, perched high in the Andean Mountains, shrouded in cloud and mystery, is still present in the sights and sounds of traditional markets and village life. Discover contrasting, cosmopolitan cities with unique character and the magnificent Iguassu waterfalls.



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Days 1-3 Depart on a daytime, direct flight to Rio de Janeiro. (See pages 44-47) On arrival transfer to your hotel for three nights. Full day tour visiting the statue of Christ the Redeemer, perched on Corcovado mountain, granting fabulous views over Rio, the lagoon, the bay and the beaches. We visit the old centre, dating to Rio's time as the capital of the

> Portuguese Empire with its Royal heritage, museums and colonial architecture. One day free to explore Rio. (*B*)

Days 4-5 Flight to the huge Iguassu Waterfalls. (See page 58). Guided tour of the Brazilian side with a short walk before crossing the border to stay overnight. In the morning visit the Argentinean side of the falls: there are numerous cascades and three long walks for a view from the top, from below and over the deepest point known as the 'Devil's Throat'. Transfer to the airport and fly to Buenos Aires. (B)

*Days* 5-7 Stay for three nights in **Buenos Aires**, known as 'The Paris of

South America' for its European style architecture and love of Arts, music and dance. We visit the colourful district of La Boca, the main square with the 'Casa Rosada' and Presidential Palace, the bohemian district of Palermo, and the elegant Parque de Recoleta with smart bars and street cafés. Time at leisure to explore or see a Tango Show. (*B*)

**Days 8-9** Afternoon transfer to the airport for your flight to Lima, staying for two nights. The tour of Lima will show us the delights of this colonial capital, its main squares, the Presidential Palace and ornate churches. We also visit the Larco Herrera Museum, housing fine collections of pre-Colombian artefacts. (*B*)

**Days 10-11** Fly to Juliaca and transfer to Puno,(See page 101) on the shore of the magical Lake Titicaca, with its air of serene tranquillity, framed by snowcovered peaks. We stay for two nights, with a full day excursion on the lake, visiting the floating islands of Uros, and the isolated rocky island of Taquile, where locals preserve their ancient customs. (*B,L*)

**Days 12-14** Morning departure on the luxurious **Andean Titicaca train journey**, (See page 102) with meals served passing Andean landscapes of remote farms, towering mountains, and tiny villages.

Life in a remote village in the mountains, Day 13

On arrival in Cusco, transfer and stay for three nights. Full day tour of the **Sacred Valley of the Incas** passing small villages, hillside terraced fields and exploring the Inca ruins of **Ollantaytambo**. We visit the colourful markets at **Pisac** and **Chinchero**. *(B,L)* Half day tour of **Cusco** including the Colonial-era Cathedral, 'Qorikancha' Temple of the Sun, and the mighty Inca fortress of **Sacsayhuamán**. *(B)* 

Day 15 Depart on the Vistadome train along the scenic Urubamba Valley, leading us to the breathtaking ruins of Machu Picchu. Guided tour of the archaeological site, learning about this most famous of ruins. (See page 106). Overnight. (*B,L*)

Cosmopolitan city life by the sea, Days 1–3, 5–7

*Days* 16-18 Morning at leisure and afternoon return to Cusco by Vistadome Train, staying for two more nights with a full day at leisure for optional excursions. Day 18 fly to Lima, connecting with your overnight flight home, arriving Day 19. (*B*)

The Montecristi Tour departs Tuesday and Thursday, returning Saturday and Monday. INCLUDING: 19 days, 17 nights' accommodation with breakfast (B), meals as shown, all flights (1 overnight), taxes, all transfers and excursions with our English-speaking guides, entrance fees, all transport and meals as per the itinerary shown. Please see pages 190 - 193 for further details of what is included.

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PACAL Tour							
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### THE MAYAN ROUTE *The Pacal Tour:* Mexico, Belize, Guatemala



#### 21 night itinerary:

Mexico City - 3 nights Mérida - 3 nights • Chichén Itzá - 1 night Lamanai Lodge - 2 nights • Mountain Pine Ridge - 2 nights Tikal - 2 nights • Aguateca - 1 night Antigua - 1 night • Chichicastenango - 1 night Lake Atitlán - 2 nights • Antigua - 3 nights

The mighty Maya and Aztec civilisations flourished for centuries building sprawling cities with fabulous pyramids and temples before they mysteriously weakened and abandoned their monuments to the encroaching jungle. Admire colonial architecture, traditional weavings and markets, blending with the culture of their descendent.

Teotihuacan pyramids outside Mexico City, Day 2

**Days 1-3** Depart Friday for Mexico City, arriving in the evening. Next morning we visit the local market, view paintings, stop at the Archaeological Museum and continue to Teotihuacán Aztec complex dominated by the Pyramid of the Sun. Next day at leisure to enjoy local Sunday activities and a stroll. (*B*)

*Days* **4-6** Fly to Mérida for three nights. The city has many delightful colonial buildings, painted in soft pastel

Chichicastenango Market, Day 18



colours, enclosing airy colonial patios which blend with strong Mayan influences. Spend the day at leisure exploring the city, museums and markets, the surrounding countryside at Izamal or Celestun Nature Reserve. Full day visit to **Uxmal**, showing fine examples of the ornate Puuc style with intricate stone lattice work, mosaics and pyramids. (*B*)

*Day* 7 We depart for Chichén Itzá, a mighty Mayan site dominated by El Castillo, full of cosmological significance, with steps, panels and terraces depicting various stages of the Mayan calendar. *(B)* 

**Days 8-9** Morning to explore at **Chichén Itzá**, journey to Cancun airport for the flight to **Belize City**. Transfer to **Lamanai Lodge** staying two nights. Full day excursion to visit Mayan ruins and explore the flooded forest (*B*,*L*,*D*)

**Days 10-11** Transport to Mountain Pine Ridge for 2 nights among pine forest with ferns, hills and waterfalls. (*B*)

Days 12-13 Transfer to Tikal in Guatemala staying at the nearby lodge for 2 nights. Full day to explore the vast ruins, temples and massive pyramids standing high above the surrounding dense tree canopy. Early morning walk in the magical tranquillity of the protected forest where numerous monkeys and birds find refuge from encrochments. (*B*)

**Days 14** Drive to Flores, continue to Sayaxche and then by canoe to the ruins of **Ceibal**, hardly excavated, seldom visited and hidden deep in the forest. Continue by canoe to our **Jungle Lodge** overlooking Petexbatun lagoon and engulfed by the forest. Stay one night in a simple bungalow with facilities. (*B,L,D*)

Days 15-16 Morning walk in the forest to the unique site of Aguateca where an ancient civilisation used a deep ravine to protect their stronghold. Return to Flores, fly to Guatemala City and transfer to Antigua for one night. Antigua has cobbled streets and Spanish colonial architecture, with delightful interior courtyards restored to their original splendour. Afternoon transfer to Chichicastenango staying one night. (*B*)

Day 17-18 Visit the Sunday market with an abundance of colour in the weavings, masks and flowers that adorn the stalls. In the afternoon continue to Panajachel lying at the foot of volcanoes, staying 2 nights on the shores of Lake Atitlán. Boat trip across the lake to visit Santiago Atitlán, a village where local people retain their strong Indian culture and traditions (B) **Days 19-21** Transfer to Antigua for three nights. Two full days to explore at leisure this charming colonial city with cobblestone streets and ancient courtyards. Admire and perhaps purchase some wonderful colourful weavings as tapestries. Depart for your flight home on Day 22, arriving home on Day 23 (Saturday). (B)

The Pacal Tour PRICES ON PAGE 34 Departs Fridays, returns Saturday -23 days INCLUDING: 21 nights' accommodation and breakfast (B), all flights (1 overnight), all transfers, excursions, English-speaking guides, all transport and meals (B,L,D) as shown. Please see pages 190 - 193 for further details of what is included.



### PRESENT DAY MAYAS & RAINFOREST The Aurora Tour: Guatemala, Belize

14 night itinerary Antigua - 2 nights Chichicastenango - 1 night Lake Atitlán - 2 nights Antigua - 2 nights Tikal - 1 night Chaa Creek - 3 nights Ambergris Caye - 3 nights

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*Days* **1-2** Depart to Guatemala City on Thursday, arriving in the evening and transfer to the old capital, Antigua. Tour to explore the cobbled streets, wonderful colonial architecture, courtvards and browse around the markets where local Indian ladies sit in brightly coloured traditional dress, selling their wares. (B)

Days 3-4 Drive to Chichicastenango, stay for 1 night at our colonial hotel. The following day visit the colourful Sunday market and the 400 year old church of Santo Tomás, housing a fascinating combination of Catholic and pagan symbols. We continue to Panajachel, staying at our hotel overlooking the spectacular Lake Atitlán for 2 nights. (B)

Day 5 We take a boat across the lake to Santiago de Atitlán to discover an isolated Mayan community. We continue by boat to scenic San Antonio Palopó, famed for its beautiful church, and the traditional costumes worn by the local people. (B)

Lake Atitlan, Day 5

*Days* 6-7 Return to Antigua for a 2 nights stay. Day at leisure to explore. (B)

Days 8-9 Fly from Guatemala City to Flores and transfer to our jungle lodge in Tikal for 1 night. Then, accompanied by an expert guide, we follow the jungle trails to find the mighty pyramids of Tikal, hidden in the rainforest and towering above the dense tree canopy. Early morning climb to the top of a

The legacy of ancient Mayan civilisations is visible in archaeological site of Tikal surrounded by dense jungle and the colourful markets

where people display their weavings. Belize adds a delightful Caribbean style, warm turquoise waters and the barrier reef's marine life.

pyramid to view the wildlife from above. Our journey continues to Belize on Day 9 for 3 nights at Chaa Creek. (B)

Days 10-11 Spend two full days at Chaa Creek Lodge, well decorated cottages set among spectacular tropical gardens, located high on the banks of the meandering Macal River. We are free to explore the natural history centre, butterfly farm or Maya medicinal trail, swim in the pool or boat on the river, or take an excursion to the Mountain Pine Ridge, Rio Hondo or Jaguar Reserve (B)

Days 12-14 Transfer to Belize City, where we take a short flight over crystal clear waters and patch reef to the beautiful Caribbean island of

Ambergris Caye. On arrival, transfer to our beachfront resort, set amongst lush tropical gardens, close to the spectacular Hol Chan Marine Park. Relax in a hammock under shady palms, snorkel along the magnificent barrier reef, or enjoy water sports. (B)

Day 15 Return to Belize City for your overnight flight, arriving the following day, Friday, Day 16. (B)

The Aurora Tour departs Thursday, returns Friday - 16 days INCLUDING: 14 nights' accommodation and breakfast (B), all flights (1 overnight), transfers, excursions, transport and meals as shown. Please see pages 190 - 193 for further details of what is included.

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### WORLDS APART The Ambos Mundos Tour:



Cuba's revolutionary society and its Spanish colonial history present major differences as well as similarities with the Mexican Yucatán, where an identical Spanish heritage blends with the ancient archaeological sites of the Mayas, and modern American influences. So close and yet so far apart.

#### Cuba & The Mexican Yucatán

12 night itinerary:

Havana - 5 nights Mérida - 2 nights Chichén Itzá - 1 night Playa del Carmen - 4 nights web veloso.com/ambosmundos



*Day 1* Departure on a daytime flight to Havana, arriving in the evening and transfer to Old Havana, staying for five nights with four full days to explore. (*B*)

*Days* 2-3 Full day guided tour of Havana including a walking tour of Old Havana, a UNESCO World Heritage site, with the most beautiful palaces of Spanish baroque architectural style. Visit Revolution Square, followed by the Memorial to José Martí and the Museum of the Revolution ending on the seafront at the Malecón. The following day is free to explore this fascinating city. *(B)* 

**Day 4** Full day tour to the countryside out of the city towards **Viñales**, an area of gigantic rock formations rising out of the flat, green landscape. Visit the small provincial town with its colonial architecture and also learn about the tobacco process. Visit the strounding area and unique landscapes before returning to Havana in the late afternoon. (*B*,*L*)

**Day 5** Day free to explore Havana's quiet streets, markets and museums, sit in a cafe and absord the atmosphere, or take and optional excursions to the Bay of Pigs, Hemmingway's house, the beach, **Cienfuegos or Trinidad** to the south. (*B*)

Days 6-7 Transfer to the airport for

Tranquil life in Cuba

the flight to Mérida in the **Yucatán**, southern Mexico, staying for two nights at a hotel by the main square. Full day tour to the ancient Mayan city of **Uxmal**, with maginficent pyramids classified a UNESCO World Heritage Site. (*B*)

**Days 8-9** Morning transfer to **Chichén Itzá** and in the afternoon tour the archaeological site. Stay overnight at the nearby hotel Mayaland. Chichén Itzá is a large site with numerous ruins and pyramids spread over a large area. It is best to take your time visiting, avoiding the heat of the midday sun. Following morning free to continue exploration and late afternoon transfer to Playa del Carmen for four nights. (*B*)

**Days 10-13** At leisure in **Playa del Carmen** staying at Mahekal Hotel, page 155. Other hotels on pages 154 to 159. Transfer to Cancún Airport for the return flight home, arriving on **Day 14**. (*B*)

Ambos Mundos Tour PRICES PAGE 38 Departs Thursday, returns Wednesday -14 days, INCLUDING: 12 nights' accommodation, all flights, transfers tolfrom airports and excursions with English-speaking guide, transport and meals (B,L,D) as shown on the itinerary. Please see pages 190 - 193 for further details of what is included.

#### Chichén Itzá Days 8–9





### COLONIAL HISTORY & RAINFOREST The Granada Tour: Panama, Costa Rica, Nicaragua

18 night itinerary: Panama City – 3 nights San José – 2 nights Tortuguero National Park – 2 nights Arenal – 3 nights Rincon de la Vieja – 2 nights Ometepe Island – 2 nights Granada – 3 nights Leon – 1 night

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Combining Central America highlights, visit the unique Panama Canal, historic colonial cities,

> and lush National Parks for excellent wildlife watching. Admire towering volcanoes, coffee plantations and stunning architecture in

the company of our expert local guides to understand the fascinating history of this region and the way of life of local people.

#### Days 1-3 Depart to Panama City, arriving in the evening and transfer to your hotel in the colonial quarter, staying for 3 nights. Tour to explore the historic streets, wonderful colonial architecture and monuments, before visiting the Miraflores locks of the famous Panama Canal. This interoceanic gateway is an incredible feat of engineering, and aweinspiring to watch the ships pass through Next day optional boat trip on the canal, or travel by rail to the picturesque

Caribbean town of Colon.(*B*) **Days 4-5** Morning flight to San José, staying for 2 nights. Next day tour to the nearby active **Poas Volcano**, waterfall gardens, and a local coffee plantation. (*B*)

Day 6-7 Departing early we travel by road and boat to Tortuguero National Park, on the Caribbean coast, a vast tract of rainforest with canals and a unique habitat mixing fresh water and salt water. Spend 2 nights at a forest lodge, where birds and monkeys are often seen in the grounds. Daily boat excursions to spot wildlife are included. Optional extras such as kayaking and night walks are also available. (B.L,D)

*Days 8-10* Depart by boat and then travel by road to reach **Arenal**, a mountain area of tropical rainforest with a massive conical volcano surrounded by National Park. Stay 3 nights with excursions to hike around the base of the volcano and see the lava flows from the 1968 eruption. Next day tour the wetlands area of **Caño Negro** by boat. An new habitat with an abundance of birds and wildlife. (B)

**Days 11-12** Transfer by road to **Rincon de la Vieja**, staying for 2 nights. Full day hike into the park, which protects montaine forest and which is known for its variety of wildlife, picturesque waterfalls and boiling sulphurous fumaroles which signal the power and activity of the volcano. (*B*)

Days 13-14 Transfer across the border into Nicaragua, and take a boat across the eponymous lake to Ometepe Island, formed by two volcanoes rising out of the water. Stay for 2 nights at an eco-lodge with stunning views of the lake. Full day guided tour to explore the island, including local farms, pre-Columbian rock carvings and swimmable natural pools in the forest. (*B*)

*Day* 15-17 Transport by road to Granada, staying three nights in this colonial gem, founded in 1524. The city retains much historic character and is a hub of local life. Tour the town by horse drawn carriage to admire the architecture, the ornate churches and the fortress. Next day visit the nearby Mayasa Volcano, getting a view inside the crater and a local handicraft market. *(B)* 

Days 18-19 Continue to Leon, stay one night. (*B*) Transfer to the airport for your return flight home, arriving Day 20



Granada, Days 15–17

<u>The Granada Tour</u> departs everyday, 20 days INCLUDING: 18 nights' accommodation and breakfast (B), all flights (1 overnight), transfers, excursions, transport and meals (B,L,D) as shown on the itinerary. Please see pages 190-193 for further details of what is included.

	First				
	1 Single	Travelling Together			
	Traveller	Double	Own Room		
GRANADA Tour	£6709	£4266	£5450		
SURAMA Tour - page 39	£9868	£7542	£8166		

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FLIGHTS are included, departing from London and UK Regional Airports, all Internal Flights and Taxes UPGRADE to Business Cabin seat and Premium Economy Seat on request

HOTELS used, descriptions and photographs on our website, veloso.com/aurora

### DISCOVER THE HIDDEN GUIANAS Guyana, Suriname, French Guiana: The Surama Tour



16 night itinerary:

Paramaribo, Suriname – 2 nights Danpaati River Lodge – 2 nights Paramaribo – 2 nights Kourou – 1 night Cayenne – 1 night Saint-Laurent du Maroni – 1 night Georgetown – 3 nights Kaieteur Waterfalls – Full Day Atta Rainforest Lodge – 1 night Surama River Lodge – 2 nights Paramaribo – 1 night

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Wonderful combination of pristine tropical rainforest, colonial and Amerindian heritage and a modern satellite rocket launching space centre for a surreal experience, blending with remote wildlife and birdwaching.

**Days 1-2** Depart on KLM airlines on a daytime flight to **Paramaribo, Suriname** (Dutch Guiana). On arrival our guide will welcome you and take you to your hotel. Next day take a boat trip to spot dolphins, sip a few drinks and enjoy the sunset. (B)

Days 3-4 Overland transport inland to the Suriname River and by motorised canoe to the Danpaati River Lodge staying for two nights with day and night excursions in the heart of nature. There is also a swimming pool to enjoy. At night we cruise on the river looking for caimans lying on the river banks and listening to

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the night sounds. We also visit a local Maroon village for an introduction to the way of life of the descendents of African and indigenous people. (B,L,D)

**Days 5-6** Return to **Paramaribo** for two nights. Morning tour of the city and historical monuments. Visit old coffee, sugar and cocoa plantations. Lunch at a Javanese restaurant. Continue to the river estuary and the outdoor museum at the fortress **Fort Nieuw Amsterdam**. (B)

Day 7 Departure along the coastal road to the Maroni river and take the ferry to

French Guiana. Arrive at St Laurent and continue to Kourou. Visit the Guiana Space Centre with various rocket launch pads, assembly buildings, control centres of the mammoth European satellite launch complex and museum. Overnight at a hotel in Kourou a small pleasant town by the sea.

Kaieteur Waterfalls, Day 1

This afluent town has a strong French flavour with cafes and restaurants, used mainly by visitor and numerous engineers working at the Space Centre nearby. (*B*)

**Day 8** Morning trip to the **Salut Islands** old penetentiary make famous by Papillon and infamous by the stories of life in the penal colony. Continue to **Cayenne** to explore and overnight.(*B*)

**Day 9** Morning to visit the capital city. Return to **St Laurent** staying one night. Visit the village and from February to August we look for leatherback and green sea turtles nesting on the beach. (*B*)

**Days 10-12** Take the ferry back to Suriname, drive to Paramaribo. Flight to **Georgetown** (British Guyana) staying at a boutique hotel with local character. Next day we visit **Bourda Market** guided by the hotel chef, to discover local exotic tropical fruits and vegetables. Tour of the city with unique wooden architecture. Following day 12, very early birdwatching tour at **Georgetown Botanical Gardens**. Mid morning flight to the Demerara River to visit the famous **Kaieteur Waterfalls**, one of the world's natural wonders with highest drop. Return flight to Georgetown. (*B*)

*Days* 13-15 Early morning flight to Fair View Airstrip and transfer to the **Iwokrama River Lodge.** Boat trip and hike through the forest birdwatching to the Turtle Mountain with breathtaking view of the tree canopy. Lunch at the lodge, relax and visit to Iwokrama forest looking to spot a jaguars and wildlife. Overnight at Atta Rainforest Lodge. Dawn at a tree canopy walkway listening and spotting Red Howler Monkeys and Black Spider Monkeys. Drive through the forest looking for the amazing brilliant Cock-of-therock, to reach the Surama Amerindian community and staying at the Eco-Lodge. Guided walks in the rainforest and village and to Pakaraima Mountains and Burro Burro River to look for Giant Otters, Tira, Tapir and many more species. (B,L,D)Suggestions on www.veloso.com/guiana Rewa Ecolodge & Karanumbu Lodge

**Days 16-17** Early flight to Georgetown, to connect with your flight to Paramaribo. Overnight (*B*). Transfer to the airport for your KLM flight home, arriving **Day 18**. Please enquire to stay a few days longer, on the beach, at a hotel resort with pool

The Surama Tour - PRICES PAGE 38 Departures every day, INCLUDING 18 days - 16 nights accommodation and breakfast (B), all flights (1 overnight), taxes, all transfers and excursions with our English-speaking guides, entrance fees, all transport and meals (B,L,D) as per the itinerary shown. Please see pages 190-193 for further details of what is included.