

# BRAZIL

Discovered in 1500 when Portuguese navigator Pedro Alvares Cabral landed at Porto Seguro, Brazil is larger than the whole of Western Europe. United by a strong sense of national identity and with an innate optimism and sense of fun, Brazilians of Portuguese, African, European and Japanese descent share a love of music, dance and football, and work together to create a dynamic modern country which currently boasts the seventh largest economy in the world.

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## *The Amazon*

The vast Amazon basin with the world's largest rainforest covers more than one third of the country, and is home to an huge variety and abundance of flora and fauna.

## *Landscape*

The remaining two thirds of Brazil include the green, hilly state of São Paulo, the plains and beaches of the Northeast region, the Pantanal birdwatching sanctuary and the



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extensive waterfalls of Iguassú set in subtropical forest. The whole coastline is a series of glorious palm-fringed beaches, bays dotted with tropical islands, and secluded coves lined with lush forest.

## *Culture*

Brazil's history is one of boom and recession; agriculture, sugar cane, coffee, gold, diamonds, and rubber all generated immense wealth. This wealth is reflected in a remarkable array of Baroque churches, palaces, colonial architecture, paintings and

sculpture that can be appreciated throughout Brazil, and particularly in Salvador da Bahia, the Northeast region, and in the states of Rio de Janeiro and Minas Gerais.

## *Entertainment*

A visit to Brazil will delight all travellers; the food offers a variety of fresh ingredients, tropical recipes and exotic fruits, while the warm and friendly people love music and dance to intense Afro-Brazilian rhythms. It is hard to remain untouched by their contagious *joie de vivre*.



*Carnival in Rio de Janeiro*





# BRAZILIAN LANDSCAPES

The people reflect a blend of origins, a rich cultural heritage and diverse landscapes. Experience life in the Amazon rainforest, admire the colonial architecture, enjoy vibrant, cosmopolitan cities and magnificent waterfalls on this extensive tour of Brazil. Enjoy excellent cuisine, sophisticated hotels and unique music and arts.

**Days 1-3** Daytime flight to Rio de Janeiro, arriving in the evening, and transfer to your hotel for 3 nights. Full day tour including the statue of Christ the Redeemer on Corcovado Mountain, and see the old centre of Rio, the Imperial Palace and the Cathedral. Day 3 is at leisure. (B)

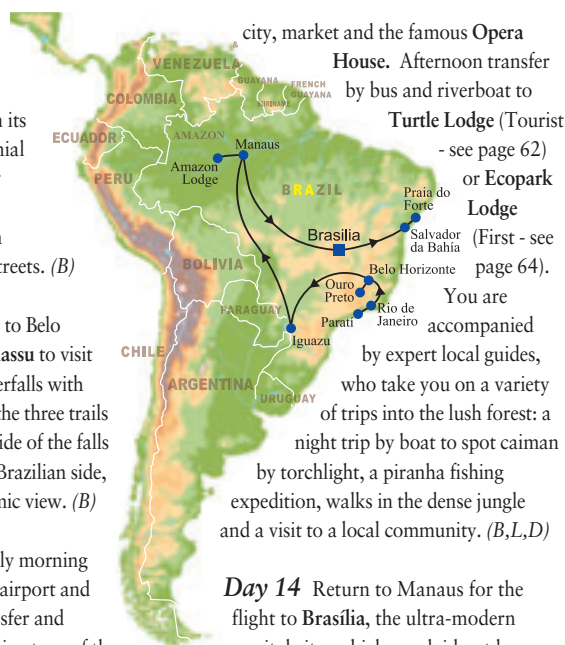
**Days 4-5** A scenic journey along the coast to the delightful village of Parati, with its beautifully renovated colonial houses and cobbled pedestrian streets. Spend a relaxing day on a schooner in the glorious bay dotted with tropical islands, stopping to snorkel in secluded coves where thick forest reaches right down to the edge of the beach. (B)

**Days 6-7** Early morning return to Rio for the flight to Belo Horizonte, then drive to the historic city of Ouro Preto. Set in the heart of Minas Gerais, a state

famed for its deposits of gold and gems, the city's wealth is reflected in its museums, fine colonial buildings and richly decorated baroque churches, resting on charming cobbled streets. (B)

**Days 8-9** Return to Belo Horizonte, fly to Iguassu to visit the magnificent waterfalls with ample time to walk the three trails on the Argentinian side of the falls plus the trail on the Brazilian side, with a wide panoramic view. (B)

**Days 10-13** Early morning transfer back to the airport and fly to Manaus. Transfer and overnight. (B) Morning tour of the



city, market and the famous Opera House. Afternoon transfer by bus and riverboat to Turtle Lodge (Tourist - see page 62) or Ecopark Lodge (First - see page 64). You are accompanied by expert local guides, who take you on a variety of trips into the lush forest: a night trip by boat to spot caiman by torchlight, a piranha fishing expedition, walks in the dense jungle and a visit to a local community. (B,L,D)

**Day 14** Return to Manaus for the flight to Brasília, the ultra-modern capital city, which was laid out by architect Oscar Niemeyer in the form of a bent bow and arrow. Overnight. (B)

**Days 15-17** Morning tour of Brasília then fly on to Salvador da Bahia, a city of contrasts where Catholicism, Orixas Deities and Candomblé, live side by side. The city's exotic cuisine and the unique Axe rhythms of the Northeast reflect the strong African influence. Our tour explores this fascinating city: its markets, its churches and the colourful architecture of the colonial district of Pelourinho.

**Days 18-20** Transfer to the beach village of Praia do Forte for 3 nights at

## The Samba Tour

### 20 night itinerary:

Rio - 3 nights  
Parati- 2 nights  
Ouro Preto - 2 nights  
Iguassu - 2 nights  
Manaus - 1 night  
Amazon lodge - 3 nights  
Brasília - 1 night  
Salvador - 3 nights  
Praia do Forte Beach - 3 nights

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Brasília Day 14

the Tivoli Resort (B,D) (First, page 53), or Pousada in the Village (B), (Tourist), for a well deserved rest by the sea, the long empty beach and coconut groves. The fishing village has a slow, laid back atmosphere with some restaurants on the beach, shops, a few bars and art galleries. Depart on Day 21 for our flight home, arriving the following day, Day 22.

**The Samba Tour** departs everyday - 22 days INCLUDING: 20 nights' accommodation and breakfast (B), all flights (1 overnight), transfers, excursions, English-speaking guides, transport and meals (L,D) as shown on the itinerary. See pages 190 - 193 for further details of what is included.

Stunning Salvador Cathedral, Days 15-17



#### PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL TOUR - GUIDELINE PRICES FROM :

SAMBA Tour	Tourist			First		
	1 Single Traveller	Travelling Together Double	Own Room	1 Single Traveller	Travelling Together Double	Own Room
Low: Feb - Jun & Sep - Nov	£6998	£4779	£5922	£9337	£5839	£8078
High: Jul - Aug & Dec - Jan	£7203	£4967	£6110	£9525	£6027	£8266

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FLIGHT departures EVERYDAY from London and UK Regional Airports, Internal Flights and Taxes, are included. UPGRADE supplement to Premium Economy from £588 ; Business Cabin seats from £1475; First Class seats on request.

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# RAINFOREST, MODERN & COLONIAL BRAZIL

## *The Tamboril Tour*

### *12 night itinerary:*

Rio - 3 nights

Iguassu - 2 nights

Manaus - 1 night

Amazon Lodge - 3 nights

Salvador - 3 nights

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Experience a wide variety of landscapes, lifestyles and a unique colonial history that kept Brazil united. Visit cosmopolitan cities, the vast Amazon rainforest, a stunning coastline, magnificent Iguassu waterfalls, diverse cultures and a fascinating Royal heritage.



*Iguassu waterfalls, Days 4-5*

**Days 1-3** Departure on a daytime flight to Rio de Janeiro, arriving in the evening. Transfer to your hotel for 3 nights. Tour of the city, including Rio's famous landmark, the statue of Christ the Redeemer, perched high on Corcovado mountain, for dramatic views of the city, the Bay and its famed beaches. (B)

**Days 4-5** Fly to Iguassu Falls, to admire the magnificent waterfalls, surrounded by tropical forest. Full day to walk the three trails on the Argentinian side of the falls plus the trail on the Brazilian side, with a wide panoramic view. (B)

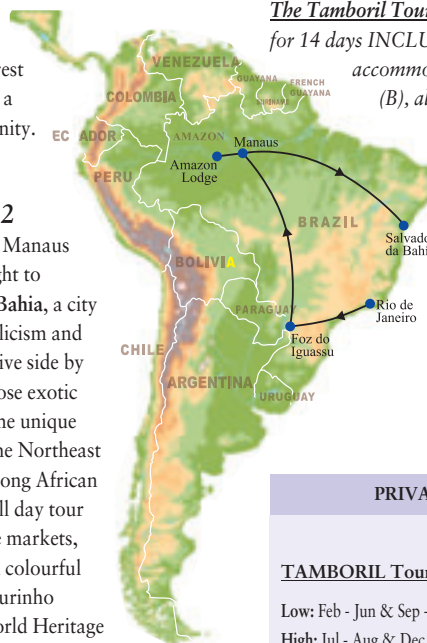
**Day 6** Early morning flight to Manaus for 1 night. Our half day tour includes a visit to the local market and grandiose Opera House, a monument to the sheer extravagance and highbrow European tastes of the late nineteenth century. (B)

**Days 7-9** Boat trip via the Meeting of the Waters, where the River Solimões and River Negro join, to Turtle Lodge (see page 62) Tourist class or EcoPark Lodge (see page 64) in First class. Expert local guides take us on a variety of excursions into the rainforest, including a night boat trip to spot caiman by torchlight, piranha

fishing, jungle treks in the rainforest and a visit to a local community. (B,L,D)

**Days 10-12** Returning to Manaus we take a flight to Salvador da Bahia, a city where Catholicism and Candomblé live side by side, and whose exotic cuisine and the unique rhythms of the Northeast reflect the strong African influence. Full day tour exploring the markets, churches and colourful colonial Pelourinho district, a World Heritage Site, with cobbled streets, bordered by brightly painted houses and street cafés. (B)

**Day 13** Return flight overnight, arriving on Day 14 or stay on longer to visit more of Brazil or unwind at a Beach Resort shown on pages 49-50, 53 and 55-57.



*The Tamboril Tour* departs every day for 14 days INCLUDING: 12 nights' accommodation and breakfast (B), all flights (1 overnight), transfers, excursions, English-speaking guides, transport and meals as shown. Please refer to pages 190-193 for further details of what is included.

*Historic Salvador, Days 10 - 12*



#### PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL TOUR GUIDELINE PRICES FROM :

	Tourist			First		
	1 Single Traveller	Travelling Together Double	Own Room	1 Single Traveller	Travelling Together Double	Own Room
<b>TAMBORIL Tour</b>						
Low: Feb - Jun & Sep - Nov	£4609	£3348	£4035	£5477	£3653	£4836
High: Jul - Aug & Dec - Jan	£4729	£3468	£4155	£5597	£3773	£4959

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# RIO DE JANEIRO



The natural setting of Rio de Janeiro is stunning.

The beaches, the bay and the lagoon are all flanked by huge granite peaks which punctuate the landscape; and the statue of Christ the Redeemer which looks over the city, embracing it with open arms.

The Portuguese Royal Family lived in Rio for thirteen years from 1808, enriching the Arts, Culture and Architecture. The Municipal Theatre, Brazil's National Museum, the Museum of Fine Arts, The Paço Imperial, and the Museum of the Republic provide a fascinating historic perspective into Brazil's development as a united country and rich cultural life.

Rio de Janeiro's Copacabana, Leblon and Ipanema beaches are a magnificent sight in themselves, and you can spend hours walking along the famous promenade, watching the local "cariocas" of all ages, as they jog, stroll, play football, beach volleyball, sunbathe and socialise.

There are trendy shops, sophisticated restaurants with excellent cuisine, local street bars serving fresh tropical fruit juices, and cafes where you can enjoy Brazilian music and dancing. You can also sit by the sea at the Copacabana Fort, visit art galleries, climb mountains, take walks in the forest, and enjoy a variety of excursions in and around the city to keep you busy exploring for days on end.



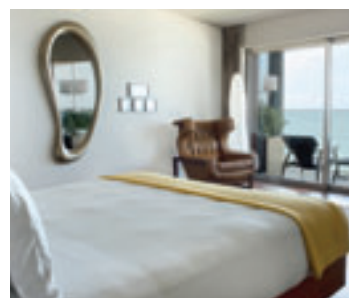


## Copacabana Palace *Deluxe*



This grand, traditional luxury hotel has welcomed the rich and famous since 1923, and stands right on Copacabana Beach. Part of the Belmond group, it has 222 spacious, modern spacious rooms with all amenities. Most rooms are in the main listed building with some facing the beach. There is a large swimming pool, a modern spa and health club and two gourmet restaurants with excellent cuisine.

## Fasano *Deluxe*



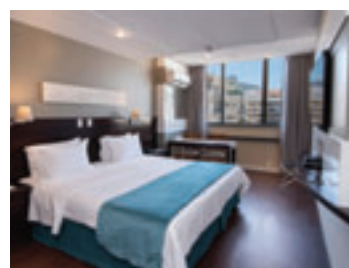
The Fasano is Rio's best trendy hotel, and is located on Ipanema Beach, close to Copacabana and the Fort. It has 81 rooms and 10 suites, all with private terrace, Wi-Fi and marble bathroom. The decoration includes artworks from the 1950s and 60s. The rooftop pool, restaurant, lobby bar and lounge with live music are a magnet for Rio de Janeiro's trendy socialites.

## Fairmont Copacabana *Deluxe*



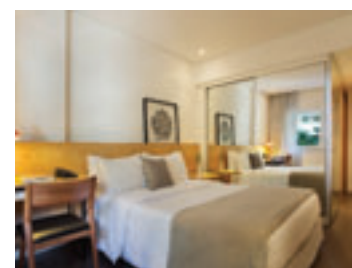
The hotel has best location in Rio: by the Fort, the small fish market and within walking distance of Ipanema. Here, the beach and the sea are sheltered from the waves coming into the bay. The hotel is modern deluxe with all facilities you would expect and the bedrooms facing the front have balconies with wonderful views of the beach and the sea, the pool and restaurant.

## Sol Ipanema *First*



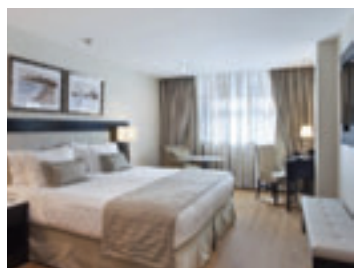
Conveniently located in Ipanema and facing the famous beach, the Sol hotel is surrounded by lively cafes, trendy shops, restaurants and bars. Across the road is the beach, small cafes and promenade for people to walk, cycle and jog. All 40 rooms have private bathroom, wi-fi, air conditioning. There is a restaurant serving regional and international cuisine, a gym with sauna, and a small rooftop outdoor pool and sunbathing terrace. An excellent choice to blend with local life.

## Ipanema Inn *Tourist*



The Ipanema Inn has a wonderful location in the trendy residential district of Ipanema with numerous shops, bars and restaurants and only 300 metres from the Beach. All the rooms have private facilities with a minimalist decor, internet access, air conditioning, cable TV and minibar. Some have private balconies. The restaurant and bar serve Brazilian specialities and exotic local drinks.

## Miramar by Windsor *Deluxe Moderate*



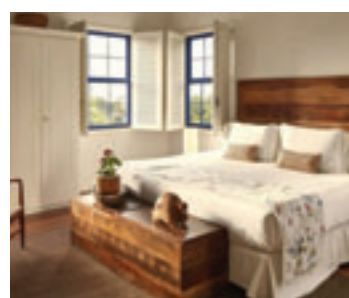
The Miramar hotel faces Copacabana beach and is decorated with marble floors and granite. It has 233 modern rooms all with air-conditioning, and en-suite bathroom. The standard rooms face the city, and superior rooms face the beach. On top of the hotel there is a swimming pool and bar, with great views of the beach and the bay.

## Porto Bay *First*



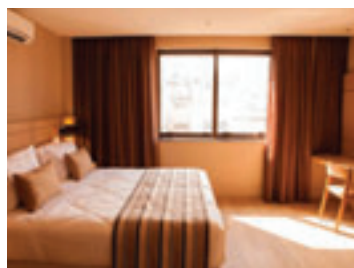
Situated towards the Leme end of Copacabana and overlooking the beach, its 117 rooms are decorated in modern style with balconies and side views of the beach and ocean, central air conditioning. The rooftop bar is next to the outdoor swimming pool, sun terrace, fitness centre and sauna, and has a great view. The hotel has a dedicated beach area with free sun loungers, shower and towels.

## Vila Teresa *Boutique*



Located in the historic Santa Teresa district, this old residential area of large mansions is on a hill above the city and is served by the tram. The hotel Vila Santa Teresa was built as a private house that has now been converted to a stylish, cosy boutique hotel, with a large garden and modern decoration. It has 7 suites some with balcony, a spa, an excellent restaurant, bar and a swimming pool to unwind.

## Ritz Copacabana *First*



The Ritz Copacabana Hotel offers excellent value for the quality of the rooms. The rooms are modern and spacious with a classic subdued decoration. Located just one block behind Copacabana Avenue Atlantica you are within an easy walk of the beach and blend into local life, buses, cafes, bars, restaurant.

### PRICES FROM 4 days • 3 nights

RIO DE JANEIRO	
Fasano	£772
Copacabana Palace	£640
Vila Teresa	£614
Fairmont Copacabana	£589
Miramar by Windsor	£425
Porto Bay	£373
Arena Ipanema	£310
Ipanema Inn	£265
Ritz Copacabana	£230

Prices are per person sharing a double or twin bedded room including private transfers to/from Rio airport, accommodation in a standard room, taxes and Breakfast. \*Please enquire for New Year's Eve, special events & Carnival prices. Single, Triple and Deluxe rooms facing the beach and ocean are available upon request.

### Additional hotels available in Rio:

Copacabana : Windsor Palace, Pestana Atlantica, Othon, Miramar, Mar Palace, and Vilamar.

Santa Teresa : Mama Ruisa, Casa Cool Beans, Relais & Chateaux.

Leblon : Janeiro Hotel

Ipanema : Arena Ipanema, Praia Ipanema, and Arpoador.



# VELOSO TOURS GUIDES, YOUR HOSTS IN RIO DE JANEIRO

Our guides are renowned for their knowledge and enthusiasm for life in the city. The guide assigned to you is specially briefed on your interests. We will advise you the name of your host so that you know who is meeting you on arrival at the airport and who will be with you for all the services booked during your stay. Your host and our office are your concierge services for reservations, help and suggestions.



*Please refer to pages 12-13: Eugenio Souza*



*Luana Seara*



*Paulo Giffoni*

## EXCURSIONS AVAILABLE:

- **Statue of Christ the Redeemer on Corcovado**  
This trip is a must. The view from the top is stunning and serves as an orientation to the city
- **Botanical Gardens and Sugar Loaf Mountain**  
Walk surrounded by tropical trees, then take the cable car and admire the city lights at sunset
- **Historical Rio de Janeiro and Royal Palaces**  
Visit the Royal Palaces and discover the imperial history of Rio
- **Trekking in the hills and forests**  
Energy and stamina required for unique landscapes and trails beyond the usual views
- **Tropical Islands boat trip**  
Schooner trip through the islands of Mangaratiba Bay two hours south of the city
- **Summer Residence of the Emperor & Royal Family at Petropolis**  
Discover the palaces and imperial jewels of Don Pedro II, in the hilly interior of Rio state.
- **Classical music, ballet and theatre**  
During the season, Rio de Janeiro has a rich cultural life, for which we can provide tickets
- **Football match at Maracana Stadium**  
Football fans will enjoy watching a match at the Maracana. The local derby is the Fla - Flu
- **Art galleries, Paintings & Modern Art**  
There are numerous art galleries and a modern art centre for you to visit
- **Rio's Burle Marx Landscape Gardens and Folk Art Museum**  
Visit the iconic landscape architect's famous gardens
- **Dance Classes: Forro, Samba, Lambada, Gafieira and Zouk**  
We can arrange dance lessons for you to develop your dancing style
- **Rio by Night - City Lights and Live Brazilian Music**  
There are numerous restaurants and bars with excellent cuisine, music and local dancing



*Stunning views from above*



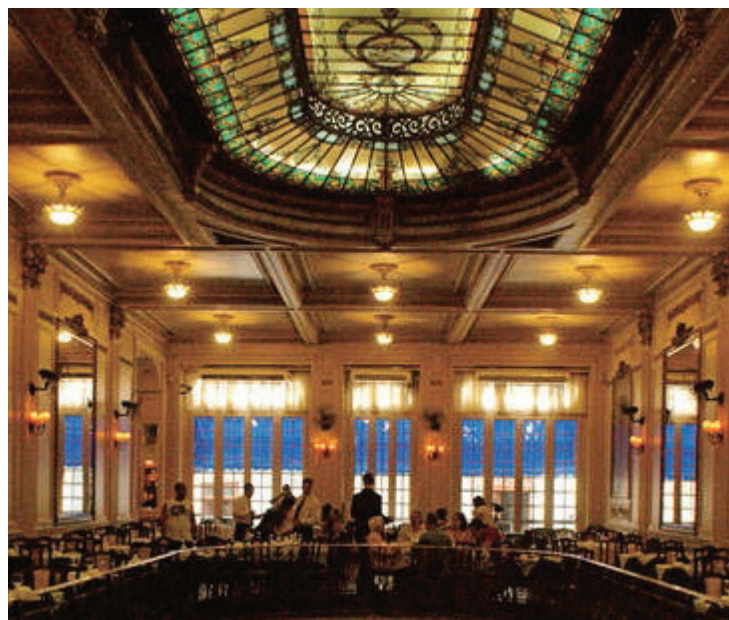
*Royal heritage and modern life in the old centre, beautifully modernised*



*Street Art, modern transport and architecture in the old, renovated centre of town*



*The modern, futuristic Museum of Tomorrow*



*Old style cafe*





*Ipanema Leblon Beach in cosmopolitan Rio de Janeiro*

## EXPLORE RIO DE JANEIRO - CARNIVAL & NEW YEAR'S EVE

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*Stunning fireworks display and beach party on New Year's Eve in Rio de Janeiro*

**CARNIVAL** - Rio Carnival is celebrated with an intense, all-night parade of Samba Schools at the Sambadrome, displaying elaborate costumes and floats with music and dancing. We collect you in the evening, provide seats for the parade and return in the morning, or you can return every two hours from 2 am onwards.

A more economical choice is to attend the Winning Samba Schools Parade, at the Sambadrome, on the Saturday night after Carnival.

Carnival Dates are: 12 - 17 Feb. 2021 ; 15 - 20 Feb. 2022 ; 25 Feb. - 3 March 2023

**NEW YEAR'S EVE** - Traditionally Rio celebrates with an awe-inspiring fireworks display and many large bouquets of flowers and candles, floated in the sea as offerings to Yemanjá, the deity of the sea, creating a magnificent spectacle. There is live music on large stages set all along Copacabana Beach for all-night parties.

### Carioca Tour

**Day 1** Depart London on your flight to Rio de Janeiro. On arrival, your guide and transport will meet you, to take you to your chosen hotel staying for 6 nights. Once you arrive at your hotel, our guide will provide an introductory briefing and orientation of the surrounding area. (B)

**Day 2** Today we have a full day tour of Rio de Janeiro including the main sights and areas that you would not necessarily find on your own. We go up the old residential area of Santa Teresa with great views over the city and large mansions; we visit Praça XV and the old

centre where the Portuguese Royal Family lived in Rio de Janeiro. We take the train up to Corcovado Mountain with the statue of Christ the Redeemer for stunning views of the city, the beaches, the ocean and Guanabara Bay. (B)

**Days 3 to 6** Free to explore on your own or take some of the numerous visits and excursions we offer. We are your hosts for any questions you may have or reservations you would like to make. Please refer to the facing page for more sightseeing excursions for an in-depth experience of Rio de Janeiro. (B)

**Day 7** Transfer to the airport for the flight home, arriving on Day 8. (B)

#### Add Iguassu Falls for 2 nights

**Days 7-9** Transfer to the airport and fly to Iguassu staying for two nights at your chosen hotel (Page 58). Day tour visiting the Argentinian and Brazilian side of the magnificent waterfalls. Transfer to the airport for the flight to Rio de Janeiro or Sao Paulo, connecting with the overnight flight home, arriving on Day 10.

#### Add Buzios Beach Resort for 3 nights

**Days 7-10** Transfer to Buzios resort, the trendy peninsula with 23 beaches located three hours north of Rio, staying for three nights at your chosen hotel (Page 49). Please contact us to stay longer. Transfer to the airport for your overnight flight home, arriving on Day 11.

### The Carioca Tour

#### 6 night itinerary:

Rio de Janeiro - 6 nights

Optional extensions:

Iguassu - 2 nights

Buzios Beach - 3 nights

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#### PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL TOUR - GUIDELINE PRICES FROM :

	Best Value	First	Deluxe
<b>CARIOCA Tour</b>	Ipanema Inn / Ritz	Sol Ipanema	Fairmont
Low: Feb - Jun & Sep - Nov	£1577	£1774	£2152
High: Jul - Aug & Dec - Jan	£1915	£2112	£2490
<b>CARIOCA Tour at CARNIVAL</b>	£2153	£2351	£2786

Also includes Arquibancada seats, Sector 9 for 1 night at the Sambadrome Carnival Parade.

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*Carnival Samba schools parade at the Sambadrome*





Parati waterfront

## PARATI web [veloso.com/parati](http://veloso.com/parati)

Parati is a charming old colonial town, once the port for the Gold Route from Minas Gerais. The old town retains its original architecture with a fully pedestrianised centre and charming cobbled streets, white-washed houses with brightly painted windows. Several old houses have been converted into art galleries and craft shops, while characterful bars and restaurants offer locally caught fish delicacies. The bay is dotted with tropical islands whose shady forests reach right down to the sandy beaches, while old colonial forts look out from atop rocky outcrops. Take a boat trip to the islands, swim at idyllic beaches and snorkel in the clear waters.

### *Pousada Literaria* Deluxe

Pousada Literaria occupies a large colonial-era house on the edge of the old town, fully renovated, modernised, and decorated with bright colours and Brazilian art. The atmosphere is relaxed and sociable, and reflects Parati's heritage of arts and culture. There is a swimming pool and large sun-deck in the internal courtyard, as well as a restaurant and connecting bookshop.



Street view of Parati



### *Casa Turquesa* Deluxe

Located in the historic centre of Parati in front of the docks, Casa Turquesa combines charm and modernity with a fresh and bright colour palette. Designed to make every guest feel at home, there are nine comfortable rooms, individually decorated, with views from their windows of the bay, the surrounding tiled rooftops, the mountains or the dome of the Santa Rita church.



Room at Casa Turquesa

### *Pousada Sandi* First

Located in the centre of old colonial Parati, the pousada is surrounded by rich colonial architecture, cobbled streets and is next to the church. The period decoration is simple, charming and homely. All rooms are equipped with air-conditioning, mini bar and en-suite bathroom. The pousada also has a restaurant and bar, but no swimming pool.



Room at Pousada Sandi

### *Cairuçu* Private House

Casa Cairuçu is ideal for families and people who value privacy, seclusion and tranquility. Only accessible by a 20 minute boat-ride from Parati and inside the Cairuçu Conservation Area with nearby deserted, pristine beaches and fishing communities. It has three bedrooms, dining/sitting room with veranda and maid/cook service.

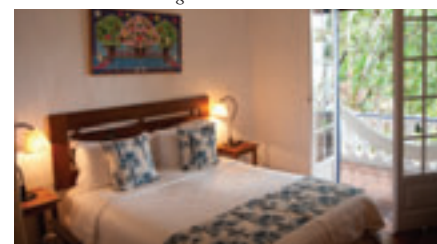


Casa Cairuçu

### *Picinguaba* Pousada

Set on a hillside 30 minutes from Parati above a secluded bay, Picinguaba is a hideaway for those who want to be surrounded by lush forest. The decor is simple and colourful, with stylish touches. There is a pool, sun-deck and boat for daytrips, but the only beach is where local fishermen dry their nets.

Room at Pousada Picinguaba





# Búzios web [veloso.com/buzios](http://veloso.com/buzios)

Búzios, famous for its beaches and trendy lifestyle, is located two and a half hours from Rio de Janeiro. Dotted around the peninsula are numerous bays and coves with sandy beaches and crystal clear water. The heart of Búzios is the popular Rua das Pedras, a cobbled street lined with glamorous boutiques, restaurants and bars with live music – a great place to hang out. Wealthy and glamorous South Americans come to their villas in Buzios to relax and socialise. It's a great place to enjoy a stroll along the waterfront past the colourful fishing boats.

## Pedra da Laguna First

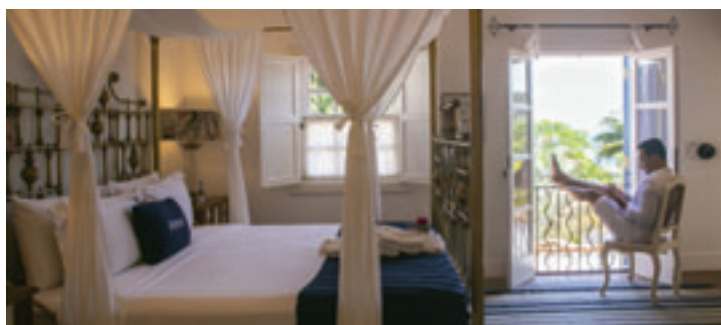
This charming pousada is located in Ponta da Lagoinha, near Ferradura Beach and not far from the village of Búzios itself. The hotel has a stylish decoration, and all rooms are equipped with air-conditioning, ceiling fan and a veranda, with a view out to the sea or to the surrounding hills. The pool is spacious for swimming, with drinks and snacks served from the bar, and there's a sun terrace and hammocks in the garden which are perfect for peaceful relaxation. There's also a tennis court and a spa offering a wide range of therapies.



Pedra da Laguna

## Vila da Santa First

Vila da Santa is a charming boutique hotel in the style of a small village, with white-washed walls and red-tiled roofs. Its location on Praia dos Ossos, a secluded beach a short walk from town, makes it both tranquil and accessible. Rooms are decorated in a mixture of Brazilian and French style. There is an excellent restaurant and the hotel offers service on the beach.



Room at Vila da Santa



Beachfront at La Borie



## Insolito Hotel Deluxe Boutique

Located on the edge of Ferradura beach, Insolito is a small boutique hotel overlooking Ferradura bay. Each of the 8 rooms and 3 suites is designed around a distinctive theme from Brazilian culture. The whole hotel was designed by the owner as a token of her passion for Brazil. The hotel has two swimming pools, and the restaurant serves a high-class fusion of French and Brazilian cuisine.



Insolito Hotel

## Casas Brancas First

Overlooking the stunning bay of Buzios, with 32 individually decorated rooms and suites, the pousada boasts elegant Mediterranean architecture. Many rooms have magnificent sea views and some also have private verandas. The interior decoration is stylish yet homely. Relax on the terrace by the small pool and enjoy the delicious food at the restaurant.



Bedroom at Casas Brancas

### PRICES FROM 4 days • 3 nights

PARATI	
Cairuçu House	£1,072
Picinguaba	£799
Casa Turquesa	£735
Pousada Literaria	£682
Pousada Sandi	£477
BUZIOS	
Insolito Hotel	£749
Relais La Borie	£747
Casas Brancas	£725
Vila da Santa	£566
Pedra da Laguna	£521

Prices are per person in a Standard room for Double occupancy including accommodation and Breakfast, tax, service charge, activities, meals as described and transfers to/from Rio de Janeiro airport or hotels.

\*Prices for Triple room, Single Room, Suites and the periods of Christmas, Carnival, New Year, Easter and local holidays available on request.

## La Borie First

Relais La Borie is the only hotel in Buzios located directly on the beach. Geriba beach is a long bay with white sand, closest to the entrance of the peninsula and furthest from the town of Buzios - about 20 minutes by taxi. The 28 rooms are well decorated in a cosy style, there is a bar, restaurant and two swimming pools with a garden area and lawn for unbatting. There is also a spa, sauna, jacuzzi and beach services.

Swimming pool at La Borie





# ILHA GRANDE & ANGRA

web [veloso.com/grande](http://veloso.com/grande) & [veloso.com/angra](http://veloso.com/angra)

This unspoilt island, an extension of the Emerald Coast's forested mountains, is one of Brazil's largest. A former pirate hideaway, slaving centre and prison, its sandy bays and peninsula now attract gentler visitors. The island boasts virgin, unexplored forest and deserted beaches, with most of the small hotels in the modest but lively fishing village. Enjoy the local restaurants serving excellent seafood. Ilha Grande is the perfect spot for a peaceful getaway or for leisurely activities including sailing, trekking, sea kayaking and snorkelling.

## Portobello *First*

Located on the coast, about 100 km south of Rio de Janeiro, the Portobello hotel is an excellent beach resort to unwind. Built in a Polynesian style, the large property area stretches inland to the mountains with rivers and waterfalls. It even has a helipad and airstrip for private planes! It has a pool, restaurant, 152 bedrooms all facing the sea and beach, and with ensuite bathroom, minibar, satellite TV, air conditioning, safe deposit and wireless internet. Great watersports and horseriding



Portobello Hotel located right on the beach

## Naturalia *Tourist*

This tiny rustic pousada stands in a quiet corner of Villa do Abraao with the beach only 60 metres away. Each of the 12 rooms have a private veranda with a hammock and a view of the sea, a ceiling fan, minibar, and a safety deposit box. Hot water is provided by solar power and eight rooms are air conditioned. Its ecological credentials include the fact that every stone found on the original plot was preserved and used in the construction, and the wooden pillars are from sustainably harvested eucalyptus.

## Fasano Angra *Deluxe*

Superb, leisure resort, located two hours south of Rio de Janeiro, on an idyllic bay with a pristine beach, beautiful sea and a small marina for pleasure boats. The rooms have 55m2 with a varanda, wooden floor, all amenities with clean, elegant decor and linen in 300 thread Egyptian cotton. All 60 bedrooms have a king size bed and face the beach and the sea. There a large Spa with a private pool, tennis courts, bars, two restaurants with distinctive cuisine, golf course, fitness centre, boat trips and treks in the Mata Atlantica trails in the hills inland.

PRICES FROM 4 days • 3 nights

ILHA GRANDE & ANGRA	
Fasano Angra	£830
Portobello	£704
Naturalia	£163
SAO PAULO	
Tivoli Mofarrej	£432
Regent Park	£260

Prices are per person in a Standard room for Double occupancy including accommodation and Breakfast, tax, service charge and transfers to/from Rio de Janeiro to Ilha Grande by shared coach transport and Country Lodges by private transport.

\*Prices for Triple and Single Rooms, Deluxe rooms and Suites, Christmas, Carnival, New Year, special Events Easter and child fares available on request.



Isolated beach on Ilha Grande

# SÃO PAULO

web [veloso.com/saopaulo](http://veloso.com/saopaulo)

Brazil's business capital Sao Paulo is a wealthy cosmopolitan city, home to the country's top museums and restaurants. Trendy neighbourhoods such as Vila Madalena bustle with street markets, bars and galleries, while the Municipal Market is bustling with activity and exotic local produce. Opera, classical music, dancing, theatre, shopping and a rich art scene will enhance your visit.

## Tivoli Mofarrej *Deluxe*

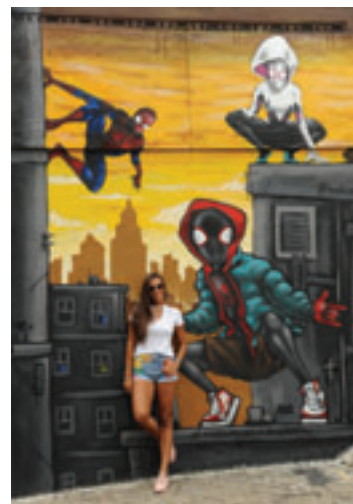
In the cosmopolitan centre of the city, the Tivoli hotel is ideal for business and leisure with a stunning pool, large lobby and a restaurant on the 23rd floor with superb views of the city. There is a variety of room types and suites, spacious and comfortable with all facilities and amenities you would expect in a deluxe city hotel. 217 rooms in total with a modern stylish design. Nearby are the JK Iguatemi luxury shopping centre and the trendy areas of Oscar Freire, Jardins and the Japanese area Liberdade.

## Regent Park *Tourist*

Located right on the main luxury shopping street, close to the central areas of Jardins, Itaim Bibi, Paulista and Morumbi. Rooms are comfortable in a simple basic style with private facilities. Excellent base to explore.



Busy Art scene, museums and art galleries



Lots of Street Art in a famous pedestrian street

Local market buzzing with activity, local produce and food court



Luxury beach resorts and beautiful coastline in the state of Sao Paulo



# COSMOPOLITAN, COLONIAL, EXUBERANT



Praia do Forte Village and Beach Resort, Days 7-12

Enjoy the sheer romance of Rio de Janeiro's magical setting, the imposing magnificence of Iguassu Falls, and the colourful blend of Portuguese and African culture in Salvador, before heading to the idyllic tropical beaches of the Bahian coast to unwind by the sea.

**Days 1-4** Depart on a daytime flight to Rio de Janeiro. On arrival our guide will take you on a short introductory orientation walk of the surrounding streets and beachfront. The following day you have a tour of Rio including the statue of Christ the Redeemer perched high on Corcovado mountain for dramatic views over the city, the lagoon, the sweep of Guanabara Bay and its beaches. You will also visit the colonial centre, Sambadromo, the cathedral and enjoy a cable car ride to Sugarloaf for sunset as dusk falls and the city lights up. Following days free to explore the city including art galleries and museums, discover the music, cuisine, shopping and local lifestyle or visit Petropolis, Parati or the Tropical Islands. (B)

**Days 5-6** Morning flight to Salvador da Bahia. The exotic cuisine, people and culture reflect the influences of colonial history, also seen in the music, painting and literature. Full day guided tour to explore the markets, churches and squares of the Pelourinho district. A World Heritage Site, whose cobbled streets are a centre for galleries, shops and cafés. (B)

**Days 7-11** Transfer to Praia do Forte Tivoli EcoResort (B,D) (First, page 61) or Pousada in the Village (B) (Tourist), to experience an idyllic tropical

community on the seafloor. Enjoy walking along miles of empty beach, sunbathing, sailing and watersports. Explore the small fishing village with an old church, pedestrian streets, a variety of shops and the turtle conservation project. (B)

**Day 12** Transfer to Salvador airport for your return flight, arriving home the following day. (B) (Day 13).

## Optional - Iguassu Falls

**Days 5-6** Morning flight from Rio to Iguassu Falls for two nights staying at the hotel of your choice, please see price panel on page 58. Visit the thundering waterfalls, surrounded by tropical forest and the Argentinian side for walks among the myriad of islands and trails (B).

**Day 7** Continue the tour with the flight to Salvador as described from days 5-6

### PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL TOUR - Price from :

No. of travellers	Tourist	First
	2 Sharing	2 Sharing
Seasons	Double	Double
Low	£2216	£3214
High	£2336	£3334

Departures every day throughout the year

Prices per person including flights from London and UK Regional Airports, accommodation, meals as shown, transfers, transport and guided excursions as described on the itinerary. Prices not valid for Christmas, New Year, Easter, Carnival. Upgrade to Premium £588 and Business £1475.

Iguassu Extension 2 nights on Page 58 plus flights. Prices are subject to availability at time of booking.

## The Paquera Tour

### 11 night itinerary:

Rio de Janeiro - 4 nights

Salvador da Bahia - 2 nights

Praia do Forte Beach Resort - 5 nights

Optional Extension - Iguassu Falls - 2 nights

web [veloso.com/paquera](http://veloso.com/paquera)

Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro, Days 1 to 4



Salvador, Days 5 to 6



Sugar Loaf Cable Car, Rio de Janeiro, Days 1 to 4





# SALVADOR DA BAHIA

Photographs and information: [web veloso.com/salvador](http://web.veloso.com/salvador)



São Francisco Church and Pelourinho Square in historic Salvador da Bahia

## HOTELS IN SALVADOR

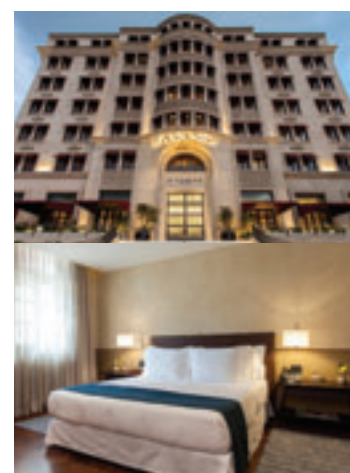


### *Villa Bahia* First

Located on a pedestrian street, in the heart of Salvador's historic centre, this restored colonial building from the 17th and 18th century, has 17 spacious rooms on three floors with a lift, and decorated in charming old colonial furniture with polished wooden floor. The hotel also has a dining room serving breakfast and cuisine of Bahia, a sitting room and a tiny pool. The lively street in front, has restaurants with sitting outdoors, some with excellent cuisine.

### *Fasano* Deluxe

Modern, stylish and trendy, luxury award winning hotel group, located in a converted historic building and facing the sea. All rooms range from 30 to 75 m2 with modern decor and a minimalist approach, wooden floor, fine linen, king size beds, internet and all amenities. There is an excellent restaurant with modern Brazilian and international cuisine and a trendy bar on the ground floor, and a stunning rooftop pool and bar with a superb view towards the sea and sunset.



### *Wish Bahia* Tourist

Located on Campo Grande square in midtown, the hotel is a modern tall building with functional rooms and providing a good base to explore the town, both towards the old town and the modern side along the coast. The rooms are comfortable, albeit simple, with wooden floors and private facilities. There is a small pool, bar and restaurant serving a buffet breakfast and Brazilian cuisine

### *Casa Amarelindo* Tourist

Located in the old Pelourinho area, the hotel has the warm, colourful decoration of Bahia with 10 comfortable rooms with double beds, ceiling fan and air conditioning, bath, CD and DVD player, free WiFi, hair dryer, safe deposit box and satellite TV. Breakfast can be taken all day by the small pool, the panoramic terrace or in the restaurant. The street in front has cobble stones and no cars



In the state of Bahia, Salvador was once the capital of Brazil. It generated huge wealth in the eighteenth century from its plantations of sugar-cane and tobacco. Evidence of this golden era is still visible in the grandiose colonial architecture of the Pelourinho quarter, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Cathedral is amazing. African slaves maintained their rich cultural legacy in the Candomblé, represented by Orixas, deities linked with the natural elements.

This blend has produced an explosion of creativity in literature, the visual arts - vividly coloured, naive paintings; in music - with the world-renowned drum troupes of Olodum and Timbalada; in Capoeira - a blend of martial arts and dance; and excellent restaurants serving the delicious regional cuisine using ingredients such as palm oil, coconut milk and coriander. People love life; Bahia is home to a wild carnival where large colourful floats carry first class musicians through the streets while people dance to strong Axé rhythms.



Salvador traditional all-white dress

### *Historic Tour*

The blend of African and Portuguese colonial history is the soul of Brazilian identity, preserved in the churches, arts, architecture and markets. We visit the renovated Cathedral and cloisters, the forts at Barra; the Pelourinho district with colonial buildings, painted in pastel colours, lining the cobbled streets, the Candomblé Orixas Museum and the churches of São Francisco and Bonfim, passing by arts galleries and stepping into the bustle of the local market.

### PRICES FROM 4 days • 3 nights

SALVADOR DA BAHIA	
Fasano	£618
Villa Bahia	£434
Casa Amarelindo	£339
Wish Bahia	£281

Prices are per person in a Standard room for Double occupancy including breakfast, tax, and transfer from the airport. \*Prices for Triple room, Single Room, Christmas, Carnival, New Year, Easter and child fares available on request.

*Additional hotels in Salvador:*  
Convento do Carmo, Fera Palace  
Aram Yami, Solar do Carmo,  
Catarina Paraguacu, and Zank.



*Infinity pool for adults only, by the beach, at the Tivoli Eco Resort*

## PRAIA DO FORTE [web veloso.com/forte](http://web.veloso.com/forte)

### *Tivoli EcoResort* First

#### *The Setting*

Praia do Forte lies 55 kilometres north of Salvador, surrounded by extensive gardens and coconut groves. It has all the clichés required of a tropical paradise: a 12 kilometre long deserted white sandy beach; warm sea of stunning clarity with shallow natural pools and an offshore coral reef; delightful lawns stretching along the coast where you can relax in the shade of swaying coconut palms. Close by is an old fishing village with many craft shops, art galleries, bars, restaurants, a turtle conservation, ancient castle and an old church. What more could one want?

#### *Accommodation*

The carefully designed, two-storey Tivoli EcoResort has 248 rooms built with lots of wood and bamboo giving it a rustic, tropical feel and luxury that blends with the local surroundings. All rooms are air

conditioned with cable TV, minibar and a veranda with hammock overlooking the ocean. There are three swimming pools, restaurants and bars, four tennis courts a children's club, where daily activities are organised by professional carers.

#### *Activities*

The wide range of activities include: yoga, sailing, fishing, windsurfing and horse riding. You can walk by the Pojuca River or stroll in the lush Sapiranga forest, where birds, orchids and bromeliads abound. Take a delightful walk to the Garcia D'Avila castle, built in 1552, which dominates a nearby hilltop; or visit the Tamar turtle conservation project.

#### *Thalasso Spa & Fitness Club*

The large Spa area has private gardens and pool offering serene tranquility for beauty treatments, massage and fitness.

*Beach at Tivoli EcoResort**All rooms at ground and first floor with balcony and facing the sea**Room at Tivoli EcoResort**Spacious gardens by the sea, with lawn, shade and lake**Old church in Praia do Forte village*

### *Porto da Lua* Tourist

Tropical-style pousada on the edge of the village, with direct access to the beach, and a garden area with palm trees. All 27 rooms have sea view, en-suite facilities, a terrace and hammock. There is a bar and two restaurants, for indoor and beach-front dining.

PRICES FROM	3 nights	ESCAPE
		7 nights
PRAIA DO FORTE		
Tivoli Eco Resort	£910	£2861
Porto da Lua	£322	£1471

Prices are per person in a Standard room for double occupancy including accommodation, breakfast, (Dinner at Tivoli Resort), taxes and transfers to/from Salvador. \*Request Prices for Children, Triple room, Single Room, Christmas, Carnival, New Year, Easter. \*7 nights price includes return flights from London or regional airports to Salvador.

*Additional Pousadas in Praia Do Forte:*  
Vila dos Corais; Vila Gale Mares, Iberostar



# BAHIA HEARTLAND

## *The Diamante Tour*

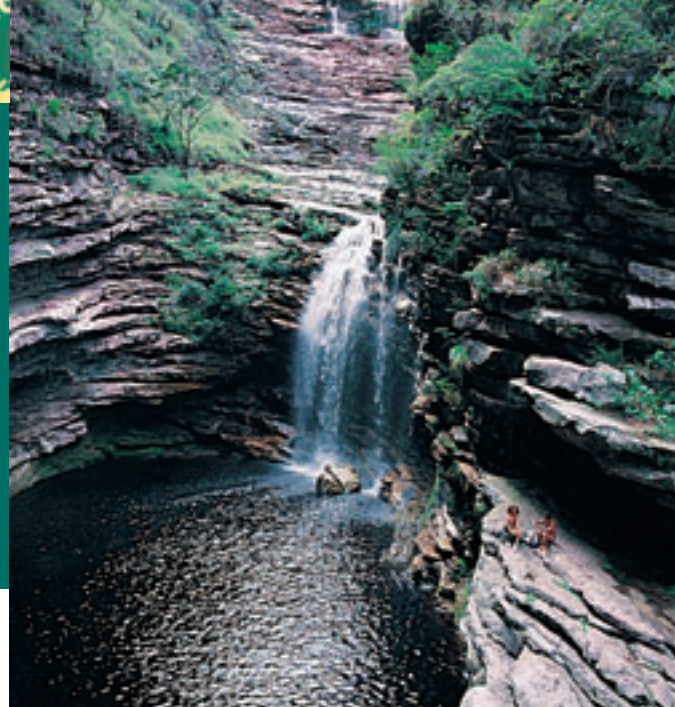
### *13 night itinerary:*

Salvador - 3 *nights* • Chapada (Lençóis) - 4 *nights*

Salvador - 2 *nights* • Morro São Paulo - 4 *nights*

**web** [veloso.com/diamante](http://veloso.com/diamante)

Explore pulsating Salvador, with its old colonial and African heritage, hike the rivers and canyons of the remote Chapada Diamantina and unwind on the idyllic beaches of Morro de São Paulo.



*Waterfall at Lençóis - bike on Day 6*



*Colonial architecture and African cultural influence in Salvador da Bahia*

**Days 1-3** Departure flight for Salvador da Bahia arriving the same day in the evening. Full day tour of this fascinating city with the church of Sao Francisco, extensive colonial architecture and a fascinating blend of African and Portuguese cultures. (B)

**Days 4-7** Drive inland through a cattle-rearing plane to Lençóis for four nights. From here we explore the Chapada Diamantina, a remote area of exceptional natural beauty - with tabletop mountains, canyons, waterfalls and vast limestone caves. (B,L)



*Views of Pai Inacio in the Chapada Diamantina*

Our three day walks, led by an expert local guide, include a hike along a dry river bed to a delightful waterfall and a lagoon surrounded by a sheer rock face where we can swim, and a walk to the summit of flat topped Pai Inacio for magnificent views of the countryside, where unique plants and wild orchids grow. The third trip takes us into a huge cave almost a mile long, with an underground lagoon. (B)

**Days 8-9** Return to Salvador for two nights, with one day at leisure to explore, enjoy the music or visit art galleries. (B)

**Days 10-14** South of Salvador at Valença we board a schooner to sail to the remote tropical island of Morro de São Paulo for four nights to explore and unwind on the beach. Return to Salvador for our overnight flight, arriving home on Day 15. (B)

**The Diamante tour** departs every week - 15 days **INCLUDING: 13 nights' accommodation and breakfast (B), all flights (1 overnight), transfers, English-speaking guides, excursions, transport and meals as shown. Please see pages 190-193 for further details of what is included.**

#### PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL TOUR - Price from :

No. of travellers	Tourist		
	1 Single	2 Sharing	Own Room
Seasons	Traveller	Double	Option*
Low	£4606	£2833	£3517
High	£4726	£2953	£3637

Departures every day throughout the year

Prices per person including flights from London and UK Regional Airports, accommodation, meals as shown, transfers, transport and guided excursions as described on the itinerary. Prices not valid for Christmas, New Year, Easter, Carnival. Upgrade to Premium £588 and Business £1475

Tailor-made service: We can prepare a personalised itinerary to fulfil your individual requirements



*Garimpeiro panning for diamonds*



*Lençóis' narrow and colourful streets*





## MORRO DE SÃO PAULO

web [veloso.com/morro](http://veloso.com/morro)

Across the bay of Salvador and down the coast, Morro Sao Paulo is an island and village, with an old colonial fort and miles of pristine beaches, a tranquil paradise of swaying palm trees and small farms. There are no paved roads and only a few beach buggies; people wander barefoot on the sandy tracks, walk the coconut groves or trek inland, to the top of the hill and along the coast. The clear, shallow sea waters of the bays are ideal to swim, sunbathe, unwind and snorkel.



### Vila Guaiamú *First*

Set in the cool, quiet shade of rustling coconut palms, this hotel has 22 comfortable air conditioned bungalow/rooms, with TV, minibar and a veranda with hammock. There is a covered terrace with a restaurant and bar, TV lounge and an area for reading and games. Inside the hotel grounds guests can enjoy ecological walks and appreciate the natural beauty of Morro São Paulo.

## ITACARÉ, ILHEUS web [veloso.com/txai](http://veloso.com/txai)

### Txai Resort *Deluxe*



This luxurious resort is dedicated to comfort and tranquility in a pristine setting of landscaped gardens and lush lawns set among coconut groves along the beach. Lying two hours north of Ilhéus, on the Cacao Coast, the accommodation consists of 10 rooms and 30 spacious bungalows built from local natural materials, mounted on stilts with thatched roofs, wooden balconies and sea views. There is a swimming pool and a restaurant built in traditional Bahían style with a fine view out to sea, serving local cuisine with specialties such as 'moqueca'.

**Activities** - You can enjoy tennis, surfing, cycling, horse riding and trekking in the Atlantic coastal forest, kayaking on its rivers and swimming in its freshwater pools. Alternatively visit the small nearby town of Itacaré, an

old colonial town whose prosperity was derived from cacao plantations. The coastline here has cliffs and retains large areas of Atlantic forest because cacao requires shade to grow.

**Spa** - The spa is situated in a serene hilltop retreat with its own pool and panoramic vistas over the beach, coconut groves and sea. It's an ideal setting with Oriental silence to restore your vitality and sense of inner peace through yoga, Japanese baths, massage and other revitalising treatments.



#### PRICES FROM 4 days • 3 nights

MORRO DE SÃO PAULO  
Vila Guaiamu £321

ITACARÉ, ILHEUS  
Txai £1472

Prices are per person in a Standard room for Double occupancy including accommodation, breakfast, tax, and transfers to/from Salvador or Ilheus. \*Prices for Triple room, Single Room, Christmas, Carnival, New Year, Easter and child fares available on request.



# RECIFE - PORTO DE GALINHAS

**web** [veloso.com/recife](http://veloso.com/recife)

Just an hour south of Recife, Porto de Galinhas is the embodiment of Brazilian beach culture; the laid-back town has a host of small bars and restaurants playing live music and a long beach protected by a reef. Traditional fishing craft known as jangadas can be hired for snorkelling trips to see colourful fish and sea horses.

## Nannai *First*

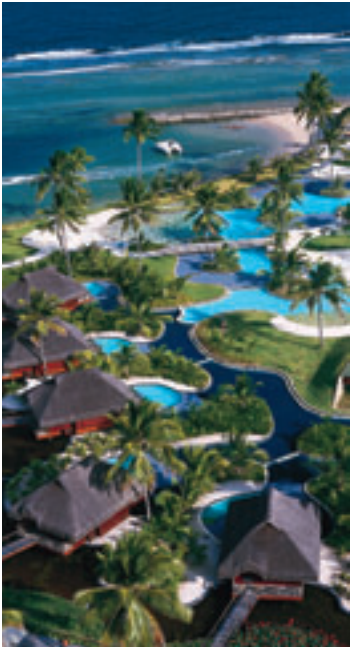
Nine kilometres outside Porto de Galinhas, the rustic, Polynesian-style thatched bungalows of this lovely resort combine style and simplicity. The wonderful beach is sheltered by a reef which creates natural pools of crystal-clear water, while the exotic garden contains thousands of coconut palms. Each air conditioned bungalow has a private pool or jacuzzi, a veranda with an ocean view, a minibar, a safe deposit box, and cable TV. The Nannai has all the services you would expect of an international first class hotel: a restaurant serving fine cuisine, a coffee shop, bars, a games room, tennis court, water sports, a fitness centre, a sauna and a range of activities and excursions. There is also a special area for children.

## Armação *Tourist*

Within easy walking distance of Porto de Galinhas, the Armação stands on the beach amidst palm trees and gardens. Its 134 air conditioned rooms all have TV, minibar, safe deposit box and telephone. The decor is bright and modern and there are 3 swimming pools, a beach bar, a restaurant, a bar, a coffee shop and a games room. The various activities on offer include football, volleyball, gymnastics and tennis; massage is also available.

# RECIFE - OLINDA

Set on a hill seven kilometres north of Recife, the graceful city of Olinda was once the capital of Pernambuco state. It's wealthy residents embellished it with many ornate churches and colonial mansions. It is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site and every year hosts a boisterous street carnival with colourful costumes that demonstrate great creativity. We suggest you stay at either Pousada do Amparo or Pousada Quatro Cantos.



### PRICES FROM 4 days • 3 nights

PORTO DE GALINHAS	
Nannai	£812
Armação	£602
NATAL	
Toca da Coruja	£783
Ponta do Madeiro	£616
FERNANDO DE NORONHA	
Pousada Maravilha	£1112
Pousada Morena	£575
OLINDA	
Pousada Quatro Cantos	£261

Prices are per person in a Standard Room for double occupancy including accommodation and Breakfast, tax, service charge and transfers from/to Recife or Natal. \*Prices for Triple room, Single Room, Christmas, Carnival, New Year, Easter and child fares available on request.

*Additional Pousadas at Fernando de Noronha: Pedras Secas, Teju Acu, Solar dos Ventos, and Dolphin Hotel.*

## Quatro Cantos *Tourist*

Pousada Quatro Cantos is an old mansion converted into a hotel in an traditional style with many antiques and character. It is located in the historic centre of Olinda so you can easily walk around exploring the streets, shops, cafes and restaurants. The hotels feels homely. The rooms have wooden floors with a modern but simple decoration. There is garden courtyard with stairs leading up to a veranda with entance to a sitting room with large windows.







*Views of the beach from Hotel Ponta do Madeiro*

## Ponta do Madeiro Hotel Tourist Superior

Located in a privileged cliff-top position with an unforgettable view along the coast, this is indeed an engaging place. All rooms have private facilities with solar heated water, air conditioning, TV, minibar, telephone, king size bed and a veranda with a hammock. The restaurant serves both regional and international cuisine. There's a swimming pool and a long staircase leads down to Madeiro Beach, where the hotel has its own beach kiosk.



## NATAL - PRAIA DA PIPA

**web** [veloso.com/pipa](http://veloso.com/pipa)

South of the city of Natal, the coast at Praia da Pipa consists of high cliffs and sheltered coves with beautiful beaches, attracting dolphins and marine turtles, set against a backdrop of lush Atlantic coastal forest. Relax at the cosy cliff top hotels with swimming pools and activities such as snorkelling and trips by beach buggy on the sand dunes. The village has numerous hip bars, good restaurants and arty boutiques that create a special, laid-back atmosphere.



*Delicious cuisine of the Northeast*

## Toca da Coruja First

The 23 rooms and bungalows of this pleasant boutique hotel near the centre of Praia da Pipa are set in a tranquil tropical garden; they are all air conditioned with a fan, minibar, safe deposit box and veranda with hammocks. Facilities include a fusion restaurant, two swimming pools, a gym and a games area. The hotel is within an easy walk of the beach, bars and restaurants. Beach buggies can be hired to explore the Pipa.



## FERNANDO DE NORONHA ISLAND **web** [veloso.com/noronha](http://veloso.com/noronha)

This remote archipelago, 350 km out into the Atlantic is a Marine National Park with strict restrictions on the number of visitors. The warm, crystalline waters contain an abundance of tropical fish, ideal for snorkelling. The village has a few bars and nice restaurants. There are empty beaches, forest trails and isolated bays perfect for walking in the pristine natural environment.



*Isolated beaches*

## Pousada Morena First

This charming pousada is located just ten minutes walk from the centre of Villa de Rémédios, the island capital, where you will find a selection of local restaurants. The hotel has a stunning view of Morro do Pico and forest tree tops from the hotel all the way to the coast. There is footpath through the trees directly to the beach. The rooms are modern, cosy and functional, fully equipped, with balcony and view. The restaurant is excellent. There is an infinity pool and below a sunbathing garden with trendy tented beds. You also have a Spa, fitness centre and jacuzzi.



*Walks in the forest along the cliffs*

## Pousada Maravilha Deluxe

This boutique pousada has a quiet, isolated location, far from the town and close to beautiful Sueste beach. It has eight well-designed spacious bungalows and bedrooms with veranda, all facing the sea, with privacy and tranquility. It feels like a private house with an infinity pool, excellent restaurant and bar with glass doors facing the coast, perfect surroundings to enjoy and relax.



*Walks along the beaches, rocks and coves*



# IGUASSU FALLS

## Magnificent Waterfalls

### 2 night itinerary:

Foz do Iguassu - 2 nights

web [veloso.com/iguassu](http://veloso.com/iguassu)

Experience the exhilaration of the magnificent Iguassu Waterfalls. As the Iguassu river (Iguazu in Spanish) flows over a horseshoe shaped fault at the border between Argentina and Brazil, it produces a myriad of islands and waterfalls. The whole area is a National Park surrounded by forest with trails and wildlife. The Brazilian side offers the stunning panoramic view and the Argentinean side has three long walks: at the top of the falls, at the bottom along the riverbank and to the deepest, highest waterfalls.

*Magnificent panoramic view of the waterfalls engulfed in rainforest*



**Days 1-3** Arrival at Iguassu airport and transfer to your hotel staying for 2 nights. Afternoon tour of the Brazilian side offers the panoramic view with a long walkway by the river and highest waterfalls. **Day 2** One full day on the Argentinian side you are on top of the falls with three trails to explore the stunning natural beauty and lush tropical setting. Time permitting you can take a boat trip on the river. **Day 3** Departure transfer to the airport.

### *Bourbon* First

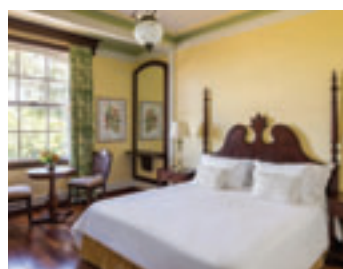
The Bourbon has a spacious area, excellent facilities, a swimming pool, tennis courts, a health club and two restaurants. It is located just outside the town on the road to the Iguassu Falls and the best hotel outside the National Park area. There are 300 rooms all with air-conditioning, cable TV and bathroom.



*Belmond Hotel on the Brazilian side of the waterfalls*

### *Belmond Das Cataratas* Deluxe

Hotel Belmond das Cataratas is the only hotel on the Brazilian side, located by the waterfalls and within the National Park. It is beautifully decorated in a neocolonial style with well appointed bedrooms with polished wooden floors, character furnishings and cosy homely decoration. There is a large swimming pool to relax with sun deck chairs, tables and shade. The hotel also has two restaurants with excellent cuisine, a bar, shops, tennis courts and a spa with massage and beauty treatments. A wonderful resort hotel to enjoy nature in a unique location.



*Character room at Belmond Hotel*

### *San Martin* Tourist

Located by the main entrance to the Iguassu National Park, between the town and the waterfalls and close to the airport The San Martin Resort and Spa is a good alternative as a base for tours to the falls. Lush vegetation, trails in the forest, spa, comfortable rooms, restaurant and pool.

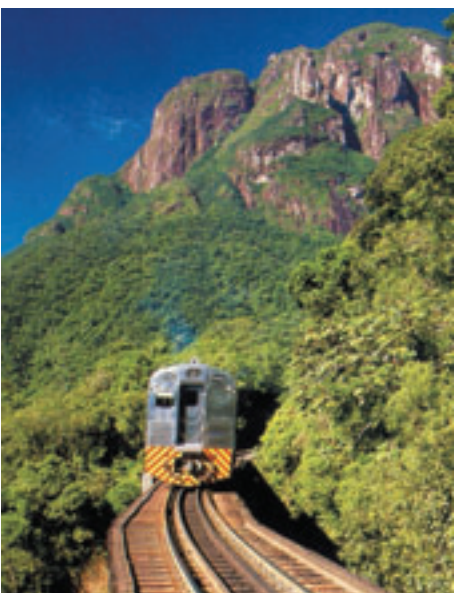


# TRAINS OF BRAZIL

Surprisingly, there are a number of fascinating train services in Brazil, we offer below a tour that includes the luxury train on a day trip from Curitiba to the coast along the Serra Verde.

Please enquire for other train options to incorporate within our tours:

- Belo Horizonte in Minas to Vitoria on the coast in 13 hours
- Pantanal Train between Campo Grande and Corumba covers 420 km
- Sao Luiz in the northeast to Carajas, 892 km between the coast and the interior



**Day 1** On arrival in Curitiba, transfer to your hotel for two nights. Afternoon tour of the city with open spaces and modern architecture and including the botanic gardens, museum of Niemeyer and the Opera de Arame. (B)

**Day 2** Full day tour by train to the Serra Verde, Mountain Range of Paraná in the luxury Litorina train to the coastal towns of Morretes and Antonina. On arrival in Morretes we have a tour of the city and the narrow streets of Antonina, with its rich cultural and religious traditions. Scenic return to Curitiba by coach. (B,L)

**Day 3** Guided transport to the city of Blumenau, founded in 1850 by German settlers and surrounded by hills and forests. We visit the city with its typical German architecture and traditional preserved. In the afternoon continue to Florianopolis and overnight. (B)

**Day 4** Short tour of Florianopolis centre and transfer to the airport. (B)

Please enquire to stay on to unwind for a few days on one of the beautiful beaches in and around Florianopolis such as Ponta dos Ganchos Resort below.

**web** [veloso.com/trains](http://veloso.com/trains)

## Wonders of the South & Luxury Serra Verde Train

3 night itinerary:

Curitiba - 2 nights

Florianópolis - 1 night



Street cafes in Blumenau

### PRICES FROM DOUBLE ROOM - ALL YEAR

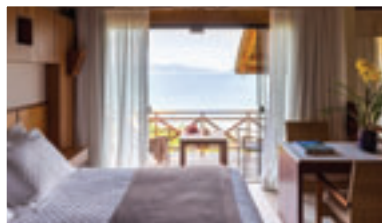
TRAINS OF BRAZIL	£1365
MAGNIFICENT WATERFALLS	
Belmond das Cataratas	£1455
Bourbon	£801
San Martin	£749
FLORIANOPOLIS	4 days • 3 nights
Ponta dos Ganchos Resort	£1078

Prices are per person in a Standard room for Double occupancy including accommodation, breakfast, tax, and transfers to/from airport. \*Prices for Triple room, Single Room, Christmas, Carnival, New Year, Easter and child fares available on request.

## FLORIANOPOLIS **web** [veloso.com/floripa](http://veloso.com/floripa)

### Ponta dos Ganchos Resort *Deluxe*

One of The Leading Hotels of the World, this exclusive resort is located one hour's drive from Florianópolis, on a small promontory covered by Atlantic Rainforest. It is cosy in the Winter with fireplaces and wonderful in the Summer with it's small secluded beach and three small islands that form a natural pool, ideal for swimming. The hotel offers the personalised warmth of a private house with the sophisticated decor and facilities of a luxury resort. The 25 secluded bungalows, built in wood and stone, have both air conditioning and heating, plus a fireplace, with a king size bed and a veranda facing the sea, some with private plunge pools. There is a Spa and a covered, heated swimming pool, games room, cinema, tennis court and helipad. The hotel also has two bars and an excellent beachfront restaurant and grill, serving delicious fresh seafood dishes, and exclusive private dining on the island. Activities include walking the forest trails, sea kayaking, sailing and excursions on the hotel's schooner.







# THE PANTANAL BIRDWATCHING SANCTUARY

web [veloso.com/pantanal](http://veloso.com/pantanal)

The seasonal floodplain of the Pantanal is a paradise for birdwatchers and nature lovers. Each year the landscape of lowland savannah and dense forest is transformed as the water level rises to create vast areas of shallow lagoon where fauna congregates. These open expanses offer fantastic opportunities to watch magnificent array of wildlife that includes caiman, capybara, giant anteaters, macaws, toucans, ibis and storks. The lodges below provide transport, accommodation and excursion guides.



Cormorants on a Pantanal lagoon



Tuiuiu

Aerial view of the Pantanal surrounding Rio Mutum lodge

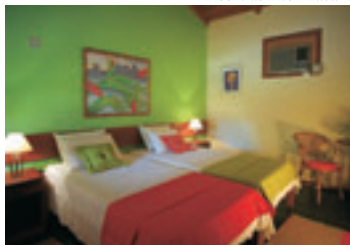
## Rio Mutum

Situated in the northern region of the Pantanal, Pousada Rio Mutum is an ideal area to see tuiuiu (a type of stork), ibis, cormorant and various birds of prey, as well as caiman, tapir, monkey, deer and capybara - or perhaps the more elusive jaguar, giant anteater and otter.

The pousada has 16 air conditioned rooms with private facilities, including full board with an excellent choice of regional dishes and daily guided excursions. (B,L,D)

There is a swimming pool and a full programme of daily excursions accompanied by an English-speaking naturalist guide to observe the Pantanal's prolific birdlife, animals and vegetation.

Room at Rio Mutum





# THE NATURAL WORLD

Brazil's Natural World focuses on wildlife and the environment, contrasting the prolific birdlife of the Pantanal wetlands, the exuberant vegetation of the Amazon rainforest and the vestiges of the Atlantic coastal forest. In the modern, cosmopolitan cities of Rio de Janeiro and Salvador, colonial and African heritage come together to create the country's unique identity.

**Day 1** Morning departure on a flight to Rio de Janeiro, arriving in the evening. Transfer to your hotel for 3 nights and brief guided introductory orientation walk of the area surrounding the hotel. (B)

**Day 2** Full day tour of Rio including the statue of Christ the Redeemer high on Corcovado mountain, the Imperial Palace, the Cathedral and the bustling old colonial centre. (B,L)

**Day 3** Full day tour to the Botanical Gardens and the Atlantic coastal forest at Tijuca, with a cable car trip up Sugar Loaf to see the sunset over the city. (B,L)

**Days 4-6** Fly to Cuiaba in the Pantanal staying at Rio Mutum Lodge for 3 nights. Enjoy the pool in the midday heat and daily guided excursions for birdwatching and explore the rich ecosystem created by seasonal flooding (B,L,D)

**Days 7-10** Return to the airport and fly to Manaus for 1 night by the Amazon. Morning tour to explore the city, the Opera House, the waterfront and the market. Journey along small rivers to Turtle Lodge, remote in the rainforest (see page 62). Daily guided excursions include forest walks under the dense canopy, a visit to a local family and excursions by canoe through the maze of islands and waterways. (B,L,D)

**Day 11** Return to Manaus for a flight on to Salvador da Bahia, then transfer to a hotel in the colourful colonial district of Pelourinho, now a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site. The unique fusion of Portuguese and African influences is visible at every turn. (B)

**Days 12-14** Morning tour of Salvador then transfer to Praia do Forte on the coast whose empty beaches are lined with

coconut groves. The nearby fishing village has shops, a turtle conservation project, old castle and Nature Reserve. Stay for three nights (Page 53), Pousada in the Village (B) (Tourist) or Tivoli Ecoresort (B,D) (First)

**Day 15** Transfer to the airport and overnight flight home, arriving Day 16.

## INDIVIDUAL PRICE GUIDELINE FROM:

	Tourist	First
2 Sharing		
Low Season	£3921	£4769
High Season	£4088	£4898

Low (01 Jan - 30 June, 17 Aug - 16 Dec)

High (01 July - 16 Aug, 17 Dec - 30 Dec)

Departures every day throughout the year

Prices per person including flights from London and UK Regional Airports, accommodation, meals as shown, transfers, transport and guided daily excursions as described on the itinerary. Prices not valid for Christmas, New Year, Easter, Carnival. Upgrade to Premium £588 and Business £1475.

**Tailor-made service:** We can prepare a personalised itinerary to fulfil your individual requirements.

## The Caiman Tour

### 14 night itinerary:

Rio de Janeiro - 3 nights • Pantanal - 3 nights

Manaus - 1 night • Amazon - 3 nights

Salvador - 1 night • Praia do Forte - 3 nights

**web** [veloso.com/caiman](http://veloso.com/caiman)



Hyacinth Macaw in the Pantanal, Days 4-6

## Caiman Lodge

The Fazenda Caiman Lodge is a 50,000 hectare cattle and ecological preservation estate, 4 hours drive from Campo Grande in the Southern Pantanal. You can view caimand, capivaras and a wide variety of birds. Many times the highlight is to track Jaguars with a high probability of viewing these magnificent and elusive felines. There is a pool to enjoy and swim during the warm mid-day period between the early in the morning and late afternoon excursions. The rooms are comfortable with character decoration in tune with the Pantanal region, private facilities and a veranda with a hammock. There is also a sitting room with large windows onto the surrounding countryside and a dining room. All meals and excursions are included. The Caiman Lodge is modelled on African safari lodges, with open vehicles for the excursions and excellent guides to show you the local eco-system.

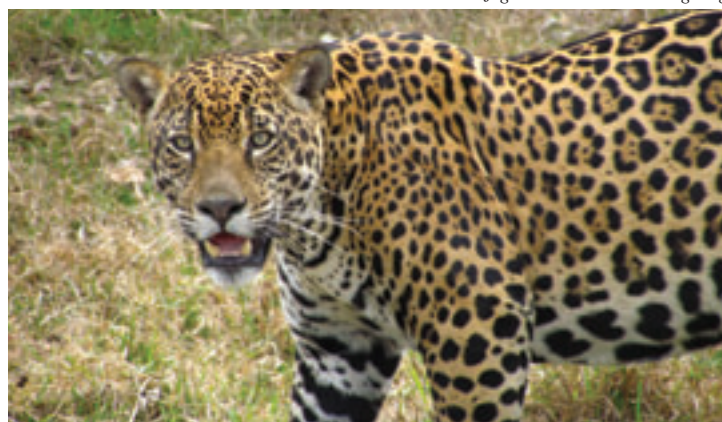
## Baia Grande

The Fazenda Baía Grande is a cattle and ecological tourism estate, owned and managed by a family that has lived in the Pantanal for 150 years, always linked to the land, the preservation of the environment and the local culture. The lodge is small, for a maximum of 15 guests and has a cosy and genuinely friendly atmosphere. Each room has a bathroom with a shower, hot water, air conditioning, and all the windows are protected with mosquito nets to ensure you have a comfortable sleep. All meals are included catering to all tastes including vegetarians. The main activities included are bird watching, horse riding, wildlife observation, nighttime caiman spotting, piranha fishing and hiking. After the excursions you can rest in a hammock or enjoy the swimming pool. This is a lodge to enjoy the nature, read a good book and to rest. (B,L,D)



Capivaras at Fazenda Baia Grande

### Elusive Jaguar Conservation and Sightings







*Juma Lodge with cabins on the forest's edge, on stilts and overlooking the river*

## Amazon Lodge

The journey to and from the lodge is a fascinating view of the Amazon, gradually getting away from people into a remote region of pristine rainforest, three hours south of Manaus. You take a boat across the mighty Amazon river, seeing the well defined line of the famous "meeting of the waters". Continue by road to a small tributary river to board a motorised canoe to the lodge. The Amazon Eco-Lodge is a comfortable lodge built from wood and local materials, in a star shape and floating on the calm waters. It has a central unit with an open lounge and dining room on the first floor, and 16 bedrooms, all with private facilities. Guided excursions by boat and on foot to trek in the forest, visit a local homesteads and spotting wildlife.



*Juma Lodge bungalows dotted in the rainforest*

## RAINFOREST EXPEDITION



*Star shape, floating Amazon Lodge*



*Water all around*



*Pristine rainforest all around*



*Simple rooms with private facilities at the lodge*

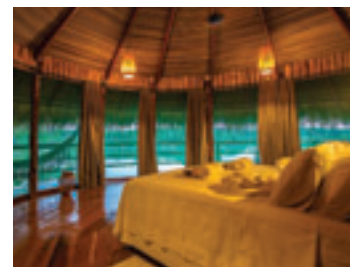
# AMAZON LODGES

web [veloso.com/amazonbrazil](http://veloso.com/amazonbrazil)

Venture deep into pristine rainforest on Lake Juma. The journey is a sightseeing tour in itself: first you cross the wide Amazon by launch, passing the Meeting of the Waters where the silt-laden Rio Solimoes meets the dark, clear waters of the Rio Negro to form the Amazon. Then, after a short trip by road, you board a motorised canoe for the trip along the Rio Araca, getting ever further away from civilisation, to reach a secluded area where the seasonal rise and fall of the waters creates narrow, twisting creeks and a maze of small islands covered in virgin rainforest.

## Juma Lodge

Located far from Manaus, on a riverbank and in an area of pristine, virgin rainforest. The lodge is a complex of cabins spaced out within the forest and connected by a network of walkways. All built in wood and thatch, the secluded rooms have private facilities and a small balcony overlooking the forest and the water. Includes daily guided excursions in the rainforest, local families and caiman spotting at night.



*Room with a view*

PRICES FROM	3 nights	4 nights
AMAZON		
Juma Lodge	£788	£979
Amazon Lodge	£483	£573
Turtle Lodge	£416	£550

*Prices per person including transfers to/from Manaus and daily excursions with specialist English-speaking guide, full board, accommodation with private facilities. Drinks are extra.*

## Turtle Lodge

Located three hours from Manaus, on the shore of a small river and sufficiently far to be in an area of pristine, virgin rainforest. The lodge, built in local wooden style with thatched roofs, consists of one main building with sitting room and a dining area on the first floor with open sides for a panoramic view of the forest and river. There are five bungalows with two rooms each, all with private facilities, netting and a veranda overlooking the river. Includes daily guided excursions in the rainforest, local families and caiman spotting at night.



*Juma Lodge*

**Day 1** Depart from Manaus for the three to four hour transfer by land and motorised canoe to a remote **Amazon lodge**, set in a maze of creeks and islands in the vast rainforest. Relax in peace and tranquility that is broken only by the sounds of wildlife hidden in the dense forest surrounding the lodge and perhaps take a paddling canoe on the river. Dinner and overnight. (L,D)

**Days 2-5** Experience the forest at close quarters with a skilled guide and support staff who organise all transport, camp with mosquito nets and all meals. We set out by canoe to a rustic base shelter in the **Amazon rainforest** where we sleep in hammocks covered by mosquito nets. In this stress-free environment there are no timetables and the outside world fades into insignificance. From this base we take several walks in the gloom of the

forest under the **dense canopy**, where trees fight for survival and a glimpse of sunlight, and the main danger is getting lost. We learn about all aspects of the rich ecosystem, and the symbiosis of its flora and fauna. Visit a **local family** to see their daily activities, and learn how they live by cultivating bananas, manioc and tropical fruits. At high water level we **paddle canoes** through flooded forest creeks, weaving between the tree trunks. (B,L,D)

**Days 5-6** Return to the lodge for a night before heading back to Manaus. (B)

PRICES FROM	6 days • 5 nights
RAINFOREST EXPEDITION	£780

*Prices per person including transfers to/from Manaus, all transport, daily excursions with English-speaking guide, full board, accommodation at the Amazon Lodge and sleeping in a hammock.*





*In the time when the big trees were kings*



## Amazon Ecopark Lodge

This comfortable lodge is located in a preserved area of forest only 30 minutes by boat from Manaus. It thus provides an ideal introduction to the Amazon, while ensuring that most creature comforts are still on hand. However its proximity to the city means that the rainforest is disturbed by human activity and the glow of city lights in the background is always visible.

There is a panoramic open-air restaurant, built in local style from local materials, where you can enjoy delicious regional cuisine as well as

international dishes; there is also a bar and a sitting area. Accommodation consists of 20 spacious bungalows each with three comfortable rooms - all with private facilities (hot water shower), screened windows, air conditioning and fan. As well as taking excursions into the rainforest, you can enjoy swimming and sunbathing at the private river beach. There is also a natural freshwater pool, several kilometres of hiking trails, many orchids, a bird sanctuary, a monkey reserve on an island, and the nearby Tortoise Lake.



*Aerial view of the Ecopark Lodge*



*Room at Amazon Ecopark Lodge*



*Surrounded by pristine rainforest*



*Built with local materials*



### PRICES FROM 3 nights 4 nights

AMAZON		
Amazon Ecopark	£512	£628

Prices per person including shared transfers to/from Manaus, accommodation in a standard room, full board (all meals, drinks are extra), all transport and daily excursions with English-speaking guide. \*Prices for Triple room, Single Room, Christmas, Carnival, New Year, Easter and child fares available on request.

## M/Y Tucano

5 days • 4 nights or 7 days • 6 nights



This river trip explores some of the least touched rainforest in the Amazon region, entering a seldom visited area to seek out the wildlife that few visitors ever see.

Built in the style of a nineteenth century riverboat, the M/Y Tucano is an expedition boat which has nine air conditioned outside cabins spread over three decks with a mixture of lower and upper berths; all cabins have private facilities with hot water showers, wooden panelling and large windows. The top

deck is partly open, with a shaded area at the stern, while the middle deck has a spacious forward-facing saloon with a wide balcony. The Tucano accommodates 18 passengers plus a crew of seven that includes a naturalist guide to accompany all excursions in electric powered canoes.

### *Voyage to the Heart of the Amazon*

**Day 1** Morning departure from Manaus up the Rio Negro river to explore the world's largest river island system, the Anavilhanas Archipelago, a myriad of islands and channels covered in forest, with some isolated settlers and home to pink river dolphin and exotic birds. (L,D)

**Day 2** Early morning trip to seek howler monkeys and toucans, followed by a forest walk. Cruise on with time for an afternoon swim. (B,L,D)

**Day 3** Travel during the day with stops for excursions ashore. (B,L,D)

**Day 4** Sail along the heavily forested riverbank, scouting for wildlife. Visit a settler's home and continue to the pristine river, Rio Jauaperi, an area of virgin rainforest known locally as varzea. Night excursion to see wildlife. (B,L,D)

**Day 5** Rejoin the Rio Negro, sailing downstream, with excursions on foot and by boat, plus another night excursion to seek out nocturnal wildlife. We travel through the night to the confluence of the Rio Negro with the Solimoes. (B,L,D)

**Day 6** Explore Lago Janauari Ecological Park, a good area to observe wildlife. Travel to the Meeting of the Waters where the silt-laden waters of the Solimoes run alongside the clear, dark waters of the Rio Negro for several kilometres due to their different densities. In the evening return to Manaus and overnight onboard. (B,L,D)

**Day 7** Morning disembarkation and departure. (B)

web [veloso.com/tucano](http://veloso.com/tucano)



*M/Y Tucano  
Yellow cabins have two lower berths.  
Green cabins have upper and lower berths.*

### PRICES FROM 4 nights 6 nights

AMAZON CRUISE		
M/Y Tucano	£1580	£2533

Prices per person including private transfers to/from Manaus airport or hotel, accommodation in a Green Cabin for Double occupancy, full board (drinks are extra), all transport and daily excursions ashore with English-speaking guide.





# BRAZIL IN-DEPTH

Fascinating destinations seldom visited, enable you to explore and discover a unique natural beauty appealing to a variety of interests. Please refer to on our website page addresses shown below or contact us.

## Trancoso

[veloso.com/trancoso](http://veloso.com/trancoso)

- Character Decoration Bahia Style
- Colonial Heritage
- Brazilian lifestyle
- Original shops and art galleries
- Trendy bars and restaurants
- Beaches along the whole coastline
- Lively discerning nightlife
- Party time at Carnival, New Year
- Character hotels

Houses to rent located by the beach and, mostly, set within a coconut grove and tropical gardens. Staff will clean and cook so you concentrate on enjoying holiday. Choose larger or smaller houses with swimming pool, bedrooms with ensuite facilities and living rooms with TV, internet, music. Ideal for families, groups of friends and celebrations, seeking privacy.



## Maranhão

[veloso.com/maranhao](http://veloso.com/maranhao)

- Sand dunes and freshwater lakes
- Historic state capital, São Luis
- Mangroves
- Birdwatching
- Beach and swimming
- Walking and trekking
- Local cuisine, people and culture
- Impressive landscape

The remote Lençóis do Maranhão is a unique 80 by 20 kilometre expanse of sand dunes, freshwater lagoons, rivers, mangroves and isolated communities. The painstakingly restored architecture of state capital of São Luis, a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site, reflects the influence of both the French and the Portuguese during its long history.



## Chapada dos Veadeiros

[veloso.com/veadeiros](http://veloso.com/veadeiros)

- Flat-topped mountains
- Close to nature, rich vegetation
- Waterfalls and swimming
- Sparsely populated landscape
- Rolling hills and vast skies
- UNESCO World Heritage site
- National Park
- Canyons and deep gorges
- Walking and trekking

The *cerrado* is the name given to the unique tropical savannah that covers the elevated central plains of Brazil. This sublime landscape under vast, open skies is an extraordinary mosaic of different types of vegetation: majestic grassland dotted with trees, dense low-growing brush and thick evergreen forest.



## Jericoacoara

[veloso.com/jeri](http://veloso.com/jeri)

- Sand dunes and coconut palms
- Remote fishing village
- Modern hotel facilities
- Contrasts and contradictions
- Unhurried lifestyle
- Unpaved streets
- Sun, sea and beach
- Traditional music and dance
- Fishing boats

In Jericoacoara village on the remote Northeast coast, five hours from Fortaleza, modern and traditional lifestyles clash to the ever-present, insistent beat of Forró dance music. A national park preserves the unique habitat of towering, windswept sand dunes, groves of waving coconut palms and traditional fishing boats.



## Historic Cities of Minas Gerais

[veloso.com/minas](http://veloso.com/minas)

- Aleijadinho's sculptures
- Portuguese colonial architecture
- Sumptuous Baroque churches
- The historic Gold Route
- Museums and handicrafts
- Cobble streets
- Characterful hotels and pousadas
- Walking and horse riding
- Excellent cuisine

Explore the picturesque colonial cities in the hills of the inland state of Minas Gerais, where gold mining in financed sumptuous baroque churches and mansions decorated with exquisite sculpture. Stay in charming pousadas and explore by car, on foot, or even on horseback, and learn about the rich history of this fascinating region.





# CROSS CONTINENT AND

## *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](http://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)

**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 perspective 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 worship". 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 **Chincho** and **Pisac** markets, where local people buy and sell their wares,

*The Iguassu waterfalls, Days 4-5*





# BOLIVIAN HEARTLAND



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



Street Life outside Cusco, Peru, Day 17

## Suggested Extensions : Galapagos Islands and The Inca Trail

**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)

**The Viracocha Tour** departs Friday, returns Saturday, INCLUDING: 23 days, 21 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.



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

## PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL TOUR GUIDELINE PRICES FROM

	Tourist			First		
	1 Single Traveller	Double	Own Room	1 Single Traveller	Double	Own Room
<b>VIRACocha Tour</b>						
Rest of the year	£7852	£5369	£6298	£9965	£6514	£7984
1 July - 12 Aug, 9 Dec - 31 Dec	£8140	£5657	£6596	£10253	£6796	£8272
<b>VIRACocha Tour with Inca Trail</b>	+£1635	+£694	+£725	+£626	+£435	+£334
<b>VIRACocha Tour with Amazon</b>	+£841	+£675	+£790	+£514	+£418	+£615

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UPGRADE to Business Cabin seat add: £1984 in High Season / £2152 in Low Season; Premium Economy add : £568

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# COLONIAL HERITAGE, AMAZ

## *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 rhythms 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.

*Cosmopolitan Buenos Aires, Days 2-4*



**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 Bahia (Page 52), a city of superb colonial architecture, where Catholicism, Orixá 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 Palácio 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



*Machu Picchu, Days 29-30*



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 snow-capped 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 **Chincho**, **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** train 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*



**The Shaman Tour** departs **Sundays, Tuesdays, Thursdays** throughout the year, **INCLUDING: 34 days, 31 nights' accommodation with breakfast (B) and the meals (L,D) listed on the itinerary, all flights (2 overnight), all transfers to/from the airports, railway stations, piers and the excursions described on the itinerary with our English-speaking guides, all transport and our service throughout, as per the itinerary shown. Please see pages 190 - 193 for further details of what is included.**

*Rio de Janeiro, Days 7-10*



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SHAMAN Tour	Deluxe, First & Tourist Cruise Charter (Mixed)	
	Travelling Together	
	1 Single Traveller	Sharing Double Room
	£32548	£17442
		Own Room/Cabin £22696

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# LAKES, ANDEAN PEAKS AND

## *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

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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.



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



*Lake District, Days 8-10*

**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

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)

**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 1-3

**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 Titicaca 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 cloud-covered 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 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)



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 one night. Once at the ruins, we have a guided tour 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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Work on Lake Titicaca, Day 16



**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)

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	Tourist			First		
	1 Single Traveller	Travelling Together Double	Own Room	1 Single Traveller	Travelling Together Double	Own Room
<b>OSORNO Tour</b>						
Rest of the year	£7690	£5286	£6251	£10274	£6662	£8357
1 July - 12 Aug, 9 Dec - 31 Dec	£7977	£5573	£6538	£10561	£6949	£8644

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# COSMOPOLITAN CITIES, ANDEAN LAKES & WATERFALLS

## *The 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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*Foz do Iguassu Waterfalls, Days 11-13*

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

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)

**Cataratas Tour 'Essentials' - 8 nights**  
**Buenos Aires, Iguazu, Rio de Janeiro**  
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 of the city, the old quarter of Santa Teresa with

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)

**The Cataratas Tour**  
**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*





# 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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*Getting to know the Galapagos wildlife, Days 4-10*

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*



**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 snow-capped 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



The reed islands, Puno. Lake Titicaca, Day 20

**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.

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## 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)

**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 fresh air. 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 & 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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	1 Single Traveller	Travelling Together Double Occupancy	Travelling Together Own Room & Cabin	1 Single Traveller	Travelling Together Double Occupancy	Travelling Together Own Room & Cabin
<b>ENCANTADA Tour</b>	£9351	£6998	£8782	£11536	£8098	£10931
<b>Add LAKE TITICACA &amp; BOLIVIA</b>	£10996	£7998	£9335	£13532	£9305	£11852
<b>Add LAKE, BOLIVIA &amp; BRAZIL</b>	£11794	£8568	£10368	£14420	£9980	£12466

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# 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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*Life in a remote village in the mountains, Day 13*



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

**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 snow-covered 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.

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)

**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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<b>MONTECRISTI Tour</b>						
Rest of the year	£5723	£4217	£4928	£7823	£5348	£6773
1 July - 12 Aug, - 9 Dec - 31 Dec	£5998	£4496	£5216	£8111	£5636	£7061
<b>PACAL Tour</b>						
Rest of the year	£6495	£4488	£5134	£7668	£5540	£6833
1 July - 5 Sept, 16 Dec - 31 Dec	£6607	£4641	£5386	£7780	£5712	£7095

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