

# SIZZLING SOUTH AMERICA

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## Day 1 Sydney – Santiago

Lan Chile	Flight #	Departing	Sydney	10:40 AM	Economy Class
	LA800	Arriving	Santiago de Chile	12:45 PM	

Chile's capital, Santiago, is located in the central valley, approximately 1800 feet above sea level, framed by the majestic Andean mountain range and only 120 kms from the Pacific Ocean.

First settled in 1541 at the foot of the Santa Lucia hill, it is now the fifth largest city in South America and is set in one of the most beautiful locations. Although essentially a modern capital, it still has some beautiful historic colonial buildings dating from the 16th century. You should ask the hotel for a map of the city and visit the colonial sector or maybe visit the PreColumbian Art Museum, a museum that has a representative exhibition of objects from the precolumbian cultures of Central America and the Andean region.

\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE\*\*\*A "reciprocity visa fee" for Australian citizen applies. Please remember that this amount must be paid just by certain citizenships and is as follows: Australian citizens US\$61 - Canadian citizens US\$132 - Mexican citizens US\$15 - US citizens US\$131

This amount must be paid at the International Airport IN CASH or CREDIT CARD (traveller's cheques are not accepted).

### • Arrival Transfer

On arrival in Santiago de Chile, you will be met by your driver and transferred to your hotel. (Private service, English speaking driver only)

Accommodation: Eurotel El Bosque.

## Day 2 Santiago de Chile (B)

### • Half Day Panoramic City Tour of Santiago (Seat in coach service)

This morning you will be picked up from your hotel for a sightseeing tour of the city of Santiago and see the Civic Centre, La Moneda Presidential Palace, the house of government that was originally built to coin money. In 1846 and until 1958, President Manuel Bulnes had La Moneda fitted out as the private residence of Chile's presidents. Now the building has been renovated as government palace, seat of the Presidency of the Republic. The Plaza de Armas, originally --and following Spanish customs-- is an open space where open air markets could be held and it wasn't until 1860 that the first flower gardens were planted together with trees that are still there to this day. The Cathedral has three previous versions erected on the same site that have all fallen prey to fires or earthquakes. The fourth and present building was completed in 1775. You will pass the main post office, erected in 1882 using some of the walls from the former Governor's Palace in colonial times, the pedestrian streets of Huerfanos and Ahumada, indisputably the social, commercial and functional axis of Santiago, the prestigious social Union Club, the National Library, Santa Lucia hill, the site of the foundation of Santiago on February 12, 1541 before heading towards the Bellavista district. This area is the home of much of Santiago's artisans, and is lined with galleries, as well open-air cafes and restaurants, and nightlife. You will go to a lookout on San Cristobal hill, its tallest peaks rising 880 m above sea level for a panoramic view of the city. Continue towards the residential districts of Vitacura, Las Condes and Providencia, boasting modern high-rise buildings and exclusive shopping malls. On completion of the tour, you will have the choice of staying at exclusive Parque Arauco shopping centre.

• Tour includes: Return transfers, bilingual guide & entrance fees. (Tour duration: 3.5 hours)

Accommodation: Eurotel El Bosque.

## Day 3 Santiago de Chile - Rio de Janeiro (B)

### • Departure transfer

Your driver will meet you at your hotel foyer and transfer you to Santiago airport. (Private English speaking driver only)

Lan Chile	Flight #	Departing	Santiago de Chile	7:10 AM	Economy Class
	LA750	Arriving	Rio de Janeiro	1:45 PM	

In the early 16th century, the Portuguese first arrived at the site where Rio de Janeiro now stands. What they found was a still-watered bay surrounded by a plentiful and lovely landscape. It was love at first sight. The Portuguese promptly built a fortress at the entrance of the bay to ward off those attracted to their tropical paradise, which they called Sao Sebastiao do Rio de Janeiro. By 1768 Rio had developed and grown to such an extent that the government

was transferred from the previous capital, Salvador, Bahia. Rio was then, as now, a city of intensive trading activities. Its primary asset, Guanabara Bay was not just a beautiful landmark, but also a natural port through which the gold and diamonds, mined in the neighbouring Minas Gerais Mountains, flowed. The gems, used to adorn the ladies of the Portuguese Court, and the as yet rare sugar cane were important commodities in the European markets of this time. When King Joao VI of Portugal landed in Rio in 1808 along with his court and entire entourage, he fell in love with what he saw and experienced, and subsequently helped Rio to become one of the most important political centres in Brazilian history.

Brazil achieved independence from Portugal in 1822 and became an empire. Some years later in 1889, the city of Rio enthusiastically witnessed the Proclamation of the Republic of Brazil. Rio de Janeiro has evolved continuously since, remaining a centre for business and the arts while becoming one of the world's most dynamic cities.

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•Arrival transfer

On arrival at Rio de Janeiro, our guide will meet you and transfer you to your hotel. (Private service)

\*\*\*\* PLEASE NOTE \*\*\*\*

Please note that there is a Government tax for accommodation in Brazil that must be paid locally and varies between USD \$1.00-\$3.00 per room/per night (Tax varies between hotels).

Accommodation: Astoria Copacabana Hotel.

**Day 4 Rio de Janeiro (B)**

- Half Day Sugarloaf Mountain Tour

This tour begins through downtown Rio, passing by the Sambodrome, the Metropolitan Cathedral, in pyramid form, with internal diameter of 96 meters and height of 80 meters. Get to know the traditional Cinelândia Square with the historical buildings, the Municipal Theatre, the National Library and the National Museum of Fine Arts. By taking the Aterro do Flamengo, you will be taken to the neighbourhoods of Urca where it is located one of the largest symbols of the city: the Sugar Loaf. This visit is made in two steps by cable car.

The first cable car takes passengers to Urca Hill, which is 215 meters high and from where one can have a beautiful view to the Guanabara Bay and its islands, the Rio-Niterói Bridge and Corcovado hill. From this stage, a second cable car will be taken up to the top with 395 meters to find a splendid view from Copacabana beach, the Santa Cruz fortress and some beaches of Niterói. (Seat in coach service)

- Tour includes: Land transfers, bilingual guide & entrance fees (Tour duration: 4 Hours)

\*Tour requires a minimum of 2 passengers to operate. If there is no one else confirmed for a specific date, a single supplement may apply.

Accommodation: Astoria Copacabana Hotel.

**Day 5 Rio de Janeiro (B)**

- Half Day Tour visiting Corcovado Mountain and Christ the Redeemer

From any place of the city, visitors can see the most beautiful postcard of Rio de Janeiro: Christ the Redeemer statue on the mountain of Corcovado, located 710 meters above the sea level and inaugurated in 1931.

This tour begins in Cosme Velho's neighborhood from where the cog train starts a trip through the Tijuca Forest, the largest urban forest in the world, up to the statue. Once there, a breathtaking panoramic view of Rio will be seen. Sights include the Sugar Loaf, Guanabara Bay, the beaches of Southern Zone and the Rodrigo de Freitas Lagoon. After the visit of the Corcovado, the tour will continue to São Conrado area with a brief stop at the Pepino beach from where you can appreciate the flight of the hang gliding. (Seat in coach service)

- Tour includes: Land transfers, bilingual guide & entrance fees. (Tour duration: 4 hours)

\*Tour requires a minimum of 2 passengers to operate. If there is no one else confirmed for a specific date, a single supplement may apply.

Accommodation: Astoria Copacabana Hotel.

**Day 6 Rio de Janeiro - Iguazu Falls (B)**

Departure transfer

Our driver will collect you from the hotel foyer and transfer you to the airport in Rio de Janeiro. (Private service)

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Arriving

Iguazu Falls

12:35 PM

The Iguazu Falls. This is the region of great rivers, humid tropics, red earth and magnificent jungle. Just 18kms from Puerto Iguazu you enter the National Park of the same name where the famous falls sit. The deep flowing waters of the river fall from heights of 70 metres through 275 falls spread over 2.7 kms. The frontier with Brazil goes through the Garganta del Diablo ( Devil's Throat) where the falling water gives the illusion of magic rainbows.

The national park is full of exotic subtropical vegetation which surrounds the falls and has 2000 plant species - gigantic trees, ferns, lianas, orchids - 400 birds species - parrots, colibris, toucans - jaguars and yacares (caimans). A visit to these falls is a truly unforgettable experience.

- Arrival transfer

On arrival at Foz do Iguassu airport (Brazil), you will be met by our guide and transferred to your hotel. (Private service)

- Half Day Tour: Brazilian side of Iguazu Falls (Private service)

Today you will have a private tour visiting the Brazilian side of the falls. Visiting the falls from the Brazilian side, will give you a completely different perspective of the side of this amazing falls, as you will have the panoramic view of the entire falls.

Also from the Brazilian side of the falls you will be able to take an \*OPTIONAL\* helicopter flight over the falls (approx. USD 100.00 per person. Please note that this cannot be pre-booked). This flight takes around 7 minutes but it's worth every cent you paid for.

\* For the adventurous, you can take an optional trip on the Macuco Safari boat, going upstream on the river, taking you extremely close to the falls. However, in order to combine the two tours, you must book a private tour to the Brazilian side of Falls.

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- Tour includes: Return transfers, bilingual guide & National Park entrance fees. (Tour duration: 3 hours)

Accommodation: Esturion Hotel.

### Day 7 Iguazu Falls (B)

- Day Tour: Argentine side of Iguazu Falls with Devil's Throat (Seat in coach service)

Today you will embark on a full-day guided tour walking along the many tracks on the side of the river and viewing the falls from platforms that bring you extremely close to the water. In the Indian Tupi Guarani language, Iguasu means large waters. Appropriately, the Iguasu River flows east west for 808 miles and then drops suddenly and violently into a 262-foot abyss at the falls. Set amidst jungle, a visit to these falls will be an unforgettable experience.

From your hotel we will provide you transfer to the visitor's centre inside the Iguazu National Park. You will board a small train to reach the beginning of the upper path, lower path and Devil's Throat. The upper walk is about 500 mts and lasts about 45 minutes visiting the two sisters, Bosseti, Adam and Eve, Bernabe Mendez, Mbiguá and San Martín falls. Lower path: Be guided along the 1.3kms of footpaths for a different view, basically from the middle of them but be warned, you may get wet!

Devil's Throat: After driving 4 km onboard a small train, you will reach Devil's Throat Station surrounding the upper part of the Iguazu River. From here you will walk along a bridge (walkway) that leads to the balcony of Devil's Throat for the most spectacular view.

- Tour includes: Return transfers, bilingual guide & National Park entrance fees. (Tour duration: 6 hours)

Accommodation: Esturion Hotel

### Day 8 Iguazu Falls - Buenos Aires (B)

- Departure transfer

Our shuttle service company will collect you from the hotel foyer and transfer you to the Iguazu airport on the Argentinean side. (Seat in coach service)

Lan Chile	Flight #	Departing	Iguazu Falls	4:40 PM	Economy Class
	LA4031	Arriving	Buenos Aires	6:35 PM	

Buenos Aires is the Argentine Republic's capital city. Located on the southern bank of the River Plate, the population of greater Buenos Aires is around 13 million people. Buenos Aires has been virtually rebuilt since the beginning of this century and very few of the old buildings remain. The centre of Buenos Aires has maintained the original layout since foundation and the Plaza de Mayo is its heart. Buenos Aires is a city where the traveller yields to the charm of the

tango, the atmosphere of its neighbourhoods and the activities of its business centre. And just one hour from the city by bus is La Pampa with its beautiful landscape, its gauchos and its comfortable ranches.

•Arrival transfer

On arrival at Buenos Aires's domestic airport, you will be met by our guide and transferred to your hotel. (Seat in coach service)

Accommodation: Regis Orho Hotel.

**Day 9 Buenos Aires (B)**

•Half Day City Tour of Buenos Aires (Seat in coach service)

Departing from the Hotel to get to 9 de Julio Ave. the widest in the world, past the famous Colon Opera house, the Obelisk commemorating the first founding of the city in 1536 to get to Plaza de Mayo (May Square), and the buildings surrounding it: Government House, Metropolitan Cathedral with the Mausoleum of General San Martin, Argentina's greatest national hero and the Cabildo, the colonial town hall built in 1751. Then on to La Boca, typically Italian district, where first Italian immigrants settled and 'Caminito' street. The tour continues to Buenos Aires port area, past San Martin Square towards Palermo Chico residential district and Palermo Park with its tree lined Jacaranda and Palo Borracho trees, which flower in the spring and summer. The ride continues to the elegant Recoleta district to visit the Cemetery where the famous are laid to rest (including Eva Peron). Return to the hotel along the stylish Alvear Ave. (You could ask your guide to finish the tour in Recoleta and enjoy some shopping in this elegant part of Buenos Aires).  
Tour duration: 4 Hours. (Seat in coach service)

Accommodation: Regis Orho Hotel.

**Day 10 Buenos Aires (B D)**

Day at leisure.

•DINNER & TANGO SHOW: "Café Los Angelitos"

Wine and Dine at a unique venue complex offering a floor show sketching the history of popular Argentinean music. Enjoy a musical show where the main protagonist is the Tango, where the roots of the culture are strengthened, enhanced by the elaborate decoration and local flavour of the atmosphere.

Experience one of the world's most sensual and elegant dances in a unique setting. (Seat in coach service)

• Tour includes: Return transfers, bilingual guide, dinner & Tango show. (Dinner & Show duration: 3 Hours)

Accommodation: Regis Orho Hotel.

**Day 11 Buenos Aires - Sydney (B)**

Departure transfer

You will be collected from your hotel by our guide and transferred to Ezeiza International airport. (Private service)

Lan Chile	Flight #	Departing	Buenos Aires	2:05 PM	Economy Class
	LA4518	Arriving	Sydney	5:50 PM	

**Day 12 Arrive in Sydney**

**END OF SERVICES**

**PACKAGE (Land and Air): AUD \$3,894.00 p/ person, based on Double room.**

**Land Package Includes:**

- Accommodation as per detailed itinerary above with private facilities and government taxes (GST).
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner)
- Meeting and transfers with English speaking guides as per written itinerary.
- Comprehensive sightseeing and excursions with bilingual guide as per written itinerary.

**Not Included:**

- \*\*\*\*Fuel surcharges and airport government taxes. (This is paid once the tickets are issued.)\*\*\*
- Visas
- Any tour or suggestion that are clearly an optional suggestion of what you can do during your trip.
- Personal spending including, drinks, telephone calls, tips, laundry and additional meals.

**Please note that this is only a quote and all prices are subject to services confirmation.**