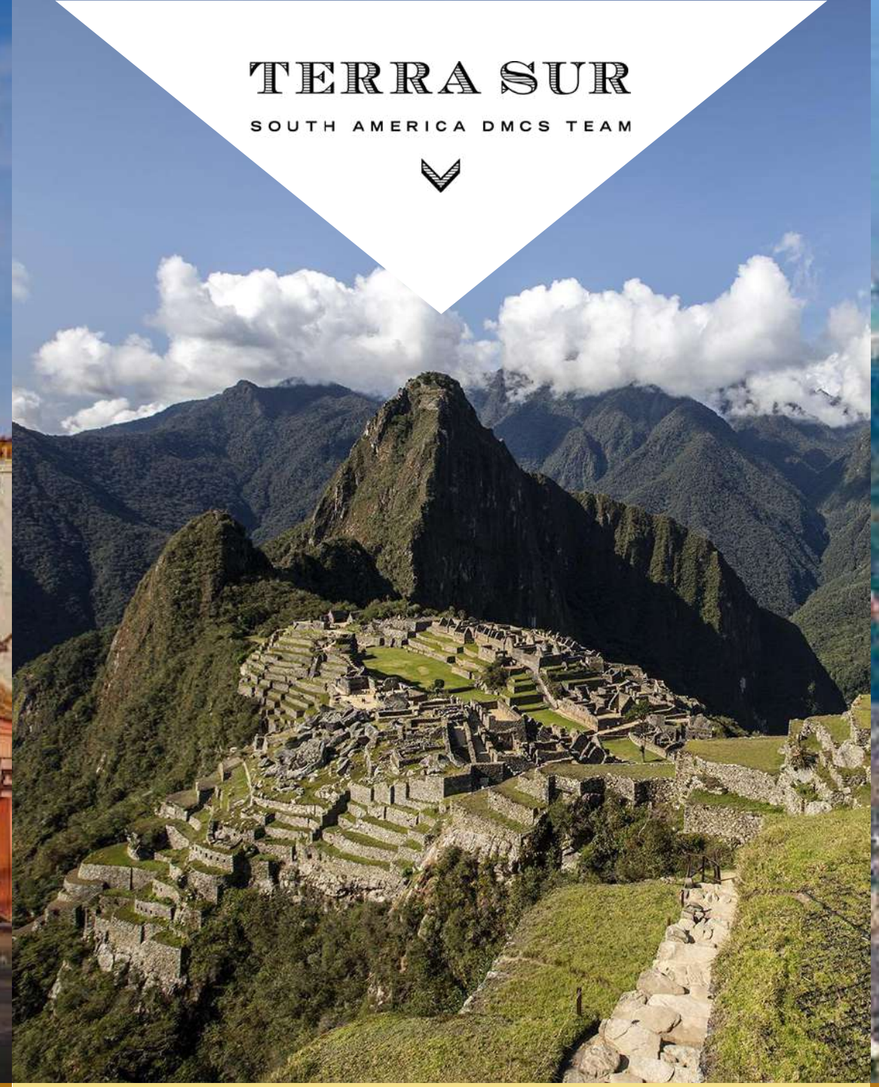


COLOMBIA

TERRA SUR

SOUTH AMERICA DMCS TEAM



PERU



BRAZIL

DAY BY DAY PROGRAM by TERRA SUR | 19 Days- 18 Nights

WE ARE TERRA SUR,

a unique team of prestigious DMCs. We share the goal of positioning South America as a top multi-country journey destination. We have joined together to bring our experience and professionalism to international tourism, and to work as one throughout our entire region.

We offer you a one-stop shop concept:
Everything you need in one place.

As expert DMCs in our home countries, we have come together to create a unique team of specialists covering the entire region. Our aim to offer an integrated and comprehensive service across South America, by combining our individual expertise.

WHO WE ARE

You may already know us in our home countries…

We are **COLTUR Peru,**
BLUMAR Brazil,
ALCHEMY DMC Argentina and **Chile**,
COLOMBIAN JOURNEYS Colombia
and our most recent member,
ANDEAN TRAVEL COMPANY Ecuador



ALCHEMY DMC ARGENTINA
BLUMAR INCOMING TOUR OPERATOR
ALCHEMY DMC CHILE
COLTUR
COLOMBIAN JOURNEYS
Andean Travel Company DMC Ecuador & Galapagos





DESTINATION EXPERTS

BOGOTA

Colombia's trendy and metropolitan capital has everything one might want carved within its urban fabric – outstanding food, vibrant nightlife, and a cavalcade of culture are but a few reasons to remain. However, this high-altitude playground sits at 2640m, so most bogotanos looking for a break from the city also look for warmth, fleeing for lower elevations further afield. Whether you're looking for mesmerizing underground cathedrals forged from salt, or legendary cities of gold, Bogotá is the city for you!



DESTINATION EXPERTS

MEDELLIN

Medellín, the capital of the department of Antioquia, is located deep in the fertile and mountainous Aburrá valley in the central Andean highlands, in an altitude of 1538 MAMSL which gives this city an eternal springtime temperature with an average climate of 20°C. Originally it was a modest town which is evidenced by its colonial buildings that are far from opulent, and whose origins date back to the coffee boom of the 20th Century. Once coffee fever had taken hold of Medellín, the city's economic development began in earnest and from here on, it was transformed thanks to the resourcefulness and hardworking citizens, called the "Paisas".



DESTINATION EXPERTS

CARTAGENA DE INDIAS

Cartagena is a city located on the shores of the Caribbean Sea, in the northwestern part of the South American continent. The city has several archipelagos and islands around, small pieces of paradise to relax and rest. Among these are Tierra Bomba, Múcura, and Barú Island, among others. Cartagena brings together the charm of colonial architecture, the excitement of a vivid nightlife, fascinating cultural festivals, and lush landscapes, to bring you the perfect experience.



DESTINATION EXPERTS

LIMA

Lima is the capital of Peru, inhabited by civilizations that had gauged its wealth and strategic location centuries before it was founded as the City of Kings. Proof of that can be seen in the countless temples that dotted the valley, particularly the Pachacamac shrine, a major pilgrimage center during the Inca empire. This spurred Spanish Conqueror Francisco Pizarro to choose this valley as the capital in 1535 as its location by the sea provided a link with sailing routes. Lima, the main gateway to Peru, is a major city bustling with living history and movement. It is an ethnic melting pot, featuring pre-Hispanic, colonial and modern elements.



DESTINATION EXPERTS

PUERTO MALDONADO

Puerto Maldonado is located in the southeast of the country, is the capital of Madre Dios; it has the official title of Capital of Biodiversity in Peru in recognition of important records of flora and fauna found in the forests of the department, especially in the Manu. The region is home to native tribes for whom the advance of civilization has not yet arrived.



DESTINATION EXPERTS

SACRED VALLEY

The Sacred Valley of the Incas or Urubamba Valley is a valley in the Andes of Peru, located at 550 kilometers from Lima, at only 25 kilometers from the Inca capital of Cusco, and below the ancient sacred city of Machu Picchu. The valley is fed by numerous rivers which descend through adjoining valleys and gorges. It contains numerous archaeological remains and indigenous villages. The valley was appreciated by the Incas due to its special geographical and climatic qualities. It was one of the empire's main points for the extraction of natural wealth, and the best place for maize production in Peru.



DESTINATION EXPERTS

MACHU PICCHU TOWN / AGUAS CALIENTES

Aguas Calientes is the colloquial name for Machu Picchu Pueblo, a Peruvian town on the shores of Vilcanota River, at 110 kilometers from Cusco and 505 kilometers from Lima. It was founded in 1901 as a camp for the workers building the railway that was supposed to link the cities of Cusco and Santa Ana. Amongst the most important touristic attraction of this place you can find natural hot springs; which are located at only 800 meters from the town and have given the name to this settlement. It is best known as the closest access point to the sacred Incan city of Machu Picchu (in Quechua: old mountain), which is only 6 kilometers away.



DESTINATION EXPERTS

CUSCO

Cusco is a city in south-eastern Peru, near the Urubamba Valley of the Andes mountain range and its altitude is around 3,400 meters. Formerly, Cusco was capital of the Inca Empire and one of the most important cities in the Viceroyalty of Peru. Nowadays, it is the capital of the Cusco Region as well as the Cusco Province and it was declared a World Heritage Site in 1983 by UNESCO, due to its large number of monuments in the area. Cusco or the “Rome of America” is a major tourist destination and receives almost a million visitors a year, most of them visiting the ancient Inca citadel of Machu Picchu.



DESTINATION EXPERTS

RIO DE JANEIRO

Rio de Janeiro was the capital of Brazil until 1960. Often called “Cidade Maravilhosa” (The Wonderful City) Rio is world renowned for its breathtaking landscapes and location, nestled between lush, green mountains and crystal clear seas. Rio is one of the most prominent cultural and economical cities in Brazil and features some of the country’s most famous attractions such as Pão de Açúcar (Sugarloaf Mountain), Corcovado, and the iconic beaches of Copacabana and Ipanema. The city is full of energy and rhythm, and the locals of Rio, ‘Cariocas’, are known for their care free spirit and charm. Whether you are looking to experience Carnaval, relax in a naturally stunning environment, or enjoy all the luxuries of a cosmopolitan city, Rio de Janeiro has it all!

DAY 1- BOGOTA-

Welcome to Colombia!

Arrival to El Dorado airport in Bogotá with an intercontinental flight. Reception and transfer to the hotel.

Check-in | 2 overnight accommodations in Bogotá with breakfast

Meals: None

Notes: Early check in is not included.





DAY 2- BOGOTA-

Full day Tour Bogotá & Salt Cathedral with lunch. Pick up 8am.

Departure from Bogota towards Zipaquirá, through the Savannah for approximately 1.15 hours. Arrival to the impressive Salt Cathedral, where you will cross a tunnel inside the salt mine and walk until you get to the Cathedral. The trip ends at a mirror of water.

Lunch in Zipaquirá and return to Bogotá

In the afternoon, enjoy a visit to the historic centre of Bogotá known as La Candelaria. . Visit the Plaza de Bolivar, where you can see a statue of Simon Bolivar, the Cathedral, the Capilla del Sagrario, the Capitol, the Justice Palace, Mayor of Bogota's office; the oldest school in the country called San Bartolomé, and the Casa de los Comuneros. The visit continues with the Botero Museum, which exhibits not only Fernando Botero's masterpieces, but also his personal collection of great artists; finally, go the Gold Museum, which makes part of ICOM (International Network of Museums).)

Overnight in Bogota
Meals: Breakfast & Lunch.
Notes: The Gold Museum is closed on Mondays & the Botero Museum is closed on Tuesday.







DAY 3- BOGOTA- MEDELLIN-

Transfer to airport for departure flight to Medellin..

> Flight Bogotá- Medellin-not included in program rate

Upon arrival, transfer, and hotel check-in for 3 overnight accommodations with breakfast included. (early check in not included).

Meals: Breakfast





DAY 3- MEDELLIN-

Full day Excursion to el Peñol and Guatape with lunch. Pick up 9am.

Leave Medellín and head to the town of Guatapé in order to visit the Peñol rock. Walk up the stairs if you are full of energy (there are 654 steps to get to the top), to view the entire Guatapé reservation. Then visit the picturesque village of Guatapé where all of the houses are painted in quaint pastel colors. After lunch (included), tour the Guatapé reservoir by boat (30 minutes)

Overnight in Medellin.
Meals: Breakfast & Lunch.







DAY 4- MEDELLIN-

Full day Garden

The southwest of Antioquia is one of the main coffee-growing regions of Colombia. Here is the charming town of Jardín, nestled in the Andes mountains with coffee and banana plantations. The “La Cuchilla” nature reserve, with its cloud forests, diverse flora and fauna, sets the stage for an impressive landscape. Jardín is famous for its colorful houses and balconies and the area around the well-known park has been declared a Cultural Heritage Site. The tour of the town begins at the Clara Rojas museum, where they tell you about the history of the region.

Overnight in Medellin.
Meals: Breakfast





DAY 5- MEDELLIN- CARTAGENA-

Transfer to airport for departure flight to Cartagena.

> Flight Medellin- Cartagena- not included in program rate

Upon arrival, transfer, and hotel check-in for 2 overnight accommodations with breakfast included. (Early check in not included).

Walking Tour in Getsemaní. (Pick up 2pm)

This tour gives you deeper insight towards Cartagena focused on the alternative and cultural quarter and coolest barrio (neighborhood): Getsemani. The stories are told with present graffiti paintings with images of tropical scenes, palenqueras, and local flora and fauna. Have a complete knowledge of the impressive history of Getsemani starting at the clock tower, from there, go to the street of La Sierpe (where all the murals are), the famous Umbrellas Street and the Trinidad Plaza, which has an historical, cultural and national value. Also walk on top of the city wall. The tour ends at Puerto Duro with a cultural explanation of the bus stop and the motorbike-taxis in front of the statue India Catalina and flower park.

Meals: Breakfast
Note: The Church of San Pedro Claver is temporarily closed on Mondays.





DAY 6- CARTAGENA-

Full day Rosario Island San Pedro de Majagua with Typical Lunch. Pick up 8am.

All day excursion by boat to the archipelago del Rosario, located approximately 1 hour from Cartagena. The National Park is surrounded by coral reefs and crystalline waters which is the habitat of a great variety of marine fauna. Free time to dive (not included) and relax. Lunch is taken during the excursion. The park covers 120,000 hectares and houses three ecosystems: coastal lagoons, mangroves that surround the lagoons and tropical forest.

Overnight in Cartagena
Meals: Breakfast & Lunch.
Note: SIB activity (Shared) - Transfers Hotel Pier-Hotel included with Bilingual guide.
Transfers in a motorboat shared basis. On the return trip the boat will be going against the current, so it is possible for some water to splash into the boat. This being said, passengers may get wet. We suggest for you to sit on the right side of the boat.
- Pass day & Lunch included in San Pedro Majagua hotel.





DAY 7- CARTAGENA- LIMA-

Transfer to airport for departure flight to LIma.

> Flight Cartagena-- Lima: not included in program rate

Welcome to Peru!

Upon arrival in Lima, you will be met and transferred to the hotel.
Check-in | 2 overnight accommodations in Lima with breakfast.

Meals: Breakfast





DAY 8- LIMA-

Half Day Lima city tour: Cathedral, Santo Domingo Convent and Casa Aliaga. Pick up 9am.

We will begin the visit of the city with an exploration of Colonial Lima. First, we will stop off at the Main Square, to explore it on foot and admire the exteriors of the Government Palace, the Cathedral, and the City Hall, all examples of Lima's still-present colonial architectural opulence. We will visit the Cathedral; as walking through its numerous chapels, we'll discover various architectural styles and learn about the religious history of Peru. Then, we will visit Casa Aliaga, a colonial mansion that currently holds the distinction of being the oldest continuously inhabited private residence in the Southern Hemisphere.
Next, we will make our way to Santo Domingo Convent a religious and architectural gem that houses holy paintings, images, and relics of Peruvian saints, as well as written accounts of the endeavors of the Dominican Order across the country. Finally, we will begin a journey through the streets of modern Lima as head toward the most traditional of the residential zones of the capital: San Isidro, the heart of the city's financial district; and Miraflores, a perfect spot to enjoy wonderful views of the Pacific Ocean.

Rest of the afternoon at leisure.

Overnight in Lima.
Meals: Breakfast.





DAY 9- LIMA- PUERTO MALDONADO-

At appropriate time we will transfer you from the hotel to Lima airport to board the flight that will take you to Puerto Maldonado.

> Flight Lima- Puerto Maldonado -not included in program rate.

> Welcome to the Amazon!

Upon our arrival in Puerto Maldonado, we will be met at the airport and escorted on the 25-minute boat ride on the Madre de Dios River to your amazon lodge.

After lunch, we will take a walk along the Concepción trail system, where we can explore and learn more about primary and secondary forest, their vegetation, uses, the changes caused by humankind, and the importance of the forests to the rest of the world. In the late afternoon, we will set off on an excursion by motorized canoe to learn more about the nighttime forest. We will learn about this ecosystem composed of Amazonian gullies, how the forest's nocturnal fauna behaves, and even take the time to enjoy the sight of the southern hemisphere's constellations.

Check-in | 4 days/ 3 nights package with breakfast, lunch, and dinner, plus group activities

Meals: Breakfast , Lunch & Dinner







DAY 10 & 11- AMAZON JUNGLE-

After having breakfast, begin your activity of the morning, your local guide f activities that you could carry out. Wildlife in the Amazon takes advantage of the first lights of the day as it is cooler, so we do. Even you are on vacation there will be some activities that our guides encourage you to make it very early in the morning and it's worth it. Some suggestions here:

-During the morning, we will take a forest trail walk to Lake Sandoval, in Tambopata National Reserve. We will explore the lake's waters in a wooden canoe. This lake is home to many endangered species, such as giant river otters, red howler monkeys, red-bellied macaws, anacondas, and side-necked turtles. After lunch, we will literally walk through the tropical forest canopy for around a quarter of a mile, crossing a network of walkways that connect eight observation platforms. This excursion offers the prospect of spotting colorful toucans, woodpeckers, and trogons, as well as monkeys, sloths, and many other Amazon species.

-After an early breakfast, we will set off on an excursion to an indigenous farm, where we can learn more about the agricultural techniques used by the indigenous people of the Amazon, and savor some of their produce. From here, we will continue to the botanical garden where we can learn about the many species of medicinal plants that form part of the "natural pharmacy" employed by the inhabitants of the Amazon region. In the afternoon, we will take a canoe trip on the Inkaterra Hacienda Concepcion Lake, where we will be invited to fish using a sustainable catch-and-release method, as we admire the surrounding scenery and look out for wildlife. Finally, we will visit the wrecked steamboat Fitzcarraldo, learning more about its story, and how it inspired the movie "Fitzcarraldo", directed by Werner Herzog, who won the prize for Best Director at the 1982 Cannes Film Festival.

Meals: Full board
Notes: Activities vary, sample only





DAY 12- PUERTO MALDONADO- CUSCO- SACRED VALLEY-

It is time to say goodbye, as the expedition comes to an end. Your visit will make a direct contribution to the Native Community of Infierno in their efforts to protect Tambopata. You will take the journey back to the city to the airport for your national flight onwards.

> Flight from Puerto Maldonado to Cusco: not included in program rate

>
Airport arrival in Cusco. Meet your local guide and be transferred to your hotel in the Sacred Valley of the Incas.

Arrival and check-in in your hotel | 2 overnight accommodations in the Sacred Valley with breakfast included.

Rest of the afternoon at leisure to relax and acclimatize.

Meals: Breakfast.





DAY 13- SACRED VALLEY-

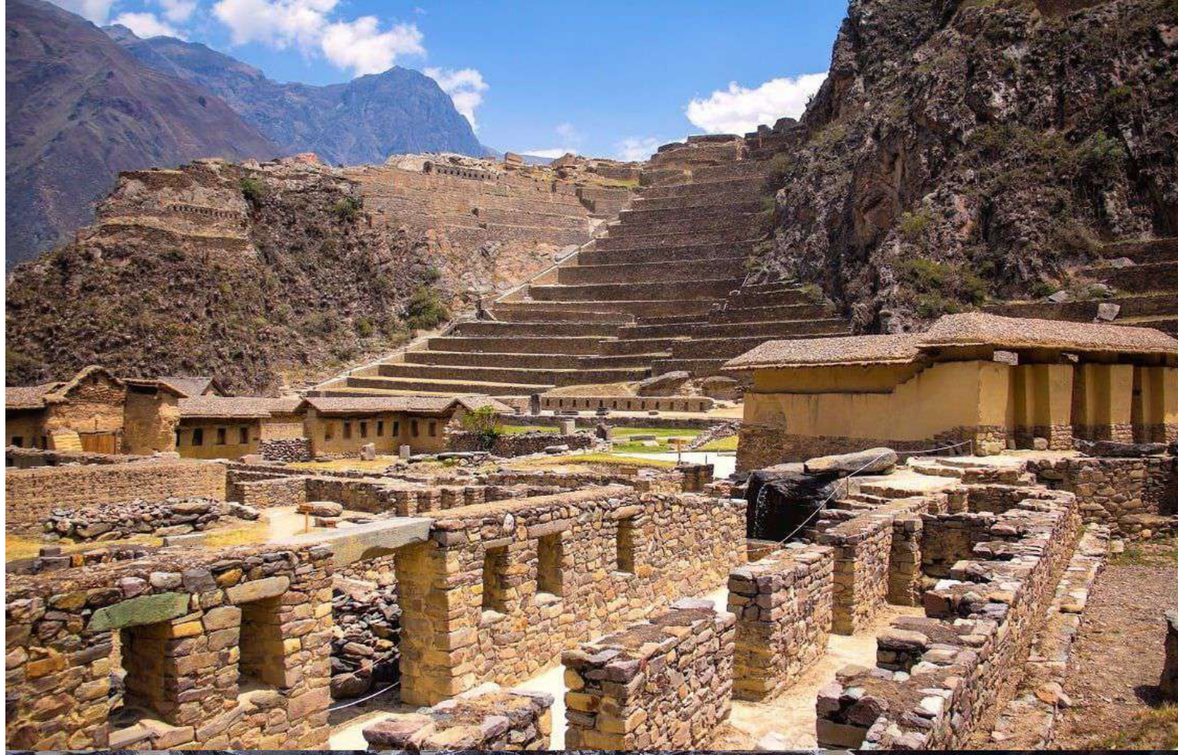
Full day tour to Sacred Valley: Maras' Salt pans, Moray Archaeological Site and Ollantaytambo Fortress. Lunch at Hacienda Huayoccari.Pick up 9am.

This morning, we will continue the trip toward the archaeological site of Moray. Used as an agricultural testing ground, the site's system of circular terraces descends 490 feet (150m) from where we will stand, serving as a perfect testament to the level of advancement achieved by the Incas, who excelled at building masterful constructions in harmony with nature.

The journey will continue until we reach the Salt Pans of Maras. The sight of this still-operating salt mine, in use since Incan times, will amaze you the stark white of the steeply descending salt pans juxtaposed against the green of the surrounding mountain slopes. Then, we will have lunch at Hacienda Huayoccari.

Finally, we will visit one of the last remaining Incan towns, Ollantaytambo, which was once fiercely guarded by a massive fortress. We will discover the large archaeological complex of what used to serve as a wayside inn for royal delegations on long journeys. Surviving structures here include multiple walls and towers that were used to protect the citadel from possible invasions.

Overnight in the Sacred Valley. Meals: Breakfast & Lunch.





DAY 14- SACRED VALLEY- MACHU PICCHU-AGUAS CALIENTES

Today you will visit one of the most wonderful places in the entire country: the Historic Sanctuary of Machu Picchu. 2 days/1night Inca Trail Trek with private guide. Pick up 6am.

We will head to the station to board the train that will take us to Km 104.
At this point we will descend from the train and begin our walk towards the Machu Picchu citadel, crossing the Urubamba River through a bridge that offers a spectacular view of the mountains. During the trip we will visit the Inca ruins known as Chachabamba, a beautiful palace with fine stone carved walls. We will continue our hike and begin to climb a mountain covered with vegetation until we reach Wiñaywayna (2,700 m.a.s.l.). The ruins of Wiñaywayna are a perfect example of the agriculture in the time of the Incas, since along its slopes lie many terraces, where the Incas, cultivated different agricultural products, including coca leaf plantations. After we have explored these wonderful ruins, we will have lunch very close to the area. Later we will continue our walk until we reach the Inti Punko or Sun Gate. At this point we will have a privileged view of the beautiful citadel of Machu Picchu.

Then, we will descend in the direction of Machu Picchu, and we will go to the town of Aguas Calientes where we will spend the night with breakfast included

Highest elevation: 2,700m / 8,858ft
Lowest elevation: 2,150m / 7,052ft
Distance to walk: 13km / 8 miles
Approximate walk time: 6 - 7 hours
Level of difficulty: Moderate

Meals: Breakfast, Box Lunch & Dinner.





DAY 15- AGUAS CALIENTES MACHU PICCHU- CUSCO-

After breakfast we will walk to the bus station of Aguas Calientes, to board the tourist bus that will take us to the sacred citadel of Machu Picchu. We will arrive at the Sanctuary of Machu Picchu, where we will travel along with our guide the most important sectors of this beautiful Inca citadel. At the end, we will board the return bus that will take us to Aguas Calientes to board the train that will take us back to Ollantaytambo.

Highest elevation: 2,430m / 7,972ft
Lowest elevation: 2,040m / 6,692ft
Approximate time of visit: 2 hours

A vehicle will be waiting to transfer us to our hotel in Cusco.
Check-in | 2 overnight accommodations in Cusco with breakfast included.

Meals: Breakfast.





DAY 16 - CUSCO-

Half Day Cusco city tour: Sacsayhuaman, Cristo Blanco, San Pedro Market, Qoricancha Inca Temple, and Cusco Cathedral. Pick up 8.30am

We will visit the Fortress of Sacsayhuaman a colossal structure built with huge carved rocks jointed with absolute accuracy, this astounding sample of the Incan military architecture is, undoubtedly, the greatest architectonic work of the Tahuantinsuyo. We will make a short stop at Cristo Blanco, a large statue where we will enjoy a panoramic view of the city. Then, we will explore the San Pedro Market, Cusco's main street market, inundated with aromas, tastes, sights, and colors of the local products of the Cusco region. Afterward, visit the Qoricancha (which means room of gold in Quechua), a temple dedicated to the Sun god. Legend has it that its inner walls were once completely lined with gold. Finally, will head to Cusco Cathedral. We will take a guided tour to discover the mysteries of it and admire its lovely atria and priceless 17th and 18th century paintings of the Cusco school.

Rest of the afternoon at leisure.

Overnight in Cusco.

Meals: Breakfast.





DAY 17- CUSCO- LIMA - RIO DE JANEIRO

At scheduled time you will be transfer to airport in order to continue to your next destination.

> Flight Cusco- Lima - and then connection to Rio de Janeiro- not included in program rate (

Welcome to Brazil!

Rio de Janeiro International Airport arrival. Meet your local guide and be transferred to your hotel, your room will be ready

Check-in | 2 overnight accommodations in Rio de Janeiro with breakfast included.

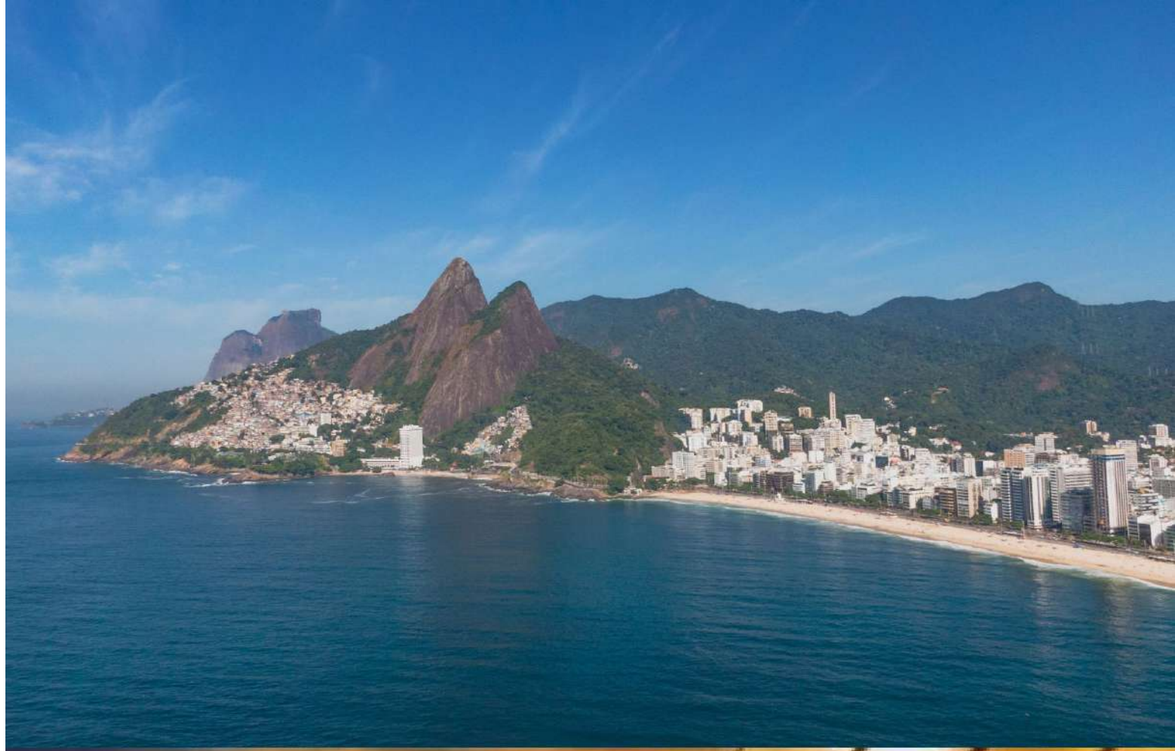
Later today you will visit in the afternoon a Rio de Janeiro´s Icon: Sugar Loaf!.

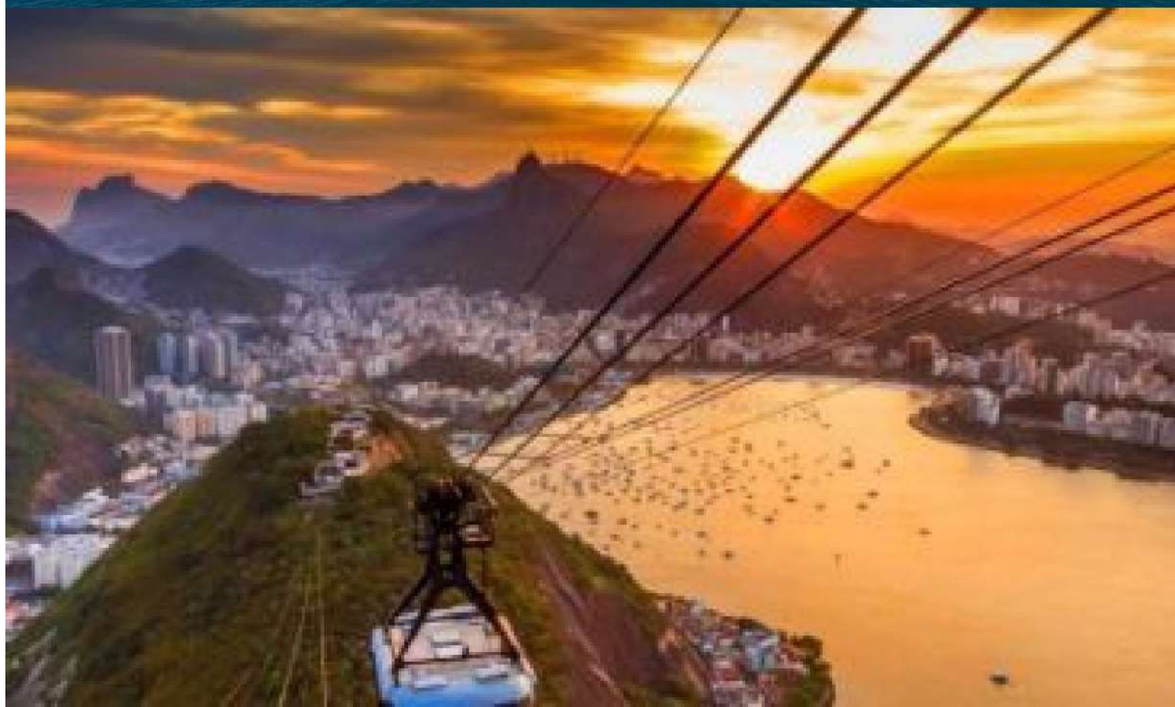
Over a million tourists each year visit the world-famous ‘Pão de Açúcar’ (Sugar Loaf), which has become an iconic symbol of Rio de Janeiro. Rising up from a small peninsula at the entrance of Guanabara Bay, its name refers to its resemblance to the traditional shape of a concentrated, refined sugar loaf. The journey to the top is made in glass cable cars. The first cable car takes passengers to the top of Urca Hill, which rises 215 meters above sea level and offers spectacular views of the entire bay and its surrounding islands. From Urca Hill, passengers continue in a second cable car to the top of Sugar Loaf, which rises 395 meters above sea level and offers a 360-degree view of the entire city, including Botafogo and Copacabana Beaches, Corcovado Mountain, and downtown Rio de Janeiro.

Meals: Breakfast.

Notes: Direct LATAM flight from Lima to Rio is usually overnight.

In this case ECI is included





DAY 18- RIO DE JANEIRO-

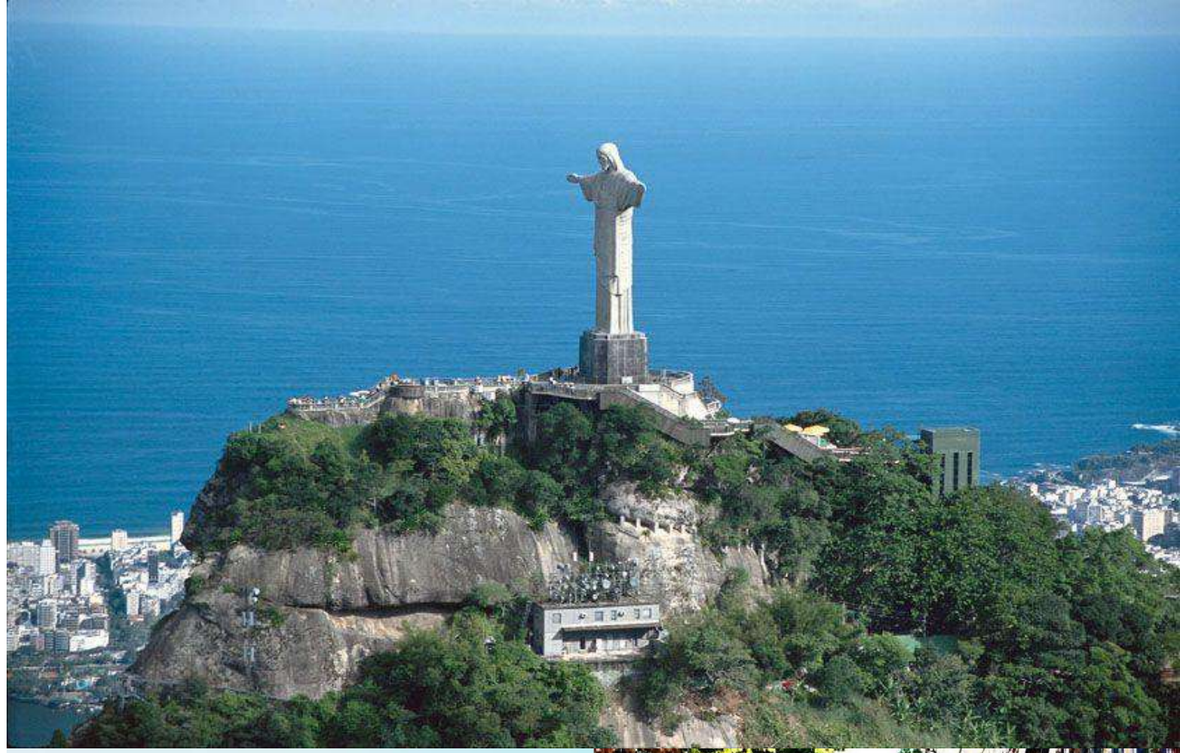
After breakfast, enjoy a full day tour to explore Rio de Janeiro.

Depart from the hotel after breakfast to visit the city's most famous landmarks and see the natural beauty of Rio de Janeiro from above. After a scenic drive along Rodrigo de Freitas Lagoon, passengers arrive at the bottom of Corcovado Hill. Embark on a comfortable train that ascends the mountain, where the statue of Christ the Redeemer is located 2,300 ft above sea level. The Christ statue, known as the “wonder of Rio,” was elected one of the 7 "New Wonders of the World." Upon arrival at the top, guests can use the panoramic elevators or escalators to arrive at the foot of the statute. Afterwards, descend the mountain and stop for a delicious lunch.

After lunch we will visit the neighborhood of Santa Teresa. Located on Morro do Desterro (Exile Hill), artists and bohemians flock to Santa Teresa because of its architectural and cultural charm. Old-fashion cable cars maneuver the narrow streets and are considered one of the city's historical heritage.

At the bottom of Santa Teresa you will find the Escadaria Selarón, locally known as the 'Lapa Steps' (Escadaria da Lapa) for being situated at the "Lapa" neighborhood, is a set of world-famous steps. They are the work of Chilean-born artist Jorge Selarón who claimed it as "my tribute to the Brazilian people". In Lapa you will find the Carioca Aqueduct, also known as "Arcos da Lapa", an aqueduct built in the middle of the 18th century.

Overnight in Rio de Janeiro
Meals: Breakfast & Lunch.







DAY 19- RIO DE JANEIRO- OUT -

According to your flight departure from Rio you will be transfer to Galeao airport.

Meals: Breakfast.

****End of services****

Looking for more ideas? Contact us!

hello@terrasurteam.com
@teamterrasur

We invite you to visit our website:
www.terrasurteam.com