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DAY BY DAY PROGRAM by TERRA SUR

17 Days - 16 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,**
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ALCHEMY DMC Argentina and **Chile**,
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and our most recent member,
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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

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

SACRED VALLEY

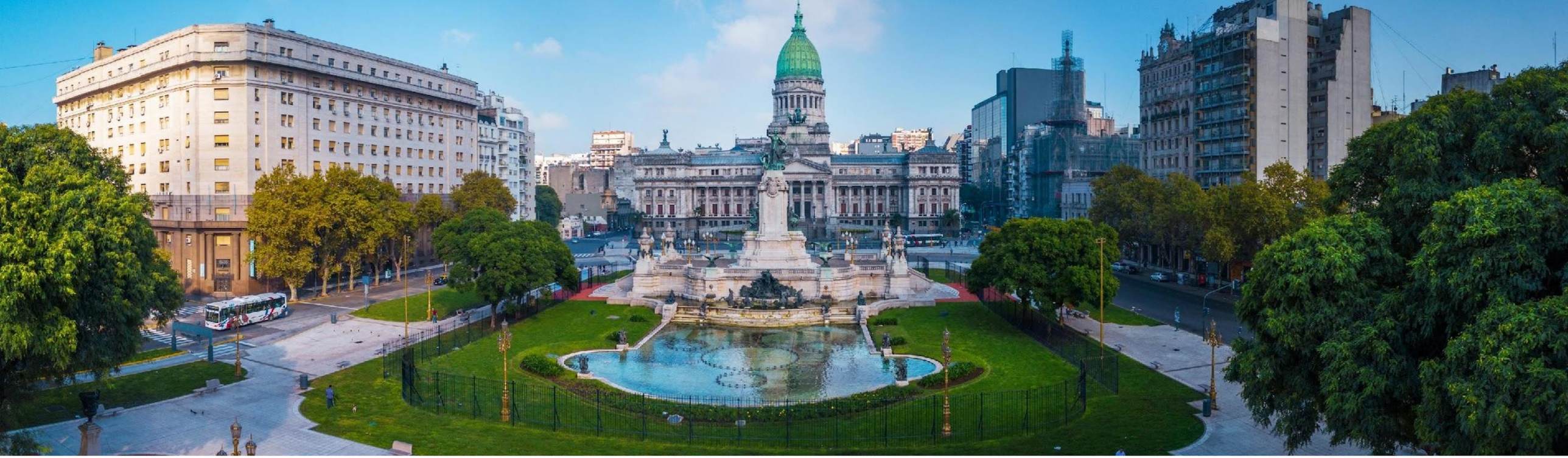
The Sacred Valley of the Incas or Urubamba Valley is a valley in the Andes of Peru, located at 550 kilometers from Lima, at only 25 kilometers from the Inca capital of Cusco, and below the ancient sacred city of Machu Picchu. The valley is fed by numerous rivers which descend through adjoining valleys 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

BUENOS AIRES

The name, Buenos Aires, literally means "good airs" in Spanish. It is one of the largest cities in Latin America, with a wide range of cultural offer and stunning sights. Being the capital of the country makes it the starting point for most of Argentinean Experiences. Let yourself be seduced by its busy and beautiful streets full of Tango aromas and football passion, a unique mixture which turns your stay into an exceptional urban adventure.



DESTINATION EXPERTS

IGUASSU FALLS

Iguassu Falls located on the border of the State of Parana, is one of the most famous attractions in all of Brazil. These 275 massive waterfalls are divided between Argentina & Brazil and provide vastly different views and experiences depending on what side you view them from. Within the surrounding city of Foz do Iguaçu the main tourist attractions go hand-in-hand with the most exuberant scenery provided by nature and mankind. In the “Land of the Falls”, visitors can in the splendor of the natural forests, rivers and lakes, as well as the world’s largest hydrioelectric works, the Itaipu Dam. Travelers also have the unique opportunity to experience the falls and attractions not only in Brazil but in Ciudad del Este (Paraguay) and Puerto Iguazú (Argentina) as well.



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 - LIMA

Welcome to Peru!

Upon arrival in Lima, you will be met and transferred to your hotel where the rest of the day is at your own leisure.

Check-in | 1 overnight accommodations in Lima with breakfast included.

Meals: None by Terra Sur.





DAY 2- LIMA

Half Day Lima city tour: Cathedral, Santo Domingo Convent and Casa Aliaga.

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 3 - LIMA - CUSCO- SACRED VALLEY

Today after breakfast, you will be taken to the airport for your flight to Cusco.

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 4 - SACRED VALLEY

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

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 5 - SACRED VALLEY TO MACHU PICCHU - CUSCO

Today you will visit one of the most wonderful places in the entire country: the Historic Sanctuary of Machu Picchu.

We will pick you up from your hotel at the Sacred Valley and go to train Station. The comfortable train ride from there to the station at Aguas Calientes enjoying the most wonderful views. On our arrival, we will take a bus that will drop us at the admission fee to the citadel of Machu Picchu itself.

Unearthed for modernity by Hiram Bingham more than a century ago, Machu Picchu is considered one of the seven wonders of the world. Its architectural beauty, spectacular natural setting, and the energy that radiates from its enigmatic buildings will take your breath away. We will follow in the footsteps of the ancient Incas as we take a tour of the magical citadel led by one of our local guides. Afterwards we will enjoy a delicious lunch at a local restaurant.

Finally, we will return to Aguas Calientes train station and catch the train back to Cusco. Upon arrival your guide will take you back to your hotel.

Check-in | 2 overnight accommodations in Cusco with breakfast included.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch.





DAY 6 - CUSCO

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

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 7 - CUSCO TO BUENOS AIRES

Today at the arranged time, you will be taken to the airport for your flight to Buenos Aires.

> Flight from Cusco to Buenos Aires with connection in LIma- not included in program rate

Welcome to Argentina!

Today you will arrive in Buenos Aires. Meet your local guide and be transferred to your hotel.

Check-in | 4 overnight accommodations in Buenos Aires with breakfast included.

Meals: Breakfast.





DAY 8 - BUENOS AIRES

Explore Buenos Aires today! One of the most fascinating cities in both Latin America and the world. Our visit will begin in Plaza de Mayo, see its surroundings and the most emblematic buildings, such as the Cathedral, final home of Argentina's founding father, José de San Martin.

Visiting Palermo, Retiro and Recoleta, we will learn why Buenos Aires is called the "Paris of South America". After visiting the impressive Plaza San Martín, the distinguished Alvear Avenue, the Basílica de Nuestra Señora del Pilar, one of the city's oldest churches, we will finally admire the Recoleta Cemetery, where we'll make a stop at Eva Peron's grave, one of the country's most recognizable icons.

We'll visit Puerto Madero, the latest addition to the city's "barrios", and contemplate the modernization in its exclusive docks, a new corporative, residential, hotel, and gastronomic district.

We'll then head for San Telmo, one of the oldest neighborhoods in Buenos Aires where we will learn about its rich history and walk its cobbled streets.

Leaving San Telmo behind, we'll continue southwards to La Boca, one of the city's most authentic neighborhoods, evidence of Italian immigrant influence. Here, we'll visit the mythical Caminito Street, which sums up everything that gives La Boca its distinctive spirit: the strong passion for soccer, the heavy presence of art and color, and the Tango-esque atmosphere.

Have a superb lunch at typical bodegon and enjoy the remaining of the afternoon.

In the evening you will enjoy a dinner tango shot at Rojo Tango.
Located inside the exclusive Faena Hotel, Rojo Tango - A cabaret designed by Phillippe Starck - is passion, madness and glamour in a history that ends transforming itself into a legend. Rojo Tango is a fascinating proposal that seduces all the senses combining sounds, fragrances, colors, movements and flavors.

Overnight in Buenos Aires
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.





DAY 9 - BUENOS AIRES

Today we will explore the North area of Buenos AIres: Tigre & Delta.

We head north on a journey of 30 km to the City of Tigre, crossing parks and beautiful buildings. We will visit the imposing Rio de la Plata, the widest in the world.

The first stop will be at the Puerto de Frutos, where we will visit this magnificent local market, with its small jetty bordering the Lujan River.

Once in Tigre´s small port, we will board a Panoramic Catamaran, to enjoy the Paraná Delta. In quiet, stable and safe navigation, we can see a labyrinth of islands and islets crisscrossed by rivers and streams. This visit is ideal to learn about life on the islands, flora, fauna, recreation and water sports.

Overnight in Buenos Aires
Meals: Breakfast.





DAY 10 - BUENOS AIRES

Gaucho Experience in the Pampas

The invitation today is to immerse in the local environment of this historical town, San Antonio de Areco, the cultural legacy of Gauchos, argentine traditions, and local craftsmen and Fine Arts.

On arrival at San Antonio de Areco, we will take a tour of the village which includes a walk around the historical heart of the city. Then, we will make our way to the ranch.

Once at the “estancia” (ranch) you can enjoy horseback riding or go for a ride in a sulky or carriage, whilst enjoying some "empanadas" and beverages. At lunchtime, you will enjoy a typical country style barbeque prepared using only the finest quality meats. Dessert is accompanied by a folk music performance, which is followed by a demonstration of gaucho skills (Horse whisper or tropillas).

Return to your hotel after this wonderful day.

Overnight in Buenos Aires
Meals: Breakfast & Lunch.





DAY 11 - BUENOS AIRES TO IGUAZU

Today you will have an early departure to the airport for your flight to the Iguazu Falls.

> Flight from Buenos Aires to Puerto Iguazu - not included in program rate

Upon your arrival, you will welcome and begin your experience on the argentinian side of the falls.

We will head towards the Iguaçu National Park in Argentina. At the entrance, a small train will take you on a tour through the park, making 2 stops. Follow the pathways to the top of the waterfalls that provide spectacularly unique views of the ‘Cataratas’, amidst the abundant nature filled with orchids, colorful birds and other wildlife. The highlight of the tour is a visit to the suspended platform at the very brink of the ‘Garganta do Diabo’ waterfall (Devil’s Throat) – the largest fall in the park.

*Sections of the usual circuits to visit the Argentina side of Iguazu Falls are currently closed due to damage sustained during heavy rains and rock falls. This includes the Devil's Throat walkway (usually accessed by a short train ride) and parts of the lower circuit. While these sections are closed, your visit will concentrate on the upper and remainder of the lower circuit. These two circuits are both very scenic and you will be able to explore the forest trails and viewpoints. It's possible to either take the train to the first station or walk the short distance (approx 20 mins) from the entrance.

After the tour, you will cross the border and go to your hotel where the rest of the day is at your own leisure.

Check-in | 2 overnight accommodations in Iguazu with breakfast included.

Meals: Breakfast.





DAY 12 - IGUAZU

The trip begins at the Iguaçu National Park on the brazilian side with a drive through the lush, subtropical vegetation of the park en route to the falls.

Take a stroll on the trail that descends down the canyon, to offer panoramic views of more than 240 falls. Embark on the glass elevator up the cliff face for an exquisite view from the upper deck. The waterfalls, have been declared a National Heritage Site by UNESCO.

Then you will enjoy the rest of the day at your own leisure.

Overnight in Iguazu.
Meals: Breakfast.





DAY 13 - IGUAZU TO RIO DE JANEIRO

Today after breakfast, you will be taken to the airport for your flight to Rio de Janeiro.

> Flight from Iguazu to Rio de Janeiro - not included in program rate

Welcome to Brazil!

Arrival to International airport in Rio de Janeiro. Reception and transfer to the hotel in Copacabana area. (early check in is not included)

Check-in | 4 overnight accommodations in Rio de Janeiro with breakfast included.

Meals: Breakfast.





DAY 14 - RIO DE JANEIRO

Leave the hotel in the direction of the Cosme Velho neighborhood to board the train, which will take us up the beautiful mountainside before arriving at the feet of Christ the Redeemer, one of the seven "New Wonders of the World," located 2,300ft above sea level. There will be available time here to enjoy the most famous panoramic view of Rio de Janeiro, also known as the "Marvelous City."

From here, drive to the tram station to embark on a tour through Santa Teresa, a traditional neighborhood located high up on the city's hills, overlooking downtown and Guanabara Bay. Home to several Twentieth-century mansions, cultural houses, galleries, and gourmet restaurants, Santa Teresa's charming cobbled streets are also a haven for local artists and intellectuals.

Stop for lunch and the you will be taken back to your hotel where the rest of the day is at your own leisure.

Overnight in Rio de Janeiro
Meals: Breakfast.





DAY 15 - RIO DE JANEIRO

Over a million tourists every year visit the world famous Pão de Açúcar (Sugar Loaf Mountain), which has become an iconic symbol of the city of Rio de Janeiro. Rising up from a small peninsula at the entrance of Guanabara Bay, its name is said to refer to its resemblance to the traditional shape of concentrated refined sugar loaf. 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 islands. From Urca Hill, passengers continue in a second cable car to the top of Sugarloaf which rises 395 meters above sea level and offers a 360 degree view of the entire city including Botafogo and Copacabana Beaches, Corcovado and downtown Rio.

Enjoy access to priority lines at all cable car stations and reception in a VIP lounge at the first station to make a special day in the Park.

Overnight in Rio de Janeiro.
Meals: Breakfast.





DAY 16 - RIO DE JANEIRO

Today you will enjoy the beautiful beaches of Rio de Janeiro..

Overnight in Rio de Janeiro.
Meals: Breakfast.





DAY 17 - BACK HOME

Today after breakfast, you will be taken to the airport to begin your journey back home.

Meals: Breakfast.

** End of services**



