

South America

Priced from \$6899.00 per person excluding airfares with various departures throughout the year.

Itinerary

Day 1 Lima

Arrive at any time.

There are no planned activities until an evening welcome meeting.

Please note that hot water shortages and power outages can be fairly common in Latin America (even in upgraded hotels and private homes). We appreciate your patience and understanding that these occurrences are outside of our control.

Arrival Day and Welcome Meeting

1h18:00

The adventure begins tonight. Feel free to explore before your welcome meeting, but make sure you're back in time to meet the group. After introductions, your CEO will review the details of your tour. Please note that normal check-in times apply at our start hotels, but you can usually store your luggage for the day if you arrive early.

Accommodation

Casa Suyay (or similar)

Hotel

Day 2 Lima/Cusco

Hop a flight to Cusco. Enjoy a free day for shopping and exploring the city. Opt for a city tour.

Transfer to the airport for the flight to Cusco. Spend the rest of the day relaxing and exploring this fascinating city, and getting used to the altitude.

Plane

Lima – Cusco 1h-1h30m

Look! Up in the sky! It's a bird! It's a plane! It's... yup, it is a plane, actually.

Free Time

Cusco

Spend the day shopping and exploring the city.

Accommodation

El Puma Hotel (or similar)

Hotel

Meals included:

Breakfast

Day 3 Cusco

Spend a full day enjoying optional activities in the area.

Carte Blanche

Cusco Full Day

There's plenty to see and do in Cusco, and we wanted to make sure that you had some time to take it all in. Feel free to relax or try optional activities like visiting Museo Inka, Museo de Historia Regional, and whitewater rafting. Your CEO has more ideas if you need them. Just ask!

Accommodation

El Puma Hotel (or similar)

Hotel

Meals included:

Breakfast

Day 4 Cusco/Ollantaytambo

Stop at the G Adventures-supported women's weaving co-op before visiting a local pottery making community. Break for lunch at the G Adventures-supported Parwa community restaurant in Huchuy Qosco. After lunch, opt to head out on a hike to the Ollantaytambo storehouses and look out over the ruins. Or, wander around the cobblestone streets and visit a local Chicheria (corn beer bar).

Travel through the stunning Sacred Valley of the Incas, visiting a G Adventures-supported women's weaving co-op. Meet the women and learn about traditional weaving and dyeing used in the Ccaccacollo community. Opt to pick up some handmade souvenirs and textiles directly from the women who made them.

Have lunch at the G Adventures-supported Parwa community restaurant. Learn about the G Adventures for Good project and eat a delicious buffet-style lunch. Proceeds of this meal go directly back to the remote community.

Private Vehicle

Cusco – Ollantaytambo 1h45m Full Day 94km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

G Adventures for Good: Ccaccacollo Community and Women's Weaving Co-op visit

Visit the Ccaccacollo community centre which G Adventures travellers' donations helped create in 2005, thereby enabling local women to sell traditional textiles to travellers. See local weaving and dyeing techniques used to create garments and souvenirs, and learn how the Planeterra weaving co-operative has impacted the community and those who visit it. This includes the purchase of alpacas to provide a steady supply of wool, looms, and sewing machines as well as several training courses on production, sales and small business management.

Cuyo Chico Pottery Making Demonstration

Pisac

In the rural village of Cuyo Chico in the Sacred Valley, a group of families joined together to create a small business based on their traditional adobe ceramic crafts. Using clay from their surroundings, they mold bowls, plates, and all manner of decorations. Learn about the ceramics process as well as the traditional adobe brick-making that forms the basis of houses throughout the valley, all while taking in a spectacular view of the Pisac Ruins. After the demonstration, peruse the items for sale directly from the artisans in their shop.

G Adventures for Good: Parwa Community Restaurant the Sacred Valley

Contribute to sustainable tourism in Huchuy Qosqo, a small village of 65 families in the Sacred Valley, by eating at the Parwa Community Restaurant. Learn how the resident-run restaurant was kickstarted by G Adventures and the Multilateral Investment Fund, to become a successful farm-to-table program that boosts the local economy and several spin-off microenterprises.

Casa de Mama Valle (or similar)

Hotel

Meals included:

Breakfast | Lunch

Day 5 Ollantaytambo/Aguas Calientes

Catch the scenic train to Aguas Calientes. Opt to visit the local hot springs or shop in the local market. Those who have pre-booked and purchased the '1-day Inca Trail' hike will disembark the train at 104km and trek to the Sun Gate for the first glimpse of Machu Picchu before re-joining the group at Aguas Calientes for the night.

Board a morning train that winds through the spectacular Sacred Valley to the end of the line: the village of Aguas Calientes, a frontier town nestled in the hills beneath Machu Picchu.

Take advantage of the opportunity to visit the butterfly house, botanical gardens or hot springs. Opt for a day hike to Mandor Gardens to see orchids and a waterfall, enjoying the lush, green scenery en route.

Those who have pre-purchased the "1-day Inca Trail" hiking option will disembark the train at km 104 to begin the trek.

Train

Ollantaytambo – Aguas Calientes 1h30m

Climb aboard, take a seat, and enjoy the ride.

Kantu Inn (or similar)

Hostel

Meals included:

Breakfast

Day 6 Aguas Calientes/Cusco

Enjoy a guided tour of Machu Picchu. Opt to visit the Inca Bridge before returning to Cusco in the evening.

Rise early to catch the first bus up to Machu Picchu with your guide. Enjoy a guided visit of the ruins followed by free time to explore. When ready, head back down by bus to Aguas to meet up with the rest of the group and take a train back to Cusco.

Local bus

Aguas Calientes – Machu Picchu 15m

Climb aboard, grab a seat, and enjoy the ride.

Machu Picchu Guided Tour

Machu Picchu

Rise and shine – the best time to see the Lost City of the Incas is in the early morning light. Follow the local guide to Machu Picchu to learn about its history at a leisurely pace. Gain local insight into the Inti Mach'ay cave, Inti Watana, the Temple of the Sun, the Temple of the Water, the Temple of the Condor, and the Room of the Three Windows. Take time to sit and feel the energy of this 15th-century site, now both a UNESCO World Heritage site and voted one of the new Seven Wonders of the World (in a worldwide Internet poll).

Train

Aguas Calientes – Ollantaytambo 2h-3h 118km

Climb aboard, take a seat, and enjoy the ride.

Private Vehicle

Ollantaytambo – Cusco 2h-2h30m 95km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

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Accommodation

El Puma Hotel (or similar)

Hotel

Meals included:

Breakfast

Day 7 Cusco

Use a free day to explore more of Cusco or relax.

Carte Blanche

Cusco Full Day

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Accommodation

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Hotel

Meals included:

Breakfast

Day 8 Cusco/Puno

Travel day by bus from Cusco to Puno. Spend some time on arrival wandering the small city.

Travel through the high Altiplano region from Cusco to Puno, on the shores of Lake Titicaca. Titicaca is also the largest lake in the world above 3800m, and the views from both Amantaní and Taquile Islands are stunning. The trip takes the better part of the day, with stark, beautiful scenery en route.

Local bus

Cusco – Puno 7h30m 389km

Climb aboard, grab a seat, and enjoy the ride.

Accommodation

Balsa Inn (or similar)

Hotel

Meals included:

Breakfast

Day 9 Puno

Enjoy a guided tour of Lake Titicaca including a visit to Uros and Taquile islands.

Head out by boat across Lake Titicaca. Visit the community on the Taquile Islands and enjoy a local lunch with spectacular views. Visit the floating islands of Uros before returning to Puno. Opt to visit to Sillustani burial site.

Day Trip to Lake Titicaca

Lago Titicaca

Head out for a day on beautiful Lake Titicaca. Travel to Taquile Island to visit the community and check out the spectacular views. Do some shopping at the local weaving cooperatives and learn about the Taquileños, known for their fine handwoven textiles and clothing.

Continue on to the floating islands of Uros. Learn about the totora reeds that grow in the shallows of Lake Titicaca used to make everything from the islands themselves to the boats the islanders use for transportation (if constructed well, they last up to six months). Find out from locals how the islands are constructed; as the layers closest to the water start to rot, they are replaced with fresh reeds on top.

Accommodation

Balsa Inn (or similar)

Hotel

Meals included:

Breakfast

Day 10 Puno/La Paz

Travel by bus and cross the border into Bolivia, arriving in La Paz.

Enjoy the full-day drive around the lake and through the altiplano to La Paz. Bolivia is filled with spectacular views of the countryside. La Paz is at nearly 4000m (13,120ft) above sea level, so be prepared for cool evenings and mornings.

Local bus

Puno – Yunguyo 2h30m

Climb aboard, grab a seat, and enjoy the ride.

Border Crossing (Peru - Bolivia)

Yunguyo – Copacabana 30m-1h

Ready for a little more ink in your passport? Grab your bags and get ready to check another country off your bucket list.

Local bus

Copacabana – La Paz 3h

Climb aboard, grab a seat, and enjoy the ride.

Accommodation

Hotel Las Brisas (or similar)

Hotel

Meals included:

Breakfast

Day 11 La Paz

Enjoy a free day in La Paz. Opt to visit the Witches' Market, the city's museums or the Valley of the Moon.

Explore the city's many fine museums or its historic structures, like the Iglesia de San Francisco. The city is also renowned for its many markets, including the Mercado de Hechicería (Witches' Market). With streets lined with market stalls and vendors, the pace on the street and the vibrant atmosphere is an incredible experience.

To the south of the city is the Valley of the Moon, with crater-like formations made of sand.

Free Time

La Paz Full Day

The day is yours— make the most of it.

Accommodation

Hotel Las Brisas (or similar)

Hotel

Meals included:

Breakfast

Day 12 La Paz/Sucre

Fly to Sucre and explore this beautiful colonial city.

Optional activities include mountain biking, hiking, and searching for dinosaur footprints.

Plane

La Paz – Sucre 1h

Look! Up in the sky! It's a bird! It's a plane! It's... yup, it is a plane, actually.

Free Time

Sucre Afternoon

Don't waste a minute, head out and explore.

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Independencia (or similar)

Hotel

Meals included:

Breakfast

Day 13 Sucre

Free time to explore the city, the former capital of Bolivia. For more active options opt to go hiking in the surrounding area or mountain biking.

Carte Blanche

Sucre Full Day

There's plenty to see and do in Sucre, and we wanted to make sure that you had some time to take it all in. Feel free to relax or try optional activities like hiking, mountain biking, and visiting the Textile Cooperative. Your CEO has more ideas if you need them. Just ask!

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Accommodation

Independencia (or similar)

Hotel

Meals included:

Breakfast

Day 14 Sucre/Potosí

Travel by bus to Potosí and get a view of the mountain Cerro Rico looming over the city.

Local bus

Sucre – Potosí 2h30m

Climb aboard, grab a seat, and enjoy the ride.

Free Time

Potosí Afternoon

Spend free time learning about local mining production or wandering the city and soaking in the cultural atmosphere.

Accommodation

Hotel Gran Libertador (or similar)

Hotel

Meals included:

Breakfast

Day 15 Potosí/Uyuni

Travel through the Bolivian landscape to the town of Uyuni, the jumping off point for the three day 4x4 excursion to the Uyuni Salt Flats.

During the rainy season the locations visited may change due to some routes being covered by water.

Local bus

Potosí – Uyuni 7h230km

Climb aboard, grab a seat, and enjoy the ride.

Accommodation

Hotel Samay Wasi (or similar)

Hotel

Meals included:

Breakfast

Day 16 Uyuni/Salar de Uyuni

Enjoy a three-day 4x4 excursion to the Uyuni Salt Flats and surrounding desert altiplano with spectacular scenery. Stay in simple hotels upgraded with solar panels to provide electricity and hot water.

We offer unique accommodation in the Uyuni Salt Flats. Instead of very basic refuges and homestays most operators use, we have upgraded to simple hotels that are equipped with solar panels to provide electricity and hot water. Rooms are multi-share and each have a private bathroom. Meals are made from local ingredients, most of which are grown on-site.

Salt Flats Excursion

Salar de Uyuni

Spend three days in the stunning landscape between the Salar de Uyuni and the Atacama Desert in Chile. Enter a world unlike anything else as we drive across the salt flats; the piercing blue sky contrasts against the blinding white of the flat salt beds. Take memorable photos of the unusual landscape complete with mountains, active volcanoes, geysers, and boiling mud pools. Visit the red lagoon of Laguna Colorada and enjoy the uniqueness of this region.

Accommodation

Jukil Community Lodge Agencha (or similar)

Lodge

Meals included:

Breakfast | Dinner

Day 17 Salar de Uyuni

Continue exploring the Uyuni Salt Flats on a 4x4 excursion. Admire the spectacular scenery while passing red and blue lagoons along the route. Spot wild llamas, alpacas and even flamingos deep within the desert.

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Accommodation

Jukil Community Lodge Agencha (or similar)

Lodge

Meals included:

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

Day 18 Salar de Uyuni/San Pedro de Atacama

Rise early to cover more ground of the unique landscape of the Uyuni Salt Flats. Continue to see incredible scenery, including volcanoes, salt lakes and geysers. Travel to the border and descend by bus to San Pedro de Atacama, Chile. It's a long but scenic drive.

From the high Bolivian altiplano descend almost 2000m to the edge of the Atacama Desert, arriving at the small desert oasis of San Pedro de Atacama, just across the Chilean border. Said to be one of the driest places on the planet, this little town is an oasis in an otherwise barren, dry landscape.

4x4

Salar de Uyuni – Estación Avaroa 1h

Roads? Where this rough-and-ready vehicle's going, we don't need roads.

Border Crossing (Bolivia - Chile)

Estación Avaroa – Ollagüe

Ready for a little more ink in your passport? Grab your bags and get ready to check another country off your bucket list.

Local bus

Ollagüe – San Pedro de Atacama 1h30m-2h30m

Climb aboard, grab a seat, and enjoy the ride.

Accommodation

Hostal Puritama (or similar)

Hotel

Meals included:

Breakfast | Lunch

Day 19 San Pedro de Atacama

Enjoy an included excursion to the Valley of the Moon. In San Pedro, opt to go sandboarding or mountain biking.

Enjoy an included excursion to the Valley of the Moon to learn about and appreciate the beautiful uniqueness of the landscape.

There are plenty of optional excursions in San Pedro de Atacama, including biking, exploring nearby ruins, and horseback riding. Despite its size, San Pedro offers some great restaurants as well as numerous handicrafts and artisan stores for those looking for souvenirs.

Valley of the Moon Visit

San Pedro de Atacama 4h

The sunset brings out a variety of colours over this majestic valley that experts say is the area on Earth that most closely resembles moon's surface. Explore the incredible formations created by wind and rain over millennia in this unique location between the Andes mountains and one of the world's driest deserts.

Accommodation

Hostal Puritama (or similar)

Hotel

Day 20 San Pedro de Atacama/Santiago

Drive to Calama and fly to Santiago, a vibrant capital city.

From the nearby city of Calama, fly to Santiago, the capital of Chile. The city is surrounded by mountains, and there are both internationally recognized vineyards and Andean ski resorts within a couple of hours from the city centre.

Explore the city's many museums and parks and visit the vibrant neighbourhood of Bellavista with its handicrafts, trendy cafés, and San Cristobal Hill with its views of the city and the surrounding area.

Local van

San Pedro de Atacama – Calama 3h

Climb aboard, take your seat, and enjoy the ride.

Plane

Calama – Santiago 5h

Look! Up in the sky! It's a bird! It's a plane! It's... yup, it is a plane, actually.

Accommodation

Hotel Riviera (or similar)

Hotel

Day 21 Santiago

With a free day in Santiago, opt to visit nearby wineries.

Free Time

Santiago Full Day

Explore the city or head further afield.

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Accommodation

Hotel Riviera (or similar)

Hotel

Meals included:

Breakfast

Day 22 Santiago

Enjoy an included city tour of Santiago and in the afternoon take some time to go shopping, sit in a cafe or hike to the lookout of Cerro Santa Lucia.

Santiago City Tour

Santiago

Spend the day visiting different neighbourhoods of Santiago, stop at the Museo de la Memoria and learn about the history of Chile. Visit the Central Market and enjoy a traditional Chilean snack before heading to a local bar to try Terremoto (Earthquake) a local drink made with pineapple ice cream, white wine and pisco.

Free Time

Santiago

Get out and explore!

Accommodation

Hotel Riviera (or similar)

Hotel

Meals included:

Breakfast

Day 23 Santiago

In the morning head to the Casablanca Valley, stopping at a winery to indulge in a wine tasting. Then depart for the colourful seaside town of Valparaiso. Enjoy the street art and snap a few pictures of the bright buildings that line the hills. Wander the streets of the city or relax on the beach, before heading back to Santiago. In the evening, board an overnight bus to Pucon.

Local bus

Santiago – Valparaíso 2h30m 128km

Climb aboard, grab a seat, and enjoy the ride.

Hands-On: Santiago Region Winery Tour

Visit nearby wineries in the area of Santiago. There are plenty of famous wineries or smaller family-run places to stop by. Learn about the process, tour the vineyards and of course, take a sample or two.

Day trip to Valparaiso

Valparaíso

Take a day trip to the beautiful port town of Valparaiso and wander by the rows of colourful houses. The Historic Quarter is on UNESCO's World Heritage List, explore the examples of 19th century Latin architecture built into the hillside.

Overnight bus

Santiago – Pucón 8h

Curl up and catch a snooze en route to the next stop.

Meals included:

Breakfast

Day 24 Pucón

Enjoy free time in Pucon to hike Villarica, try whitewater rafting or explore the area by foot.

Carte Blanche

Pucón Full Day

There's plenty to see and do in Pucon, and we wanted to make sure that you had some time to take it all in. Feel free to relax or try optional activities like hiking Villarica Volcano, whitewater rafting, and relaxing in thermal baths. Your CEO has more ideas if you need them. Just ask!

Accommodation

Hostal Mahuida (or similar)

Hostel

Day 25Pucón

Enjoy more free time to take part in the many activities on offer in Pucón. Opt to soak in the nearby natural thermal pools.

Free Time

Pucón

Enjoy free time to explore this adventure hub!

Accommodation

Hostal Mahuida (or similar)

Hostel

Meals included:

Breakfast

Day 26Pucón/San Carlos de Bariloche

Cross the Andes to Argentina. Travel by local bus to San Martin and transfer the rest of the way to Bariloche stopping for photos in the Seven Lake district. Enjoy a free evening in this beautiful waterfront town of Bariloche.

Local bus

Pucón – San Martín de los Andes

Climb aboard, grab a seat, and enjoy the ride.

Border Crossing (Chile - Argentina)

Peulla – Puerto Frías

Ready for a little more ink in your passport? Grab your bags and get ready to check another country off your bucket list.

Private Vehicle

San Martín de los Andes – San Carlos de Bariloche

Transfer to Bariloche, enjoy the scenery and a couple of photo ops in the Seven Lakes District.

Free Time

San Carlos de Bariloche Afternoon

Explore the beautiful waterfront town.

Accommodation

Soft Hotel (or similar)

Hotel

Meals included:

Breakfast

Day 27San Carlos de Bariloche

Transfer to a Gaucho Ranch just outside of Bariloche. Enjoy a barbecue for lunch and take to the saddle with a Gaucho by your side.

Bariloche Gaucho Experience

San Carlos de Bariloche

Be a Argentinian Gaucho for the day and immerse yourself in the culture of these traditional Patagonia cowboys. Head out on an easy horseback ride through the beautiful scenery of Bariloche and learn about the area's history from a real live Gaucho. Stop along the way to try Mate, the national beverage of Argentina and some alfajores, a delicious dulce de leche cookie sandwich. Finish it all off with a traditional Patagonian barbeque.

Accommodation

Soft Hotel (or similar)

Hotel

Meals included:

Breakfast | Lunch

Day 28 San Carlos de Bariloche

Enjoy the beautiful area of the Seven Lakes district. Take a hike in the countryside or wander the town, known for its shops and in particular, artisan chocolate.

Free Time

San Carlos de Bariloche Full Day

Take advantage of all the things Bariloche has to offer.

Accommodation

Soft Hotel (or similar)

Hotel

Meals included:

Breakfast

Day 29 San Carlos de Bariloche/Buenos Aires

Fly to Buenos Aires. Opt to enjoy a tango dinner show, take a city tour or enjoy free time to explore the many neighbourhoods and museums.

Fly north to the buzzing metropolis that is Buenos Aires, it is a vibrant city full of life.

When you are done exploring, settle your weary feet and enjoy a drink in one of the many sidewalk cafes and restaurants and you will begin to understand the contemplative Argentine way of life.

Since Buenos Aires will be your last chance to try the succulent beef, chicken and chorizo parrilladas, dig in and enjoy!

Plane

San Carlos de Bariloche – Buenos Aires 1h30m 1640km

Look! Up in the sky! It's a bird! It's a plane! It's... yup, it is a plane, actually.

Free Time

Buenos Aires Afternoon

Take an optional city tour and visit the districts of La Boca, Recoleta, and San Telmo or catch a tango show at one of the many famous tanguerías. Wander the pedestrian walkways and see some dancing in the streets. Whatever you do, Buenos Aires is sure to leave lasting memories.

Accommodation

Hotel Dazzler San Telmo (or similar)

Hotel

Meals included:

Breakfast

Day 30 Buenos Aires

Depart at any time.

Book extra accommodation in Buenos Aires to have more time to explore the city.

Meals included:

Breakfast