

## DETAILED ITINERARY

# Americas > South America> Peru & Brazil

**AED 17,790/-** per person, prices are based on twin sharing.

**Duration:** 10 Days / 9 Nights.

**Destinations:** Lima, Sacred Valley of the Incas, Machu Picchu, Cusco, Rio de Janeiro, Buzios, Foz do Iguacu.

### 1 DAY

Arrival at Lima Airport



Welcome to Peru

On arrival at Lima International Airport you will be met by our local representative and you will be transferred to the hotel.

Day is free, for you to explore the city at your own pace.

Lima, the capital of Peru, lies on the country's arid Pacific coast. Though its colonial center is preserved, it's a bustling metropolis and one of South America's largest cities. It's home to the Museo Larco collection of pre-Columbian art and the

Museo de la Nación, tracing the history of Peru's ancient civilizations. The Plaza de Armas and the 16th-century cathedral are the heart of old Lima Centro.

Overnight in Lima.

## 2DAY

### Lima

Breakfast at the hotel. After a time of a relaxing morning, you will be picked up from the hotel to begin an afternoon city tour of Lima with Larco Museum on seat in coach service. The highlight of the tours includes a visit to the modern and colonial parts of the city of Lima the "City of Kings", starting in the districts of Miraflores and San Isidro, including an overview of the impressive Huaca Huallamarca. The tour later takes you to the Historic Centre, for a visit to the Santo Domingo Convent -a World Heritage Site- where the remains of our patron saints St. Martin of Porres. and Saint Rose of Lima lie. See the Main Square, surrounded by the Presidential Palace, the Archbishop's Palace, the Municipality of Lima and the Cathedral. This section ends with a stop to sample a pisco sour. The final part of the tour takes you to the Larco Museum, an incomparable private collection of treasures from ancient Peru. This inspiring collection helps visitors to understand and enjoy more than five thousand years of Peruvian history, represented by more than 45,000 exhibits.

Overnight in Lima.

## 3DAY

### Lima-Cusco-Sacred Valley of the Incas

Breakfast at the hotel. This morning we transfer from our hotel to the airport for our domestic flight to Cusco

On arrival in Cusco, we'll drive towards the Sacred Valley of the Incas.

The Sacred Valley is a region in Peru's Andean highlands. Along with the nearby town of Cusco and the ancient city of Machu Picchu, it formed the heart of the Inca Empire. Stretching roughly 60 kilometers, it's an area of fertile farmland and Spanish colonial villages like Pisac and Ollantaytambo. Pisac is known for its Sunday handicraft market and hilltop Incan citadel.

Overnight in Sacred Valley of the Incas.

## 4DAY

### Sacred Valley of the Incas

Breakfast at the hotel. Today you will discover the sacred valley of Incas on this full day tour. The tour will start @ 8:00am and you will see Chinchero, a small picturesque village containing significant Inca ruins dating from the end of the 15th Century, as well as a beautiful traditional church. The tour continues to Urpi, a famous textile centre in which the inhabitants still use traditional Andean spinning and weaving techniques and will show you how they achieve the brilliant colours of their pieces by natural means. Afterwards, on the road to Ollantaytambo, you will stop at Racchi vantage point for one of the best views of the Sacred Valley. Lunch is served at a local restaurant. Then it is on to Ollantaytambo, one of the most representative building complexes of the Inca Empire and the site of one of the Spanish Conquistadors' rare strategic defeats. Famous for its terraced fields, Ollantaytambo was a very effective fortress and also a religious centre. Finally, the village of Ollantaytambo, known as the only living Inca town; it is the best surviving example of Inca urban planning, with stone-paved streets that have been lived in since the 12th Century.

Overnight in Sacred Valley of the Incas.

## 5DAY

### Sacred Valley of the Incas-Machu Picchu

Breakfast at the hotel. Early in the morning, you will be picked up and taken to Ollantaytambo Station for a Full day Machu Picchu with Vistadome train. Awaiting you today is by far and away one of the high points in world tourism: Machu Picchu. Your adventure starts on a train ride to the city of Aguas Calientes, where you disembark and then board a bus that drives you to the actual Machu Picchu archeological site, where you will definitely have an experience you will never forget. The tour includes every nook and cranny of this New 7 Wonder of the World and UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site; afterwards, there is some free time for you to explore the site on your own, to relax, or to meditate. At the agreed time, you will descend to Aguas Calientes for lunch at a local restaurant and, later on, board the train for the return trip to Cusco; you will stop at the Ollantaytambo Station and be picked up and driven to your hotel.

Machu Picchu is an Incan citadel set high in the Andes Mountains in Peru, above the Urubamba River valley. Built in the 15th century and later abandoned, it's renowned for its sophisticated dry-stone walls that fuse huge blocks without the use of mortar, intriguing buildings that play on astronomical alignments and panoramic views. Its exact former use remains a mystery.

Overnight in Aguas Calientes.

## 6DAY

### Machu Picchu-Cusco-Iguassu

Breakfast at the hotel. At the scheduled time, you will ride the train back to the Ollanta Station, where you will be picked up and driven to the airport. Arrival in Iguassu, meet and transfer to the hotel

Day is free, for you to explore the city at your own pace.

The Iguazu Falls, Iguazú Falls, Iguassu Falls, or Iguacu Falls are waterfalls of the Iguazu River on the border of the Argentine province of Misiones and the Brazilian state of Paraná. They are the largest waterfalls system in the world. The falls divide the river into the upper and lower Iguazu. The Iguazu River rises near the city of Curitiba. For most of its course, the river flows through Brazil; however, most of the falls are on the Argentine side. Below its confluence with the San Antonio River, the Iguazu River forms the boundary between Argentina and Brazil.

Overnight in Iguassu.

## 7DAY

### Iguassu

Breakfast at the hotel. Today your driver will pick you up in your hotel and proceed for a Half day tour in the Iguassu falls on the Brazilian side with our English speaking guide. The duration of the tours will be a

HD BRAZILIAN SIDE OF THE FALLS duration 3 hours – private service with English speaking guide

Departure in vehicle heading to the National Park of the Brazilian Falls (entrance fee not included). The tour starts with a visit to the Main Center of the park, where the participants will have the opportunity to get some hints about the local ecosystem. From there the tour follows with a walking time through the most important track of the park where the participants could enjoy a astonishing view of the waterfalls. From the local belvedere the participants will have a privileged sight of the both parks of the waterfalls, Return to the main point via the panoramic elevator.

Your trip will not be complete if you will not experience the Iguassu falls from the Argentinian side on this **optional tour**.

1) HD ARGENTINEAN SIDE OF THE FALLS

Overnight in Iguassu .

**8**DAY

Iguassu-Rio de Janeiro

Breakfast at the hotel. Check out and driver will pick you up and drop you to the hotel for your onward flight to Rio de Janeiro. On arrival to Rio, the driver will be waiting for you at the airport and will drop you to the hotel.

The day is free, for you to explore the city at your own pace.

Rio de Janeiro is a huge seaside city in Brazil, famed for its Copacabana and Ipanema beaches, 38m Christ the Redeemer statue atop Mount Corcovado and for Sugarloaf Mountain, a granite peak with cable cars to its summit. The city is also known for its sprawling favelas (shanty towns). It's raucous Carnival festival, featuring parade floats, flamboyant costumes and samba dancers, is considered the world's largest.

Overnight in Rio de Janeiro.

**9**DAY

Rio de Janeiro

Breakfast at the hotel. The most famous attraction in Brazil is the Christ the Redeemer. This is an excellent option to see the best of Rio if time is limited. Today you will be picked up in your hotel between 8:00am and 9:00am, depending on the hotel location. In only one day two of the best tours combined the Corcovado and Sugar Loaf to make one memorable day! In the morning, the visit to Christ Statue at Corcovado Mountain taking the cog train through the luxuriant rain Forest. Enjoy the spectacular views of Rio and the surrounding countryside. After the morning tour, relax and enjoy lunch. Sugar Loaf Tour. In the afternoon, join the Sugar Loaf tour, driving by downtown Rio, with its fine colonial-style Portuguese buildings, and continuing on to the cable car at Praia Vermelha (red beach). A ride to the top of Sugar Loaf Mountain gives the visitor a wonderful view of the city nestling between the mountains and the sea, and the sight of the sun going down over Copacabana beach is magical.

In the evening if you still have the energy to explore Rio an optional tour can be arranged for you.

**OPTIONAL TOUR IN RIO DE JANEIRO**

1) Rio by Night: Dinner at local restaurant & Samba Show at Plataforma

Overnight in Rio de Janeiro.

**10**DAY

Rio de Janeiro / End of trip

After breakfast. The day is free until checkout time. The driver will pick you up and drop you to the airport for your onward flight.

**TOUR COST, TERMS & CONDITIONS**

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If you are interested in going ahead with this booking, we would require payment in the form of cash or cheque:

- 30 days to 21 days prior to departure date: 50%.
- 21 days to 01 days prior to departure: 100%.
- Prices in this quotation are subject to availability. Al-Tayer Hotel reserves the right to a higher standard based in the event of non-availability at the time of booking.



Please ensure that the names given to us for reservations match the companies are very particular about name changes. Mismatched names strongly recommend travel insurance as part of your package – we – please let us know if you wish us to add this to your package.

## INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS

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### INCLUSIONS



Flights

Economy class airfare from Dubai / Lima / Rio de Janeiro / Dubai.  
Internal flight from Lima / Cuzco / Iguassu / Rio De Janeiro.



Accommodation

2 nights accommodation in Lima based on double room occupancy  
2 nights accommodation in Sacred Valley based on double room occupancy  
1 night accommodation in Aquas Calientes based on double room occupancy  
2 nights accommodation in Foz de Iguassu based on double room occupancy  
2 nights accommodation in Rio de Janeiro based on double room occupancy

Land transfers mentioned in the program on SIB basis with bilingual



Transportation

Sightseeing tours mentioned in the program on SIB basis with bilingual



Sightseeing

Daily breakfast.



Meals



Complimentary travel insurance.



All airline and hotel taxes.

## EXCLUSIONS



- Visa fees.
- International airport departure tax.
- Meals not mentioned in the itinerary.
- Items of personal nature viz. telephone calls, drinks, laundry
- Except all above mentioned in inclusion.

## TRAVEL TIPS

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### SOUTH AMERICA

**South America** is a continent located in the western hemisphere, mostly in the southern hemisphere, with a relatively small portion in the northern hemisphere. It may also be considered a subcontinent of the Americas, which is how it is viewed in the Spanish-speaking regions of the Americas. The reference to South America instead of other regions (like Latin America or the Southern Cone) has increased in the last decades due to changing geopolitical dynamics (in particular, the rise of Brazil).



It is bordered on the west by the Pacific Ocean and on the north and east by the Atlantic Ocean; North America and the Caribbean Sea lie to the northwest. It includes twelve sovereign states (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay, and Venezuela), a part of France (French Guiana), and a non-sovereign area (the Falkland Islands, a British Overseas Territory though this is disputed by Argentina). In addition to this, the ABC islands of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Trinidad and Tobago, and Panama may also be considered part of South America.

**Brazil** a vast South American country, stretches from the Amazon Basin in the north to vineyards and massive Iguazu Falls in the south. Rio de Janeiro, symbolized by its 38m Christ the Redeemer statue atop Mount Corcovado, is famed for its busy Copacabana and Ipanema beaches as well as its enormous, raucous Carnival festival, featuring parade floats, flamboyant costumes, and samba music and dance. Brazil is the largest country in South America and home to some of the world's most metropolitan cities, but this is just the beginning. The world famous Carnival takes place every year where millions dance, samba, and party the days away. Wildlife fans will enjoy exploring the wetlands of the Pantanal and the Amazon rainforest, while those who enjoy colonial architecture and historic cities will revel in the chance to visit Salvador. Throw in beaches, soccer, beautiful people, and cheap prices, and it's pretty easy to convince someone this is a country worth seeing.

**Peru** is a country in South America that's home to a section of Amazon rainforest and Machu Picchu, an ancient Incan city high in the Andes mountains. The region around Machu Picchu, including the Sacred Valley, Inca Trail and colonial city of Cusco, is rich in archaeological sites. On Peru's arid Pacific coast is Lima, the capital, with a preserved colonial center and important collections of pre-Columbian art. Peru is one of the most famous and popular countries in South America. Most people flock here to hike the Inca Trail and see Machu Picchu and let everything else take a back seat. Their loss is your gain as you'll be able to explore this incredible country with few crowds (though backpackers do explore it.) Come explore the jungles, see the Amazon, head to Lake Titicaca, or to the beaches. Learn about local culture, try the coca tea, and practice your Spanish.

**Trip Planning:** The planning stage of your trip can be instrumental in its success and an enjoyable part of the experience itself. You have a world of options...and plenty to consider.

**Entry and Exit formalities:** Visitors must hold a passport valid for at least six months & beyond at the time of entering the country. Some nationalities can obtain visa on arrival and for nationalities who requires visa please refer to the respective consulate or embassy website.

Brazil: <https://abudhabi.itamaraty.gov.br/>

Peru: <https://www.consulado.pe/es/Dubai/Paginas/Inicio.aspx>

**Transportation:** Figuring out how to get around is one of your biggest pre-trip decisions. Get our holiday expert best advice on deciding between your options. Based on your trip itinerary, our experts will help you choose wisely. You'll also find a wealth of practical travel tips.

**Money:** Use your money wisely. Know the best time to use cash or card — and how to avoid unnecessary fees either way — as well as tipping etiquette, and how shoppers can take advantage of VAT refunds.

**Phones and Technology:** Phones and other smart devices can be huge time-savers...or expensive distractions. Get our tips for making the best use of technology during your trip, and for calling home with or without your own phone.

**Packing Light:** On your trip you'll meet two kinds of travelers: those who pack light and those who wish they had.

**Sleeping and Eating:** Your hotel and restaurant choices can be a matter-of-face chore...or they can provide rich opportunities to connect with locals and their culture.

**Health & Hygiene:** Take comfort: Doctors, hospitals, laundrettes, and bathrooms aren't that different. Dealing with them can even be part of the fun of travel.

**Sightseeing & Activities:** Once you're on the ground, the real fun begins...but it pays to have a thoughtful plan. Our experts will help you get oriented to your surroundings, use your sightseeing hours wisely, and find your way off the beaten path.

**Things do & see:**

## **BRAZIL**

**Fútbol** – Soccer is religion here, and going to a match is one of the most entertaining things you can do in Brazil. Maracana is one of the largest stadiums in the world and seats 100,000 supporters. With the 2016 Olympics turning the world's attention to the country, soccer fever is all the rage. Take in a match if you can.

**Rio Carnival** – The Rio Carnival is one of the most famous parties in the world. Music and dancing take over the streets with thousands of people enjoying the celebrations before the start of the somber period of Lent. Prices during this festival triple and you need to book months in advance, but it's worth every penny to experience the local flavor.

**Florianópolis** – In southern Brazil, this place is composed mostly of the island of Ilha de Santa Catarina. Florianópolis, or Floripa for short, has been attracting surfers and sun worshippers for years. It has become one of Brazil's most popular beach destinations and is famous for its massive parties. Floripa is the ideal location for fun in the sun, offering visitors an endless array of beaches, excellent seafood, quaint Azorean fishing villages, and awesome nightlife. It's an especially popular stop for young travelers seeking fun.

**Fernando de Noronha** – This is an archipelago of volcanic islands 220 miles off the Brazilian coast. Fernando de Noronha was Brazil's first Marine Park (70% of the island is protected) and has also been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The beaches are fantastic and largely deserted as only 420 people are permitted on the island at a time. This place has recently become a haven for Brazilian celebrities, and as a result, prices have gone up a bit. If you're looking for a deserted island experience with a bit of luxury, then Noronha is the place for you.

**Rio de Janeiro** – Rio is the 5th largest city in the world and has so much to offer visitors that it will take you weeks to scratch the surface. Head up Corcovado to take in the statue of Christ the Redeemer and an amazing view of the city. Additionally, Rio has more museums than you could imagine, as well as endless beaches, parties, food, lively locals, and much more. It's a great (albeit slightly expensive) city.

**Iguacu Fall** – Known as 'Iguazu Falls' to the Argentines, these magnificent waterfalls lie across the border from Argentina and are a designated UNESCO World Heritage

Site. The falls are higher than and twice as wide as Niagara Falls and one of the country's best natural wonders. 450,000 cubic feet of water thunder down the 275 cascades every second.

**Brasilia** – Although not as famous as Rio de Janeiro, Brasilia is definitely worth a visit. The city was inaugurated in 1960 and is a masterpiece of modernist architecture, attracting aficionados the world over. The city is designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

**Pantanal**– These are the largest wetlands in the world, located in the west, stretching into parts of Bolivia and Paraguay. As can be expected, the Pantanal is a wildlife watcher's dream come true. Over 11,000 species of animal live in the wetlands, from the rare Marsh Deer to the Giant Anteater and the Hyacinth Macaw.

**Amazonia National Park** – The Amazon covers 8% of the earth's surface but is home to 50% of its biodiversity. The Amazonia National Park is almost 40% of the nation's landmass and is perfect for birdwatching, trekking, and kayaking. There are many points of entry, chances to go hiking, camping, and river tours. No trip to Brazil is complete without seeing the Amazon.

**Recife** – Recife is home to some of Brazil's most beautiful beaches and is the second largest city on the country's northeastern coast. The city's historical center is extremely beautiful with dozens of restaurants and quaint establishments. Head to nearby Olinda, a colonial city designated as a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1982.

**Salvador** – Visit Brazil's first city and cultural capital, Salvador on the country's northeast coast. Also known as the 'capital of happiness', visitors enjoy the city's easy-going atmosphere and colonial architecture. The colonial center of Pelourinho was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1985.

**Sao Paulo** – Sao Paulo is the third largest city in the world and the largest in South America, home to over 17 million people. Visitors to this expansive city can enjoy world class nightlife, music, and cuisine. While it lacks the charm of Rio.

**Manaus Opera House**– The Amazon theater is located in the heart of Manaus. Built in 1896, it strongly reflects the Italian Renaissance influence from the time. It has been featured in several movies.

**Dancing Capoeira** – This Afro-Brazilian martial art is a "war dance" practiced and performed by thousands of people throughout the country. If you aren't too embarrassed to try it out, it's a memorable experience for everyone involved.

**The Manaus Municipal Market** – Located in Manaus, this building is right on the bank of the Rio Negro and covers 12,000 square meters. Many locals come here for their daily shopping. You can find almost anything you can imagine—fish, caimans, turtles, fruit, wine, and knick-knacks.

## **PERU**

**Lima** – Chances are your trip will begin and end in Peru's capital city, Lima, and this is no bad thing as the city is a must-see. The Plaza Mayor is popular and you'll want to bring a camera to catch its colonial beauty. At night, head to the Barranco district for the hottest parties in *peñas*– Afro-Peruvian clubs which bounce to the beat of cajón drums.

**Machu Picchu** – This legendary "lost city of the Incas" is one of the most-visited tourist attractions in all of South America and one of the best historical sites in the world. The ruins are high up in the Andes and are regularly obscured by cloud cover, which adds to the mystery of the place! Aqueducts, granite and limestone temples

and other forms of Inca architecture are all beautifully preserved at this essential tourist attraction. You can get here by the Inca Trail or by taking the train.

**Inca Trail** – Getting to Machu Picchu is best via the famed Inca Trail. This multi-day hike allows you to see the mountains, jungles, and follow the route of the Incas.

Book in advance, as it fills up months ahead of time during peak season.

**Islas Flotantes de los Uros** – The Floating Islands of the Uros may sound like an Indiana Jones title but it is actually the name of the group of handmade islands in Lake Titicaca. The Islands are home to the indigenous Uros people who have built their own houses, islands and boats from the tortora reeds which grow along the banks of the lake. This is an extremely touristy site, and is a bit exploited as such, so it's not for everyone.

**Colca Canyon** – Colca Canyon is the deepest canyon in the world and is thought to be twice as deep as the Grand Canyon at certain parts. This is a great place to spot Andean condors and unlike the Grand Canyon, Colca is habitable. A trip here isn't complete unless you visit one of the small agricultural villages for a taste of daily life.

**Surf at Máncora Beach** – Seafood, watersports, horse riding and relaxation are the order of the day at this popular beach resort. Máncora is one of the finest beaches in South America and its year-round sunshine and huge waves also makes it Peru's surfing Mecca. Prices here can be expensive December to March so it's best to book in advance.

**Nasca Lines** – The Nasca Lines are a series of ancient geoglyphs that dominate the San José desert and in particular, the Nasca Valley. There are over 10,000 lines and 300 different plant and animal figures depicted. No one really knows how they got there (maybe aliens?).

**Batán Grande** – Batán Grande is an archaeological site comprised of 50 pyramids and tombs, which are thought to date back to between 100-1000 AD. This site was once the Sicán capital and has had its fair share of impressive pre-Columbian artifacts recovered over the years – for example, a gold Tumi weighing almost seven pounds which was recovered from one of the royal tombs.

**Lake Titicaca** – Titicaca is one of the most famous bodies of water in the world. The lake covers over 3,000 square miles and sits at 12,500 feet above sea level and as such is considered the world's largest high altitude lake. The towns surrounding the lake are tourist friendly and a mix of colonial architecture and bustling markets, while the islands dotted around the lake are largely off the radar for most travelers.

**Cuzco** – This colonial city is a major tourist destination and sits on Inca-built stone foundations not far from Peru's major attraction of Machu Picchu. The area is popular with trail walkers, history lovers, and party-goers who come to enjoy the city's many colorful festivals. Cuzco is the undisputed archaeological capital of the Americas and an essential part of your trip to Peru.

**Amazon Fix in Iquitos** – Accessible only by boat or plane, jungle-locked Iquitos is the largest city within the Peruvian rainforest. The city sits at the mouth of the Amazon and so is the perfect destination for fans of eco-tourism. The nearby Pacaya Samiria National Reserve is Peru's largest Reserve and at two million hectares, it is home to a huge range of nearly 1000 birds, mammals, fish and reptiles.

**Huacachina** – This little town is a desert oasis and a welcome relief after hiking through Machu Picchu. It's very affordable for travelers looking to relax and are running out of funds. Hostels offer great deals for sandboarding and sandbuggies around the dunes that surround this idyllic town. Sandboarding costs about 40 PEN and you don't have to book in advance. There is also a lagoon surrounded by palm trees here too. You can rent a rowboat to go around.

**Penguins in Paracas** – Paracas is in the south of Peru, and is sometimes called the “Poor Man’s Galapagos” for its impressive wildlife: thousands of birds, as well as large sea lion and penguin populations live along the water. You can visit the Paracas National Reserve via an organized boat tour. Be sure to go early (around 8 am). A full day organized tour of Paracas includes a boat trip to the Islas Ballestas and a bus trip around the national reserve in the afternoon.

**White City** – Arequipa is a beautiful city with a historical centre that was constructed primarily from volcanic ash from the nearby volcanoes. Come to visit the gorgeous Santa Catalina Monastery, see a frozen Inca mummy, or just to take in the city’s architecture over a glass of wine in the main square.

**Huaraz** – Not to be confused with Juarez in Mexico, Peru’s Huaraz is a great (and perfectly safe) destination for adventure-seekers. The mountains here are stunning, and there are fantastic multi-day trek options for those looking for some outdoor activity.

**El Parque de las Aguas** – This park in downtown Lima has a beautiful water fountain and is open from 3-10:30 pm, Tuesday-Sunday. There’s an amazing light show at night too! It costs 4 PEN to get into. You’ll find a lot of events hosted here and it’s a popular place with dog owners.

**Chachapoyas** – This region lies in the Andean mountains and is home to the Chachapoya civilization that lived there between 500 and 1432. Today, you can visit Kuelap, the fortified city at known as “The Machu Picchu of the North”. Be sure to also visit Gocta, a beautiful waterfall that is one of the highest in the world. You can get there by taking a tour from Chachapoyas.

**Trujillo** – On your way to Mancora, stop in Trujillo, a small fishing town directly on the beach. While here, visit the archaeological site of Chan Chan, the world’s biggest adobe city ever built. It was built by the Chimu civilization that live before the Incas from 850 and 1534.