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15 DAY SOLO TOUR: MARCH 2020

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Wine and dine on the culture of Chile, Argentina and Brazil on a journey from Santiago via Buenos Aires to Rio de Janeiro.

There are few better ways to gain insight into a country and its people than with a glass of local wine. This journey visits premier vineyard regions, lively cities and incredible landscapes.

Artistic Santiago sets the tone for this trip, which then travels through colourful Valparaiso and crosses into Mendoza - the home of Argentinian Malbec. Encounter the rural cowboy traditions on an visit to an estancia (ranch), then a tantalising mix of European and Latin flair in Buenos Aires.

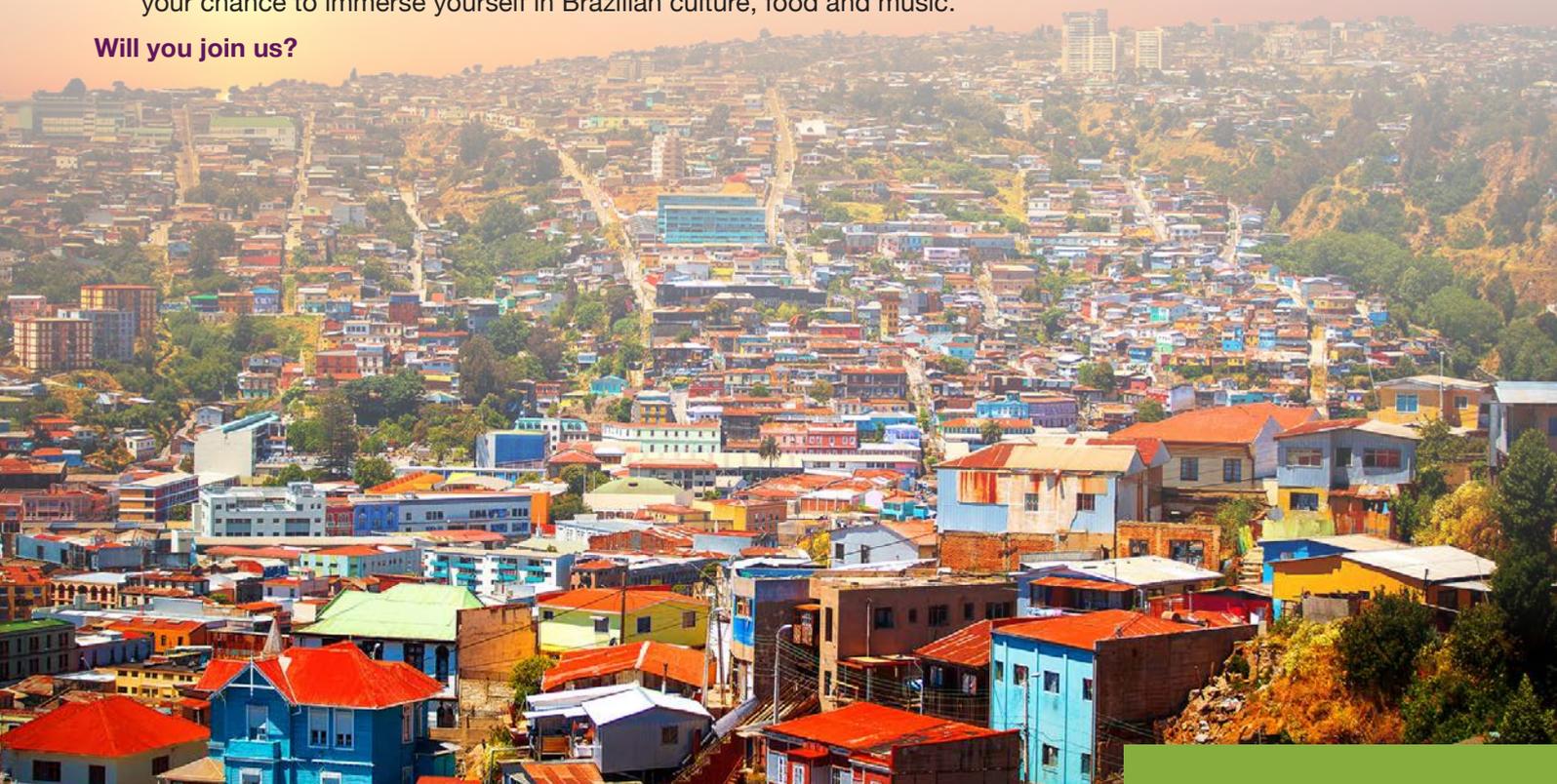


At the border with Brazil, we experience the magnificent might of Iguazu Falls, before finally arriving in to one of the most beautiful cities in the world, Rio de Janeiro.

Highlights of this delightful tour:

- Explore the vibrantly colourful port town of Valparaiso, where culture spills out into the streets and art comes then the map goes here to life.
- Test your palate at a traditional vineyard lunch in Argentina's malbec-producing wine region, Mendoza.
- Enjoy a full day at an estancia ranch in Argentina and experience traditional gaucho life.
- Explore the neighbourhoods of Buenos Aires, a lively, confident city. Watch the intimately fluid movements of a professional tango couple up close. Then try your luck at mastering the techniques and understanding the rhythm of this enthralling music and dance.
- With two days & nights at Iguazu Falls, you can marvel at this beauty from many different angles. The Argentinian side gets you up close and personal, while the Brazillian side unveils sweeping panoramas.
- Favelas may sit alongside mansions, but in the heaving metropolis of Rio, everyone's invited to the party! This is your chance to immerse yourself in Brazilian culture, food and music.

Will you join us?



Day 1 - Tuesday 10th March 2020 SANTIAGO ARRIVAL DAY (D)

Welcome to Santiago, Chile. Set within a circle of snow-capped mountains, Santiago is vibrant, artistic and gourmet. Once arrived, take an included transfer to the hotel. Your adventure begins with a tour briefing at 6 pm, where you will meet your Two's a Crowd host, your fellow travelers and your local tour guide. If you arrive early into Santiago, perhaps take a short walk to get your bearings of the city, with the Andes serving as a spectacular backdrop to your exploration.

Group Arrival Transfer: Included

- **Accommodation: Your own room at Hotel Plaza El Bosque Nueva Las Condes, Santiago (4 star)**

Day 2 - Wednesday 11th March 2020 SANTIAGO (B)

This morning we get to know Santiago on a walking tour with a local guide (approximately 2.5 hours). You'll discover more about the city that was founded in 1541 by the Spaniard, Pedro de Valdivia, and has experienced a turbulent history filled with native conflicts and natural disasters. Head to the Plaza de Armas, the heart of the city and home to the cathedral, and walk through the central market to try some local specialities. Next, take the cable car to the top of Cerro San Cristobal for the best view of the city. We finish our tour in the bohemian Bellavista neighbourhood. The rest of the afternoon is your own to explore the City at your own pace. Tonight, take the chance to dine out at one of the city's famous restaurants and sample some local ceviche.

Included Activities:

- Half-day guided walking tour
- Cerro San Cristobal Funicular
- **Accommodation: Your own room at Hotel Plaza El Bosque Nueva Las Condes, Santiago (4 star)**





Day 3 - Thursday 12th March 2020 SANTIAGO TO VALPARAISO (B)

Enjoy a free morning in Santiago. Perhaps visit the Mercado Central (Santiago's celebrated fish market) to savour some breakfast empanadas with pebre, a delicious Chilean condiment of coriander, garlic, olive oil and peppers. After lunch we head west towards the coast, stopping enroute for a wine tasting. Sitting on a coastal plain between the capital and Valparaiso, the Casablanca Valley is Chile's fastest growing wine region. This visit focuses on the sustainability and organic goals of the vineyard and the characters of biodiversity-as well as tasting the wine! Good to know, however, that this area is renowned for crisp Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc, but also for stunning reds like Pinot Noir, Merlot and Syrah. We continue for approx 1.5hours through the lush green vineyards to the coast, and arrive in to the colourful city of Valparaiso which is notable for its brightly hued houses spread across a series of hills overlooking the ocean. As a creative hub, the city has no shortage of options for a drink and some local delicacies, so perhaps find yourself a place to sip some ancho reyes alongside locals for the evening.

Included Activities:

- Tour of an organic/biodynamic vineyard including wine tasting
- **Accommodation: Your own standard room at 'Palacio Astoresca,' Valparaiso (4 star)**

Day 4 - Friday 13th March 2020 VALPARAISO (B)

Listed as a World Heritage centre in 2003, Valparaiso used to be South America's busiest port before the opening of the Panama Canal. It has since transformed itself into Chile's most creative city which you'll learn more about on this morning's walking tour (approx. 3.5 hours). The ramshackle streets have long been home to artists, writers and musicians so there is no shortage on visual inspiration. The hills of Cerro Concepcion and Cerro Alegre are dotted with kaleidoscopically coloured houses, with cobbled streets weaving sharply uphill and concealing all manner of galleries, restaurants and shops. Later on, visit the Lukas Museum which houses the collection of original works by the cartoonist, illustrator and chronicler Renzo Pecchenino. The remainder of the day is then your own to wander the streets and explore many of the hidden gems before reuniting with the group and joining in the sunset Pisco Sour workshop that is included.

Included Activities:

- Guided City tour
- Lukas Museum
- Pisco Sour workshop & Sunset
- **Accommodation: Your own standard room at 'Palacio Astoresca,' Valparaiso (4 star)**

Day 5 - Saturday 14th March 2020 VALPARAISO TO MENDOZA (B)

After breakfast we will depart Valparaiso, travel through the Andes and across the Argentinean border by private transport. The journey to Mendoza will take approximately 6 hours. On a clear day it may be possible to see Mount Aconcagua, the highest mountain in the Americas at 6962 meters above sea level. Once in Mendoza, we get to know the city with a gentle stroll around its tree-lined streets. Tonight there will be the opportunity to visit the local cafes and restaurants for some Argentinean fare.

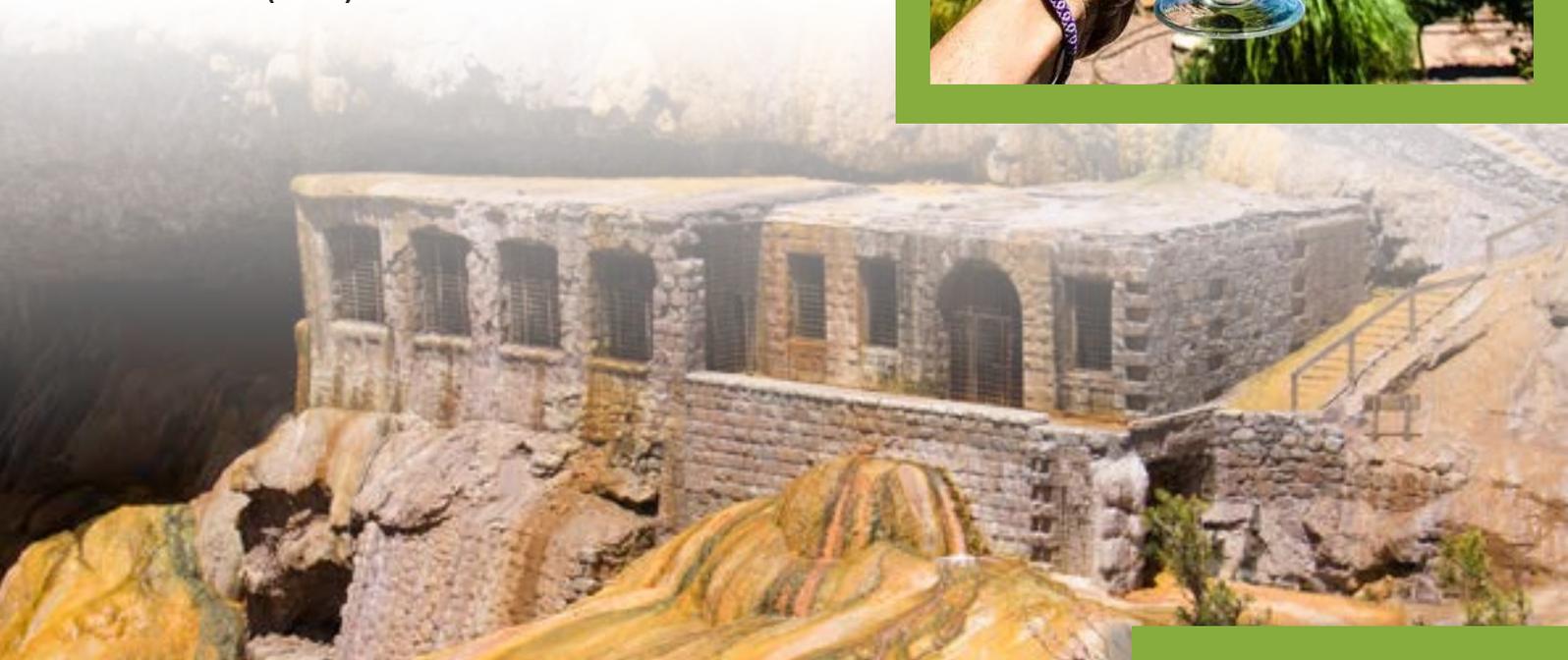
- **Accommodation: Your own room at 'Huentala Hotel,' Mendoza (3 star)**

Day 6 - Sunday 15th March 2020 MENDOZA (B,L)

Mendoza is Argentina's most prolific and significant grapegrowing region, producing nearly three-quarters of the country's wine. The climate produces an excellent variety of grapes, with the region's signature wine being Malbec. Expect an 8.45am start today in order to visit several wineries and cellar doors to see and taste the quality for yourself. We will also enjoy an exclusive group lunch at a closed door restaurant. All you need to do is sit back and enjoy being served delicious food in this unique private eatery! Later we will return to our hotel for some free time. In the evening, perhaps test your palate by attempting to pair the perfect wine with an authentic Argentine asado (barbecue-style food). A visit to Aristides Villanueva Street after dark is a must if you enjoy a bit of nightlife. If you're feeling adventurous, try one of the most popular drinks in town: fernet with coke – an acquired taste and not for the faint-hearted!

Included Activities:

- Full-day winery tour and closed-door restaurant lunch
- **Accommodation: Your own room at 'Huentala Hotel,' Mendoza (3 star)**



Day 7 - Monday 16th March 2020 MENDOZA TO BUENOS AIRES (B)

After breakfast the morning is yours to relax and enjoy the stunning views of Mendoza and the surrounds. This afternoon we transfer to the airport and fly from Mendoza to Buenos Aires (approx 1.5hrs). Upon arrival we will be transferred to your hotel, where you will have time to freshen up before heading out for local group dinner.

- **Accommodation: Your own executive room at 'Tango de Mayo Hotel,' Buenos Aires (4 star)**

Day 8 - Tuesday 17th March 2020 BUENOS AIRES (B,L)

Our journey today takes out of the city today, to experience life in the Argentine countryside. As we go, the landscape starts changing in to plains and plateaus. We are now in the Pampean region. During the trip, our guide will give us the most important details about living the gaucho life. Gauchos are South American cowboys. They are skilled horseman, reputed to be brave and unruly. Upon arrival at the ranch, the gauchos will give a warm welcome to their home. We will enjoy some empanadas (a typical Argentine meal) juice and local wines with the guachos, and after we will have the opportunity to ride the horses or enjoy a ride in a colonial carriage.

At midday we will have a delicious lunch based on ranch 'traditional barbecue' with a wide variety of salads. The lunch is also accompanied by sodas, water, beer and

wine. During the meal, a folkloric show with native dances from the region will take place. During the afternoon, you will see spectacular demonstrations: ring races and troop rides. To conclude this trip they will farewell us with a typical afternoon meal based on pies and mate. We then journey back to Buenos Aires.

Included Activities:

- Full Day Gaucho Experience
- **Accommodation: Your own executive room at 'Tango de Mayo Hotel,' Buenos Aires (4 star)**

Day 9 - Wednesday 18th March 2020 BUENOS AIRES (B)

Enjoy the cosmopolitan Buenos Aires; experience its old charm, colour and quirky streets. Soak up the Argentinean capital's irrepressible mix of European and Latin culture on a guided City walk. We will visit Florida street, National Congress and the presidential palace of the Casa Rosada (Pink House) in the Plaza de Mayo. During our free afternoon, perhaps attend a raucous football match, or gorge yourself on the city's sophisticated culture and food.

Included Activities:

- Buenos Aires guided walk
- **Accommodation: Your own executive room at 'Tango de Mayo Hotel,' Buenos Aires (4 star)**





Day 10 - Thursday 19th March 2020 BUENOS AIRES (B,L)

After breakfast this morning, be ready to be captivated by Argentina's most famous dance- the Tango! In a private space a professional Tango couple will explain the dance's origin and history, as well as demonstrating the intimately fluid movements for you. You will then be invited to join a beginner's class to learn some of the basic techniques and understand the rhythm. Following our dance lesson join your local guide on a visit to Recoleta Cemetery – the final resting place of some of the city's most famous residents and walk among the beautiful tombs and monuments. Today's lunch will be a home-made empanada lunch at a local social project dedicated to empower local women teaching them how to make alfajor (a local delicacy); employing them and selling empanadas since 2001. Next we will walk around La Boca and its well-known 'Caminito' district, before moving on to the lesser-known side of this colourful neighbourhood to visit an artist's gallery. Next, we will wander the cobble streets of San Telmo and finish the tour getting to know the most iconic place of Buenos Aires and maybe even Argentina: 'Plaza de Mayo'.

Included Activities:

- Full-day guided tour
- Tango demonstration and lesson by professional dancers
- **Accommodation: Your own executive room at 'Tango de Mayo Hotel,' Buenos Aires (4 star)**

Day 11 - Friday 20th March 2020 BUENOS AIRES TO IGUAZU FALLS (B)

This morning we will be transferred to the airport for our short flight to Puerto Iguazu in Argentina, the gateway to the mighty Iguazu Falls. We will spend the next two days exploring the falls in depth, seeing them from both the Argentinean and Brazilian sides. The falls are two kilometres in length, and are made up of 275 waterfalls in total, some of which stretch up to 80-metres high. This makes them both higher than Niagara and wider than Victoria Falls. The Brazilian side of the falls offers great panoramic views of them. For birds-eye views of the falls, you can take an optional helicopter flight over the top of them (additional cost).

Included Activities:

- Entrance and tour of the Brazilian side of the falls

Optional Activities:

- Bird Park Entrance Fee - BRL45 (approx. \$17 AUD)
- Helicopter ride (min 3 people) - BRL430 (approx. \$160 AUD, per person)

Special Visa Information: You will be visiting the Brazilian side of the falls on Day 11 and returning to the Argentinean side to spend the night. You visit the Argentinean side of the falls on Day 12. Then on day 13 you cross back to the Brazilian side in order to take a domestic flight to Rio de Janeiro.

- **Accommodation: Your own Master Room at 'El Pueblito Iguazú,' Argentina (3 star)**

Day 12 - Saturday 21st March 2020**IGUAZU FALLS (B)**

Today we make an early start to visit the Argentinean side of the falls, which has boardwalks allowing you to get up close and personal with these towering rapids. If you are interested, you can choose to get an even more exhilarating look at Iguazu with an optional zodiac boat ride below the falls. After lunch we will have the opportunity to meet one of the few remaining original inhabitants of the region, the Guarani tribe. We will return to our hotel in time for dinner.

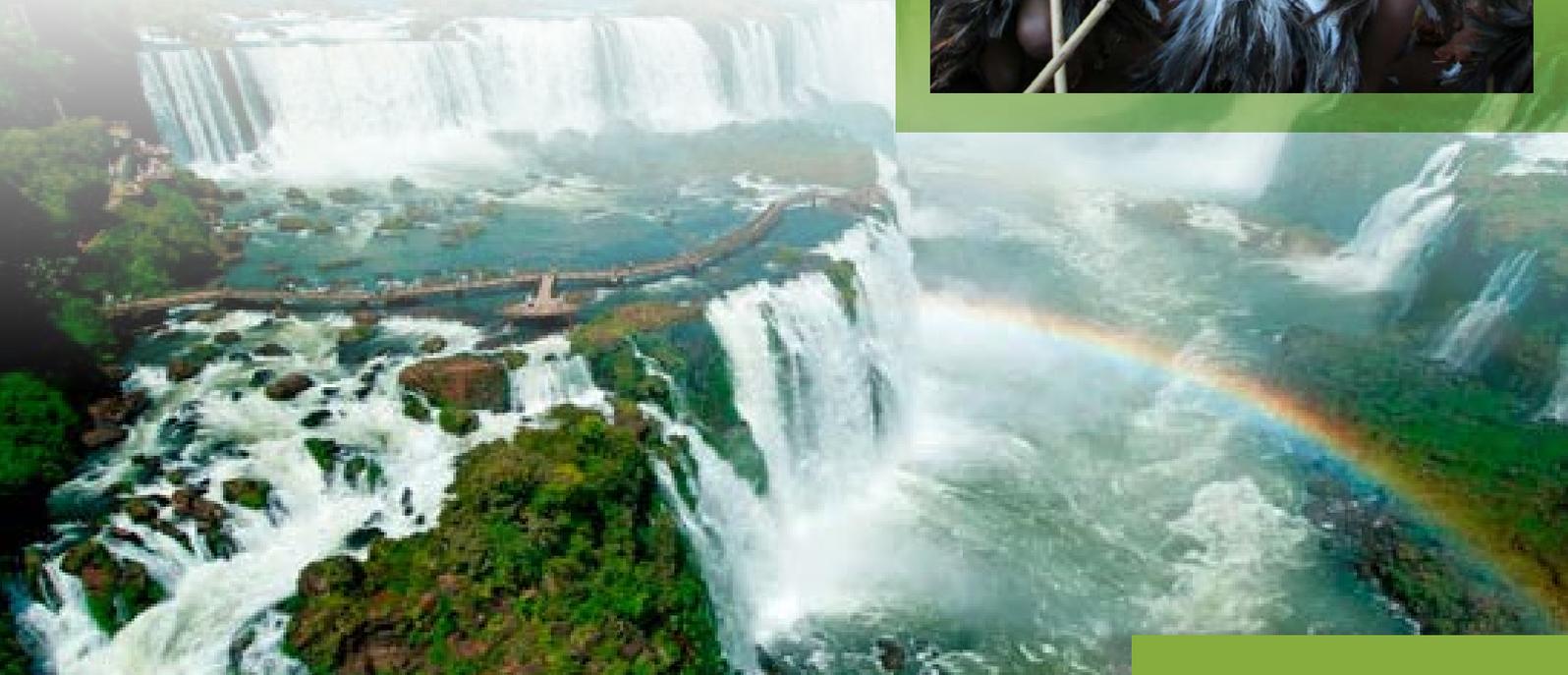
Included Activities:

- Entrance and tour of the Argentinian side of the falls
- Guarani community visit
- **Accommodation: Your own Master Room at 'El Pueblito Iguazú,' Argentina (3 star)**

Day 13 - Sunday 22nd March 2020**IGUAZU FALLS TO RIO DE JANEIRO (B)**

Today we cross the border back into Brazil and take a flight from Foz do Iguacu to Rio de Janeiro. The day is then your own to witness the intense green of Guanabara Bay and the beauty of the surrounding slopes of the Corcovado and Sugarloaf that make Rio such a majestic place. Take in the ever-present Portuguese influence here, which is especially apparent in the opulent buildings constructed when the Portuguese monarchy fled Europe under the threat of Napoleon and took up residence here. Be struck by the contrast between this extravagance and the destitute poverty of the favela areas. The white sands of Copacabana and Ipanema beaches offer an equally interesting snapshot of local life. For some world-renowned live music, Lapa is the place to go and join the locals for some music and dancing.

- **Accommodation: Your own superior room at 'Arena Copacabana,' Rio (4 star)**





Day 14 - Monday 23rd March 2020

RIO DE JANEIRO (B,L)

This morning we will be taken on a full-day guided tour that spans some of Rio's most iconic sights, starting at Corcovado Mountain for sweeping views over Rio from the base of the Christ the Redeemer statue, one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. Discover the eclectic architecture, restaurants and art galleries of the artistic neighbourhood of Santa Teresa. Then continue on to by the famous Selaron Steps to see artist Jorge Selaron's gift to the Brazilian people before finishing our tour in Downtown Rio. Lunch will be a typical Brazilian dish called Feijoada, a stew consisting of black beans, kale and pork. From around 4pm the day will then be yours to explore Rio's nightlife.

Included Activities:

- Guided tour including Santa Teresa, Selaron Steps, Christ the Redeemer statue and Rio downtown
- **Accommodation: Your own superior room at 'Arena Copacabana,' Rio (4 star)**

Day 15 - Tuesday 24th March 2020

RIO DEPARTURE DAY (B)

After breakfast our tour ends as we transfer to the airport, for either our flight home or onwards. For further adventures with Two's a Crowd, the Peru and Bolivia Highlights tour starts in Lima and follows on straight away. Alternately, we can organise you with additional nights in Rio so that you can stay and enjoy the wonderful Brazilian culture and atmosphere for longer!

TOUR PRICE: A\$11,305 PLUS INTERNATIONAL AIRFARES AND TAXES**TOUR DATES: 10TH - 24TH MARCH 2020****Tour Inclusions:**

- Two's a Crowd Tour Host accompanies group throughout.
- Accommodation at listed hotels (or similar) in your own room with daily breakfasts.
- All internal flights/ taxes (economy class) as detailed in the itinerary:
 - Mendoza- Buenos Aires
 - Buenos Aires - Puerto Iguazu
 - Foz do Iguacu - Rio de Janeiro
- All transport as mentioned by air-conditioned vehicle.
- Group airport arrival and departure transfers.
- Meals as per itinerary (B=breakfasts, L= lunches and D=dinners).
- All entrance fees as detailed in itinerary.
- English speaking local guide throughout.
- Tips and gratuities.
- Standard CHI Travel Insurance Policy. Additional premium may be payable if over 69 years, have an existing medical condition or wish to extend your travelling dates (underwritten by Allianz).

Tour Exclusions:

- International flights and taxes.
- Visas: Chile (obtain your entry Visa upon arrival at Santiago Airport) Brazil: visa must be obtained prior to departure from your country of residence.
- Services and meals if not mentioned in itinerary as 'included'.
- Personal expenses such as souvenirs, laundry, telephone calls and other expenditure of an individual nature.

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