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South American Voyager

26 Day Tour & Cruise

for **\$7,985** per person twin share
This price includes airport taxes and levies

This price is incredible value as it includes:

- ❖ Air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and out of Santiago de Chile with Lan Airlines, plus two other flights within South America.
- ❖ A 14 day Patagonian cruise from Buenos Aires to Santiago around the southernmost point of mainland South America, Cape Horn. Your cruise is onboard Holland America's MS Zaandam.
- ❖ Good accommodation throughout, mainly 3½ star to 4 star.
- ❖ Most meals, including 23 breakfasts, 13 lunches and 15 dinners.
- ❖ Transport and transfers.
- ❖ South American tour guides (except on the cruise).



If you don't have someone to twin share with, we will do our best to match you up, but this is not guaranteed. A single room is an extra cost of \$4,025.

There is an optional post tour extension to Machu Picchu available for an additional \$2,795 per person twin share or \$3,575 single room.

The cruise component of this tour is based on an inside cabin. Additional cabin upgrades are also available (subject to availability):

Oceanview Cabin – From \$300 per person twin share

Balcony Cabin – From \$2,450 per person twin share

Tour departs on Australia 25th November and returns 20th December 2018

We try harder to find you the best travel deal

Itinerary for South American Voyager

Note: Meals are included in the itinerary as B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

25.11.18 Australia - Santiago de Chile – Rio de Janeiro

Brisbane passengers depart at 5.20am on Qantas flight QF 503, arriving in Sydney at 7.55am. Melbourne passengers depart at 6.00am on Qantas flight QF 400, arriving in Sydney at 7.20am.

All passengers depart Sydney at 12.10pm on Latam Airlines flight LA 806, arriving in Santiago de Chile at 11.10am.

All passengers then depart Santiago at 8.20pm on TAM Airlines flight JJ 8075, arriving in Rio de Janeiro at 1.30am. (26 November). Upon arrival we are met and transferred to the hotel for a three night stay.

In the early 16th century, the Portuguese first arrived at the site where Rio de Janeiro now stands. What they found was a still-watered bay surrounded by a plentiful and lovely landscape. It was love at first sight. The Portuguese promptly built a fortress at the entrance of the bay to ward off those attracted to their tropical paradise, which they called Sao Sebastiao do Rio de Janeiro. By 1768 Rio had developed and grown to such an extent that the government was transferred from the previous capital, Salvador, Bahia. Rio was then, as now, a city of intensive trading activities.

Its primary asset, Guanabara Bay was not just a beautiful landmark, but also a natural port through which gold and diamonds, mined in the neighbouring Minas Gerais Mountains, flowed. The gems, used to adorn the ladies of the Portuguese Court, as well as the as yet rare sugar cane were important commodities in the European markets of this time. When King John VI of Portugal landed in Rio in 1808 along with his court and entire entourage, he fell in love with what he saw and experienced. He subsequently helped Rio to become one of the most important political centres in Brazilian history.

Brazil achieved independence from Portugal in 1822 and became an empire. Some years later in 1889, the city of Rio enthusiastically witnessed the Proclamation of the Republic of Brazil. Rio de Janeiro has evolved continuously since, remaining a centre for business and the arts while becoming one of the world's most dynamic cities.

Note: Australian passport holders require a tourist visa in order to enter Brazil. This must be organised prior to departure.

Also Note: There is a Government tax for accommodation in Brazil that must be paid locally and varies between USD \$1 - \$3 per room, per night.

Accommodation: Windsor Martinique Copa Hotel

26.11.18 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

(B) Today we have a half day tour visiting Corcovado Mountain and Christ the Redeemer. From anywhere in the city visitors can see the imposing statue of Christ the Redeemer, located on the mountain of Corcovado, which is 710 metres above sea level and was inaugurated in 1931.

The tour begins in Cosme Velho's neighbourhood from where the cog train starts a trip through the Tijuca Forest, the largest urban forest in the world, up to the statue. Once there, a breathtaking panoramic view of Rio will be seen. Sights include the Sugar Loaf, Guanabara Bay, the beaches of Southern Zone and the Rodrigo de Freitas Lagoon. After the visit of the Corcovado, the tour will continue to Sao Conrado area with a brief stop at Pepino Beach from where we can see hang gliding.

Accommodation: Windsor Martinique Copa Hotel

27.11.18 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

(B) Today our tour begins through downtown Rio, passing by the Sambodrome and the

Metropolitan Cathedral, in pyramid form, with an internal diameter of 96 metres and a height of 80 metres. Get to know the traditional Cinelandia Square with the historical buildings, the Municipal Theatre, the National Library and the National Museum of Fine Arts. Driving through the Aterro do Flamengo (Flamengo Park), we will go to the neighbourhood of Urca where one of the largest symbols of the city is located, the Sugar Loaf. This visit is made in two steps by cable car.

The first cable car takes passengers to Urca Hill, which is 215 metres high and from where one can have a beautiful view to Guanabara Bay and its islands, the Rio-Niteroi Bridge and Corcovado Hill. From this stage, a second cable car will be taken up to the top 395 metres to find a splendid view of Copacabana Beach, the Santa Cruz fortress and some beaches of Niteroi.

Accommodation: Windsor Martinique Copa Hotel

28.11.18 Rio de Janeiro – Iguazu Falls

(B) Today we depart the hotel and transfer to the airport for our flight to Iguazu Falls. Upon arrival we will be met and transferred to the Brazilian side of the falls to start our tour. Visiting the falls from the Brazilian side will give a different perspective and a panoramic view of the entire falls. The Iguazu Falls region contains great rivers, humid tropics, red earth and magnificent jungle. 18kms from Puerto Iguazu we enter the National Park of the same name where the famous falls are. The deep flowing waters of the river fall from a height of 70 metres through 275 falls over 2.7kms. The frontier with Brazil goes through the Garganta del Diablo (Devils Throat) where the falling water gives the illusion of magic rainbows. The National Park is full of exotic subtropical vegetation which surrounds the falls and has 2000 plant species such as gigantic trees, ferns, lianas, orchids and over 400 bird species including parrots, colibris, toucans, and animals such as jaguars and yacares (caimans). From the Brazilian side of the falls we will be able to take an optional helicopter flight over the falls (approximate cost USD \$100 per person - please note that this flight cannot be pre-booked). This flight takes around 7 minutes but it's worth every cent. At the conclusion of the tour we are transferred to our hotel located either on the Brazilian or Argentine side of the falls.

Note: The city of Puerto Iguazu has a municipal tax for both the Argentine side and the Brazilian side of the city. For Argentina the cost of the tax is approximately \$2 USD per person, per night, payable directly to the hotel in cash. The hotel will provide a receipt for this city tax, which needs to be carried as it will be inspected at the control post on Route 12 on the way to the National Park, airport and/or city centre. If you forget this receipt you will be required to pay the tax again. For passengers staying on the Brazil side, the tax is payable when entering the city of Puerto Iguazu at the control post on Route 12.

Accommodation: La Aldea de la Selva or similar

29.11.18 Iguazu Falls, Argentina

(B) Today we will embark on a half day guided tour walking along the many tracks on the side of the river and observing the falls from platforms that bring us extremely close to the water. In the Indian Tupi Guarani language, Iguazu means large waters. Appropriately, the Iguazu River flows east west for 808 miles and then drops suddenly and violently into a 262 foot abyss at the falls, which is set amidst jungle.

From our hotel we are transferred to the Visitor's Centre inside the Iguazu National Park. We will board a small train to reach the beginning of the upper path, lower path and Devil's Throat. The upper path is a walk of about 500 metres and lasts about 45 minutes visiting the Two Sisters, Bosseti, Adam and Eve, Bernable Mendez, Mbigua and San Martin Falls. On the lower path, with a guide, we will walk 1.3kms of footpaths lasting approximately 90 minutes for a different view, but be warned, you may get a little wet! After riding 4km on board a small train, we will reach Devil's Throat Station surrounding the upper part of the Iguazu River. From here we will walk along a bridge (walkway) that leads to the balcony of Devil's

Throat for the most spectacular view.
Accommodation: La Aldea de la Selva or similar

30.11.18 Iguazu Falls - Buenos Aires

(B) Today we are transferred to the Iguazu Falls Airport on the Argentinean side for our flight to Buenos Aires. Upon arrival we are met and transferred to our hotel for a three night stay. Buenos Aires is the Argentine Republic's capital city. Located on the southern bank of the River Plate, the population of greater Buenos Aires is around 13 million people. Buenos Aires has been virtually rebuilt since the beginning of this century and very few of the old buildings remain. The centre of Buenos Aires has maintained the original layout since foundation and the Plaza de Mayo is the heart. Buenos Aires is a city where the traveller yields to the charm of the tango, the atmosphere of its neighbourhoods and the activities of its business centre. Just one hour from the city by bus is La Pampa with its beautiful landscape, its gauchos and its comfortable ranches.

Accommodation: Bristol Hotel or similar

01.12.18 Buenos Aires

(B/D) This morning we have a half day city tour of Buenos Aires. Departing from the hotel, we drive down 9 de Julio Ave, the widest in the world. We pass the famous Colon Opera House, the Obelisk, commemorating the first founding of the city in 1536, to get to Plaza de Mayo (May Square). The buildings surrounding it include Government House, Metropolitan Cathedral with the Mausoleum of General San Martin, Argentina's greatest national hero, and the Cabildo, the colonial town hall built in 1751. Then on to La Boca, the typically Italian district, where the first Italian immigrants settled and Caminito Street. The tour continues to Buenos Aires port area, past San Martin Square towards Palermo Chico residential district and Palermo Park with its jacaranda and pal borracho trees, which flower in the spring and late summer. The ride continues to Recoleta, an elegant district, to visit Recoleta Cemetery where the famous are laid to rest, including Eva Peron. We return to the hotel along the stylish Alvear Avenue. If you wish you can request the guide to finish the tour in Recoleta and enjoy some shopping in this elegant part of Buenos Aires.

Tonight we will experience one of the best tango shows in Buenos Aires. We are met at the hotel and transferred to Tango Porteno. Tango Porteno recreates the golden age of the forties, which is unquestionably known as the reign of the tango, the great Argentinean passion. Here we will travel through time to the glory days of Buenos Aires when tango was enjoyed and breathed in every corner of the city. After dinner we are transferred back to the hotel.

Accommodation: Bristol Hotel or similar

02.12.18 Buenos Aires

(B) Today is at leisure to shop or do as you please. When it comes to shopping, Buenos Aires can be one of the most charming cities in the world. From grand boulevards to the winding streets of Arroyo, the city offers an endless variety of boutiques, galleries and antique shops. Shopping malls have become a daily getaway and a convenient shopping location for many Portenos. See the most famous and exclusive stores in these huge malls as well as an assortment of restaurants, cafes, movie theatres and arcades. Shopping malls are open from 10.00am - 10.00pm, seven days a week.

A large number of stores that sell leather clothing as well as bags and other souvenirs are located close to the Plaza San Martin. Around the area there are many clothing warehouses that sell leather jackets and other leather goods at great prices.

Accommodation: Bristol Hotel or similar

03.12.18 Buenos Aires – Embarkation Holland America Cruise

(B/D) Today we are transferred to Buenos Aires Port to embark the Holland America MS Zaandam.

Designed to carry fewer guests while providing more space for maximum comfort, MS Zaandam is a mid-size ship with a guest capacity of 1,432. On the musically themed Zaandam, we will find musical instruments such as Bill Clinton's saxophone and signed guitars from Queen, Iggy Pop, Eric Clapton and the Rolling Stones. In her soaring three-story atrium there is a baroque-style Dutch pipe organ, inspired by the traditional barrel organs still found on the streets of The Netherlands.

While onboard, choose from an array of onboard activities that allow us to pursue new interests or relax and rejuvenate. Enjoy onboard cooking shows and hands-on workshops in partnership with America's Test Kitchen. The Greenhouse Spa & Salon offers spa treatments, a thermal pool and lounge and salon services. The fully equipped fitness centre includes state-of-the-art cardio and weight machines, as well as classes in Yoga, Pilates, indoor cycling and more. On deck enjoy two outdoor pools, along with basketball and practice tennis courts.

Overnight onboard the ship in Buenos Aires.

Accommodation: Onboard

04.12.18 Holland America Cruise: Buenos Aires

(B/L/D) Today is at leisure in Buenos Aires.

The ship departs Buenos Aires at 6pm to commence our unforgettable cruise through the South American Passage.

Accommodation: Onboard

05.12.18 Holland America Cruise: Montevideo, Uruguay 8am – 6pm

(B/L/D) Montevideo is the largest city, capital and chief port of Uruguay. It is situated on the east bank of the Rio de la Plata. It is known for its picturesque architecture, impressive buildings, white sandy beaches and its fabulous beach resorts along the Atlantic coast.

Attractions include Plaza Independencia, Ciudad Vieja, or Old City, Museo Historico Nacional and Museo Municipal de Bellas Artes.

The Mercado del Puerto, the city's port market, is always a big draw as it is packed with restaurants, clubs, bars and shops. Nightlife in Montevideo is vibrant with plenty of discos and tango clubs.

Accommodation: Onboard

06.12.18 Holland America Cruise

(B/L/D) Today is at sea.

Accommodation: Onboard

07.12.18 Holland America Cruise

(B/L/D) Today is at sea.

Accommodation: Onboard

08.12.08 Holland America Cruise: Pt. Stanley, Falkland Islands/Malvinas/Islas Malvinas 8 – 6pm

(B/L/D) Port Stanley is the capital and only true city in the Falkland Islands. It is located on the Isle of East Falkland, on a north-facing slope, south of Stanley Harbour, in one of the wettest parts of the islands. Stanley is known for its brightly painted corrugated iron roofs, which are visible from the harbour. Stanley is the main shopping centre on the islands and the hub of East Falkland's road network. The city attractions include the Falkland Islands Museum, Government House, built in 1845 and home to the Governor of the Falkland islands (currently Alan Huckle), Christ Church Cathedral, known for its whalebone arch, a totem pole, several war memorials and the shipwrecks in its harbour.

Accommodation: Onboard

09.12.18 Holland America Cruise: Strait of Magellan (cruising)

(B/L/D) The Strait of Magellan is a navigable sea route immediately south of mainland Chile and north of Isla Grande de tierra del Fuego. It is approximately 570km long and is about 2km wide at its narrowest point, and is the most important natural passage between the Pacific and the Atlantic oceans. It is considered a difficult route to navigate because of the inhospitable climate and the narrowness of the passage.

Accommodation: Onboard

10.12.18 Holland America Cruise: Punta Arenas, Chile/ Beagle Chanel

(B/L/D) Punta Arenas is the most prominent settlement on the Strait of Magellan and the capital of the Magallanes y la Antartica Chilena Region, Chile. It is located at the southern end of mainland Chile, between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans on the Brunswick Peninsula. The city centre features the imposing mansions of the sheep barons of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, the Palacio Sara Braun and several good museums. Local custom holds that visitors who rub the foot of the Magellan statue in the central Plaza de Amas will have good luck and return again. Situated nearby is Fuerte Bulnes, a replica of a wooden fort from 1843 and the Monumento Natural Los Pingüinos on Isla Magdalena, where we will find a colony of 60,000 Magellanic Penguins.

The Beagle Channel is a strait separating islands of the Tierra del Fuego Archipelago, in extreme southern South America. It separates Isla grande de Tierra del Fuego from the islands Nueva, Picton, Navarino, Hoste, Londonderry, Stewart Islands and other smaller islands to the south. Its eastern portion is part of the border between Chile and Argentina, but the western part is completely within Chile. The west end is the Darwin Sound and the east end is Nueva Island. The Beagle Channel is about 240 kilometres long and is about 5 kilometres wide at its narrowest point. To the west the Darwin Sound connects it to the Pacific Ocean. The biggest settlement on the channel is Ushuaia in Argentina followed by Puerto Williams in Chile, two of the southernmost settlements of the world.

Accommodation: Onboard

11.12.18 Holland America Cruise: Ushuaia, Argentina 12 noon – 8pm

(B/L/D) Situated on the Beagle Strait, Ushuaia is the largest city in Argentine Tierra del Fuego and arguably the southernmost city in the world. In the past, the town has been a missionary base, penal colony and naval base for the Argentine navy. Ushuaia is now a major tourist town, complete with casinos and nice restaurants and commonly used as a base for hiking, winter sports and cruises to Antarctica.

Founded just over one hundred years ago, this rustic town is situated amidst incredible snowcapped mountains, dramatic waterfalls, massive glaciers and a forest known for its red foliage. Tierra del Fuego, the 'Land of Fire', twelve miles to the west of Ushuaia, is known for its glacial landscape and its national park, which is a bird-watcher's paradise.

Accommodation: Onboard

12.12.18 Holland America Cruise: Cape Horn (scenic cruising)

(B/L/D) Cape Horn is the southernmost headland of the Tierra del Fuego archipelago of southern Chile. Tierra del Fuego is an archipelago of 73,753 km² off the southernmost tip of the South American mainland, across the Strait of Magellan. The archipelago consists of a main island (Isla Grande de Tierra del Fuego, and a group of smaller islands). The main island is divided between Argentina and Chile.

Tierra del Fuego Island is situated at the point where two of the world's major oceans meet and is consequently stormy for much of the year. The region combines a vast array of natural elements, including mountains, the sea, glaciers and forests. The town of Puerto Williams is located on the southern edge of the Beagle Channel and is the southernmost town in the world.

Accommodation: Onboard

13.12.18 Holland America Cruise: Canal Sarmiento (scenic cruising)

(B/L/D) Be among the lucky few to spend a glorious day scenic cruising through Tierra del Fuego and the snowcapped peaks and ethereal blue glaciers of Canal Sarmiento. Cutting through Chile's Torres del Paine National Park, this majestic waterway is surrounded by other-worldly beauty. Watch as Amalia Glacier comes into view and witness countless seabirds that make their home in this dramatic landscape.

Accommodation: Onboard

14.12.18 Holland America Cruise: Chilean Fjords (scenic cruising)

(B/L/D) The Chilean Fjords stretch from the Strait of Magellan to Puerto Montt in Chile. We travel over deep water fjords and view snowcapped Alpine peaks, lush vegetation, exotic wildlife and perhaps whales. Great glaciers can be seen shining white and vivid blue in the summer sun, calving with a thundering roar into the sea. These waters are abundant with wildlife including whales, dolphins, seals and albatross.

Accommodation: Onboard

15.12.18 Holland America Cruise: Puerto Montt, Chile 8am – 5pm

(B/L/D) Puerto Montt is a fast growing city in the south of Chile, just north of Chiloe Island. It boasts great views of the ocean and towering peaks of the Andes and is a centre for travellers heading further south along the Carretera Austral, or east to Argentina. At Puerto Montt we can see places such as Pelluco, the seaside resort from Puerto Montt, the Museo Municipal Juan Pablo II, Angelmo, the fish market, the handicrafts market, the cathedral and the Iglesia de los Jesuitas.

Accommodation: Onboard

16.12.18 Holland America Cruise

(B/L/D) Today is at sea.

Accommodation: Onboard

17.12.18 Disembark Holland America Cruise: San Antonio, Chile – Santiago de Chile

(B) This morning we disembark the cruise ship in San Antonio, Chile and we are transferred to our hotel in Santiago. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore the nearby area.

Accommodation: Luciano K Hotel

18.12.18 Santiago de Chile

(B) This morning we have a sightseeing tour of the city of Santiago. See the Civic Centre and La Moneda Presidential Palace, the house of government, that was originally built to coin money. In 1846 President Manuel Bulnes had La Moneda fitted out as the private residence of Chile's presidents, which it remained until 1958. Now the building has been renovated as a government palace, the seat of the Presidency of the Republic. The Plaza de Armas, originally following Spanish customs, was an open space where open air markets could be held and it wasn't until 1860 that the first flower gardens were planted together with trees that are still there to this day. The cathedral has three previous versions erected on the same site that have all fallen prey to fires or earthquakes. The fourth and present building was completed in 1775. We will pass the main post office, erected in 1882 using some of the walls from the former Governor's Palace in colonial times, the pedestrian streets of Huerfanos and Ahumada, indisputably the social, commercial and functional axis of Santiago, the prestigious Social Union Club, the National Library and Santa Lucia Hill, the site of the foundation of Santiago on February 12, 1541. Head towards Bellavista district. This area is home to many of Santiago's artisans and is lined with galleries, as well as open-air cafes, restaurants and

nightlife. We will go to a lookout on San Cristobal Hill, with its tallest peaks rising 880 metres above sea level, for a panoramic view of the city. We continue towards the residential districts of Vitacura, Las Condes and Providencia, boasting modern high rise buildings and exclusive shopping malls. On completion of the tour we will have the choice of staying at the exclusive Parque Arauco shopping centre or returning to the hotel. We will access to our hotel room until our evening transfer to the airport for our flights home.

19.12.18 Santiago - Australia

Depart Santiago at 00.35am on flight LA 801, arriving in Sydney at 9.15am the next morning (20.12.18 - This flight goes via Auckland).

20.12.18 Sydney – Melbourne & Brisbane

Melbourne passengers depart Sydney at 11.30am on Qantas flight QF 429, arriving in Melbourne at 1.05pm.

Brisbane passengers depart Sydney at 12 midday on Qantas flight QF 524, arriving in Brisbane at 12.30pm.

Please note: The above itinerary is subject to change due to possible flight rescheduling, port changes or other unforeseen circumstances.



Tour Difficulty Ratings & Advice

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Tour Difficulty Level 3

This tour rating typically involves a good level of physical activity, such as ascending stairs, getting into a bathtub shower, being responsible for your own luggage at airports and hotels, walking distances of up to 500 metres at a time over possible uneven ground and/or cobblestone streets. Walking tours of considerable distances should be expected on tours with this rating as well as some early departures.

Itinerary for Post Tour Extension to Machu Picchu

Note: Meals are included in the itinerary as B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

18.12.18 Santiago de Chile – Lima – Cuzco

(B) This morning we are transferred to Santiago airport for our flights to Cuzco. Depart at 11.30am on Latam Airlines flight LA 640, arriving in Lima at 1.25pm. Then depart Lima at 4.05pm on LA 2063, arriving in Cuzco at 5.25pm. Upon arrival at Cuzco airport we will be met by our guide and transferred to our hotel in the Sacred Valley.

Cuzco or Qosqo, was the capital of the Inca empire, one of the greatest planned societies the world has ever known, from the 11th to the early 16th century. Standing at 3310 metres above sea level, Cuzco has around 280,000 inhabitants, mostly descendants of the Quechua tribes. The city is remarkable for its many colonial churches, monasteries, convents and for its extensive Inca ruins. The heavy Incan influence can be seen on almost every street in the city centre with many remains of Inca walls, arches and doorways.

In the heart of the city is the Plaza de Armas, surrounded by colonial arcades and four churches. The cathedral from the early 17th century was built on the site of the Palace of the Viracocha. The cathedral is a fine example of colonial baroque art. Another church, the La Compania de Jesus was built on the site of the Palace of the Serpents (Amaru-cancha) and the interior is rich in murals, paintings and carved altars.

The Inca area overlooking Cuzco, called Sacsayhuaman, is awesome. This is one of the outlying ruins that we will visit. It was a ceremonial centre and stands on a hill in the northern outskirts of Cuzco. There are rocks weighing up to 130 tons and they are fitted together with absolute perfection; three walls run parallel for over 360 metres. Sacsayhuaman was thought for centuries to be a fortress, but the layout and the architecture suggest a great sanctuary and temple to the sun, which rises exactly opposite the place previously believed to be the Inca's throne – which was probably an altar, carved out of solid rock.

The sacred valley of the Incas was undoubtedly a key area of settlement to the Incas. Its agreeable climate and fertile plains make a rare and fruitful combination for the high Andes. It was also the route to the jungle and therefore an area with access to the fruits and plants of the tropical lowlands. The Sacred Valley served as a buffer zone, protecting Cusco from incursions of the Antis, the fierce jungle tribes who from time to time raided the highlands. Today the Sacred Valley remains a lush agricultural region supplying the city of Cusco with much of its produce such as maize, fruit and vegetables.

Accommodation: San Agustin Hotel Urubamba

19.12.18 Urubamba (Sacred Valley)

(B/L) Today we will visit 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 us how they achieve the brilliant colours of their pieces by natural means. Afterwards we travel by road to Ollantaytambo. En route we will stop at Racchi vantage point for one of the best views of the Sacred Valley. Lunch is served at a local restaurant. Continue to Ollantaytambo, which is 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. Return back to the hotel in Cuzco late in the afternoon.

Accommodation: San Agustin Hotel Urubamba

20.12.18 Urubamba (Sacred Valley) – Machu Picchu

(B/L/D) This morning we transfer to Ollantaytambo Railway Station to board the Vista Dome train for the rail service to Aguas Calientes Station and then a bus to Machu Picchu, the fabled city of the Incas. The joy of visiting Machu Picchu is not limited to the ruins themselves. After leaving Ollantaytambo, the railway enters the beginnings of a gorge, which grows narrower and deeper. The vegetation grows more prolific. We are entering the 'eyebrow of the jungle', and finally reach Aguas Calientes Station, 1.5 kilometres below Machu Picchu.

When Hiram Bingham rediscovered Machu Picchu in 1911, he mistakenly thought he had found the location of Vilcabamba, the lost city of the Incas. The true site of Vilcabamba was actually discovered by Gene Savoy in 1964. So, what was Machu Picchu? Many people say it was a secret refuge. The Incas actually had no written language but they have oral history records. However, the existence of Machu Picchu and the region seems to be entirely erased from official memory.

Our local guide will take us through the ruins. We then have lunch at the Belmond Sanctuary Lodge Restaurant. After lunch we transfer by bus to the town of Aguas Calientes for an overnight stay.

Accommodation: Inkaterra El Mapi Hotel

21.12.18 Machu Picchu - Cuzco

(B) This morning is at leisure. If you wish to visit Machu Picchu once again or climb the Huayna Picchu Mountain, you will need to contact us well in advance to pre purchase your entrance ticket. Huayna Picchu Mountain (The Young Mountain) is the famous mountain you can see in front of the citadel, appearing in most of the usual vistas of this amazing place. Only 400 passengers are permitted to climb this mountain daily and it is restricted to two time schedules of 7am and 11am.

In the afternoon we take the train to Cuzco, where we are met and transferred to the hotel.

Note: The entrance fees and bus fees for the second day to Machu Picchu are not included.

Accommodation: Abittare Hotel

22.12.18 Cuzco, Peru

(B) Cuzco is one of the most famous cities in South America, as it is the oldest continuously inhabited metropolis on this continent. The city itself was probably founded in 1000BC, but in 1534 the Spanish Conquerors re-founded it according to the European way. Wherever we stop in Cuzco we will find remains of ancient civilizations as this was the capital of the Incas and the place where most of their superb works were done. This city is considered as the archaeological capital of South America and has been declared by UNESCO a Cultural Heritage Site.

Our half day city tour will commence at the Qoricancha Temple, an ancient Inca palace and main worship centre of the Sun God. Then we tour the Plaza de Armas, where the cathedral and the beautiful Church of the Society of Jesus are located. We will continue to the colonial church of San Cristobal to enjoy a spectacular view of the city. We proceed to the famous fortress of Sacsahuaman, an Inca building known for its massive walls of hewn stone and its hilltop location. Later we visit the important archaeological complexes of Q'enqo and Puca Pucara.

Accommodation: Abittare Hotel

23.12.18 Cuzco – Lima – Santiago de Chile

(B) This morning we are transferred to Cuzco airport for our flights home.

Depart Cuzco at 8.40am on flight LA 2054, arriving in Lima at 10.10am.

Depart Lima at 12.00pm on flight LA 2369, arriving in Santiago de Chile at 5.30pm.

24.12.18 Santiago de Chile – Sydney

Depart Santiago de Chile at 00.35am on flight LA 801, arriving in Sydney at 9.15am the next day (25.12.18 – this flight goes via Auckland).

25.12.18 Sydney – Melbourne & Brisbane

Melbourne passengers depart Sydney at 12.00 midday on Qantas flight QF 431, arriving in Melbourne at 1.05pm.

Brisbane passengers depart Sydney at 12 midday on Qantas flight QF 524, arriving in Brisbane at 12.30pm.

Conditions for Macleay Valley Travel's South American Voyager Tour

Deposits and Payments - A non-refundable deposit of \$1200 per person is payable within 7 days of booking. This deposit is not refundable should you later cancel. The balance is payable in full 14 weeks prior to departure.

Refunds and Cancellations - Cancellations after final payment will result in a refund limited to whatever we can recoup from the airline.

Insurance - Adequate travel insurance is essential. We can arrange this for you if desired. Macleay Valley Travel offers Suresave Travel Insurance. Please note that we can only process your travel insurance when we have received full payment for the insurance and the signed Suresave Travel Insurance application form, located on the last page of the Suresave Travel Insurance information booklet. Until this time the travel insurance cannot be processed and will not be valid. Macleay Valley Travel will bare no responsibility for any consequences that may occur as a result of an incomplete insurance application.

Yellow Fever - You will need to have a Yellow Fever injection before departure and you will need to take the yellow card with you when travelling.

Passports - All travellers require a current passport with at least 6 months left on it at the end of the tour. Non-Australian passport holders require a re-entry visa for Australia. A Brazilian Evisa is required at a cost of \$45 USD per person. To obtain the Brazilian Evisa we require a completed questionnaire, a good colour photocopy of the front page of your passport and a recent passport photograph. A Chilean visa reciprocity visa fee applies for Australian passport holders and must be paid for locally on arrival into Chile, at a cost of \$117 USD cash. Please note that these prices are not included in the tour price and conditions for these visas & fees imposed by the respective governments of each country are subject to change.

Basic Tour Price and Taxes - Air taxes and fuel levies are included in the basic tour price if the tour is paid in full on or before the due date on the final invoice. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to charge for any increase in air taxes and fuel levies if the tour is not paid in full by the due date.

Not Included in the Cost - All items of a personal nature such as telephone calls, drinks, excess baggage, tips, meals, (except those specified in the itinerary), travel insurance etc. Similarly, credit card payments (Visa/MasterCard) can only be accepted if 1% is added to the price to help defray the heavy merchant fees charged to us by the credit card companies. There is a 2% surcharge for American Express.

There may be hotel taxes applicable in some cities on this tour, which must be paid directly to the hotel at the time of stay. Please refer to the itinerary for more information.

Tippling - In South America tips often represent a substantial part of a workers earnings as wages are generally low. We suggest USD \$6 per person, per day for the tour guides and USD \$3 per person, per day for the drivers for the land tour component. When onboard the ship Holland America charge USD \$12 per person per day as a gratuity/service charge. This amount will be added to your onboard account and need to be paid at completion of the cruise.

Breakaway Fee - All fully inclusive prices are based on group travel and any deviation from the set itinerary will incur a breakaway fee.

Booking through other Agents - As we keep the cost of our tours as low as possible, there is insufficient margin for us to be able to pay commission to other travel agents, so some bookings can only be accepted if the client pays the other agent's commission.

Accreditation - Macleay Valley Travel is a fully accredited travel agency under the AFTA (Australian Federation of Travel Agents) ATAS - AFTA Travel Accreditation Scheme. As such, you are assured off a consumer focused and quality assured business, ensuring professional conduct and ethical business practices. We are happy for any prospective traveller with us to check us out with your local Consumer Affairs (Fair Trading) department.

Twin Share Bookings - If you do not have a travel partner, but wish to travel at twin share rates, we will try and assign you with another traveller but this is not guaranteed. We assign passengers by their gender, on a first come, first served basis and do not assign twin share passengers according to their age, profession, interests etc. There are risks with sharing a room with a person you do not know, and Macleay Valley Travel accepts no responsibility if you are incompatible with your assigned room mate. Additionally, if you are assigned a travelling companion to share with and they cancel off the tour prior to making the final payment, then you will either be required to pay the single room supplement or we will try our best to assign you with another twin share passenger, if one is available.

Limitation of Liability - As Macleay Valley Travel acts only as agent for the Airlines, Hotels, Coach Companies etc., providing accommodation, transportation and other services, Macleay Valley Travel shall not be liable or responsible for death or injury to any person or loss or damage to any property including baggage arising out of or connection with any transportation, accommodation or other services, or resulting directly or indirectly from acts of God, fire, breakdown in machinery or equipment, acts of Government or other authorities, de jure or defacto wars, whether declared or not, hostilities, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, thefts, epidemics, quarantines, medical or customs regulations, delays or cancellations caused by changes in schedules or itinerary, or over bookings or defaults or for any causes beyond Macleay Valley Travel's control or any loss or damage resulting from improper or insufficient passports, visas or other documents and neither Macleay Valley Travel, and its servants or employees shall be or become liable or responsible for any additional expenses or liability sustained or incurred by the tour member as a result of the foregoing causes. Additionally you must meet the entry requirements for each country you visit. Macleay Valley Travel will not be liable if you are denied entry to a country for any reason, including a past criminal history. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to decline bookings made for any group tour. Any tour booking confirmation is conditional, contingent on our view of the ability of a person to be able to participate in a tour without the likelihood of conflict between members of a tour whether perceived or actual.

Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to modify the itinerary or the accommodation if circumstances make this necessary, provided that the amended itinerary is of equal value or greater value than that of the original program.

MACLEAY VALLEY TRAVEL - BOOKING FORM

PLEASE PRINT DETAILS CLEARLY IN BLOCK LETTERS AND ALSO

A PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR PASSPORT MUST BE SENT WITH BOOKING FORM

Name of Tour : _____ Departure Date: _____

Passenger 1 (as written in passport) _____

Title: **Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr.** _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Passenger 2 (as written in passport) _____

Title: **Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr.** _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Postal Address: _____

_____ **PostCode** _____ **Email** _____

Telephone / Fax Number: _____ **Mobile** _____

Passport Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____

Passport Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____

Passport Nationality: _____

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(Passport must have 6 months validity from the time of tour completion)

Single room / Twin beds / Double bed: (Room type is subject to availability)

Circle which airport you wish to depart from: SYDNEY / MELBOURNE / BRISBANE

Any existing medical conditions – Passenger 1: _____ Passenger 2: _____

Special Dietary Requests – Passenger 1: _____ Passenger 2: _____

Optional Extensions: _____

Would you like receive details of our travel insurance?: YES / NO (Please Circle)

In case of emergency, please notify :

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please return this sheet with your non-refundable deposit of \$1200 per person.

DECLARATION. I have read and understand fully the booking conditions and I accept them.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

A copy of passport is required to verify spelling of name; If this is not provided and the information we have for the airline is incorrect and ticket is issued, then the airline will charge a reissue fee.