

SOUTH AMERICA'S GREAT RAIL JOURNEYS



For many inveterate travellers, South America remains the last frontier: stunning natural wonders – Iguazu Falls, the Andes, the Lakes, Tierra del Fuego; world treasures Machu Picchu; indigenous and colonial culture and many of the world's great train journeys.

Day 1 Arrive BUENOS AIRES On arrival you are transferred to your hotel in the South American “Paris”, Buenos Aires. Meet your fellow travellers at Welcome Drinks and Dinner **[D]**.

Day 2 BUENOS AIRES Our city sightseeing tour includes Plaza de Mayo, the city heart, as well as the colourful district of La Boca. This evening, enjoy dinner and a night of music and tango. **[B,D]**

Day 3 BUENOS AIRES to USHUAIA This morning is at leisure to continue your exploration of this fascinating city. In the afternoon we fly to Ushuaia, the southernmost city in Argentina, situated on the banks of the Beagle Channel close to Cape Horn. It is the main tourist centre for Tierra del Fuego. **[B,D]**

Day 4 USHUAIA After breakfast we ride the Tierra del Fuego Southern Railway steam engine - known as ‘The Train at the End of the World’ to the gates of the Tierra del Fuego National Park, which we visit by bus. We enjoy the forests, blue lakes, imposing glaciers and varied fauna and flora, as well as some of the park's most stunning sights - Ensenada Bay on the Beagle Channel coast, Lake Roca and Lapataia Bay. **[B]**

Day 5 To SALTA We fly this morning to Salta, at 1,171 metres in Argentina's North West, a beautiful city of colonial architecture, our home for three nights. **[B,D]**

Day 6 SALTA Today, an amazing high altitude train

journey of 217km on the ‘Train to the Clouds’ one of the highest railways in the world, through 21 tunnels and over 29 bridges, 13 viaducts, 2 spirals, and 2 zigzags, to its highest point, the La Polvorilla viaduct, 4,200 metres above sea level. **[B]**

Day 7 SALTA A city tour of Salta today, the city that contains the best preserved colonial remains in all Argentina. Then a visit to the MAAM museum of Inca culture and heritage. **[B]**

Day 8 To IGUAZU FALLS We are transferred today to the airport for our short flight to the Iguazu Falls on the Argentine – Brazilian – Paraguayan border and check into the Sheraton Hotel right at the Falls on the Argentine side for three nights. The most spectacular waterfalls in the world, there are 275 falls along a 3km front, averaging 70m in height. Completely surrounded by a dense tropical forest, this is home to many small native mammals and over 400 different species of birds and butterflies. **[B,D]**

Day 9 IGUAZU FALLS Today we visit the Lower and Upper trails of the Iguazu National Park that allow close views of the many thundering falls. Then we make a visit by tourist train to the Devil's Gorge right in the heart of the Iguazu waterfall, followed by an exciting boat ride on the river below the falls. **[B]**

Day 10 IGUAZU FALLS Today we cross the International Bridge ‘Tancredo Neves’ to explore the Brazilian side of the falls for a quite different perspective and a panoramic view back to the Argentine side. There is a bird park and depending on the weather, helicopter flights are available. **[B]**

Day 11 To ESQUEL, Patagonia This morning we transfer to the airport for our domestic flight south to Patagonia and Esquel, a picturesque city resting

in a green mountain range valley in the Andean foothills. **[B,D]**

Day 12 ESQUEL Today our sightseeing includes Fautaleufau Dam and the pretty town of Trevelin, settled in the 19th century by migrants from Wales. Enjoy a traditional Welsh afternoon tea before returning to our hotel. **[B]**

Day 13 To BARILOCHE A great day for train buffs: we ride Argentina's famous narrow-gauge steam train the Old Patagonian Express, locally called Trochita “the Little Narrow Gauge”. In the afternoon we take a coach through the Andean foothills to the ski-town of Bariloche, the Argentine gateway to the famous Lakes District. This vast area on the Argentine – Chilean border is considered one of South America's most beautiful regions with its lakes, rivers, and snow-capped peaks. **[B,D]**

Day 14 LAKES CROSSING Today we begin our two-day scenic Lakes Crossing, alternating between cruiser and bus from lake to lake. Over the Argentine – Chilean border, we stay the night in an inn at the remote settlement of Peulla, in a beautiful location amongst the forests and lakes. **[B,D]**

Day 15 LAKES CROSSING The last of the lake crossings today, we cruise across the vivid blue-green waters of Todos Los Santos Lake. We visit Petrohue Falls, then take a lakeside drive through a volcanic landscape to Puerto Varas, the City of the Roses. **[B]**

Day 16 To LIMA Today we fly via Santiago to Lima, the capital of Peru. Founded by Francisco Pizarro in 1535, it became the centre of all Spanish trade and culture in the New World. Today, it is a city of contrasts with its colonial churches, old mansions

**COMMENCES BUENOS AIRES
SEPTEMBER 3RD 2012
JUNE 3RD 2013**

DURATION: 24 DAYS

COST: Land Content & Flights within South America Only (Join in Buenos Aires, leave in Santiago)

\$AU 15,950 per person twin share. Enquire about competitive airfares. Single room supplement \$3,200



and modern residential areas, a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site. We see the city lights on our sightseeing tour. **[B,D]**

Day 17 To CUZCO We take a short domestic flight today over the Andes, to Peru's Inca capital of Cuzco, a fascinating city, situated 3,310m above sea level in the high Peruvian Andes. It is remarkable for its many colonial churches, monasteries and convents and for its extensive Inca ruins. The afternoon is free to acclimatise to the high altitude. **[B,D]**

Day 18 CUZCO Depart your hotel on a half-day city sightseeing tour. Visit the Plaza de Armas (main square), the Cathedral, Santo Domingo Church, the surrounding ruins of Kenko and Tambo Machay, and the renowned fortress of Sacsayhuaman. The remainder of the day is at leisure. **[B]**

Day 19 To MACHU PICCHU A three hour ride on the Vistadome train and a 20 minute bus ride bring us to the Machu Picchu ruins (2,380m). For centuries Machu Picchu lay undiscovered in the jungle until, in 1911, the American historian Hiram Bingham stumbled upon it almost by accident. After a guided tour and lunch you are free to explore the ruins on your own. **[B,D]**

Day 20 MACHU PICCHU A second days entry to Machu Picchu is provided today. In the afternoon we join again the Vistadome Train to Ollantaytambo and the small village of Urubamba in the Sacred Valley of the Incas at 2,800m. **[B]**

Day 21 Sacred Valley to CUZCO Depart this morning for a full day tour through the Sacred Valley and to the local Indian village markets. To our hotel in Cuzco. **[B]**

Day 22 To PUNO An early start on what is considered by some to be one of the great train journeys of the world, the Andean Explorer across the vast altiplano to Puno (3,855m), situated on the shores of Lake Titicaca. **[B,D]**

Day 23 PUNO We enjoy a half-day tour to visit the Uros Indians who live on floating totora reed islands on Lake Titicaca. The lives of the Uros are completely interwoven with the totora reed that grows abundantly in the shallow waters of Lake Titicaca. After lunch we transfer to Juliaca airport for our domestic flight to Lima where we connect with our International flight to Santiago and transfer to our hotel. **[B]**

Day 24 Adios, Amigos The tour ends this morning after breakfast. **[B]** An optional post-tour "3 day break in Rio" is available. See below.

RIO POST TOUR ADD-ON

Day 24 (from above) Fly Santiago to Rio de Janeiro and settle into your hotel. **[B]**

Day 25 A full day of sightseeing – Sugarloaf, Christ the Redeemer statue, Copacabana Beach. **[B]**

Day 26 A free day for the beach, the shops or the markets. **[B]**

Day 27 Tours ends with a transfer to the airport for your onward flight either home or on to Rome to commence the Off the Beaten Track Tour.



* Internal flights are included in the cost if you purchase your international airline ticket to and from South America with LAN Chile Airlines; add \$275 pp if your international airline ticket is on Qantas, BA or AA; add \$2400 pp if you fly to South America on any other airline. These are the conditions of our South American air pass. Australia / New Zealand – South America return airfares in economy class are available from around \$2,000 incl taxes. Please enquire for the latest fares and specials.

HIGHLIGHTS

South America's Natural Wonders

- Iguazu Falls
- The Andes
- The Lakes
- Tierra del Fuego
- Lake Titicaca

Her Cultural Treasures

- Machu Picchu
- Buenos Aires
- Colonial Lima and Salta

Her Great Rail Journeys

- The Train to the Clouds
- The Train at the End of the World
- Old Patagonian Express
- Vistadome
- Andean Explorer

INCLUDED FEATURES:

- 23 nights bed and breakfast accommodation in First Class hotels
- 12 dinners
- Rail travel as indicated in reserved seats
- Economy class flights within South America
- Most stops 2 or 3 nights
- All sightseeing and entrances
- Full time Australian Historian Tour Director who is the Company Principal
- Local specialist guides

Great Trains of Europe Tours **BOOKING FORM**

One form per person, please.

Tour Name: _____ Departure Date: _____

PASSPORT DETAILS

Full name (as in passport): _____

Address: _____

Passport No: _____ Date of Issue: _____ Expiry Date: _____

Nationality: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Ph. Home: () _____ Ph. Work: () _____

Mobile: _____ Email: _____

MEDICAL / DIET

Do you have any medical conditions or dietary requirements that we should be alerted to?

YES NO If you answered YES, please outline briefly: _____

Are you able to walk at a moderate pace without assistance? YES NO

NEXT OF KIN {to be contacted in event of an emergency}

Name: _____

Ph. Home: () _____ Ph. Work: () _____ Mobile: _____

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Please provide me with travel insurance. I have a pre-existing medical condition.

{NOTE: Passengers over 75 years of age at end of a tour will need a medical clearance}

I decline your offer of travel insurance and attach documentary evidence that I have sufficient travel insurance cover.

Insurance Company _____ Policy Number _____

ACCOMMODATION

Double Twin, sharing with _____

Twin, please find someone to share with me. If no suitable room-mate can be found, the single supplement is payable.

Single Room Single occupancy of double sized room {surcharge} Non-smoking Smoking

EXTRA ACCOMMODATION

Pre-Tour in _____ {city} Date IN __/__/__ Date OUT __/__/__

Post-Tour in _____ {city} Date IN __/__/__ Date OUT __/__/__

FLIGHTS

I seek your assistance with an airfare. Please contact me. **or** I will make my own flight arrangements.

PAYMENT METHOD

I enclose a cheque, payable to "Great Trains of Europe Tours" for \$ _____ **or**

I have deposited \$ _____ in the " Great Trains of Europe Tours" account at Heritage Building Society, 400 Ruthven St,

Toowoomba, Qld., 4350, Australia as follows.

BSB 638 — 060 Account Number 11109734 Swiftcode HBSLAU4T, and I attach a pay-in slip as evidence.

By signing this form I declare that I have read the Tour Terms and Conditions, understand them, and agree to abide by them.

Signature _____ Date _____



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