

## South American Escapade - Experience Carnival and Gardens.

Join this exclusive tour escorted by **Ross McKinnon** A.M. curator in Charge of the Brisbane Botanic Gardens on a Botanical Romp through Chile, Brazil and Argentina- visiting South American's Leading Gardens, Nurseries and Historic homes and sites.

Ross McKinnon is well known for his extensive knowledge in the world of gardening. Ross has been featured in the written word, radio and television appearances. Ross has escorted many Garden Tours with **The Group Travel Specialists**. This year he returns to South America for an encore tour including Carnival!

The tour highlights are many, join and you will find yourself in Parati, an ancient Portugese Town whose streets are washed with the incoming Tide....Plus experience the World's Largest and most Famous Carnival in Rio – De-Janerio, the most exciting city on Earth!

Don't miss out on this fully escorted tour, 19 days of touring including return airfares and current taxes \* for only \$10,699.00 AUD per person Twin Share.

This tour is available for anyone in the world to join and start the tour in Santiago. We will price you accordingly on application in your currency of choice.

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Call **1 300 737 441** and speak with Vanessa.

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## Day 1: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2010 – ARRIVE SANTIAGO

Depart Brisbane (or your capital city) on the following flights to Santiago\*\*:

QF 503 02FEB BRISBANE TO SYDNEY 0520 0755 OR similar connecting flight  
LA 800 02FEB SYDNEY TO SANTIAGO 0955 1210

Arrival in Santiago at 1210. You will be met by the local tour escort at the Airport and transferred to your hotel.

Overnight at Atton el Bosque Hotel

### Hotel Description:

Atton El Bosque is located in a modern 18-story building with 240 spacious and cozy climatized guest rooms with king or queen size beds, private bathroom, Cable TV, work desk, minibar and safe deposit box. We also have connecting guest rooms upon request and rooms suitable for the disabled.



Meals Included:	None
Overnight at:	Atton el Bosque Hotel
Room Category:	Standard

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## Day 2: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2010 - SANTIAGO

Breakfast in your Hotel

### **Panoramic Tour with Cerro San Cristóbal**

At 09.00am you will conduct a Panoramic Tour with Cerro San Cristóbal, this tour will take approx 3, 5 hours)

Views of a moving city - From the history of the colonial neighbourhoods to the modernity of the new financial centre also known as “Sanhattan”, are part of this trip through the different sceneries that characterize this South American Metropolis. We will begin by the city's old residential area, passing by beautiful residences that today are part of the Barrio Universitario (university area). Our trip continues to the historical and financial City Centre where the La Moneda government palace, the Main Square and its buildings are the main highlights. Then we will continue to the green Parque Forestal, where we can admire the stunning building that house the Fine Arts museum. We will end the tour visiting the bohemian Bellavista neighbourhood. Return to the hotel.

In the afternoon you will conduct a visit to a botanical Garden or Nursery (locations to be confirmed)

Dinner Show at El Aperó Restaurant with return transfers. El Aperó Restaurant is one of the most renowned restaurants for authentic Chilean cuisine. Whilst enjoying the Chilean cuisine you will also experience the local culture as part of the evening show.

Meals Included:	Breakfast and Dinner
Overnight at:	Overnight at Atton el Bosque Hotel or similar
Room Category:	Standard

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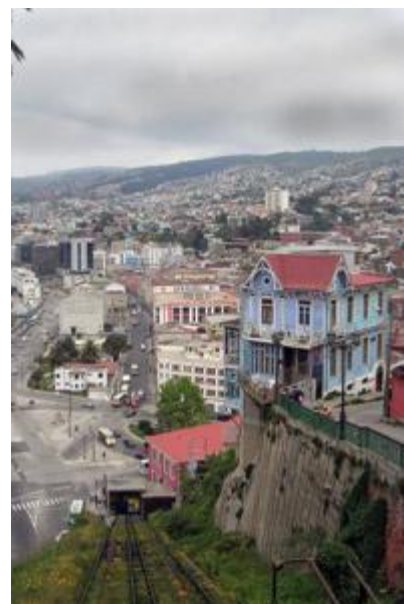
## Day 3: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2010 - SANTIAGO

### Breakfast in your Hotel

#### Historical Valparaíso and Viña del Mar (8 - 9 hours)

A colourful place to visit, with an opportunity to ride the famous Ascensores of Valparaíso.

At 8.30am we will depart to the Pacific coast by Route 68, which connects Santiago with the port of Valparaíso in only 1.5 hours, Chile's most important seaport bustling with activity. First, we cross the Curacavi valley, with its fruit tree plantations, vineyards, little fruit markets and restaurants. Then, the Casablanca valley, a wine making area, growing in fame, shows a green landscape that captivates visitors. We admire Valparaíso from the hills. Through walkways and terraces we will be witnesses, of the wonderful natural amphitheater that frames the bay, to the history of this port-city. Stroll through narrow alleys that meander through the hills, revealing in every corner, images that deserve to be worthy of a picture. We also have the opportunity to experience the old funiculars that made this picturesque city famous.



After visiting typical Valparaíso we will visit Viña del Mar also known as the "Garden City", an elegant resort city where the highlights include Fine Arts museum, municipal casino, seaside Avenida Peru and the beautiful Palacio Riojo. The tour continues along the attractive coastline road visiting the summer resorts of Renñaca, Cochoa and Concon before returning to Santiago.

Program includes: Private transportation from Santiago, bilingual tour guide, entrance fees and lunch. Not included: drinks and tips at the restaurant.

You will arrive back at your hotel at approx 18.00 - 18.30

Meals Included:	Breakfast and Lunch
Overnight at:	Overnight at Atton el Bosque Hotel or similar
Room Category:	Standard

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## Day 4: Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2010 - SANTIAGO

### Breakfast in your Hotel

### Full Day Home of Pablo Neruda at Isla Negra (8 hours) (Tuesday to Friday)

At 9:00 you will depart your hotel, crossing the Mapocho and Maipo Valleys, with beautiful landscapes of pine and eucalyptus tree forests, bypassing small agricultural villages of colonial characteristics, arriving to the Pacific Ocean to visit Santo Domingo beach resort with its residential summer houses, Golf country clubs, continuing to San Antonio seaport, its fishermen's wharf and commercial area. Then we head to Cartagena, Las Cruces and El Tabo, to arrive finally to the Isla Negra where Pablo Neruda's home is located (Literature Nobel Prize). Also, you will see surprising miniatures, multicoloured bottles, fine glassware, and a unique collection of marine shells as well as original manuscripts of Pablo Neruda. Lunch on your own. After lunch return to Santiago visiting Pomaire (a town where admirable hand made pottery is sold) on the way.



Nobel Poet Pablo Neruda lived in a house on Isla Negra overlooking the Pacific ocean. The eccentrically designed and constructed house is now a museum containing his works, his collections and a vivid look at the lifestyle of Chile's beloved man of letters. Visitors expecting a private island, a paradise on the Pacific, are surprised to find Neruda's favoured home in modest surroundings, amid dunes in a pine forest, in a village 80 km south of Vaparaiso on the central coast. Neruda loved the sea and fashioned his house as though it were a ship at sea. Many of the decorations, inside and out, are nautical.

Return to your hotel at 17:00.

Program includes: Private transportation from Santiago, bilingual tour guide. Not included: drinks and tips at the restaurant.

Meals Included:	Breakfast
Overnight at:	Overnight at Atton el Bosque Hotel
Room Category:	Standard

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## Day 5: Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2010 – SANTIAGO

### Breakfast in your Hotel

#### Full Day Wineries of the Maipo Valley

At 9:00 you will depart your hotel and transfer to Conchay Toro winery, in the Pirque area. To begin with, you will walk through the winery's ancient park; whose extraordinary beauty and harmony are an invaluable legacy of Chile's landscaping history. Next, one can admire the Casona's exterior, previously the summer residence of the Concha y Toro family. Enjoy a glass of "Terrunyo" Sauvignon Blanc at the El Marqués Park. The terrace will afford both a privileged view of our "Antiguas Terrazas de Pirque" vineyard and the opportunity to taste a "Casillero Del Diablo" Carmenère. Among the Winery's main attractions are its ancient cellars, and particularly "Casillero Del Diablo" (Devil's Cellar), where you will learn about the famous legend that has made Chilean wine known worldwide. Once inside the winery, you will discover the character of traditional Chilean grape varieties of "Marqués de Casa Concha" Merlot.



### Lunch at El Marqués Restaurant

Transfer to Cousiño Macul winery. The meeting point is at the Winery Shop, where you will be welcomed by a bilingual guide who will take you through the centenary cellars, while he tells you about the history of the Cousiño family and the winery. You will also learn about the winemaking process and perceive the huge

contrasts among the old equipment and machines used in the XIX Century and the most advanced technology from nowadays, in the Lota cellar, our icon wine created to commemorate the Cousiño Macul 150 anniversary. Next, you will be able to go back in time by descending to one of the oldest and finest Chilean wine cellars, built in 1872 by French architects. There, the Cousiño family keeps its private collection, with bottles that go as far as 1927. Finally, the visit ends in the same Shop, where an Antiguas Reservas wine will be offered.



Chile has a worldwide reputation for its excellent wines, the quality of Chilean wines owes much to the efforts of our winegrowers, who took great pains in caring for those French vines that made of our soils their natural environment. Chilean vineyards were first established in the mid-sixteenth century by Spanish missionaries. These viticulture pioneers planted the grape known as Pais, which is similar to the "Mission" grape widely grown in California and the Criolla variety grown in Argentina. For the next 300 years the Pais was Chile's primary grape and still comprises about half the total vineyard land. In 1851, a Spaniard Silvestre Ochagavía, brought in French wine experts, followed by cuttings of Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec, Merlot, Pinot Noir, Sauvignon Blanc, and Sémillon. Other varieties were subsequently planted, including Chardonnay, Gewürztraminer and Riesling. The next four decades saw the establishment of numerous wineries that are still prominent estates today including: Cousiño Macul (1861), San Pedro (1865), Errazuriz (1870), Santa Rita (1880), Concha y Toro (1883), and Viña Undurraga (1885). These six wine estates plus those of Caliterra, Los Vascos, Santa Carolina, Saint Morillon, and Walnut Crest account for almost 90 percent of the Chilean wines exported to the United States. Chile seems to have an ideal environment for growing grapes.

17.00 you will return to Santiago.

Meals Included:	Breakfast and Lunch
Overnight at:	Overnight at Atton el Bosque Hotel or similar
Room Category:	Standard

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**Day 6: Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2010 – SANTIAGO /SÃO PAULO**

Breakfast in your hotel and check out.

Morning at own leisure

Transfer from your hotel to Santiago airport for your flight to Sao Paulo, your flight will depart 1415 arriving in Sao Paulo at 1905.

LA 754 07FEB Santiago to SAO PAULO 1415 1905 or similar

On arrival at Sao Paulo international airport, you will be met by your English speaking guide who will accompany you to your hotel using a private transfer service.

Dinner at Hotel Bourbon – Restaurante Figueira (buffet style served at hotel restaurant)

**Hotel Description:**

Located in the Moema area of Sao Paulo, this modern hotel is just four miles from the local Congonhas Airport. The ideal location close to major tourists landmarks including the scenic Ibirapuera Park and shopping centre, make this hotel a regular choice for local and international visitors. The Bourbon Convention Ibirapuera Hotel features 206 guestrooms with modern furniture and attractive decor with some rooms offering excellent views of the area. The hotel also features a health centre complete with soothing massages, a large swimming pool and a full gymnasium.



Meals Included:	Breakfast and Dinner
Overnight at:	Overnight at Hotel Bourbon Convention Ibirapuera - 4*
Room Category:	Standard

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## Day 7: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2010 – SÃO PAULO / NOVA ODESSA (CAMPINAS)

Breakfast in your hotel and checkout

At 9:00 you will be picked up from your hotel for a morning visit to the Botanical garden or we can conduct a shopping tour.

Overland transfer from Sao Paulo to Hotel in Nova Odessa, we will travel approx 74km taking approx 1.5hrs.

Upon arrival in Nova Odessa we will stop for lunch at local restaurant in Nova Odessa, then we will proceed and check in to the Tryp Campinas Hotel.

Afternoon at leisure.

Dinner and overnight at hotel.

Overnight at Tryp Campinas Hotel – 4\*

### Hotel Description:

The Tryp Campinas hotel enjoys a privileged location in Cambui, one of the most charming areas of the city in the residential and shopping district of the city. The charm of its classical architecture together with the refined quality of the region creates a most agreeable atmosphere for hotel guests.



Meals Included:	Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
Overnight at:	Overnight at Tryp Campinas Hotel – 4*
Room Category:	Standard

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**Day 8: Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2010 – NOVA ODESSA (CAMPINAS)**

Breakfast in your hotel and checkout

At 9:00 you will be picked up from your hotel for a morning visit to the Botanical garden “Recantos dos Pássaros”. Around Praças Carlos Gomes and Imprensa Fluminense are six recantos dos pássaros ("bird corners") - gardens frequented by song thrushes, goldfinches, coal tits and other wild birds.

There are other similar gardens in Largo de Pará (on Via Norte-Sul), Chácara da Barra and the Jardim dos Chapadões.

You will return to the hotel in the early afternoon where you will have some leisure time.

17.00 Dinner and overnight at hotel.

Overnight at Tryp Campinas Hotel – 4\*

Meals Included:	Breakfast and Dinner
Overnight at:	Overnight at Tryp Campinas Hotel – 4*
Room Category:	Standard

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## Day 9: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2010 – NOVA ODESSA (CAMPINAS) / PARATY

Breakfast in your hotel and check-out

At 9:00 you will be ticked up and taken by coach from Nova Odessa to Paraty, we will travel 327km taking approx 4.5hrs. We will stop along the way to view major site and have lunch at own arrangements.

You will arrive at the hotel at approx 15.30, afternoon at leisure.

Paraty, also spelled Parati, is a lovely colonial town located some 125 miles from Rio de Janeiro on Ilha Grande Bay, on Brazil's southeastern coast. It is a favourite of Brazilians who are looking to escape the bustle of Rio while enjoying the true beauty of Colonial Brazil. In the 1700s the mines of Minas Gerais were pouring out gold, the Bay of Paraty was an extremely busy and perhaps the most important during Brazil's Ciclo de Ouro, or Golden Century. It was a hard overland trip to get there, and when a new road was built from Espiiritu Santa, Paraty was all but forgotten, and allowed the town to remain pretty much as it was when the last gold laden ship sailed for Portugal. Today the historic city centre is a National Historic Monument and closed to motor traffic.

19:00 Dinner at Dona Ondina restaurant.

Overnight at Pousada Pardieiro

One of the oldest pousadas in the city the Pousada Pardieiro is situated in the historical centre of Parati, near the beach. The quaint 27 rooms are all individually decorated in a colonial style and have air conditioning, safe, mini bar and en-suite bathroom. This pretty pousada is set amongst lush tropical gardens and has its own boat for taking trips out to the tropical islands. As well as a bar and restaurant the pousada also features a swimming pool and sauna.



Meals Included:	Breakfast and Dinner
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Overnight at:	Overnight at Pousada Pardieiro
Room Category:	Standard

### Day 10: Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2010 - PARATY

Breakfast in your hotel

At 08.30 you will be picked up and transferred by Jeep to the local falls.

Paraty is situated on a small area of flatland surrounded by the mountains and the bay. Within a few kilometres of town you can find mountains, valleys, cliffs and many waterfalls!

#### Pedra Branca

A very special place! Pedra Branca falls is 10 km from town, near the Fazenda Murycana. The last 3km is accessible only by foot or jeep. Its charm is in the waterfalls, and the pools sculptured in stone.

#### Tobogã

The Cachoeira do Penha (Penha falls) is found on the Paraty-Cunha road 10 km from town. A short and easy walk of 200m brings you to tobogã, a large smooth rock where you can slide into a natural pool (be careful).

At 12.00 we will stop for lunch at the Restaurant Villa Verdes.

In the afternoon after the water falls we will visit the Broomeliad nursery here you will see a truly unique ability to combine cultivated plants with natural surroundings.

19:30 You will have dinner at the local Margarita café.

Meals Included:	Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
Overnight at:	Overnight at Pousada Pardieiro
Room Category:	Standard

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## Day 11: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2010 - PARATY

Breakfast in your hotel

At 09:00 we will conduct a walking tour in Paraty - This walking tour of Paraty intends to explore the architecture of Paraty and its character, originality and definition that forms a harmonious monument's group of the XVIII century. Paraty is today a Historical National Monument and Patrimony worldwide declared by UNESCO, and much more, natural patrimony for is 65% of the area of the town inside of the National Park of Serra da Bocaina. The legends and history of the last century, visiting churches, museum, and old houses will be exposed during the promenade around the town.

Inhabited since 1650, Paraty has remained fundamentally unaltered since its heyday as a staging post for the eighteenth-century trade in Brazilian gold, passing from Minas Gerais to Portugal. Paraty remained hidden away off the beaten track, quietly stagnating but intact.

Nowadays, though, UNESCO considers Paraty to represent one of the world's most important examples of colonial architecture, and the entire city has been elevated to the status of a national monument. The town centre was one of Brazil's first planned urban projects, and its narrow cobbled streets, out of bounds to motorised transport are bordered by houses built around courtyards, adorned with brightly coloured flowers and alive with hummingbirds. The cobblestones of the streets are arranged in channels to drain off water and allow the sea to enter and wash the streets at high tides.

This will be a walking tour. The guide will pick you up at your hotel in Paraty and return with you at the end of the tour. The tour takes is approx 2 – 3 hrs total.



The tour is perfect for pictures and videos.

Afternoon and evening free to explore at own arrangements

Meals Included:	Breakfast
Overnight at:	Overnight at Pousada Pardieiro
Room Category:	Standard

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## Day 12: Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2010 - PARATY / RIO DE JANEIRO

Breakfast in your hotel and checkout

At 10.00 you will be met by our local guide who will transfer you from Paraty to Rio De Janeiro by private coach. We will travel approx 254km taking approx 4 hours.

We will stop for lunch at 12:00 at Frade Resort in Angra Dos Reis. We will also stop at any major sites on the way.

Upon arrival you can check into your hotel.

Dinner at hotel.

Overnight at Hotel Golden Tulip Regente

### Hotel Description:

The sight of Copacabana's Beach does not leave any doubts; the Golden Tulip Regente has one of the best locations in Rio de Janeiro. Situated in front of Copacabana beach, 3 km from the city centre, close to Ipanema and Leblon Beaches, in walking distance from excellent shopping, restaurants, nightclubs, 24 hour newsstands, drugstores and all attractions.

Hotel Golden Tulip Regente offers 231 rooms, some with sea view, equipped with air conditioning, cable TV, safe, telephone and minibar. Bathroom with telephone and hairdryer. 5 meeting rooms, swimming pool and pool bar with sea view, lobby bar, fitness centre and beach service. Located in front of Copacabana Beach, close to Ipanema and Leblon Beaches. It is in walking distance from Feirinha, excellent shoppings, restaurants, nightclubs, 24hs newsstands, drugstores and all attractions.



Meals Included:	Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
Overnight at:	Overnight at Hotel Golden Tulip Regente
Room Category:	Standard

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## Day 13: Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2010 - RIO DE JANEIRO

Breakfast in your hotel

09:00 HD Jeep Tour to Botanical garden + Tijuca Forest (04 hs)

Pick-up in convertible Jeeps at the hotel – Botanical garden visit - Horto Florestal Road - stop at the Monkeys

Waterfall - stop at Chinese View Belvedere - Emperor's Table - stop at Cascatinha Fall - Mayrink Chapel -

Tracking.

12:30 Lunch at A Mineira restaurant

14:30 PM HALF-DAY TOUR CORCOVADO AND BEACHES – 04 HOURS

Elected one of New 7 Wonders of the World! Leaving the hotel and driving up the participants to Cosme's Velho district to the station of the cog-wheel train of the Corcovado Mountain. The train ride takes 20 minutes and is a wonderful opportunity for a closer look to the forest and lush tropical vegetation and to enjoy scenic landscapes of the beaches and city. Disembarking at the top of Corcovado and then proceeding up the steps that lead to the top lookout where the towering statue of Christ the Redeemer stands. On the way up, the participants will arrive at the statue of the Christ Redeemer, placed in the Corcovado mountain top at 710 meters high. This giant statue of 40 meters high and with 1.100 tones of weight, known all over the world, have the best view of the city, with full 360 degrees vision of the Ocean, the surrounding beaches, the city downtown and the Guanabara Bay .



Return to the hotel along the seashore avenues of Copacabana and Ipanema beaches.

18:00 Dinner at hotel.

19:00 – SHUTTLE SERVICE TRANSFER FROM THE HOTEL TO SAMBORDOMO - for the CARNIVAL Parade.

TICKETS PRICES STAND SEAT (GRANDSTAND) - SECTOR 09

IMPORTANT NOTES: Tickets will not be purchased until the group is confirmed to be going ahead.\*\*\*

TICKETS RATES AND RESERVATION UNDER REQUEST; FULL PRE-PAYMENT NO REFUNDABLE REQUESTED UPON RESERVATION; INCLUDING: 01 T-SHIRT, 01 BAG, 01 RAINCOAT AND 01 PAD;

-SHUTTLE SERVICE REGULAR HOTEL/SAMBODROMO/HOTEL (TIME TO BE INFORMED 01 WEEK BEFORE),

ONLY FOR SEAT/GRANDSTAND RATES SUBJECT TO ALTERATION WITHOUT PREVIOUS NOTICE; NO GRATUITY AVAILABLE.

SAMBA SCHOOL'S PARADE:

SUNDAY / FEB 14'2010:

UNIÃO DA ILHA, IMPERATRIZ LEOPOLDINENSE, UNIDOS DA TIJUCA, VIRADOURO, SALGUEIRO ,BEIJA-FLOR

Meals Included:	Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
Overnight at:	Overnight at Hotel Golden Tulip Regente
Room Category:	Standard

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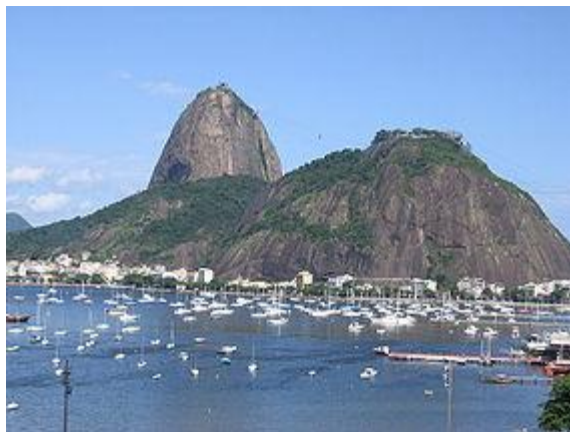
Day 14: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2010 - RIO DE JANEIRO

Breakfast in your hotel

Free morning at leisure

14:00 HALF-DAY TOUR SUNSET AT SUGAR LOAF – 04 HOURS

Pão de Açúcar (The Sugar Loaf), another classical postcard of Rio de Janeiro, is a mandatory spot to visit. The tour starts with the participants pick up at the hotels, followed by a city tour that will allow them to see some important structures in the central downtown. After this, the tour continues its way passing by the seashore avenues of the Flamengo and Botafogo beaches, just before finally arriving at the Praia Vermelha cable car station, the initial spot to ascend the Sugar Loaf. The cable car rolls over strong iron cables, tracked



by a cogwheel system, and has a 70 pax capacity. The ascent is made in two stages. The first from Praia Vermelha to the Urca's Station, and then from Urca to the Sugar Loaf's top (at 396 meters). At the top, the view of the centre downtown, beaches and the meeting of Guanabara's bay and the ocean waters is simply superb.

Dinner at hotel.

Overnight at Hotel Golden Tulip Regente

Meals Included:	Breakfast and Dinner
Overnight at:	Overnight at Hotel Golden Tulip Regente
Room Category:	Standard

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## Day 15: Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2010 - RIO DE JANEIRO

Breakfast in your hotel

09:00 Full day tour to former house of Roberto Burle Marx in Barra Guaratiba. The tour of the estate will include the magical gardens, his art-filled ranch style house and studio and a chapel dating back to 16th century.

Burle Marx bought the Santo Antonio da Bica sítio in Barra de Guaratiba in 1949 to store his plant collection. The sítio has a marvellous house and a small chapel that dates back to the 16th century. Both buildings were lovingly restored and Burle Marx lived there from 1973 until his death in 1994. In 1985, the property was donated to the Brazilian government in trust for posterity and became a National Monument. It is now called Sítio Roberto Burle Marx. In an area of approximately 100 acres, visitors can see more than 3,500 species of plants, an extraordinary collection of religious images and pottery from the River Jequitinhonha Valley, and, of course, Burle Marx's own paintings.



13:00 Lunch at Oasis BBQ or similar.

14:30 After lunch return to Rio de Janeiro and visit the Instituto Moreira Salles.

The Instituto Moreira Salles is a non-profit organization founded by [Walter Moreira Salles](#) (1912-2001) in 1990 and managed by the Moreira Salles family. Its goal is to promote the development of cultural projects mainly in five areas: photography, literature, libraries, visual arts and Brazilian music. Part of its photographic, literary, and musical database is available through its website. It has cultural centres around Brazil (Rio de Janeiro, São Paulo, Poços de Caldas and Belo Horizonte), and four galleries (São Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Curitiba e Porto Alegre).

Also known as the IMS, it is distinguished from other private cultural institutions in Brazil and abroad. One reason for that are its intervention practices; it basically focuses on initiatives that the institution already executes and provides. Another reason is the fact that it conducts short and long term projects, going away from short-sighted events as well as developing regular projects that educate and inform the public. Another important feature of this institution is the fact that it's located in three different states in Brazil, building a network of integrated cultural centres that work in different geographical and cultural areas with a unified goal.

Dinner at the hotel.

Meals Included:	Breakfast Lunch and Dinner
Overnight at:	Overnight at Hotel Golden Tulip Regente
Room Category:	Standard

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Day 16: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2010 - RIO DE JANEIRO / IGUASSU FALLS

Breakfast in your hotel and check-out

Our driver and guide will collect you from the hotel foyer and transfer you to the airport. Your flight departs at 10.20 arriving into Iguassu Falls at 12.35.

JJ3153 Iguassu Falls to Iguassu Brazil 10.20 12.35 or similar

On arrival at Foz de Iguassu airport (Brazil), you will be met by our guide and transferred to your hotel.

You have the afternoon at leisure.

Dinner at the hotel.

Overnight at Continental Inn Hotel – 4\*

#### Hotel Description

The 4-star Continental Inn Hotel welcomes you in downtown Foz do Iguassu offering well-equipped rooms and a wide range of leisure facilities and other services.

The outdoor pool, sauna, games room and tennis court are some of the options offered for guests who want to keep in shape while staying in the Continental Inn.

A restaurant and two bars are found on site, providing meals and drinks for all tastes. The hotel also offers an executive office, car rental and different shops, as well as room service available 24 hours a day.



Meals Included:	Breakfast and Dinner
Overnight at:	Overnight at Continental Inn Hotel – 4*
Room Category:	Standard

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## Day 17: Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2010 - IGUASSU FALLS

Breakfast in your hotel

09:00 Visit to Argentina Falls with Devil's Throat

Cross the Tancredo Neves Bridge en route to the Iguazu National Park in Argentina. At the entrance the passenger will take a small train for a visit through the park with 2 stops until the trail where the walking tour begins to the visit the upper walkways, which allow for more intimate contact with the falls and the rainforest. The highlight of the trip is a visit to the suspended platform at the very brink of the abysmal Devil's Throat – the largest fall. This trip shows you the highlights of the Argentinean side.



You will return back to your hotel at approx 15.00.

19:00 Dinner and Folkloric Show at Rafain

Dinner at an international restaurant. The Folkloric Show with dinner is done at "Rafain Churrascaria" where you first will taste the Brazilian barbecue, prepared with a great variety of selected meats and side dishes. Besides the delicious meal, guests will be treated to a typical musical performance that mixes Broadway with traditional folklore of the region. This theatrical performance showcases various traditional folkloric dances of Argentina (tango, bloeaderas, malambo, milonga), Brazil (samba, chorinho, bossa nova), and Paraguay (harpa, botellas, guaranias).



You will be transferred back to your hotel at approx 23.30

Overnight at Continental Inn Hotel – 4\*

Meals Included:	Breakfast and Dinner
Overnight at:	Overnight at Continental Inn Hotel – 4*
Room Category:	Standard

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Breakfast in your hotel and check-out

08:30 Half day Brazilian falls (including entrance fee to the national park).

You will be picked up at your hotel at 08.30, the trip begins at the Iguazu National Park where we drive through the lush, subtropical vegetation of the park en route to the falls. Stroll the trail descending the canyon that offers a panoramic view of the more than 240 falls. Take the glass elevator up the cliff face for an exquisite view from the upper deck. The Iguassu National Park along with its “sister” park in Argentina form the most significant remaining rainforest in the southern cone of South America which along with the waterfalls has been declared a National Heritage Site by UNESCO.



Black well trail by jeep and Macuco Safari boat trip begins within the National Park on the Brazilian side, where visitors take seats in an open wagon driven through the forest where they can observe birds, animals and exotic vegetation all while accompanied by a specialized guide.

At the end of the 2 km ride we continue on foot to the margin of the Iguassu River to take a specially prepared motor boat for an exciting and unforgettable trip. Passengers are taken as close as possible to the water falls, where they can hear the thunderous roar of the walls of water, and get wet from the mist of the falls.



PM: You will be transferred to the Iguazu Falls airport (Argentinean side) for your onward flight to Buenos Aires which departs at 12.10 and arrives at 14.00.

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On arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

16:00 Afternoon Half Day Private City tour of Buenos Aires. City sightseeing tour visiting with highlights including Plaza de Mayo surrounded by El Cabildo, the Cathedral and La Casa Rosada (the pink house – Government House). The colourful La Boca district, drive past the national Congress, 9 de Julio Avenue, and visit the residential neighbourhoods of Palermo and Recoleta.

Overnight at Americas Towers Hotel

Hotel Description:

This city hotel is located in the centre of the most elegant residential and commercial area in Buenos Aires, La Recoleta. Guests can enjoy the service and comfort of an international hotel, situated only 100 m from the most important streets, Avenues 9th July and Santa Fe, where guests will find the best luxury shops, restaurants and cafes. It is also only a short distance from the financial area, embassies, consulates, airline companies and cultural centres such as the Colon Theatre and the Cervantes Theatre. The hotel comprises a total of 100 spacious and luxurious rooms, and 10 suites. Facilities include: lobby with 24-hour reception, a hotel safe, a bar, a restaurant and Internet access. There is a modern meeting room decorated with wooden panels and fabric. 24-hour room service, turn down and maid service are also available.

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Meals Included:	Breakfast
Overnight at:	Overnight at Americas Towers Hotel
Room Category:	Standard

### Day 19: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2010 - BUENOS AIRES

Breakfast in your hotel

08:30 Full day private tour of Tigre & San Isidro including cruise and lunch.

Tigre Delta and San Isidro District

A few kms from the Capital, on the banks of the Rio de la Plata (River Plate) is located a characteristic residential and tourist area of the Gran [Buenos Aires](#) (the outskirts of [Buenos Aires](#)).

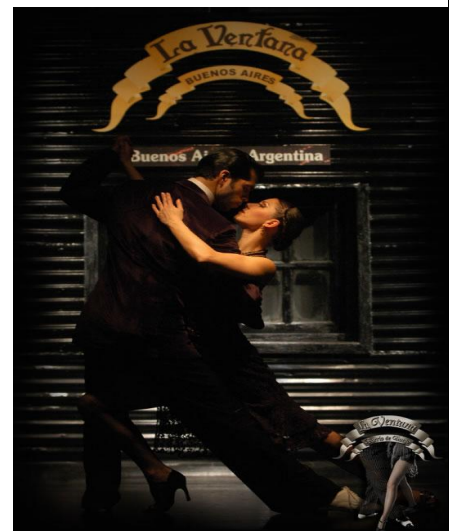
Far North you find the Parana Delta, Tigre Delta (called simply Tigre), a group of islands, natural reserve and wildlife. River, channels, big trees, fruits and nice houses, boats, wharf and healthy life are found everywhere.

It is one of the few touristic Deltas in the world and chosen destination for many people in the weekends.

From the city of [Buenos Aires](#) to Tigre, are located the most important districts: San Fernando, San Isidro and Vicente López. Due to be located nearby Buenos Aires many people lives there and tourists pay short visits. San Fernando is the national capital of Nautical; San Isidro, national capital of Rugby with important clubs famous worldwide.

After lunch you will visit the Colonial city of San Isidro and explore a typical neighbourhood. A visit to San Isidro, specially the historic area is a must. Part of our history and witness of important events. Juan De Garay distributed in 1580 this land. In 1806 Santiago de Liniers looked for shelter, after landing in Tigre to recover [Buenos Aires](#). Visit the local garden at Tigre.

19:30 DINNER & TANGO SHOW “La Ventana” with transfers. In the very heart of San Telmo neighbourhood, this refurbished historic conventillo is a classic building of the Buenos Aires Culture. La Ventans is a trip of older times. The interior architectural style is preserved, and creates the ideal setting for a unique experience: 35 artists in scene, two tango orchestras, a folklore band, dancers and singers; a menu that consists of several traditional and international dishes.



Overnight at Americas Towers Hotel

Meals Included:	Breakfast, lunch and Dinner
Overnight at:	Overnight at Americas Towers Hotel
Room Category:	Standard

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Day 20: Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2010 - BUENOS AIRES

Breakfast in your hotel and check-out

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight home to Australia.

**SUNDAY LAN CHILE S.A. FLIGHT LA 532**  
21 FEB 10 - DEPART - BUENOS AIRES/MINISTRO P 1950 NON-STOP  
21 FEB 10 - ARRIVE - SANTIAGO/ARTURO MERINO 2110 02HRS 20MINS

**SUNDAY LAN CHILE S.A. FLIGHT LA 801**  
21 FEB 10 - DEPART - SANTIAGO/ARTURO MERINO 2310 ONE STOP  
Terminal: TERMINAL INTERNATIONAL  
23 FEB 10 - ARRIVE - SYDNEY/SYDNEY KINGSFORD 0730 18HRS 20MINS

Meals Included:	Breakfast
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END OF SERVICES

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# South American Escapage - Experience Carnival and Gardens

**PACKAGE PRICE INCLUDING AIRFARES AS OUTLINED  
FROM MELBOURNE.SYDNEY. BRISBANE**

Price per person twin/double share	\$10,699.00
Price per person in a single room	\$13,200.00

Price includes current airfare taxes and is subject to change without notice prior to final payment.

### Package Price Includes:

- Accommodation as mentioned on the itinerary above
- Daily breakfast in the restaurant of the hotels
- Meals as specified on the above itinerary (drinks NOT included – unless mentioned otherwise)
- Private transfers and excursions as mentioned in the itinerary unless specified otherwise
- Porterage at airports and hotels
- Entrance fees
- Bilingual local English speaking guide
- The land services will be done in private basis, with ENGLISH speaking guide assistance in a deluxe vehicle with air conditioned, according to the requested basis.
- Economy airfare as outlined from either, Melbourne,Sydney or Brisbane. Other cities available on application. Airfares include current taxes and are subject to change without notice.

### Package Price Excludes:

- Early check ins and late check outs
- Incidental expenses of a personal nature such as drinks with meals, phone calls etc.
- Entrances/sites/meals other than those specified
- Tips to guides, representatives and drivers
- Visa fees and travel insurance
- Any other items not listed in above inclusions

### Payments and Deposits:

- A deposit is required for the tour of \$1500.00 per person at time of booking. This is NON Refundable.
- A further deposit/payment of \$3000.00 is due no later than 30 October 2009. This is NON Refundable.
- Final Payment is due no later than 23<sup>rd</sup> of November 2009. Final Payment is Non Refundable.
- No refunds after departure will be given for services not used.

### Conditions of Payments and Tour:

- All deposits and final payments are Non Refundable.

If you cancel and we can replace you and the tour has met our minimum numbers we are willing to assist with refunds should the suppliers refund to us, based on us replacing you. For your planning purposes you should consider the tour Non Refundable and you must take out Travel Insurance to participate in the tour. Your travel insurance must have coverage for Emergency Medical and Dental, and Cancellation insurance. Proof of travel insurance is required to take part.

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**Minimum Group Numbers:**

The tour will operate with 10 clients confirmed. We will declare the tour operating or not operating no later than 09 November 2009. Should the tour not operate due to insufficient numbers your payments and deposits will be FULLY refunded to you. You risk nothing depositing on the tour should it not go ahead.

**Sharing with a Stranger (single share matching program):**

We are willing to put you in touch with other interested clients who wish to participate in the program but prefer to twin share. Both parties must be of the same sex, and agree to the arrangement prior to final payment.

**Pricing:**

The above pricing is only valid when booked directly with Flight Centre Group Travel 1 300 737 441 or Ross Mckinnon.

**Hotels/Changes to Program:**

All hotels are confirmed as of 03 September 2009. We reserve the right to alter any hotel or day tour with a similar standard or higher. We reserve the right to alter the order of the events or program.

**Airfares:**

The airfares are a Group Airfare held by our office in Economy Class. We strongly recommend you do your airfares with our office as part of the package therefore you will have no exposure to cancellation penalties on the airfares until the tour is declared to be going ahead. Should you book your flights elsewhere or with frequent flyer points we accept no responsibility due to cancellation or alterations of the program.

**Carnival Tickets:**

The Carnival tickets will not be purchased until the tour is declared going ahead 09 November 2009 or sooner. We have a tentative hold on the block, but it is subject to change without notice with similar arrangements.

**Visa Requirements and Passport:**

Australian Passport Holders do require visa for Brazil and must be obtained prior to leaving Australia plus an entry permit on arrival for Chile will be issued on arrival and will cost approximately 61 USD not included in the package price.. We can assist with this or you may log onto [www.visalink.com.au](http://www.visalink.com.au)

It is the client's responsibility to ensure that they are carrying all the necessary visas and paperwork at the time of travel. All passports must have a minimum of 6 months validity from date of return. Please ensure you contact the relevant consulate/authority prior to travel as visa, entry and passport requirements are subject to change.

Client Responsibility: You should familiarize yourself with any health and visa requirements that may be applicable in the areas that your clients intend visiting, and you shall be responsible for all entry, exit, health and other documents required by law, regulations, orders, demands or requirements of the countries visited or transited. It is your responsibility to ensure that your clients are carrying a valid passport at all times. Passport, visa and vaccination requirements are not our responsibility and we are not liable for any loss or expense due to your failure to comply with the above. It remains your responsibility to ensure that these documents are in order and to meet any additional costs incurred as a result of failure to comply with such requirements. You accept that you maybe travelling through areas of political or climatic instability, high altitude and remote areas without proper medical services, and accept the associated risks. The making of a booking constitutes your acceptance of all booking terms and conditions as described herein and forms the basis of your contract.

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**Booking Form: To be completed per Passenger**

<b>South American Escapade - Experience Carnival and Gardens. A Ross McKinnon Group</b>	
SURNAME AS PER PASSPORT	
FIRST NAME AS PER PASSPORT	
TITLE	
NATIONALITY	
PASSPORT NUMBER	
DATE OF ISSUE	
DATE OF EXPIRY ***	
PLACE OF ISSUE	
DATE OF BIRTH	
EMAIL	
PHONE NO/S	
DEPARTURE CITY (at commencement of trip)	
FREQUENT FLYER NUMBER - if applicable	
Do you wish to extend your trip or request any flight changes	
Seating Request, Special Meal Requests (airline)	
CONTACT DETAILS FOR EMERGENCY CONTACT PERSON WHILE OVERSEAS	
PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE:	
by Email: <a href="mailto:vanessa.armstrong@flightcentre.com.au">vanessa.armstrong@flightcentre.com.au</a> by Fax: 03 9865 4250	

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I, \_\_\_\_\_  
(Insert Cardholders name as it appears on the card)

hereby authorise Flight Centre Limited to debit my (tick which card applies)

Visa Card ( ) American Express ( )  
Mastercard ( ) Diners Club ( )  
Other ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV No: \_\_\_\_\_

Passenger Name/s	Relationship To Cardholder	Date Of Travel	Amount
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Date Of Birth Day \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_  
Residential Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Residential Home No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile No: \_\_\_\_\_

**Methods of Payment:** The above charge may appear on your Credit Card Statement as either Flight Centre Limited, or as the Operator you are traveling with.

**Credit Card Transaction:** Credit card surcharges of 1.9% for Visa, MasterCard and American Express and 3% for Diners Club will apply when paying by credit card. If for any reason any travel service provider is unable to provide the services for which you have contracted, your remedy lies against that provider, and not against Flight Centre Limited. In the event that payment has been made to Flight Centre Limited by credit card, you agree that you will not seek to charge back your payment to Flight Centre Limited.

**Terms and Conditions Of Booking:** Please read the attached Booking Terms and Conditions. By signing this Authorisation for Credit Card Charge you also acknowledge that you have read, understood and agree to be bound by the Booking Terms and Conditions. You will be required to sign this form and return it to us before we can make a booking for you.

**I acknowledge that I am 18 years of age or older, I authorise the above charges and acknowledge that I have read, understood and agree to be bound by the Booking Terms and Conditions.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness By: \_\_\_\_\_ of Flight Centre Limited

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