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Welcome to South America, a land that will captivate us with its contrasts. From the beauty of the mighty Iguazú Falls to the history of the Inca to the vivacious energy of Buenos Aires, our tour will leave us enthralled and seduced by South America's vibrancy and charm.

Experience the Exceptional...

- Music and culture in this diverse land, including opera at the Teatro Colón Opera House, dance shows complete with the tango and cultural shows as well as a great mix of cities, natural scenery and small charming villages.
- Visit the majestic Iguazú Falls and Buenos Aires, the birthplace of the tango, famous for its architecture, excitement and seductive charm.
- Cusco, Peru, cradle of the magnificent Inca Empire - we discover the history, Machu Picchu's secrets and the ancient ruins of the Inca Dynasty including famous train journey into the mountains.
- Amazing scenery and natural beauty with majestic mountains, natural rain forests, lush vegetation, parrots, toucans and the phenomenal Iguazú Falls.
- Escorted with love, care and a deep knowledge of this wonderful land by John Cameron and Alex Milligan.



PLACES WE STAY

The Brick Hotel Buenos Aires - MGallery by Sofitel offers a luxurious, authentic and exclusive experience in the heart of the Recoleta neighbourhood. The hotel offers easy access to the city's main tourist attractions.

Loi Suites Iguazú Hotel, Iguazú Falls is an exclusive five-star hotel, immersed in the Iryapú Jungle. Built with maximum respect for nature, preserving native vegetation, Loi Suites Hotel is surrounded by magnificent trees and impressive wild life.

JW Marriott El Convento, Cusco, is an elegant hotel in a restored 16th-century stone convent on the site of ancient Inca ruins. It is a 5-minute walk from the colonial arcades of Plaza de Armas or Cusco Cathedral.

Belmond Hotel, Rio Sagrado is a hotel in the Sacred Valley of the Incas, 46 kilometres from Cusco, Peru. It is built on the banks of the Urubamba River by Urubamba, near the town of Ollantaytambo, which is known for its Inca archaeological site.

EI MaPi by Inkaterra Hotel, Machu Picchu is conveniently located in the village of Machu Picchu (formerly Aguas Calientes) some steps from the town centre and the museum. The Machu Picchu Historical Reserve is just a few minutes away located in a cloud forest.

Casa Republica Hotel Barranco, Lima is a boutique hotel modeled in the style of the glory days of Peru's Republican Era. Its unique 1920's mansion has been impeccably maintained and offers a beautiful stay close to shops, but in a quiet location.



Loi Suites Iguazú Hotel, Iguazú Falls



JW Marriott El Convento, Cusco



Belmond Hotel, Rio Sagrado

Today we fly direct from Auckland to Buenos Aires on Air New Zealand.

BUENOS AIRES ARGENTINA (5 nights) **- The Brick Hotel Buenos Aires -** **MGallery by Sofitel**

Buenos Aires is undoubtedly the South American city that most closely resembles the cosmopolitan and aristocratic atmosphere of the big European capitals. But Buenos Aires is more than that, combining the multi-coloured houses of La Boca with the popular tango that thrives on the streets of San Telmo.

Highlights include:

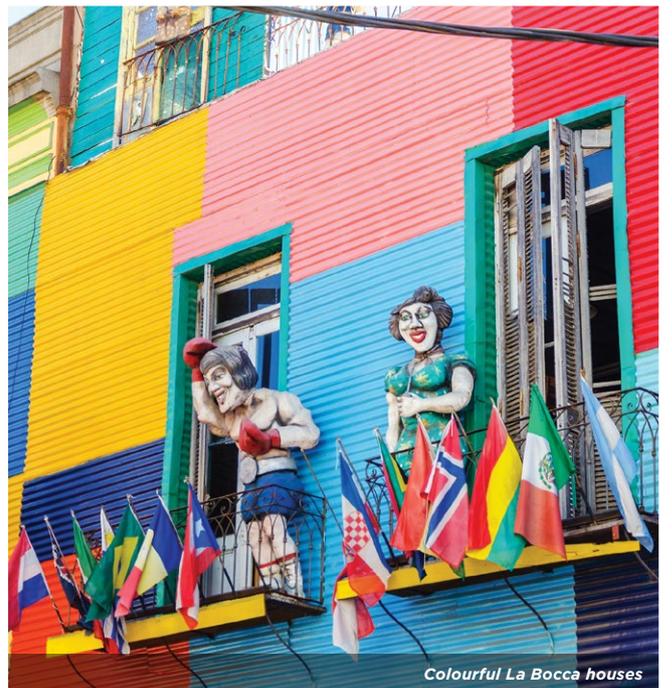
- City tour, including Plaza de Mayo, the Pink House (the presidential palace) the neoclassical cathedral plus San Telmo, one of the oldest districts in Buenos Aires.
- Visit La Boca with its district full of art and colour and Puerto Madero, the port district.
- La Recoleta with its Parisienne aristocratic feel, including the impressive Plaza San Martin and the sumptuous Belle Époque Palace.
- Visit the celebrated Recoleta Cemetery, the resting place of Eva Peron.
- Welcome dinner including a tango show.



Casa Rosada (The Pink House), Buenos Aires



The Piramide de Mayo (May Pyramid), on Plaza de Mayo



Colourful La Boca houses

- Colonia day trip - by ferry - with its walled fortress and the Rio de la Plata. This city is a world UNESCO cultural heritage site.
- Backstage tour of the Teatro Colón Opera House, with its grand staircase, stained glass and sculptures.
- Opera or concert performance (dependent on availability).
- Wine bar with tapas and music, experiencing both the ambience and great Argentinian wine.
- Full day tour to Pampa, a colonial town founded 300 years ago on the banks of the peaceful Areco River. This town is famous for its silversmiths and jewellers, over 300 of them, plus see wonderful countryside and the old estancias. Hacienda lunch with equestrian show displaying famous Argentina horsemanship.



Theatro Colon Opera House



Colonia del Sacramento, Uruguay

IGUAZÚ FALLS ARGENTINA (3 nights) **- Loi Suites Iguazu Hotel**

Iguazú Falls or Iguazu Fall are waterfalls of the Iguazú River located on the border of the Brazilian state of Paraná and the Argentinian province of Misiones. The falls divide the river into the upper and lower Iguazu and are the biggest waterfalls in the world.

Highlights include:

- Afternoon tour of the Brazilian part of the Iguazú Falls.



Iguazú Falls

- Visit to a famous bird park, refuge and sanctuary and see many bird species, including macaws, golden parakeets, harpy eagles and toucans.
- Tour to the Argentinian side of the falls and an adventurous boat ride up the river.
- Triple Frontier day tour, where three countries meet: Paraguay, Brazil and Argentina.
- Free time to enjoy our lovely hotel.
- 'Argentinian Experience' dinner with local musicians and dancers and learn what being Argentinian is all about.

Fly back to Buenos Aires for one-night stay.

BUENOS AIRES (1 night)

- The Brick Hotel Buenos Aires - MGallery by Sofitel

FLIGHT TO CUSCO.

CUSCO, PERU (2 nights)

- JW Marriott El Convento Hotel

Cusco, a city in the Peruvian Andes, was once the capital of the Inca Empire and is now known for its archaeological remains and Spanish Colonial architecture.

Highlights include:

- Walking tour of ancient Cusco, including Santa Catalina Museum and La Compania de Jesus Church.
- Afternoon at leisure.
- Drive to Sacred Valley, via Pisac ruins and market.

SACRED VALLEY, PERU (2 nights) **- Belmond Hotel Rio Sacrado**

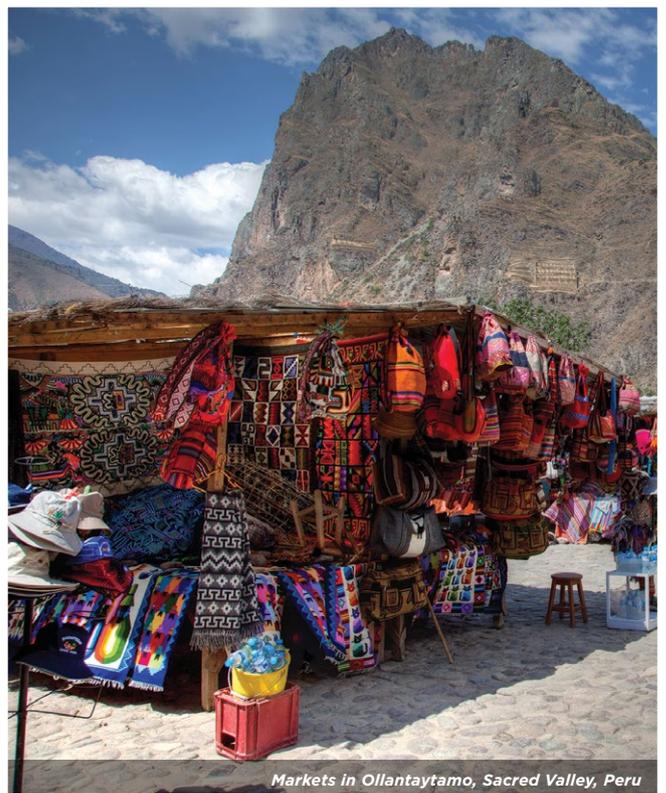
The Sacred Valley is a region in Peru's Andean Highlands. Along with the nearby town of Cusco and the ancient city of Machu Picchu, it formed the heart of the Inca Empire. Stretching roughly 60 kilometres, it's an area of fertile farmland and Spanish Colonial villages like Pisac and Ollantaytambo.

Highlights include:

- Visit Awana Kancha, ancient Inca ruins, including a gourmet lunch in a stunning natural location overlooking the valley.
- Dinner at Hacienda Huayocari, with local musicians and a demonstration of their traditional instruments.
- Full day tour to Maras and Moray, including lunch at a charming country house. These two places contain Inca ruins, which are off the beaten track a little away from the tourists.



Iglesia de la Compania de Jesus on Plaza de Armas in Cusco, Peru



Markets in Ollantaytambo, Sacred Valley, Peru

MACHU PICCHU - AGUAS CALIENTES (2 nights) - El MaPi Hotel by Inkaterra

The breathtaking Inca city of Machu Picchu was built atop the Andes Mountains in Peru. Historians believe Machu Picchu was built at the height of the Inca Empire, which dominated Western South America in the 15th and 16th centuries.

Highlights include:

- Tour of the famous Inca ruins.
- Guided bird walk and watching in Machu Picchu where 1804 species of birds can be found. In fact more bird species are found here than in all of North America and Europe combined.
- Scenic famous train journey climbing into the mountains towards Machu Picchu.

CUSCO (1 night) - part 2 - JW Marriott El Convento Hotel

Highlights include:

- Afternoon tour of Cusco, including Temple of the Sun and Inca Fortress.

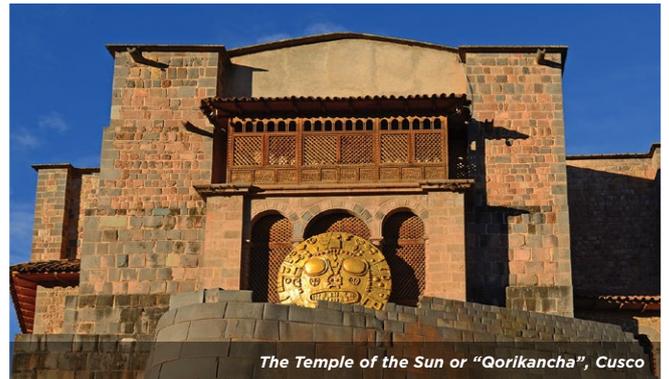
LIMA, PERU (3 nights) - Casa Republica Hotel Barranco

Lima, the capital of Peru, lies on the country's arid Pacific Coast. Though its colonial centre is preserved, it's a bustling metropolis and one of South America's largest cities. It's home to the Museo Larco collection of pre-Columbian art and the Museo de la Nación, tracing the history of Peru's ancient world.

Highlights include:

- Lima city tour including Museo Larco.
- Visit to Museo Oro del Peru, the gold museum. This is a must-see as it holds rooms with amazing gold pieces from several pre-Inca and Inca cultures.

We fly home via Buenos Aires, then direct to Auckland, with a brimful of memories and best of all, the capacity to tango!



The Temple of the Sun or "Qorikancha", Cusco



Machu Picchu



\$17,985 *per person
twin share*

Single Room supplement add \$4,110

Initial Deposit on booking **\$2,000**

Second Deposit due 19 September 2018 **\$3,000**

Final Balance due 3 December 2018

THIS TRIP INCLUDES:

- Return airfares Auckland - Buenos Aires on Air New Zealand including all taxes.
- Regional airfares - Buenos Aires - Iguazú return // Buenos Aires - Lima - Cusco // Cusco - Lima // Lima - Buenos Aires including all taxes.
- Accommodation as follows in 4 and 5 star hotels: Buenos Aires (6 nights total), Iguazú Falls (3 nights), Cusco (3 nights), Sacred Valley (2 nights), Machu Picchu (2 nights) and Lima (3 nights).
- Amazing musical events include: opera performance and backstage tour to the incredible Teatro Colón Opera House, tango show and dinner, Argentinian dinner experience, dinner and entertainment in Sacred Valley and Machu Picchu, Hacienda Huayocari with local musicians and a demonstration of their traditional instruments.
- Amazing cultural tours and entrances include: Santa Catalina Museum, Temple of the Sun, Inca Fortress, Awana Kancha, ancient Inca ruins at Machu Picchu, gold museum, Peru, Museum Larco, Plaza de Mayo and the Pink House.
- City tours include: Buenos Aires, Lima and Cusco.
- Day tours to incredible towns and sights include Colonia, Pampa, Iguazú Falls, Triple Frontier as well as Maras and Moray.
- Natural tours include bird walk, bird park, Iguazú Falls and boat ride, rain forests and train to Machu Picchu plus tours in Machu Picchu.
- All tours, tips and transfers as included in itinerary.
- All breakfasts, 8 lunches and 9 dinners included.
- Escorted by John Cameron and Alex Milligan.

EXPLORING TOUR

This is still a moderately paced tour, but you will be required to walk longer distances, walk on cobblestones and stand in museums. To really get the best out of this tour you need to be able to stand or walk for a couple of hours comfortably, be it at a leisurely pace.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- All trips are subject to change but any changes will be of equal or greater value.
- Deposits refundable until final payment date minus any costs incurred, or an administration fee of up to \$150.
- Travellers need to be independently mobile and fit to travel.
- Travellers are required to obtain comprehensive travel insurance for all international trips.
- Please refer to terms & conditions on our booking form.



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