



Ultimate South America

Active Immerse Yourself Tour | 28 Days | Physical Level 3

Lima – Cusco – Urubamba – Aguas Calientes – Ollantaytambo – Puno – Huatajata – La Paz – Uyuni – San Pedro de Atacama – Santiago – Mendoza – Buenos Aires – Iguazu – Rio de Janeiro

The ultimate tour of South America, this all-encompassing journey will take you through the landscapes of Peru, Chile, Bolivia, Argentina and Brazil on an epic adventure.

- Marvel at Machu Picchu
- Discover the salt flats of Uyuni
- Taste wine in Maipo valley
- Experience gaucho life in the pampas
- See the incredible Iguazu Falls
- Take a tango class in Buenos Aires



Ultimate South America inclusions:

- Return international economy flights, taxes and current fuel surcharges (unless a land only option is selected)
- All accommodation
- Meals as stated
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- All transportation and transfers
- English speaking Local Guides

The only thing you may have to pay for are personal expenditure e.g. meals, drinks, visas, optional excursions or shows, insurance of any kind, customary tipping, early check in or late checkout and other items not specified on the itinerary.

South America Active Immerse Yourself Tours:

Active tours combine the key sights with more energetic pursuits such as hiking and cycling. This allows us to explore more and discover the destination in greater depth. These tours are designed to provide a wide range of activities to ensure a varied and culturally immersive experience. These tours include:

- Cycling or walking through classic sites
- Unique cultural experiences and encounters
- Off the beaten track destinations
- More evenings at leisure for independent exploration

Physical Level 3:

All our tours feature a physical rating to help you select the right holiday for you. To travel on any of our tours requires unaided mobility and the ability to stroll around the sights. 'Ultimate South America' is rated 3 on the physical level scale. A good level of fitness is required as you need to be comfortable walking for 2-3 hours and covering longer distances.

- A number of destinations on this tour are at altitude.
- You will be required, on several occasions, to climb on and off boats without assistance and spend an extended amount of time on boats in open water.
- There will be several days of sightseeing on foot for a period of time and in some cases for an extended period of time.

Of course, our Local Guides will always endeavour to provide the highest level of service and assistance; however, they cannot be expected to cater for customers who are unfit to complete the itinerary.

Joining Your Tour

The tour is 28 days in duration including international flights. Travellers booked on 'Land Only, the price includes your arrival/departure airport transfers if arriving/departing on the start and conclusion date of your tour. Please advise your international flight times to reservations. Join the tour on Day 1 in Lima and end the tour on Day 26 in Rio De Janeiro. Please refer to your final itinerary for more specific meeting instructions pertaining to your departure.

Itinerary – Ultimate South America

Days 1: Fly Australia to Lima

Meals included: Dinner

Fly to Peru's historical and sophisticated capital Lima arriving the same day due to crossing the International Date Line en route. You will be met at the airport on arrival and transferred approximately 40 minutes to your hotel. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon at leisure before a welcome dinner this evening.

Destination Information

Lima – Sit overlooking the Pacific in Peru's central region, Lima is a huge city of 10 million people. It was founded by conquistador Francisco Pizarro in 1535 and became the capital of the Viceroyalty of Peru and remained capital after the War of Independence gave Peruvians their freedom. The historic centre of the city is beautiful and was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1988.

Day 2: Lima

Meals included: Breakfast

Founded by conquistador Francisco Pizarro and originally named the City of the Kings, Lima has plenty of heritage, which you'll begin exploring today. Embark on a city tour, starting at Huaca Pucllana, a striking remnant of Peru's old civilisations in the bohemian Miraflores district, before visiting the colonial edifices at the city's heart in the UNESCO-listed Plaza des Armas. You'll next explore the Central Bank Museum, home to fascinating artefacts that tell the story of Peru's art and history.

Day 3: Inca Heartlands

Meals included: Breakfast

Fly from Lima to Cusco and transfer to the town of Urubamba set in Peru's famous Sacred Valley. Backed by rolling foothills and snowy peaks, it is a lovely, relaxed place to acclimatize to the altitude of the Andes. The rest of the day is free.



Day 4: Sacred Valley

Meals included: Breakfast

The Sacred Valley is home to colonial towns, Incan citadels and beautiful scenery. Beginning in the charming town of Pisac, visit the excellent market to both mingle with the locals and to browse the plentiful Peruvian handicrafts, then see the fascinating terracing techniques at the Pisac ruins.

Destination Information

Pisac – Situated on the Willkanuta River, Pisac is a colonial village famous for its Incan ruins and its three times weekly market. The market takes up the Plaza de Armas and surrounding streets with stalls selling ceramic, jewellery and textiles.

Day 5: Machu Picchu

Meals included: Breakfast

Transfer 30 minutes to Ollantaytambo to board the train that will take you through the mountainous landscapes to the small town of Aguas Calientes in 1 hour 30 minutes. From here you will ascend to the Incan citadel of Machu Picchu by shuttle bus, which takes about 30 minutes along winding roads. Long abandoned by the Inca, it came to international attention when it was stumbled upon by Hiram Bingham in 1911, and is considered one of the new 7 Wonders of the World. A guided tour will give you some insight into the Inca Empire. This includes up to four hours of sightseeing, walking on uneven terrain. Return to the village of Machu Picchu for your overnight stay. This day is at altitude. *Please see **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT MACHU PICCHU** at the end of this document*



Today, return to Machu Picchu through a new entrance, taking the same shuttle bus as yesterday, and enjoy

Destination Information

Machu Picchu – One of the world's great archaeological discoveries, Machu Picchu sits on a mountain ridge 2430 metres above the Sacred Valley. Built around 1450, it was abandoned about 100 years later, and left 'undiscovered' (the local people knew of it) until 1911 when it was brought to international attention. A classic example of Incan style, there are three main structures – the Temple of the Sun, the Inti Watana and the Room of Three Windows.

Day 6: Machu Picchu to Cusco

some free time at Machu Picchu, exploring the complex as you wish. We recommend visiting the Intipunku, or 'Sun Gate', this is a steep climb and only recommended for people with a high fitness level. This afternoon, return to Aguas Calientes and take the train back to Ollantaytambo in 1 hour 30 minutes. Then, transfer 2 hours 30 minutes back to Cusco. This day is at altitude.



Day 7: Cusco to Lake Titicaca

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Take a train through the magnificent scenery of the Andean altiplano from Cusco to Puno, a city on the shores of Lake Titicaca. The journey time is 10 hours and 30 minutes, and the train boasts dining cars, a bar car and an

Destination Information

Puno – A beautiful and charming town located on the banks of Lake Titicaca. The town is home to traditional Andean architecture which spreads down from the sides of the hill to the banks of the lake.

Lake Titicaca – The largest lake in South America, it is surrounded by a slow pace of life where crops are still harvested by hand and vast plateaus stretch for miles.

observation car; and a gourmet lunch of the finest Andean ingredients is included. Check in to your hotel and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. Today you will be at altitude of up to 3830 metres.

Day 8: Puno – Lake Titicaca

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Depart Puno and take an overland journey of approx. two hours and 30 minutes to the town of Copacabana, located just across the border in Bolivia. You will disembark your coach, cross over the bridge by foot and re-board your bus on the Bolivian side after you have passed through border control. Your guide/National Escort will assist with all aspects of the border control. Once in Copacabana, start your touring with a visit to the shrine of the Virgen de Copacabana, the patron saint of Bolivia. Next board a hydrofoil cruise to Moon Island on Lake Titicaca where you will visit the Sun Virgins Temple, known locally as “Iñak Uyu”. Next, continue by hydrofoil to Sun Island. Here, visit the Inca “Grand Stairs” and the Sacred Fountain where if you taste the water, it is said you will have eternal youth and happiness. Next visit a small handicraft market on Sun Island. Return to your hydrofoil cruise to Huatajata where you will visit an Andean Roots Eco Village where you will meet some local Bolivians and see vicunas, llamas and alpacas. This evening visit the Native Observatory Alajpacha where you will have a talk from an indigenous Aymaras Cosmologist who will talk about the constellations of the southern hemisphere.



Day 9: La Paz

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Depart this morning for La Paz. Your first stop will be at El Alto where you will take a cable car to La Paz City. Here, you will enjoy magnificent panoramic views over La Paz from Killi Killi Lookout point. You will next continue by road to Moon Valley, an area of tall clay spires, formed by erosions of the mountains in the area.

This afternoon, enjoy a city tour of La Paz. Visit a handicraft market before visiting the mystical Witch Doctors market. Next, view the San Francisco church from the exterior and enjoy a walk through the Main Square, which houses the metropolitan cathedral, Parliament and the Presidential Palace. This evening, watch a traditional “peña” show to glimpse Bolivian folklore, dance and performance art, all in traditional dress. Travel today will be approx. two hours 30 minutes and touring at Moon Valley and in La Paz will be around four hours.



Destination Information

La Paz – Resting at an altitude of 3,660 metres, La Paz is one of the highest cities in the world. It is therefore important to take time to acclimatize. La Paz is one of the fastest growing cities in Latin America. The tradition is rich and lively markets are ever-present with some of the finest alpaca knitwear to be found.

Day 10: La Paz to Uyuni

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Transfer to the airport and fly to Uyuni. The Salar de Uyuni is the world's largest salt flat, 10,000 square kilometres and one of South America's most remarkable landscapes. Completely flat and covered by a thick white salt crust, just a few inches of water perfectly reflect the mood of the sky and the vast expanses of nothing play tricks on the eyes! Start exploring straight away visiting the Salt Museum at Playa Blanca before visiting the ancient mummies of Tunupa Volcano. Stop to spot graceful pink flamingos in the saline lagoons before retiring to your hotel - made entirely out of salt - where you will spend the night.



Day 11: Uyuni to San Pedro de Atacama

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Venture back out into the surreal world of the salt flats, heading for Incahuasi Island. The remains of a volcano, this rocky outcrop is the highest point on the flats and boasts towering cacti. Cross into the barren beauty of the Atacama Desert, passing bare volcanoes and coloured lakes. Arrive in San Pedro de Atacama having entered Chile.

Destination Information

San Pedro de Atacama - San Pedro de Atacama is a town sitting in the Andes mountains of North East Chile. The dramatic surrounding landscape incorporates desert, salt flats, volcanoes, geysers and hot springs.

Day 12: Atacama Desert

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

This morning, drive out into the otherworldly landscapes to visit the Salar de Atacama and the quaint desert village of Tocoano. This afternoon, you'll see some of San Pedro's most famous landscapes with a drive out to Death and Moon valleys, some of the driest spots on the planet. With lonely volcanoes populating the horizon, enjoy the views and the silence as the afternoon sun's rays turn the hues of the rock from orange, to red to purple.



Destination Information

Salar de Atacama – The largest salt flat in Chile is an intriguing natural phenomenon. The basin was formed by evaporated water which flowed down from the Andes. There are numerous lakes within the basin, some of which are home to frolicking flocks of flamingos.

Moon Valley – The Moon Valley is a vast lunar backdrop of scattered hills in the Atacama Desert. The Valley is at its most impressive at sunset and sunrise when the sunlight creates a magical series of colours from orange to purple and pink.

Day 13: San Pedro to Atacama to Santiago

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Rise early and travel for around 2 hours deeper into the Atacama to visit El Tatio Geysers. Set within a ring of volcanoes, there are about 80 lively geysers and fumaroles, which are at best at sunrise. Have a guided walk amongst the mud craters and small bubbling geysers. Wander freely before travelling through the Andes Mountain Range with impressive views of Putama Volcano and Tocorpuri Mountains. Visit the small desert village Machuca to see the typical terrace farming system, mud houses with straw rooves, and its local fauna such as llamas, alpacas and flamingoes. This afternoon, return to San Pedro and transfer to Calama to fly to Chile's capital city, Santiago. Today is a full day touring. This day you will be reaching an Altitude of 4320 metres above sea level for a short period of time.



Destination Information

El Tatio - Set within a ring of volcanoes, El Tatio is the world's third largest geyser field with about 80 lively geysers and fumaroles. The spectacle is best observed at sunrise, when the geysers are at their most active.

Day 14: Santiago

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

This morning, embark on a city tour will allow you to experience its eclectic contrasts. Stroll around the Plaza de Armas and the Cathedral to admire the colonial facades, before walking down Ahumada Boulevard, the city's main commercial street. Explore the bohemian Bellavista by road, and drive up San Cristobal Hill for views over the city and the towering Andes Mountains. Finish the tour in the modern area of Santiago to wander the chic neighbourhoods. Your afternoon is at leisure.



Destination Information

Santiago - Santiago is a vibrant and cultural city set on the plains of the Andes and home to 40% of Chile's population. Split into 32 boroughs (comunas), each area has its own distinct character, yet all the streets are alive with the energy of the city.

Day 15: Valparaiso

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Travel 3 hours to the coast to visit the manicured seaside resort of Vina del Mar and the bohemian port town of Valparaiso. Designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Valparaiso is a unique and delightful tangle, draped over a series of hills. Funiculars connect the industrial seafront with the cerros (hill) neighbourhoods, each a maze of colourful, artfully-dilapidated mansions and enchanting street art. Ride the funicular up into the hills to explore, stopping for a visit to Chilean poet Pablo Neruda's house.



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Return to Santiago via the rolling hills of Casablanca, a wine region, where you'll taste some delicious Chilean vintages.

Destination Information

Viña del Mar – In complete contrast and a mere 10-15 minute drive from Valparaiso is the relaxed beach resort of Viña del Mar. Wide tree lined boulevards make up the city and the popular beaches spread as far as the eye can see.

Valparaíso – Overlooked by an imperious hillside and set on a wide bay, Valparaiso is considered to be the most captivating and unique city in Chile. Designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2003, the colourful houses are dotted across the hillside in a haphazard, disorganised fashion and the main method of getting up and down through the city is on the city's old funicular lifts.

Day 16: Santiago to Mendoza

Meals included: Breakfast

Today you'll embark on a spectacular 6-hour journey by road from Santiago through the Andes to the Argentinian city of Mendoza. Passing through magnificent mountain landscapes, across desert plains, alongside raging rivers and around colourful lakes, you'll also get to see South America's tallest mountain, Aconcagua. Arrive in Mendoza; a lively, laidback and atmospheric city, Mendoza is the hub of Argentina's wine production.

Day 17: Mendoza

Meals included: Breakfast

Head just outside of the city to Maipu, the heart of one of Argentina's most important and oldest wine growing regions. From here you'll visit some of the region's most prominent wineries, tasting some delicious wines, including Argentina's most famous red, Malbec.



Destination Information

Mendoza – Famed for its many red wines such as Malbecs, Mendoza is the gateway to Argentina's best bodegas (wineries).

Day 18: Mendoza to Buenos Aires

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Take a relaxed city tour of Mendoza before flying to Argentina's flamboyant capital Buenos Aires. The flight will take approximately an hour and a half and upon arrival you will be transferred to your hotel.

Destination Information

Buenos Aires - The Paris of South America, Buenos Aires is a romantic and lively city. The culture of the city is extremely diverse and the asado (barbecue) restaurants are second to none. Most importantly of all, Buenos Aires is the home of Tango and performers can be seen dancing in restaurants, bars or even on the streets.

Day 19: Buenos Aires

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

After breakfast, enjoy the irresistible combination of Latin flair and European elegance in a Buenos Aires city tour, your tour will last approximately 5 hours. Visit the vibrant districts of La Boca, San Telmo, Puerto Madero, Palermo and Recoleta. This evening sit down for dinner and an exciting tango show.



Destination Information

La Boca – A buzzing barrio of Buenos Aires packed with colourful shacks built from Zinc, La Boca is a popular area to see street artists and tango dancers.

Day 20: The Pampas

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Spend the day just outside the city on the vast, fertile grasslands known as the pampas, on a traditional estancia (ranch). Here you'll get some insight into the life of folk heroes, the gaucho and after a typical Argentinian asado lunch, there will be a fun folklore show.



Day 21: Iguazu (Brazilian Side)

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Say farewell to Buenos Aires and transfer 30 minutes to the airport to board your plane over to Puerto Iguaza, the town closest to the incredible wonder that is Iguazu Falls. Your flight is just under 2 hours. gateway to the incredible Iguazu Falls. On the border of Argentina and Brazil, Iguazu is the largest waterfall system in the world, with hundreds of cascades pouring off the edge of the Parana Plateau. This afternoon you'll cross the border into Brazil to visit this side of the falls. Wander the paths and catwalks to numerous smaller cascades that dance their way along gullies and through lush greenery. Return to Puerto Iguazu.



Destination Information

Iguazu Falls - The incredible Iguazu Falls spans the border of Argentina and Brazil and features hundreds of rushing cascades, set in a lush rainforest scene. The region has been declared a world heritage site and received the status of one of the New Seven Wonders of Nature in 2011.

Day 22: Iguazu (Argentinian Side)

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Today, transfer 25 minutes to the falls. You will wander along the Argentinian side of Iguazu, which offers a fantastic overview of the whole of the falls, and showcases its power and magnificence. Don't miss the viewpoint of one of the falls' most impressive sights, the Garganta del Diablo. Take the Ecological Jungle Train, a 15 minute journey, which takes you to the most impressive observation point – the Devil's Throat. This afternoon, take a unique opportunity to learn about the indigenous culture of the *Mbororé Aldea* people, who open the doors of their community and share fascinating stories of their ancestors, rituals, myths and legends. Finish the day with an interactive craft experience. Sightseeing today will be a full day with around 6 hours on foot.

Day 23: Iguazu to Rio de Janeiro

Meals included: Breakfast

Cross the border for the final time into the Brazilian city of Foz do Iguacu. Hop on a plane or a 2 hour flight to Brazil's 'Cidade Maravilhosa', Rio de Janeiro. Upon arrival you will be transferred to your hotel for a 3 night stay. The rest of the day is at your leisure.


Destination Information

Rio de Janeiro – Famous for its beaches, lush scenery and samba fuelled nightlife, the captivating city of Rio is home to Christ the Redeemer and the impressive Sugar Loaf Mountain.

Day 24: Rio de Janeiro

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Climb onboard a jeep to venture to some of Rio's many wonders! Drive about 20 minutes to Cosme Velho Street, then in Paineras station switch to the official vans to ascend the Corcovado, on the peak of which Christ the Redeemer watches over the city, on the way you will pass through the lush vegetation of the Tijuca Forest. You can take the steps at the final stage to Christ the Redeemer however there is an escalator if you'd prefer.



Then via Aterro do Flamengo, transfer about 20 minutes to the neighbourhood of Urca where you will ascend to the heights of Sugarloaf Mountain by cable cars. The first cable car, will take you 215 metres high. From there, board the second which will lead you to breath taking views at the top of the Sugar Loaf Mountain, 395 metres high. Take in the incredible sights of the Guanabara Bay and its islands, Rio-Nitero Bridge and Corcovado.

Destination Information

Corcovado - Meaning hunch back in Portuguese is a 710m granite peak in the centre of Rio, surrounded by the Tijuca Forest, and is home to Christ the Redeemer.

Sugar Loaf Mountain – An iconic peak in Rio reached by cable car and offering stunning views from its summit.

Day 25: Rio de Janeiro

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Enjoy a free day to enjoy the sights and sounds of the wonderful Rio. You could spend the day at one of the city's famous beaches or explore a bit farther independently. This evening, meet up with the group for a farewell dinner at a vibrant Brazilian steakhouse.

Day 26-28: Depart Rio de Janeiro

Meals included: Breakfast

Today you will transfer to the airport for your flight to Australia. Arriving home in 2 days due to crossing the International Date Line once again.

Ultimate South America Travel Information

Visas

UK Australian passport holders currently do not require a visa to enter Peru, Chile or Argentina, but a visa is required for Brazil. Your passport needs to be valid for at least six months beyond your intended return date to Australia. Wendy Wu Tours does not provide a visa service for Worldwide tours and you will need to obtain a Brazil Visa before you depart Australia. To stay up to date with the latest visa requirements, visit www.smartraveller.gov.au

Insurance

It is a condition of booking with us that you take out suitable travel insurance. You must provide us with the name of your insurer, policy number and their 24-hour emergency contact number when you book with us or as soon as possible thereafter. These details will be available to your local guides should they be required. Wendy Wu Tours will not be liable for any costs incurred by you due to your failure to take out suitable travel insurance from the date of booking.

Altitude

On this tour you will be spending several nights at altitude, and this will be marked on your day by day itinerary. At these sort of altitudes, Altitude Sickness is a risk. Symptoms may include dizziness, fatigue, nausea and shortness of breath. It is recommended that travellers utilize their first day in high-altitude destinations to acclimate. To help you acclimatise we have designed our tours to be at a slower pace with more convenient stops and more free time, during the first few days. Staying hydrated, eating light meals and following a very light schedule will all help. We recommend that any symptoms that are unusual should be brought to the attention of your guide. Your guide will be extremely well-trained in dealing with its effects – taking it easy and taking some time to acclimatise are the best ways to prevent and combat it. Serious cases, meaning that you must descend immediately, are rare. We have adapted the itinerary to make sure that your time at these heights is as relaxed and easy as possible.

There are no specific factors, such as age or fitness, that can cause you to suffer from Altitude Sickness. It can affect anyone at any time and symptoms may vary. In some instances, a short spell on oxygen can help enormously. Our guides are trained in this and in many hotels and coaches and restaurants oxygen is available. There is medication - such as Diamox, and the local Peruvian version, Soroche pills - that can help treat and prevent symptoms. Consult a doctor before taking any of these medications, before engaging in strenuous activity at high altitude, and regarding any necessary vaccinations in plenty of time before travelling.

Eating in South America

South American cuisine is some of the most eclectic in the world, and each country has its own regional specialties worth sampling. If you've got the stomach and curiosity, make your way to vibrant food markets, which sell everything from fresh produce and exotic fruits to hearty dishes. When in Peru, you can't skip sampling ceviche or a pisco sour and while visiting Argentina, don't miss digging into a hearty steak paired with a classic Malbec.

Drinking bottled water and eating well-cooked food is strongly recommended. It's much safer to stick to bottled, treated or boiled water. Ice, along with salads or fruits washed in tap-water should likewise be avoided.

Whilst we strongly recommend trying as many local dishes as possible, a lot of places you visit will also have a wide range of international foods available.

Accommodation

Your accommodation is selected for convenience of location, comfort or character, and can range from business hotels to rainforest lodges. Hotels are generally rated as local three to four-star standard, but please note that there is no international classification system for hotels and differences in facilities and quality may exist between the Australia and South America. All group tour hotels have private bathroom facilities and air conditioning where needed. If you experience any difficulty, please speak to your Local Guide. Rest assure that all hotels used by Wendy Wu Tours are regularly inspected by our staff and our partners to ensure that standards meet your needs.

Clothing

On this tour, you will be travelling through various regions of the continent with very diverse climates. You will almost certainly experience all four seasons in one trip. It is recommended to bring lots of layers including the following: T Shirts made of breathable materials, hiking pants, with the option to turn into a short pant (rain pants optional), a fleece jacket for colder parts and the evenings and a waterproof Jacket as shell layer or a light rain jacket, a scarf and hat, warm socks. Sensible walking shoes and small back pack that fits into your main hand luggage to carry your daily essentials.

Transport

Coaches: Coaches with air conditioning are used on our group tours for city short excursions to the countryside and longer transfers between destinations. Roads in Chile have generally been improved over recent years, but please be aware traffic and/or weather conditions may extend driving times. There may be sections of road where the surface may be comparatively bumpy but our drivers will do their utmost to lessen the impact.

Planes: Internal flights are based on economy class, with reputable airlines.

Important Information about Machu Picchu

You must provide full name, date of birth, nationality and passport number to us at time of booking. Visitors must bring their passport with them to be allowed entry to Machu Picchu and this must match the information provided to us in advance.

Hand luggage on board train to the citadel should not exceed 5kgs and measure no more than 40 cm x 35 cm x 20 cm

The following items are **not allowed** in – professional cameras (i.e. equipment that needs accessories for its use such as tripods) and cameras that have magnifying lenses exceeding 2kg; drones; selfie sticks; walking sticks without a rubber tip; aerosol sprays; high heeled shoes; sharp objects; banners or posters.

Souvenirs

There are plenty of interesting bits and pieces to buy as souvenirs in all the visited destinations, such as indigenous textiles in Peru, handicrafts and artworks. There will be some opportunities during your tour to pick up souvenirs.

Group Size

Most of our groups consist of 10 travellers or more and will be accompanied by Local Guides. There will usually be no more than 28 travellers in each group.

All our departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 8 travellers booked (unless cancelled due to factors beyond our control). However, at our discretion we may operate departures with a smaller group size as we try to operate advertised departures wherever it is viable to do so.

Tipping Policy

Local tipping is customary in South & Central America. However, this can often lead to awkwardness in knowing when it is appropriate to tip and how much. For your convenience, with years of experience in providing the best customer service, Wendy Wu Tours operates a kitty system on your Group Tour so your Local Guide will look after this aspect of the trip for you. This ensures the amounts paid are reasonable for you and still fair to the local people. The suggested total amount is specified for each Group Tour and will be advised again on your final documentation. Tipping is paid in USD or other local currencies if specified. Any additional tipping you feel is appropriate is welcomed at your discretion

After your booking

Once you have booked with Wendy Wu Tours, you will receive an email with your confirmation invoice, along with a link to our website where you can find your visa information (if applicable) and other important information. Your final documentation pack will be sent to you approximately 2-3 weeks prior to departure

Itinerary changes

It is our intention to adhere to the day-to-day itinerary as printed; however, the order of events or sightseeing may change as we look to improve our tours or as local conditions dictate; in these circumstances we will make the best possible arrangements whilst maintaining the integrity of your trip.

Before You Leave

We recommend that you contact either your GP or Travelvax (1300 360 164) for advice on vaccinations and travel health. Travelvax has a comprehensive website that you may also find useful www.travelvax.com.au.

We strongly recommend registering your travel plans with www.smarttraveller.gov.au as in the event of an emergency, Australian Consular assistance will be more readily available. You can also access the Australian Government's travel advisory service for up to date information about your destination on the same website

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