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2013 SOUTH AMERICA TOUR

FEATURING

RIO CARNIVAL WINNER'S PARADE

Day 01 - Feb. 9.2013-Sat – CANADA TO BUENOS AIRES

Fly from your home town to Buenos Aires and begin your tour to South America

Day 2 - Feb.10.2013-Sun - BUENOS AIRES

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Arrive Buenos Aires, the capital city which is known as the Paris in South America. Your guide will meet you and transfer you to your hotel to settle down. Take the rest of the day at leisure and this evening, you'll be transferred to a Tango show with dinner.

Accommodation: Hotel Regal Pacific*****

Day 3 - Feb.11.2013-Mon - BUENOS AIRES

(B)

Breakfast in the hotel and you guide will take you to a city tour.

You will see the symbol of Buenos Aires: the Obelisk, reigning from the heart of the world`s widest street: 9 de Julio Avenue. The Colon Theater, the Embassy of France, and different squares such as historical Plaza de Mayo, the elegant Plaza San Martín and the financial district. The history and essence of Tango will fascinate you in the traditional neighbourhoods: La Boca, San Telmo and Montserrat, with its antique markets on Sundays. Stroll through the elegant neighbourhood of Recoleta and the trendy Palermo. Finally, the recycled and most modern part of the city: Puerto Madero, Buenos Aires` old port which has been completely renovated, with luxurious skyscrapers, a yacht club, a variety of first class restaurants and the Woman`s Bridge.

Accommodation: Hotel Regal Pacific*****



Day 4 - Feb.12.2013-Tue - BUENOS AIRES

(B)

Breakfast in the hotel and you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Puerto Iguazu. You will visit the world renowned Iguassu Falls. On arrival, your guide will take you to the Argentinian side of the falls.



Argentine Falls: The Iguazú National Park, located at eighteen kilometres from Puerto Iguazú, was declared Natural Heritage of Humanity by UNESCO. The famous falls are inside this Park. The Iguazú Falls on the border with Brazil are one of the world's natural wonders. Lined with dense forests, the Iguazú river flows into 275 waterfalls, plunging more than 70 meters with a deafening noise. As this huge volume of water reaches the bottom, spray rises, and lots of rainbows are formed in the

sky. An incredible variety of fauna and flora completes the perfect setting for the waterfalls within the protection of the Iguazú National Park. Start this tour following a scenic highway up to the Argentine Iguazu Park. Visit starts with ample time to visit the upper falls on the Argentinian side, including the San Martin Falls and the Devil's Throat.

Later, you will be transferred to your hotel.

Accommodation: Hotel Viale Cataratas** Foz do Iguassu**

Day 5 - Feb.13.2013-Wed - BR - FOZ DO IGUASSU

(B/D)

After breakfast, your guide will take you to the Brazilian side of the falls.

Brazilian Falls: The Park is located in the westernmost region of the state of Paraná, in the Iguazú river basin, 17km from downtown Foz do Iguazú. It borders Argentina, where the Iguazu National Park, which was implemented in 1934, is located. The border between the two countries and their national parks is made by the Iguazú river, whose source is near the Serra (mountain range) do Mar near Curitiba and runs for 18 km throughout the state of Paraná. The most spectacular sightseeing of the park is the Iguazú Falls, which form a 2,700m wide semi-circle, while the waterfalls filled visitors with awe as they watch the water foam that plunges down from a height of 72m. Visit the park's visitor's center with its exhibition of the local ecosystem. Continue down the Cataratas Highway through the rainforest of the park to the falls. Descending a walkway, you can contemplate the lovely waterfalls in all of nature's exuberance, with panoramic views of both sides of the falls - Brazil and Argentina. Reaching the elevator, you can ascend to have a bird's eye view over the falls from the lookout. Tonight, you'll enjoy a delicious buffet dinner and watch a South American performance.



Accommodation: Hotel Viale Cataratas** Foz do Iguassu**

Day 6 - Feb.14.2013-Thu – CURITIBA, BRAZIL

(B/D)

Breakfast in your hotel and you will board a highway coach and travel to Curitiba. The city is famous for its public transit system and unique structures throughout the city. On arrival, enjoy your dinner at the hotel.

Accommodation: Hotel Bourbon Curitiba Convention*****

Day 7 - Feb.15.2013-Fri - BR – CURITIBA

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Breakfast in your hotel. Your guide will take you for a full day tour of the city including a scenic ride by train. Leaving the hotel at 8 am, you will visit in the morning the main sightseeing attractions of the city, along the Tiradentes Square with its cathedral, the University of the city, the theater Guaíra, the museum of Oscar Niemeyer (the so called 'eye') and the German Woods. Stops are made at Wire Opera House, Tanguá Park, Tingüi Park and finally at the Botanical Garden. From there you will go through the 'Estrada da Graciosa' to Morretes, a pleasant little town. There you will be served barreado, a typical meal of the coast of Paraná: "Barreado": boiled beef cooked in a closed casket for many hours. It will be served with fish and seafood. At 3 pm you will ride the

train back to Curitiba. It is one of the most impressive train rides of the world and leads through lush tropical vegetation of the Atlantic Rain Forest, numerous breathtaking bridges and tights. You will be back in Curitiba about 6 pm.

Accommodation: Hotel Bourbon Curitiba Convention*****

Day 8 - Feb.16.2013-Sat - BR – CURITIBA-RIO

(B/D)

Breakfast at your hotel and transfer to the airport for your flight to Rio. On arrival, your guide will take you on a city tour including Sugar Loaf mountain. The panoramic view from the top of the Sugar Loaf Mountain, at 1,296 ft (395m) above sea-level, is breathtaking. Two sets of cable cars elevate you to the top of Sugar Loaf. The first brings passengers to the top of Urca Mountain. From Urca Mountain a second set of cable cars brings passengers to the summit with its 360° spectrum of golden beaches, green forests and a thriving metropolis that has earned Rio de Janeiro the title of the world's most beautiful city. Sightseeing continues with a tour of Rio's historical past. Learn how Portugal's prince scandalously broke all family ties and declared himself Emperor of Brazil. In the evening, take a short stroll to a restaurant near by and enjoy a Brazilian BBQ dinner. After dinner, you will be transferred to watch the winners parade which is the highlight of this tour and the biggest celebration on earth - Carnival parade. Relax and enjoy the show in comfort as you will be seated in the 'Reserved Seated' section.



Accommodation: Hotel Copacabana Mar*****

Day 9 - Feb.17.2013-Sun - BR - RIO DE JANEIRO

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Breakfast in the hotel and enjoy the city's main attraction – Corcovado. Christ the Redeemer keeps an eye on Rio from an elevation of 710m (2340ft). Board the tremzinho (cogwheel railway) up to the top of Corcovado Mountain for a bird's eye view of the center of the city from the center of the city! The 38-meter statue is the image of the faith and friendliness of cariocas. The monument was inaugurated on the day of Our Lady of Aparecida, 12 October, 1931 by then President Getúlio Vargas and cardinal Dom Sebastião Leme. Then get a close-up look at Rio's world famous beaches.



Accommodation: Hotel Copacabana Mar*****

Day 10 - Feb.18.2013-Mon - BR - RIO DE JANEIRO

(B/L)

Today, enjoy a full day tour to the fisherman's village of Itacuruçá, located 1 hour south of Rio de Janeiro and a cruise to a tropical island. The Saveiro, name given to this typical boat that looks like a schooner, cruises the Sepetiba Bay, an area rich in natural beauty, where it is normal to spot a flora and fauna as dolphins, giant king-fisher, parrots, turtle and sting-rays. Hop on a schooner for the islands. A stop is made for a swim and then the saveiro continues to the island of Itacuruça where a delicious lunch self-service buffet will be waiting for the visitors. There will be a time to explore the Island before returning to Itacuruça and Rio de Janeiro.



Accommodation: Hotel Copacabana Mar*****

Day 11 - Feb.19.2013-Tue - BR - RIO DE JANEIRO TO CANADA

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Breakfast in your hotel and transfer to the airport for your flight home.

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