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RIO CARNIVAL & SAMBADROME IN BRAZIL TANGOS TO MONUMENTS, WATERFALLS TO SAFARIS EXPERIENCE THE WORLDS BIGGEST PARTY



DAY ONE HONG KONG – BUENOS AIRES

→ Depart AF 185 at 22:40 hrs.

DAY TWO PARIS – BUENOS AIRES

→ Arrives 05:50 hrs, connect AF 412 at 10:35 hrs, arrive at Buenos Aires at 20:25 hrs.

DAY THREE PARIS – BUENOS AIRES

- → RECOLETA Begin your exploration of the historic heart of Buenos Aires with this upscale neighbourhood, known for its elegant architecture and the iconic Recoleta Cemetery. Stroll through the narrow pathways lined with elaborate mausoleums, including the final resting place of Eva Perón.
- → NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL PILAR CHURCH One of the oldest churches in Buenos Aires. Inside it conserves the magnificent original altarpieces and ornaments.
- → PALERMO SOHO See these colourful streets adorned with street art, boutique shops and stylish cafés.
- → EL MIRASOL Enjoy lunch here, at a traditional parrilla steakhouse, to savour Argentina's famous beef with a perfectly grilled steak and chimichurri sauce- An Argentine classic.
- → SAN TELMO Here you will find pop up art galleries, late night bars with bohemian vibes, and many opportunities for photos as you stroll through the eclectic neighbourhood.
- → **TANGO SHOW** Enjoy an evening Tango Show and partake of the VIP menu at Esquina Carlos Gardel.





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DAY FOUR BUENOS AIRES

- → FIESTA GAUCHO DAY (approx. an hour drive) You will take a tour of the ranch and experience the gaucho lifestyle, learn Argentinean folklore and about the Gauchos (Argentinean cowboys) who make a living from hunting and herding cows. Enjoy horse riding or a trip on a horse drawn carriage. One of the highlights of the day will be the authentic, delicious full gaucho barbecue that includes the best Argentinian beef, salads, drinks and as much quality Argentinean wine as you can enjoy.
- → CASA ROSADA Be driven back to the city, then see the palatial mansion of the President of Argentina, iconic in its baby pink, and housing a museum. It has been declared a Natiuonal Historic Monument of Argentina.
- → CABILDO The site of Spain's colonial administration in the city. Originally constructed from adobe and thatch in 1580, the current building was constructed over the second half of the 18th century, witnessed the Argentine Revolution in 1810. It now houses a museum.
- → PLAZA DE MAYO Enjoy a beautiful sunset view from the city's main square that has witnessed so much of the city's history.
- → CAFÉ TORONI Take dinner here, at an Iconic French-style café opened in 1858, a favorite haunt of the cultural elite with a live tango show.



DAY FIVE BUENOS AIRES - EL CALAFATE

→ Transfer to airport for flight to El Calafate AR 1848 at 14:15 hrs, arrives 17:35 hrs.



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DAY SIX EL CALAFATE

- → LAGO ARGENTINO On the 48-mile ride (80 kilometers) to this glacier, you'll pass the southern bank of the glistening blue lake, populated by colorful flamingos, black-necked swans, and coots. You will also see several berry farms and estancias.
- → PERITO MORENO GLACIER Arrive at the foot of the famous glacier. Take in its grandeur from Lago Rico, from its most imposing edge on the northern wall.
- → NACIONAL PARK Lunch at Nativos Restaurant. Experience a nautical safari boat ride (30-40mins) that takes you closer to the glacier as you navigate the Rico Arm and pass in front of the wall of Perito Moreno Glacier. See the fall from the glacier wall into the turquoise lake. Dinner at Campo Grande.

DAY SEVEN EL CALAFATE – PUERTO IGUAZU

- → Depart AR 1841 at 10:50 hrs, arrives 13:50 hrs, connect AR 1788 at 16:35 hrs, Meet and greet upon arrival at Puerto Iguazu at 18:30 hrs.
- → IGUAZU FALLS One of the most impressive natural wonders in the world and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where you will enjoy the jungle setting and adventure in South America.
- \rightarrow Overnight Iguazu Falls.



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DAY EIGHT IGUAZU FALLS HELICOPTER AND MACUCO BOAT

- → IGUAZU FALLS Take a panoramic helicopter flight for a thrilling, informative experience, and a unique perspective on the spectacular waterfalls of Iguazu.
- → FOZ DO IGUAÇU After that follow with an incredible tour that offers an unforgettable view of the waterfalls. Walk from 40 minutes to 1 hour on the trails and walkways facing the falls on the Brazilian side and with panoramic views of the Argentine side. You will also experience a boat ride on the Brazilian side of the falls.
- → MACUCO SAFARI Which offers an extraordinary adventure that seamlessly blends the beauty of the jungle with the grandeur of Iguaza Falls. The adventure begins with boarding open jeep- towed wagons that allow for an unobstructed view of the scenery along the trail.

DAY NINE IGUAZU FALL TOUR - RIO DE JANEIRO

- → JUNGLE TOUR You will have an exciting half day to explore the biodiversity of the jungle, Take the Ecological Forest Train to the Garganta del Diable (Devil's Throat) station and the Cataratas Station while wandering the upper and lower circuits and other walking trails. After reaching the bottom see San Martin, Bosetty, Tres Mosqueteros and Canon de Garganta del Diablo falls. Head down the river rapids to Puerto Macuco (2 miles from the falls). Ride in an open jeep along the rainforest and observe the local flora and fauna with the aid of specialized guide.
- → Transfer to airport for flight to Rio de Janeiro by G3 1991 at 18:30 hrs, arriving at Rio de Janeiro at 20:25 hrs.





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DAY TEN RIO DE JANEIRO

- → CORCOVADO You will be guided up the famous mountain with its 710-meter tall (2,329 feet) granite peak, located in the **Tijuca National Park**. View the iconic statue of Jesus Cristo Redentor (Christ the Redeemer) the largest Art Deco design ever. The statue portrays Jesus with arms open, symbolizing welcome and peace.
- → METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL Visit the historical city centre passing by the cathedral, with architecture inspired by the Mayan pyramids of Mexico, the conical shape is believed to give proximity to God. Four stained glass windows run from floor to ceiling forming a cross at the top.
- → CANDELARIA CHURCH The quasi-legendary history about the establishment of the church is that upon arriving in Rio de Janeiro, a Portuguese couple sponsored the building of a small chapel, fulfilling the oath they made during a storm.
- → **COPACABANA BEACH** For sunning, relaxing and people watching, thousands who flock each year to this lively, world-famous beach lined with shops, bars, restaurants, and hotels.
- → SUGARLOAF MOUNTAIN Ride the famous cable car to the top, at 300m above the sea, with a view over Guanabara Bay and Copacabana beach.
- → SAMBADROME This evening, you will enjoy one of the biggest parties in the world. The Sambadrome is the epicentre of samba during the Rio de Janeiro Carnival. Locals and tourists in the stadium watch as the top samba schools perform for the title along Marques de Sapucai avenue. The iconic venue transforms into a vibrant spectacle of colours, rhythms and joy every year, offering an unforgettable experience, with the show starting at 9 PM until morning next following day.





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DAY ELEVEN RIO DE JANEIRO - AMSTERDAM

- → PARQUE NATIONAL DA TIJUCA Take a 50 min. tour through the world-famous stadium to see the backstage of Maracana and get close to the sacred lawn which housed the finals of two World Cups. See the historical collections, the mixed zone, one of the locker rooms, the players warm up room and the press conference room.
- → ESCADERIA SELARÓN The rainbow stairs known as The Selaron Steps are a tourist favorite for instagrammable photos, but are a must-visit regardless of the snaps. Climb them to see some beautiful historic places while learning about Rio's history.
- → SANTA TERESA This quaint bohemian neighbourhood of Rio with colonial buildings and cobblestone streets are on a hillside that overlooks the city and are earning the interest of tourists wishing to see an alternate Rio away from the beach scene. Art galleries and restaurants add to the local culture of Santa Teresa. It also presents magnificent views of the city.
- → Around 17:00 hrs, transfer to airport for flight to Amsterdam by KL 706 at 20:50 hrs.

DAY TWELVE AMSTERDAM – HONG KONG

 \rightarrow Arrives Amsterdam 12:15 hrs, connect KL 887 at 20:55 hrs.

DAY THIRTEEN HONG KONG

 \rightarrow Arrives Hong Kong 15:40 hrs.

