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*Itinerary especially prepared for
Clients of Small Group Travel*

DAY 1 Wednesday 17 September 2014

Sydney / Santiago / Buenos Aires

Please be sure that your check-in luggage is securely locked prior to check-in and that you have no sharp objects or liquids in your hand luggage. This includes tweezers, metal nail files, sewing scissors, etc...

This morning please check-in for your flight *three hours prior* to departure at the *QANTAS* counter. You will depart Sydney on your direct flight to South America. As you cross the International Date Line you 'gain' a day, so you will arrive into Buenos Aires also on Wednesday. On arrival in Buenos Aires you will be met and taken to your hotel for three nights. This evening enjoy a welcome dinner at a fabulous typical Argentine restaurant. (MEALS INFLIGHT, D)

** To enter Buenos Aires Australian passport holders must show their receipt US\$100 per person for your multi-entry Reciprocity Fee.*

MELIA BUENOS AIRES HOTEL, STANDARD ROOM

DAY 2 Thursday 18 September

Buenos Aires

Buenos Aires is the capital of Argentina and is the most fashionable city in South America, with many beautiful parks and plazas. Portenos, as the locals call themselves, are fun loving people who enjoy their city and music. This morning you will be taken on a city tour taking in the Government House (Casa Rosada), City Hall, House of Congress, Metropolitan Cathedral, Colon Theatre, Avenue 9th July (the widest street in the world) and the famous and historic Italian La Boca District. Your afternoon is at your leisure. This evening you will be taken out to dinner to one of the best Argentine style restaurants and attend the city's superior Tango Show, returning to your hotel around midnight. (BD)



DAY 3 Friday 19 September

Buenos Aires - Gaucho Tour

This morning you will be taken by road on a tour out of the city into the fertile pampas (grass lands) that surround Buenos Aires to an estancia (cattle farm). After drinks and empanadas (typical

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South American meat pasties) your hosts will provide an Asado (Argentine BBQ) and a traditional Argentine Gaucho Folkloric Show. This will be followed by a demonstration of Gaucho horse-riding skills. (BL)

DAY 4 Saturday 20 September

Buenos Aires / Iguazu Falls

Very early this morning you will be collected from your hotel and transferred out to Buenos Aires' Domestic Airport to join your flight to Iguazu Falls, considered by many as the most impressive in the world and surpassing in grandeur both Niagara and Victoria Falls. Some 275 separate cascades fall in a wild array of spray over a winding 3 kilometre cliff



frontage into a gorge 60 metres deep. One of the most spectacular of the falls is aptly named "The Devil's Throat". You will be met from your flight and taken on an extensive walking tour of the Argentine side of the falls. You will then be transferred to the Brazil side of the falls, to the famous *Das Cataratas Hotel*, directly overlooking the falls and where you have two night's accommodation. The remainder of your afternoon is at leisure. (B)

DAS CATARATAS HOTEL, SUPERIOR ROOM

If you take your camera with you today, be sure to take a plastic bag to keep it dry. The spray can make you quite damp at times. Remember also to take your insect repellent with you.

It is worth making a reservation for the BBQ near the pool tonight. Be sure to try Brazil's famous cocktail-the 'Caipirinha'-it is fantastic but quite fiery!

DAY 5 Sunday 21 September

Iguassu Falls

This morning you will be taken on a guided walking tour of the Brazil side of the falls. Later you will be driven through the rain forest by 4-wheel drive jeep to the Iguassu River where you board your powerful inflated boat for an incredibly spectacular ride up the river to the base of the falls. The rest of your afternoon is at leisure. You may like to arrange an optional helicopter flight over the falls or a visit to the bird park. (B)

I recommend that you wear your swimming costume under your clothes to morning and take a dry set of clothes with you, as you are going to get wet!

If you take your camera with you today, be sure to take a plastic bag to keep it dry. At times, you may get quite wet. Remember also to take your insect repellent with you.

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DAY 6 Monday 22 September

Iguassu Falls / Rio de Janeiro

This morning you will be transferred to Iguassu Falls Airport to connect with your flight to Rio de Janeiro. On arrival in Rio you will be met and taken to your hotel located right on Copacabana for three nights. Rio de Janeiro sweeps twenty kilometres along the narrow alluvial strip between the mountains and the sea. The combination of the dark blue sea, studded with rocky islands, and the tumbling wooded mountains and expanses of bare grey rock which surround the city is very impressive. Brazilians say: "God made the world in six days, the seventh He devoted to Rio". (B)

**Please note in Rio there is a room tax of approx US\$3, payable direct to the hotel each day.*

PORTO BAY RIO INTERNATIONAL HOTEL, STANDARD ROOM

DAY 7 Tuesday 23 September

Rio de Janeiro

This morning you will be taken on a tour to the Sugar Loaf, located uniquely above the entrance to Guanabara Bay. It is reached by a spectacular 2-stage cable car ride that offers a beautiful look at the city and its beaches from a vantage point high above Rio City. Your afternoon is at leisure. Tonight you will be taken to one of Rio's most famous traditional restaurants for dinner and then on to the Samba Show, returning to your hotel around midnight. (BD)



DAY 8 Wednesday 24 September

Rio de Janeiro

This morning you will be taken on a tour to Corcovado and the Statue of Christ. The tour passes by Rodrigo de Freitas Lagoon to Cosme Velho, where the modern funicular train is boarded for the 20 minute ride high up to the top of the 770 metre high Corcovado Mountain. The Christ the Redeemer statue is one of Rio's most famous landmarks. It is 37 metres high, weighs 1,100 tons and has a 360 degree view of the entire Rio area below, encompassing the city, the bay, the mountains and the sea within a circle of up to 160 km. The Tijuca Rain Forest and the famous beach suburbs of Barra and Sao Conrado are visited on your way back to the hotel. Your afternoon is at leisure to further enjoy Copacabana. (B)

DAY 9 Thursday 25 September

Rio de Janeiro / Lima

Extremely early this morning you will be transferred to Rio de Janeiro Airport for your flight to Lima, Peru. On arrival in Lima you will be met and taken to your well-appointed hotel where you have accommodation for two nights. Lima, "The City of the Kings" as it was known, is a very

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beautiful city. It was the first seat of the Government of Spain in 1535 and still has many perfectly preserved buildings from this Colonial Period. It is also famous for its fine gold and silver work. (B)

ESTELLAR MIRAFLORES HOTEL, STANDARD ROOM



DAY 10 Friday 26 September

Lima

This morning you will be taken on a tour of Greater Lima, visiting the three distinct historical periods of this capital city: Pre-Columbian, Colonial and Modern. The tour visits the Franciscan Monastery and the *Casa Aliaga*, one of South America's oldest Spanish homes and still inhabited by direct descendents of the original family. Seeing the Government Palace and the Plaza de Armas (Main Square), you drive by the flower market to the elegant residential tree-lined avenues of San Isidro and Miraflores to Parque Salazar to enjoy spectacular views of the Pacific Ocean. Here in Miraflores, you will also visit the Huaca Pucllana, a 2000 year-old oracle which has been painstakingly restored. Your afternoon is at leisure. (B)

DAY 11 Saturday 27 September

Lima / Cuzco / Sacred Valley of the Incas

This morning you will be met and transferred to Lima Airport for your flight to Cuzco. On arrival you will be met and driven for approximately 1.5 hours to your hotel at a lower altitude in the Sacred Valley of the Incas. You have accommodation here for two relaxing nights. (B)



RIO SAGRADO HOTEL, DELUXE ROOM

I recommend that you take it really easy this afternoon, perhaps even have a sleep for a few hours to help your body acclimatise to the altitude.

DAY 12 Sunday 28 September

Sacred Valley of the Incas

This morning you will visit the famous Inca Fortress of Ollantaytambo. From here you are taken to the traditional Indian Market of Pisac, where you will have time to bargain with the local Indians for their fabulous weavings and ceramics. After lunch you are returned to your Sacred Valley hotel for the evening. (BL)

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Be sure to have some small coins handy today for photographing the locals. 1 Sol per person photographed is the standard amount expected (whether you take 1 photo or 10). Some people will try and push you for more but it is not necessary. Unfortunately many children choose to forego their schooling as they can earn more money from tourists than their father may earn in one week working the fields. We try not to upset the balance too much.

You will need to pack a small overnight bag for your overnight excursion to Machu Picchu. Peru Rail has a strict baggage policy for the train service to/from Aguas Calientes. One bag or backpack per person with a total weight of no more than 5kg and dimensions of 157cm (length + height + width). Baggage that exceeds these measurements will not be accepted. Your main luggage will be taken to your Cuzco hotel where it will safely await your arrival.

DAY 13 Monday 29 September

Sacred Valley of the Incas / Machu Picchu / Aguas Calientes

After breakfast please make your way to the train station out the front of your hotel for the 7.12am train excursion to Machu Picchu arriving at 9.24am. Your journey will follow the Urubamba River on one of the great train journeys of the world. On arrival at Aguas Calientes Train Station you will be assisted in the change to a regular shuttle bus service, for the 25 minute transfer up the side of the mountain to Machu Picchu, also known as the “Lost City of the Incas” and undoubtedly the best known and the most spectacular archeological site on the continent. You will be taken on a guided tour of the ruins visiting the Main Square, the Royal Quarters, the Temple of the Three Windows, the Circular Towers, the Sacred Sun Dial and the Burial Grounds. This afternoon you will enjoy lunch at the *Sanctuary Lodge Restaurant*. This afternoon you will make your way back down to the township of Aguas Calientes—an absolute highlight in itself! Enjoy dinner at your hotel this evening. (BLD)



INKATERRA MACHU PICCHU PUEBLO, SUPERIOR ROOM

Machu Picchu is undoubtedly the best known and most spectacular archaeological site on the continent. The site discovered in 1911 was very different to the one you see today. All the buildings were thickly overgrown with vegetation. On clearing the thick forest from the ruins, over 50 burial sites were discovered containing over 100 skeletal remains, about 80% female. An early theory was that it was a city of chosen women who catered to the Incas' needs but this has lost support, and it is now thought that Machu Picchu was already an uninhabited, forgotten place at the time of conquest. The ruins: staircases, terraces, temples, palaces, towers, fountains, the famous sundial and the Museo de Sitio below the ruins require at least a day or two to explore properly. The mountain overlooking the site, Wayna Picchu (on which there are also some ruins), has steps to the top for a superlative view of the whole area. This walk takes about 60 minutes but the steps can be dangerous after rain and the numbers of climbers each day are limited.

DAY 14 Tuesday 30 September

Aguas Calientes – Machu Picchu / Poroy / Cuzco

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You have the morning free to further explore the ruins of Machu Picchu. Early morning is best to try to avoid the large crowds. You may like to walk to Intipunku, known as the sun gate. This is reached by taking the opposite direction of arrival of the Inca Trail. You can walk about an hour up to the gate. Or you may like to walk up Wayna Picchu, the picturesque mountain backdrop shown in the classic photographs. This afternoon please make your way back to the station for the 3.20pm afternoon train to Poroy, where you will be met and driven to Cuzco. On arrival you will be taken to your hotel for three fabulous nights. Cuzco is the archaeological capital of the Americas and the continent's oldest continuously inhabited city. Massive Inca-built stonewalls line most of Cuzco's central streets to form the foundations of Colonial and modern buildings. The streets are often stepped and narrow and thronged with Quechua-speaking descendants of the Incas. (B)



** The second entry fee & bus to Machu Picchu is included today.*

ARANWA CUZCO BOUTIQUE HOTEL, CLASSIC ROOM

DAY 15 Wednesday 1 October

Cuzco

This morning you will be taken you on a very comprehensive tour of Cuzco that includes the Main Cathedral, the Plaza de Armas (Main Square), the Koricancha (Temple of the Sun), as well as other city highlights. The tour then visits three of the other very important Inca Ruins in the area outside Cuzco: Sacsayhuaman, Kenko and Tambomachay. Your afternoon is at leisure to further explore this historic and cultural town. (B)

For the best cocktails in town and the best steaks in Peru, as well as for an alternative dining experience, have dinner at The Fallen Angel in the corner of Plazoleta de Nazarenos, diagonally across from the Hotel Monasterio.

DAY 16 Thursday 2 October

Cuzco

Today is entirely at leisure to further explore Cuzco. (B)

** Please note you will need to pre-pack an overnight bag for your stay in the Amazon Jungle. The maximum luggage weight allowed by the lodge is 10kg per person. The remainder of your things can be left at the head office in Puerto Maldonado where they will be safe until you return.*

DAY 17 Friday 3 October

Cuzco / Puerto Maldonado / Amazon Jungle

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Early this morning you will be transferred to Cuzco Airport for your flight to Puerto Maldonado. On arrival you will be transferred from the airport to the river dock. A 25 minute journey down the Madre de Dios River by motor canoe brings you to the start of the trail to Sandoval Lake Lodge, your home for two nights. *(Please note that the walk into Sandoval Lake takes approx 1 hour).*



This trail takes you past a flooded forest of 30 metre high Mauritia palms. After a customary siesta, you will board the catamaran and set off to explore the Sandoval Lake. Here, in the flooded forest it's possible to drift beneath babbling red-bellied Macaws as they return to the forest for the night. You are returned to the lodge around nightfall for dinner. After dinner you may wish to return to the catamaran to look for large black Caimans, the rarest of the crocodile species of the Amazon. If it is clear starlight you may also be able to float in the middle of the lake and marvel at the brilliance of the night sky. (BLD)

SANDOVAL LAKE LODGE, STANDARD ROOM

DAY 18 Saturday 4 October

Amazon Jungle

You have an early excursion on the lake for a possible encounter with the lake's giant otters. Most of the water birds around the lake actively fish in the early morning as well and you may see some prehistoric-looking Hoatzins. These odd, leaf-eating birds are the size of chickens and sport bare blue faces, red eyes and punk rock crests. After breakfast you set off into the cool canopy of the tall virgin forest to see some towering wild Brazil Nut trees and to view how the Indian community farm their land. (BLD)

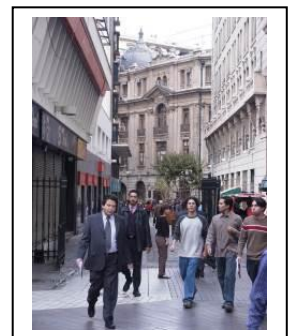
DAY 19 Sunday 5 October

Amazon Jungle / Puerto Maldonado / Lima / Santiago

This morning you will be transferred back to Puerto Maldonado for your flight to Lima, via Cuzco. On arrival in Lima you will connect on your flight to Santiago. On arrival in Santiago late tonight, you will be met and taken to your hotel for the remainder of tonight and tomorrow. (B)

** On arrival at Santiago Airport, Australian passport holders require US\$95 per person to pay for the multi-entry Reciprocity Fee.*

PLAZA SAN FRANCISCO HOTEL, STANDARD ROOM



DAY 20 Monday 6 October

Santiago

This morning you will need to check out of the Plaza San Francisco Hotel. You will be met and taken on a city tour of Santiago. You will visit the Plaza de Armas (Main Square), the 16th Century Cathedral, City Hall and National Congress Buildings and the Moneda Presidential Palace. We also see O'Higgins Park, featuring the former Chilean Military Academy, the Santa Lucia Hill where the foundation of Santiago took place in 1542 and the National University. You then cross the Rio Nono Bridge over the Mapocho River for a panoramic view of the city from the Santiago mirador (lookout). This evening you will be transferred back to Santiago Airport for your flight to Sydney, via Auckland, departing soon before midnight. (B)

** You have full use of your room until your departure transfer to the airport this evening.*

DAY 21 Tuesday 7 October

Santiago / Auckland

Today is spent in flight as you re-cross the International Date Line and 'lose' one day.
(MEALS INFLIGHT)

DAY 22 Wednesday 8 October

Auckland / Sydney

Your flight arrives into Auckland very early this morning before continuing on to Sydney.
Welcome Home!

Your SmallGroup Travel Holiday includes:

- * Economy-class airfares throughout.
- * Accommodation in Tourist & Superior-class hotels with private facilities, except the Amazon which is basic.
- * All *private* airport transfers as described with English speaking guides.
- * All *private* city and sightseeing tours as described with English speaking guides.
With the exception of the Gaucho Tour, Tango & Samba Shows which are *seat in coach*.
- * All admission fees on such tours.
- * Meals as indicated: (B = breakfast L = lunch D = dinner).
- * All ground transportation as described.
- * All touring vessels.
- * Re-confirmation of all onward flights when outbound transfers are included.
- * Porterage of 1 suitcase per person when transfers are supplied by Inca Tours.
- * All airport departure taxes payable from Australia.

Not included:

- * Airport departure taxes payable within South America.

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- * Excess baggage.
- * Items of a personal nature.
- * Travel insurance.
- * Passport & visa costs.
- * Tipping.

COST OF TOUR

LAND COST

Based on a minimum group size of 10 paying passengers twin share

Land portion **\$6855 per person based on twin share**
 Upgrade to Amazonica **\$110 per person.**(highly recommended)

AIR COST

Airfare **\$3950**
 (Including international flights, internal flights and taxes)

Please Note:

'Private' tours include your own personal guides. This results in your time being utilised wisely, with our Latin Guides devoting 100% of their time to you and communicating with you in English. You will understand and learn more from this 'private' service.

Flight Reconfirmation:

Before departure, at each stopover point and at your final destination, you must contact the appropriate airline at least 72 hours prior to departure to reconfirm your onward flights and re-check flight times. This is except where you have outbound transfers prepaid to us, as this reconfirmation service is included in our transfer costs.

Documentation:

For all international travel you must be in possession of a passport with at least 6 months validity remaining. You should also have ALL of the visas required for the countries you will be travelling to. Please check with us regarding which visas you will require. *Australians do require a visa for Brazil, and must pay for a tourist visa US\$95 on arrival to Chile. On arrival into Buenos Aires you will be required to show your receipt US\$100 Reciprocity fee.*

Price Increases:

Prior to full payment being made and air tickets issued, tour prices can increase due to reasons beyond the control of Inca Tours: currency fluctuations, variation of hotel contract rates or airline price increases. It is therefore in your interest to protect against such increases by paying in full at your earliest possible convenience. Once you have paid in full, your tour price is 'locked-in'.

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How to Reserve Your Tour:

Please contact suek@travelmanagers.com.au or Mobile: 0414598157 to reserve your tour.

- A non refundable deposit of **20% (\$1370)** for the land content and **\$1800** for the air portion is required to secure your place on the tour.
- We will then send you our official booking form and booking conditions for the tour. Please complete this form and return it with your deposit of 20% of the tour cost per person. Your airfare will be required also at this time to secure the fares quoted.
- On receipt of your deposit and booking form, we will then forward additional pre-departure information regarding visas, medical requirements, weather and much more.
- Payment of your tour balance is then required 60 days before your departure.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions or would like any further amendments to your proposed itinerary.

Thank you for choosing Smallgroup Travel and Inca Tours and “feliz viaje” or happy travelling!



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