

EL SOL TRAVEL & TOURS SDN BHD

# HERITAGE WONDERS OF SOUTH AMERICA – PART 1 (updated 9 June 2015) covering Peru, Bolivia & Brazil

# MAIN TOUR

### <u>HIGHLIGHTS</u>

- See two (2) New Seven Wonders of the World; Machu Picchu (Peru) and Christ the Redeemer (Brazil)
- See one (1) New Seven Natural Wonders of the World; Iguazu Falls (Brazil & Argentina)
- See four (5) UNESCO Heritage Sites (Lima Historical Centre, Nazca Lines, City of Cusco, Machu Picchu and Iquassu Falls)
- Take overflight over the incredible Nazca Lines, one of the world's great archaeological mysteries
- Enjoy boat ride to Ballestas Islands, Peru's largest coastal wildlife sanctuary, home to thousands of migratory sea birds
- Three(3) full days in Cusco, Sacred Valley and Aguas Calientes giving plenty of time to explore the former capital of the Inca Empire and the surrounding ruins
- See reed boats and floating islands of the people of Uros, who consider themselves to be the oldest in the World
- Full day cruise of Lake Titicaca, highest lake of its size at 12,500 ft, covering, inter alia Sun Island, the legendary birthplace of Inca Empire
- Experience Bolivia's salt flat, Salar de Uyuni, the largest in the World and stay in a hotel built from salt blocks
- Visit the Eduardo Avaroa Andean Fauna National Reserve and enjoy stunning views of the Red Lagoon (Laguna Colorada) where flamingos breed and the changing colours of Green Lagoon (Laguna Verde)
- Be awed by striking natural beauty of Iguazu Falls, one of the world's largest waterfalls covering 275 individual drops stretching for a total of 2.7 kilometres



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# Tour Itinerary (Revised 15 May 2015)

27 Sept (Sun) – Day 1 Depart Kuala Lumpur for Lima. <u>Flights</u> KL4102 KULAMS ETD 2320 ETA 0600 (28 Sept) KL743 AMSLIM ETD 1230 ETA 1800

### 28 Sept (Mon) - Day 02 Arrival in Lima

Upon our arrival in Lima, we will be contacted by the local staff that will assist us with luggage and check-in procedures at the hotel.

Dinner at hotel. Overnight in Hotel in Lima

29 Sept (Tue) – Day 03 Lima B / L / D Breakfast A.M. PRIVATE CAR WITH LOCAL GUIDE WILL BRING THE GROUP TO THE BOLIVIA CONSULAR OFFICE. (3 HOURS SERVICE.) Return to our hotel – Standard Room. Transfer and Lunch at a local restaurant.

## P.M. PANORAMIC TOUR OF LIMA CITY Dinner at hotel

Overnight at Hotel in Lima – Standard room

30 Sept (Wed) - Day 04 LimaB / L / DBreakfastA.M. PRIVATE CAR WITH LOCAL GUIDE WILL BRING THE GROUP TO THE BOLIVIA CONSULAROFFICE. (3 HOURS SERVICE.)Return to our hotel.Transfer and Lunch at a local restaurant.



### P.M. LIMA CITY TOUR

The guided visit to Lima will bring us to see the Historical Centre; Plaza Mayor ("Main Square"), the Government Palace, the Archbishop's Palace, the City Hall and old streets with colonial mansions and Moorish balconies. Visit the Church of San Francisco, the most notable group of colonial buildings in the city, its unique wooden cupola of Moorish design covers the imperial staircase. Explore the impressive underground catacombs along with a religious art museum and extensive library. The tour goes all the way to modern district of San Isidro and Miraflores, where you will appreciate huacas or sacred Inca structures. Also, you will be able to observe the Pacific Ocean coast from the vast seafront.

Lunch at local restaurant. Buffet Dinner & Show at a local Restaurant. Overnight Hotel in Lima – Standard room



1 Oct (Thurs) - Day 05 Lima / Paracas Breakfast

B/L/D

### NAZCA LINES OVERFLIGHT

Early this morning we will be transferred to the Pisco Airport, for our overflight over the incredible Nazca Lines, drawn on the pampas of the same name. We will see several figures of stylized plants and animals drawn in an enormous labyrinth of straight lines, trapezoids, triangles and spiral scattered about the dessert floor that has remained preserved for about 2000 years. (The flight is subject to weather conditions, flight time approximately 1 hour 40 minutes)

Lunch at a local restaurant.

Transfer to Paracas and Dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight at Hotel in Paracas. – Standard room

### 2 Oct (Fri) - Day 06 Breakfast BALLESTAS ISLAND

Transfer to the Paracas Pier.

This 2 hour boat ride will lead us to visit the Ballestas Islands situated off the coast of the Paracas Reserve. Peru's largest coastal wildlife sanctuary. These two beautiful islands are home of thousands of resident migratory sea birds. These include pelicans, boobies, ccormorants, gulls among others, who share their habitat with colonies of sea lions. On the way we will also see one of the mysteriously drawing etched on the desert face, The Candlestick.



Paracas / Lima

Lunch at a local restaurant.

### **RETURN TO LIMA**

Visit to museum. Dinner at a local restaurant.

After dinner, transfer to Lima Airport for flight to La Paz.

3 Oct (Sat) - Day 07Lima /La Paz/UyuniB / L / DArrive in La Paz airport at 0250 hours. Then take flight from La Paz to Uyuni, departing at 0600and arriving at 0645.

Pick up from the airport and visit the train cemetery the villages of Alota and Kulpina K, the mining town of San Cristobal and the valley of rocks, famous for its gigantic rock formations.

Lunch on route.

Arrive to Ojo de Perdiz.

Dinner and overnight at Hotel in Ojo de Perdiz

### 4 Oct (Sun) - Day 8 OJO DE PERDIZ – LAGUNA COLORADA – LAGUNA VERDE – OJO DE PERDIZ B / L / D

### Breakfast.

We will visit the Siloli Desert where it is possible to see an interesting rocky formation known as Stone Tree. In this interesting journey passengers will be able to observe the famous llamas, vicuñas and a particular rodent known as viscacha. Enter to the National Reserve of Andean Fauna Eduardo Avaroa and visit the Laguna Colorada (Red Lagoon) that is very impressive for its red color, due to a fine reddish sediment accumulation in the surface, as well as the pigmentation of certain type of seaweed. This lagoon is populated by 3 species of flamencos (among them the famous James). The trip continues towards Sol de Mañana (Morning Sun), this is a place where it is possible to appreciate fumes, geysers and volcanic holes. This landscape remains us the origins of the earth. The final part of the descent leads us to the Laguna verde (Green Lagoon), an impressive aquatic mirror that resembles a giant emerald with a particular brightness in the mornings and afternoons; its color is due to the high magnesium content in the water. In the proximities of this lagoon, the Licancahur Volcano is located at (5,868 meters above sea level)

Box lunch and return to Ojo de Perdiz.

### Dinner and overnight stay at Hotel Tayka del Desierto



5 Oct (Mon) - Day 9 OJO DE PERDIZ – SALT FLAT - COLCHANI



B/L/D

### Breakfast.

Depart from Ojo de Perdiz towards Uyuni, on the way visit the Cañapa, Hedionda, Honda, Chiarkhota and Ramaditas lagoons, Ollagüe's viewpoint, the Galaxy caves (famous for its rock formations) and the Incahuasi Island. It is located in the heart of the salt flat and is the greatest of a group of islands that represents an isolated ecosystem. The island is populated with a cacti species that measures up to 12 meters high (26.25 feet), providing an impressive view. Lunch and continue to Colchani.At the end of the afternoon, we will enjoy the sunset, expecting until the sun disappears in the white desert, giving a must-see sight.

Dinner and overnight in Hotel in near Salt flat

Note: Hot water and heating services in Uyuni, Salt Flats and Lagoons area are not permanent.)



6 Oct (Tue) - Day 10 COLCHANI- UYUNI – LA PAZ B / L / D

Breakfast.

Lunch at Hotel.

Transfer to airport without guide. Flight from UYUNI to LA PAZ

Upon arrival at La Paz Airport, to transfer to hotel. Dinner at Hotel.

Overnight in Hotel in La Paz

7 Oct (Wed) – Day 11 La Paz

B/L/D

Breakfast

### **CITY TOUR AND MOON VALLEY (HD)**

Depart from Hotel to visit the famous Witch Doctor's Market, San Francisco Colonal church and the typical handicrafts of the Sagarnaga Street. The tour continues to Plaza Murillo where the Catheral, the Government Palace and the National Congress buildings are located. Then visit the famous colonial street Jaen where interesting museums are clustered together, followed by a visit to the replica of the semi-subterranean temple of the Tiwanaku Culture. To change scenery the tour continues to the residential areas of Obrajes, calacoto and La Florida. The tour ends with a visit to the unique Moon Valley where you can walk around and visit a ceramic workshop with a demonstration of the art of pottery.

Lunch at Hotel

Afternoon free at leisure. Dinner at Hotel in La Paz

8 Oct (Thurs) - Day 12 La Paz/Puno

B/L/D

Breakfast

### TITICACA CATAMARAN DAY CRUISE (full day)

La Paz - Chua - Sun Island (South) - Inti Wata Complex - Copacabana - Puno

Early land transfer to Titicaca Lake, Breakfast included. Board the Catamaran Cruise Ship to Sun Island, the legendary birthplace of the Inca Empire. Visit the Inca Garden, steps and fountain followed by the Inti Wata Cultural Complex including the Ekako Underground Museum, the traditional medicine and the Titikaka Reed Shipbuilders display centers, the Pachamama agricultural Inca terraces, a handicraft center, the Intica lounge and at the Manco Kapac look out the largest variety of Andean camelids. Also, the Inti Wata Complex at Sun Island includes a unique sailing experience aboard a huge Titikaka traditional vessel for a panoramic visit to the Pilkokaina Inca Palace.

Catamaran Cruise Ship to Sanctuary of Copacabana while enjoying a lunch on board. Then land transfer to Puno.

Dinner at Hotel.

Overnight at Hotel in Puno.



### **9 Oct (Fri) – Day 13** Breakfast

Puno

B/L/D

### UROS & TAQUILE TOUR (Private Boat & Private local guide)

We will be transferred to the pier of Puno where we will board the vessel that will take us to the Floating Islands of *Uros* whose people are considered as the oldest inhabitants of the Andean Plateau who decided to live in this inhospitable environment in order to avoid the imposition of foreign cultures. We will continue heading to *Taquile Island*, where we will observe the traditions that have been jealously kept by the community that inhabits it.

Lunch at a local restaurant in Taquile Island.

Dinner at Hotel. Overnight at Hotel in Puno.



10 Oct (Sat) Day 14PUNO/CUSCOBreakfast.

B/ L/ D

### Private Transfer from Puno to Cusco

At proper time, transfer to Cusco by bus with local guide. Enjoy the incredible view of the heards of alpaca and llamas gazing on these highland pampas, interspersed with small villages, and the majestic backdrop of the Andes. Guided stops en route to Andahuaylillas, Raqchi, La Raya and Pucara.

Lunch in local restaurant.

Afternoon, free at leisure for you to explore Cusco town on your own.

Dinner at Hotel.

Overnight in Hotel in Cusco

11 Oct (Sun) Day 15

CUSCO

B/ L/ D

Breakfast

### CUSCO CITY TOUR AND NEARBY RUINS

We will tour around the former capital of the Inca Empire, a UNESCO Heritage site. During this half day tour, you will visit Korikancha or Temple of Sun where we will find one of the best samples of the ability of the Incas working the stone. We will then continue to the Cathedral that shelters priceless pieces of colonial art. Afterwards, we will head to the monuments that surround the city, like Sacsayhuaman which is an impressive fortress built using rocks of

extraordinary measures that were taken from a nearby quarry. We will continue to Qenqo, Puca Pucara and the Inca bath of Tambomachay.

Lunch at Hotel.Transfer and Dinner show at a local restaurant.

Overnight at Hotel in Cusco-Standard room



12 Oct (Mon) - Day 16	Cusco / Sacred Valley
Breakfast	

B/L/D

### PISAC MARKET & OLLANTA

We will visit the famous market located in the town of Pisac, where the color and flavor of its products perfectly combines with the happiness of its people avid to share their culture with all visitors. After a deserved lunch, we will head to the farthest town located in the Sacred Valley of the Incas, which is considered as the oldest continuously occupied town in America. We will walk around its narrow streets where we will amaze ourselves with the beauty of the its houses made of adobe and where we will find its famous fortress which remain as a silent witness of the battle between the troops lead by Manco Inca in his attempt to avoid the Spanish invasion commanded by Hernando Pizarro in 1537.

Transfer and buffet Lunch at a local restaurant.

Dinner at Hotel

Overnight in Hotel.



# 13 Oct (Tues) – Day 17Sacred Valley / Aguas CalientesB / L / DBreakfastEarly morning we will be transferred to the station to board the train.

Upon our arrival in Aguas Calientes Town (Also known as Machu Picchu Town) we will walk to our hotel. The hotel staff will be waiting at the train station and will assist us with luggage. Rest of the day will be at leisure. (Note: can explore the town centre or some people visit the Machu Picchu citadel twice; once on their own and once with the guide.)

Lunch and Dinner at Hotel. Overnight in Hotel – Standard room

### 14 Oct (Wed) – Day 18 Aguas Calientes / Machu Picchu Citadel / Cusco B / L / D

Breakfast

We will take a bus that will transfer us to the Citadel of Machu Picchu, without doubt, the best proof of the perfection of the Inca ability working the stone. It has different sectors such as the urban, religious and farming. We will find temples and houses as well as its famous *Intihuatana* or Solar Clock which was finely carved on stone.

At the end of our tour, we will have lunch at a local restaurant before taking the train back to the city of Cusco.

Dinner at Hotel. Overnight at Hotel – Standard room



# 15 Oct (Thurs) - Day 19CUSCO/LIMA/IGUASSUB / L / DBreakfastBreakfast

Transfer to Cusco Airport for flight to Lima (Private transfer)

Arrival in Lima to connect flight to Iguazu.

Arrival at Foz do Iguazu – Cataratas Airport. Transfer to Hotel in Argentina side.

Dinner at Hotel.

Overnight at Hotel in Iguassu (Argentina side).

B/L/D

Breakfast

### BRAZILIAN SIDE OF THE FALLS

After breakfast, drive to the National Park of the Brazilian Falls (to include entrance fees as well). The tour starts with a visit to the Main Centre of the park, where the participants will have the opportunity to get some hints about the local ecosystem. From there, the tour continues with a walking tour through the most important track of the park where the participants could enjoy a astonishing view of the waterfalls. From the local belvedere, the participants will have a privileged sight of both parks of the water falls, return to the main point via the panoramic elevator.

Lunch at local restaurant

### Dinner at Hotel Overnight at Sol Cataratas Hotel – Standard Room



### 17 Oct (Sat) Day 21 IGUASU (ARGENTINA)

B/L/D

Breakfast

### **ARGENTINA SIDE FALLS WITH GUIDE**

Iguazu National Park – a total of 55,000 hectares – bears the name of the river serving as northern boarder, which means 'great waters' in guarani language. Surrounded by a lush subtropical rainforest, we will find the majestic Iguazu Waterfalls. Its water volume and more than 275 falls places it among the most important and spectacular waterfalls in the world. On different footbridges, we will visit the heart of the waterfalls, appreciating them from different angles.

We will visit the lower circuit, and feel part of nature, refreshing ourselves with waterfall drizzle. On the upper circuit, we will stop at different viewpoints, and then reach the balcony at Garganta del Diablo ("Devil's Throat"). No doubt this is the most amazing of all falls, water falls down from 80 meters.

Lunch at local restaurant

Dinner at Hotel.

Overnight at Hotel – Standard Room



### **18 Oct (Sun) - Day 22 IGUASU ARGENTINA/IGUAZU(BRAZIL / RIO DE JANEIRO** B / L / D Breakfast

At the proper time, transfer from hotel to Foz do Iguassu Airport.

Flight from Iguazu to Rio De Janeiro

Upon our arrival in Rio de Janeiro, we will be contacted by the local staff that will assist us with luggage and check-in procedures at the hotel.

Lunch Box.

Dinner at Local restaurant.

Overnight in Hotel in Rio de Janeiro.

### 19 Oct (Mon) Day 23 RIO DE JANEIRO

B/L/D

Breakfast

### **CORCOVADO & SOUTH BEACHES**

Proceed for a half day tour of Corcovado Mountain and Beaches. Board a cog train from Cosme Velho Station for a ride to Corcovado Mountain to visit one of the world's most famous landmarks, the gigantic statue of Christ the Redeemer, a new Seven Wonders of the World. Experience the 20 minutes steep train journey which takes you through the dense Atlantic rain forest of Tijuca offering a wonderful opportunity for a closer look at the forest's lush tropical vegetation and to enjoy scenic landscapes of the beaches and city. You will disembark at the

top of Corcovado and then proceed up the steps that lead to the top lookout where the towering statue of Christ the Redeemer stands. Get up-close to Christ the Redeemer and spend some time viewing the panoramic view of this beautiful city of Rio from the incredible mountain-top vantage-point. Then, you will descent by the train. The tour continues passing by Rio's world-famous beaches.



Lunch in local restaurant.

Afternoon, at leisure to enjoy the beach and to wonder around the surroundings of the hotel.

### **DINNER & SAMBA SHOW AT PLATAFORMA**

Enjoy a nice dinner in one of the best barbecue restaurant, where you can try all different cuts of meats as well as a delicious salad buffet. After dinner, have fun and enjoy a great samba show where 'mulatas' exhibit the intricate steps of local dances and 'batuqueiros' produce a delirium beat from exotic percussion instruments the world most famous mark of samba rhythm

Overnight at Hotel in Rio de Janiero.

### 20 Oct (Tues) – Day 24 Rio de Janeiro/International departure B/ L /-

Breakfast

### **SUGAR LOAF & CITY TOUR**

We will do a panoramic tour of downtown Rio passing by the Sambodrome and a stopping at the Metropolitan Cathedral which was built in a pyramidal form with an internal diameter of 96 meters and a height of 80 meters. Familiarize yourself with traditional Cinelandia Square with its historical buildings, the Municipal Theater, the National Library and the National Museum of Fine Arts. Via the Aterro do Flamengo, you will be taken to the neighbourhood of Urca where one of the largest symbols of the city is located: Sugar Loaf. You will travel all the way to the top in two steps of cable car. The first cable car takes us to Urca Hills, a vantage point 215 meters high for which already grants beautiful views of Guanabara Bay and its islands, the Rio-Niteroi Bridge and Corcovado Mountain. From this stage, a second cable car takes us up to the top. At 395 meters we will enjoy splendid views of Copacabana beach, the Santa Cruz fortress and several beaches of Niteroi. After riding the cable car back down, return to the hotel.

Lunch in local restaurant.



At proper time, transfer from hotel to Airport. <u>Flights</u> KL 706 GIGAMS ETD 2050 ETA 1220 (21 Oct) KL 809 AMSKUL ETD 2045 ETA 1455 (22 Oct)

### 22 Oct (Thurs) – Day 26

Arrival in Kuala Lumpur.

END OF OUR TOUR

Total tour cost on twin -sharing:

RM40,760 (Economy flights) RM57,040 (Business Class for international segments only)

### **INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS:**

27 SEPT KUL AMS ETD 2355 ETA 0645 (28 SEPT) 28 SEPT AMS LIM ETD 1230 ETA 1800

20 OCT GIG AMS ETD 2050 ETA 1220 (21 OCT) 21 OCT AMS KUL ETD 2045 ETA 1455 (22 OCT)

Business class – RM22,750 (estimates @ 9 June 2015 & restrictions apply) Economy class – RM6,460 (estimates @ 9 June 2015 & restrictions apply)

DOMESTIC FLIGHTS: Economy class – RM6,000 (estimates @ 9 June 2015 & restrictions apply) 2 OCT LIMA TO LA PAZ 3 OCT LAPAZ TO UYUNI 6 OCT UYUNI TO LA PAZ 15 OCT CUSCO TO LIMA 15 OCT LIMA TO IGUAZU 18 OCT IGUAZU TO RIO DE JANEIRO

# PLEASE NOTE THAT FLIGHT PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE (UNLESS FULLY PAID AND BOOKED) WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE

### **GROUND COST:**

Twin sharing: RM28,300 per person Single Supplement: RM6,500

The domestic air-ticket as well as the ground cost is based on current exchange rate. Unless the air tickets cost and tour price is fully paid, we reserve the right to revise the cost should the exchange rate goes beyond the current rate.

#### TRAVEL INSURANCE:

AXA Affin General Insurance Berhad individual VIP Plan – RM140 per person

### Important notes:

- 1. The validity of prices as per detailed in the itinerary.
- Services to be provided in a private basis with local English speaking guide, excepting the Boats, Catamaran, Overflights, trains, bus Aguas Calientes, Machu Picchu, Aguas Calientes, that will be considered as shared basis.

- 3. Our prices include:
  - ✓ Tips at airports and hotels
  - ✓ Meals will be provided as detailed in the itinerary.
  - ✓ Entrance fees to the monuments detailed in the itinerary.
  - ✓ Local taxes
- 4. Our prices do not include:
  - ✓ Alcoholic beverages or extras during meals.
  - ✓ Daily drinking water
  - ✓ Early check-in
  - ✓ Late check-out
  - ✓ Extras at hotels such as: phone calls, laundry service, etc.
  - ✓ Tips for guides or chauffeurs.
- 5. Alternative hotels might be confirmed in case the above detailed ones are not available when placing reservations.
- 6. Operation of services may vary according to weather, operative (traffic, schedules, etc) or political/social situation.
- 7. Visa to Bolivia

Upon arrival in Lima, arrangements will be made to bring the group to the Consular Office of Bolivia to apply for visa to Bolivia. The application must be submitted in person and we understand that the visa and passport can be collected back the next day. We further understand that there is no application fee but to be eligible to apply for Bolivia visa, travellers must produce a

- (i) Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate. The cost of a vaccination in Kuala Lumpur ranges between RM345 to RM450 and should be taken at least 10 days before departure. In Penang, the only approved centre is Pejabat Kesihatan Pelaburan Pulau Pinang and we understand that the cost is approximately RM90.
- (ii) Recent passport size photograph (any colour background)
- (iii) A valid credit card as proof of financial support