

HERITAGE WONDERS OF SOUTH AMERICA PART 1

12 August 2020 – 5 September 2020



HIGHLIGHTS

1. Visit two (2) New Seven Wonders of the World; Machu Picchu (Peru) and Christ the Redeemer (Brazil)
2. Visit one (1) New Seven Natural Wonders of the World; Iguazu Falls (Brazil & Argentina)
3. Take overflight over the incredible Nazca Lines, one of the world's greatest archaeological mysteries
4. Enjoy boat ride to Ballestas Islands, Peru's largest coastal wildlife sanctuary, home to thousands of migratory sea birds
5. See reed boats and the floating islands of the people of Uros, who consider them to be the oldest in the World
6. Enjoy full day cruise of Lake Titicaca, the highest lake of its size at 12,500ft, covering Sun Island, the legendary birthplace of the Inca Empire
7. Experience Bolivia's salt flat , Salar de Uyuni, the largest in the World and stay in a hotel made of salt blocks.
8. Visit the Eduardo Avaroa Andean Fauna National Reserve and enjoy stunning views of the Red Lagoon where flamingoes breed and the changing colours of the Green Lagoon
9. Take in the stunning beauty of Iguazu Falls from both Brazilian and Argentinean sides, covering 275 individual drops stretching for a total of 2.7 km
10. Visit pristine Palccoyo Rainbow Mountain (optional); the Peruvian Rainbow Mountain is considered to be the prettiest in the world.



Five (5) UNESCO Heritage Sites

- Lima Historical Centre
- Nazca Lines
- City of Cusco
- Machu Picchu
- Iquazu Falls

New Seven Wonders of the World

- Machu Picchu (Peru)
- Christ the Redeemer (Brazil)

New Seven Natural Wonders of the World

- Iguazu Falls (Brazil & Argentina)

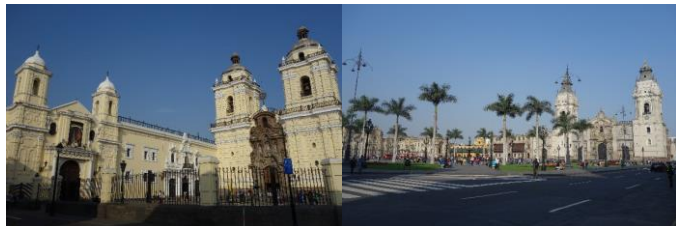
Day 1 (12 Aug Wed) KUL - Lima

Assemble in KLIA for check in at 8.30 pm.

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Day 2 (13 Aug Thurs) Lima - / - / D



Evening arrival in Lima. Transfer to hotel for check-in and dinner.

Hotel Jose Antonio Lima or equivalent

Driving distance: 20 km

Day 3 (14 Aug Fri) Lima - Paracas B / L / D

Lima City tour

Miraflores to enjoy views of the bay and the Pacific Ocean; where modernity of its constructions is combined with the legacy of ancient Peruvian like the pre-Hispanic site of Pucllana (panoramic view).

San Isidro, the financial and commercial heart of the city and where it is also located the pre-Hispanic remains of Huallamarca (panoramic view).

Downtown Lima - important architectural constructions from the viceroyalty period including the Government Palace and the Cathedral (panoramic view).

Convent of San Francisco - priceless pieces of art and its famous catacombs.

Larco Museum - have lunch at the Museum restaurant before visiting the Museum. The private collection that belongs to Don Rafael Larco Hoyle is displayed in a beautiful Republican Mansion built on the foundations of a pre-Inca temple. Through interactive activities, challenges and games, our group can explore the museum's collection and discover fascinating stories from ancient Peru.

After the museum tour, we will begin our drive south of approximately 4 hours to **Paracas**. Dinner at hotel.

Hotel Hacienda Bahia Paracas or equivalent

Driving distance: 300 km

Day 4 (15 Aug Sat) Paracas

B / L / D



Ballestas Islands - head to the pier to board the vessel to explore the Paracas Bay. During the excursion, we will see Candelabro (candlestick) which is thought to have relation with the enigmatic Nazca Lines. Upon our arrival in Ballestas Islands (all remain on board the vessel), we will find many frigates, pelicans, Nazca boobies, Humboldt penguins and sea lions' families.

Nazca Lines – best viewed from the air by taking a small plane from the airfield of Pisco (20 minutes away from Paracas). Up to today, it is still a mystery as to why the ancient Nazca people traced them, as well as the methods used to draw such huge figures with such amazing precision.

*Important: Note that passengers sometimes have to wait for hours since flights are based on weather conditions.

Late lunch at a local restaurant.

Rest of afternoon at leisure to enjoy the facilities of the hotel.

Hotel Hacienda Bahia Paracas or equivalent.

Day 5 (16 Aug Sun) Paracas - Cusco B / L / D

Flight from Pisco to Cusco

At leisure until time to transfer to the airfield of Pisco for flight to Cusco.

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Upon arrival, transfer to local restaurant for lunch.

After lunch, check into hotel. Rest of day is at leisure to acclimatize as the altitude is around 3,400 m above sea level.

Dinner at hotel.

Jose Antonio Cusco Hotel or equivalent.

Day 6 (17 Aug Mon) Cusco B/ L / D



Bolivian Consular Office – In the morning to get our Bolivian visa (Note: we need to apply online for our Bolivian visa before we leave Malaysia).

Lunch at local restaurant.

Cusco, the former Capital of the Incas & nearby monuments - Korikancha or Temple of Sun - here we will find one of the best samples of the ability of the Incas working the stone.

Cathedral - priceless pieces of colonial art.

Sacsayhuaman which is an impressive fortress built using rocks of extraordinary measures that were taken from a nearby quarry.

Qenqo, Puca Pucara, Inca bath of Tambomachay – all Inca sites in Cusco

Buffet dinner and folkloric show at local restaurant.

Jose Antonio Cusco Hotel – Standard room.

Day 7 (18 Aug Tues) Sacred Valley B/ L / D



Sacred Valley of the Incas - stop at Awanakancha, a community project where we will find the four different South American camels; llama, alpaca, vicuna and guanaco. We will have the chance to interact with them and learn about the ancient techniques still used in the Andes to produce wool and weaving.

Pisac - visit famous market located in the town where the color and flavor of its products perfectly combines with the happiness of its people avid to share their culture with all visitors.

Lunch at local restaurant.

Ollantaytambo - the final town in the Sacred Valley of the Incas and considered the oldest continuously occupied town in South America. We will walk around its narrow streets admiring its houses made of adobe and built over the original Inca foundations. We will also visit the impressive archaeological site and fortress which contains some superb Inca stonework and terracing. This fortress was the site of the battle in 1537 between Inca troops led by Manco Inca and invading Spanish forces commanded by Hernando Pizarro.

Dinner at hotel.

Hotel Sonnesta Posadas del Inca Yucay or equivalent.

Driving distance - 120 km

Day 8 (19 Aug Wed) Machu Picchu B/ L / D



Salt Mines of Maras - its impressive mirrors of color that reflect the light of sun in its uncountable puddles of salt.

Moray - group of circular terraces which looks like an amphitheater but is believed to be the crop laboratory of the Incas, one of their main agricultural tools.

Afterwards, we will visit the community of

Misminay community - learn about their day-by-day activities and enjoy lunch cooked by them.

Panoramic Train to Machu Picchu Town - board a panoramic train that will take us to the Lost City of the Incas. Along the route, we will enjoy amazing views as we follow the Urubamba River as it descends from the mountains into a steeper valley with cloud forest vegetation. Machu Picchu Town is formerly known as Aguas Calientes, a vehicle free town (the only vehicles are the green buses to the Machu Picchu citadel).

Hotel Casa Andina or equivalent.

Driving distance: 70 km

Day 9 (20 Aug Thurs) Machu Picchu/Cusco

B/L/D



Citadel of Machu Picchu - meet our guide at the hotel lobby and together we will take the shuttle bus up to the Citadel of Machu Picchu, without doubt the best example of Inca urban construction and stone working ability. The site has different areas such as the urban, religious and farming sectors.

Lunch at local restaurant before boarding our return train to Cusco.

Upon arrival, we will check in and have dinner at hotel.

Hotel Jose Antonio Cusco or equivalent

Day 10 (21 Aug Fri) Free day in Cusco OR optional tour to Palccoyo Rainbow Mountains

B/ -/ D



Free and easy day in Cusco. OR

Optional tour to Rainbow Mountain Palccoyo: The painted hills hidden deep in the Andes - Journey through undiscovered land of wild desert landscapes, snowcapped peaks, herds of alpaca, vibrant green valley with the impressive Ausangate mountain towering in the distance. We will experience first-hand how locals live in the mountains and even have a chance to speak with them. As we get closer to the Rainbow Mountain, we will begin to see the first signs of the colored minerals that formed the painted hills. Our guide will explain what makes up the existence of the Rainbow Mountain; we will hike up (1.5 km each way) to a vantage point that gives you a 360-degree view of the beautiful landscape that makes up the sacred land. Dinner at hotel.

Hotel Jose Antonio Cusco or equivalent.

Driving distance: 250 km (some stretch unpaved)

Day 11 (22 Aug Sat) Cusco/Puno

B/L/D



Early drive to Puno, the folklore capital of the Americas. Along the way, we will enjoy the view of snowcapped mountains while crossing several picturesque Andean towns. En route visit **Andahuaylillas, Raqchi, La Raya** and **Pucara**.

Lunch at local restaurant.

Puno - located on the shores of the Titicaca Lake, the highest navigable lake in the world, we will do a brief panoramic sightseeing of the city if there is sufficient day light.

Check in and Dinner at hotel.

Hotel Sonesta Posadas del Inca Puno or equivalent.

Distance: 390 km

Day 12 (23 Aug Sun) Lake Titicaca

B/ L/ D



Floating Islands of Uros - 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.

Taquile Island - where we will observe the traditions that have been jealously kept by the community that inhabits it.

Lunch will be provided at the local community.

Dinner at hotel.

Hotel Sonesta Posadas del Inca Puno or equivalent.

Day 13 (24 Aug Mon) Catamaran Cruise to La Paz **B/ L/ D**



Copacabana Sanctuary - visit to the church and main square.

Catamaran cruise ship - enjoy a snack on board while sailing to **Sun Island**, the legendary birthplace of the Inca Empire.

Sun Island - Inca Garden, Steps and Fountain, Inti Wata Cultural Complex (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 gazer, the largest variety of Andean camelids. Chance to have sailing experience aboard a huge Titikaka traditional vessel for a panoramic visit to the Pilkokaina Inca Palace.

Lunch on board the catamaran while sailing to port and continue by land to La Paz city.

Upon arrival, transfer to our hotel for dinner and check in.

Presidente Hotel or equivalent.

Day 14 (25 Aug Tues) La Paz (B/L/D)



Tiwanaku - the capital of an ancient civilization. Located 72 km away from the city of La Paz and near the south-eastern shores of Lake Titicaca. During its greatest times, the capital of Tiwanaku was the largest in the world and considered to be the Cradle of all-American Civilizations.

This pre-Inca ruins started endless archeological debates; the most recent radiocarbon 14 tests show that this edifications date back to 1580 B.C. In this ancient breath taking city we will visit the Kalasasaya (Sun) temple, Semisubterranean (Earth) Temple, Akapana Pyramid and the legendary Sun Gate, the tour also takes us to the museum filled with ceramic objects and tools from previous civilizations prior to the Incas.

Presidente Hotel or equivalent.

Driving distance: 150 km

Day 15 (26 Aug Wed) Uyuni **B/ L/ D**



Flight to Uyuni

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Colchani - On arrival, with local guide and be transferred into 4WDs. Visit Colchani village to observe salt extraction process by hand and local salt handicrafts. Visit to "**Playa Blanca**" a museum of salt; "Ojos de Sal", the salt eyes, interesting to be the exit points of the salt water; salt hexagons, geometric shapes on the salt flats surface, piles of salt and we will cross the salt flats to enjoy the beautiful landscapes.

Lunch box en route.

Incahuasi Island - in the heart of the salt flat and it is the biggest of a group of islands that represents an isolated ecosystem. The island is populated by giant cacti species that measures up to 12 meters high (26.25 feet), providing an impressive overview.

Photography & Sunset at the salt flats.

Dinner at hotel.

Palacio de Sal Hotel or equivalent.

Day 16 (27 Aug Thurs) Uyuni **B/ L/ D**



Train Cemetery - the first train engines from the XIX century in Bolivia.

San Cristobal village & Village of Sud Lipez – villages outside the Salt Flat. Rock Valley, a group of big red rocks which form an interesting landscape, lookout of Ollagüe Volcano, where we can watch its activity and a desert landscape. Box lunch en route. After that, we take a look to the "Joyas Andinas", Andean Jewelry, small lagoons, which show biodiversity of the region.

Tayka Hotel in Ojo de Perdiz.

Day 17 (28 Aug Fri) Uyuni

B/ L/ D



National Reserve of Andean Eduardo Abaroa

Siloli desert - the Stone Tree, silent testimony of the erosion of the earth and the passage of the years, part of the Siloli Desert, flatland without vegetation

Red Lagoon - amazing proof of a very diverse ecosystem in a totally desolate weather and where we will find beautiful pink flamingoes.

Geysers "Sol de Mañana", - meaning Morning Sun, its name is due to its activity is more notorious in the morning.

Hot springs of Polques - hot water eyes due to the volcanic activity of the region

Green Lagoon - unique for the active microorganisms that give color to the water

Box lunch en route.

Palacio de Sal Hotel or equivalent

Day 18 (29 Aug Sat) Uyuni – La Paz B/ L/ D



Flight to La Paz

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La Paz City tour - visit the famous Witch Doctor's Market, San Francisco Colonial Church and the typical handicrafts of the Sagarnaga Street.

Plaza Murillo - Cathedral, the Government Palace and the National Congress buildings are located. Also visit the famous colonial street Jaen where interesting museums are clustered together.

Cable Car - to enjoy the incredible experience to 'fly' between the mountains on board the most modern and unique transportation means of South America. Those lines connect the city of La Paz and El Alto. You will be rewarding with amazing views of the city.

Residential areas of Obrajes, Calacoto and La Florida.

Moon Valley - will have the opportunity to walk around, and visit a ceramic workshop with a demonstration of the art of pottery.

Dinner at hotel.

Presidente Hotel or equivalent.

Day 19 (30 Aug Sun) La Paz

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Downtown La Paz – enjoy some time on your own to explore the area near hotel or downtown or simply enjoy the hotel facilities.

Lunch at hotel.

Flight to Foz do Iguazu.

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Day 20 (31 Aug Mon) Iguazu Falls

B/ L/ D



Early arrival, transfer to hotel for check in.

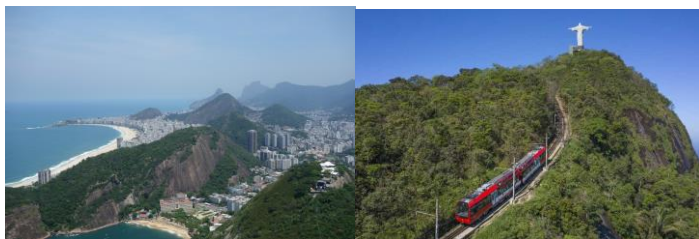
Brazilian side of Iguazu Falls – enjoy unforgettable panoramic view of the natural wonder of Iguazu: The Brazilian Falls were declared Natural World Heritage by the UNESCO. Located on the western side of the Paraná State in Brazil, the Brazillian park is 185,000 hectares and borders the Argentinean National Park and they are divided by the Iguazu River. Both parks make this region one of the largest natural protected areas in South America. The tour starts at the visitors center, the length of the catwalk floors is 1,200 meters from where you can get a breathtaking view of the 275 waterfalls.

Lunch at local restaurant.

Argentine side of the falls - close-up views of the falls from the lower circuit and upper circuit, just a little above the waters. Then proceed to the most impressive part of the Park, stopping at the edge of the Devil's Throat. An unforgettable experience!

Viale Tower Hotel or equivalent

Day 21 (1 Sep Mon) Rio de Janeiro B/ L/ D



Flight to Rio de Janeiro

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Lunch at local restaurant.

Corcovado Mountain - Riding through the forest in this Swiss built train is a wonderful experience itself and we get rewarded with a marvellous trip through the forest and beautiful views of the lagoon. Trains leave every 20 minutes and the ride takes about 20 minutes, too.

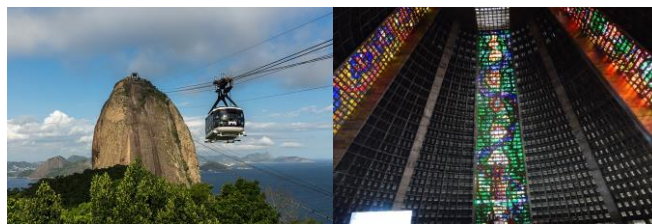
Christ the Redeemer - Visit one of the most famous icons of Rio de Janeiro, the breathtaking Christ the Redeemer statue that soars 700 m high above the city, creating an unforgettable backdrop to Rio de Janeiro's spectacular mountainous landscape. Being one of the new Seven Wonders of the World, the Christ the Redeemer Statue is a must-see landmark for anyone visiting Rio de Janeiro, offering an incredible view over the city. Located in the Tijuca National Park and standing 30 m tall, this is one of the world's largest statues of Christ. Unveiled for the first time in 1931, it was completely restored in 2010.

Dinner in local restaurant.

Ginga Tropical Samba Show - plunge into Brazil's contagious and hypnotizing rhythms of the percussion and other unique instruments from Brazil. The show, featuring colourfully costumed dancers presents the richness of the nation's musical and cultural heritage.

Mar Ipanema Hotel or equivalent.

Day 22 (2 Sep Tues) Rio de Janeiro B/ L/ D



Sugar Loaf - Visit Sugar Loaf, a highlight and one of the symbols of Rio. Ride first cable car eautiful ride up to Urca Hill and the second up to the top of Sugar Loaf at 396 m; amazing scenery with breathtaking views await. The name was given in the 16th century by the Portuguese during the hey days of sugar cane trade in Brazil. According to historians, blocks of sugar were made in conical molds of clay to be transported on ships. The shape given by these molds was similar to the peak, hence the name.

City Tour - sightseeing of downtown Rio, stopping at the **Metropolitan Cathedral**, the **Sambadrome** (purpose built parade area for the Rio carnival), **Cinelandia Square** with its historical buildings and **Selaron Stairs** (a colourful architectural masterpiece by artist Jorge Selaron; a must see). Also visit one of the famous beaches.

Dinner at BBQ local restaurant

Day 23 (3 Sep Wed) Departure B/ -/ D

Free and easy until transfer to airport for flights home. Time to explore the Ipanema neighbourhood for some last minute shopping or visit the H Stern jewellery shop which includes a free tour to learn about the types of stones found in Brazil (subject to availability).

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WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE GROUND TOUR PRICE?

- Transfers on private basis with local English speaking guide except for the following services which will be on shared basis:
 - Boat for Ballestas Islands
 - Flight over Nasca Lines (aircrafts have a capacity of 12 seats or 800kgs)
 - Catamaran Cruise Puno/La Paz
 - Panoramic train (Vistadrome) to Machu Picchu
 - Green bus to Machu Picchu Citadel
 - Other local parks transportation
- Meals as set out in the itinerary
- Entrance fees to the monuments/attractions as set out in the itinerary
- Accommodation on a twin sharing basis in standard rooms
- 2 bottles of water per person per day
- 4WD Private transportation (Toyota Land Cruiser: 3 persons for each vehicle) and local bilingual guide (English/Spanish) (For Salar de Uyuni and the National Reserve of Andean Fauna Eduardo Avaroa)
- Tippings for local guides
- Intra South America flights on economy class with restrictions *

Other terms and conditions include, inter alia, the following:

- Operation of services may vary according to weather, operative (traffic, schedules, etc) or political/social situation and are subject to the respective parks/attractions operating restrictions.
- Exchange rate used at 4.25 RM to USD1; El Sol Travel & Tours reserves the right to adjust the price if exchange rate changes
- There will be no refund for portions of travel services missed due to cancelled or delayed flights or any other circumstances beyond our control that may be considered events of "force majeure." This includes, but is not limited to, cancellations and/or delays as a result of weather conditions, road conditions, fires, explosions, earthquakes, drought, tidal waves, floods and general strikes.
- To be eligible to apply for Bolivia visa, one needs a Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate.

* Intra South America air tickets are subjected the following restrictions:

- Each person is allowed 1 piece of luggage of max 23 kg + 1 carry on of 8 kg
- Airfares are subject to change without prior notice until ticket is issued
- Tickets are non-refundable

What is Excluded?

- Optional full day excursion to Rainbow Mountain Palccoyo on shared basis at US\$111.00 per person.
- All Alcoholic beverages or extras during meals
- Early check-in & late check-out
- Personal expenses at hotels such as phone calls, laundry service, etc.
- International Air tickets
- Travel Insurance
- Visa Fee, if any

Tour price

Group size of 12 pax

a) Ground tour on twin sharing basis inclusive of Intra South America air tickets per person	-	RM33,200
b) International airfare on KLM (current best estimate)	-	<u>RM10,500</u> **
		<u>RM43,700</u>
Single Supplement additional	-	RM 6,500

** Subject to change without notice; inclusive of standard seats selection and one checked in bag of 23 kg (ExKUL)

Group size of 10 pax

a) Ground tour on twin sharing basis inclusive of Intra South America air tickets per person	-	RM34,700
b) International airfare on KLM (current best estimate)	-	<u>RM10,500</u> **
		<u>RM45,200</u>
Single Supplement additional	-	<u>RM 6,500</u>

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Payment terms:

- Deposit for ground tour + Intra South America air ticket - RM13,000
 - Full payment for International Air ticket when issued - Actual
 - Balance ground tour in May 2020 (Group 12 pax) - RM20,200 + Single Supp if applicable
 - Balance ground tour in May 2020 (Group 10 pax) - RM21,700 + Single Supp if applicable
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