

40 Day South American Carnival Tour

Please join Robert and Tracy as we explore the best of South America. We will visit this continent's must see locations, including the great cities such as Rio de Janeiro during Carnival, ancient monuments like Machu Picchu, the natural wonders of Amazon Rainforest and the Andes Mountains.



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Our transportation to South America will be provided by cruise ship. The advantage of using a cruise ship is that we arrive at our multiple destinations rested, well fed, and with no need to move luggage.

However, during our 19 days of inland tours, we will also cross the continent on airplanes, traverse through mountains on trains, explore the Amazon by river boat, and make wide use of private cars.

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Quick Summary – Tour group size limited to 6 people

We leave America (Fort Lauderdale, Florida) on a cruise ship (Holland America Veendam), with ports of call along the Atlantic coast of South America, arriving at Rio de Janeiro during the city's celebration of Carnival. We next take to the air as we visit the interior, including the Amazon rainforest and Machu Picchu. We return to America (Fort Lauderdale, Florida) by air.

Pricing includes but not limited to:

- Accommodations in 4 star hotels
- Airfare within the continent of South America
- Airfare from Buenos Aires to Fort Lauderdale
- Cruise fares on Holland America
- Amazon River boat fare, train fare, for inland tour
- Land transportation for private tours by private car
- Private tours by local guides at 10 ports of call (your choice)



Pricing excludes:

- Airfare to and from your home to Fort Lauderdale
- Meals while on land tour, gratuities, and personal purchases.

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We will meet you in **Fort Lauderdale, Florida**, on January 19th, 2018, where we will board our transportation to South America, the Holland America ship *Veendam*. As we cruise south we will make stops in the Caribbean including the ABC islands of **Aruba, Bonaire, and Curacao**, located just off the South American coast.

Trinidad & Tobago, a nation consisting primarily of two Caribbean islands off the coast of Venezuela, will be our next Port of Call. This country, one of the most prosperous in the Caribbean, is famous for its celebration of Carnival.

Carnival, an annual festival held every year before the days of Lent, is where thousands of costumed revelers parade thru the streets. While we are at Trinidad & Tobago (and the other cities as we head south) we will be able to witness the preparations for this spectacle. However, we will be fully captivated and surrounded by Carnival when we dock at Rio de Janeiro.



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Continuing down the coast we will call at **Devils Island, French Guiana**, notorious for being used for the exile of French political prisoners of the 19th and 20th century. We cross the Equator and make land fall on the continent's mainland at **Belem, Brazil**, where the Amazon River meets the Atlantic Ocean. Though we will witness the majesty of the Amazon River here, later in our tour we will delve deeper into the river's mysteries.

Calling at the city of **Recife, Brazil**, home to three million inhabitants, we discover why it is called "Veneza Brasileira" (Brazilian Venice). Built on a series of island where three rivers meet, the city is an active, modern version of the Italian Venice. Our next stop of **Maceió**, with its pastel-colored colonial houses, a 19th-century cathedral, and many museums, is on Brazil's east coast with white-sand beaches that are protected by an offshore reef.



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Continuing our cruise south, our next port of call is **Salvador**. This city is known for its Portuguese colonial architecture, Afro-Brazilian culture and a tropical coastline. The Pelourinho neighborhood is its historic heart, with cobblestone alleys opening onto large squares, colorful buildings and baroque churches. Next port is **Búzios**, a Brazilian resort area set on an ocean peninsula east of Rio de Janeiro. It is known as an upscale vacation destination with numerous beaches.

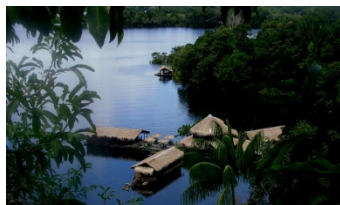


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These include Ferradura, a calm horseshoe bay with water sports, and Geribá, a popular surfing site.

We say goodbye to our cruise ship Veendam as we dock at **Rio de Janeiro** on February 11th, 2018. We disembark and transfer to our hotel in the quiet of the morning, before the city awakens that night to the celebration of Carnival. For the next several days, Carnival reigns all around us. Here, with 4 days to explore Rio and marvel at the intensity of the festivities, is where we begin our 19-day land excursion to the interior to South America.



Leaving Rio by air, we fly nonstop to the heart of the Amazon basin, the city of **Manaus**, on the banks of the Negro River in northwestern Brazil. This is the capital of the vast state of Amazonas and our departure point for the Amazon Rainforest. Just east of the city, the dark Negro River converges with the brown, muddy Solimões River resulting in a phenomenon called the “Meeting of the Waters.” The combined tributaries create the Amazon River. After touring Manaus for a day, we travel by boat to our lodge in the rainforest. Here, we can explore in comfort the wonders of the Amazon, the river, its wildlife and people for the next 3 days.



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Leaving Manaus, we fly nonstop to **São Paulo**, Brazil's vibrant financial center which we will make our home base for the next 5 days. Among the world's most populous cities with numerous cultural institutions, its iconic buildings range from its neo-Gothic cathedral to modernist curvy Edifício Copan.



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After 2 days touring and shopping in Sao Paulo, leaving most of our luggage with the hotel, we take an overnight bag for a quick flight to visit the wonders of **Iguazu Falls**. The waterfalls of the Iguazu River, on the border of the Argentina and Brazil, are the largest waterfall system in the world. After our 2 day visit, we return to our hotel in Sao Paulo where we will stay for one more day.

We say our last goodbye to Sao Paulo and Brazil and fly nonstop across the Amazon Basin to **Peru**. For the next 6 days we visit this South American country which is home to **Machu Picchu**, an ancient Incan city high in the Andes Mountains. We will tour Machu Picchu, and the region around including the Sacred Valley, Inca Trail and colonial city of **Cusco**. Also, we make a quick stop on Peru's arid Pacific coast at **Lima**, the capital, with its preserved colonial center and important collections of pre-Columbian art. We traverse the vast areas of Peru by plane, train, and private vehicle.



From Peru we fly nonstop to **Buenos Aires**, Argentina's big cosmopolitan capital city. Its center is the Plaza de Mayo, lined with stately 19th-century buildings including Casa Rosada, the iconic, balconied presidential palace. With three days here, we will have time to see and experience the city.

On Feb 28, 2018 we return by air to Fort Lauderdale.

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