



South America Packages

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“FALLS, FJORDS & VINEYARDS” 21 NIGHT SOUTH AMERICA FLY / CRUISE / TOUR PACKAGE.

Cruise onboard Holland America Line’s premium *ms Veendam*.

Depart Australia 10th November 2010.

BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

10th November 2010: Depart Australia this morning with LAN (codeshare flight with QANTAS). Welcome to Argentina! Upon arrival in Buenos Aires you will be met and transferred to your hotel. A light lunch and cool drinks will be included before an afternoon at leisure to relax or begin your exploration of Buenos Aires.

Overnight: Intercontinental Hotel, Buenos Aires
Meals: Lunch



BUENOS AIRES SIGHTS & TANGO, ARGENTINA

11th November 2010: This morning we meet our guide and get acquainted with Buenos Aires on our half day sightseeing tour of the city’s major neighborhoods and attractions. Included is the Plaza de Mayo (Main Square) surrounded by the Casa Rosada (Presidential Headquarters), the Colonial Town Hall and Cathedral. We also drive through the charming streets of San Telmo and colourful La Boca, famous for its multi-colour tin houses. Later, we drive through elegant Barrio Norte on our way to Recoleta cemetery lined with mausoleums and statues. This famous cemetery includes graves of some of the most influential and important Argentines, including several presidents, scientists and wealthy characters. Internationally, Eva Perón is the most widely known person buried in this cemetery.

This evening we experience a tango show with dinner

The various Tango Houses, located in San Telmo, offer the possibility of admiring all qualities of tango in its different expressions. Tango dancers and singers as well as tango orchestras, will let you enjoy and feel this particular Buenos Aires music at its utmost while having a wonderful dinner. Andean music, as well as typical Argentine folk music, will also be performed. Born around 1880, the tango was the vulgar dance and music of the capital’s “arrabales” or lower class neighbourhoods, blending gaucho verse with Spanish and Italian music. Carlos Gardel, the best representative of tango music and singers, created the “tango-cancion” (tango song), taking it out from the brothels and tenements and into the salons of Buenos Aires. In the late 19th century the “Great Village of Buenos Aires” was becoming an immigrant city, where frustrated and melancholic Europeans displaced gaucho rustics, who retreated gradually to the ever more distant countryside. The children of those immigrants would become the first generation of “porteños”, and the tango-song summarised the new urban style.



Permeated with nostalgia over a disappearing way of life, the tango-show expressed the apprehensions and anxieties of individuals, ranging from mundane pastimes like horse racing and other popular diversions to more profound feelings towards the changing landscape of neighbourhood and community, the figure of the mother, betrayal by women, and friendship or other important personal concerns.

Overnight: Intercontinental Hotel, Buenos Aires
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

IGUAZU FALLS

Explore the Argentinean side of the falls

12th November 2010: This morning we transfer to Buenos Aires domestic airport for our flight to Iguazu Falls. We are met by our guide on arrival at Puerto Iguazu and commence our tour of the Argentinean side of the falls.

In the northeast of Argentina a dense forest, inhabited by over 400 different varieties of birds, marks one of the most beautiful landscapes of the world, Iguazu Falls. It is here that the Iguazu River thunders over 257 falls over 70 metres high. Crashing at the bottom, the water shatters to a fine spray which rises up to form a multitude of rainbows. Catwalks and observation platforms will allow us to enjoy this truly awe-inspiring wonder of the world.

The magnificent sequence of falls finds its peak at the "Garganta del Diablo" (Devil's Throat) where you will feel the spray from this view point: a u-shaped, 82 metre high, 150 metre wide and 700 metre long waterfall is the highest and most impressive of all and marks the border between Argentina and Brazil. The Iguazu Falls have been declared World Heritage by UNESCO. Our accommodation tonight is located within Iguazu National Park on the Brazilian side of the falls.

Overnight: Das Cataratas Hotel, Iguazu Falls
Meals: Breakfast



IGUAZU FALLS

Explore the Brazilian side of the falls

13th November 2010: We join our half day tour of the Brazilian side of the falls which offers spectacular panoramic views back to Devil's Throat. Enjoy the subtropical forest which is the National Park, marvel at the vast array of wildlife and keep your eyes out for the colourful toucans!

Overnight: Das Cataratas Hotel, Iguazu Falls
Meals: Breakfast

JOIN HOLLAND AMERICA LINE'S 12 NIGHT CRUISE

14th November 2010: This morning we transfer to the airport in Argentina for our domestic flight to Buenos Aires. Upon arrival this afternoon, you will be met and transferred to the cruise terminal to board Holland America Line's premium *ms Veendam*. A late lunch is available onboard the ship in the Lido restaurant. Afterwards, relax and settle in to your stateroom before your cruise departure this evening.

Overnight: *ms Veendam*
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY

15th November 2010: Friendly and genteel, Montevideo honours colonial customs: long lunches, siestas and high tea. Nearby is Colonia del Sacramento, the oldest city in Uruguay (ca. 1680), a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Overnight: *ms Veendam*
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



AT SEA

16th – 17th November 2010: Explore all the facilities available on *ms Veendam* and be as active as you wish. Grandly proportioned and recently enhanced, the *ms Veendam* offers an onboard experience defined by spacious comfort and the latest Signature of Excellence features and amenities. Guests onboard the *ms Veendam* will not only enjoy elegant dining rooms, a \$2 million art and antique collection, wide teak decks and spacious staterooms - many with private verandahs – but also new and exciting venues, stateroom options along with a complete update to all stateroom furnishings.

Overnight: *ms Veendam*

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



PORT STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS

18th November 2010: Scotland under the Southern Cross: moorlands, pubs, red phone booths, sheep ranches and a "cuppa tea." Plus penguins of many types; Gentoo, Magellanic and King.

Overnight: *ms Veendam*

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

CAPE HORN cruising only

19th November 2010: Magellan's fleet first circled this massive, treacherous rock at continent's end. Until the Panama Canal was constructed, this was the main shipping route from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Overnight: *ms Veendam*

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

USHUAIA, ARGENTINA; COCKBURN & BEAGLE CHANNELS; ROMANCHE & ALEMANI GLACIERS cruising only

20th November 2010: Ushuaia is the southernmost town in the world, where dominating peaks loom on three sides; the fourth opens to the Beagle Channel, where sea lions bellow and king crabs rule. Charted by Charles Darwin on his exploratory cruise in 1832, these are two of the most vital channels in the Tierra del Fuego archipelago. At 150 miles long, the Beagle Channel separates the main island in the north from the small islands in the south. The Cockburn Channel offers breathtaking views of Romanche, Alemania, Francia and Italia glaciers.

Overnight: *ms Veendam*

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

PUNTA ARENAS, CHILE; STRAIT OF MAGELLAN cruising only

21st November 2010: This remote town, pioneered by Yugoslav settlers and sheep ranchers, sits on rolling hills overlooking the Strait of Magellan. Where the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans converge, the Strait of Magellan lies along the southern edge of South America and was named by Ferdinand Magellan around 1520. The strait, protected by both the mainland and the islands of the Tierra del Fuego archipelago, was considered safer than Cape Horn or Drake Passage. Views of Chile from the strait include stunning vistas and landscapes, tiny coves and picturesque inlets.

Overnight: *ms Veendam*

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

AMALIA GLACIER CANAL SARMIENTO cruising only

22nd November 2010: The west side of the Sarmiento Canal is flanked by Madre de Dios Island, with towering limestone peaks. Amalia Glacier is blue and white, and home to penguins and seabirds.

Overnight: *ms Veendam*

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DARWIN CHANNEL CHILEAN FJORDS cruising only

23rd November 2010: Fjords more spectacular than those in Norway or Alaska? See them here along the southern coastline of Chile. A 1,000-mile maze of virgin-forested islands, glistening glaciers and more fjords than in all of Scandinavia.

Overnight: *ms Veendam*

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

PUERTO MONTT, CHILE

24th November 2010: Gateway to the scenic Lake District, a series of fragrant eucalyptus and pine forests, icy lakes, Bavarian hamlets and luminous snowcapped volcanoes.

Overnight: *ms Veendam*
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

AT SEA

25th November 2010: Every day onboard a Holland America cruise ship brings a wealth of cruise activities and indulgences, along with the freedom to partake in as many — or as few — as you please. It's an opportunity to try something new that surprises you, every day. Dabble, discover, daydream — do everything, or do nothing at all.

Overnight: *ms Veendam*
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

VALPARAISO, CHILE

26th November 2010: Our cruise comes to an end this morning as we arrive into Valparaiso, the magical port city of Santiago. After disembarkation, we will meet our guide and tour Valparaiso, considered a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and the surrounding area. This evening's accommodation is at the nearby seaside resort town of Vina del Mar.

Overnight: Hotel del Mar, Vina del Mar
Meals: Breakfast



WINE COUNTRY & SANTIAGO, CHILE

27th November 2010: Today we travel from the coast to the wine growing valley region between Valparaiso and Santiago. This completely enclosed valley, which is 9,000 hectares in length and perpendicular to the ocean, features extraordinary light and possesses the ideal climatic and topographic conditions for both red and white wines. At the Matetic Winery, the first 56 planted hectares are in all-organic soils and are producing 100 percent natural grapes. We tour the wine-making facility and enjoy the panoramic views of the vineyards with Andean glimpses as a backdrop. Sample the local produce with some wine tasting in the subterranean tasting room. A light lunch will be served before we continue to Chile's capital.

This afternoon on our Santiago panoramic tour, see 'views of a moving city'. From the history of the colonial neighbourhoods to the modernity of the new financial centre also known as 'Sanhattan', enjoy a trip through the different sceneries that characterise this metropolis. We begin in the city's old residential area, passing by beautiful residences that today are part of the Barrio Universitario (university area). Our trip continues to the historical and financial city centre where the La Moneda Government Palace, the Main Square and its buildings are main highlights. We continue to the green Parque Forestal and the bohemian Bellavista neighbourhood.

Overnight: Ritz-Carlton, Santiago
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

SANTIAGO at leisure

28th November 2010: A full day at leisure today to relax, perhaps some shopping in one of the city's modern malls or explore the city. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant nearby the hotel.

Overnight: Ritz-Carlton, Santiago
Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

SANTIAGO

29th November 2010: A late check out has been arranged for your convenience today. Late this afternoon, we bid farewell to South America as we transfer to the airport for our LAN flight (codeshare flight with QANTAS) to Australia.

Meals: Breakfast

Day spent in flight 30th November 2010

Arrive in Australia early this morning 1st December 2010