

# Journey

to

# South America



February 24<sup>th</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013

Discover an astonishing world in the comfort of an Air Journey adventure. Fly over Cuba and the Caribbean Sea, follow the Andes Mountain chain to the biosphere reserve, over to Easter Island before visiting the capital of Tango, the unique Iguazu Falls, the lifestyle of Rio, across the Amazon River, over the Caribbean Sea to an amazing stop in Grenada before flying back to the US.

It is easy to become amazed at the incredible variations of climate due to the crossing of latitude lines, including the Tropic of Capricorn, the Equator, and the Tropic of Cancer (both ways).

Throughout these thousands of nautical miles explore the granite statues of Easter Island, take the Orient Express luxury train "Hiram Bingham" to Machu Picchu, admire the 10,000 ft. granite pillars of Torres del Paine – a world heritage site with its beautiful glaciers and untouched wilderness. Feel the spray and thunder of the imposing Iguazu Falls and admire Rio de Janeiro from the top of Sugar Loaf. View the remains of ancient civilizations and colonial times; wander in colorful markets, and get immersed in the vibrant Latin and native Indian cultures. Enter the sky of the legendary Aero-Postale route, Mermoz, Guyemer, and Saint Exupery. Treat yourself to a lifetime adventure...

## Interesting Trip Facts

Trip Duration	36 days
Countries Visited	10
Nautical Miles	13,625
Languages	4

### AIR JOURNEY 2013

Air Journey, founded nearly 14 years ago, has acquired an expertise in the private plane travel industry. The Journey to South America is only a continuation of this dedication to hard work. This being our seventh journey around the southern continent, we have learned an indispensable amount of information on which airports, hotels, attractions, and flight space to use and others to avoid. We would like to welcome you to our planned adventures and expand your horizons on one of our best journeys. This eye opening experience places you in the center of a cultural fusion known as South America and allows you to visit the natural and civilized beauties of an entire continent. It is with our pleasure to present you the 2013 Journey to South America.



## Day 1 - Sunday, February 24: Palm Beach International Airport ➔ Grand Cayman (450NM)

Air Journey will welcome you at 9:30am at Palm Beach Intl. Airport for a briefing before embarking on the first leg of our Journey.

We'll fly over Cuba before landing in Grand Cayman. Transfer to the Ritz Carlton Hotel located on Seven Mile Beach. There will be time to relax on the white sand beach before we enjoy a well-deserved welcome cocktail and dinner.

Hotel: Ritz Carlton  
Welcome Cocktail and Dinner included



## Day 2 - Monday, February 25: Grand Cayman

Today is at leisure to relax on gorgeous Seven Mile Beach. Complimentary use of snorkel gear (and lessons), water trikes, kayaks, floating rafts and water hammocks is included.

Hotel: Ritz Carlton  
Breakfast and Dinner included

## Day 3 - Tuesday, February 26: Grand Cayman ➔ Cartagena, Colombia (630NM)

Fly to Colombia – one of the most ethnically diverse nations in South America – for our visit to Cartagena, undeniably one of Latin America's most beautiful cities lost somewhere in time between the sixteenth and nineteenth centuries, with the Caribbean sea as a sparkling backdrop. Sir Francis Drake laid siege to the city but the fortress walls and cannons remain, making the area within the old walled city a living museum.



Hotel: Sofitel Santa Clara  
Breakfast and Dinner included

## Day 4 - Wednesday, February 27: Cartagena

Enjoy a full day tour to experience Cartagena's colonial charm with its tiled roofs, balconies and flower-filled courtyards and relive history in the old walled city, the Ciudad Amarullada, where we'll explore the four sectors, each one with a peculiar story to tell: San Diego, La Matuna, Getsemani and Santo Domingo. The tour will include a walking tour and a city tour to enjoy the highlights of this beautiful city.

Hotel: Sofitel Santa Clara  
Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included

## Day 5 - Thursday, February 28: Cartagena ➔ Guayaquil, Ecuador (675NM) ➔ Lima, Peru (650NM)

Fly to Peru - the former Inca Empire - and land in Lima. There will be a stop along the way in Guayaquil (Ecuador) to refuel. Our hotel for the night, the Costa Del Sol Lima Airport, is very conveniently located within the airport terminal.

Hotel: Costa Del Sol Lima Airport Hotel  
Breakfast and Dinner included



## Day 6 - Friday, March 1: Lima to Cuzco, Peru

Today we will fly to Cuzco on a commercial flight (**cost of round trip ticket not included**). We will enjoy an afternoon city tour including the Santo Domingo Convent Monastery – the legendary Koricancha "Site of gold", the Plaza de Armas and the Cathedral. After seeing the most important sites of the city, you will drive out in the countryside to visit the cult centre of Sacsayhuaman, a name which means "satisfied falcon". Located at the head of what the Incas thought of as the puma-shaped city of Cuzco, this mountaintop site overlooking Cuzco was once a fortress and hosted one of the fiercest battles between the Incas and their Spanish Conquistadors. The fortresses' zigzag ramparts form the teeth of the "puma" and contain rocks weighing as much as 300 tons.

Afterwards, we will visit the Pre-Columbian Art Museum. This museum is housed in a beautiful colonial manor and the collection it exhibits includes ceramica, gold, silver, shell and wood artifacts.

A gourmet dinner at the MAP Café inside the Pre-Colombian Art Museum is included so you may sample the famous novoandine cuisine.

Hotel: Hotel Monasterio  
Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included

### **Day 7 - Saturday, March 2: Cuzco to Machu Picchu to Cuzco**



Early morning departure to board the Orient Express luxury train "Hiram Bingham" for our visit to Machu Picchu. View spectacular scenery while you enjoy a delicious Brunch onboard.

You will arrive at the Lost Citadel of the Incas where you will be able to visit this stunning place. Take a guided tour of the citadel, stroll by the archeological site before enjoying an afternoon tea at Machu Picchu Sanctuary Lodge Hotel.

As the sun goes down, you will return to the station for departure aboard the Vista Dome train. Back on board, you will be accorded VIP treatment with a cocktail accompanied with live entertainment. After that you will be escorted to the dining car for a 4 courses gourmet dinner making your trip to Machu Picchu an unforgettable experience.

Hotel: Hotel Monasterio  
Breakfast, Brunch and Dinner included

### **Day 8 - Sunday, March 3: Cuzco to Lima, Peru**

This morning is at leisure to explore Cuzco on your own before our flight back to Lima by commercial flight. There will be a short tour of the colonial "City of the Kings" before going to our hotel.

Tonight we will have a private dinner in a palace-like residence in Lima (the oldest residence in the Western Hemisphere occupied by the same family and built by one of Pizarro's officers in the early 1500s).

Hotel: Miraflores Park Hotel  
Breakfast and Dinner included

### **Day 9 - Monday, March 4: Lima ➔ Iquique, Chile (685NM) ➔ Calama, Chile (140NM)**

Fly to Iquique where we will clear customs for Chile before heading to our next exciting destination - San Pedro de Atacama. We will fly to Calama located 60 miles northwest of San Pedro de Atacama, an oasis in the desert, Valley of the Moon.

We have selected our hotel Alto Atacama, a deluxe hotel near San Pedro de Atacama, to enjoy excursions which will capture profound landscapes, natural events and inhabited places that bare the ingredients and surprises that make the experience unforgettable.

Select your tours with the hotel (included).

Hotel: Alto Atacama  
Breakfast and Dinner included



### **Day 10 - Tuesday, March 5: San Pedro de Atacama**

Your tour guide will be available to help you select from numerous tours available including hiking, trekking or biking.

A sunset tour is available to explore the gorgeous landscape of the Valley of the Moon. This wonderful natural phenomenon occurs at the meeting of the Atacama Desert with the Andes mountain range. The Moon Valley has dry lakes where the salt composition covers with a beautiful white mantle; escarpments of all green, blue, red, yellow colors mix with the most diverse and surprising forms and which the sun varies its tones in thousands of different forms during the day, especially in the twilight hours when the Valley's beauty reaches its peak.

Marvel at the landscapes of incomparable beauty that resemble a fragment of the moon landscape. The valley is also considered one of the driest places on earth, as some areas have not received a single drop of rain in hundreds of years. A prototype for a Mars rover was tested here by scientists because of the valley's dry and forbidding terrain.

Hotel: Alto Atacama  
Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included

### Day 11 - Wednesday, March 6: San Pedro de Atacama

Your tour guide will be available to help you select from numerous tours available including hiking, trekking or biking.

Over the Quitor hill, a short distance from San Pedro are the ruins of the Pukará (fortress), constructed by the atacameños to defend themselves from other inhabitants of South America. Built on the summit of a hill overlooking the San Pedro River, Pukara de Quitor is an ancient Indian fortress whose construction dates back to the XII century. It was declared a national monument in 1982.

Hotel: Alto Atacama  
Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included

### Day 12 - Thursday, March 7: Calama ➔ Santiago, Chile (665NM)



Our flight will follow the rugged coast of Chile. Admire the peaks of the Andes and see the well-manicured slopes of Chile's famous wine region and land in the sophisticated and very European city of Santiago.

Hotel: Grand Hyatt Hotel  
Breakfast and Dinner included

### Day 13 - Friday, March 8: Santiago

On our tour this morning we will discover the highlights of Chile's capital. The afternoon is free for shopping or to take an optional tour to the Maipo Valley wine district and a visit of the Vina Tarapaca Winery.

Hotel: Grand Hyatt Hotel  
Breakfast included

### Day 14 - Saturday, March 9: Santiago to Easter Island, Chile

Today we will take a commercial flight (**cost of round trip ticket not included**) with Lan Chile (5 hours of flight) to Easter Island.

Two million years ago, deep geological changes and volcanic eruptions created the remote and insolated Easter Island. This perfect triangle shaped piece of land, at the center of the Pacific Ocean, is a fascinating outdoor museum of a mysterious ancient people. Without a doubt, Easter Island is a "must" to any traveler who wants to know and explore the hidden secrets of this incredible civilization.

Select your tours with the hotel (included).

Hotel: Explora En Rapa Nui  
Breakfast and Dinner included



### Day 15 - Sunday, March 10: Easter Island

Your tour guide will be available to help you select from numerous tours available.

We will explore Easter Island, one of the most isolated islands in the world but 1200 years ago a double-hulled canoe filled with seafarers from a distant culture landed upon its shores.

Over the centuries that followed a remarkable society developed in isolation on the island. For reasons still unknown they began carving giant statues out of volcanic rock. These monuments, known as "moai", are some of the most incredible ancient relics ever discovered. The people of Easter Island called themselves the Rapa Nui. Where did they come from and why did they disappear? Science has learned much about the enigma of Easter Island but questions and controversies remain.

Hotel: Explora En Rapa Nui  
Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included

### **Day 16 - Monday, March 11: Easter Island**

Your tour guide will be available to help you select from numerous tours available.

Hotel: Explora En Rapa Nui  
Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included



### **Day 17 - Tuesday, March 12: Easter Island to Santiago, Chile**

Today we will take a commercial flight back to Santiago.

Hotel: Grand Hyatt Hotel  
Breakfast and Dinner included

### **Day 18 - Wednesday, March 13: Santiago → Puerto Montt, Chile (495NM) → Puerto Natales, Chile (615NM) to Torres del Paine**

Fly to Puerto Natales with a stop in Puerto Montt to refuel. Enjoy beautiful sightseeing along the way as we transfer to the Salto Chico Lodge in central Patagonia. Situated on the banks of the Salto Chico waterfall within the extraordinary Torres del Paine National Park, the lodge provides an excellent view of the unique Paine Massif and two of the three impressive torres (towers).

Each evening the hotel guides will meet with you to review the planned explorations for the next day and assist you to choose the best exploration for you according to your interests and abilities. Available explorations include full and half day treks or horseback rides to explore the lakes and glaciers, enjoy several waterfalls, or experience one of the many tranquil trails.

Hotel: explora Salto Chico  
Breakfast and Dinner included



### **Day 19 - Thursday, March 14: Torres del Paine**

Today a choice of selected tours will be available to either explore the lakes and glaciers, enjoy several waterfalls, or hike on one of the many tranquil trails.

Hotel: explora Salto Chico  
Breakfast and Dinner included

### **Day 20 - Friday, March 15: Torres del Paine**

Today a choice of selected tours will be available to either explore the lakes and glaciers, enjoy several waterfalls, or hike on one of the many tranquil trails.

Hotel: explora Salto Chico  
Breakfast and Dinner included

### **Day 21 - Saturday March 16: Torres del Paine to Puerto Natales → Punta Arenas, Chile (100NM)**

Fly to Punta Arenas - the southernmost city on Earth and overlooking the Straits of Magellan. Experience a small, typical Chilean town (which also just happens to be a tax-free zone where visitors may acquire goods from all over the world with the benefit of being exempted from taxes). This afternoon we'll visit the Seno Otway Penguin Colony.

Hotel: Cabo de los Hornos  
Breakfast and Dinner included

## Day 22 - Sunday March 17: Punta Arenas → San Carlos de Bariloche, Argentina (745NM)

Fly to San Carlos de Bariloche, a city that stands out for its architectural features and for being located in a privileged region due to the beauty of its landscapes made up of mountains, woods, lakes, glaciers and an exuberant flora.

An ecologic paradise, the Llao Llao Hotel and Resort is situated on a small hill within the National Park Nahuel Huapi. Enjoy exquisite panoramic views of the wonderful Patagonia landscape – limpid lakes, majestic Andean peaks, and colorful larch and cypress forests.

Hotel: Llao Llao Hotel and Resort  
Breakfast and Dinner included



## Day 23 - Monday March 18: San Carlos de Bariloche

Enjoy magnificent scenery on a half-day city scenic overview tour in the morning. Along the way we'll pause at several scenic lookout points including López Bay and "Punto Panorámico" (panoramic lookout). At Cerro Campanario, enjoy a chairlift ride offering a panorama of green and white mountain peaks permeated by clusters of blue lakes.

We'll arrive back at the hotel in time for lunch. The afternoon is at leisure.

Hotel: Llao Llao Hotel and Resort  
Breakfast and Dinner included

## Day 24 - Tuesday March 19: San Carlos de Bariloche → Buenos Aires, Argentina (720NM)

Fly to the beautiful city of Buenos Aires - capital of Argentina. Transfer to the Sofitel Hotel for our three nights stay. This is an ideal location to relax and enjoy great shopping.

Hotel: Hotel Sofitel  
Breakfast and Dinner included

## Day 25 - Wednesday March 20: Buenos Aires

We will take a morning tour to discover the elegant and cosmopolitan Buenos Aires including the Recoleta Cemetery (where Eva Peron rests), Plaza 5 de Mayo and the large Parisian type avenues that testify the city's incredible past wealth.



Lunch is open for you to discover the charming bistros around the Recoleta area.

The remainder of the day will be free to explore on your own and if you wish, indulge in some great shopping.

This evening enjoy a very delicious and typical Argentine dinner before attending an optional Tango performance (9:00pm – 12:00am) - a delight not to be missed!

Hotel: Hotel Sofitel  
Breakfast and Dinner included

## Day 26 - Thursday March 21: Buenos Aires

Today is free to explore this beautiful city on your own.

Dinner is not included tonight so you may experience a typical local restaurant of your choice.

Hotel: Hotel Sofitel  
Breakfast included

## Day 27 - Friday, March 22: Buenos Aires ➔ Iguazu Falls, Brazil (575NM)

Fly to one of the world's most spectacular waterfalls: the Iguazu Falls.

We will visit "Foz de Iguazu" and take a path descending to the foot of the falls and offering spectacular views. Iguacu Falls consists of some 275 separate falls during the river's seasonal low. The surrounding beautiful semi-tropical forest is made possible by the high-rising mist that Iguacu Falls creates. During your trail walk you will see a rich variety of rainforest vegetation, including orchards, bromeliads, begonias, ferns, bamboo and palms.

The forests host hundreds of wildlife species, however, wildlife sightings are limited for most because many of the creatures are nocturnal - and those that are not are easily hidden by the dense rainforest growth. Still, you will spot a number of interesting wildlife species including colorful birds (such as toucans and parrots) and striking butterflies.

Hotel: Hotel Das Cataratas  
Breakfast and Dinner included

## Day 28 - Saturday, March 23: Iguazu Falls

We'll take a boat tour up-river through the canyon to the base of the Falls to see the great horseshoe known as "Devil's Throat". Rainbows, blue sky, mist and profuse water punctuate this natural spectacle. View "The Three Musketeers" – the three main streams of the lower Falls. You'll get close enough for a quick and refreshing shower!

The rest of the day is at leisure to relax or explore on your own.

Hotel: Hotel Das Cataratas  
Breakfast and Dinner included



## Day 29 - Sunday, March 24: Iguazu Falls ➔ Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (640NM)

Fly over the immense cattle ranches and fields of southern Brazil, follow the Atlantic coast characterized by its high plateaus and white sandy beaches before ending with an exciting approach amongst the spectacular Bay of Rio de Janeiro and land at downtown Santo Dumont airport.

Hotel: Copacabana  
Breakfast and Dinner included



## Day 30 - Monday, March 25: Rio de Janeiro

A full day tour will show us the highlights of the city including a cable car ride to the top of Sugar Loaf, a climb to the foot of the Cristo Redentor (Christ the Redeemer) and to Ipanema, Copabana and many other historical and spectacular sights.

Dinner is on your own to enjoy the exciting nightlife of Rio!

Hotel: Copacabana  
Breakfast and Lunch included

## Day 31 - Tuesday, March 26: Rio de Janeiro ➔ Salvador de Bahia, Brazil (665NM)

Fly to Salvador de Bahia, a beautiful historic town with a lot of character.

This charming city will give you a great understanding of the Brazilian culture. Your hotel in the middle of the old city is a perfect setting to enjoy your stay.

Hotel: Convento de Carmo  
Breakfast and Dinner included

### **Day 32 - Wednesday, March 27: Salvador da Bahia**

A full day tour is planned to discover the highlights of this beautiful city. The town's historical Pelourinho district has UNESCO Cultural Heritage status and is a fascinating mix of colonial grandeur and African vibrancy.

Hotel: Convento de Carmo  
Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included

### **Day 33 - Thursday, March 28: Salvador de Bahia → Sao Luis, Brazil (715NM)**

Fly to Sao Luis where we will stay at the Pestana Sao Luis Resort Hotel located at "Calhau" beach.

Hotel: Pestana Sao Luis Resort Hotel  
Breakfast and Dinner included

### **Day 34 - Friday, March 29: Sao Luis → Rochambeau, French Guiana (660NM) → Grenada, West Indies (705NM)**

We will continue to the Grenadines where your destination is the island of Grenada - otherwise known as the "Spice Island". - a perfect stop for two nights to relax in a beautiful hotel. There will be a technical stop en route in Rochambeau.



Hotel: Laluna  
Breakfast and Dinner included

### **Day 35 - Saturday, March 30: Grenada**

This is a day of pure relaxation. Just enjoy this delightful boutique hotel with a private beach.

Dinner is not included tonight so you may experience a typical local restaurant of your choice.

Hotel: Laluna  
Breakfast included

### **Day 36 - Sunday, March 31: Grenada → Providenciales, Turks & Caicos (840NM) → Palm Beach, Florida (520NM)**

As the end of the voyage is within reach, one must only look back thirty-five days to understand an accomplishment of a life time. Not only will you have circumnavigated an entire continent, but more importantly you will have experienced all three of the ancient cultures, seen countless world wonders and enjoyed great accommodations, all while being escorted through bureaucratic troubles that would plague such an attempt without Air Journey's assistance.

After a most extraordinary and unique lifetime adventure one could ever hope, we will make our way back to the US to clear US customs in Florida. There will be a technical stop at Providenciales in the Turks & Caicos.

Breakfast included

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FROM:	TO:	MILES
West Palm Beach	Grand Cayman	450
Grand Cayman	Cartagena	630
Cartagena	Lima	1,325
<i>Cartagena</i>	<i>Guayaquil</i>	675
<i>Guayaquil</i>	<i>Lima</i>	650
Lima	Calama	825
<i>Lima</i>	<i>Iquique</i>	685
<i>Iquique</i>	<i>Calama</i>	140
Calama	Santiago	665
Santiago	Puerto Mountt	495
Puerto Mountt	Puerto Natales	615
Puerto Natales	Punta Arenas	100
Punta Arenas	Bariloche	745
Bariloche	Buenos Aires	720
Buenos Aires	Iguacu Falls	575
Iguacu Falls	Rio de Janeiro	640
Rio de Janeiro	Salvador de Bahia	660
Salvador de Bahia	Sao Luis	715
Sao Luis	Grenada	1,365
<i>Sao Luis</i>	<i>Rochambeau</i>	660
<i>Rochambeau</i>	<i>Grenada</i>	705
Grenada	West Palm Beach	1,370
<i>Grenada</i>	<i>Providenciales</i>	840
<i>Providenciales</i>	<i>West Palm Beach</i>	520
<b>Total Miles</b>		<b>11,895</b>

# Cost and Information

The fully guided Journey to South America price includes:

- Presence of an Air Journey tour leader who will facilitate clearances, Immigration, refueling, flight planning, and provide help with any difficulty that might arise
- Full-time services of a professional Air Journey guide and local experts
- Lodging: for 36 days, 35 nights
- Meals: All breakfasts and most lunches and dinners. Please note that beverages are not included.
- Tours and admission to all planned group sightseeing
- All service charges and taxes
- Round trip transfers between the airport and hotel
- Customs expediting
- Customs and Immigration forms (filled by Air Journey when possible)
- Briefing prior to every flight covering all aspects of the flight
- Trip Kit for each aircraft including:
  - ✓ Extensive Navigation log (airports, route, frequencies, information of airspace, nav-aids, reporting points, international flight plan) tailored for each aircraft;
  - ✓ Flight plans and eAPIS manifest (departure and arrival) filed on your behalf;
  - ✓ Pilot briefing prior to each day's flight;
  - ✓ Weather website with constant updates showing TAF, METAR, Wind Aloft, prognostic forecast and review;
  - ✓ Fuel availability confirmed along the route of flight;
  - ✓ 2013 Bahamas and Caribbean Pilot Guide, VFR charts, IFR low or high en route (based on aircraft type and pilot's preferences);
  - ✓ Jeppesen navigation charts and approach plates;
  - ✓ Flight bag and collared, cotton shirt for the pilot with his name and aircraft tail number embroidered on the upper front. Shirts are available for passengers and crew at an additional cost.

Cost per person	Single Supplement	Plane Registration Fee
<b>\$22,250</b>	<b>Available upon request</b>	<b>\$4,450</b>

The cost of round trip airline tickets Lima-Cuzco-Lima and Santiago-Easter Island-Santiago are not included in the cost of the Journey.

Survival gear is not included in the cost of the journey but can be rented out. It will be waiting for you at the departure point. Life vests and survival raft are mandatory.

Rental fees:

Life vest: \$7.00 per day

Raft: \$25.00 per day

Aircraft Insurance coverage needed for: Mexico, Central and South America.

Most insurance companies will cover the Caribbean, Central America and South America but often excluding Colombia. BUT make sure that you check with your insurance company before registration for the journey. Should you have any problem getting coverage, please call 1-561-841-1551. Air Journey will help you work the details out with your insurance company.

Cancellation Policy:

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| i) Given outside of 90 days of departure:     | AJ retains initial deposit of \$500 per person and plane registration fee |
| ii) Between 90 and 60 days of departure:      | AJ retains 25% of the tour cost and plane registration fee                |
| iii) Between 59 and 45 days of departure:     | AJ retains 50% of the tour cost and plane registration fee                |
| iv) Between 44 and 30 days of departure:      | AJ retains 75% of the tour cost and plane registration fee                |
| v) Less than 30 days or no show of departure: | AJ retains 100% of the tour cost and plane registration fee               |

Note: Travel and Cancellation Insurance is strongly recommended and not included in the package but it can be purchased from Air Journey for about 6% of the cost of the Journey.

Also note: Air Journey reserves the right to cancel because of lack of participants (less than 7 airplanes), political unrest, terrorism, or severe weather forecast, in which case Air Journey will issue a full refund.

# South America Map

