

# Join Air Journey to South America

February 17<sup>th</sup> – March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Discover an astonishing world in the comfort of an Air Journey adventure. Fly to the Dominican Republic in the Caribbean Sea, discover the lifestyle of Rio, visit the unique Iguazu Falls, the capital of Tango, follow the Andes Mountain chain to the biosphere reserve, explore Easter Island, experience the Atacama Desert or the old world charm of Cusco, and the pre-Incan ruins of the Moche and Chimu civilizations before flying back to the US.

It's 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). View the remains of ancient civilizations and colonial times; wander in colorful markets, and get immersed in the vibrant Latin and native Indian cultures.

Throughout these thousands of nautical miles feel the spray and thunder of the imposing Iguazu Falls, admire the 10,000 ft. granite pillars of Torres del Paine – a world heritage site with its beautiful glaciers and untouched wilderness, experience the "moai" of Easter Island, explore the profound landscapes of the Atacama Desert, discover Arequipa (a UNESCO World Heritage site) or take the Orient Express luxury train "Hiram Bingham" to Machu Picchu! Enter the sky of the legendary Aero-Postale route, Mermoz, Guyemer, and Saint Exupery. *Treat yourself to a lifetime adventure!* 

Interesting Tr	Interesting Trip Facts		
Trip Duration	36 days		
Countries Visited	9		
Nautical Miles	11,240		
Languages	4		

## **AIR JOURNEY 2019**

Air Journey, founded over 20 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 eighth 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 2019 Journey to South America

## **Itinerary**

## Day 1 - Sunday, February 17: Stuart, FL→ Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic

695 NM

Air Journey will greet you at Witham Field (KSUA) for a briefing before embarking on the first leg of our Journey.

Fly to Puerto Plata located on the exotic north coast of the Dominican Republic. After a short transfer from the airport, you will discover our intimate, luxury resort for the next two days, the Casa Colonial Beach and Spa Resort - the ultimate, world-class seaside resort.

Hotel: Casa Colonial Beach & Spa Resort Welcome Cocktail and Dinner included

## Day 2 - Monday, February 18: Puerto Plata → Tobago

**765 NM** 

Fly to Tobago. Here in the pristine natural beauty of Tobago, on the west coast of the island, on a hillside overlooking the Caribbean Sea is The Villas at Stonehaven, a tropical hideaway that borders a protected bird sanctuary situated on 260 acres of virgin forested hills.

Hotel: Villas at Stonehaven Breakfast and Dinner included



## Day 3 - Tuesday, February 19: Tobago

We'll explore the local waters today on a private boat excursion. View an amazingly scenic coastline where waterfalls and rainforest meet the sea. Along the way watch for dolphins, sea turtles or manta-rays that occasionally greet us with a visit. Snorkel at many fantastic reefs. There will be a stop for lunch.

Hotel: Villas at Stonehaven Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included

## Day 4 - Wednesday, February 20: Tobago → Paramaribo, Suriname

480 NM

Fly to Paramaribo – the capital city of Suriname. The city center of Paramaribo is placed on the UNESCO World Heritage List of historical monuments due to its unique architecture. It is a diverse city consisting of carious population groups, cultures and religions.

Hotel: Hotel Torarica

Breakfast and Dinner included

575 NM

Fly to Belem where we will transfer to the Golden Tulip hotel.

Belem's Old Town is characterized by vibrant and gentile façades ornamented with ceramic tile, true historical relics imported long ago from Europe, and narrow streets that give the impression that time has stopped there.

Hotel: Golden Tulip

Breakfast and Dinner included

## Day 6 - Friday, February 22: Belem → Salvador de Bahia, Brazil

915 NM

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: Fasano Hotel

Breakfast and Dinner included



Day 7 - Saturday, February 23: Salvador de Bahia

On today's tour we will 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: Fasano Hotel

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included

## Day 8 - Sunday, February 24: Salvador de Bahia → Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

660 NM

Fly to the exciting coastal city of Rio de Janeiro. Upon arrival, transfer to the Copacabana Palace – situated in the heart of captivating Rio de Janeiro, an incomparable city in an equally unforgettable setting.

Hotel: Copacabana Palace Breakfast and Dinner included

## Day 9 - Monday, February 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, Copacabana and many other historical and spectacular sights.

Hotel: Copacabana Palace

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included

## Day 10 - Tuesday, February 26: Rio de Janeiro → Iguazu, Argentina

640 NM

Fly to one of the world's most spectacular waterfalls: the Iguazu Falls. Situated within the Iguazu National Park, the Melia Iguazu offers spectacular views of the Iguazu Falls.



A UNESCO World Natural Heritage Site and voted one of the New Seven Wonders of Nature, the Iguazú Falls and Iguazú National Park's natural splendor and lush vegetation are a must-see. The falls extend over 8,858', with over 260 waterfalls reaching 230' high.

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: Melia Iguazu Resort & Spa Breakfast and Dinner included

## Day 11 - Wednesday, February 27: Iguazu

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: Melia Iguazu Resort & Spa Breakfast and Dinner included Fly to the beautiful city of Buenos Aires - capital of Argentina. Transfer to the Four Seasons hotel for our three nights stay. This is an ideal location to relax and enjoy great shopping.

Hotel: Four Seasons

Breakfast and Dinner included

## Day 13 - Friday, March 1: 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.

Afterwards, we'll stop for lunch at one of 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 we will enjoy dinner and a Tango performance - a delight not to be missed!

Hotel: Four Seasons

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included



## Day 14 - Saturday, March 2: 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: Four Seasons Breakfast included

Day 15 - Sunday, March 3: Buenos Aires → Trelew, Argentina → El Calafate, Argentina 595 + 510 NM

Fly to El Calafate. There will be a technical stop in Trelew.

El Calafate is a small and picturesque town located in the southwestern tip of the Argentine Patagonia.

Hotel: Xelena Hotel Breakfast and Dinner included

## Day 16 - Monday, March 4: El Calafate to Torres del Paine National Park

Enjoy beautiful sightseeing along the way while we transfer to the Tierra Patagonia.

Located in the furthermost south of Chile, the hotel is surrounded by nature, in splendid isolation, overlooking Lake Sarmiento and the towering peaks of Torres del Paine National Park which was named a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve in 1978.

You'll consult with the head guide at the beginning of your stay to select the best excursions for you, taking into account individual interests and fitness levels.

Hotel: Tierra Patagonia Breakfast and Dinner included



## Day 17 - Tuesday, March 5: 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. Excursion options include walks, treks, horseback rides, bicycle rides and scenic tours.

Hotel: Tierra Patagonia

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included

## Day 18 - Wednesday, March 6: Torres del Paine

Enjoy the day hiking or sign up with the hotel for a full day tour.

Hotel: Tierra Patagonia

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included

## Day 19 - Thursday, March 7: Torres del Paine to Puerto Natales → Puerto Montt, Chile

530 NM

Transfer back to El Calafate and fly to Puerto Montt – the capital of the Lake District.

Situated on the on the shores of Llanquihue Lake (the largest lake in Chile), Puerto Varas was colonized by German settlers and is known for its German traditions, beer seafood, and natural scenery. The perfect cone of Osorno Volcano, the snow-capped peaks of Mt. Calbuco and Mt Tronador are visible from the lakefront.

Hotel: Cumbres Puerto Varas Breakfast and Dinner included

## Day 20 - Friday, March 8: Puerto Montt

While taking in incredible views of the surrounding lakes, mountains, and volcano, we'll explore Petrohue Waterfall, the German city of Frutillar, and the City of Roses.

Hotel: Cumbres Puerto Varas

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included



Day 21 - Saturday, March 9: Puerto Montt → Santiago, Chile

495 NM

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: Ritz Carlton

Breakfast and Dinner included

## Day 22 - Sunday, March 10: Santiago to Easter Island

Today we will take a commercial flight (5 hours of flight) to Easter Island (**cost of round trip ticket not included**). 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 complimentary tours for the next 2 days.

Hotel: Explora En Rapa Nui Breakfast and Dinner included

## Day 23 - Monday, March 11: Easter Island

Today we will explore Easter Island, one of the most isolated islands in the world but 1,200 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 24 - Tuesday, March 12: Easter Island

Today you will enjoy your complimentary tours from the hotel.

Hotel: Explora En Rapa Nui

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included

## Day 25 - Wednesday, March 13: Easter Island to Santiago

Today we will take a commercial flight back to Santiago (cost of round trip ticket not included).

Hotel: Ritz Carlton

Breakfast and Dinner included

## Day 26 - Thursday, March 14: 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: Ritz Carlton

Breakfast and Dinner included

### Day 27 - Friday, March 15: Santiago → Calama, Chile 660 NM

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 Tierra 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).



Enjoy the casual and friendly ambiance at the hotel such as a seat in a private corner by one of the terrace fire pits, lounge next to the pool or relax on one of the shady outdoor decks.

When night falls, take in the brilliant stars, bask in the peace and wonder that is the Atacama Desert.

Hotel: Tierra Atacama

Breakfast and Dinner included

## Day 28 - Saturday, March 16: Calama

Your tour guide will be available to help you select from numerous tours available including walking and hiking, biking, volcano climbing, horseback riding, bird watching, as well as excursions by vehicle to the more remote areas. Excursions include visits to remote lagoons, red rock formations, salt flats, volcanos, geysers, Moon Valley, petroglyphs, and small villages where you'll meet local families.

In the evening, experience Astronomy in the starry desert! Tierra Atacama together with the Ahlarkapin Observatory offers an astronomy excursion that gives guests a unique chance to discover the southern skies while learning about its scientific and ancestral significance. First guests will observe the sky with the naked eye and later discover amazing visualizations through one of the largest private telescopes in the area to observe planets like Mars and Saturn.

Hotel: Tierra Atacama

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included



Day 29 - Sunday, March 17: Calama

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: Tierra Atacama

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included

Fly to Arequipa (its historic center is a UNESCO World Heritage Site) - known as the White City (Ciudad Blanca) due

to its many colonial-era buildings made from sillar - a white volcanic rock. Its religious, colonial, and republican architectural styles blend European and native characteristics into a unique style called "Escuela Arequipeña".

Hotel: Hotel Costa del Sol Breakfast and Dinner included

### Day 31 - Tuesday, March 19: Arequipa

Discover colonial Arequipa with our local guide who will introduce us to some of the city's most important historical sites. Visit several districts including Cayma and Vallecito, and explore landmarks like the 17th-century Recoleta Convent and the colonial-era Casa del Moral. Enjoy fabulous views of Arequipa and its spectacular scenery from the Carmen Alto viewpoint.

Hotel: Hotel Costa del Sol Breakfast. Lunch and Dinner included

Day 32 – Wednesday, March 20: Arequipa ♦Trujillo, Peru

665 NM

Fly to Trujillo where we will transfer to the De Sol y Barro Sanctuary Lodge.

Hotel: Moche Sanctuary Lodge Breakfast and Dinner included

Day 33 - Thursday, March 21: Trujillo



With our local guide we'll explore the ancient world of the pre-Incan Moche and Chimu civilizations. We'll visit the Temple of the Moon (Huaca de la Luna) to learn the history and significance of the terraced temple, built by the Moche out of adobe brick. Then we'll visit Huaco el Dragon, the Temple of the Dragon, built for religious and ceremonial purposes by the Chimú people who lived in northern Peru from about 900 to the 1400s.

We'll continue to Chan Chan, the former Chimú capital. This UNESCO World Heritage site is the largest pre-Columbian city in South America and was the center of Chimú political and cultural life from approximately 900 to 1470, when the Incas arrived and conquered the city.

Hotel: Moche Sanctuary Lodge Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included

Day 34 - Friday, March 22: Trujillo → Cali, Colombia → Cartagena, Colombia

715 + 415 NM

Fly to Colombia (there will be an technical stop in Cali, Colombia) 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.

Hotel: Sofitel Santa Clara Breakfast and Dinner included



## Day 35 - Saturday, March 23: 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 36 - Sunday, March 24: Cartagena → Ocho Rios, Jamaica → Key West, FL

485 + 455 NM

As the end of the voyage is within reach, one must only look back thirty-six 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 with 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 Key West, Florida, to clear US customs. There will be a technical stop in Ocho Rios, Jamaica

Breakfast included

## Optional for anyone that does not want to go to Calama:

## Day 27 - Friday, March 15: Santiago → Arequipa, Peru

400 NM

Fly to Arequipa (its historic center is a UNESCO World Heritage Site) - known as the White City (Ciudad Blanca) due to its many colonial-era buildings made from sillar - a white volcanic rock. Its religious, colonial, and republican architectural styles blend European and native characteristics into a unique style called "Escuela Arequipeña".

Hotel: Hotel Costa del Sol Breakfast and Dinner included

## Day 28 - Saturday, March 16: Arequipa to Cusco

Today we will fly to Cusco on a commercial flight (cost of round trip ticket not included).

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, we'll drive out in the countryside to visit the cult center of Sacsayhuaman, a name which means "satisfied falcon". Located at the head of what the Incas thought of as the puma-shaped city of Cusco, this mountaintop site overlooking Cusco 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.

Hotel: Hotel Monasterio

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included

#### Day 29 - Sunday, March 17: Cusco

There will be an 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. Afterwards, you will be escorted to the dining car for a four-course gourmet dinner making your trip to Machu Picchu an unforgettable experience.

Hotel: Hotel Monasterio

Breakfast, Brunch and Dinner included

Day 30 - Monday, March 18: Cusco

Today is at leisure to relax or explore on your own.

Hotel: Hotel Monasterio Breakfast and Dinner included

## Day 31 - Tuesday, March 19: Cusco to Arequipa

This morning we will fly back to Arequipa on a commercial flight (**cost of round trip ticket not included**) to rejoin the group. Continue tomorrow with Day 32.

Hotel: Hotel Costa del Sol Breakfast and Dinner included







South America Distance Chart				
FROM:	то:	MILES		
Stuart	Puerto Plata	695		
Puerto Plata	Tobago	765		
Tobago	Paramaribo	480		
Paramaribo	Belem	575		
Belem	Salvador de Bahia	915		
Salvador de Bahia	Rio de Janeiro	660		
Rio de Janeiro	Iguazu	640		
Iguazu	Buenos Aires	585		
Buenos Aires	El Calafate	1,105		
Buenos Aires	Trelew	595		
Trelew	El Calafate	510		
El Calafate	Puerto Montt	530		
Puerto Montt	Santiago	495		
Santiago	Calama	660		
Calama	Arequipa	400		
Arequipa	Trujillo	665		
Trujillo	Cartagena	1,130		
Trujillo	Cali	715		
Cali	Cartagena	415		
Cartagena	Key West	940		
Cartagena	Ocho Rios	485		
Ocho Rios	Key West	455		
	Total Miles	11,240		

## **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.
- Wine selected by Air journey is included with dinner. All other 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;
  - ✓ 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
\$31,950	Available upon request	\$4,950

The cost of round trip airline tickets Arequipa-Cusco-Arequipa 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 - \$35.00 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:

i) Given outside of 120 days of departure: AJ retains initial deposit of \$500 per person and plane registration fee

ii) Between 120 and 90 days of departure: AJ retains 50% of the tour cost and plane registration fee iii) Between 89 and 60 days of departure: AJ retains 75% of the tour cost and plane registration fee iv) Less than 60 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 5 airplanes), political unrest, terrorism, or severe weather forecast, in which case Air Journey will issue a full refund.

## **Travel and Cancellation Insurance**

Travel and Cancellation Insurance is strongly recommended and not included in the package but it can be purchased from Air Journey for approximately 6% of the cost of the Journey. The actual cost is based on a person's state of residency, birth date and amount covered. Contact Anais (561 841-1551 ext. 3) at Air Journey for more details.

## **South America Map**

