

CRUISING SOUTH AMERICA - SANTIAGO TO GUAYAQUIL

Looking to experience the beauty of coastal South America but want to include some of the regions most important landmarks along the way? Look no further than this 15-day cruise that begins at sea and takes you 2,430m (7,972 ft) above sea level with an included three-day tour to one of the worlds most important ruins: Machu Picchu. This unique itinerary will have you cruising through Chiles majestic coastline, exploring colourful coastal towns, taking in the beauty of national parks, and discovering famed archaeological sites in the Sacred Valley. If youre looking for a tour that will have you checking plenty off your must-do list, weve got you covered.



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Day 1 Santiago

Arrive at any time. Enjoy the sights and sounds of this unique city.

Day 2 Santiago/Valparaiso (1B, 1D)

It's an early start this morning, as you transfer from Santiago to Valparaiso to join the MS Expedition.

Day 3 South Pacific Ocean (1B, 1L, 1D)

Opt to spend this time at sea out on deck or join one of the lectures or painting classes.

Day 4 Caldera (1B, 1L, 1D)

Enjoy a full day of exploring picturesque Caldera. Visit local museums and a local mine. Soak in the desert scenery

Day 5 South Pacific Ocean (1B, 1L, 1D)





Another day at sea gives you the opportunity to spend some time out on deck. Keep your cameras and binoculars on hand for scenery or wildlife viewing opportunities.

Day 6 Arica (1B, 1L, 1D)

Enjoy a day in Arica. Opt to relax on the beach or head out on a tour to explore the San Miguel de Azapa Archaeological Museum.

Day 7 South Pacific Ocean (1B, 1L, 1D)

Enjoy a day at sea. Grab a book from the library and enjoy some quiet down time.

Day 8 San Juan de Marcona (1B, 1L, 1D)

Enjoy a guided tour of Nazca desert cemetery and the potter's studio. Opt for a flight over the Nazca Lines (available for pre-purchase).

Day 9 San Juan de Marcona (1B, 1L, 1D)

Enjoy getting a closer look at sea lions, penguins and seabirds with a Zodiac cruise to the nearby nature reserve.

Day 10 Callao/Cusco (1B, 1L, 1D)

Travel from the port in Lima to the airport for a short flight to the colonial city of Cusco set high in the Andes Mountains. Take a tour of the city to learn more about the history, soak in the architecture and the valley's atmopshere. Continue on to a hotel for the night in the Sacred Valley.

Day 11 Ollantaytambo (1B, 1L, 1D)

Spend the day getting to know the Sacred Valley a little better. Enjoy guided visits to the Incan ruins sites of Pisac and Moray with a visit to a local handicraft market. After, meet the women at the Planeterra-supported Ccaccaccollo community and Womens Weaving Co-op. Learn about their ancient traditions. Stop in the indigenous village of Huchuy Qosco for lunch at the Planeterra-supported Parwa Community Restaurant. Enjoy a delicious lunch and know that your visit is helping to support a remote community. Later, visit the pre-Incan salt pans of Las Salineras and learn more about the Incas with a tour of Ollantaytambo ruins.

Day 12 Machu Picchu (1B, 1L, 1D)

Rise early and journey to the Ollantaytambo station to catch the scenic train to Aguas Calientes, at the base of Machu Picchu. Enjoy a guided tour of the Machu Picchu ruins and soak in the famous views. Enjoy free time to explore the ruins on your own before returning to Cusco for the night.

Day 13 Cusco/Trujillo (1B, 1L, 1D)

Fly to Trujillo and return to the Expedition. Opt for a guided visit to the ancient Chimu capital of Chan Chan. Wander this UNESCO site and marvel at the carvings and gain unique insight into the ancient history of the region.

Day 14 South Pacific Ocean (1B, 1L, 1D)

Spend some time on board with your fellow travellers, while enjoying an optional painting class or photography workshop.

Day 15 Salinas/Guayaquil (1B)

Disembark the MS Expedition and catch a transfer from Salinas to Guayaquil city centre. The perfect launching point for a trip extension to the Galapagos Islands, and with easy connections to Quito, Guayaquil has a charm all of it's own that few take the time to explore.





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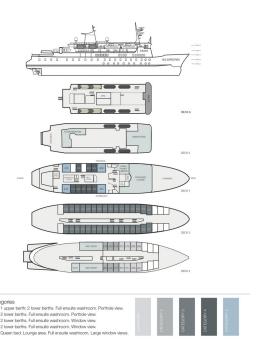
The MS Expedition provides an intimate small-ship cruising experience. Completely refurbished in 2009, she boasts spacious cabins, each featuring ocean-facing windows or portholes and private en-suite facilities. Large common areas and observation decks provide panoramic views of the distinctive landscapes of some of the world's most remote regions. The Expedition's spacious confines can hold up to 140 passengers. You will be given a free expedition parka jacket on all Polar voyages on board MS Expedition Fast - spend less time in transit and more time exploring Sturdy - excellent stability and performance in rough weather Safe - designed with safety in mind Responsible - environmental policies that meet and exceed industry regulations Facilities and Amenities 360° Top Observation Deck All cabins with private ensuite and outside views Raised Forward Observation Deck Large fleet of Zodiacs with four stroke engines Complimentary Wellington Boots for duration of your cruise Complimentary destination guides for every passenger Large headed Mud Room Lonely Planet Library Discovery Lounge Fine dining - international cuisine in one sitting Large aft deck with barbeque facilities Polar Bear Pub Gift Shop Medical Clinic Sauna Computer Room with internet where

available Gym





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