ULTIMATE SOUTH AMERICA
BY PRIVATE JET

Buenos Aires | Iguassu Falls | Rio de Janeiro | The Amazon | Havana | Panama City | Galapagos Islands | Machu Picchu | Easter Island
15 September – 5 October 2016 (21 Days)

BRIGHT LIGHTS, BIG CITY

Over skyscrapers and favelas, the outspread arms of the city’s greatest icon beams forth an omniscient embrace to bless the close of another hedonistic day. What buzz and brilliance frothed over in the sun drenched melee of Copacabana and Ipanema? The twinkling lights of twilight herald the music of the night; rum doused samba rhythms and the sizzle and spit of the Churascaria. Bemvindo ao Rio... it’s always Carnival here!
**UK – BUENOS AIRES (ARGENTINA)**

**Day 1: Thursday 15 September**

Depart London today aboard a scheduled flight bound for Buenos Aires. Your tour consultant will be delighted to source your most convenient travel option and flight price. On arrival in Buenos Aires transfer to our luxurious hotel, The Alvear Palace. Named among the best hotels in Argentina on the Conde Nast Gold List for 2015, two nights of colonial splendour at The Alvear Palace are a fitting start for three weeks of Latin American adventures.

**BUENOS AIRES**

**Day 2: Friday 16 September**

The essence of Argentina is encapsulated in its heady capital, where Latin spirit emanates from every avenue. Arriving in spring, we expect the lilac blushing jacaranda trees to be in full bloom. Why not get in rhythm in the vibrant Boca district? We get our bearings with a morning tour. The soul of this city is intoxicating; you can't help but fall under its impassioned spell.

Tonight’s Welcome Dinner presents ‘BA’ in all her glory as we enjoy the finest cuts of steak the gauchos have to offer, complimented by a sensual Tango show.

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**BUENOS AIRES – IGUAUSSU FALLS – RIO DE JANEIRO (BRAZIL)**

**Day 3: Saturday 17 September**

All aboard our Private Jet bound for Rio, we’ve planned a stop off in Iguassu Falls enroute. It’s not every day you can experience the roar and thunder of one of the world’s most spectacular waterfalls for a lunch stop! And what you do when you get there is up to you:

- Will you join us to lift your perspective over the falls on a breathtaking helicopter flight? Or perhaps you’d rather get wet on an exhilarating Macuco Safari Boat? If you’d rather keep your feet on the ground, you may be all aflutter over the tropical feathers on show at Iguassu Falls Bird Park.

Waving goodbye to the waterfalls as we soar through the clouds over rainforest and jungle, our Private Jet takes us in search of samba and sunshine in glamourous Rio de Janeiro.

On Rio’s most iconic beach, the Belmond Copacabana Palace was a favourite of Brigitte Bardot – it’s our home for the next three nights.

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**RIO DE JANEIRO**

**Day 4: Sunday 18 September**

After a ride to the summit of Corcovado Mountain with its iconic statue of Christ the Redeemer, a local restaurant welcomes us for an authentic Churrascaria lunch to set us up for a free afternoon of independent exploration. As night falls, the city comes alive. After dinner, we are treated to a samba extravaganza in a stunning private location. Perhaps you’ll join in for a shimmy after you’ve finished that caipirinha?

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**RIO DE JANEIRO**

**Day 5: Monday 19 September**

It’s your call how you choose to delve deeper into radiant Rio today. Will you stay local or join us further afield on an exciting excursion?

Take notes on an architectural tour of Rio hosted by a close family member of award
winning designer Oscar Niemeyer, meet rough hewn heroes and urban legends with an eye opening tour of the Favelas, or lose yourself in the bohemian district of Santa Teresa, considered to be a Brazilian take on Paris’ Montmartre.

As the evening draws in, we reconvene to ascend Sugar Loaf Mountain by cable car. As you watch the sunset over Rio and the lights sparkle beside the water, you are sure to give a piece of your heart over to this effervescent city.

Images: 01 Iguassu Falls, Brazil; 02 An Argentinian Tango performance; 03 La Boca District, Buenos Aires; 04 The Alvear Palace, Buenos Aires; 05 Christ the Redeemer, Rio de Janeiro.
RIO DE JANEIRO – MANAUS
Day 6: Tuesday 20 September

Linger over one last breakfast overlooking Copacabana Beach before our Private Jet whisks us over the clouds to Manaus. From one end of the country to another, distances are a breeze. Perhaps you’ll enjoy forty winks after lunch is served? However you choose to enjoy your flight you will certainly arrive feeling refreshed and ready for a tour of the famous Opera House with a private performance from the Philharmonic Orchestra.

Claim your slice of paradise with a night at the Manaus Tropical Eco Resort, whose sprawling turquoise swimming pools are fringed by lush green rainforest.

“It is good to have an end to journey toward; but it is the journey that matters in the end.”

Ernest Hemingway
MANAUS – HAVANA (CUBA)
Day 7: Wednesday 21 September
You can’t come to Manaus without seeing the greatest river in the world, The Amazon. We take to the water in search of giant anacondas and a flurry of parrots on a morning nature trail. Our boat ride takes us to the place where the Rio Negro and Rio Solimões meet to form the Amazon. Direct flights from Manaus to Havana are virtually unheard of, but aboard our Private Jet we like to defy all impossibilities. Enjoying dinner onboard, we arrive into Cuba’s antiquarian capital in the evening, saving further adventures for tomorrow.

The Parque Central Hotel is a fitting tribute to Cuba Libre. It’s also our city central retreat for the next three nights.

HAVANA
Day 8: Thursday 22 September
On a day of exploration, we may well be seduced by the rough, romantic flare of a city preserved in time. We embark on a revealing tour of Old Havana for a fascinating insight into a history recounted through colonial buildings and salsa rhythms. The afternoon is yours to stroll the streets and experience the unique characteristics of a place where drastic changes are waiting in the wings. The time to visit Cuba is now.

▶ Feeling festive? Why not join us for a Tropicana Cabaret show after dinner this evening?

HAVANA
Day 9: Friday 23 September
After a leisurely breakfast, we are ready to explore the contrasts of modern Havana before we drive into the leafy suburbs. Lunch beside the swaying palms of the Caribbean awaits. Perhaps you have plans for a free afternoon; or would prefer to join us on an afternoon excursion?

▶ In downtown Havana, Fords, Plymouts and Chevys gleam proudly polished in the sunshine. Which will you choose for a chauffeur driven vintage cruise?

Perhaps you’ll follow in the footsteps of Hemingway on a literary tour that may well inspire you to pen your own masterpiece.

Or maybe you will breathe in the unmistakable aroma of one of Cuba’s finest exports with a tour of an authentic cigar factory. Stock up on souvenirs – you won’t find a superior smoke the world over!

We’re in for a rare treat this evening as we are welcomed into a paladar for dinner hosted by a Cuban family in an intimate setting. Imagine the conversations you will share over the common bond of dining.

Images: 01 Manaus Opera House; 02 Havana, Cuba; 03 Toucan, The Amazon 04 Lily pads in The Amazon; 05 Parque Central Hotel, Havana, Cuba.
HAVANA – PANAMA CITY (PANAMA)

Day 10: Saturday 24 September

Our friendly crew welcomes us back onboard for a swift, direct flight to Panama City – a bustling metropolis with a tropical flavour. How will you choose to lift the curtain on Central America’s second largest city today?

► Of pirates and colonial conquerors, why not join us to reveal the secrets of Panama Viejo and Casco Viejo? Or, if you’re really looking forward to visiting the staggering Panama Canal, perhaps you’ll study up in preparation at Miraflores Locks Visitor Centre?

► Tortillas, empanadas and ceviche. What tasty morsels will you enjoy on tonight’s dine-around evening?

We stay in the heart of the action and enjoy views of the city in superior style at the modern Panama Marriott Hotel, our home for the next two nights.

PANAMA CANAL

Day 11: Sunday 25 September

Are you ready to experience one of the most accomplished engineering feats the world has ever seen? There’s no wonder cruising the Panama Canal is an aspiration of every worldly traveller. The goal is realised as the morning transports us open mouthed to experience the modern wonder for ourselves on a private cruise. Marvel at the huge ships passing by as we cruise the canal’s narrowest section. Our boat will then be lowered 18 metres in two steps to enter Miraflores Lake.

► Missed out on a Panamanian delicacy last night? There’s another opportunity to try something different on our second dine-around evening.

PANAMA CITY – GALAPAGOS ISLANDS (ECUADOR)

Day 12: Monday 26 September

We depart Panama City this morning bound for Guayaquil, our first stop in Ecuador. Galapagos bound on a short flight with a local airline to Baltra, we’re ready to board our ship. We’ve privately chartered the MV Galapagos Legend to ensure our three night cruise of these remarkable islands is enjoyed in the utmost comfort.

Our course is set for the Mosquera islet where the afternoon is free for you to explore at leisure. Don your flippers and snorkel to follow seals through the deep blue; prime your binoculars for a flurry of bird species or chase crabs along the beach. We’re back on board for a Welcome Dinner.

► Embark on a three night cruise while never compromising on standards aboard the privately chartered MV Galapagos Legend.

GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

Day 13: Tuesday 27 September

South Plaza Island may be diminutive in size, but the cornucopia of natural wonders that exists here in abundance far outweighs its humble proportions. On the steep banks you can expect to encounter an ornithologist’s rapture; Swallow Tailed Gulls, Red Billed Tropic Birds and Blue Footed Boobies can all be spotted. This is also the only place in the world where you can find the Galapagos Hybrid Iguana.

The afternoon takes us to Santa Fe Island which has its own endemic species of iguana. After exploring nature trails to our hearts’ content, we’ve worked up an appetite just in time for dinner back on board.

GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

Day 14: Wednesday 28 September

Stepping ashore to a small beach on Punta Pitt this morning, we are greeted by welcoming barks from the local sea lion colony as Frigate Birds and Storm Petrels wheel and dive overhead. A keen eye will be rewarded with sightings of all three species of Booby – Blue Footed, Nazca and Red Footed. Bird watchers will be truly spoiled on the afternoon’s excursion to Wizard Hill, a collapsed volcano that is home to many rare and endemic species.
GALAPAGOS ISLANDS – LIMA (PERU)
Day 15: Thursday 29 September

Are you ready to meet a true Galapagos icon? It’s time to become acquainted with some truly eccentric ladies and gentlemen, coming face to face with the charming Chatham Tortoise. All our questions are answered by the experts at the breeding centre and we while away the morning seeing how many shells we can spot ambling their way along the trails through the reserve.

For now, it’s time to farewell the Galapagos. Flying back to Guayaquil, we rejoin our Private Jet for the short flight to Lima, enjoying dinner on board.

Enjoy Ocean View Rooms in modern luxury at the JW Marriott Lima, located in chic Miraflores.
LIMA – CUZCO
Day 16: Friday 30 September
Welcomed into Peru, a city tour reveals the hidden charms of the Old Town, where antique museums and an ornate cathedral await. Later this afternoon we join a local flight to Cuzco, just in time for dinner.

Please note: Cuzco is located 3,400m above sea level. If you are concerned about travelling to a high altitude please contact your doctor. A low altitude alternative itinerary is available on request.

Located in the heart of Cuzco, the stylish JW Marriott is the ideal base for a three night discovery of Machu Picchu and beyond.

CUZCO
Day 17: Saturday 1 October
Spend a morning to acclimatise to the altitude, taking it easy with some free time.
A walking tour of Cuzco introduces us to the rich tapestry of cultures in a city that wears the crown as South America’s archaeological capital. Perhaps you’ll pick up some unique souvenirs in the city’s vibrant market stalls or find an authentic alpaca throw to take home?

Choose from one of our hand selected restaurants for a dine-around dinner.

MACHU PICCHU
Day 18: Sunday 2 October
You probably know that the Belmond Hiram Bingham train is named after the explorer who rediscovered the ancient citadel. But did you know that this train is by far the most extravagant way to reach Machu Picchu? Bound for the ultimate explorer’s prize without the blood, sweat and tears, our lavish train descends beside the raging Urubamba River. The town, located on a remote mountaintop, is still intact. We explore a maze of empty chambers, palaces and stairways carved from solid rock. As a magical day draws to a close, we return to Cuzco on the train as the Andean stars begin to emerge.

CUZCO
Day 19: Monday 3 October
We’re ready to make the pilgrimage from Cuzco to the Sacred Valley of the Incas. We enjoy the eclectic jumble sale on offer at Pisac market with arts, crafts and produce spread over much of the village. After lunch in the Sacred Valley of the Incas, we visit the impressive Incan ruins – Tambomachay Baths with its fountain fed by a spring; Kenko, a rock sanctuary with its monolithic altar; and the massive ruins of Sacsayhuaman Fortress, an Incan masterpiece.

CUZCO – EASTER ISLAND (CHILE)
Day 20: Tuesday 4 October
We’ve one last destination to look forward to as our Private Jet takes to the clouds this morning and some may say it is the most mysterious. Easter Island is one of the most distant and remote islands in the world. Will you solve the mystery of the island known to the locals as Rapa Nui under the magnetic stare of the mystical Moai?

Awaken the legends of the island at the Hanga Roa Eco Village or the Explora Rapa Nui.

DEPART EASTER ISLAND
Day 21: Wednesday 5 October
After a morning of exploring, we have one last treat in store. As the sea breeze rustles the palms of Anakena Beach, we witness a traditional Polynesian Show presented by a tribal elder. Intoxicated with island magic, we are ready to fly back to the UK aboard a scheduled flight.

Alternatively, continue aboard our Private Jet to Sydney and enjoy a few days in this stunning city. Itinerary options and prices for this extension available on request.
Images: 01 Machu Picchu, Peru; 02 Belmond Hiram Bingham train; 03 Stylish Courtyard, JW Marriot, Cusco; 04 Colourful smiles in Peru; 05 Moai statues, Easter Island; 06 Alpacas at Sacsayhuaman Fortress ruins, Cusco

JOURNEY COST

On request