Day 15 Thursday 9 February

Amazon Cruise
This morning you take to canoes and scour along the water’s edge in search of fruit eating birds such as parrots and toucans. Today there are further informative jungle walks, swims and myriad discoveries to be made on this magnificent day as you cruise these most amazing tropical waters. You also navigate through the Anavilhanas National Park, a labyrinth of waterways and take to the canoes again in the late afternoon.
Overnight on boat
Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

Day 16 Friday 10 February

Amazon Cruise
You may try fishing this morning for Piranhas and other endemic species, before visiting a local community to learn about the rainforest.

Day 17 Saturday 11 February

Manaus to Santiago
Early this morning you venture in to the Lago Janauary Ecological Park to view wildlife and the "Victoria Regia" giant water lilies. As you breakfast your boat navigates in to the famous ‘Meeting of the Waters’, the confluence of the continent’s two greatest rivers, the Amazon and The Negro. You disembark today around midday and are transferred to the airport for your flight to Santiago, the capital of Chile.
Overnight Santiago
Breakfast

Day 18 Sunday 12 February

Santiago
This morning you set out on a wonderful day tour to Vinar del Mar and Valparaiso. Vinar del Mar translates as ‘Wineyard by the Sea’ and is a fashionable seaside resort of lush parks and garden residences. World Heritage listed Valparaiso is delightful for its mazes of cobbled streets brimming with life, its steep funiculars and brightly coloured hillside houses. A tour highlight is the former home, now museum, of the Chilean poet Pablo Nenuda.
Overnight Santiago
Breakfast • Farewell dinner

Day 19 Monday 13 February

Santiago to Sydney
Today is a day at your leisure in Santiago to explore the arcaded shopping streets, tree lined avenues and sidewalk cafes of this sophisticated and elegant city. Set against a backdrop of the snow covered Andes, Santiago is sometimes referred to as the Paris of the southern hemisphere. Your return flight to Australia departs late in the evening so a late hotel check out has been arranged.
Overnight in flight
Breakfast

Day 20 Tuesday 14 February

Cross the International Date Line

Day 21 Wednesday 15 February

Arrive Australia
This morning you arrive in Australia, clear customs and transfer to your Qantas flight to Adelaide which arrives around midday.

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**Day 1 Thursday 26 January**
Depart Adelaide airport with Qantas in the early afternoon to Santiago, the Chilean capital, and overnight at Santiago.

**Day 2 Friday 27 January**
Australia to Santiago to Calama to San Pedro
You depart Australia with LAN Chile in the morning and arrive in the Chilean capital, Santiago around noon. Here you have a 5-6 hour stop before connecting with a LAN Chile flight to Calama and coach to San Pedro on the fringe of the Atacama Desert. (Please note this is a very long day)
Overnight San Pedro
Boxed breakfast + Meals in flight

**Day 3 Saturday 28 January**
San Pedro and Atacama Desert
Surrounded by a green oasis, San Pedro is an unusually colourful village situated at over 2000 meters above sea level. It has retained its quaint colonial charm of narrow streets and is the centre of Atacameña Indian culture. You visit the church built in 1577 and the Father Le Paige Museum which has an astonishing collection of regional reliefs and artefacts including innumerable mummies. Nearby native ruins are also visited where weapons and pottery on display give a good insight into pre-Columbian cultures and the remains of the Tulor settlement 800BC. After time to rest at the hotel you visit Mars Valley otherwise known as Valley de la Muerte or Death Valley, in the late afternoon. Here you can walk the Moon Walk, visit the ‘Three Marias’ and climb the sand dunes to view the spectacular colours which illuminate the sky as the sun sets over the amazing Andes; a photographer’s delight.
Overnight San Pedro
Breakfast + Welcome Dinner

**Day 4 Sunday 29 January**
Atacama Desert
The Atacama Desert is the driest environment on earth and also the highest desert on earth. Today is a day of sightseeing and photographing in this most unusual and fascinating landscape. The altitude provides a pleasant year-round climate and a unique transparency of light. The peculiar geography of volcanoes, salt flats and high altitude wetlands are to be found nowhere else on the planet. Your full day tour today includes LAGunas Atitlanicas, Atacama salt flats and Toconao.
Overnight San Pedro
Breakfast

**Day 5 Monday 30 January**
San Pedro and Atacama Desert
You set off early this morning on an excursion to the Tatio Geysers and the Puritama Hot Springs. At Tatio you have a guided walk around the geothermal field. Journeying through the Andes you have wonderful views of the Putuna Volcano and the peaks of Torcopuri. At Puritama seven natural pools of warm thermal water cascade down a mountain ravine and the vegetation is stunning.
Overnight San Pedro
Breakfast

**Day 6 Tuesday 31 January**
Calama to Rio de Janeiro
This morning you fly from Calama to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil’s most celebrated and charismatic city. It reigns majestically between fabulous Guanabara Bay, dazzling beaches and steep mountains thickly covered with rich tropical vegetation. The evening is at your leisure to relax or go out and get a feel for the town.
Overnight Rio Di Janeiro
Breakfast

**Day 7 Wednesday 1 February**
Rio de Janeiro
A full day of sightseeing and touring around Rio including taking a cable car to the summit of Sugarloaf Mountain from which the views over the city and the Atlantic Ocean are breathtaking. Included also is the Christ the Redeemer, an art deco style effigy perched on top of Corcovado Mountain in the Tijuca Forest National Park and also Copacabana Fort. You also have some time to enjoy popular culture at glorious Copacabana and Ipanema beaches.
Overnight Rio Di Janeiro
Breakfast

**Day 8 Thursday 2 February**
Rio Di Janeiro
Today you begin to explore local history at the Museum Historico National, the Monastery Sao Bento and the Museum Internacional de Arte Naif which displays a huge and impressive collection of primitive art and where you will have a private guided tour.
Overnight Rio Di Janiero
Breakfast + Dinner and Samba show

**Day 9 Friday 3 February**
Rio Di Janeiro
This free day is an exciting opportunity to enjoy fabulous Rio to your own taste. Your tour leader is on hand to assist in making this a memorable day. Some ideas include, a visit to the Botanical Gardens which are some of the best in the world; featuring avenues of massive palms, giant water lilies and resident monkeys and parrots. Hugely pleasant also is the hilly Santa Teresa district which can be reached by a historic wooden tram and is just a few minutes from downtown. Ride to the summit for more great views of Rio.
Overnight Rio Di Janeiro
Breakfast

**Day 10 Saturday 4 February**
Rio Di Janeiro to Iguaçu Falls
Today you fly to the Iguaçu Falls. Your hotel is fabulously located across from the falls on the Parana River and on the Brazilian side. At this most intriguing corner of South America Brazil, Argentina and Paraguay meet at one point on a bridge.
Overnight Iguacu
Breakfast

**Day 11 Sunday 5 February**
Iguacu to Argentina
Today is a full day at Iguaçu Falls, frequently described as one of the seven natural wonders of the world. They are by far the most spectacular waterfalls, although they are neither the tallest nor widest. Your tour highlight is the infamous ‘Devil’s Throat’ where you will view thundering cascades and their resplendent rainbows from the panoramic Argentinian side. Lunch vegetation surrounds the falls including orchids, palms, bromelids and centenary trees. You may also be fortunate to spot deer and iguanas.
Overnight Iguacu
Breakfast

**Day 12 Monday 6 February**
Iguacu Falls to Paraguay
This morning, following the Parana River, you cross the border into Paraguay. Here you visit the hugely impressive Itapu Dam and hydro electric scheme, one of the largest in the world and which supplies 95% of Paraguay’s electricity. Crossing back into Brazil you take the thrilling ‘Safari Macuco’ tour and boat ride to the base of the falls.
Overnight Iguacu
Breakfast

**Day 13 Tuesday 7 February**
Rio to Manaus
You fly from Iguacu to Manaus this morning. Manaus lies at the confluence of the Negro and Amazon Rivers and is the hub from which myriad cruises head off into the mighty Amazon basin, the world’s largest tropical rainforest. Conversely, it is a major port city some 1500km’s from the ocean! After a tour of the town which includes the Municipal Markets you have a guided tour of the amazing Teatro Amazonas. This historic and beautiful opera house is a truly remarkable landmark; built in Italian Renaissance style in the midst of a primeval forest. You then check in to your hotel for the night.
Overnight Manaus
Breakfast

**Day 14 Wednesday 8 February**
Board Amazon Cruise
Enjoy some leisure time this morning and relax or explore locally before embarking on your Negro and Amazon River cruise in the early afternoon. You may attend an informative talk once onboard on the