

# MESMERIZING PERU & BRAZIL

17 Days / 16 Nights

*Home to so many species and exceptionally breathtaking landscapes, Brazil and Peru are legendary lands of pure raw beauty. The lands blessed with Amazonian rainforest, breathtaking glaciers, curious ruins, colonial towns, white-sand beaches, and enchanting natural beauty is what the countries of Brazil and Peru are all about.*

**Highlights:** Christ the Redeemer Statue • Iguassu Falls from Brazilian & Argentinean Side • Miraflores • Cruz Del Condor • Uros Floating Islands • Hot Springs of La Calera

## Day 1: LONDON - RIO

Meet your Citibond Representative at the airport and board your flight to Rio de Janeiro. Welcome to your Citibond Amazing Peru & Brazil tour! Starting with Rio de Janeiro – second largest city of Brazil! Upon arrival at Rio de Janeiro–Galeao International Airport after clearing customs and immigration, meet your guide and get transferred to your hotel. Overnight at a hotel in Rio.

## Day 2: RIO DE JANEIRO (B/L/D)

Today, post-breakfast, we visit one of the 7 Wonders of the World as we take a cable car ride to the Sugar Loaf Mountain. We visit Corcovado – upon which stands the famous 'Christ the Redeemer' statue. Enjoy your lunch on the way. Later we take a cogwheel train which takes us to this wonderful statue. We can enjoy an amazing view of the city from the top. Dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight at a hotel in Rio.

## Day 3: RIO DE JANEIRO (B/L/D)

After breakfast, your day starts with a city tour to visit the historic centre of Rio de Janeiro. You have a walk through the tight streets, which are engraved with the history of the city. You visit the highlights of tourist attractions, e.g. the abbey named "São Bento", the beautiful church called "Igreja de Candelaria", the "place of XV. Novembre". After lunch, proceed to visit the cultural centre, which is located in the refurbished bank "Banco do Brasil". Furthermore you see the most famous street "Goncalves Dias" where a traditional bar named "Colombo" is situated. Finally the trip ends on the place "Praça Carioca" and Rio de

Janeiro's urban cathedral. Later, dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight at a hotel in Rio.

## Day 4: RIO DE JANEIRO - IGUASSU FALLS (B/L/D)

Today, post-breakfast, we fly from Rio de Janeiro to Iguassu. On arrival get transferred to a local restaurant for lunch and then proceed to your hotel in Iguassu and check in. Dinner at local restaurant. Overnight at a hotel in Iguassu.

## Day 5: IGUASSU FALLS (B/L/D)

After breakfast, we start our day by visiting Iguassu Falls on the Argentinian side. Lunch at a local restaurant. Later in the evening, we enjoy an amazing Raffin show with dinner. Overnight at a hotel in Iguassu.

## Day 6: IGUASSU FALLS - LIMA (B/L)

Today, post-breakfast, visit the Brazilian side of the falls. Later, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. Late afternoon, get transferred to Foz do Iguaçu International Airport for your flight to Lima. Upon arrival at Jorge Chavez International Airport, get transferred to your hotel and proceed for check-in. Overnight at a hotel in Lima.

## Day 7: LIMA - AREQUIPA (B/L/D)

This morning, you will be picked up from the hotel to begin a tour of the city's main avenues, boulevards, and squares. The tour will begin with an exploration of Colonial Lima and Modern Lima covering places such as Main Square, Government Palace, City Hall, Cathedral of Lima, San Francisco Convent, San Isidro, and Miraflores. Enjoy



a buffet lunch at Mangos Restaurant with a nice view of the Pacific Ocean. Post-lunch, you will be transferred to Lima airport for your flight to Arequipa. Upon arrival, you will be transferred to your hotel. Dinner at a local restaurant and overnight at a hotel in Arequipa.

## Day 8: AREQUIPA (B/L/D)

Start your day with breakfast and then get prepared to visit the Colonial District of Yanahuara, famous for its churches built in an Andalusian style and its viewpoint. Then proceed to visit the neighbourhood of San Lázaro where Arequipa was founded, the Church of San Francisco with its beautiful plaza that dates back to the XVIII century, then continue to the Main Square, which has beautiful architecture, surrounded by sillar arcs, the façade of the Cathedral, the Church of La Compañía de Jesús, founded in the XVII century by the Jesuits, renowned by its Cloisters. Stop for lunch in between and then Santa Catalina Monastery will be visited, which is the most important and impressive religious monument in Perú, founded in 1579. Later, proceed back to the hotel and rest of the evening at leisure. Dinner at a local restaurant and overnight at a hotel in Arequipa.

## Day 9: AREQUIPA - COLCA (B/L/D)

Early start today! Post-breakfast at the

Pampa de Arrieros, Pampa Cañahuas, where the Vicunas National Reserve is located, Vizcachani, Tojra with its cushion bogs, where you will find a wide variety of migratory birds all year. After lunch, the trip continues through Chuccura and Patapampa, visiting the viewpoint of volcanoes. At 13:30 approximately, you will arrive at Chivay. Visit the market of Chivay and the Hot Springs of La Calera. Dinner at a local restaurant and overnight at a hotel in Colca.

### Day 10: COLCA - PUNO (B/L/D)

Early start today to visit Cruz Del Cóndor, where the depths of the canyon can be seen, which is deeper than the Colorado Canyon. In addition, you can appreciate the majestic flight of the condors in their natural habitat. As you return after breakfast, visit the towns of Macca and Yanque and their churches of colonial times. You will also visit the viewpoints of Wayra Punku, Antahuilque, and Choquetico. In addition, you can also see some rocky formations that resemble a stone forest. Post-lunch you will go through the towns of Pillones, Imata, and Crucero Alto (highest point at 4538 m.a.s.l.). You continue to the beautiful zone of Lagunillas and its impressive natural lake, the town of Santa Lucía, Cabanillas, Juliaca, until you arrive to the city of Puno. Dinner at a local restaurant and overnight at a hotel in Puno.

### Day 11: PUNO (B/L/D)

Today, after breakfast, enjoy an extraordinary journey across the world's highest navigable lake, Lake Titicaca. Travel to legendary places where time seems to have stood still. The first stop will be Uros floating islands. These are a peculiar grouping of around 40 small islands made totally of totora, a natural reed that grows around the lake. The cheerful inhabitants will invite you to get to know their traditional lifestyle and customs. We will continue our voyage across the placid waters of the lake until arriving to the picturesque Taquile Island, a peaceful place where old Quechua traditions live in perfect balance with modernity. After lunch, discover a landscape distinct from the other islands thanks to the Incan terraces filled with local flowers and crops. The rich colours of the clothing worn by the local inhabitants will amaze you; admire their beautiful hand-made fabrics. Most importantly, enjoy the unbelievable hospitality of the islanders, known as Taquileños, who will make your visit to the island a memorable one. Dinner at a local restaurant and overnight at a hotel in Puno.

### Day 12: PUNO - CUSCO (B/L/D)

Today, after breakfast, you will proceed to Cusco. En route there are three stops along the way to visit historic monuments. The first stop is at the archaeological site of Pukara, which dates from 200BC to 300AD, where you can admire the collection of pre-Inca sculptures and objects at the Lithic Museum. The second stop is Raqchi to admire the ruins of an Inca temple built to worship Wiracocha, one of the most important Inca gods. Later, after lunch, the final stop is

Andahuaylillas, a picturesque town famed for the beautiful 16th century Church of St. Peter the Apostle. It boasts a gilded baroque interior and frescoes so delicate that it is known as the Sistine Chapel of America. Dinner at a local restaurant and overnight at a hotel in Puno.

### Day 13: CUSCO - SACRED VALLEY (B/L/D)

This morning, after breakfast, we will continue the trip toward the Sacred Valley from Cusco. We will find Chinchero village, with an altitude 12,375 feet above sea level, famous for the extraordinary beauty and quality of its textiles and for its Sunday fair. Later, we will cross the Urubamba River and head towards the Salt Pans of Maras. The journey will continue until we reach the archaeological site of Moray. Finally, after lunch, we will visit one of the last remaining Incan towns, Ollantaytambo, which was once fiercely guarded by a massive fortress. We will discover the large archeological complex of what used to serve as a wayside inn for royal delegations on long journeys. Dinner at a local restaurant and overnight at a hotel in Puno.

### Day 14: SACRED VALLEY - MACHU PICHU - CUSCO (B/L/D)

Today's visit is to the Historic Sanctuary of Machu Picchu. After breakfast, check out from the hotel and proceed to the train station. Aboard a comfortable train from Ollanta Station, you will depart for the Aguas Calientes train station, enjoying a spectacular view along the way. Upon arrival, you will board a bus that will take you to the entrance gate of the Machu Picchu citadel. Rediscovered by Hiram Bingham more than a century ago, Machu Picchu is considered one of the Seven Wonders of the World. After lunch, you will be picked up and taken to the Aguas Calientes train station to board the return train. Upon arrival at the station just outside of Cusco, you will be transferred to your hotel in Cusco. Dinner at a local restaurant and overnight at a hotel in Cusco.

### Day 15: CUSCO (B/L/D)

In the morning, after breakfast you will be picked up from the hotel to begin the exploration of the Imperial City. Today, you will discover one of the most impressive buildings of Incan Cusco: the Korikancha (the Golden Temple) - a temple dedicated to the worship of the Sun God, whose interior walls were said to have been covered in gold. After lunch, we will then continue the day with a stroll through the Main Square, where we will visit the Cathedral and admire its exquisite vestibules and priceless paintings from the Cusco School of the 17th and 18th centuries. Enjoy a buffet dinner with a show with Peruvian local dances. Overnight at a hotel in Cusco.

### Day 16 - 17: DEPART TO LONDON (B)

Today, after breakfast, Good times never

end! As you get ready for the airport and your flight back home, relive the high points of your 'Citibond Amazing Peru & Brazil' tour. We are confident you will join us again, sometime soon...

Departure dates		
Departure	Number of days	Price per person
11-Sep-24	17 days / 16 nights	from £5299
7-Nov-24	17 days / 16 nights	from £5299
16-Jan-25	17 days / 16 nights	from £5299
6-Mar-25	17 days / 16 nights	from £5299

#### What's Included in Your Tour?

- International & domestic airfares (Economy Class)
- Accommodation as specified in the itinerary.
- Meals as mentioned in the itinerary.
- Sightseeing as mentioned in the itinerary.
- English-speaking tour manager throughout the tour.
- All transportation in an air-conditioned private vehicle

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Rio De Janeiro