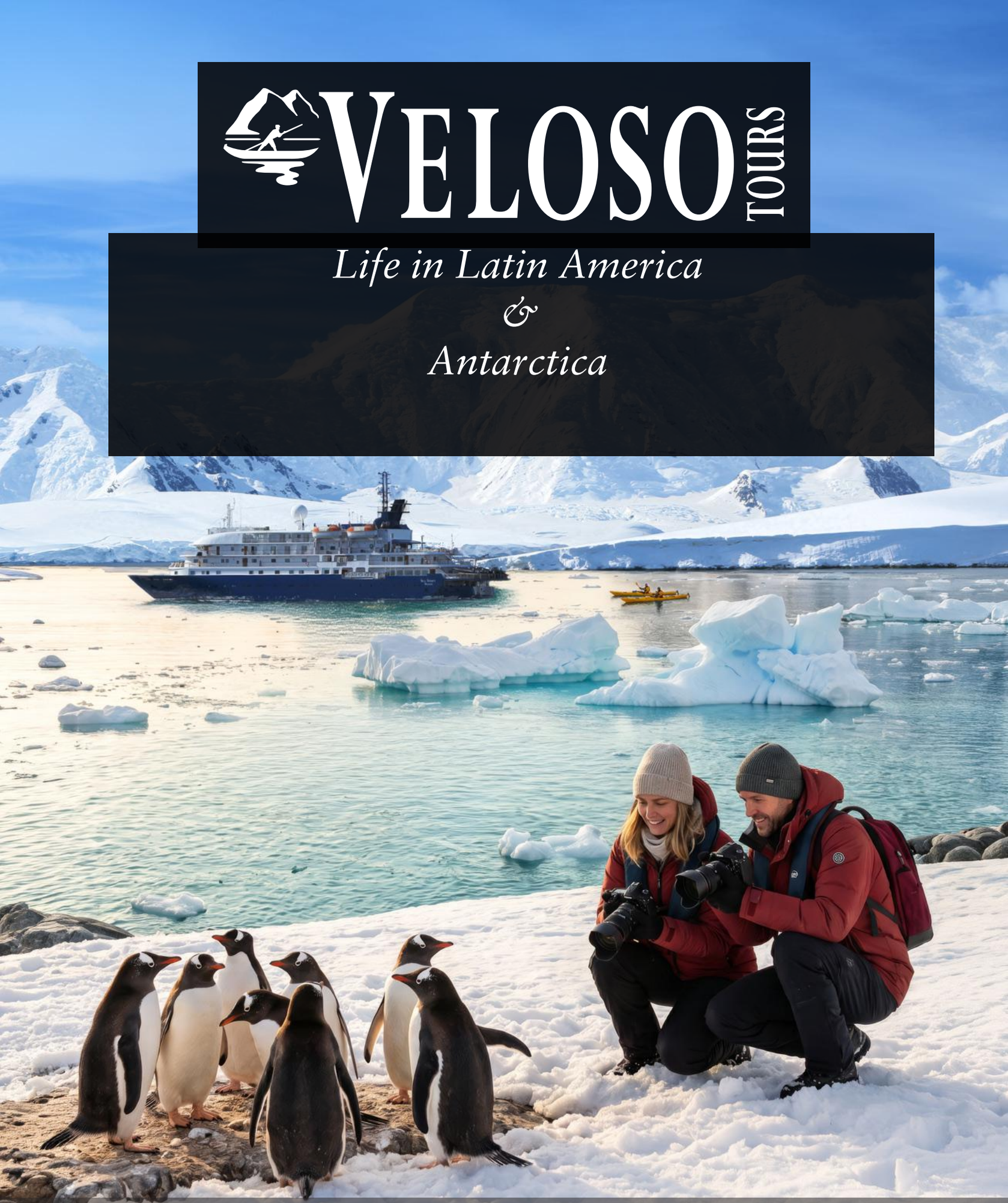
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*Life in Latin America*

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*Antarctica*



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## *Welcome to Veloso Tours, we love Latin America*

Our main ethos is to provide authentic experiences, for an in-depth perspective of Latin America, enhancing your visit by focusing on your own particular interests, and sharing an understanding of local life, environment, people and culture.

A visit to Latin America offers an insight into a fascinating world, lifestyle, landscapes and ancient civilisations that left behind impressive archaeological sites and pyramids. Since 1999, we been organising superb holidays, where our expert guides and travel professionals provide reliable travel arrangements that support and enrich your personal experience.

This brochure offers an extensive range of tour itineraries for you to consider. We would like to share our passion for life in Latin America, as we have been doing since 1999, and will be pleased to hear from you to fulfill your own personal travel plans.

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## *Choices & Interests*

With so much choice it can be difficult to decide which attractions to include within limited holiday time.

Our experience has shown that the starting point in choosing your holiday should be your own individual interests so that you can incorporate the main priorities into your itinerary.

The next step would be to consider the itineraries featured in our brochure and once you have found one that you like, you can book it exactly as shown. We also feature a range of unique destinations to incorporate in your bespoke tour itinerary

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# Latin America

## *Discover Unparalleled Beauty, Landscapes, Wildlife, Culture, Lifestyle & History*























### *Colonial Heritage*

The Spanish and Portuguese colonial legacy can best be seen today in the magnificent architecture, churches, museums and haciendas to be visited throughout Latin America, from charming Sucre in Bolivia, to the 'White City' of Arequipa in Peru, the brightly coloured façades of Salvador da Bahia in Brazil and the delightful, airy Mexican patios.

### *Ancient Civilisations & Archaeology*

The Inca, Maya and Aztecs civilisations flourished in Latin America leaving behind impressive monuments for us to admire, the 'Lost City' of **Machu Picchu**, in Peru and magnificent pyramids at **Chichén Itzá, Uxmal, Palenque** ain Mexico nd many other archaeological sites to testify to the splendour of their cities and achievements.

### *Relax & Unwind*

Latin America boasts excellent coastlines, white sandy beaches and turquoise waters where one can relax in the shade of swaying palms.We have selected hotels with quality services and excellent facilities conducive to rest. Some are in remote locations and others are closer to main resorts, geared towards lively nightlife.

We also offer clients the opportunity to relax in colonial splendour at country estates with excellent modern facilities and comfort. Many of these estates offer activities such as horse riding, walking, trekking, golf and swimming, for guests who wish to combine winding down with the pursuit of pleasant pastimes.







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## *Excellent Cuisine & Stylish Restaurants*

Dining in restaurants with beautiful surroundings can be one of the most enjoyable moments of your holiday. A visit to Latin America provides an opportunity to enjoy new exotic foods and recipes, although western dishes are also available. Local specialities include: Amazon fish dishes, Argentinian meat grilled on log fires, authentic Mexican cuisine and a wonderful array of tropical fruits. There are many fruit juices and cocktails to savour as well as some excellent wines which have now won worldwide acclaim.

## *Markets, Festivals, Music & Dance*

Explore the colourful bustling indigenous markets where local people come to trade and barter their fine handcrafted wares and farm produce.

Local festivals and religious celebrations provide a unique insight into the way of life, culture and beliefs of local people. The most well know are the Easter Processions at Antigua in Guatemala, the Rio de Janeiro Carnival and throughout Brazil and Inti Raymi Festival in Cusco.

In the music and dance we can find wonderful expressions of emotions, enthusiasm and joie de vivre. Contrasting rhythms, blends of traditional songs, costumes and dances from the salsa to the tango, the love of music and dance is central to the people of Latin America.









## *Landscapes*

Central and South America covers a geographical area larger than Europe from the hot northern borders of Mexico to the icy waters of Cape Horn. Within this area we can find arid deserts and lush tropical forests, the towering snow capped peaks and emerald lakes of the Andes mountains, glaciers, geysers and hot, palm-fringed beaches.

## *Natural Wonders & Wildlife*

The mighty Amazon is the earth's largest fresh water river flowing through the most ecologically diverse wilderness.

The Belize Barrier Reef, a myriad of atolls, islands and shallow lagoons in a hot tropical environment, is the largest in the western hemisphere.

The Galápagos Islands have an abundance of wildlife with no fear of man, and their unique characteristics led Darwin to his theory of evolution.

The Iguazú Falls within a National Park of tropical birds and forest, provide a magnificent natural spectacle to admire. In Brazil, unique geological formations called have created gigantic rock plateauxs, chapadas or mesas with sheer rock facess and flat tops rising high above the surrounding plains and valleys; excellent for walking in the countryside.

At Península Valdés in Argentina, Galapagos Islands in Ecuador, Antarctica, the Amazon Rainforest, National Parks of Costa Rica and in the Pantanal Wetlands in Brazil, there is abundant wildlife for us to observe at close range.

## *Conservation & Sustainable Tourism*

South and Central America contain some of the world's largest and most pristine areas of protected natural habitats in National Parks and vast expances of rainforest. The income from sensible tourism on a limited scale contributes towards creating a sustainable economic benefit for local communities, which in turn helps preserve these areas of great natural history, safeguarding them from exploitation and destruction.

Many of the lodges we offer are specially chosen to achieve these objectives and by visiting these lodges you will be making a positive contribution to conservation.





# Travelling with Veloso Tours

## *We are a specialist tour operator dedicated to providing high quality holidays*

### *Private Individual Tours*

We are experts at preparing and creating meticulously planned tour itineraries for couples, solo travellers, families and groups of friends, who wish to enjoy the peace of mind, insights and knowledge provided by expertly guided and managed travel arrangements. All documents are sent by email in a PDF and in a well presented, bound booklet to keep for the future, show your friends and remind you of your holiday.

### *Bespoke Itineraries*

We use our expertise to prepare unique tailor-made itineraries for your holiday, matched with your own interests and preferences to create your Individual Tour.

### *Expert Consultants with Firsthand Knowledge*

Our staff and management have an intimate knowledge of the region, its natural history and cultures, as well as its infrastructure of hotels and transport. We travel regularly to keep up-to-date with new developments and highlight recent discoveries.

### *Our Superb Local Guides Look After You in Person*

We have worked with excellent guides (Shown on pages 12/13) for many years. They love hosting our clients and are passionate about conveying their knowledge and enthusiasm, caring for your needs and personal interests to enhance your experience.

### *Partnerships within our Organisation*

Our network of local partners in Latin America is one of the main strengths of our organisation. The dedication to service, understanding of our requests, resourcefulness, efficiency, quality of staff and expertise, are all major benefits when you travel with us.

### *Business Management, Knowledge, Experience, Technology and Teamwork*

Our experience in travel and leisure goes back to 1982, and we are continuously improving our business methods and organisation systems; we make considerable investments in computer software, product databases and IT systems and the training of all our staff including the company's management, so we can best serve our clients

### *In-Depth Perspective of Local Life, People & Culture*

We provide guided excursions with unique insights into local life according to your own interests and designed to inspire and aid self-enrichment and wellbeing.

### *Immersive Experiences*

Enable you to connect with local life and include special restaurants, hosted meals and local cuisine, skills swap, visit artisans, tree-planting, cycling, horseriding, and special excursions where your can fulfill your interests.

### *Groups of Friends & Colleagues*

We arrange private tours for groups of friends, families or colleagues wishing to travel together. Private group tour itineraries can be identical to the tours featured in the brochure or can be bespoke itineraries and you can have our Guide with your group for extended periods.

### *Honeymoons and Special Celebrations*

At a special time, make a memorable journey. Latin America offers a unique combination of attractions, some more active, others more relaxing, and most of all, providing a memorable setting for the perfect honeymoon or special celebration holiday.

### *We Listen to Your Requirements*

We maintain regular communications with all our clients listening to your interests and requirements in order to best fulfill your needs and enhance your visit. Our Managing Director heads our Customer Relations Department, reading and replying to all correspondence so we can best monitor and improve our level of service.

### *Financial Protection & Security*

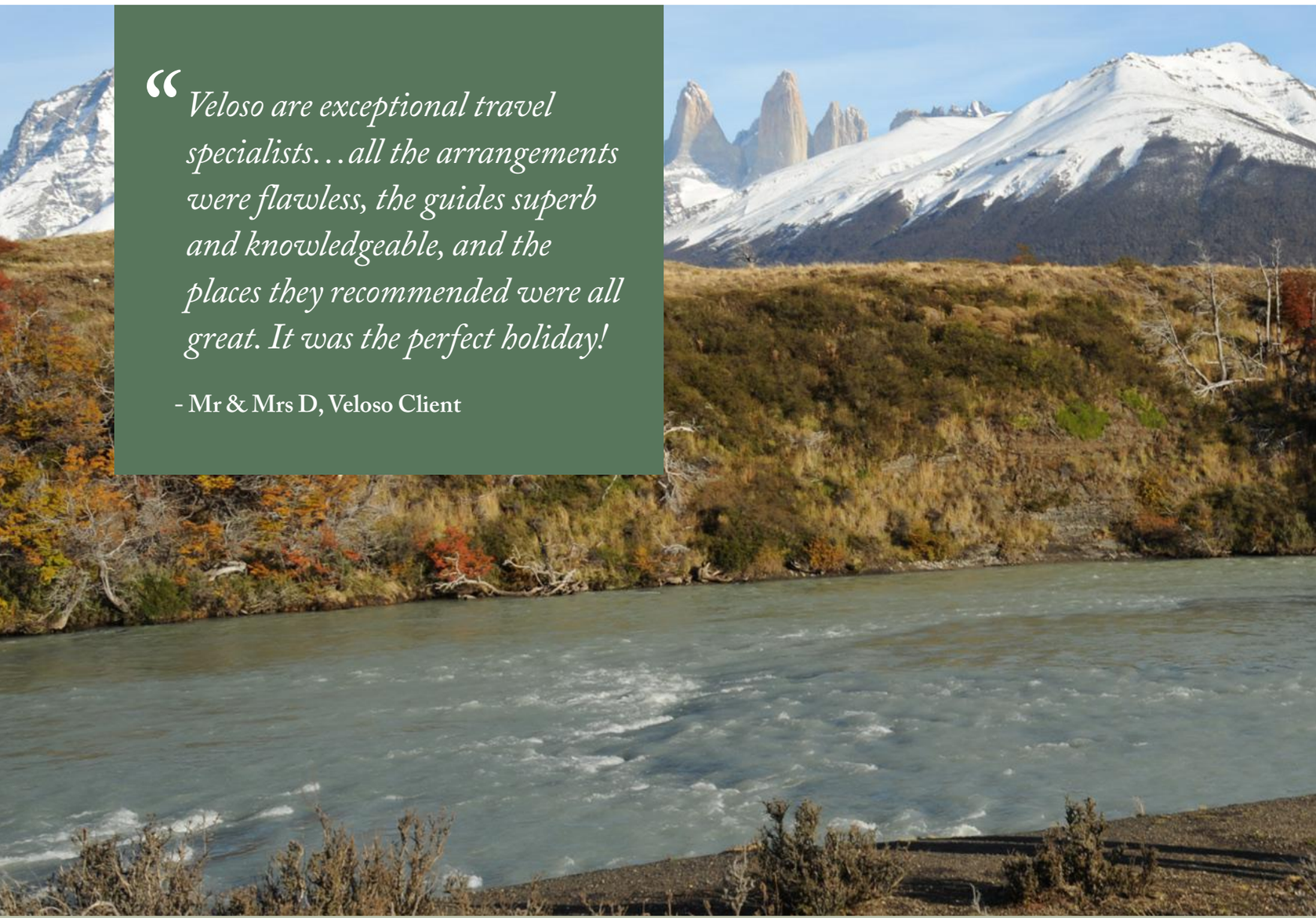
Veloso Tours is well capitalised above the level required by the UK Government through the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) and the Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA W1095), and our financial performance is monitored regularly. We will provide you with an ATOL Certificate (ATIOL 5153) to guarantee your holiday. Every year the CAA renews our ATOL Licence. In order to maintain our Air Travel Organisers License (ATOL), we have to keep a strong balance sheet, to guarantee the monies paid to us and we publish annual Audited Certified Accounts, available for public inspection at the: UK Companies House, Crown Way, Cardiff, CF4 3UZ, Telephone 01222 380801.

# Our Travel Consultants at your service

## We continue to travel, explore, research and expand our knowledge

Our specialist consultants are passionate travellers who listen to your requirements, and use their expert knowledge to craft and deliver your perfect travel arrangements. We have all travelled extensively throughout Latin America using our first hand knowledge, our deep understanding of the culture and boundless enthusiasm for "Life in Latin America". You will find an honest approach to planning an itinerary, advising you of "pros and cons", suggesting sights and selecting accommodation. This approach ensures you have the best holiday and immersive travel experiences.





> *"Veloso are exceptional travel specialists…all the arrangements were flawless, the guides superb and knowledgeable, and the places they recommended were all great. It was the perfect holiday!*
>
> **- Mr & Mrs D, Veloso Client**











*"There is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes to put these packages together so seamlessly, so please pass on our thanks to all those who played their part! We enjoyed being treated as VIP's!*

**- Mr & Mrs B, Veloso Client**

# Our local guides

## Your hosts and local experts make all the difference

*"The Best holiday ever! Amazing trip in Ecuador and Galapagos, mixed activities, high standard of guides, transport and accommodation including the cruise. All communication and documentation of a similarly high standard throughout. Loved every minute.*

**- Mr & Mrs B, Veloso Client**




*Meet all your local hosts at veloso.com/guides*

*"Our guides were really helpful and informative and made a big difference to the holiday experience.*

**- Mr & Mrs Z, Veloso Client**






*Your Veloso Tours Guides and Tour Leaders play a number of valuable roles in the success of your holiday:*

### *Guide*
Take you on excursions, walks and visits to places of interest, provide information, context and show you 'behind the scenes' in each destination.

### *Local Expert*
Our guide will answering your questions about local society, life tyle, culture and history, and recommend restaurants and additional experiences.

### *Veloso Tours Representative*
Will meet and greet you at the airport to be your host, take you to your hotel, brief you and introduce you to the area. Your guides provide information and insights and are your first point of contact while you are travelling, assist you with any issues that may arise and liaise with our local agents, hotels and airlines.

### *Companion*
Looking after you and the day-to-day in a friendly, helpful and professional manner, and a sense of humour.

### *Tour Manager & Leader*
Behind the scenes we look after all the logistic details of your journey, so you can explore, enjoy and observe. You have a supervisory role to monitor and follow meeting times, services, visits and flights

# Private Individual Tours

## A truly unique and authentic travel experience

Carefully crafted by our destination specialist using our unparalleled first-hand knowledge and passion for Latin America, China, Indonesia and India.

Select from our pre-designed tours or create your own using our diverse modules, which encompass cultural experiences and adventure activity.

### *Support provided throughout your journey*

Behind the scenes, our team of travel professionals monitors your progress day-by-day, step-by-step to provide all the services listed on your tour itinerary, including transport, accommodation and local guides, entrance tickets and meals where listed. Please refer to the end of this brochure for details of what is included and Facts of Life in Latin America. Should there be any disruption locally, we will provide.

### *ATOL Financial Security*

We hold and Air Travel Organiser Licenced ATOL 5153, issued by the Civil Aviation Authority CAA for your financial protections

### *Veloso Tours Documentation*

Before departure we provide a Travellers Guide to help you prepare for your holiday. You also receive a folder with your E-Tickets, our 24-hour emergency telephone number in the UK , the itinerary with contact details, telephone number and WhatsApp for all the hotels and our local partners, and a list of suggested restaurants of a variety of styles, categories, and cuisine for you to experience.













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# Special Interests & Connecting with the World





We offer a wide range of holidays to match your requirements. To that effect we curate travel experiences that include the main highlights at each destination, together with a variety of unique activities, visits and cultural encounters:

*Expedition Cruises*
*Family Holidays*
*Honeymoons*
*Cosmopolitan Cities*
*Train Journeys*
*Beach & Unique Resorts*
*Local Culture & History*
*People & Local Lifestyle*
*Adventures & Trekking*
*Rainforest Lodges*
*Wildlife & Birdwatching*
*Festivals & Carnival*
*Sabbaticals*
*Luxury Holidays*
*Character & Stylish Hotels*
*Cuisine & Gastronomy*

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## Getting There

### *Flying Longhaul*

We offer all airlines with flights to Central and South America so that you can have a choice of availability in terms of departure airport, connections, stopovers, airfares, aircraft and cabin; and we offer the use of airport lounges. We are experts at providing complex flight arrangements using special airfares for leisure travellers, and we have a 24/7 emergency telephone number to provide support should you have any issue while abroad.

### *Upgrades to Premium Economy*

You can fly in Premium Economy with additional benefits:

- Wider seats with extra legroom and reclining angle
- Dedicated check-in desk
- Use of an airport lounge
- Greater choice of in-flight meals, wines and snacks
- Enhanced in-flight entertainment programme with personal screens

### *Upgrades to Business Cabin*

You may choose Business Cabin seats with a number of additional benefits:

- Fine dining in-flight meals and wines
- Personal DVD players with the widest choice of entertainment
- Seats that convert to flatbeds, more legroom and space between seats







# Antarctica








Antarctica is renowned as the last unspoiled continent, and it is also the most remote, coldest, driest and windiest place on Earth. A vast wildlife sanctuary, this mysterious White Continent is a world of glistening glaciers, towering snow-capped mountains, immense icebergs and pristine waters.

The scenery is incomparable, with vast landscapes of ice stretching as far as the eye can see. Its pristine wilderness provides a refuge for an extraordinary array of wildlife, including penguins, seals and whales, which can be observed in their natural environment.

A journey to Antarctica is a truly unique and unforgettable experience, offering a rare opportunity to discover one of the most remote and untouched places on our planet.



# Vibrant Cities, Huge Waterfalls & Spectacular Antarctic Journey

## *The Gentoo Tour*

### *20 night itinerary:*

Rio de Janeiro - *4 nights*
Iguassu Falls - *1 night*
Buenos Aires - *3 nights*
Ushuaia - *1 night*
Antarctica Peninsula Cruise - *10 nights*
Return to Buenos Aires - *1 night*



**Discover the very best of Brazil, Argentina and Antarctica on an extraordinary journey that combines vibrant cities, spectacular natural wonders and some of the most remote landscapes on Earth. Begin in the colourful streets of Rio de Janeiro, where iconic beaches, dramatic mountains and lively neighbourhoods capture the spirit of Brazil, before travelling to the magnificent Iguassu Falls and the elegant boulevards and historic barrios of Buenos Aires.**

**Continue south into Patagonia, where vast landscapes of mountains, glaciers and pristine wilderness lead to Ushuaia, the world's southernmost city and gateway to Antarctica. From here, embark on an unforgettable expedition into the White Continent, sailing among towering glaciers, immense icebergs and snow-covered peaks while encountering penguins, seals, whales and abundant seabirds.**

**A truly remarkable adventure, bringing together Latin culture and energy, and the extraordinary beauty, stillness and wildlife of the White Continent.**

*Days 1-5* Depart on an overnight flight to Rio de Janeiro, arriving the following morning. Transfer to the hotel for four nights. Enjoy a guided tour of this vibrant and exhilarating city, including the iconic **Christ the Redeemer**, before having time at leisure to explore Rio's famous beaches, lively neighbourhoods and cafés. (B)

*Day 6* Fly to Iguassu Falls and explore this spectacular natural wonder from the Brazilian side, with its panoramic views across the immense waterfalls. Later, cross the border into Argentina and stay for one night at the Gran Melia Hotel, located beside the falls. (B)

*Days 7-9* Fly to Buenos Aires for three nights in Argentina's elegant capital. Enjoy a guided tour taking in the colourful houses of **La Boca**, the Cathedral, Recoleta and the famous **Presidential Palace**. There is also time at leisure to discover the city's atmospheric cafés, historic neighbourhoods and vibrant culture, with an optional tango dinner and show. (B)

*Day 10* Fly south to Ushuaia, the world's southernmost city and gateway to Antarctica. Stay for one night, with time to explore the town and its spectacular setting beside the **Beagle Channel** and Tierra del Fuego. (B)

*Days 11-20* Embark on the M/V Sea





Spirit for a 10-night expedition cruise to the Antarctic Peninsula. Sail through the **Beagle Channel** and across the **Drake Passage,** enjoying expert lectures and briefings before reaching the White Continent. Spend several days exploring the **South Shetland Islands** and **Antarctic Peninsula,** where towering glaciers, immense icebergs, snow-covered mountains and sheltered bays provide an unforgettable backdrop. Daily excursions offer opportunities to encounter penguins, seals, whales and abundant seabirds. (B,L,D)

***Day 21*** Disembark the Sea Spirit in Ushuaia after breakfast and fly to Buenos Aires for a final overnight stay. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure before your return journey. (B)

***Day 22*** Transfer to the airport for your overnight flight back to the UK. Arriving in the following day (B)

***<u>The Guentoo Tour</u>*** *departs everyday. INCLUDING:23 days, 20nights' accommodation and breakfast (B), all flights (2 overnight), taxes, all transfers and excursions with our English-speaking guides, entrance fees, services of our agents throughout, all transport and meals as per the itinerary shown.*









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# Highlights, Culture & Antarctic Wilderness

## *The Explorer Tour*

*33 night itinerary:*

Rio de Janeiro - *4 nights*
Iguassu Falls - *2 nights*
Buenos Aires - *3 nights*
Crossing the Andes - *1 night*
Torres del Paine - *3 nights*
Australis Patagonia Expedition Cruise - *4 nights*
Antarctica Peninsula Expedition Cruise - *10 nights*
Return to Buenos Aires - *2 night*



**Discover the extraordinary diversity of South America, from the vibrant streets of Rio de Janeiro and the magnificent Iguassu Falls to the elegant capital of Buenos Aires and the spectacular landscapes of Patagonia. Travel through the Andes and explore the pristine lakes, snow-capped mountains and dramatic wilderness of Argentina and Chile, including the breathtaking Torres del Paine.**

**Continue south through the remote landscapes of Tierra del Fuego, sailing towards legendary Cape Horn before crossing to the ultimate wilderness of Antarctica. Encounter towering glaciers, immense icebergs, snow-covered peaks and an abundance of wildlife, including penguins, seals and whales. A remarkable journey combining the very best of South America with the pristine beauty of the White Continent.**



***Days 1-4*** Depart on a daytime flight to **Rio de Janeiro**, arriving later the same day. Stay for four nights with a guided tour of this exhilarating city, including its famous landmarks and vibrant neighbourhoods. Enjoy two days at leisure to relax on the beaches, explore the city or choose from optional excursions. (B)

***Days 5-6*** Fly to **Iguassu Falls**, set within lush tropical rainforest. Explore the spectacular waterfalls from both the Brazilian and Argentine sides, including the dramatic **Devil's Throat**, with walkways offering different perspectives of this extraordinary natural wonder. (B)

***Days 7-9*** Fly to Buenos Aires, Argentina's elegant capital, for three nights. Discover the colourful houses of **La Boca**, the Cathedral, Recoleta and the famous **Presidential Palace** on a guided city tour. Enjoy a day at leisure to explore the city's cafés, galleries and historic neighbourhoods, with an optional tango dinner and show. (B)

***Days 10-13*** Fly to Bariloche in Argentina's beautiful **Lake District**, surrounded by snow-capped mountains, forests and crystal-clear lakes. Enjoy guided walks through the spectacular countryside, scenic viewpoints and picturesque mountain villages, with time at leisure for optional activities. (B)





*Day 14* Travel across the Andes from Argentina into Chile, making a memorable journey through magnificent mountain scenery and crossing three beautiful lakes. Continue to **Puerto Varas** for an overnight stay overlooking the spectacular **Lake Llanquihue** and surrounding volcanoes. (B)

*Days 15-17* Fly south to Punta Arenas and transfer to **Torres del Paine National Park** for three nights. Surrounded by dramatic granite peaks, turquoise lakes and vast wilderness, enjoy guided trekking through one of the world's most spectacular national parks. (B,L,D)

*Days 18-21* Travel to **Punta Arenas** and embark on a four-night Australis expedition cruise through the remote waterways of Tierra del Fuego. Explore **Ainsworth Bay** and the Tucker Islets, sail past Pia Glacier and through Glacier Alley, and visit historic **Wulaia Bay** before attempting a landing at legendary **Cape Horn**, weather permitting. (B,L,D)

*Days 22-23* Disembark in Ushuaia and spend the day exploring the world's southernmost city. The following afternoon, embark on the M/V Sea Spirit for a 10-night expedition cruise to Antarctica, sailing south along the Beagle Channel. (B,L,D)

*Days 24-29* Cross the Drake Passage towards the Antarctic Peninsula, with expert lectures and briefings preparing you for the White Continent. Spend several days exploring the **South Shetland Islands** and **Antarctic Peninsula**, discovering sheltered bays, immense glaciers, icebergs and snow-covered mountains, while encountering penguins, seals, whales and seabirds. (B,L,D)









*Days 30-31* Begin the return journey across the Drake Passage, enjoying the ship facilities and expert lectures before a farewell dinner marking the end of your Antarctic adventure. (B,L,D)

*Days 32-33* Disembark in **Ushuaia** after breakfast and fly to Buenos Aires for two nights. Enjoy a final day at leisure to explore the city, perhaps discovering the atmospheric **Palermo district**, its cafés, galleries and shops. (B)

*Day 34* Transfer to the airport for your overnight return flight to the UK, arriving on the following day.

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# Wild Patagonia & the Wonders of Antarctica

## *The Orca Tour*

*17 night itinerary:*

Santiago - *2 nights*
Torres del Paine - *3 nights*
Antarctica Expedition Cruise - *10 nights*
Return to Santiago - *2 night*



**Discover the spectacular landscapes of Chile, from the elegant capital of Santiago and the magnificent Andes to the pristine wilderness of Patagonia. Explore the dramatic peaks, glaciers and turquoise lakes of Torres del Paine National Park, surrounded by some of South America's most breathtaking scenery. Continue to the end of the world and embark on an extraordinary expedition cruise to Antarctica. Encounter immense icebergs, towering glaciers, snow-covered mountains and remarkable wildlife, including penguins, seals and whales. Journey along the Pacific coast, discovering the colourful port city of Valparaíso and the elegant seaside resort of Viña del Mar. An unforgettable adventure combining the wild beauty of Patagonia and the White Continent.**

*Days 1–3* Depart the UK on an overnight flight to **Santiago**, Chile's vibrant capital, arriving the following morning. Enjoy a guided city tour exploring its historic squares, grand boulevards and colourful neighbourhoods, including **Plaza de Armas**, **La Moneda Palace** and **Bellavista**. On the third day, travel into the spectacular Andean scenery of **Cajón del Maipo**, with a choice of activities in this beautiful mountain region. (B)

*Days 4–6* Fly south to Patagonia and travel to **Torres del Paine National Park** for three nights. Surrounded by dramatic granite peaks, turquoise lakes, glaciers and vast open landscapes, explore this extraordinary wilderness with guided excursions, including the spectacular scenery around **Grey Glacier**. Enjoy further opportunities to discover the park's remarkable landscapes and wildlife. (B,L,D)







***Days 7–16*** Transfer to Punta Arenas and fly to Puerto Williams, at the southern tip of Chile, to embark on your **10-night Antarctic expedition cruise** aboard your chosen ship. Sail through the legendary **Drake Passage** towards the White Continent, with expert lectures and briefings introducing you to Antarctica's extraordinary environment. Spend several days exploring the Antarctic Sound, **Antarctic Peninsula** and **South Shetland Islands**, with guided excursions ashore to discover immense glaciers, towering icebergs, snow-covered mountains and remarkable wildlife, including penguins, seals, whales and seabirds. Return across the Drake Passage before disembarking at Puerto Williams. (B,L,D)

***Day 17*** Transfer to the airport for your flight back to Santiago for a two-night stay. The remainder of the day is at leisure to relax or explore the city. (B)

***Day 18*** Enjoy a full-day excursion to Chile's Pacific coast, visiting the elegant seaside resort of **Viña del Mar** and the colourful historic port city of **Valparaíso**, renowned for its steep hills, winding streets and vibrant street art. Return to Santiago in the evening. (B)

***Day 19*** Enjoy the morning at leisure before transferring to the airport for your overnight return flight to the UK, arriving on the following day.

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# Wildlife, Wilderness & Antarctic Adventure

## *The Drake Tour*

### *27 night itinerary:*

Buenos Aires - *2 nights*
Argentine Lake District - *3 nights*
Ushuaia - *1 night*
Falklands, South Shetlands & Antarctic Peninsula Expedition Cruise - *19 night*
Buenos Aires - 2 *nights*



**Discover the contrasting beauty of Argentina, from the elegant streets of Buenos Aires to the spectacular lakes, forests and snow-capped mountains of Patagonia. Travel to Ushuaia, at the southern tip of South America, and embark on an extraordinary expedition cruise through the remote islands of the South Atlantic.**

**Explore the wildlife-rich Falkland Islands and South Georgia, home to vast colonies of penguins, albatrosses and seals, before continuing to the South Shetland Islands and Antarctic Peninsula. Encounter immense icebergs, towering glaciers, dramatic snow-covered landscapes and remarkable marine wildlife on an unforgettable journey to the ends of the Earth.**




*Day 1* Depart the UK on an overnight flight to Buenos Aires.

*Days 2–3* Arrive in Buenos Aires, Argentina's elegant capital, for a two-night stay. Enjoy a guided city tour visiting the colourful houses of **La Boca**, the Cathedral, the elegant **Recoleta** district and the famous **Presidential Palace**. Enjoy a day at leisure to explore the city's cafés, galleries and historic neighbourhoods, with an optional tango dinner and show. (B)

*Days 4–6* Fly to **Bariloche**, in Argentina's beautiful Lake District, for three nights. Surrounded by snow-capped mountains, lush forests and crystal-clear lakes, this picturesque alpine region offers spectacular scenery and opportunities for guided walks, horse riding and optional excursions. Enjoy time at leisure to explore the countryside. (B)

*Day 7* Fly to **Ushuaia**, the world's southernmost city, and transfer to your hotel for an overnight stay and enjoy the rest of your day at leisure to explore this remote place, surrounded by the dramatic mountains of **Tierra del Fuego**.(B)

*Day 8* Spend the morning at leisure before embarking on your chosen expedition ship in the afternoon. Settle into your cabin and meet the expedition team as the ship sails through the Beagle Channel, leaving Tierra del Fuego behind. Enjoy your first dinner on board as your adventure into the remote South Atlantic begins. (B,L,D)

*Day 9* Sail across the **South Atlantic** towards the **Falkland Islands**. Watch albatrosses, petrels and other seabirds soaring alongside the ship, while the expedition team introduces you to the wildlife, history and landscapes of the islands ahead. (B,L,D)

*Days 10–11* Explore the remote Falkland Islands, a haven for wildlife and birdlife. Visit windswept islands and discover colonies of penguins and albatrosses, with opportunities to observe fur seals, elephant seals and dolphins. Visit Stanley, the charming capital, with its waterfront promenade, historic buildings, cathedral and local shops. Shore excursions are subject to weather and sea conditions. (B,L,D)

*Days 12–13* Sail towards South Georgia, crossing the Antarctic Convergence, where cold Antarctic waters meet warmer northern currents. This nutrient-rich region attracts an extraordinary variety of seabirds, including albatrosses, petrels and skuas. Enjoy expert lectures on board as you approach one of the most remarkable wildlife destinations in the Southern Ocean. (B,L,D)



***Days 14–18*** Explore **South Georgia**, one of the world's great wildlife sanctuaries, renowned for its immense penguin colonies and abundant seals. Depending on conditions, visit spectacular locations such as **Salisbury Plain**, **St Andrews Bay** and **Gold Harbour**, where thousands of king penguins gather along the beaches. Discover **Fortuna Bay** and the remains of the island's whaling history, with a possible visit to **Grytviken**, where you can learn about the legendary explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton. The programme is dependent on weather and landing conditions. (B,L,D)

***Day 19*** Continue south towards the **South Shetland Islands** and **Antarctic Peninsula**. Watch for snow petrels and south polar skuas as the ship navigates increasingly icy waters, with the possibility of encountering sea ice along the way. (B,L,D)

***Day 20*** Continue sailing towards Antarctica, enjoying expert lectures and briefings from the expedition team in preparation for exploring the White Continent. Keep watch from the decks for seabirds and the first signs of Antarctic icebergs. (B,L,D)

***Days 21–24*** Discover the extraordinary landscapes and wildlife of Antarctica and the South Shetland Islands. Depending on weather and ice conditions, explore the spectacular Weddell Sea, the Antarctic Sound and the western Antarctic Peninsula. Possible visits include **Paulet Island**, **Brown Bluff**, **Half Moon Island** and **Deception Island**, with opportunities to explore by Zodiac and make landings ashore. Encounter immense glaciers, towering icebergs, snow-covered peaks and thriving colonies of penguins, while watching for seals and whales in the surrounding waters. Every day brings new possibilities in this remarkable wilderness. (B,L,D)

***Days 25–26*** Begin the return voyage across the Drake Passage towards Ushuaia. Enjoy further opportunities to observe seabirds from the decks, attend expert lectures and reflect on the extraordinary wildlife encounters and landscapes of your expedition. (B,L,D)

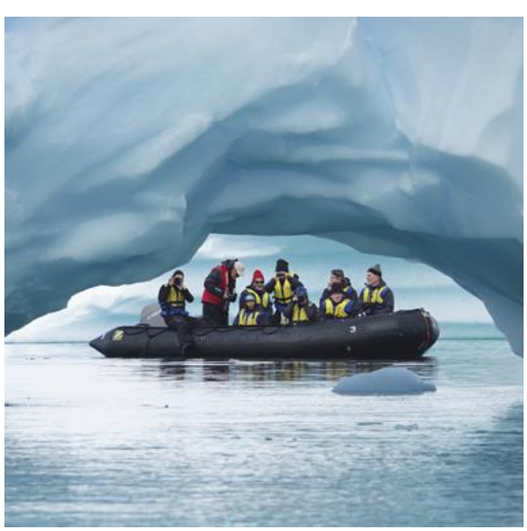
***Day 27*** Continue sailing towards Ushuaia, enjoying your final day on board. Join your fellow travellers and expedition team for the captain's farewell dinner, celebrating an unforgettable journey through the **Falklands**, **South Georgia** and **Antarctica**. (B,L,D)

***Days 28–29*** Disembark in Ushuaia after breakfast and transfer to the airport for your flight to Buenos Aires. Stay for two nights, with the remainder of the day at leisure. Enjoy a final full day to explore the capital, perhaps discovering the cafés, galleries and boutiques of **Palermo**, visiting the historic neighbourhood of **San Telmo** or enjoying the city's renowned restaurants. (B)

***Day 30*** Transfer to the airport for your overnight return flight to the UK, arriving on the following day.

***The Drake Tour*** *departs everyday. INCLUDING:27 days, 29nights' accommodation and breakfast (B), all flights (2 overnight), taxes, all transfers and excursions with our English-speaking guides, entrance fees, services of our agents throughout, all transport and meals as per the itinerary shown.*



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# Antarctic Wilderness

## *The Antarctica Peninsula Expedition*

### *10, 11 or 12 night itinerary:*

*To be integrated within a complete Tour Itinerary*

*Essential Antarctica Experience*
*Flights via Buenos Aires to Ushuaia. Choose your preferred ship from the selection in this brochure, or explore more options at veloso.com/expedition-cruises.*

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***Days 1-2*** Arrival in Ushuaia, transfer to your hotel and overnight. Next day transfer to the pier, board your ship and depart through the Beagle Channel and head south into the vast unknown.

***Days 3-4*** Crossing the unpredictable seas of Drake Passage and getting to know your fellow passengers and guides.

***Days 5-8*** We pass through the South Shetland Islands arriving at the Antarctica Peninsula. Each day we take excursions by zodiac to explore bays, channels and landing sites, visiting penguin rookeries, scout for mink and humpback whales and leopard seals. Icebergs of every size float past the ship, complementing the awesomely rugged landscape and giving the perfect opportunity for photography. The Antarctic Peninsula's mountains allow for treks ashore to vantage points where you can admire the stunning ice-covered surroundings.

Camping ashore overnight is sometimes possible for a limited number of passengers (at extra cost, booking in advance required). Some departures offer sea kayaks to explore on the water, paddling with seals and penguins in the scenic waterways.

***Days 9-10*** Journey back across Drake Passage, looking out for seabirds and whales, and disembark in Ushuaia on Day 11.









# Remote Islands & Icy Wilderness

## *The Falklands, South Georgia & Antarctica Expedition*

*18, 19 or 20 night itinerary:*

*To be integrated within a complete Tour Itinerary*

*Complete Antarctica Experience*

*Flights via Buenos Aires to Ushuaia. Choose your preferred ship from the selection in this brochure, or explore more options at veloso.com/expedition-cruises.*



***Days 1-3*** Arrival in Ushuaia, transfer to your hotel and overnight. Transfer to the pier, board ship and depart, sailing on the Beagle Channel. One day at sea.

***Days 4-5*** We visit the Falkland Islands for two days, exploring the coastline and admiring the rich wildlife colonies of sea birds including, black-browed albatrosses, Magellanic and Rockhopper penguins. Or spot the flightless steamer duck. We will make landings including at Port Stanley.

***Days 6-7*** At sea, with lectures and workshops on wildlife and photography.

***Days 8-11*** Exploring South Georgia, teeming with wildlife including thousands of King penguins. Visit the grave of Sir Ernest Shackleton, the remnants of old whaling stations and abandoned outposts.

***Days 12-13*** At sea on the Scotia Sea.

***Days 14-18*** Explore the Antarctic Continent and South Shetland Islands. We step foot on the Continent in complete isolation, enjoying spectacular landscapes and wildlife such as colonies of Gentoo, Adelie and chinstrap penguins.

***Days 19-20*** Cross the infamous Drake Passage, and disembark on **Day 21**.









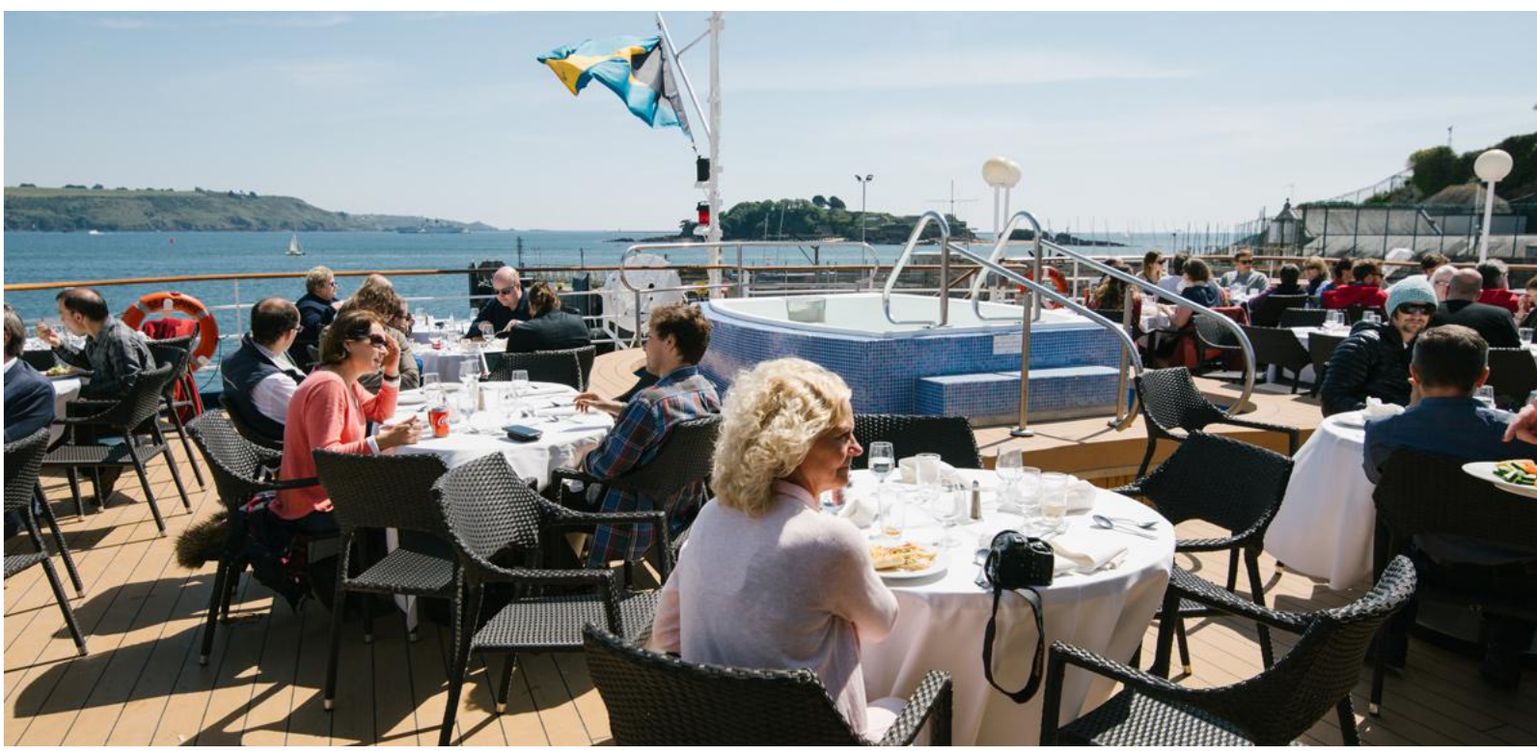


## *Sea Spirit* *First Class Expedition*

The Sea Spirit is a high class expedition ship providing the ideal balance between comfort, size and serious expedition in Antarctica, with many guided landings and excursions using the 10 zodiacs. The ship is 96 meters long by 15.3 meters wide with 13 passionate expedition guides. She takes a maximum of 114 guests in 53 spacious cabins on five decks. Public areas include a large restaurant, bar, Outdoor Bistro for 'al fresco' lunch, Polar Library, Infirmary, Gym, outdoor decks and the open bridge.








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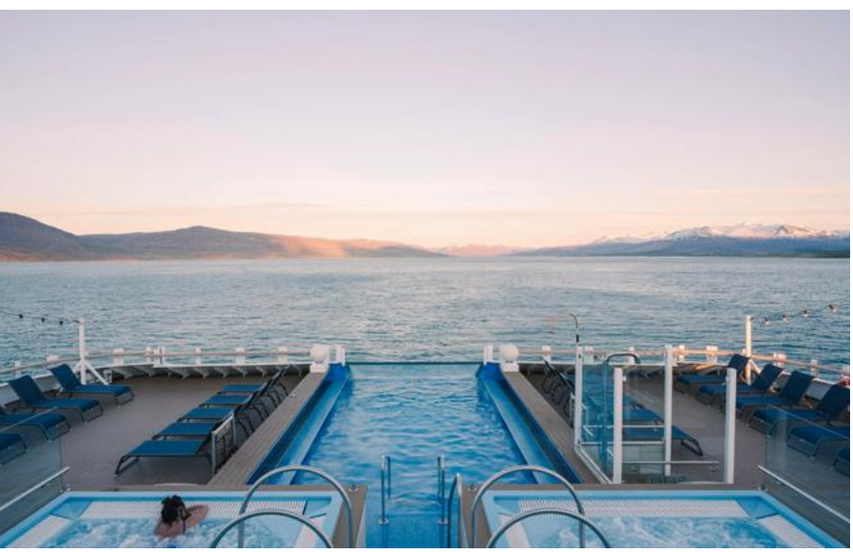


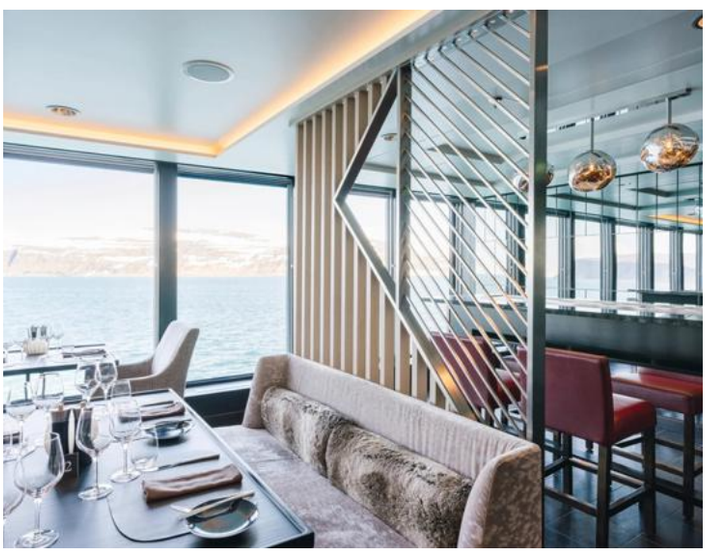


## *MS Fridtjof Nansen* *First Class Expedition*

Named in honour of the renowned Norwegian explorer Fridtjof Nansen, the MS Fridtjof Nansen is a modern hybrid-powered expedition ship combining Scandinavian design, comfort and advanced technology. Carrying up to 530 guests, she offers spacious cabins, three restaurants, a fitness centre, sauna, outdoor hot tubs and a pool, alongside a Science Centre and several inviting lounges. Designed for exploration in comfort, she provides an excellent base for discovering Antarctica and its extraordinary wildlife and landscapes.










# *MS Fram* *First Class Expedition*

Built specifically for polar exploration, MS Fram combines Norwegian expedition heritage with modern comfort and a range of onboard facilities. Carrying up up to 200 guests, she offers a welcoming atmosphere with two restaurants, an Explorer Lounge & Bar, a Science Centre, a fitness room, sauna, outdoor hot tubs and an outdoor BBQ. Her Nordic-inspired interiors and dedicated expedition team create a comfortable and enriching environment for discovering the Arctic and Antarctica. With a strong connection to the spirit of exploration, MS Fram provides an ideal base for experiencing the world's most remote polar landscapes and encountering their remarkable wildlife.










# *Sylvia Earle* *Deluxe Class Expedition*

The Sylvia Earle is a purpose-built expedition ship combining modern comfort, innovative design and a strong commitment to conservation and exploration. Named after renowned marine biologist Dr Sylvia Earle, she accommodates up to 132 guests and features comfortable cabins, a restaurant, gym, sauna, library and spacious observation areas, including a striking glass-enclosed lounge. With outdoor viewing decks, a fleet of Zodiac boats and a dedicated team of expedition specialists, she offers an enriching base for exploring Antarctica, discovering its spectacular landscapes and encountering its remarkable wildlife.








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# *Greg Mortimer* *Deluxe Class Expedition*

The Greg Mortimer is a purpose-built expedition ship combining innovative design, modern comfort and a spirit of adventure. Launched in 2019, she accommodates up to 132 guests and features the pioneering X-BOW® hull, designed to improve stability, reduce motion and enhance fuel efficiency in challenging conditions. Onboard, guests can enjoy comfortable cabins, a restaurant, a bar and lounge, lecture facilities and spacious observation areas. With a fleet of Zodiac boats and an experienced team of expedition specialists, she offers an exceptional base for exploring the polar regions, discovering spectacular landscapes and encountering remarkable wildlife.











## *Scenic Eclipse II* *Ultra Deluxe Class Expedition*

The Scenic Eclipse II is an ultra-luxury expedition yacht combining elegant design, exceptional comfort and advanced technology. Carrying up to 228 guests, she offers spacious all-verandah suites, nine dining experiences, a luxurious spa, indoor and outdoor pools, a gym and several lounges and bars. With a dedicated expedition team and state-of-the-art equipment, she provides a refined and comfortable base for exploring Antarctica and its spectacular landscapes and wildlife.













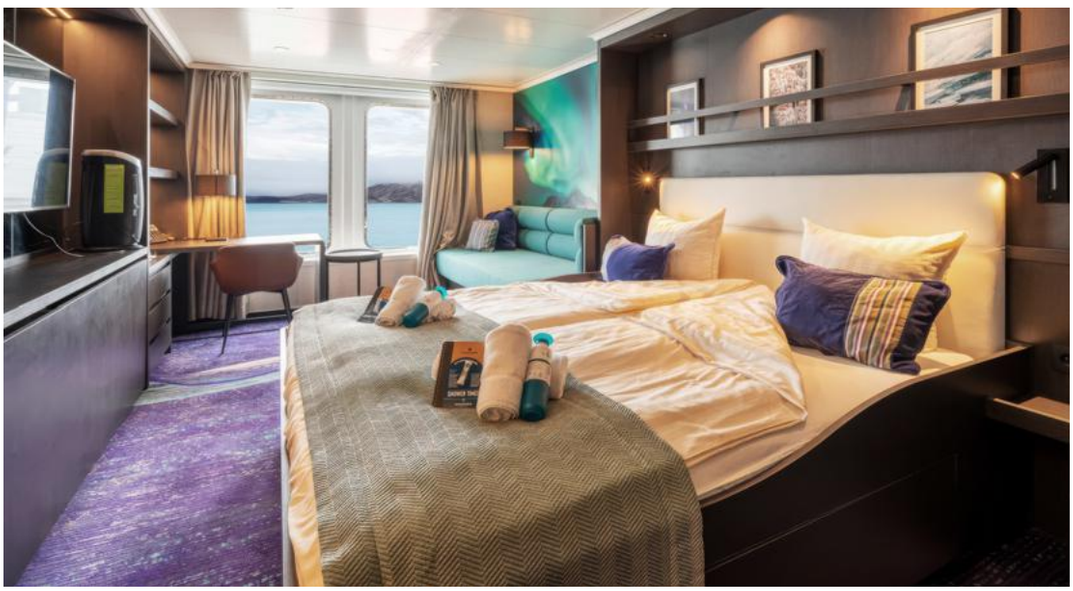







# *Oceanwide Houndius* *First Class Expedition*

The Oceanwide Hondius is a purpose-built polar expedition vessel combining modern comfort, practical design and advanced technology. Carrying up to 170 guests, she features a range of comfortable cabins and suites, a restaurant, a welcoming bar and observation lounge, a library, and dedicated lecture facilities for informative presentations by the expedition team. With spacious outdoor decks and a fleet of Zodiac boats for shore landings and wildlife encounters, she provides an ideal base for exploring Antarctica and the Arctic, bringing guests closer to the spectacular landscapes and remarkable wildlife of the polar regions.

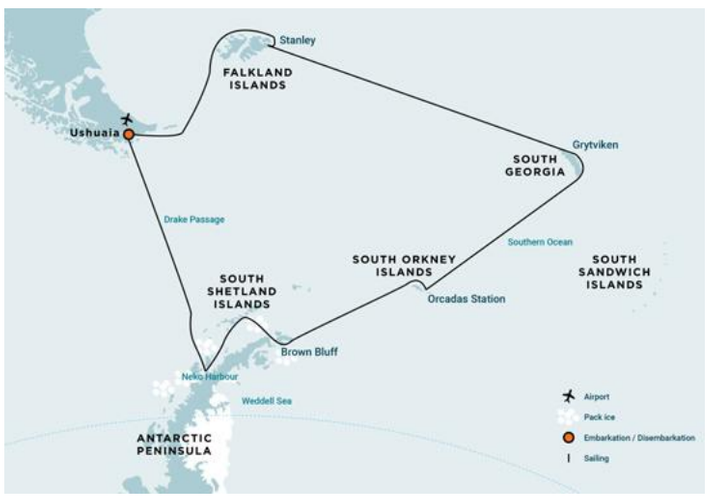








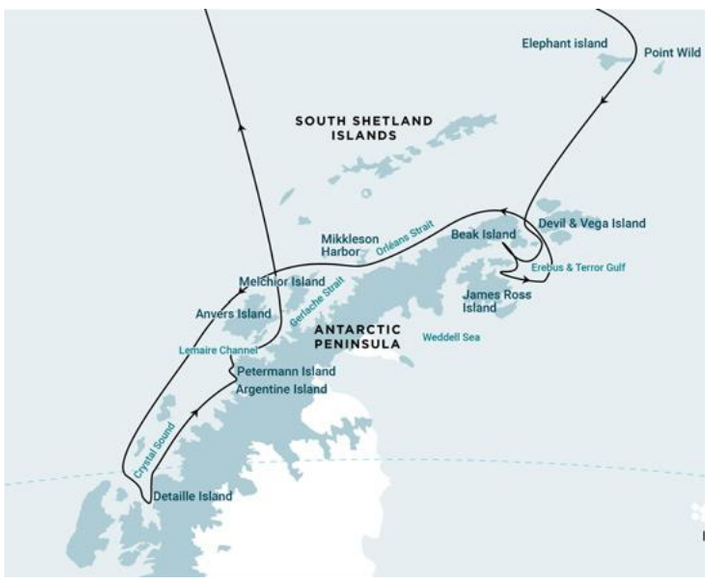
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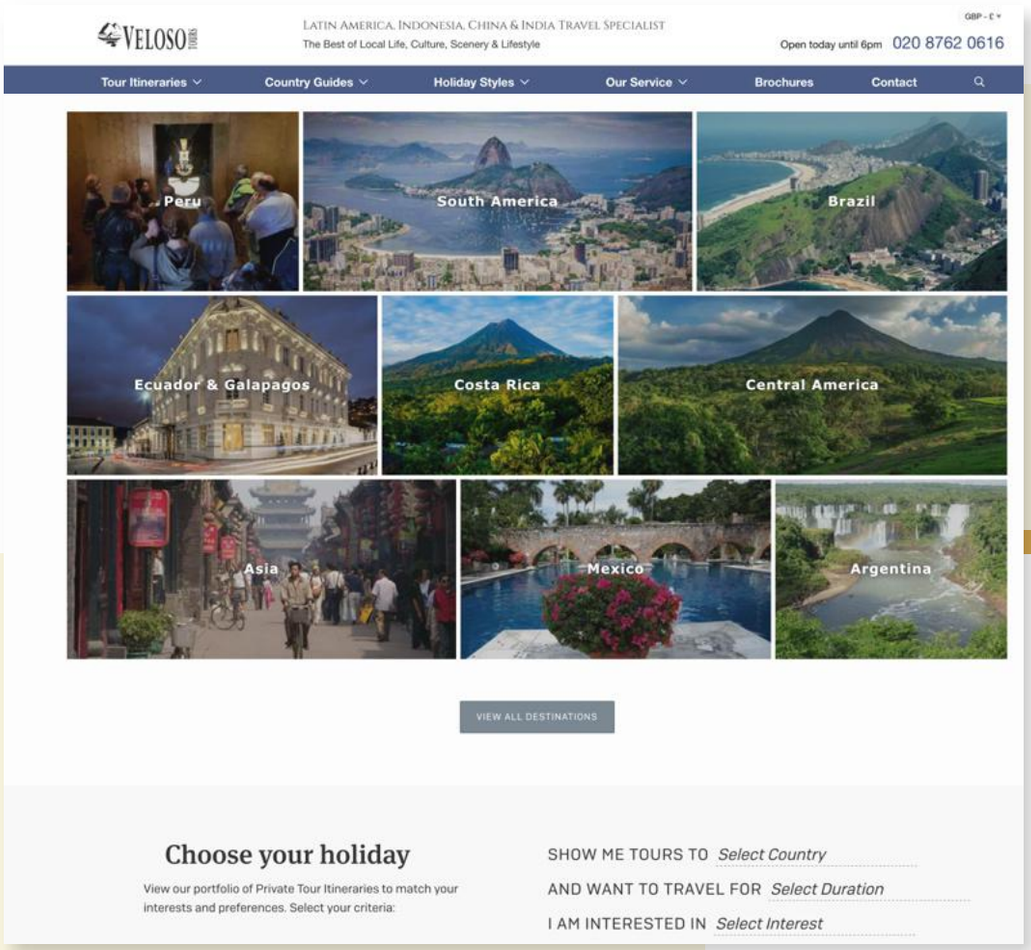

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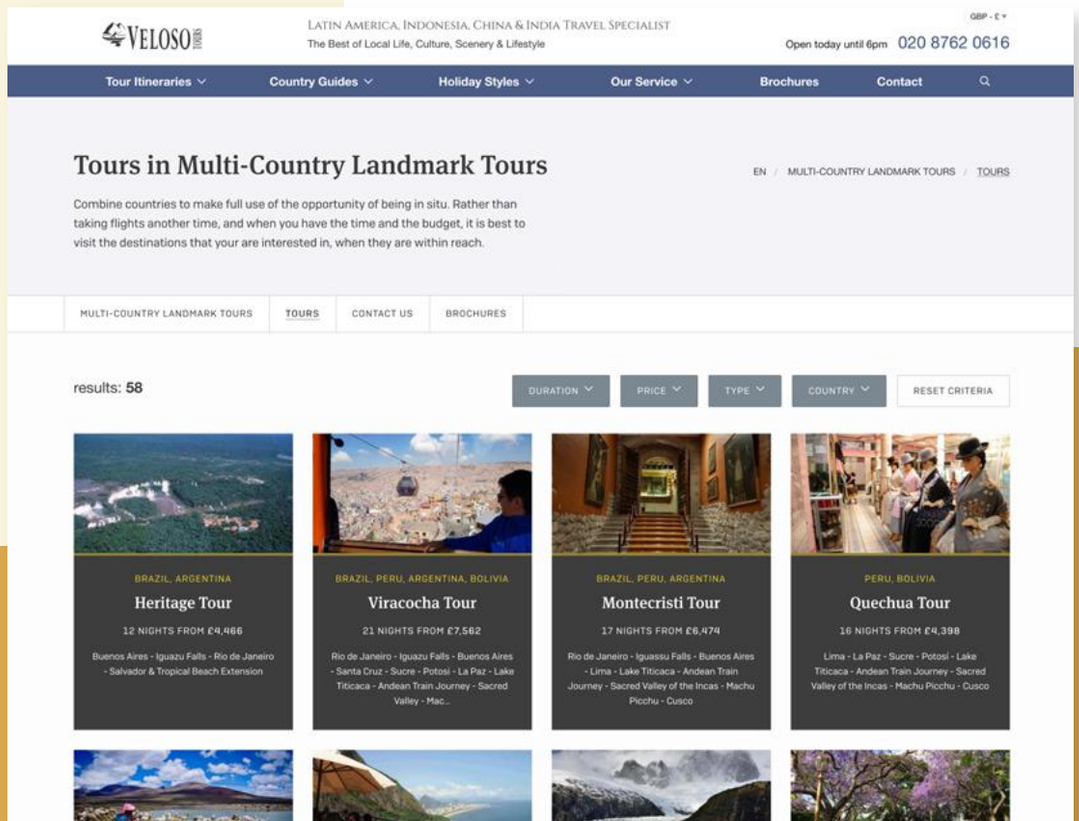

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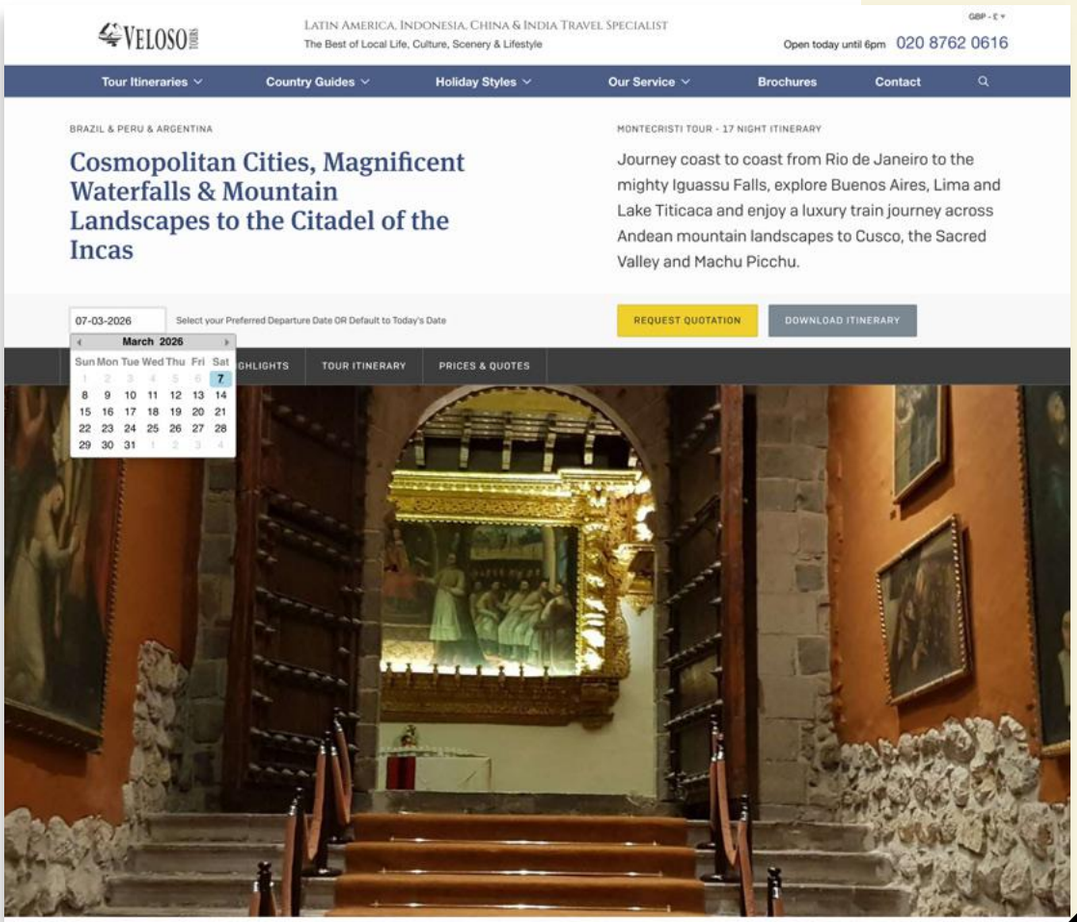


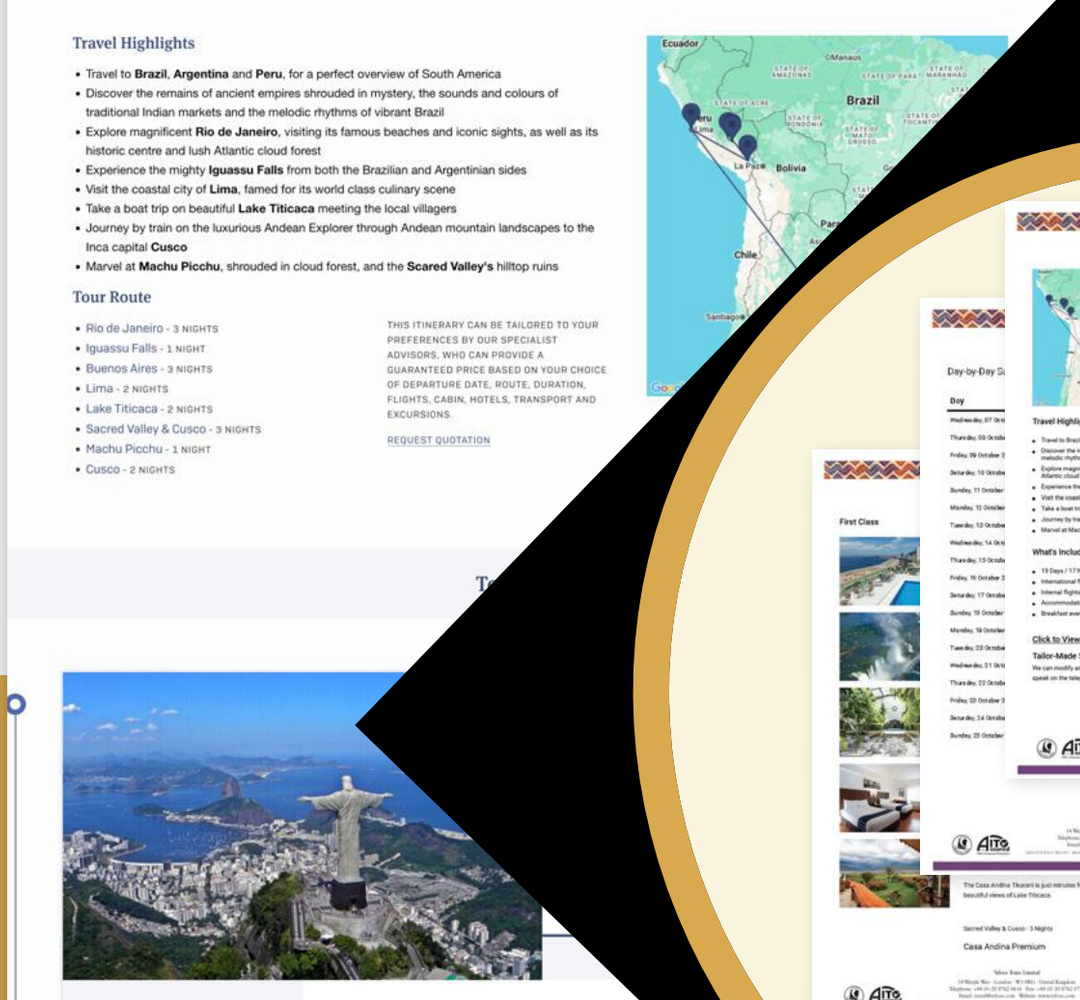
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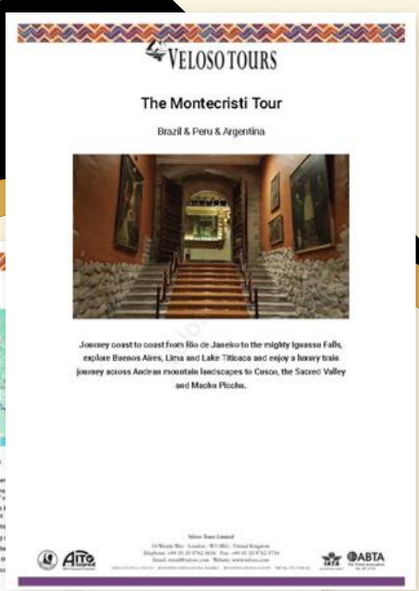
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# Facts of Life in Latin America



Many of the tourist facilities in Latin America have been developed to European standards and you may well be pleasantly surprised by the high quality of some of the hotels, cruise ships or yachts, and by the friendly professionalism of the staff who will look after you. However, many areas of Latin America are underdeveloped, with much lower standards of safety, hotels and transport than those required in the European Union. Passengers travelling on our trips must be prepared for these 'third world' circumstances and the possibility of long delays, changes and discomfort at times.

Very often local cultures and traditions do not place the same emphasis on speedy service and timetables that our busy lifestyles do. We travel to experience other people's way of life, including such differences, and with patience, tolerance and realistic expectations, it is easy to unwind and enjoy a memorable holiday. Our representatives and ourselves will all do our best to minimise any inconvenience and smooth the way as much as possible.

### *Travellers' Guide from Veloso Tours*

All clients booking with us receive a comprehensive personal Travellers' Guide with information and suggestions on how best to prepare for travel in Latin America. This covers important issues such as health and vaccination, climate and clothes, money matters, luggage, security, flight reconfirmation, meeting your guides and airport transfers. Please make sure you have received it.

### *Accommodation*

In selecting our hotels we have looked for style and character to enable clients to feel the identity of the country and culture that they are visiting. Many towns and villages in Central and South America have excellent colonial style hotels with beautiful decor and comfortable facilities, even luxury.
Unfortunately it is not always possible to find hotels with character in some of the towns and villages, or our first choice may not be available, in which case we use other hotels inspected and, in our opinion, providing a good level of comfort, facilities and service.
*We have graded the hotels that we use on our tours as follows:*

***Deluxe Hotels*** are 5-star properties. More and more hotels and haciendas have opened in Latin America bringing a level of service, character, luxury and comfort that rivals the best in the world.

***First Class Hotels*** are 4-star standard available throughout Latin America, offering comfortable rooms of a reasonable size with private toilet and shower facilities, telephone, television and air conditioning or heating. These hotels have a restaurant and bar, security boxes in the room, and some have a swimming pool, whilst all have a reasonable standard of decor.

***Tourist Class Hotels*** are the equivalent of 2 or 3-star hotels. All the rooms offered to our clients will have private toilet and shower facilities, and whilst these hotels will serve breakfast they will not necessarily have



a restaurant serving lunch and dinner. These hotels provide an excellent base should you wish to spend most of the time sightseeing and will not stay much time in the room other than sleeping, yet demand a good standard of facilities, safety and cleanliness.

***Lodges*** are available at remote locations such as in the rainforest, the mountains or the deserts. These are sometimes basic and built using local materials in keeping with their surroundings; they are often wooden with thatched roofs. Rooms are simply furnished with a bed, mattress, blanket and sheets, some with mosquito nets, separate toilets and showers facilities sometimes being shared. All have a dining area, cooks, staff and guides.

### *Shared Individual Tours*

We provide services as on Individual Tours with different guides at each destination but, as there are set departure dates, you may travel with the same group of people in the same hotels, on flights, all transport, transfers and excursions. Once each service is delivered, you have time on your own.

# What the price includes

**All the Tour Prices shown are per person and include the following:**
Accommodation in standard rooms or cabins with single beds, service charges, local taxes, transfers from the airport to the hotel and back, excursions with an English-speaking guide, all transport by car, minibus, train or coach unless otherwise stated when travelling to the next destination. All the services as described in the itinerary are included. Meals as shown in the itinerary using these abbreviations: B for breakfast, L for lunch, D for dinner. Flight prices include Economy Cabin Seats on the transatlantic from the UK and internal flights, and all taxes payable in advance. The help, support and assistance of English-speaking Veloso Tours representatives in each country visited throughout the itinerary.

***First Class Individual Tours:***
Accommodation in FIRST Class hotels (4 Star equivalent), staying in Standard Rooms or best hotel in the area with PRIVATE transfers, transport, excursions and guide. Private Tours allow you to maximise your time and to make stops, visits and optimising the route, with more flexible times and duration. You have the full attention of the guide so fulfill your interests.

***Deluxe Individual Tours:*** Same as First Class but with accommodation in DELUXE hotels (5 Star equivalent), staying in Standard Rooms.

***Tourist Class Individual Tours:***
Accommodation in standard rooms at TOURIST Class hotels (3 Star equivalent) with SHARED group transport, transfers, guide and excursions wherever available, in order to reduce the cost. Shared transfers, transport and excursions entails a fair of amount of time spent (wasted) waiting for other people, collecting and returning other passengers to their hotels and there is no choice of route, duration of time of departure and return. The guide may speak more than one language as well as English.
***Bespoke Individual Tour Itineraries:***
Allow you to mix your options according to your preference and the destinations visited. You can choose accommodation and transport, depending on the amount of time you spend at each destination on your itinerary and costs. We produce a proposal with all the details for you to consider before making a booking. We are happy to speak in detail about each option and ammend the itinerary proposal until you are fully satisfied with your tour itinerary.

***Items not included in the price:*** Passport and visa costs, insurance, overseas departure and airport taxes, porterage at the hotels and airport, meals not listed, personal expenditure, gratuities

***Documentation & Local Representatives***
Clients travelling on Individual Tours first receive an itinerary proposal with the total price and listing all the hotels, transfers, excursions and services to be provided. Once you have paid in full we provide a final itinerary with all the contact details, addresses and telephone numbers of your hotels and our local partners. On Individual Tours, you have a supervisory role over the whole itinerary and the services, liaiding with our agents or guides to check departure and meeting times. Our local representatives have English-speaking guides and staff to answer any questions you may have and are able to provide additional excursions, restaurant suggestions or general information.

***Veloso Tours 24 hour UK Duty Officer***
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# Booking Procedures

### *Individual Tours:*

- Complete the booking form and send it to us or to our travel agent together with your deposit of £400 per person plus any pre-payments required.
- We make all the reservations for the flights and ground services listed on your itinerary.
- Within three days we will send you a confirmation of your complete itinerary, details of flights, dates, times, hotels, cruises, excursions and the statues of your reservation.
- Once you have received confirmation of the full itinerary to your satisfaction, you send us the full payment eight weeks before departure.
- We will send you your flight tickets, vouchers, final itinerary and documentation for your holiday, no later than two weeks before departure.

### *Bespoke Individual Tour Itineraries:*

- We will be pleased to discuss your travel plans by telephone or you may visit our office.
- The process of preparing your personal itinerary may involve a certain amount of liaising to arrive at an itinerary that best fits your requirements.
- We will send you a written proposal for your itinerary and once you are happy with the tour and price, you send us a deposit of £400 per person together with your booking form and we complete the booking in the manner described above in Individual Tours.

### *Your Supervisory Role on Individual Tours:*

- You supervise the delivery of all the arrangements booked for you and shown with address and telephone number on the Final Itinerary that we send you before departure.
- Liasing with our local partner office to ask any questions. Most times the guide only knows the service that he /she is providing you and the office has the full picture.
- We take you the airport check-in and you find your way to the gate and flight connection.
- On arrival at the airport or bus or train station you look for the guide meeting you.
- Most of all, this means being aware of the times when you will be met so you are ready.



## OUR PRICES

We aim to provide a competitive price consistent with the high quality of our service, consumer protection and commitment to our clients. The prices in this brochure are correct at the time of going to press, but are not guaranteed and may change over time. We will quote you the exact price when you first enquire, for you to consider and agree, before you decide to book and before we confirm your booking and take your deposit. Once you receive our confirmation invoice our prices are guaranteed if you pay in full within one month from the date of the invoice.

Our prices may bear no relation to prices of services in Latin America, available and payable locally at the time of travel, contracted by local agents or special promotions. We cannot provide a breakdown of prices other than those shown in our brochure. Please note that travel arrangements are not always purchased in local currencies and any apparent changes in local prices have no impact on the price of your travel due to contractual and other protection in place. Prices shown for Escorted Group Tours and Individual Tours include Transatlantic flights and all internal flights and the land tour services listed on the itinerary. We can take out the value of the flights so you arrange your own flights, perhaps as part of a round-the-world ticket, or on airmiles.

***Single Travellers and Own Room / Single Room Supplement***

The price shown for a single traveller on an Individual Tour includes the cost of a single room. The single room supplement or price for Own Room applies to those who prefer to stay in their own room, just for you, when several people travel together. A person travelling alone on one of our Group Tours can avoid the cost paying for a single room if he or she is willing to share a room or cabin for double occupancy, and there is a person of the same gender who is also willing to share.

## HEALTH & VACCINATIONS

All passengers should consult their doctors for proper medical advice and vaccinations in good time before travel. It is important to consider taking precautions against illnesses in the area that you are visiting, but these vary widely and there are no compulsory vaccination requirements for passengers travelling from Europe or the United States. All passengers arriving in Brazil from Bolivia, Ecuador & Peru MUST have a Yellow Fever Vaccination & Certificate taken at least 21 days earlier. There is a Health Information Service on 0845 46 47 or MASTA Travellers Health advice website www.masta-travelhealth.com validated by the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. However, vaccines are only the first step. It is just as important to take precautions while travelling since the reality is that the more common ailments may prove to be the most disruptive. When we confirm your booking we will send you our pre-departure Travellers' Guide with essential information for your journey.

## SAFETY & SECURITY

It is important that you should be aware, before you book your holiday, that standards of health, safety and security in many parts of Latin America do not meet European standards. Many areas are poor, underdeveloped, with different priorities and a serious lack of resources to import the standards and technical ability that we enjoy in Europe. Visiting Latin America means being part of the life and standards in those countries, with all the limitations of their social, economic, political and regulatory conditions. Unfortunately crimes against people and their property can occur everywhere in the world and Latin America is no exception. Travellers have the same obligation to look after their personal safety, health, security and possessions as they do at home. Our Travellers' Guide provides information and suggestions on precautions to take while travelling. Since the situation is constantly changing, you may wish to check the advice and up-to-date information issued by The Foreign and Commonwealth Office Travel Advice Unit by phone 084 585 028 29 or on BBC2 (Ceefax) page 470 or at their web site www.fco.gov.uk

## SPECIAL REQUESTS / INTERESTS

Our commitment to our clients' comfort leads us to try to satisfy special requirements in order to make your trip as enjoyable as possible. We require a written note on the booking form with any such request, highlight, essential requirement or special interest you may have. To make sure, we will book it first and confirm to you that we can provide it.

## FLIGHTS

### *Special Reduced Fares and Restrictions*

Prices in this brochure and tailor-made quotations are based on special leisure airfares and conditions offered to us by the airlines primarily for holiday travel, as opposed to the normal IATA fares used mostly for business travel. These represent a reduction on the normal IATA fares which entitle passengers to privileges and flexibility that leisure passengers do not normally require.

Tickets at our special fares are 100% non-refundable, valid ONLY on the airline, flight and dates shown and do not entitle passengers to switch to another airline in case of a flight cancellation, delay or technical problem with the aircraft or the reservation. However, we are able to offer higher IATA airfares and aircraft charters to clients for whom these restrictions are not acceptable.

### *Flights with Special Service Classes*

For more comfort, most airlines have their own special service class on board, called Club World, First Class, Upper Class, Business First and so on, providing passengers with larger reclyning seats, sometimes flat beds, better meals and other benefits at a premium fare. However, there is no uniform equivalence between each airline's service classes, and the prices and service offered are very different. Please ask for our advice, price and details of the service each airline provides.

### *Delays, Reservations and Problems with Flights*

The vast majority of flights operate without any problem, particularly off peak. The reality of air travel in the world today is one where the volume of flights and passengers at the airports, together with congestion and economic pressures, lead to the possibility of lost luggage, delays, cancellations and the overbooking of flights. The whole process of going through crowded airports, queues, check-in, officials, endless security and flights, is not an enjoyable experience, but rather a test of patience and endurance.

Clients travelling long haul must be aware of this reality and must be prepared to cope with the consequences of any disruption, including delays that may be in the order of a few minutes or several long hours. Normally airlines provide accommodation and meals or refreshments if the wait is prolonged but this may not be the case with some smaller airlines in countries with limited resources.

The airline ticket entitles you to be taken from A to B but it does not guarantee when or how. It is common sense that in everyone's interest, airlines have a paramount concern for the safety of their crew and passengers, therefore timekeeping is of secondary importance should the airline find or suspect any technical problem with the aircraft, crew, weather or air traffic control. In addition, clients should accept that, at times, airlines may have to change the type of aircraft used and the destination airport, in which case you will be taken back to your original destination, on alternative transport, as soon as possible.








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