

# South American Luxury Rally

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## SOUTH AMERICAN LUXURY RALLY- PERU, BOLIVIA, CHILE AND ARGENTINA



Day	Hotel	Meals	Travel Plan	Time	Distance	By
Day 1	Belmond Miraflores Park	D	Lima	---	---	---
Day 2	Belmond Palacio Nazarenas	B - L - D	Lima/Cusco	1:20 hrs.	574 kms	Plane
Day 3	Belmond Palacio Nazarenas	B - L - D	Machu Picchu	---	---	Train
Day 4	Suasi Island Hotel	B - L - D	Cusco/Puno/Suasi	7 - 8 hrs.	450 kms	Car
Day 5	Suasi Island Hotel	B - L - D	Suasi/Titicaca/Suasi	---	---	Car
Day 6	La Casa Grande Hotel	B - L - D	Suasi/La Paz	5 hrs.	245 kms.	Car
Day 7	Luna Salada or Palacio de Sal	B - L - D	La Paz/Uyuni	11 hrs.	750 kms.	Car
Day 8	Luna Salada or Palacio de Sal	B - L - D	Uyuni	---	---	Car
Day 9	Tayka del Desierto Hotel	B - L - D	Uyuni/K'ara	6 - 7 hrs.	250 kms.	Car
Day 10	Cumbres Hotel	B - L	K'ara/Atacama	5 - 6 + 1 hrs.	150+160 kms.	Car
Day 11	Manantial del Silencio Hotel	B - L	Atacama/Purmamarca	10 hrs.	415 kms.	Car
Day 12	House of Jasmines	B - L	Purmamarca/Salta	4 hrs.	180 kms.	Car
Day 13	Hotel Belen	B - L	Salta/Belen	7 hrs.	451 kms.	Car
Day 14	Royal Suites Hotel & Casino	B - L	Belen/Chilecito	3:30 hrs.	220 kms.	Car
Day 15	Patquia Luxury Camp	B - L	Chilecito/Patquia	4 hrs.	280 kms.	Car
Day 16	Sheraton Cordoba Hotel	B - L	Patquia/Cordoba	6 hrs.	370 kms.	Car
Day 17	Four Seasons	B - L	Cordoba/BsAs	1:23 hrs.	660 kms.	Plane
Day 18	Four Seasons	B - L	Buenos Aires	---	---	---
Day 19	---	B - L	Buenos Aires	---	---	---





## Day 1 - Lima, Peru

Welcome to Lima!

Upon arrival in Lima, one of our representatives will bring you to the hotel, for check.

Dinner at IK Restaurant

Walls covered with foliage and wood reflect the commitment to serving fresh, organic ingredients. Starters include Amazonian cebiche (wok-seared paiche marinated in lime juice with jungle spices) and a selection of native potatoes, tubers, and smoked tomato. Signature dishes include grouper sauteed with zucchini and portobello mushrooms and suckling pig stewed with dark beer and lentils. Save room for one of the amazing desserts.



## Day 2 - Cusco, Peru

Transfer to Lima's airport for the flight to Cusco. Upon arrival in Cusco, you are met and transferred to the hotel.

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In the afternoon, discover Cusco by a city tour that includes the Cathedral on the Plaza de Armas, considered to be one of the most beautiful churches in the Americas.

Its construction was influenced by the great Spanish cathedrals of the era, reflecting Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque styles. Another ornate church is Santo Domingo, a 16th-century Dominican church and convent built on the foundations of the Koricanha, the Incas' principal religious building.

Dinner at MAP Café Restaurant:

With a varied and select house menu, showcases the flavors, products and customs of our quaint country, giving it a character which reflects the elements and vibrancy of modern Peru. All of the regions of Peru featured in the Museum exhibits are as well represented in the Museum Café's menu, demonstrating that Peru is indeed an extraordinary gastronomic destination.



### Day 3 - Cusco/Machu Picchu/ Cusco, Peru

Morning transfer to train station to board deluxe train Hiram Bingham to Machu Picchu.

Travel on the exclusive and luxurious Belmond Hiram Bingham train and enjoy the elegant dining car, the bar car, and the observatory\*, where you can take in the unmatched scenery in the open air while sipping on a traditional Peruvian cocktail and listening to live local music.

Arrive to Aguas Calientes train station and transfer to bus station, in order to take the bus up to Machu Picchu citadel (25 minutes).

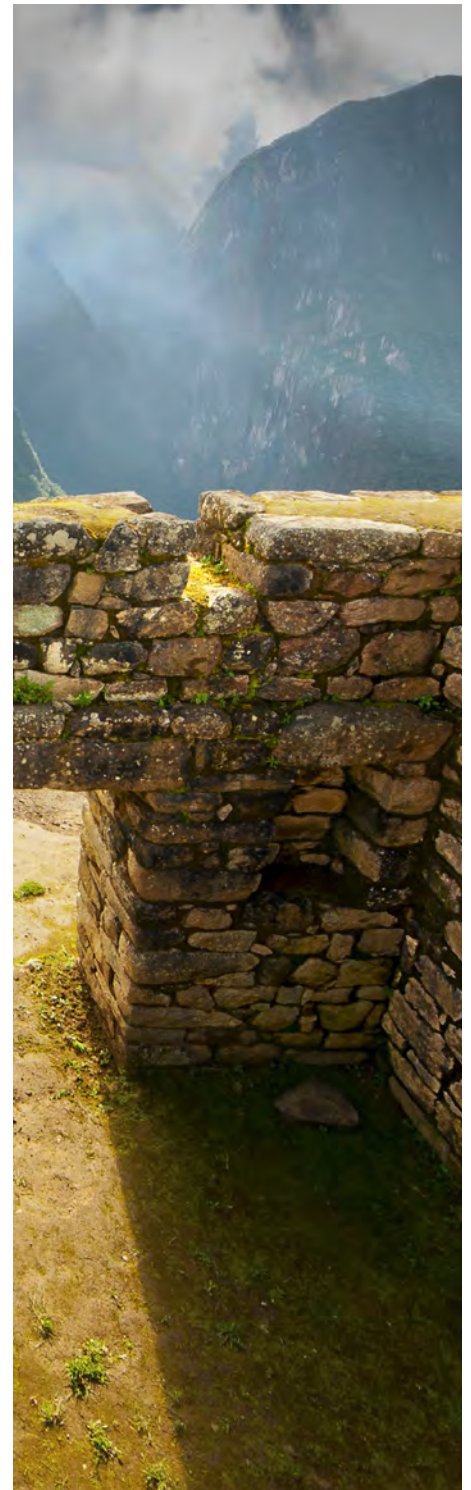
Accompanied by your guide, explore the city's ruins, and feel its pulse as you visualize the lives of the priests, craftsmen, and servants who inhabited this seemingly uninhabitable citadel. Excavations at the site have revealed skeletons, artifacts and woolen clothing, but no gold. The same precision of assembled stones exists here as in other

Incan sites. Overlooking the raging Urubamba River and discovered in a hidden tangle of vines and trees atop the mountain, the city of Machu Picchu will forever hold its secret of its destruction, the Incas left no written record.

Afternoon tea time at hotel Belmond Sanctuary Lodge.

Bus down the mountain and train Hiram Bingham back to train station (dinner and drinks on board).

Final transfer to Cusco hotel and rest.





#### Day 4 - Cusco/Puno/Suasi, Peru

Transfer to meeting point for briefing and vehicles recognizing.

Beginning of the Rally route Cusco - Puno - Suasi.

Box lunch on route.

Arrival at Moho port and boat transfer to Suasi Island.

Special lunch at hotel, and rest of the afternoon at leisure to enjoy beautiful Suasi landscapes and activities.

#### Day 5 - Suasi/Titicaca Lake/ Suasi, Peru

Boat excursion to the Titicaca lake:  
Uros floating islands:

Visit the floating islands of the Uros, a small tribe (now intermarried, however, so pure-blooded Uros no longer exist), is an interesting excursion.

The islands themselves are constructed from the totora reed found in abundance in Lake Titicaca. The Uros' homes and boats are also of totora, and their entire lives revolve around their famed reed-weaving. Then you will be transferred to Amantani. Short treks around the island will be considered, an excellent opportunity to enjoy ancient local customs.

Taquile Island:

Inhabitants dress in homemade traditional colorful clothing - men wear elegant waistcoats and floppy knit caps. Women, on the other hand, wear layered skirts and embroidered blouses. Quechua, for centuries and until now has been their first language and they maintain a very individual proud and independent lifestyle. This beautiful island setting holds several terraced hillsides, home to millenary Inca ruins, which you are free to explore.

Lunch during the visit of Taquile island.

Back to Suasi island.





## Day 6 - Syasi/La Paz, Bolivia

Full day 4x4 vehicles Suasi - La Paz.

Enjoy a full-day drive around the lake and through the Altiplano to La Paz. Bolivia is filled with spectacular views of the countryside. La Paz sits nearly 4,000m (13,120 ft) above sea level.

Arrival in La Paz, drive until the hotel.  
Picnic lunch: Ancoraimes

Check in at hotel and time to rest.

Dinner at Gustu Restaurant: Gustu is the Quechua word for flavor.

The house is a beautiful architectural achievement of functionality and style, with a high ceiling, solid wood elements and colourful lamps and furnishings. Noma co-founder Claus Meyer and his Melting Pot Foundation opened Gustu in 2013 with the intention of starting a new Bolivian gastronomic movement. Now the restaurant has become an independent company with a school inside its premises, many of its students being the chefs, barmen, sommeliers and waiters. Gustu was the best restaurant in Bolivia for year 2016.

## Day 7 - La Paz/Oruro/Uyuni, Bolivia

Full day drive from La Paz to Oruro in 4x4 vehicles.

On route, visit Oruro: capital of the famous carnival.

Picnic lunch with a carnival show.

Transfer from Oruro to Uyuni.

Dinner at hotel.

## Day 8 - Uyuni, Bolivia

Full day drive around Uyuni Salt Flats. Departure from the hotel and visit to Colchani. Walk on a plant where salt with iodine is processed by the locals. Visit to the small market where handcrafts are made on salt.

Enter the magnificent Salt Flats, see

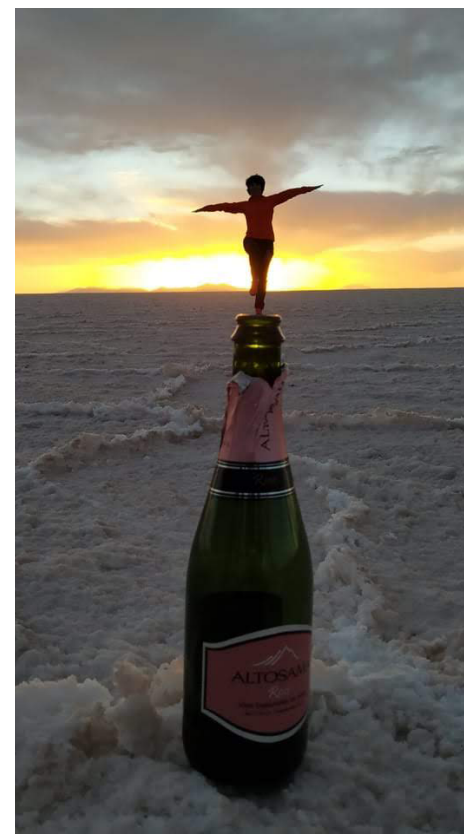
the way local people gather salt for processing it. Discover why the eyes of the Salt Flats are boiling. Continue your journey on the Salt Flats and have a unique photo session in a great plain of Salt where perspective is only a theory.

Visit Incahuasi, where gigantic cacti grow, making the landscape unique.

Walk on a petrified coral path and enjoy lunch in the middle of the Salt Flats.

Drive to the northern shore of the Uyuni Salt Flats, to Coquesa, where the views of Salar de Uyuni are even different and just as impressive.

Short hike on the hillside, to the entrance of the Cave of the Coquesa mummies. If desired, you can stay and watch an amazing sunset.







### Day 9 - Uyuni/K'ara, Bolivia

Breakfast and departure to Uyuni and the train cemetery.

Visit the Black Lagoon and continue to Laguna Hedionda passing by the small Andean towns.

Drive on amazing landscapes, such as the Valley of the Rocks, where the formations are very interesting. A great spot for photography.

Arrival to Laguna Hedionda, outstanding for its fauna: the flamingos that parade on the shore on the company of other smaller birds. Lunch on route. Drive to Laguna K'ara.



### Day 10 - Uyuni/San Pedro de Atacama, Chile

Breakfast and departure from Laguna Khara, driving on the isolated but at the same time amazing Desert of Siloli where we see the vicuñas feeding and the famous Stone Tree stands.

Arrival at western Laguna Colorada, the most important nesting place for 3 varieties of South American flamingoes.

Visit the Sol de Mañana Fumaroles, where we see the earth in activity. Continue to the Chalviri Lagoon where, if desired, one can take a bath in the hot springs of this region.

Drive through Dali's Desert until Laguna Blanca and Laguna Verde, where the turquoise green of the waters make a surreal landscape.







### Day 11 - San Pedro de Atacama/ Purmamarca, Chile/Argentina

San Pedro de Atacama is located in the middle of the Atacama Desert. The Atacama desert is the most arid desert on Earth; offering amazing scenery, numerous activities, and year round good weather. Atacama offers an impressive array of archaeological and geological points of interest. A year-round destination, Atacama is an area that enjoys over 330 days of sunshine per year and no rain, with a first-class hotel infra-structure in San Pedro that makes it a real hotspot for luxury adventure travel.

The Northwest area, including Salta, Jujuy and Tucuman provinces, is very much a hidden treasure of Argentina. The charm and the character of this region lies in the culture and folklore of its people, in the architecture of its small towns, in the traditions and customs present in its markets, its food, its music and its religious festivities. It is a mix of Pre-Columbian civilizations and Spanish colonial past. Known worldwide due to its magnificent natural sceneries and the settlements where time seems to have stopped, this area gives travelers the possibility to date back to the times of colonization. The city of Salta, the gateway city to visit this area, is the best preserved Spanish colonial city in Argentina. Desert, cactus, high altitude salt lakes, yungas, llamas crossing the Puna... An incredible variety of colors, climates, activities, that never leaves you indifferent.



Picnic lunch on the Salt plains, and after lunch continue to Purmamarca

### Day 12 - Purmamarca/Salta, Argentina

Breakfast at the hotel.

The morning in Purmamarca is the best moment to enjoy a trek to Los Colorados circuit with its beautiful panoramic views. It is a short walk

along a trace where the mountain landscape will take your breath away, just a couple of kilometers where you will find surprising landforms. This is a unique postcard of Jujuy and its beauty.

After seeing Purmamarca and its surroundings it is time to continue to Salta along a scenic road through thick forest and changing landscapes, and enjoy a picnic lunch at La Calera.



### Day 13 - Salta/Belén, Argentina

Slow-paced Belén, a stop on RN 40, feels like, and is, a long way from anywhere, and will appeal to travelers who like things small-scale and friendly. It's one of the best places to buy woven goods, particularly ponchos. There are many teleras (textile workshops) around town, turning out their handwoven wares made from llama, sheep and alpaca wool. The intriguing nearby ruins of El Shincal are another reason to visit. It's set smack in the middle of a red rock desert sprouting with cacti.

### Day 14 - Belén/Chilecito, Argentina

With a gorgeous situation among low rocky hills, backed by the Sierra de Famantina (a range of mammoth, snowcapped peaks), Chilecito, a mere pit stop for most on RN 40, has several interesting things to see, including an abandoned cableway leading to a mine high in the sierra. With the intense heat, its mining heritage and the slopes around town dotted with cardón cacti, Chilecito has a Wild West feel and is an appealing place to spend a few quiet

days. It's also a base for spectacular excursions into the sierra.

### Day 15 - Chilecito/Patquia, Argentina

Sitting in the Province of La Rioja, Patquia is known for being the point where several routes all across Argentina converge. The city was first founded in 1890, and has managed to live on date palm farming. However, something that will catch guests' attention, while in Patquia, are the reddish rock formations.





## Day 16 - Patquia/Cordoba, Argentina

Córdoba, capital of the Argentine province of the same name, is known for its Spanish colonial architecture. It's home to the Manzana Jesuítica (Jesuit Block), a 17th-century complex with active cloisters, churches and the original campus of the Universidad Nacional de Córdoba, one of South America's oldest universities. The city's focal point is Plaza San Martín and its neo-baroque Cathedral of Córdoba.

Cordoba will be the place where we will drop off the cars and enjoy a celebration, after such long and thrilling trip throughout South America.

## Day 17 - Cordoba/Buenos Aires, Argentina

Breakfast at the hotel.

In due time; transfer from the hotel to the Córdoba airport for your flight to Buenos Aires.

Upon arrival at Buenos Aires Jorge Newbery local airport (AEP), you will be met by your local host who will drive you to a local restaurant for lunch.

Welcome to Buenos Aires

Elegant, old-worldly, with a touch of Paris here and of London there, a dash of New York cosmopolitanism and Italian exuberance here, the city nevertheless has a lot of Latin America in it as well and some things that are uniquely Argentine, such as its tango bars and overflowing kiosks. Here, everything is grand, on a scale fit for kings: tourists photograph their steaks at the restaurants, Av. 9 de Julio ranks as the world's widest avenue, a cemetery so fancy that it occupies one of the poshest bits of downtown, the entire city fronts on the world's widest river. Buenos Aires never fails to impress.

After lunch, explore the highlights of the "Paris of South America" in a three hour city tour escorted by one of our experienced representatives who



will introduce you to the history and culture of this magnificent city. The tour will include the historical areas of Buenos Aires: Plaza de Mayo, the political heart of the city, laid out by Don Juan de Garay in 1580 during the second founding of Buenos Aires. You will also drive through San Telmo neighborhood, with its cobblestoned streets, where the original porteños settled in the early days. Pass through Puerto Madero and see this area where redbrick warehouses were made into trendy restaurants and bars. Finally you will visit Recoleta and its famous cemetery and mausoleums of the most important personalities of Argentine.

At the end of tour check-in at the hotel.

## Day 18 - Buenos Aires, Argentina

Buenos Aires is the city to catch the world's best polo players in action. This polo experience gives guests a chance to get up close and personal to the sport of kings by spending a day at La Martina polo farm. Just 50 km (30 miles) from downtown, visit polo fields belonging to the Cambiasos, one of the polo world's most renowned families. La Martina is home to Adolfo Cambiaso, the best player in the world, and named after his mother. This is where guests will be introduced to polo, learning about the sport's history, rules of the game, and about the ponies' breeding and training. A two-hour polo clinic follows, where guests take a class with bilingual



polo instructors; this is suitable for both beginners and advanced players.

After a morning on the field, a well-deserved lunch, which comprises homemade Argentine cuisine is served in the shade under the trees, surrounded by nature and stunning views. This program does not require any previous polo-playing knowledge and does not have an age limit.

### Day 19 - Buenos Aires, Argentina

In due time, guests will be picked up and taken to the International Airport to board the international flight, and start the journey back home.







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