

# Girls On Tour: Antarctica, Galapagos & A Taste of South America



**Sunday 3 February 2019**  
**DEPART FOR SANTIAGO. 3 nights**  
Depart Australia for Santiago de Chile.

## **Mon 4 Feb - SANTIAGO, CHILE**

A city tour of Santiago to start your amazing adventure visiting both the old and new parts of the city. A visit to Cerro Santa Lucia where Santiago was founded in 1541 provides panoramic views over the city. (B)

## **Tue 5 Feb - SANTIAGO, CHILE**

An excursion today to the popular beach resort of Vina del Mar where elegant hotels, restaurants and parks offer a flavour of the French Riviera. Next we visit Valparaiso, Chile's oldest port. (B)

## **Wed 6 Feb - TRAVEL DAY TO GUAYAQUIL, ECUADOR 1 night**

Transfer to airport for onward flight to Guayaquil enroute to our **Galapagos adventure**. (B)

## **Thu 7 Feb - GÁLAPAGOS Day 1**

Transfer to airport for flight to Baltra in the Galapagos Islands. On arrival we transfer to Alia, our home as we explore the archipelago. An afternoon excursion to North Seymour Island where blue-footed boobies, frigatebirds and Galapagos sea lions are in abundance. (BD)

## **Fri 8 Feb - GÁLAPAGOS Day 2**

Our first stop this morning is Darwin Bay on Genovesa Island. This white sand coral beach heads a half mile trail that winds through mangroves filled with land birds, Nazca boobies, red-footed boobies and swallow-tailed gulls. In the afternoon we visit El Barranco on Genovesa Island and more. (BLD)

## **Sat 9 Feb - GÁLAPAGOS Day 3**

Our first visit today is to Sullivan Bay. A coral beach landing leads you towards a lava field as far as the eye can see. In the afternoon we visit Bartholomew Island, home of the famous Pinnacle Rock. The beach is perfect for

snorkelling and possible sightings of the Galapagos Penguin. (BLD)

## **Sun 10 Feb - GÁLAPAGOS Day 4**

Today we are back on the main island of Santa Cruz where our first stop is Dragon Hill, one of the newest visitor sites. The walking trail will lead us along the beach and up to the lagoon lookout where bright flamingos, pintail ducks and land iguanas can be spotted. Our afternoon visit is to Black Turtle Cove in the northern part of Santa Cruz where we have a chance to see sting rays, white-tip sharks and sea turtles. (BLD)

## **Mon 11 Feb - GÁLAPAGOS Day 5**

After breakfast we disembark and spend the morning visiting the Santa Cruz Highlands before our transfer back to Baltra for our flight to Quito, 3 nights. (B)

## **Tue 12 Feb - QUITO, ECUADOR**

Our city tour of Quito today explores the bustling streets and squares of the largest historical old town in the Americas. A highlight today is when we will visit Latitude 0° the exact Middle of the World. (B)



## **Wed 13 Feb - QUITO, ECUADOR**

A full-day excursion today to the indigenous market of Otavalo, the most important indigenous market in South America. Along the way we will stop at Calderon and San Pablo Lake. (B)

## **Thu 14 Feb - TRAVEL DAY - QUITO TO BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA 2 nights**

A transfer from our hotel to the airport for our onward flight to Buenos Aires. Balance of day free. (B)

## **Fri 15 Feb - BUENOS AIRES**

A tour today to the colourful neighbourhood of La Boca to explore and enjoy local food and watch the Tango artists perform in the streets. Our tour of Buenos Aires will introduce



you to this incredible city. We'll explore the bustling city centre including Plaza de Mayo, and Recoleta Cemetery best known for holding Eva Peron's grave. In the evening you're in for a treat as we enjoy the 'Argentine Experience'. You'll make your very own empanada as well as enjoying world famous steak and other Argentinian delights. (BD)

## **Sat 16 Feb - TRAVEL DAY BUENOS AIRES TO IGUASSU FALLS 2 nights**

Transfer to the domestic airport for our flight to Iguassu. Balance of day free. (B)

## **Sun 17 Feb - IGUASSU FALLS**

Today we explore the Argentinean side of the spectacular Iguassu Falls. We will take a ride on the Rainforest Ecological train before exploring the upper and lower circuit footbridges which are raised off the jungle floor to provide panoramic views above and below the falls. Devil's Gorge will undoubtedly be a highlight of today's tour before boarding our motor boat to get 'wet and wild' in the Lower Iguazu River rapids at the heart of the falls. (B)

## **Mon 18 Feb - TRAVEL DAY IGUASSU TO USHUAIA 2 nights**

Today we fly to Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world to begin our **Antarctica adventure**. After checking in the remainder of the day is ours to explore. (B)

## **Tue 19 Feb - USHUAIA**

A treat today as we explore Tierra del Fuego National Park including one way



## Departing Sunday 03 February, 2019 - 31 days



on the End of the World Train. (B)

### Wed 20 Feb – DISCOVER ANTARCTICA CRUISE DAY 1

The morning is yours to explore Ushuaia before boarding our Antarctica vessel “Ocean Atlantic” in the afternoon and sail down the historic Beagle Channel towards the Great White Continent! (BD)

### Thu 21 Feb - ANTARCTICA - Day 2

We spend the day at sea, through the legendary waters of the Drake Passage. If conditions allow, enjoy the ample

#### INCLUSIONS

- Return international Economy flights
- All transfers at destination and internal flights as shown
- All transport in air-conditioned coaches.
- 3 and 4 star hotel accommodation
- Breakfast each day. Other meals as shown. All meals on both ships.
- Tango Show and Argentine Experience in Buenos Aires
- All entries and touring as shown on itinerary including Park Fees (up to \$140AUD).
- Visa and reciprocity fees Chile (to the value of \$170AUD)
- Full time Australian escort.
- Information Kit and pre-departure information and advice

#### EXCLUSIONS

- Tips and gratuities
- Airline taxes
- Polar and wet weather clothing for Antarctica
- Personal items, travel insurance
- Anything not specified above

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\*based on minimum group of 10 and subject to currency fluctuations.

outer deck space to look for dolphins, whales and orcas as well as seabirds including the mighty Albratross. (BLD)

### Fri 22 Feb - ANTARCTICA - Day 3

Today we continue crossing the Drake Passage and hope to make landfall by early evening if conditions are favourable. The first sighting of land always brings great excitement on any expedition south. (BLD)

### Sat 23 Feb – ANTARCTICA - Day 4 to Day 7

For the next four days we explore the Antarctic Peninsula that is famed for its majestic mountains, glaciers, calm waters and abundance of wildlife. Our lecture program continues during our voyage and sightseeing during this period is at its most spectacular off the ship's outer decks. We hope to visit an active research station during our time on the peninsular (subject to approval) as well as explore well known sites such as the Lemaire Channel, Deception Island, Paradise Bay and Neko Harbour. Whilst on the Peninsular we will have our famous Antarctica quiz as well as a host of interesting night time activities. (BLD)

### Wed 27 Feb – ANTARCTICA - Day 8

Leaving Antarctica behind we sail north to our home port of Ushuaia. We have time to reflect on our amazing journey and hear more wonderful talks on Antarctica. (BLD)

### Thu 28 Feb – ANTARCTICA - Day 9

By the evening we hope to be back in the tranquil surrounds of the Beagle, ensuring a restful nights sleep. Our last meal together is often a highlight of any Chimu Adventures trip. (BLD)

### Fri 01 Mar - ANTARCTICA - Day 10

Arrive in Ushuaia in the morning and transfer to the airport for our flight to Buenos Aires, 2 nights. (B)

### Sat 02 Mar – BUENOS AIRES

This morning is at leisure to explore, shop or relax. Tonight we will be transported back in time thanks to the La Ventana Tango Show. Enjoy the dancers, orchestras and local singers, while dining from the impressive menu that offers local and international cuisine as well as an extensive list of Argentinean wines. (BD)

### Sun 03 Mar - BUENOS AIRES - DEPART FOR HOME

After breakfast we will be transferred to the airport for our homeward flight to Australia. (B)

### Mon 04 Mar – IN TRANSIT

### Tue 05 March - ARRIVE HOME

#### Footnote:

*After amazing adventures to Antarctica and Galapagos in 2014 and 2017 we are delighted and excited to be returning to the Great White Continent once again. This amazing adventure includes stays in Buenos Aires, Ushuaia, Quito and the amazing Iguassu Falls. It includes a 10 day Antarctic Cruise onboard “Ocean Atlantic” and a 6 day Galapagos Cruise (5 days cruising plus 1 night pre cruise). We will visit the famous La Boca district in Buenos Aires, famous for its Tango, we will overnight in and visit Iguassu Falls and in Ushuaia will visit the Tierra del Fuego National Park. Our Antarctica experience begins as we cross the Drake Passage following ‘the steps’ of Sir Francis Drake as we sail through the Southern Ocean with the chance to see seabirds, whales and other marine creatures. We will make our way southwards to the South Shetland Islands and to the Antarctic Peninsula. Our Galapagos adventure begins in Guayaquil before joining our cruise vessel, Alia in the Galapagos Islands to explore the Northern and Central Islands including North Seymour, Genovesa Island, Sullivan Bay, Bartholomew Island, Santa Cruz and more!*

**\*\*Please note also that Quito is 2,850m above sea level. If you have any concerns about altitude please consult your GP.**

