SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA

By Privately Chartered Air New Zealand 747-400
Since 1992 Getaway has travelled all over the world to create our top rating TV program for over two million viewers each week. Wherever we go, we showcase the very best of every type of holiday. We’re now thrilled to invite you on board our exclusively chartered 747-400 to take off on an enthralling exploration of South and Central America. Our exclusive partnership with Connoisseur’s Choice by Scenic Tours is a first. For over 20 years Scenic Tours
have built an enviable reputation for high quality all-inclusive touring holidays. Today they are the leading touring company to many International destinations because, like the Getaway team, they have a passion for travel.

This 23 day journey will surely be the experience of a lifetime. You’ll travel to South America’s most famous nations – Chile, Argentina, Brazil and Peru – where the diversity and vibrancy of their capitals will be revealed. Fly to jungle-clad Iguazu Falls, arguably the world’s most spectacular chain of waterfalls. Your journey will take you to Central America’s most fascinating destinations – Cuba and the Panama Canal. The unmissable Andean treasures of Machu Picchu, the Sacred Valley and Cuzco are also included. And you’ll fly to remote Easter Island to discover the ancient secrets of those enigmatic statues.

At every destination you’ll enjoy a host of included sightseeing, meals and activities as well as special Connoisseurs’ Highlights. The following pages detail every aspect of this once in a lifetime adventure. With only one departure scheduled for 2011, we recommend that you book soon so you don’t miss out.
You’ll be thrilled and intrigued by the wonders of this vast continent. Sway to the rhythm of the Tango, stand in awe before the thundering roar of the mighty Iguazu Falls, be charmed by the endless carnival atmosphere in Rio de Janeiro and discover the ingenuity of the Incas at Machu Picchu.

Many exclusive extras can only be enjoyed on this holiday, with Connoisseur's Choice Highlights, and Included FreeChoice activities as your entée.
to experiences available only to a select few. You’re invited to a private welcome dinner in the magnificent Grand Hyatt Santiago. Buenos Aires is the home of Tango and you’ll attend a lively dinner show. You’ll see Iguazu Falls three ways - touring the spectacular Brazilian Falls, travelling by boat upstream to the ‘Devil’s Throat’, and taking the rainforest train to marvel at the falls from the Argentinean side.

In Rio you’ll have access to the inside workings of Carnival, then take off on a fabulous helicopter flightseeing trip. The Curator of Lima’s privately-owned Larco Herrera Museum will welcome you before your exclusive tour of the museum’s incredible pre-Columbian collection. Meet the colourful residents of village communities in Peru’s Sacred Valley and enjoy a gourmet picnic lunch at the foot of the Andes.

At the mountaintop citadel of Machu Picchu you’ll stay overnight and spend the day touring the ruins with free time to explore at your own pace. Board the Orient-Express Vistadome train for panoramic views and impeccable service en route from Machu Picchu to Cuzco.
Your holiday takes in three sensational destinations which are definitely not on the regular tourist trail - Cuba, Panama City and Easter Island. Our private charter allows you to access and experience them in a way only possible by those in the know.

Exotic Old Havana is a UNESCO World Heritage site and the base for 16th century Spanish fleets coming to Cuba and the New World. Today it's home to fine cigars, distinctive cuisine and a...
vibrant music scene. Your welcome to the city is a private cocktail party listening to the sounds of a Cuban band. After your walking tour of the city, cruise the streets like a local, riding in a vintage 1950's car.

Known as the City of Skyscrapers, Panama City has another side which can be found in the traces of its pre-Columbian and colonial past as you tour the old part of town. An unforgettable highlight of your travels will be your cruise where you transit the narrowest part of the Panama Canal and descend a series of locks almost 30 metres to the Pacific Ocean.

A speck in the ocean between Chile and Tahiti, remote Easter Island is your final destination. Your guide will take you to the enormous stone statues (Moai) which were constructed at the height of the island's ancient Polynesian civilisation. You'll tour a huge volcanic crater where hundreds of men carved the statues, and remnants of unfinished ones can still be seen. A private dance spectacular provides a fitting end to your visit to this remote island.
As a guest of Connoisseur’s Choice, you can be sure that your accommodation will be beyond compare. You’ll be treated to exceptional standards of luxury, service and décor. And when you step outside, you’ll always find yourself in a landmark location, right in the heart of each destination.

Grand Hyatt Santiago is a five-star luxury hotel in an exclusive location featuring modern interiors, and a lagoon pool with waterfall. The Park Tower

Luxury Accommodation
is one of the most stylish hotels in Buenos Aires, a member of the Starwood Luxury Collection and is centrally located within easy walking distance of the main shopping area.

At Iguazu Falls you’ll stay within the National Park at either the charming Orient Express Das Cataratas, or at the Sheraton Iguazu Falls hotel where your room has views over the Falls.

The Sheraton Rio Hotel & Resort is the city’s only beachfront resort with an extensive recreational area. The lush, landscaped grounds are set along a private white-sand beach and flanked by towering mountains. The NH Parque Central is a luxury five-star hotel radiating colonial style in the very heart of Old Havana. The pool terrace and bar on the top floor of the hotel has breathtaking views over the old city.

A contemporary landmark on Panama Bay, InterContinental Playa Bonita Resort and Spa rooms offer views over the ocean and across to the Canal. The luxurious Sumaq Machu Picchu and the Inkaterra Pueblo Hotels are set at the base of the mountain providing havens of serenity.
You will fly aboard a privately chartered Boeing 747-400 so that your time in the air is just as luxurious as your experiences at each destination. We have selected Air New Zealand for this charter, because their new long-haul seating and friendly service set the benchmark in comfort and style.

Travelling by private charter is a unique experience. Throughout the 23 day journey your specially chosen Air New Zealand flight and cabin crew
will accompany you and will give you a warm welcome each time you step onboard. A private charter allows you to travel to destinations that are difficult to reach in any other way from Australia. Onboard you can choose from three cabin classes. Business Premier features a wide leather armchair with separate ottoman footrest that converts to the most comfortable, fully lie flat bed in its class for a perfect in-flight sleep. In Pacific Premium Economy you’ll stretch out in an exclusive cabin, enjoying additional legroom and 50% more seat recline than Economy. The Pacific Economy cabin is designed to make long-haul travel a more enjoyable experience. You’ll appreciate the generous personal space and ergonomically designed seats. For our private charter, the cabin will not be filled to capacity, with plenty of spare seats to make your journey spacious. Wherever you’re seated, you’ll enjoy Business Premier in-flight dining, premium wines and full bar service. The on-demand entertainment system gives you control of the action, with in-seat remote control and individual high resolution screen, presenting blockbuster movies, TV shows, audio programs and music.
Day 1  Australia – Auckland – Santiago
Depart Australia this morning on your commercial Air New Zealand service to Auckland. On arrival transfer to your exclusively chartered 747-400 jet for a direct flight to Santiago. Sit back, relax and enjoy the atmosphere of your own private aircraft and get to know your fellow travellers. Onboard you will enjoy Premium Business Class service in all cabins, including full beverage service. During your flight to Santiago you will be served a welcome dinner complemented with fine wines and champagnes. Cross the international date line, gain a day and be served breakfast, before landing in Santiago. On arrival transfer to the elegant Grand Hyatt, an unforgettable five-star hotel located in the heart of Las Condes, one of the city’s most prestigious neighbourhoods. Relax and enjoy the facilities of this fabulous hotel. Tonight join your Tour Directors and fellow travellers at your welcome briefing. Connoisseur’s Highlight: This evening your private welcome function is held in the Salon Aysen, overlooking the beautiful gardens of the hotel. Relax and enjoy the live entertainment and get to know your fellow travellers and Tour Directors.
Two Night Stay: Grand Hyatt Santiago
Onboard Meal Services: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 2  Santiago
The capital of Chile is a charming city, surrounded by the snow capped peaks of the Andes. You have a full day to explore, starting with your city tour including a ride on the cable car to the top of the Cerro Cristobal. The afternoon is at leisure for you to discover at your own pace. This evening enjoy your Included FreeChoice Dinner: Choose from (1) Akarana Restaurant; or (2) La Copa Feliz Restaurant; or (3) Como Aqua Para Chocolote; or (4) Senso Restaurant (must be pre-booked).
Meals: Full Buffet Breakfast, Highlight Dinner

Day 3  Santiago – Buenos Aires
Transfer to the airport this morning and reboard your private aircraft. Your crew welcomes you back onboard and will serve a light lunch during your flight. Arrive in the elegant city of Buenos Aires, famed as the “Paris of the South” and enjoy an orientation tour of the local area surrounding your elegant hotel, the Park Tower. The hotel is ideally situated within easy walking distance from the main sights and shopping areas. This evening enjoy your Included FreeChoice Dinner: Choose from a range of local restaurants in the nearby Puerto Madero waterfront area including a traditional Parilla or Argentinean Steakhouse.
Three Night Stay: The Park Tower, Buenos Aires
Meals: Full Buffet Breakfast, Lunch, Highlight Dinner
Day 4  Buenos Aires
This morning your private tour explores this beautiful city. See the colourful districts of La Boca at the waterfront, San Telmo, the home of Tango, and the newly restored Teatro Colon. Sample morning tea at a traditional Argentinean coffee shop before visiting Recoleta Cemetery, the resting place of the nation’s leaders, including Eva Peron.

Connoisseur’s Highlight: Tango is an important part of the Argentine culture and possibly its greatest export to the world. Tonight be entertained by a spectacular Tango Show accompanied by a delicious meal.

Meals: Full Buffet Breakfast, Highlight Dinner

Day 5  Buenos Aires
Today is an Included FreeChoice day: Choose from: (1) travel through the Pampas to a traditional estancia (ranch) and see the gaucho’s legendary horse riding skills; or (2) visit the area of Tigre and sail the Parana River; or (3) absorb the culture on a private Museum and Gallery Tour; or (4) take a private tour of the stunning gardens of this beautiful city; or (5) be thrilled by a game of Polo.

Meals: Full Buffet Breakfast, Lunch

Day 6  Buenos Aires – Iguazu Falls
Reboard your private aircraft today and fly to magnificent Iguazu Falls. A highlight of any tour to South America is an overnight stay in this World Heritage listed National Park. Your guide will show you the majesty of the Brazilian Falls and you will be in awe of the world’s largest waterfall with more than 275 falls”. Connoisseur’s Highlight: This afternoon your exciting adventure takes you through the rainforest and onto the water for a thrill you won’t forget. Your boat travels up the river to the falls to see the ‘Devil’s Throat’ and come close to the base of the ‘Three Musketeers’. Transfer to your hotel, relax and enjoy the sounds of the falls and the forest as the sun sets.

Included FreeChoice Dinner: (1) This evening enjoy dinner in one of the hotel restaurants; or (2) venture into town to a traditional Parilla.

Overnight Stay: Das Cataratas Hotel, or Sheraton Iguazu Falls Hotel
Meals: Full Buffet Breakfast, Highlight Dinner

Day 7  Iguazu Falls – Rio de Janeiro
Tour the Argentinean Falls and board the ecological train to ride to the ‘Devil’s Throat’ viewpoint. The view from the top of the falls is spectacular”. This afternoon fly onboard your private charter to the vibrant city of Rio de Janeiro and enjoy afternoon tea onboard. For the next three nights you will stay at the Sheraton Resort with its superb location on a private beach at the end of Ipanema. You are welcomed to the home of Samba, with a private Samba dance show by candlelight around the pool, whilst you sip the local speciality a ’caipirinha’.

Three Night Stay: Sheraton Rio Hotel & Resort
Meals: Full Buffet Breakfast, Dinner

Day 8  Rio de Janeiro
Enjoy a full day discovering the highlights of the city. Visit Corcovado Mountain and see the famous ‘Christ’ Statue. Lunch today is at the
delightful Confeitaria Colombo in the Old Town. This Belle Époque tearoom opened its doors in 1894 and preserves the elegance of a bygone era.

Connoisseur’s Highlight: This afternoon visit the Sambodrome, home of the famous Carnival Parade. Tour the Cultural Centre and try on some of the colourful costumes from the last Parade.

Enjoy the spectacular view as you ride the cable car to the top of Sugar Loaf Mountain. World renowned for its natural beauty, the city of Rio de Janeiro is the perfect place for sightseeing by helicopter.

Connoisseur’s Highlight: Board your privately chartered helicopter for a bird’s eye view as you fly around the statue of Christ, across the Tijuca Forest and along Copacabana Beach before returning to Sugar Loaf helipad.

Tonight enjoy your Included FreeChoice Dinner: Choose from: (1) explore historic Petropolis, the mountain retreat of Brazil’s former emperors; or (2) enjoy a private walking tour of Old Rio; or (3) travel by jeep to Tijuca Forest and visit the Botanical Gardens; or (4) encounter the poorest section of the community when you visit the Favelas (shanty towns) and discover their way of life.

Connoisseur’s Highlight: Tonight celebrate the spirit of Rio de Janeiro with a Brazilian Carnival Show. Travel to a private villa where you will be greeted at the gates with a spectacle of colour, music and dancing. Sample a traditional Brazilian BBQ and marvel at the colourful costumes and swaying rhythms of the dancers.

Meals: Full Buffet Breakfast, Highlight Dinner

**Day 9 Rio de Janeiro**

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Meals: Full Buffet Breakfast, Highlight Dinner
Cuban’s are friendly people with the charm of the Spanish and Caribbean cultures mixed together. Relax for the next three nights at the NH Parque Hotel, located in the centre of the old town, surrounded by numerous famous buildings, including the Capitol and the Theater Garcia Lorca.

Connoisseur’s Highlight: Tonight enjoy a private welcome cocktail party with a traditional Cuban band providing entertainment in the grounds of the hotel.

Three Night Stay: NH Parque Central
Meals: Full Buffet Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 11 Havana
The centre of this vibrant city is a World Heritage listed site where the majority of the buildings have been restored to their former glory. Today tour modern and old Havana. Visit a cigar factory and see how the famous “Cuban’s” are made, then visit Revolution Square and see the enormous profile of Che Guevara on the side of one of the buildings surrounding the Square. Visit the Museum of the Revolution and learn about the importance of Che Guevara and Fidel Castro to the Cuban people. Enjoy lunch in a range of restaurants in the old town of Havana before your private walking tour. The majority of the old town centre has been declared a World Heritage listed area, however the restoration is only partially complete. Tour the quaint cobblestoned streets where you will marvel at the architecture and charm of a city relatively untouched by commercialism.

Connoisseur’s Highlight: The best way to experience the lifestyle of the Cubans is to step aboard a 1950’s vintage car. Cruise the streets like a local as you are driven around the old city and along the waterfront of the Caribbean, the charming Malecon.

Enjoy free time this afternoon to explore at your own pace, perhaps visit the markets down by the waterfront.
Meals: Full Buffet Breakfast, Lunch

Day 12 Havana
Today is an Included FreeChoice Day; choose from: (1) The Hemingway Tour – visit Hemingway House, now a museum (Finca Vigia), then sample a daiquiri at Floridita Restaurant (Hemingway’s Bar) and have your picture taken with the writer’s statue. Continue to Cojimar town to visit Ernest Hemingway Square and enjoy lunch at Las Terrazas de Cojimar, a restaurant frequented by the writer; or (2) Las Terrazas Excursion – a fascinating drive through the countryside to the nature reserve of Las Terrazas – designated a Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO in 1984. Tour the former French coffee field “Buena Vista”, visit the small community of “Las Terrazas” and the workshops of local painters. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant in the township; or (3) Viñales

Connoisseur’s Highlight: Tonight’s highlight is your private dinner party in the charming...
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**HAVANA TO CUZCO**

**Days 12 – 20**

**Connoisseur’s Highlights**
- Private dinner in the grounds of one of the famous Cigar factories, the charming El Laguito
- Transit the Panama Canal, descending 27 metres to the Pacific Ocean
- Visit Larco Herrera Museum and be welcomed by the Curator
- Private gourmet picnic lunch and weaving demonstration

**Connoisseur’s Special Stays**
- InterContinental Playa Bonita Resort and Spa on the shores of Panama Bay
- Luxurious Aranwa Spa Resort, or Libertador Tambo del Inka Resort in the heart of the Sacred Valley
- Tastefully decorated with traditional Andean pieces and strategically located at the base of Machu Picchu enjoy the Sumaq or Inkaterra Pueblo Hotels

El Laguito – home of the famous Cohiba Cigar. Situated on a small hill in the heart of the diplomatic quarter, surrounded by tall palm trees, stands an imposing Italian style house with yellow walls, red roof tiles and a monumental marble stairway. Be entertained by Cuban musicians and enjoy the lights of the city on your return to the hotel.

*M*eal*ls: Full Buffet Breakfast, Lunch, Highlight Dinner*

**Day 13 Havana – Panama City**

This morning, with a fond farewell to Havana, reboard the aircraft for your short flight to the cosmopolitan city of Panama. A thriving city for banking and industry, Panama offers a contrast of shimmering glass and steel buildings against the Casco Viejo, the neighbourhood of historic buildings and cobbled streets, that is slowly being restored to its former glory. Your city tour today visits both Old and Modern Panama where you can marvel at the architectural diversity of this interesting city. Enjoy a two night stay at the InterContinental Playa Bonita Resort and Spa, strategically located on Panama Bay with views across the Pacific Ocean to the famous Canal. Enjoy dinner tonight in the Plantation Restaurant looking out over the ocean.

Two Night Stay: InterContinental Playa Bonita Resort and Spa

*Meals: Full Buffet Breakfast, Dinner*

**Day 14 Panama Canal Cruise**

Connoisseur’s Highlight: Today is an unforgettable experience as you transit the Panama Canal. Board your cruise ship for the day at the Galliard Cut and cruise under the Centennial Bridge to enter the Pedro Miguel locks, the narrowest part of the canal traverse. Once you enter the locks, the ship will drop nine metres in one step and then traverse Miraflores Lake, an artificial lake that connects the two sections of the lock. Enter Miraflores Locks where the ship is lowered eighteen metres in a series of two locks, before entering the Pacific Ocean. Cruise under the Bridge of the America’s into Panama Bay where you disembark.

*Meals: Full Buffet Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

**Day 15 Panama City – Lima, Peru**

Reboard the aircraft this morning, enjoying lunch onboard, before arriving into the capital of Peru, Lima, situated on the Pacific Ocean coastline of South America.

Connoisseur’s Highlight: Be welcomed by the Curator when you visit the Larco Herrera Museum, a private museum with one of the greatest ceramic collections in the world. After, tour the city, including the Plaza Mayor and the Cathedral. Included FreeChoice Dinner: Choose from (1) the charming La Rosa Nautica restaurant located on a pier on the Pacific Ocean; or (2) the Huaca Puccllana
Day 16 Lima – Sacred Valley
This morning fly to Cusco on a commercial LAN Airline service and, on arrival, travel to the Sacred Valley of the Inca’s.
Connoisseur’s Highlight: Enjoy a private gourmet picnic lunch with the Andes as the stunning backdrop. After lunch the women of Chinchero Village offer a private demonstration of the weaving techniques used in the Andean highlands for centuries.
Continue to your stunning hotel in the Sacred Valley and check-in for a two night stay*. Two Night Stay: Aranwa Spa Resort or Tambo del Inka Sacred Valley
Meals: Full Buffet Breakfast, Highlight Lunch

Day 17 Sacred Valley
This morning your local guide will take you on a walking tour of the town of Ollantaytambo, the oldest continuously occupied settlement in the America’s, including a visit to the imposing Incan fortress overlooking the town.
Connoisseur’s Highlight: Visit the community supported by Connoisseur’s Choice and Scenic Tours. Meet the students and teachers at the local school and learn about their lifestyle.
This afternoon continue to the colourful Indian craft markets at Pisac before returning to the hotel. Tonight dinner is served in the hotel’s restaurant*.
Meals: Full Buffet Breakfast, Dinner

Day 18 Sacred Valley – Machu Picchu
This morning journey to Machu Picchu onboard the Vistadome Valley train. A highlight is your full day visit to the ancient Inca site of Machu Picchu. Your expert local guide will share the mysteries of this fabulous “lost city of the Inca’s” before lunch at Sanctuary Lodge. The afternoon is at leisure for you to explore the ruins at your own pace*.
Overnight Stay: Sumaq Machu Picchu Hotel or Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel.
Meals: Full Buffet Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 19 Machu Picchu – Cusco
You have the morning to explore the area at your leisure. This afternoon travel to Cusco, enjoying afternoon tea onboard the Vistadome train. The spectacular views from the carriages with glass ceilings overhead are a memory you will not forget*.
Two Night Stay: Libertador Palacio Del Inka.
Meals: Full Buffet Breakfast

Day 20 Cusco
The charming city of Cusco is a World Heritage listed site that was a former capital of the Inca’s. Explore the city this morning and marvel at the mix of Incan, Spanish and modern architecture. Visit the imposing fortress of Sacsayhuaman and be amazed by the massive stone blocks of this key Incan ruin. Enjoy the afternoon to explore at your own pace.
Connoisseur’s Highlight: This evening your private dinner is set in the grounds of La Merced Convent. The convent’s cloister is the most beautiful and amazing structure within the complex and provides a candlelit backdrop for dinner.

Meals: Full Buffet Breakfast, Highlight Dinner

Day 21 Cuzco – Lima – Easter Island

Say farewell to the Andean highlands this morning as you board your commercial LAN aircraft for the short flight to Lima. Transfer to your private aircraft and fly across the Pacific to Easter Island enjoying lunch onboard. This unique, remote island is unlike anywhere else on earth. On arrival visit the famous stone quarries where the Moai were carved and learn about their construction. Your accommodation tonight is in a comfortable, local hotel.

Overnight Stay: Easter Island

Meals: Full Buffet Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 22 Easter Island –

In transit

This morning tour the island to see some of the famous Moai statues of which there are more than 600 of these enormous monoliths still remaining.

Connoisseur’s Highlight: A private dance spectacular performed on the beach is a fitting farewell to the Island. Reboard the aircraft for your final flight across the Pacific. Onboard enjoy a range of farewell festivities including lunch and dinner.

Meals: Full Buffet Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 23 Arrive Home

On arrival in Auckland, farewell new found friends and your familiar crew before boarding your commercial flight back to Australia.

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- Your own large cotton pillow, duvet and sleep sheet, the finishing touch for a perfect in-flight sleep
- Generous recline and adjustable lumbar support
- Unique design that allows take-off and landing in a reclined seat position
- A large adjustable table that lets you work and dine
- In-seat power in every seat, which accepts most common connector plugs without the need for an adaptor
- Three individual reading lights - to provide discreet light just where you need it
- A retractable cocktail tray and convenient water bottle holder
- In-seat remote control allowing you to play, stop, fast forward and rewind whenever you want to
- Your own individual 26cm high resolution screen

### Pacific Premium Economy

- Enjoy more legroom with the largest seat pitch in its class – 97-102cm
- Relax with 50% more recline than Economy (23cm)
- Put your feet up with the leg rest and foot bar
- Use in-seat power if you need it (available in most seats)
- Find your complimentary water bottle in the storage net in front of you
- On-demand entertainment gives you control of the action with your own remote control to play, pause, rewind and fast forward whenever you want
- At your fingertips enjoy very own 21cm high resolution TV screen and noise cancelling headphones
- In-seat remote control allowing you to play, stop, fast forward and rewind whenever you want to
- A great range of video and audio on-demand options including latest blockbuster movies, TV programmes, exclusive audio programmes, and CD collection of the very best in music

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- You’ll appreciate the generous personal space and ergonomically designed seats
- Individual Seat Pitch of 81-86cm
- 15cm Seat recline
- In Economy you have a wide range of on-demand entertainment options at your seat
- Your very own 21cm high resolution TV screen
- In-seat remote ensure you control the action, choosing what you watch and when
- Cabin is not filled to capacity so there is plenty of space to move around
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3. Travel Insurance: A comprehensive travel insurance policy is included for Permanent Australian Residents in the tour cost. This policy does not automatically cover claims arising from, or exacerbated by, some existing medical conditions. Refer to Policy Combined Financial Services Guide and Product Disclosure Statement for more information. You should check the terms and conditions of the travel insurance policy. Surcharges may apply for excess reduction, cover extra, pre-existing medical conditions and age loading fees.

4. Booking Deposit & Tour Payment
   a. Booking Deposit
      • You must pay the Booking Deposit within 7 days of making your booking.
      • Please refer to the itinerary of your selected tour for your applicable Booking Deposit.
      • Deposits stated are correct unless otherwise stated in promotional offers.
      • Any accommodation or departure dates separately to those stated in your itinerary will not be included in the Booking Deposit and are payable separately.
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      • Booking Deposits are non-refundable and non-transferable.
   b. Final Payment
      • The balance of the tour price must be paid no later than 120 days prior to the tour departure date.
      • It is your sole responsibility to effect payment of the tour price by the due date.
      • You must pay the tour price immediately in full if your reservation is made within 120 days of the tour departure date.

5. Late Booking Fee A late booking fee of $500.00 per person is payable on all bookings made within 21 days of tour departure.

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7. Cancellation Fees You will be liable for cancellation fees, calculated as follows:
   a. Days of Notice To Tour Commencement Cancellation Charge
      • 120 days and over
      • 119 days or less
   b. Cancellation notices must be issued to Scenic in writing during office hours. A cancellation notice will only be accepted by Scenic until it is received in writing. You may also be liable to pay cancellation fees for any bookings paid for in accordance with any special arrangements made by Scenic for changes to your tour departure date will be deemed a cancellation and the applicable cancellation fees will apply.
   c. Tour Price Scenic reserves the right to vary the tour price at any time, in its absolute discretion, to account for any increase in costs including government taxes and charges, or other factors beyond Scenic’s control.
   d. Payments to Travel Agents Your travel agent may forward your deposit or final payment to Scenic on your behalf. All payments to your travel agent should not be regarded as payments to Scenic. Scenic will be taken to have been paid when it receives your deposit or final payment from your travel agent.
   e. Payments made in New Zealand A payment made in New Zealand will be treated the same as if it were paid in Australia. You are responsible for all transactions and will be charged accordingly.

8. Tour Cancellation Where a tour or cruise is cancelled by Scenic for whatever reason prior to departure, Scenic will endeavour to make any decision to cancel or suspend a scheduled departure of the tour. Scenic will endeavor to avoid this, but if a tour or cruise is cancelled, SCENIC TOURS PTY LTD / SCENIC OURTOURS PTY LTD / SCENIC TRAVEL PTY LTD / SCENIC TOURS LTD ‘S responsi

9. Photography Scenic welcomes you if you have a disability or other special needs, provided you are accompanied by someone who can help you. If you require any assistance, you must advise Scenic of your requirements prior to the tour. Scenic reserves the right to deny your booking if Scenic deems that it cannot provide for any or all special needs as identified by you; if, in the opinion of Scenic, your or any other passengers attending the tour may be at risk; or if Scenic deems that you will not be able to use any or all features of the hotel or on any travel by road or air. Your tour price is inclusive of flights or your journey to your tour departure point. Scenic will not be liable to you for such variations in the tour itinerary. You acknowledge that you will be charged for any alternative arrangements that may be made as a result of these circumstances.

10. Altitude Mountain Sickness (AMS) Some South American cities are situated at altitudes of 2600 metres above sea level or higher. At these levels, AMS (caused by lack of oxygen at high altitudes) affects most people to some extent. AMS effects can range from mild to severe and occurs because less oxygen is reaching the muscles and the brain, requiring the heart and lungs to compensate by working harder. Symptoms of AMS usually develop during the first 24 hours at altitude but may be delayed up to 3 weeks. Mild symptoms include headache, lightheadedness, difficulty sleeping and loss of appetite. AMS will become severe without warning. Please consult your doctor before departure to ensure you have an adequate level of fitness and health.

11. Vaccinations It is your sole responsibility to ensure that you have all required vaccinations for your tour. Refer to www.smarttraveller.gov.au for full details and also consult your doctor. If you have travelled through a yellow fever infected country, and you have a yellow fever vaccination certificate, you will not be required to be vaccinated or your travel agent may forward your deposit or final payment to Scenic on your behalf. All payments to your travel agent should not be regarded as payments to Scenic. Scenic will be taken to have been paid when it receives your deposit or final payment from your travel agent.

12. Doctor A doctor will travel with the group for the duration of the tour. A doctor may or may not accompany Free Choice Activities. The doctor is an independent registered medical professional who is not responsible for providing any immediate medical assistance and will be carrying limited medical supplies. The doctor carries their own professional indemnity insurance. Scenic is not responsible or liable for any advice or treatment that may be provided by the doctor, or any failure on the part of the doctor to fully diagnose or treat any medical issues identified during their conduct of the tour.

16. Airline Conditions Discounted airlines are subject to availability and conditions apply.

17. Tour Variations Scenic may, at its absolute discretion and without notice, change or vary your itinerary. Whilst Scenic will make reasonable efforts to operate the tour as close as possible to your tour itinerary, changes or substitutions may be necessary for reasons outside Scenic’s control. These circumstances may include, but are not limited to: road or weather conditions, national or local holidays affecting the closure of public buildings and attractions; strikes, civil disturbances and advice by governments or other Force Majeure Events. Scenic reserves the right to withdraw at the nearest reasonable standard’s vessel, aircraft or motor coach for any of the following reasons.

20. Medical Conditions Scenic strongly recommends you visit a doctor or dentist before your tour. If you are aged 70 and over and at the departure date you must provide a doctor’s letter clearing you to take your specific tour, and should include a reference to the itinerary destinations and departure date. It is your sole responsibility to ensure that you have all required vaccinations for your tour. If you are refused entry into a country, you may be required to return to a previous country or your air travel. You will not be liable to Scenic or any other party for the return of your deposit or any other tour price difference. Should you commence any travel against the advice of your doctor, you will not be liable to you for any such cancellations of your tour. Scenic guarantees that every single or group tour will be available as long as you have paid for it. Consequently, no refund will be available for any resulting missed scene or photographic opportunities.

22. Passports and Visas You must have a valid passport with at least six months validity, from your return tour date. Also, it is your sole responsibility to ensure that all required admissions, including any emergency or travel insurance, are obtained in time to allow you to obtain your visa or travel permit. You may be required to present proof of this, as well as travel documentation to ensure you are covered for any travel arrangements for which you will be responsible. Scenic reserves the right to withdraw at the nearest reasonable standard’s vessel, aircraft or motor coach for any of the following reasons.

24. Visas The following visa information is correct at the time of printing. Australian Passport holders require a visa for entry to Brazil and Cuba. Australian Passport holders require a visa for entry to China for a stay of up to 120 days. You may require a visa for the following countries requiring a visa for entry by credit card on arrival. Australian Passport holders do not require a visa for Panama or Peru. Panama requires visitors to have a valid passport, visa, or visa on arrival. You may require a visa for a return or onward travel ticket, to enter the country. This information is correct at time of printing, however it is your sole responsibility to check visa requirements for all countries you visit on your itinerary. Scenic reserves the right to withdraw at the nearest reasonable standard’s vessel, aircraft or motor coach for any of the following reasons.

25. Special Requests If you have any special requirements (including dietary requirements) you must notify of those requirements to Scenic in writing at time of booking. Special requests may require an additional cost to accommodate your special request but cannot guarantee that such requests can be met.
26. Solo Passengers and Single Accommodation
a) Solo Passengers Prices quoted in the brochure are on twin share basis. If your booking is for one person, a single supplement may be charged. The pre-booking of single accommodation for the day of the pre or post accommodation booking no refund will be given for unused nights. Transfers cannot be extended to other pickup points or destinations. If it misses the pre-booked transfer you will be responsible for making your own way to or from the airport, at your own expense. Transfers must be booked and flights advised to Scenic no less than 60 days prior to travel, otherwise transfers cannot be guaranteed. Airport transfers may be group transfers scheduled to coincide with multiple flight arrivals.

b) Solo Accommodation A limited number of single rooms are available at a Single Supplement rate for each tour. In some locations, single rooms are smaller than twin rooms and may not be available.

27. Your Passage
a) Passage under the age of 21 years (as at the date of departure) must be accompanied by an adult and share their accommodation with an adult. Children under the age of 12 years are not encouraged (with the exception of Christmas tours) and are accepted or rejected at the sole discretion of Scenic.

28. Airport Transfers
Passengers who have purchased Scenic’s pre and post tour hotel accommodation will be provided airport transfers from the day of the pre or post accommodation booking. No refund will be given for unused nights. Transfers cannot be extended to other pickup points or destinations. If it misses the pre-booked transfer you will be responsible for making your own way to or from the airport, at your own expense. Transfers must be booked and flights advised to Scenic no less than 60 days prior to travel, otherwise transfers cannot be guaranteed. Airport transfers may be group transfers scheduled to coincide with multiple flight arrivals.

29. Hotel Accommodation Scenic reserves the right to substitute hotel accommodation of a similar standard in the place of the advertised hotel, where necessary. Overnight accommodation required to meet tour and/or flight connections is not included in the tour price and is at the passenger’s own expense. Scenic has taken reasonable steps to select the most suitable hotel accommodation in the area of the tour, it is not to your responsibility that the hotel meets your personal requirements.

30. Number of Passengers
Accommodation Please note that throughout these areas, twin bed accommodation is very common and King/Queen beds are either not available or only available in very limited numbers. Consequently, whilst Scenic will endeavor to fill the passenger’s request on King/Queen/Double beds, this may not always be possible.

31. Baggage/Issues/Impediments
Passengers are entitled to one suitcase per person. Due to limited coach capacity, your suitcase must not exceed 76 x 53 x 28cms (30' x 21' x 11") and weight should not exceed 20kg (44lbs). Personal items should be carried in a travel bag. Airlines passengers should consult with their travel agents as these regulations may vary from airlines to airline and also according to the class booked. In addition, airline and airport luggage regulations must be followed. It is the passenger’s responsibility to ensure your luggage complies and you acknowledge that Scenic or contracted carriers may elect not to cover your luggage in the event of damage. In this instance, you are responsible for any excess and/or overweight luggage in your own expense. If you are travelling to South America, Scenic recommends you only take hard suitcases that can be securely locked. If your tour is stopping overnight in Machu Picchu, Peru, you are required to carry hard luggage on any night’s accommodation only. Your remaining luggage will be stored in the Sacred Valley.

31. Tour and Cruise Maps
Maps or tour depictions contained in this brochure or any other media issued by Scenic, are intended as an indication only and should not be relied upon as the actual route taken during the tour. Scenic is not liable to you for any variation to the tour.

32. Notices, Images and Information
All images in this brochure represent typical scenes and descriptive detail for each tour, however it is possible that the particular subject matter may not be seen or experienced on tour. Also, some pictures may have been digitally enhanced.

33. Smoking
Smoking is not permitted on aircraft, coaches, or rail, or such other places as prescribed by law. Suitable alternatives will be provided to ensure all passengers have the opportunity to enjoy front and window seats. Laundry facilities are available en route.

34. Tipping and Gratuities
Tipping is at the passenger's discretion and may not be available in all locations. Gratuities are not included for gratuities for waiters, drivers and hotel staff except as specified on the brochure.

35. Carriers
Carriers and/or operators may change or substitute due to circumstances outlined in these terms and conditions or otherwise beyond Scenic’s control.

41. Total liability
Despite any other provision of these terms and conditions, and to the extent permitted by law, Scenic’s maximum liability to you or any third party (including any claims of negligence on the part of Scenic or its nominees) for any loss or damage resulting from your tour is limited to the following in respect of the conduct of the tour: (1) any loss or damage to your baggage; (2) any personal injury or death resulting from the acts or omissions or neglect of any of Scenic’s employees or its servants or agents or any third party providing goods or services to you during the tour, including air carriers, hotels, subcontract operators, restaurateurs, transportation providers and medical personnel; or (3) any loss of enjoyment by you due to circumstances outlined in these terms and conditions or otherwise beyond Scenic’s control.

42. Consequential loss
Scenic will not be liable for any loss of enjoyment, opportunity, profit, savings, revenue or interest or any other consequential or indirect, incidental, special or punitive loss, damage or expense incurred by you due to their possible existence and even if such loss, damage or expense is caused by Scenic’s negligence.

43. Force Majeure
For the purposes of this clause, “Force Majeure Event” means any act of God, war, terrorism, fire, ecclesiastical or other law, epidemic, pandemics, industrial disputes, slow-downs or other strike activities, riots or civil commotions, acts of government or other authorities, inability to obtain any necessary licence or consent or delay caused by subcontractors, suppliers or other third parties (including telecommunications carriers), material shortages or other disruption to the tour. You acknowledge and agree that Scenic is not liable for any delay or failure by Scenic to perform its obligation under these terms and conditions, resulting from or as a consequence of a Force Majeure Event. If a delay or change occurs or is anticipated due to Force Majeure Event, Scenic’s obligations are suspended for the duration of the Force Majeure Event. Scenic may immediately terminate this agreement, if the Force Majeure Event delays performance for a period of 60 days or more, calculated from the date Scenic notifies you of the Force Majeure Event.

44. Dispute resolution
If a dispute arises between the parties in connection with these terms and conditions, the parties undertake in good faith to use all reasonable endeavours to settle the dispute by way of good faith negotiation.

45. Entire Agreement
These terms and conditions constitute the entire agreement between the parties about subject matter hereof (except for any notice or disclaimer in writing) and understands and negotiations on that subject matter have no effect.

46. Waiver and Variation
Scenic may only waive a right or remedy created under these terms and conditions, in writing. Our delay in exercising a right or remedy does not constitute a waiver of that right or remedy, nor does any waiver by Scenic (either wholly or in part) operate as a subsequent waiver of the same or any other right. We reserve the right to amend these terms and conditions from time to time without prior written notice to you.

47. Governing Law
These terms and conditions are governed by the laws in force in the State of New South Wales. These terms and conditions are subject to the laws and practice of the courts of New South Wales and any courts competent to hear appeals from those courts.

48. Survival
Any term which is, by its nature, intended to survive termination of these terms and conditions survives termination of these terms and conditions.

49. Interpretation
In these terms and conditions, unless the context otherwise indicates a contrary intention: (1) headings are for convenience only and do not affect interpretation; (2) singular includes the plural and vice versa; (3) a reference to a party includes successors, permitted assigns, administrators and substitutes; (4) where a word or phrase is defined, its other grammatical forms have the corresponding meaning; (5) the word “include” includes any other equivalent words or phrases. We reserve the right to amend these terms and conditions, or substantially to change the performance of the contract if we are unable to do so due to Force Majeure Event. Scenic’s obligations are suspended for the duration of the Force Majeure Event. Scenic will immediately terminate this agreement, if the Force Majeure Event delays performance for a period of 60 days or more, calculated from the date Scenic notifies you of the Force Majeure Event.

50. Brochure Validity
The Tour Brochure and these terms and conditions are valid for the departure dates from 15 May – 6 June 2021 unless otherwise indicated on the individual itineraries, and supersedes all previous brochures.

USEFUL INFORMATION
- FreeChoice All FreeChoice activities must be prebooked. FreeChoice dining can be booked whilst on tour with your Tour Director, subject to availability. All FreeChoice activities are subject to availability, seasonal and operational factors. Some activities require a minimum number of participants to operate.

- Connoisseur’s Highlight It is possible to participate in Connoisseur’s new and unique Connoisseur’s Highlight activity on tour. Suitable alternatives will be provided to ensure all passengers have the opportunity to enjoy these activities.

- Scenic Club Loyalty Program This program was launched in 2008 and replaces the previous program. Details including the range of benefits and qualification for membership are available on the Scenic website. Only available to Australian and New Zealand residents but will be progressively rolled out to the residents of other countries.

- Clothing We recommend casual and comfortable clothing. Please bring comfortable walking shoes for sightseeing. Dinner attire is casual-open neck shirts, dresses and coats. Clothes and ties may be worn but are not required. The Welcome and Farewell Dinners are dressy but not formal. For winter months we recommend a warm coat, gloves, water-resistant footwear and an umbrella. Laundry facilities are available en route for a fee.

- Electricity Voltage varies from 220v to 110v. You will need a plug adaptor to use small items like an alarm clock.

- Currency and Credit Cards US Dollar is widely accepted in South and Central America. You will need US dollar exchange for Cuban Peso as AMT’s are not widely accessible or reliable. A variety of local currencies are in use in some of the countries featured in this brochure. For small purchases in small towns, local currency is advantageous. Many locations accept major credit cards. AMT’s are located in most major centres. Prior to departure the passenger should confirm that their ATM card and PIN will work overseas.

- Seat Rotation To ensure all passengers have the opportunity to enjoy front and window seats, a daily seat rotation system is employed on all of our coaches where possible. You are required to adhere to the seat rotation system. If you suffer from travel sickness we recommend you arrange alternative positions or treatments to suit your symptoms, as we cannot make allowances for this.

- Scenic Tours After Hours Emergency Number When calling in South America you have 24 hour access to the Scenic Tours After Hours Emergency Number freecall 1800 620 105. When calling in South America please phone our head office on +61 2 4295 7993.

- Book with Confidence Plan The “Deposit Protection Plan” fee is $55 per person (excluding GST). The fee is non refundable and must be paid at the time of booking your tour. Where you cancel a tour, and the Deposit Protection Plan applies, Scenic Tours will hold the deposit paid by you for future bookings up to 12 months (except by third parties e.g. air travel) and will credit that portion of the deposit on alternative Scenic Tours products booked within 24 months of the cancellation, after which time the amount will be forfeited. The Deposit Protection Plan does not exclude travel delays which we strongly advise be obtained at the time of booking.
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