

BUENOS AIRES, BRAZIL & BARBADOS WITH AZAMARA CRUISES

Classic Cruising Tour | 25 Days | Physical Level 1

BUENOS AIRES – IGUAZÚ – RIO DE JANEIRO – SALVADOR DE BAHIA – NATAL – BELÉM – ISLE ROYALE – TOBAGO – BARBADOS

From Buenos Aires to Barbados, this spectacular Cruise & Tour combines South America's great cities, Iguazú Falls, Rio Carnival and a voyage along Brazil's coast into the Caribbean. Begin in Argentina's vibrant capital before experiencing gaucho traditions in the Pampas and the thundering cascades of Iguazú Falls. Then fly to Rio de Janeiro to see Christ the Redeemer and Carnival before sailing onboard Azamara Quest via Salvador de Bahia, Natal, Belém, Isle Royale and Tobago, ending in beautiful Barbados.

- Fall in love with vibrant Buenos Aires and discover gaucho traditions in the Pampas
- Hear the roar of Iguazú Falls
- Experience the colour and rhythm of Rio Carnival
- Cruise Brazil's coast and into the Caribbean onboard Azamara Quest
- Explore beautiful Barbados and its rum heritage

TOUR MAP



TOUR INCLUSIONS

- Return international economy flights, taxes and current fuel surcharges (unless a land only option is selected)
- 14 nights Azamara cruise on Azamara Quest
- All accommodation
- Meals as stated (if dining onboard throughout)
- All sightseeing and entrance fees, transportation and transfers pre and post cruise
- English speaking National Escorts, if group is 10 or more passengers, or Local Guides pre and post cruise
- Specialist advice from our experienced travel consultants

Pre and post cruise, the only elements or aspects you may have to pay for are personal expenditure, e.g. drinks, optional excursions or shows, insurance of any kind, tipping, early check-in or late checkout and other items not specified on the itinerary. During the cruise, your meals onboard will be included in the main dining areas. Your cruise package also includes selected drinks, cruise gratuities and self-service laundry onboard. However, should you wish to dine in any of the speciality restaurants not included in your cruising package, you will be required to pay for these locally. In addition, if you opt to dine off the ship, these meals will also be paid for locally, and please note you will not be refunded for meals missed onboard. Excursions are also available to book with your cruise reservation at your own expense.

CLASSIC CRUISING TOURS

These tours are designed for those who wish to discover vibrant cities, natural wonders, cultural traditions and beautiful coastlines on an excellent-value group tour whilst travelling with like-minded people, combined with a cruise. The tours are on a fully-inclusive basis pre and post cruise, so you will travel with the assurance that your arrangements before and after your cruise are taken care of. You will be accompanied by our dedicated and professional National Escorts and local guides, whose unparalleled knowledge will turn your holiday into an unforgettable experience.

PHYSICAL LEVEL

Our tours come with a physical rating to guide you in selecting a holiday that suits your comfort level. Joining any of our tours involves independent mobility and the ability to stay active throughout the day, which is essential for fully enjoying each destination.

'Buenos Aires, Brazil & Barbados' falls under a Physical Level 1 category. A reasonable level of fitness is required, and you should expect to be on your feet for much of the day. You will be getting on and off coaches, flights, trains and the cruise ship, as well as walking around the sights, often including steps and some uneven surfaces.

- There will be sightseeing on foot for both short and extended periods of time, often on uneven surfaces
- You will be required to walk along trails, walkways and viewing platforms at Iguazu Falls
- You will be required to board the train to Corcovado without assistance for the Christ the Redeemer visit
- You will be required to board the cruise ship without assistance and get on and off at ports if you wish to disembark the ship
- The Rio Carnival experience at the Sambadrome will involve a late evening, steps and stadium-style seating

Of course, our National Escorts and local guides will always endeavour to provide the highest level of service and assistance; however, they cannot be expected to cater for customers who are unfit to complete the itinerary.

JOINING YOUR TOUR

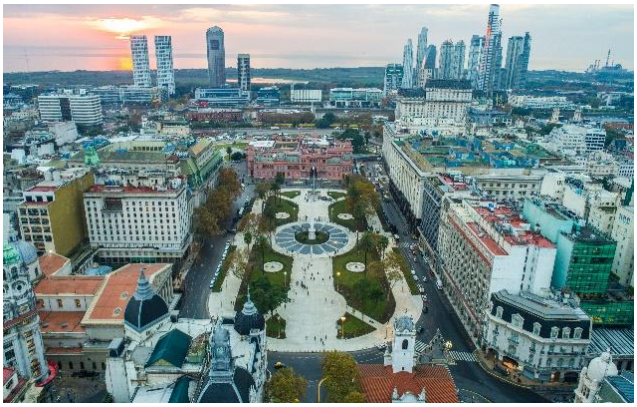
The tour is 25 days in duration including international flights or 23 days in duration based on 'Land Only'.

For travellers that have booked a 'Land & Cruise Only' tour with no international flights, please note the price includes your arrival/departure airport transfers if you are arriving on the start and departing on the conclusion date of your tour, or when booking pre/post night accommodation with Wendy Wu Tours. Join the tour on Day 1 in Buenos Aires and end the tour on Day 23 at Bridgetown, Barbados Airport. Please refer to your final itinerary for more specific meeting instructions pertaining to your departure.

ITINERARY CHANGES

We intend to adhere to the day-to-day itinerary as printed; however, the order of events or sightseeing may change as we look to improve our tours, or as dictated by local conditions. In these circumstances, we will endeavour to make the best possible arrangements whilst maintaining the integrity of your trip. Similarly, while cruise lines always endeavour to adhere to the published itineraries, they may be changed at the discretion of the captain due to weather advisories, port traffic, and any other unforeseeable circumstances.

Day 1: Arrive in Buenos Aires **Meals: D**



Fly overnight to Buenos Aires, Argentina's vibrant capital. On arrival, you will be met at the airport by an English-speaking representative and transferred to your hotel. Together with any other group members who may be arriving at a similar time, travel to your hotel and check in.

The rest of the day is at leisure to relax after your flight or begin exploring before walking to a nearby local restaurant for your welcome dinner this evening.

Please note*: Early check-in is not included. If your flight arrives in the morning and you wish to arrange this, please speak to your reservation consultant. Transfer arrangements may differ depending on group size.*

Destination Information

Buenos Aires – Known as the Paris of Latin America, Buenos Aires is a lively and romantic city where European elegance meets Latin energy. The city is famous for its diverse culture, excellent asado restaurants and, most importantly, tango, with performers often seen dancing in restaurants, bars and on the streets.

Day 2: Explore Buenos Aires **Meals: B, L, D**



After breakfast, set out on a full-day tour of Buenos Aires, a city known for its European elegance, lively neighbourhoods and passionate culture. During your sightseeing, visit the famous Recoleta Cemetery, the resting place of many notable Argentine figures. Lunch will be served at a local restaurant, where you can enjoy classic Argentinian flavours.

Later, enjoy a special tango experience in a city park, with a private performance by tango dancers and live bandoneon music. Dinner tonight will be at a traditional restaurant and full of typical Argentinian dishes and flavours.

Destination Information

Recoleta – An affluent area of Buenos Aires, Recoleta is home to lavish former palaces, Paris-style townhouses and the famous Recoleta Cemetery, the final resting place of many notable Argentine figures.

Tango – The soul of Buenos Aires, Tango is an essential part of Argentina's cultural identity. Born in the city's immigrant neighbourhoods in the late 19th century, it has evolved into an internationally celebrated dance and music genre.

Day 3: Visit the Pampas **Meals: B, L, D**



Venture beyond the city to the heart of Argentina's countryside for a gaucho experience at a traditional estancia. Set amidst the vast Pampas, this working ranch offers a glimpse into Argentina's rural traditions and equestrian heritage.

On arrival, enjoy time to explore the ranch and learn more about life in the Pampas. At lunchtime, savour an authentic asado, Argentina's traditional barbecue, before enjoying a folklore performance showcasing the music and traditions of the region. After a day of countryside immersion, return to Buenos Aires.

This evening, enjoy dinner and a tango show, experiencing one of Argentina's most passionate and iconic cultural traditions.

Destination Information

The Pampas – The vast, fertile lowlands of Argentina, known as The Pampas, are the heartland of the country's rural culture and the birthplace of the legendary Gaucho. These endless plains are dotted with estancias (ranches) where traditional farming, cattle raising, and equestrian traditions thrive.

Gauchos – The Argentine cowboys, known as Gauchos, are a symbol of national pride and tradition. Skilled horsemen and cattle ranchers, they are known for their distinctive attire, equestrian skills, and deep connection to the land. The Gaucho lifestyle is celebrated through folklore, music, and the art of the Asado (Argentine barbecue).

Asado – Argentina's most famous culinary tradition, Asado is a social barbecue experience where different cuts of meat, including beef, chorizo, and ribs, are slowly grilled over wood or charcoal. It is often accompanied by chimichurri sauce, fresh salads, and local wines, making it an essential part of Argentine culture.

Day 4: Travel to Iguazu **Meals: B, L, D**



After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight to Iguazu. On arrival, meet your guide and begin exploring the mighty Iguazu Falls, one of South America's most spectacular natural wonders.

Set within lush national parkland, the falls are made up of hundreds of cascades surrounded by subtropical rainforest. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before continuing your visit, walk along trails and viewing platforms, taking in the scale, power and beauty of this extraordinary landscape from a range of viewpoints.

Later, transfer to your hotel and enjoy dinner this evening.

Destination Information

Puerto Iguazu – Located close to the borders of Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay, Puerto Iguazu is the gateway to the Argentinian side of Iguazu Falls. The surrounding region is known for its subtropical rainforest, national parks and extraordinary waterfall scenery.

Iguazu Falls – One of South America's most spectacular natural sights, Iguazu Falls is made up of hundreds of cascades set amid lush rainforest. Straddling the border between Argentina and Brazil, the falls are protected by national parks on both sides and are home to a rich variety of wildlife.

Day 5: More Iguacu **Meals: B, L, D**



Today, continue your exploration of Iguaçu Falls, seeing this extraordinary natural wonder from a different perspective. Cross over into Brazil and head into Iguaçu National Park, where walkways and viewpoints offer sweeping panoramas across the falls and surrounding rainforest.

Follow the descending trail along the canyon, from where you can enjoy panoramic views of the cascades. You will then board a glass elevator down to a viewing platform, from where you can get an excellent view of the Garganta do Diabo, or Devil's Throat, the waterfall's most dramatic cataract.

After your visit, return to your hotel. This evening, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

Destination Information

Iguaçu National Park – Located on the Brazilian side of the falls, Iguaçu National Park is known for its panoramic viewpoints and rainforest setting. Its walkways offer wide views across the cascades, allowing visitors to appreciate the full scale of this remarkable natural wonder.

Devil's Throat – The most dramatic section of Iguazu Falls, where torrents of water crash down a U-shaped cliff, creating a mesmerising display of power and mist.

Day 6: Rio, Board Azamara Quest & Carnival **Meals: B, L, D**



After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil's Cidade Maravilhosa. On arrival, meet your guide and set off to explore one of Rio's most iconic landmarks, Christ the Redeemer.

Begin with a scenic drive along the picturesque Rodrigo de Freitas Lagoon before arriving at the base of Corcovado Hill. Here, board a comfortable train that ascends through lush forest to the summit, where the towering Christ the Redeemer statue stands at 2,300 feet above sea level. Voted one of the New Seven Wonders of the World, this iconic monument is a true symbol of Brazil. Upon reaching the top, take in the awe-inspiring panoramic views over Rio de Janeiro, from its golden beaches to its dramatic mountain peaks.

After lunch at a local restaurant, transfer to Rio's port and board Azamara Quest. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure to settle into your cabin and begin exploring the ship's facilities. Later this evening, you will meet your guide again and transfer to the Sambadrome to experience the world-famous Rio Carnival celebrations.

Destination Information

Rio de Janeiro – Founded in 1565, the city became the capital of the Portuguese Empire from 1815 – 1822 after the royal family fled their homeland following the conquests of Napoleon. Nowadays, this city is famous for its beaches, lush scenery and samba fuelled nightlife.

Christ the Redeemer – Standing 30 metres tall atop Corcovado Mountain, Christ the Redeemer is one of the most recognisable landmarks in the world. Completed in 1931, the statue symbolises peace and overlooks the city with outstretched arms. From its summit, visitors are rewarded with spectacular panoramic views across Rio de Janeiro, including Sugar Loaf Mountain and Copacabana Beach.

Sambadrome – The Sambadrome is the purpose-built parade venue for Rio Carnival, where samba schools compete in an extraordinary display of music, dancing, costumes and floats. The parades are among the most famous Carnival celebrations in the world and continue late into the night.

Day 7: Cruising – Rio de Janeiro **Meals: B, L, D**

Following the excitement of last night's Carnival celebrations, spend the morning at leisure onboard Azamara Quest. Relax, explore the ship's facilities or enjoy breakfast and lunch onboard as your cruise begins.



This afternoon, Azamara Quest sets sail from Rio de Janeiro, heading north along Brazil's coastline. Settle into life at sea and enjoy the ship's dining venues, lounges, entertainment and onboard activities as your journey continues.

Day 8: Cruising – At Sea **Meals: B, L, D**

Spend today at leisure onboard Azamara Quest as your cruise continues north along Brazil's coast. Take time to relax and enjoy the ship's facilities, dining venues and lounges, or join the activities and entertainment available throughout the day.



Day 9: Cruising – Salvador de Bahia **Meals: B, L, D**

Today, Azamara Quest arrives in Salvador de Bahia, one of Brazil's most historic and culturally rich cities. Disembark the cruise ship and enjoy a day at leisure before returning to your ship later for an overnight stay in port.



Here you can enjoy a range of excursions at your own expense, bookable on your cruise reservation. Please note, if you dine off the cruise ship, these meals will be at your own expense.

Destination Information

Salvador de Bahia – Brazil's first capital, established by the Portuguese in 1549, Salvador de Bahia is known for its colourful colonial architecture, Afro-Brazilian culture, music and historic neighbourhoods. The city's Pelourinho district is its historic heart, with cobbled streets, pastel-coloured buildings, churches and lively squares.

Day 10: Cruising – Salvador de Bahia **Meals: B, L, D**

Spend a second day in Salvador de Bahia. Either enjoy all the ship has to offer or disembark and continue exploring at your leisure, returning to your ship later for its onward journey.



Here you can enjoy a range of excursions at your own expense, bookable on your cruise reservation. Please note, if you dine off the cruise ship, these meals will be at your own expense.

Day 11: Cruising – At Sea **Meals: B, L, D**

Spend today at leisure onboard Azamara Quest as your cruise continues along Brazil's coast. Relax and enjoy the ship's facilities, dining venues and entertainment.



Day 12: Cruising – Natal **Meals: B, L, D**

Today you will dock in Natal, a laidback coastal city in northeastern Brazil. Disembark the cruise ship and enjoy a day at leisure before returning to your ship later in the day for your onward journey.



Here you can enjoy a range of excursions at your own expense, bookable on your cruise reservation. Please note, if you dine off the cruise ship, these meals will be at your own expense.

Destination Information

Natal – Set on Brazil's northeastern coast, Natal is known for its beaches, warm climate and striking sand dunes. The city offers a relaxed coastal atmosphere and serves as a gateway to outdoor adventures, dune landscapes and scenic stretches of coastline.

Day 13: Cruising – At Sea **Meals: B, L, D**

Enjoy a full day at leisure onboard Azamara Quest and discover all the ship has to offer. Relax by the pool, enjoy the ship's dining venues and lounges, or take part in the entertainment and activities available onboard.



Day 14: Cruising – At Sea **Meals: B, L, D**

Spend today at sea as Azamara Quest continues her journey towards the Caribbean. Take time to relax onboard, enjoy the ship's facilities or join the activities and entertainment available throughout the day.



Day 15: Cruising – Belém **Meals: B, L, D**

Today you will dock in Belém, known as a gateway to the Amazon. Disembark the cruise ship and enjoy a day at leisure before returning to your ship later in the day for your onward journey.



Here you can enjoy a range of excursions at your own expense, bookable on your cruise reservation. Please note, if you dine off the cruise ship, these meals will be at your own expense.

Destination Information

Belém – Set close to the mouth of the Amazon River, Belém is known for its colourful old mansions, lively markets and rich Amazonian heritage. The city is an important gateway to northern Brazil and offers access to the culture, cuisine and landscapes of the wider Amazon region.

Day 16: Cruising – At Sea **Meals: B, L, D**

Spend today at leisure onboard Azamara Quest as your cruise continues north. Relax and enjoy the ship's facilities, dining venues and entertainment.



Day 17: Cruising – Isle Royale, French Guiana **Meals: B, L, D**

Today you will dock at Isle Royale, French Guiana. Disembark the cruise ship and enjoy a day at leisure before returning to your ship later in the day for your onward journey.



Here you can enjoy a range of excursions at your own expense, bookable on your cruise reservation. Please note, if you dine off the cruise ship, these meals will be at your own expense.

Destination Information

Isle Royale – Once the administrative centre of a French penal colony, Isle Royale is now known for its mix of history and nature. The island offers forested landscapes, coastal scenery and the opportunity to learn more about its past while spotting local wildlife such as monkeys, iguanas and agoutis.

Day 18: Cruising – At Sea **Meals: B, L, D**

Enjoy a full day at leisure onboard Azamara Quest and discover all the ship has to offer. Relax by the pool, enjoy the ship's dining venues and lounges, or take part in the entertainment and activities available onboard.



Day 19: Cruising – Tobago **Meals: B, L, D**

Your cruising adventure continues in Tobago, where the ship will dock today. Disembark the cruise ship and enjoy a day at leisure before returning to your ship later in the day for your onward journey.



Here you can enjoy a range of excursions at your own expense, bookable on your cruise reservation. Please note, if you dine off the cruise ship, these meals will be at your own expense.

Destination Information

Tobago – Part of the Caribbean nation of Trinidad and Tobago, Tobago is known for its beaches, relaxed island atmosphere and rich natural scenery. Beyond the coast, the island offers rainforest landscapes, local culture and a slower pace of life typical of the southern Caribbean.

Day 20: Disembark Cruise in Bridgetown **Meals: B, L, D**



After breakfast onboard Azamara Quest, disembark in Bridgetown, Barbados. You will be met at the port and transferred to your hotel, where the rest of the day is at leisure. Enjoy time to relax after your cruise or begin exploring the island at your own pace.

Destination Information

Barbados – Barbados is a Caribbean island known for its soft sandy beaches, turquoise bays, colonial heritage and warm hospitality. The island is also closely associated with rum production, with historic distilleries and sugarcane traditions forming an important part of its cultural identity.

Day 21: Explore Barbados **Meals: B, L, D**



Today, enjoy a full day tour of Barbados, discovering more of the island's history, culture and coastal scenery. Learn about the island's British colonial heritage, its sugarcane traditions and its long association with rum production.

During your touring, you will have the opportunity to see more of this beautiful Caribbean island, from its historic sites and local communities to its tropical landscapes and coastline. Later, return to your hotel and enjoy the evening at leisure.

Day 22: Barbados At Leisure **Meals: B, L, D**



Today is at leisure to enjoy Barbados as you wish. You may choose to relax on a tropical beach, explore more of Bridgetown or simply enjoy the facilities of your hotel.

Days 23-25: **Fly Barbados to New Zealand** **Meals: B**

Any time before your flight is at leisure. You will then be transferred to Barbados Airport for your return flight to New Zealand, arriving home two days later.



Please note: Only breakfast is included today. Late check-out is not included. If you wish to book a late check-out for your final day, please contact our reservations department, who can confirm additional pricing and make this arrangement for you, subject to availability at the hotel.

PLEASE INFORM US OF ANY ALLERGIES AND/OR SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS AT TIME OF BOOKING.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

VISAS

Argentina:
New Zealand passport holders are currently permitted entry to Argentina without a visa for stays of up to 90 days.

Brazil:
New Zealand passport holders are currently permitted entry to Brazil without a visa for stays of up to 90 days.

French Guiana:
New Zealand passport holders are currently permitted entry to French Guiana without a visa for stays of up to 90 days.

Trinidad & Tobago:
Trinidad and Tobago Is visa free for those transiting, including cruise stops for less than 24 hours.

Barbados:
New Zealand passport holders are currently permitted entry to Barbados without a visa for stays of up to 180 days.

Please note that flights from Barbados may transit via the United States, in which case an ESTA (Electronic System for Travel Authorization) may be required.

Please be advised that your passport must have at least six months validity left on it when you arrive back in New Zealand.

Please note the visa procedures and requirements may change at any time. These changes are often made by the relevant embassy or consulate; Wendy Wu Tours acts as a third party and has no influence on the process of a visa.

INSURANCE

It is a condition of your booking that you are insured for the duration of your trip. We recommend comprehensive travel insurance to cover cancellation, medical requirements, luggage, repatriations and additional expenses. At a minimum, the policy is required to cover medical requirements including medical evacuations / repatriations. The choice of insurer is yours. We strongly suggest you purchase insurance at the time you pay your deposit. This is because cancellation fees and charges are payable from that time. We may request you to provide evidence that you have taken out and paid for a policy to comply with this condition. If you fail to provide a certificate of currency of insurance within a reasonable time after our request, then this will be deemed a cancellation by you and standard cancellation fees will apply.

LUGGAGE

All travellers are limited to two items of luggage each: one suitcase with a maximum weight of 20kg and one piece of hand luggage with a maximum weight of 5kg. It is essential that your luggage is lockable.

On your cruise: While luggage allowance on your cruise may permit further capacity, we ask you to adhere to the above restrictions due to airline and touring allowances. Luggage tags will be available to download through your personal cruise account. For your convenience, we recommend that your luggage tags are placed on your bags prior to arrival at the port.

It may take a few hours after embarkation for your luggage to be delivered to your stateroom. Likewise, suitcases are usually collected on the final night of your cruise. To avoid any complications, please bring a small bag, such as a backpack, for carrying any necessary medication, valuables, important documents and essential items.

PORTERAGE

Pre & Post Cruise: Please be aware that porterage is not included throughout the land arrangements on this tour unless otherwise stated. You will therefore need to be able to handle your own luggage within hotels and when using transport such as coaches, airport transfers and regional flights.

Cruise: Porterage is included onboard Azamara. When embarking, your luggage will usually be delivered to your cabin from the check-in area at the port. When disembarking, you may be asked to leave your luggage outside your cabin door on the final night of your cruise. Cruise staff will then make arrangements for your luggage, ready for disembarkation the following morning. Please also note, it is customary to tip for porterage services where these are provided (not included in Wendy Wu Tours tour cost).

TRANSPORT

Coaches: Coaches with air conditioning are used on our group tours for airport transfers, city sightseeing, short excursions to the countryside and longer transfers where required. Roads in Argentina, Brazil and Barbados are generally well maintained, but please be aware that traffic and/or weather conditions may extend driving times, particularly in major cities such as Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro. There may be sections of road where the surface may be comparatively bumpy, but our drivers will do their utmost to lessen the impact.

Planes: Internal flights are based on economy class, with reputable airlines. Within Latin America flights are often changed multiple times before departure, both timings and flight numbers. The utmost care will be taken to ensure that your final documents will have the latest information; however, your local guide will confirm this in the destination. Boarding passes can be collected directly at the airport. The flights booked as part of your itinerary will always reflect the best timings to suit the touring itinerary, with direct flights wherever possible; however, due to limited schedules some flights may require a fairly early departure or late arrival.

ACCOMMODATION

Your accommodation has been selected for convenience of location, comfort and suitability for the itinerary. During the land sections of your tour, accommodation will include hotels in Buenos Aires, Iguazu and Barbados. Your journey also includes accommodation onboard Azamara Quest.

Hotels are generally rated as local four-star standard, but please note that there is no international classification system for hotels and differences in facilities, room size and quality may exist between New Zealand and the countries visited on this tour.

All group tour hotels will have private western bathroom facilities. Facilities and service standards can vary between destinations and may differ from those you are used to at home. In some cases, hotels may not provide porters, so guests should be prepared to handle their own luggage. If you experience any difficulty, please speak to your National Escort or local guide. Rest assured that all accommodation used by Wendy Wu Tours is regularly inspected by our staff and partners to ensure that standards are met.

TIPPING / GRATUITIES

Local tipping is customary in Latin America and the Caribbean. However, this can often lead to awkwardness in knowing when it is appropriate to tip and how much, as well as ensuring you have a suitable amount of change available at the time. For your convenience, Wendy Wu Tours operates a tipping kitty system on our Group Tours, so your National Escort or local guide will look after this aspect of your trip for you during the land arrangements. It also ensures that the amounts paid are reasonable for you but still fair for the local people.

The tipping amount will be advised in your final documentation. Tipping is usually collected in US Dollars on arrival and distributed throughout the land touring on your behalf. Any additional tipping is welcomed at your discretion. If you are travelling in a smaller group with local guides only, tipping is paid in each destination. To be fair to the guides, we ask for slightly higher amounts per traveller with small groups.

We generally find that most customers appreciate the convenience of our tipping policy, but we do recognise that it may not suit everyone. However, as this is a group tour, we ask that everyone follows the same protocol to be fair to other group members and to ensure smooth operation of your tour.

Cruise: Onboard gratuities are included in your trip cost.

MEALS AND DIETARY INFORMATION

On this tour, you will enjoy a variety of dining experiences across Argentina, Brazil and Barbados, as well as onboard Azamara Quest. Pre- and post-cruise, meals will be arranged as part of your included itinerary, offering a mix of local and international cuisine.

Argentinian food incorporates many European influences, predominantly from Italy and Spain. Asado, or Argentinian barbecue, is one of the country's most famous dishes, while empanadas and dulce de leche are also widely enjoyed.

Brazilian food is influenced by European and African cuisines, with regional dishes varying across the country. Feijoada, a stew made from meat and black beans, is one of Brazil's best-known dishes. In northern Brazil, cassava features heavily in local cooking, while rice and beans, meat, salad and tropical fruit are commonly found throughout the country.

Barbadian cuisine reflects Caribbean, British and West African influences. Seafood, rice, peas, plantain and tropical fruits are commonly found on menus, while the island's association with sugarcane and rum production forms an important part of its culinary heritage.

Pre and post cruise: Meals are included as stated in the itinerary. Breakfast is usually served at the hotel, while lunches and dinners may be arranged at hotels, local restaurants or as part of included sightseeing and cultural experiences. On full sightseeing days, meals may be served during the day's touring rather than returning to the hotel first.

Cruise dining: Meals in the main dining areas are included, offering a wide range of international dishes. There are no fixed group menus onboard; instead, you will dine independently at your choice of restaurants included in your cruise package. Speciality restaurants and onshore dining are payable locally, unless included in your cruise package. If you choose to dine off the ship while in port, these meals will be at your own expense and no refund will be given for meals missed onboard. Your cruise package also includes selected drinks whilst onboard.

Dietary Requirements: Our guides will make every effort to accommodate requests such as gluten-free or vegetarian meals. However, some dietary needs may be more challenging to meet, particularly in local restaurants, during included food experiences, on cruise port days or due to differences in food preparation styles. Options may also be more limited than you are used to at home.

While on the cruise, the ship's restaurants are generally well-equipped to cater to a wide range of dietary requirements, though it is still recommended to notify the cruise line of any specific needs in advance. During shore excursions, land touring and travel days, local food establishments may have limited capacity to meet special dietary requests.

For travellers with food intolerances or specific dietary needs, we recommend bringing additional snacks or food items, especially when travelling further from major cities.

GROUP SIZE

For pre and post cruise touring, most of our groups consist of 10 travellers or more and will be accompanied by National Escorts. On this tour, there will be no more than 28 travellers in each group, although you may encounter other Wendy Wu tour groups while you are travelling.

Your Azamara cruise is aboard Azamara Quest, which carries approximately 700 guests, most of whom will not be part of your Wendy Wu tour group.

All our departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 10 travellers booked, unless cancelled due to factors beyond our control. National Escorts will accompany each group of 10 or more. However, at our discretion, we may operate departures with a smaller group size and local guides as we try to operate advertised departures wherever it is viable to do so.

APPROPRIATE DRESS / WHAT TO PACK

When travelling on this tour, pack for warm and humid conditions, with the possibility of rain. Lightweight, breathable clothing is recommended, together with a light waterproof jacket or compact umbrella. Comfortable walking shoes are essential throughout the tour, particularly for city touring, Iguazu Falls, cruise port days, historic areas and longer sightseeing days.

A hat, sunglasses and sunscreen are recommended for sun protection, while insect repellent may also be useful, particularly in Iguazu and other tropical areas. You should bring a small day bag for sightseeing, swimwear for hotel or cruise facilities and smart-casual clothing for evenings onboard Azamara Quest.

Onboard Dress Code: In keeping with Azamara's friendly yet sophisticated atmosphere, the dress code onboard is resort casual. Guests are asked to avoid bare feet, tank tops, caps, bathing suits, casual shorts and torn jeans in the main dining room and speciality restaurants. At casual dining venues, appropriate cover-ups and footwear are required.

Formal evening wear is not expected or required onboard Azamara Quest, though guests who enjoy dressing up are welcome to do so. A highlight of the cruise is White Night, a festive evening held once per voyage, weather permitting, where guests are encouraged to wear smart white attire and enjoy alfresco dining and entertainment on deck.

CRUISE – AZAMARA QUEST

Welcoming and refined, Azamara Quest offers a relaxed and elegant experience at sea. Designed for intimate small-ship cruising, this vessel can reach ports beyond the reach of many larger ships, while Azamara's destination immersion philosophy allows for longer stays and overnight calls in selected ports, giving more time to explore and connect with each destination.

Onboard, you will find a selection of restaurants, cafés, bars and lounges, along with a pool area, sun decks, spa and fitness facilities. Entertainment and enrichment are also offered throughout the cruise, providing plenty to enjoy between ports of call.

CRUISE ACCOMMODATION AND CABINS

At the time of booking, subject to availability, you may have the choice of booking an outside cabin or balcony cabin. Should you wish to upgrade to a suite or have a special request regarding cabin location, please speak to our reservations department, who may be able to assist.

Outside cabins offer natural light and ocean views from the window, providing a comfortable space to relax between days ashore. Balcony cabins offer the added benefit of a private veranda, allowing you to step outside and enjoy the sea air and surrounding views from your own cabin. Cabin availability, location and layout will vary by category and are subject to confirmation at the time of booking.

CRUISE EMBARKATION & DISEMBARKATION

Embarkation time is when you should arrive at the cruise terminal. Departure time is when your ship sets sail.

Boarding Procedures: Boarding times may vary and will be shown in your travel documents. Please allow plenty of time to get to the port on the day of boarding. Government regulations require Azamara to submit final departure manifests, and guests must check in at least 90 minutes before the scheduled departure time. If you fail to check in at least 90 minutes before the scheduled departure, this may constitute a "no-show" and result in automatic cancellation of your cruise booking.

Boarding Time in Ports of Call: In all ports of call, it is the guest's responsibility to be back onboard the ship by the time advised by Azamara and the ship's crew. Please be aware that shipboard time may differ from the time in the port of call, and it is the guest's responsibility to follow shipboard time. In the event a guest misses the ship, it will be the guest's responsibility to pay all expenses incurred to rejoin the ship.

SHORE EXCURSIONS AND CRUISE INCLUSIONS

When docked at each port, you will have the opportunity to take part in a variety of shore excursions designed to showcase the culture, history and highlights of each destination. These are optional, subject to availability and may be cancelled or altered due to weather conditions or operational reasons at the discretion of Azamara. Shore excursions are at your own expense unless otherwise stated and can be booked in advance through your Azamara cruise reservation or onboard the ship.

Your package also includes selected soft drinks and alcoholic beverages whilst onboard your cruise, including selected standard spirits, international beers, wines, bottled water, soft drinks, speciality coffees and teas. Gratuities onboard Azamara are included in your tour cost. Speciality dining, Wi-Fi, spa treatments, purchases from onboard shops and other personal expenses are payable locally unless otherwise stated.

TERRAIN CONSIDERATIONS (STEPS, SLOPES & UNEVEN SURFACES)

Sightseeing on this tour may involve walking over uneven ground, pavements, steps, slopes, natural paths, viewing platforms, cruise terminals and port areas. Comfortable, sturdy footwear is essential.

In Buenos Aires, the Pampas, Rio de Janeiro and Barbados, sightseeing may involve extended periods on foot, uneven pavements, historic areas, crowds and variable ground surfaces. At Iguazu Falls, walking trails, walkways and viewing platforms may include steps, slopes, wet surfaces and spray from the falls.

During the cruise, embarking and disembarking at ports may involve gangways, ramps or steps. Optional shore excursions may also involve uneven surfaces, cobbled streets, sand, slopes or steps depending on the destination and excursion selected. Passengers should be comfortable boarding and disembarking independently.

Those with knee or hip difficulties, balance issues or reduced mobility should carefully consider the physical requirements of this itinerary.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES PRE AND POST CRUISE

Our fully-inclusive Classic tours are designed to ensure you experience the must-see sights and unforgettable moments included in your itinerary. Occasionally, when time allows, optional extras may be offered for those seeking additional experiences. These excursions will be listed in your final documents where applicable and can usually be paid for locally through your guide.

Please note, optional shore excursions during the cruise are separate from the land touring arrangements and can be booked through your Azamara cruise reservation or onboard the ship, subject to availability.

CASH, MONEY AND PERSONAL EXPENSES

This tour visits several countries and territories, so different currencies may be useful during your journey. The main local currencies are the Argentine peso, Brazilian real and Barbadian dollar. During your cruise, you may also visit French Guiana, where the euro is used, and Tobago, where the Trinidad and Tobago dollar is used.

US dollars can often be exchanged in tourist areas, provided notes are new and undamaged. Damaged, marked or torn notes may not be accepted. We suggest exchanging or withdrawing money before travelling to smaller towns, remote areas or cruise ports where exchange facilities and ATMs may be more limited. Please note, there may be restrictions on how much cash you can withdraw from ATMs in Argentina.

Most major credit cards are widely accepted in hotels, larger restaurants and shops, but cash may still be useful for markets, smaller purchases, local tips and independent spending. We recommend having access to more than one payment method, such as a combination of cash and cards.

Personal expenses: You will need to take some extra money to cover drinks not included in your package, laundry, souvenirs, optional shore excursions, additional sightseeing and any other personal expenses. During the cruise, most onboard purchases will be charged to your shipboard account and settled at the end of your voyage.

SOUVENIRS

We want to be able to give you an opportunity to buy souvenirs, so we may include some stops at markets, museums, exhibitions, cultural venues or local shops which demonstrate a craft or product unique to that region, with pieces available to buy. We understand that souvenir hunting is not for everyone, so we aim to take you to places which hold local interest. We trust you will enjoy these opportunities to learn about local arts, crafts and regional products, and understand their historical and cultural importance.

CULTURAL DIFFERENCES

The countries and destinations visited on this tour are culturally diverse, with traditions shaped by Indigenous, European, African and Caribbean influences, as well as colonial history. Local customs, service styles and standards may differ from those in New Zealand.

In some places, particularly at churches, historic buildings and other religious or cultural sites, modest dress may be expected. You should follow the guidance of your National Escort, local guides or cruise staff, ask permission before photographing local people and behave respectfully in places of worship or cultural importance.

DEVELOPMENT IN COUNTRIES VISITED

The destinations visited on this tour vary in levels of infrastructure and local facilities. Major cities such as Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro are well developed, while some regional areas, cruise ports and island destinations may differ more noticeably from New Zealand.

Tourist and public facilities may not always meet the same standards you are used to at home. You may encounter uneven pavements, unmarked steps, road hazards or limited safety barriers. All of our suppliers meet local safety standards as a minimum, but we ask that you take extra care, use common sense, refer to notices and follow advice from your National Escort, local guides or cruise staff.

Traffic, weather, port operations and local conditions may affect travel times and sightseeing arrangements. We recommend travelling with patience, flexibility and an open mind.

WEATHER

This tour travels during February and March, when conditions across Argentina, Brazil and the Caribbean are generally warm, though weather patterns vary between destinations.

Buenos Aires is usually warm at this time of year, with occasional rain possible. Iguazu and Rio de Janeiro are generally hot and humid, with tropical showers possible. Along Brazil's coast and in northern Brazil, conditions are typically tropical, with warm temperatures, humidity and occasional rainfall.

In French Guiana, Tobago and Barbados, you should expect warm tropical conditions. Sunshine is common, but brief showers can occur, particularly in humid coastal and island areas.

Seasonal weather patterns can be quite unpredictable. Up to the minute information on worldwide weather can be found on www.weather.com.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

This tour operates during February and March 2028 and includes the Rio Carnival period. Rio Carnival is currently listed as running from 25 February to 1 March 2028, with Brazil's main Carnival holiday period falling around 28 February to 1 March 2028. Carnival may affect services, transport, traffic levels, opening hours and visitor numbers at tourist sites, particularly in Rio de Janeiro.

This tour also includes land touring in Barbados after the cruise. At the time of writing, no major Barbados public holiday is expected to fall during the post-cruise stay in March 2028, though public holiday and festival dates can vary.

If you are travelling during a national holiday, local festival or Carnival celebration, services, transport and opening hours may be affected. Tourist attractions will often remain open but may be busier than usual. Cruise schedules and shore excursion arrangements may also be affected by local operational requirements.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

The destinations visited on this tour are popular with international travellers, but as with any holiday, it is important to take sensible precautions and remain aware of your surroundings. Petty crime, including pickpocketing, theft, distraction scams and bag snatching, can occur in busy tourist areas, markets, transport hubs, ports and crowded visitor areas.

In Buenos Aires, be aware of distraction scams, including the "mustard scam", where thieves may spill or spray something on you and offer to help clean it up while another person targets your belongings. If this happens, politely but firmly refuse help and walk away.
To help keep your belongings safe:

- avoid carrying large amounts of cash
- avoid wearing expensive jewellery or displaying valuables in public
- keep passports, spare money and valuables secure
- take care in markets, transport hubs, ports and crowded visitor areas
- do not leave bags, phones or cameras unattended
- use hotel safes where available
- use ATMs inside banks or shopping centres where possible
- arrange taxis through your hotel or local guide where possible
- avoid isolated areas after dark and avoid large demonstrations or gatherings

By staying alert and taking basic precautions, you can enjoy the culture, landscapes and hospitality of the destinations visited with greater peace of mind.

VACCINATIONS AND YOUR HEALTH:

Wendy Wu does not give specific health advice, but we do recommend you see your doctor at least six weeks prior to travel for advice and to allow time for any necessary vaccinations. Please remember to take your itinerary with you. Safe travel has a comprehensive website that you may also find useful www.safetravel.govt.nz

BEFORE YOU LEAVE:

We strongly recommend registering your travel plans with www.safetravel.govt.nz as in the event of an emergency, New Zealand Consular assistance will be more readily available.

Up until the day you travel, it is vital you keep up to date and familiarised with the entry requirements as these can change at short notice. You are personally responsible for completing any entry forms, conducting any covid tests (if necessary), etc and adhering to countries' specific entry requirements. You can also access the New Zealand Government's travel advisory service for up-to-date information about your destination on the same website.

AFTER YOUR BOOKING:

Once you have booked with Wendy Wu Tours, you will receive an email with your confirmation invoice, along with a link to our website where you can find your visa information (if applicable) and other important information. Your final documentation pack will be sent to you approximately 2 weeks prior to departure.

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