

Grand Brazil & Argentina Explorer

February 22 – March 3, 2027 (10 Days)

Tentative Itinerary



Welcome aboard our unforgettable journey through Brazil and Argentina! Enjoy 5-star accommodations throughout as you arrive in vibrant Rio de Janeiro, where we will spend three nights perfectly positioned along one of the world's most famous beaches. Soak in the city's energy, stunning coastal scenery, and iconic landmarks that make Rio truly unforgettable. Discover the breathtaking Iguazu Falls during a two-night stay within the national park, offering unparalleled access to one of the world's most spectacular natural wonders. Our extraordinary journey concludes in the elegant city of Buenos Aires, where we will enjoy three nights surrounded by rich culture, European charm, and

a vibrant culinary and arts scene. Your Tour Manager looks forward to meeting you and providing an exciting, carefree, and well-managed tour.

Sincerely, Greg Collins – President & CEO

Day 1: Monday, Feb 22 – Overnight Flight to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

- For those who have purchased Collins Tours Inclusive Air Package, make your way to your local area airport for your assigned flight connecting in Montreal/Toronto to your overnight Air Canada flight to Rio de Janeiro. **NOTE: 1st checked piece of luggage is free for international flights (up to maximum of 50lbs). 2nd bag is an additional cost and based on weight. Additional fees apply for overweight and oversized bags. Carry-on luggage is free; your bag must be light enough that you can store it in the overhead bin unassisted with a maximum weight of 22lbs per carry-on bag.**
- Visit www.aircanada.com for more details on luggage fees. Luggage payment is paid directly to Air Canada and not included in tour package for overweight or 2nd pieces of luggage. Fees are charged on both outbound & return flights. Please be sure to read the important information section regarding Valid Passports for check-in and travelling to South America.

Day 2: Tuesday, Feb 23 – Hilton Rio de Janeiro Copacabana (Welcome Reception)

- Welcome to vibrant Rio de Janeiro, one of the world's most iconic and scenic cities, famed for its golden beaches, lush mountains, and lively atmosphere.
- Please proceed to immigration, collect luggage and meet your tour manager and fellow travellers at the baggage carousel when you arrive at Rio de Janeiro airport.
- A transfer from the airport to our hotel will be included. We will be staying at the beautiful 5-star Hilton Rio de Janeiro Copacabana, perfectly located along Copacabana Beach, offering stunning ocean views and easy access to the heart of the city. Your tour manager will take care of the check-in process, distribute the room keys, and have your luggage delivered to your rooms, all part of the Collins Tours signature service you will enjoy throughout your journey.
- Tonight, join your tour manager and fellow travellers for a welcome cocktail reception in the hotel, featuring wine, beer, and appetizers, a perfect way to relax, mingle, and toast the start of your Brazilian adventure.



- The remainder of the evening is yours to unwind, take a stroll along the famous Copacabana promenade, or explore nearby sights at your leisure.
- Dinner this evening is on your own (your expense), with a wide variety of restaurants and cafés nearby offering everything from traditional Brazilian cuisine to international favourites.

Day 3: Wednesday, Feb 24 – Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (B, Welcome Dinner)



- Enjoy your included breakfast, located in the hotel restaurant, this morning.
- Following breakfast, meet your local professional guide, tour manager, and fellow travellers in the lobby as we set out to discover the highlights of Rio de Janeiro. Experience the energy and beauty of this remarkable city, known for its stunning coastline and dramatic landscapes. Our tour will take us to one of the world's most iconic landmarks, Christ the Redeemer, where you will take in breathtaking panoramic views over the city, its beaches, and surrounding mountains. Along the way, enjoy scenic drives through some of Rio's most famous neighbourhoods and

viewpoints.

- After our guided tour, we will return to the hotel where you will have time for lunch on your own and enjoy a relaxing afternoon at leisure.
- Tonight, join your tour manager and fellow travellers for a fabulous group welcome dinner **(included)**, including a glass of wine or beer, to toast the start of your unforgettable journey in South America!

Day 4: Thursday, Feb 25 – Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (B) ****Sugarloaf Mountain Optional Excursion**

- Enjoy your included breakfast, located in the hotel restaurant, this morning.
- This morning, join your tour manager, local guide and fellow travellers for an optional excursion to Sugarloaf Mountain (Parque Bondinho Pão de Açúcar), one of Rio de Janeiro's most iconic landmarks.
- Our journey begins at Praia Vermelha, where we board the famous cable car for a scenic ride up to Urca Hill, before continuing on to the summit of Sugarloaf Mountain. Along the way, take in breathtaking panoramic views of Rio's spectacular landscape. From above, admire the lush greenery of the Atlantic Forest, the dramatic mountain contours, and the city's stunning coastline. Enjoy incredible views of Rio's most famous sights, including Corcovado Mountain with the towering Christ the Redeemer statue, Guanabara Bay, Botafogo Cove, and the surrounding peaks of the Serra do Mar. **(Price TBA)**
- After time at the summit to take in the views and capture photos, we will return to the hotel to continue with the remainder of your day.



Day 5: Friday, Feb 26 – Rio de Janeiro – Airport – Gran Meliá Iguazú (B, Group D)

- Enjoy your delicious breakfast **(included)** in the hotel restaurant this morning before checking out.
- A transfer to Rio de Janeiro airport is included, where we will board our flight to the awe-inspiring Iguazu Falls **(flight included in your Collins Tours land tour price)**.
- Welcome to Iguazu Falls – located at the crossroads of Brazil, Argentina and Paraguay – heralded as the most beautiful waterfall in the world.

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- Upon arrival, we will transfer to our hotel, the luxurious 5-star Gran Meliá Iguazú, located within the national park and offering unparalleled access to the breathtaking falls. Your tour manager will assist with check-in and ensure your luggage is delivered to your rooms, providing the signature Collins Tours service you can expect throughout your journey.
- The remainder of the day is yours to relax and enjoy the hotel's amenities or take in the surrounding natural beauty at your leisure.
- Tonight, join your tour manager and fellow travellers for another delicious group dinner at the hotel **(included)**, accompanied by a glass of wine or beer, providing the perfect way to unwind and toast the start of your Iguazu adventure.



Day 6: Saturday, Feb 27 – Iguazu National Park (B, Group D)

- Wake up this morning and enjoy another delicious breakfast **(included)**.
- Enjoy your included breakfast in the hotel restaurant this morning, preparing for a day of natural wonder.
- Meet your local professional guide, tour manager, and fellow travellers in the hotel lobby for an unforgettable guided tour of Iguazu Falls. Walk along scenic paths and elevated viewpoints that reveal the sheer power and beauty of the falls, from thundering cascades to rainbows dancing in the mist. Board the Rainforest Ecological Train inside the National Park on the Argentine side and walk to the platform overlooking powerful Devil's Throat. Discover unparalleled views of five waterfalls as they plummet into the Iguazu River. We will enjoy a riveting jungle boat ride **(included)** at the base of the falls, an experience you will not soon forget!
- After a morning immersed in nature's grandeur, return to the hotel for lunch on your own and take some time to relax, explore the hotel grounds, or simply soak in the stunning surroundings at your leisure.
- This evening, join your tour manager and fellow travellers for a group dinner at the hotel, accompanied by a glass of wine or beer **(included)**, celebrating a day of adventure and the unforgettable majesty of Iguazu Falls.

Day 7: Sunday, Feb 28 – Iguazu National Park – Airport – Hilton Buenos Aires (B)

- Enjoy your included breakfast in the hotel restaurant this morning before checking out.
- A transfer to the airport is included, where we will board our flight to Buenos Aires **(flight included in your Collins Tours land tour price)**.
- Welcome to Buenos Aires, birthplace of the tango. Stretching along the banks of the Rio de la Plata, the "Paris of South America" is a mosaic of European-styled architecture and South American spirit.
- Upon arrival, we will transfer to our hotel, the luxurious 5-star Hilton Buenos Aires, your home for the next three nights. Our riverside hotel is based in the vibrant Puerto Madero district, a revamped docks area known for upscale dining and a wildlife-rich conservation park. The historic neighbourhood of San Telmo and the shopping of Calle Florida are less than two kilometres away, offering plenty to explore. Your tour manager will assist with check-in and ensure your luggage is delivered to your rooms, providing the signature Collins Tours service you have been receiving throughout your journey.



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- The remainder of the day is yours to relax and explore at your leisure. Perhaps take a stroll along the riverfront, wander the streets of Puerto Madero, or enjoy the hotel's amenities.
- Dinner this evening is on your own (your expense), giving you the opportunity to sample the city's famous culinary offerings, from traditional Argentine parrillas to modern international cuisine.

Day 8: Monday, Mar 1 – Buenos Aires, Argentina (B) ****Tango Performance with Dinner Optional Excursion**

- Enjoy your included breakfast in the hotel restaurant this morning.
- Following breakfast, meet your local professional guide, tour manager, and fellow travellers in the hotel lobby for an included guided tour of Buenos Aires. Explore the city's iconic neighbourhoods, historic landmarks, and vibrant streets, discovering the rich culture, architecture, and stories that make Argentina's capital so captivating. We will see the lavish Teatro Colon opera house; the Avenida 9 de Julio; Recoleta Cemetery, where Evita Peron rests; the Presidential Palace, the Casa Rosada; the La Boca and the historic San Telmo barrio.
- After the tour, return to the hotel for lunch on your own and enjoy some time to relax, explore the surrounding streets, or take in the hotel's amenities at your leisure.
- The remainder of the afternoon and evening is free for you to enjoy as you wish.
- For those who wish to immerse themselves in Argentina's most famous dance, join an optional evening for a spectacular tango performance accompanied by a delicious dinner. Feel the passion and drama of the dancers, listen to the stirring music, and savour the flavours of Argentine cuisine as you experience an unforgettable night that captures the spirit and soul of Buenos Aires. **(Price TBA)**

Day 9: Tuesday, Mar 2 – Buenos Aires, Argentina (B, Farewell Dinner)

- Enjoy your included breakfast in the hotel restaurant this morning.
- The day is yours to spend at your leisure in Buenos Aires, a city where European elegance meets Latin passion. Stroll through the historic streets of San Telmo, famous for its cobblestone lanes, antique shops, and lively street markets. Explore the vibrant neighbourhood of La Boca, with its colourful buildings and rich artistic heritage, or enjoy shopping along Calle Florida and the surrounding boutiques. Take a relaxing walk along the riverfront in Puerto Madero, or simply enjoy a café con leche at a local café while watching the city's energy unfold around you. There is no shortage of culture, charm, and adventure to fill your day at your own pace.
- This evening, join your tour manager and fellow travellers for our farewell group dinner **(included)**, accompanied by a glass of wine or beer. Celebrate the memories of your South American adventure, share stories from your journey, and toast to new friendships and unforgettable experiences in a truly magical city.



Day 10: Wednesday, Mar 3 – Buenos Aires – Home (B)

- Enjoy your last included breakfast in the hotel restaurant this morning.
- For those who purchased Collins Tours Inclusive Air, step aboard our private motor coach as we depart for the airport and our flights home to the Maritimes **(Included in Inclusive Air price)**.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Tour itineraries are a **guideline and may need to be adjusted** by Collins Tours & Consulting Ltd operations or your tour manager which can/ are impacted by unforeseen factors such as weather, traffic, construction, changes to concert or sporting event times, and/or act of God, emergencies, or global pandemics. **Collins Tours is not responsible for any refunds, reimbursements, credits, travel vouchers, or liable for costs associated to any changes in itineraries, modifications, or lost time in any one area, or missed events, due from any such unforeseen events described above or potential occurrences causing similar outcomes not described above.**

- Canadian citizens are required to have a valid passport that is good for at least **SIX MONTHS AFTER** the date of your arrival in Buenos Aires. Citizens of other countries should call and verify their required documentation.
- **Baggage allowance details:** For all Air Canada flights to and from Europe: You are allowed one personal and one carry on item at no charge (max dimension 23 cm x 40 cm x 55 cm). You are also allowed one free checked bag (max weight 23 kg; \$100 fee for overweight bag each way). Airline fees for any checked baggage overages or additional bags (both outbound and inbound flights) are **NOT** included in your tour package and any additional costs are your responsibility paid directly to Air Canada.
- Currency used in Brazil is the **Real** and in Argentina is the **Peso**. Duty Free Rules allow you to claim \$800 CAD per person when you have travelled outside Canada for at least 48 hours.
- All liquids/gels you plan to bring on board an airplane must be 3oz or less and sealed in a Ziploc bag. Once at the security checkpoint, this bag must be removed from your carryon & placed in bin for TSA screening. Prescription medication should be kept in original container or carried with you during travel.
- Collins Tour is not responsible for lost or stolen baggage and/or personal items.
- Collins Tours & Consulting Ltd is not responsible for any flight delays, schedule changes, flight gate changes, acts of God, mechanical issues, any emergencies, or any missed connections due from any such events described above or unforeseen circumstances arising not described above, yet that may cause similar outcomes or delays. Collins Tours & Consulting Ltd is not responsible for providing additional transportations costs, if necessary, reimbursements of any kind or credits, for these potential or actual additional expenses, loss of use, loss of hotel nights, meals, transportation arrangements, or any portion of your planned vacation you have that may or may not be missed. These costs, if any, will be paid directly by the traveler and submitted through the appropriate persons travel insurance for reimbursement of expenses. Please contact our office if you need assistance with all-inclusive medical insurance, trip cancellation and interruption coverage, or quarantine insurance. Collins Tours & Consulting Ltd does not anticipate any such concerns or events and only wishes for everyone to ensure proper travel insurance has been purchased in advance.
- REMEMBER: your tour manager handles hotel check in/check out procedures, overall group management (e.g. timely transitions, itinerary planning), and group representation with airlines, hotels, group activities, Customs and Immigration, and overall operation of each tour. We work hard to ensure that everyone enjoys his/her experience to the fullest.
- **Gratuities for your Tour Manager are not included in your tour price.** Tipping is your way of saying “Thank You,” for a job well done.
 - **Here are our guidelines on *Tipping Etiquette*:**
 - Collins Tours tour manager - from \$8 - \$10 per person, per day
 - Bus driver \$4 – \$6 per person, per day
 - Private city tour guides- \$3 per person, per day

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Hotel Information

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