

IDRS - South America

Pre-Conference Tour

Pre-Basic Tour Extension

Friday, July 28: *Miami-Lima* Depart Miami late afternoon on American Airlines bound for Lima, Peru. Relax as you enjoy the in-flight service. Arrival in Lima is scheduled for late evening. Upon arrival you will proceed through Customs before being met and transferred to the Lima Sheraton Hotel for your overnight.

Saturday, July 29: *Lima-Cuzco*. Continental breakfast will be served this morning at the hotel before you are transferred to the Lima airport for your early morning flight from Lima to Cuzco, the archaeological capital of Peru. Upon arrival in Cuzco, you will be met by a local guide and shown the city. Your tour will include many stops in this former capital of the Inca Empire where you will see glorious examples of Spanish heritage like the Cathedral which is built atop a former Inca temple; Santo Domingo Church; the Plaza de Armas, the artisans quarter of San Blas; and the nearby Incan ruins of Sacsayhuaman Fortress. You will also have a chance to visit the rock sanctuary of Kenkko, Puka Pukara, and Tambo Machay Fountain while touring the city. This afternoon you will transfer to the Hotel Picoago for your overnight. This evening dinner and a Folkloric Show is included for you to enjoy. (B,D)

Sunday, July 30: *Cuzco-Urubamba*. Begin your day with a buffet breakfast at the hotel before departing on a full-day tour to the old mountain village of Pisac. Enjoy the scenery as you travel the countryside to Pisac, a gathering place for native Indians from nearby villages to sell and trade their goods. You will find leather goods, alpaca sweaters, hand-woven textiles, blankets, and many more native crafts. Today you will also visit the fortress village of Ollantaytambo with its Incan ruins. Lunch will be included today before you continue to the Sacred Valley of the Incas, Urubamba. Overnight at the Hotel Posada del Inca Yucay. (B,L)

Monday, July 31: *Urubamba-Machu Picchu-Cuzco*. Today is a day of adventure. Begin with buffet breakfast at the hotel before transferring to the train station for your rail trip to Aguas Calientes. Once in Aguas Calientes, you will shuttle to the mysterious Lost City of the Incas,

Machu Picchu. A local guide will take you through this remote fortress/sanctuary that had long been abandoned by the Incas and left to be reclaimed by the jungle. Since being rediscovered in 1911, this area with its altars, temples, staircases and terraces, has remained one of the world's most mystical and extraordinary sites. Enjoy yourself as you explore the ruins and eat your included lunch. This afternoon shuttle back to Aguas Calientes and board your train back to Cuzco. Overnight at the Hotel Picoago. (B,L)

Tuesday, August 1: *Cuzco*. Start the day with a buffet breakfast at the hotel before embarking on a music-oriented tour of Cuzco. Following the tour, the remainder of the day will be at leisure to explore Cuzco as you wish. You might want to visit colonial mansions and churches including the Cathedral, La Merced Convent, and La Compania - all built on Incan music and arts. Overnight at the Hotel Picoago. (B)

Wednesday, August 2: *Cuzco-Lima-Depart Lima*. An early start with buffet breakfast at the hotel before transferring to the airport for your flight from Cuzco to Lima. Upon arrival you will be given a guided city tour of Colonial Lima including the Cathedral, Plaza de Armas, Government Palace, San Francisco Convent and Monastery of the Barefoot Friars. This afternoon you will check into the Lima Sheraton hotel for a short rest. Dinner is on your own before you will be transferring back to the airport for your late evening flight to Sao Paulo, Brazil. (B)

Thursday, August 3: *Sao Paulo-Rio de Janeiro*. Arrive in Sao Paulo on your overnight flight from Lima. You will immediately transfer to another flight via Varig Airlines from Sao Paulo to Rio de Janeiro, where you will meet the rest of the pre-conference tour attendees. Itinerary continues with basic tour day of Thursday, August 3.

Basic Tour

Wednesday, August 2: *Miami-Rio de Janeiro*. Depart Miami late evening on American Airlines bound for Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Relax as you enjoy the in-flight service on your overnight flight.

Thursday, August 3: Rio de Janeiro. Arrival in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. After clearing Customs you will transfer to your hotel for the next three nights, the Hotel Rio Othon Palace. This afternoon you will have an excursion to Corcovado Mountain, famous for its 30-meter-high Statue of Christ the Redeemer with its arms outstretched, welcoming visitors to Rio. Here you will find commanding views of the city from high atop the mountain. On the way down the mountain side you will wind your way through Tijaca National Forest and Park, an exceptional Atlantic rainforest and bird sanctuary. This evening you will be treated to a Churrascaria dinner and samba show where the food is a feast of barbecued meats marinated and roasted over charcoal in true Brazilian style, and the music and dancing demonstrate the sheer vitality of Brazil. Overnight at the hotel Rio Othon Palace. (D)

Friday, August 4: Rio de Janeiro. Enjoy a Brazilian breakfast at the hotel this morning before beginning a full-day excursion within Rio de Janeiro. Your tour will include the Carmen Miranda Museum, the Brazilian Music Conservatory and Municipal Theatre, and a visit to the Heitor Villa-Lobos Museum, a famous Brazilian composer and conductor. Lunch will be served en route today. Dinner is on your own this evening for you to sample the wide variety of cuisine offered in Rio. Overnight at the Hotel Rio Othon Palace. (B,L)

Saturday, August 5: Rio de Janeiro. A Brazilian breakfast will be served at your hotel this morning before you embark on a morning guided tour of some of Rio de Janeiro's most famous sites including Ipanema and Copacabana beaches. Ipanema is the "chic" beach in Rio that is clean and not crowded as the other beaches in and around the city. You will find this beach attracts the singles and the upper-class residents. Located on the beachfront street of Avenida Vieira Souto, you will find many nice hotels and restaurants across the street from the beach. Copacabana Beach runs the length of Avenida Atlantic and is home to a number of sidewalk bars and restaurants. You will find this beach to be a hot spot for beach sports including the uniquely Brazilian sport of "fute voley". You will also experience a cable car ascent of Sugar Loaf mountain, the most famous landmark in Rio. The cable car will stop at Morro da Urca (Urca Hill) for a mid-level perspective of Rio and the surroundings. As you

make your final ascent to the top, the cable car will teeter at the edge of the Sugar Loaf itself as the sheer granite rock rises in front of you. Once your heart stops racing, you will be free to wander the top of the rock with its panoramic view of all of Rio below you. Lunch is on your own today and your afternoon will be at leisure for you to relax or explore as you wish. This evening you will be treated to an evening Bossa Nova Show, a musical extravaganza in a local club. Overnight at the Hotel Rio Othon Palace. (B)

Sunday, August 6: Rio de Janeiro-Iguassu Falls. Your day will start early Friday with a Brazilian breakfast before departure for the airport and your flight to Iguassu Falls, Brazil. Upon arrival you will transfer to your hotel for the evening, the Hotel Das Cataratas. This afternoon you will visit the world-famous Iguassu Falls, one of the most majestic and breathtaking in the world. The falls border Brazil and Argentina, 19 km from the confluence of the Rio Iguazu and the Rio Alta Parana. The falls consist of over 210 individual falls plunging an average of 300 feet to the river below and stretching almost two miles in length. You will have a narrated safari on the Macuco Trail to learn about the flora and fauna of the surrounding jungle on the Brazilian side. Your trip will also include a motor launch excursion up the Iguassu Canyon where you may get close to the roaring rapids. Make sure you have rain gear today as the spray is sure to get you. This evening your entertainment will include dinner and a Tri-Country Show at "Rafains", a buffet style Churrascaria (Brazilian barbecue) that features music and dancing native to Brazil, Argentina and Paraguay. Overnight at the Hotel Das Cataratas. (B,D)

Monday, August 7: Iguassu Falls-Iguazu Falls-Buenos Aires-Montevideo, Uruguay. Another full day begins with a Brazilian breakfast at the hotel before a visit to the Argentine side of the falls. You will have more breathtaking views from this side of the falls as well as "up close" views with walks along the tops of the falls and the bottom of the falls and to the very edge of the back of "Devil's Throat". Following free time at the falls you will transfer to the Iguazu Falls airport for your flight to Buenos Aires and on to Montevideo, Uruguay. Arrive in Montevideo late evening and then transfer to the hotel for the evening. Overnight at the Hotel Holiday Inn Montevideo. (B)

Tuesday, August 8: Montevideo. Buffet breakfast first at the hotel before today's activities which include a morning guided tour of Montevideo known as America's (Latin) Switzerland. Rich in culture and history, Uruguay is a country thriving in business and the arts. Montevideo, the capital, is further enhanced by the warmth and friendliness of its people. Your city tour may include travel through the old city section of Montevideo, an intimate village which legendary writers frequented and where old friends gather. By the dockside markets there is activity 24 hours a day with musicians, artisans and painters peddling their wares. Your city tour may also visit such sites as the "Torre de los Panoramas" or Panoramic Tower, home of modernist poet Julio Herrera y Reissig, and the Plaza Zabala Square that provides a beautiful portrayal of Uruguayan history steeped in magnificent architecture. Your afternoon will be free to experience Montevideo as you wish. If you like to shop, flea markets abound in narrow streets offering everything from handicrafts to phonograph records; or a more in-depth visit to the dockside markets may be in order where you can browse, relax, and sample the native cuisine in a vibrant atmosphere. This evening your dinner will include an entertaining show. Overnight at the hotel Holiday Inn Montevideo. (B,D)

NOTE: Participants attending the IDRS Conference at the conclusion of this tour must register for the conference and make housing arrangements on their own through the conference host: Andrea Merenzon, Cordoba 2555 "5", Buenos Aires (1120) Argentina; Phone: 54-11-4961-5593; Fax: 54-11-4961-8223. E-mail: Merenzon@abaconet.com.ar; Website: <http://eldorado.org.ar>

Thursday, August 10 - Monday, August 14: Buenos Aires. IDRS Conference - own arrangements.

Monday, August 14: Buenos Aires-Miami. Airport transfers will be provided for your late evening departure on American Airlines from Buenos Aires to Miami. Arrival early morning on Tuesday, August 15.

Tour Inclusions

- Round-trip coach class airfare from Miami to South America as per the itinerary.
- Overnight accommodations in first-class and

deluxe hotels (except Hotel Posada del Inca Yucay in Urubamba which is superior tourist class), with private bath, on a double occupancy basis.

- Eleven breakfasts.
- Three lunches.
- Four dinners and five evening shows.
- All transfers and sightseeing with English-speaking guides.
- Surface transportation as indicated in the itinerary via motorcoach, train, hydrofoil, motor launch and vans.
- Services of a Burkhalter Travel Trip Director to accompany the group throughout the itinerary.
- All taxes and service charges on hotels and meals.
- U.S. departure taxes and fees.
- Luggage handling at all foreign airports and from the motorcoach/transfer vehicle into/out of the hotel lobby.

Not Included

- Foreign airport departure taxes (must be paid at flight check-in).
- Portage of luggage from the hotel lobby to your room and vice-versa.
- Tips to local drivers and guides.
- Meals not specifically indicated as included.
- Items of a personal nature (i.e., phone calls, purchases charged to one's room, etc.)
- Passport and visa fees.

Passports/Visas

For U.S. citizens a passport valid for three months beyond your intended stay is required for this tour, as well as a visa for Brazil. For those participants not holding a U.S. passport, please inquire as to the entry requirements for your nationality. Burkhalter Travel will make visa arrangements for a processing fee.

Prices - Per Person from Miami

	Tour Cost	Cash Price
Basic Tour	\$3660*	\$3568*
Basic Tour plus		
Peru Extension	\$5255*	\$5126*
Single Supplement		
(Basic Tour)	\$ 476*	\$ 464*
Single Supplement		
(Basic Tour plus Peru Ext.)	\$ 543*	\$ 529*

Air add-on from Chicago: \$415 per person

* The form of payment will determine balance due.

TOUR APPLICATION

Please send completed application to: Burkhalter Travel Agency
6501 Mineral Point Road • Madison, WI 53705
Phones: 608-833-6968 or 800-556-9286. ext/ 250, 251 or 254

Please reserve _____ places on the July 28-August 15, 2000 IDRS Pre-Conference South America Tour.

Name _____ Passport No. & Exp. Date _____

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Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Daytime Phone _____

Accommodations: Double room Single room Smoker Non-smoker

Please call me with add-on airfares from my preferred departure city: _____

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Enclosed is my deposit for \$_____ (\$300 per person) to hold my reservation. Please make checks payable to Burkhalter Travel Agency. **Final payment is due on May 25, 2000.** Trip cancellation insurance is available and is strongly recommended. This low-cost protection can save you money if you are unexpectedly forced to cancel or alter your trip.

Payment Method: Cash/check payable to Burkhalter Travel Agency Credit Card (Visa or MasterCard)

Card No. _____

Exp. Date _____

Signature _____

TOUR CONDITIONS

Air Transportation: Routing as indicated via American Airlines, Varig Airlines, Aerolineas and AeroContinete.

Luggage: One piece of checked baggage plus one piece of hand, carry-on luggage per person.

Hotel Accommodations: On double room basis, each room with private bath/shower. Hotels used are first-class, deluxe, or superior tourist class. Limited number of single rooms available for added cost.

Meals: As indicated in the itinerary: 11 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 4 dinners, 5 evening shows.

Surface Transportation: As indicated in the itinerary via motorcoach, train, hydrofoil, motor launch and vans.

Deposits and Payments: Please make checks payable to Burkhalter Travel. Some credit cards are also accepted. A deposit of \$300 per person is required to secure reservations. **Final payment is due May 25, 2000.** The form of your final payment will determine your final balance due.

Cancellations and Refunds: All cancellations must be made in writing. If you cancel after you've made reservations for this tour, a \$50 service fee applies. In addition to the service fee, the following cancellation penalties apply:

- Cancellation before April 24, 2000: \$200 penalty
- Between April 24 and May 24, 2000: \$300 penalty
- May 25, 2000 or after: No refund will be made.

Travel Insurance is strongly recommended to protect your tour investment. Coverage for trip cancellation/interruption, trip delay, missed tour departure, baggage, sickness, medical expense is available from Burkhalter Travel.

Passports: For U.S. citizens a passport valid for three months beyond intended stay is required for this tour, as well as a Visa from Brazil. For those participants not holding a U.S. Passport, please inquire as to the entry requirements for your nationality. Burkhalter Travel will make Visa arrangements for a processing fee.

Conditions: This tour price is based on a minimum of 20 participants traveling together. All airfares and land arrangements are based on tariffs in effect on July 30, 1999, and are subject to change in case of airfare increases or fluctuations of the U.S. dollar. It is not anticipated that there will be any price changes from what is listed.

Responsibility: The Burkhalter Travel Companies, IDRS, Ladatco, American Airlines, Varig, Aerolineas, AeroContinete, and IATAN and connecting ARC carrier act only in the capacity of agent for the passenger in all matters pertaining to hotel accommodations, sightseeing tours and transportation, whether by any other means and, as such hold themselves free from responsibility for any damage, expense or inconvenience caused by late air or motorcoach arrivals or departures or by any change of schedule or other conditions; nor will they be responsible for the loss of, or damage to, baggage or any article belonging to the passenger. In the event that it becomes necessary or advisable for any reason whatsoever to alter the itinerary or arrangements, such alterations will be made without notice. Additional expenses, if any, will be borne by the passengers; conversely, refunds will be made to the passengers if any savings is effected thereby. Although no changes or substitutions are anticipated at the time of brochure production, participants must accept whatever changes are required. All rates based on tariffs, cost and applicable airfare in effect at the time of traveling are subject to confirmation. The right is reserved to withdraw any tour if circumstances demand it. All arrangements for the above services are made by the tour operator and/or its agents. The airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their planes or conveyance. Payment of deposit and final balance on the cost of the travel arrangements described in the brochure, signifies the acceptance on the part of the purchaser and/or passenger of the limitations of Burkhalter Travel Companies' responsibility to the terms and conditions set forth in the jacket of the passage contract (air ticket) issued by Lufthansa and any other IATAN or ARC carriers and/or their agents in connection with land and/or surface arrangements described herein.

Participating Tour Operator:

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