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## PELAGIC AUSTRALIS

Amazing 2 week sailing trip around the Falkland Islands with experienced charter yacht specialists Pelagic Expeditions. Visiting destinations that are hard to reach as a land-based traveller, you will experience some of the Falklands finest wildlife and scenery. [http://www.pelagic.co.uk/prog\\_fi2018.asp](http://www.pelagic.co.uk/prog_fi2018.asp)

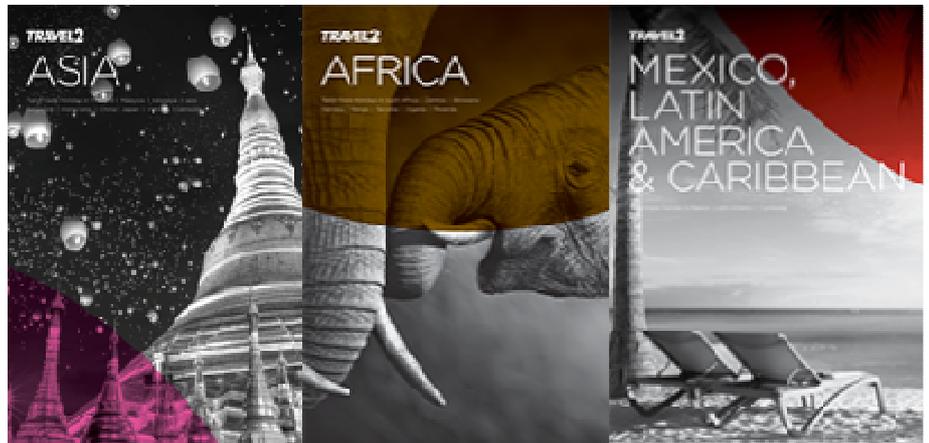
Fully inclusive programme 24 March/07 April 2018 - gbp3950 per person.

Contact Sally on [se.itt@horizon.co.fk](mailto:se.itt@horizon.co.fk) or call 22041 to book your space.

## ONLINE BROCHURES WITH TRAVEL2

If you need inspiration for your next holiday go to [www.travel2.com/brochures/](http://www.travel2.com/brochures/) where you will find a large selection of holiday brochures (see list below) which are available for download, filled with great packages, tours and excursions!

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Once you know what you want, just leave the rest up to us!

## ATACAMA BALLOONING - 5NTS ALL INCLUSIVE AT TIERRA ATACAMA

The world's greatest landscapes are best seen from above, gently, without noise and with time to take it all in. Chile's Atacama Desert is one such a landscape, and travelling across it by balloon is magical. Don't miss the spectacular experience of watching the light unfold over the desert landscape at sunrise, from the comfort of a hot-air balloon. Meet us in San Pedro de Atacama to experience the world's driest desert at the foot of the Andean altiplano, as seen from the air.

The package includes:

- Private meeting with your pilot the evening before the flight
- Transfer to/from your accommodation in San Pedro de Atacama
- Refreshments before the flight
- A 1-hour flight experience **in your own private compartment**
- Free printed in-flight photo
- Delicious breakfast with champagne, fresh fruit and croissants
- All meals, open bar, full or half day excursions every day, use of the spa & more.

From £2600 per person, based on double occupancy, excluding flights.



### **RIO & BEACHES OF BUZIOS (8D)**

Visit the Statue of Christ, one of the 'New 7 Wonders of the World' and Sugar Loaf Mountain. Experience a traditional samba show and Brazilian barbecue dinner. Discover sophisticated restaurants and bars in Buzios. Explore the over 40 stunning beaches of Buzios.

#### **Day 1 Arrive Rio**

Arrive at the airport and transfer to your hotel for a three-night stay.  
Overnight: Windsor Copa

#### **Day 2 Corcovado & Sugar Loaf Mountain**

After breakfast, visit Rio's two most famous mountains - Corcovado and Sugar Loaf. Drive along the scenic Rodrigo de Freitas Lagoon to the bottom of Corcovado. Board a train and ascend through the lush Tijuca Forest to the top of Corcovado and the awe-inspiring Statue of Christ. After lunch, continue to Sugar Loaf Mountain for amazing views of the countless bays.

#### **Day 3 Day at Leisure & Rio by Night**

Today is at leisure for you to enjoy Rio's stunning beaches. In the evening, indulge in a traditional Brazilian barbecue dinner and exciting Samba show.

#### **Days 4-7 Rio - Beaches of Buzios**

This morning transfer to the peninsula of Buzios, a pleasant two-hour trip from Rio, and check in to the beautiful, Italian-style Vila d'Este Hotel for a four-night stay. There are over 20 magnificent beaches to explore and the crystal-clear waters of the sea contrast with the exuberantly sculptured landscape and exotic vegetation. Buzios town is famous for its unique combination of rustic charm, architectural harmony, incredible beauty and sophisticated boutiques and restaurants frequented by discerning visitors who come from all over the world to savour its magic. Overnight: Abracadabra

#### **Day 8: Buzios - Depart Rio**

Private transfer to Rio airport for your flight.

#### **Inclusions**

Accommodation as specified & private return airport transfer  
Sightseeing and Rio-Buzios transfer on shared basis.

From £1978 per person, based on double occupancy, excluding flights.  
Flights available from £1243 per person, subject to availability at the time of booking.

#### **CAR HIRE WITH TRAVEL2**

We are now able to arrange vehicle hire in a large number of countries (including the UK) through our operator Travel2!

Restricted to collection/drop off at airports only.

Contact any of our agents for more information, a quotation and/or terms and conditions.



### NEW RULES FOR VISITING MACHU PICCHU

You may have heard that change is afoot at Machu Picchu. Read on to find out what changes are happening to visiting regulations and how it will affect tourists. Since its 'discovery' in 1911 tourism to the Inca citadel has grown ceaselessly and [Machu Picchu](#), a UNESCO World Heritage site, has become Peru's most visited tourist attraction with nearly 1.2 million people visiting the site last year.

To preserve the archaeological integrity of the site and maintain the quality of the experience for visitors, the Department for Culture in Cusco has announced that, as of 1st July 2017, new regulations which aim to balance the flow of visitors throughout the day will be in place. These new regulations, however, will not be strictly enforced until January 2018, so visitors to the site between July and December 2017 will be afforded some flexibility.

#### Here are the main changes:

- \*There will be two entry time slots per day (0600-1200hrs & 1200-1730hrs).
- \*All visitors must be accompanied by a local guide during their first visit.
- \*Information currently available suggests that those wishing to return to the site for a second visit, typically the following day, can do so without a guide upon presenting the previous day's entrance ticket, as well as the entrance ticket for their re-visit. Details of how this will work in practice are yet to be confirmed.
- \*There will be three guided circuits, mostly taking in the same highlights but in different orders.
- \*Visitors will be limited to a maximum 4-hour stay per entry ticket.

#### What will it mean for future visitors? How will it compare to the experience of visiting right now?

- \*At present, you can enter Machu Picchu with or without a guide, stay there all day from 0600-1730hrs and roam about the site on your own. All visits are now guided.
- \*Most visitors heading to Machu Picchu aim to take the first bus from Machu Picchu Village just below Machu Picchu so they can be one of the first to arrive at the site. During high season (July-August), queues for the bus can take up to two hours and it is not uncommon to then queue a further hour at the entrance of the site before gaining access. The new regulations should help the flow of visitors giving them an overall better experience.

#### Is there anything that new visitors will need to consider when planning their trips?

- \*Machu Picchu will remain just as popular as it has always been and so we still highly recommend booking ahead.
- \*The Machu Picchu authorities will be monitoring the new regulations and may make adjustments, so the information above is subject to change.



Courtesy of Journey Latin America

## **WINTER SUN CRUISE – 14 nts. BARCELONA, CANARY ISLANDS & MOROCCO**

**Barcelona – Casablanca – Gran Canaria – Tenerife – Madeira – Malaga – Alicante – Barcelona with Norwegian Cruise Line – m/v Norwegian Spirit**

### **Departures in November & December 2017 / January – March 2018**

Combine a city stay in bustling Barcelona where Gothic and Gaudi combine to create an electric architectural landscape with a **winter sun** cruise to the warmth of the Canary Islands. Check out shopping boulevard's in Casablanca, Morocco's modern commercial club. Gran Canaria is the ultimate white-sand resort, whilst Tenerife's gorgeous forested mountains offer respite from the sun. Enjoy the Madeiran sunshine, fresh fish in Malaga and the colourful town of Barrio de la Santa Cruz in Alicante.

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Tariff: Oceanview cabins from gbp999 per person

#### Tariff includes:

- Return flights UK – Barcelona – UK
- 4-night stay at 4\* Atenea Hotel, Barcelona
- 10-night cruise on board Norwegian Spirit



## **STAFF UPDATE**

There have been a few changes to staffing at International Tours & Travel Ltd and most recently we welcomed Izzy Ceballos to our Falklands Desk.

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	**Izzy has just joined us after 10 years as a Shipping Agent at Stanley Services Ltd. She will be getting out and about in the Falklands over the spring and summer to update herself on destinations and see some new ones**	
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### **FALKLANDS CORNER**

We are loving the new website at [www.falklandislands.com](http://www.falklandislands.com) and especially the inspirational pages set to give you ideas on what to do in the Falklands and a Top 5 selection on a variety of things. If you are planning your Falklands trip for the spring/summer 2017/18 and perhaps have limited time then this could be just the advice for you:

#### Top 5 Places to find Rockhoppers

1. For a real Rockhopper adventure, long-stay visitors may be lucky enough to arrange a trip to [Kidney Island](#). Kidney Island is located off the coast of East Falkland and reached by a half-hour boat trip from Stanley. The tiny island is only 32 hectares (80 acres) in size and mainly covered by dense, mature tussac grass, in places 3 metres (10 feet) tall. Visitors land on the boulder beach in the south-east of the island and then walk very carefully, through the tussac grass, to the northern shores where penguins cling noisily to the steep cliffs. Trips must be undertaken with an experienced guide as a permit is needed to visit the island.
2. The [Murrell Farm](#), close to Stanley, offers day trips to cruise visitors to their Rockhopper colony of around 450 breeding pairs. The trip includes an off-road driving experience, cakes served with hot drinks and the opportunity to browse local souvenirs. Longer-stay visitors to the Islands can also contact the farm to arrange an excursion.
3. Some cruise itineraries include [West Point Island](#) where Rockhopper penguins can be seen at the rocky promontory of the “Devil’s Nose”. This spectacular coastline is also home to black-browed albatross and is an easy walk from the main settlement. West Point Island can often be included as part of an island-hopping schedule for visitors on longer stays.
4. [Port Stephens](#), West Falkland is the gateway to stunning scenery and a colony of Rockhopper penguins. Often overlooked but well worth a visit, this beautiful part of the Islands boasts unusual rock formations dubbed locally as “Indian Village” due to their wigwam shape.
5. If all else fails and real Rockhoppers elude you, then at least pay a visit to the [Historic Dockyard Museum](#). Here you can admire the work of the local taxidermist and see a Rockhopper penguin perched elegantly alongside other local species.

For more information or to book your Falklands based holiday, contact Izzy at the Falklands Desk on [falklandstravel.itt@horizon.co.fk!](mailto:falklandstravel.itt@horizon.co.fk)

### **ANNUAL INSURANCE FOR STUDENTS FROM £123**

- No age limit!
- Available to anyone in full time education in college or university (in the UK)
- No limit on number of trips per year
- Cover provided for Falklands-UK-Falklands
- Cover provided for UK-Europe-UK
- Terms & conditions apply



## AIRFARE UPDATE!

Your update on airfares to some of your most requested destinations.

Falklands – Punta Arenas – Falklands	from £638
Falklands – Santiago – Falklands	from £695
Falklands – Auckland – Falklands	from £1718
Falklands – Sydney – Falklands	from £1760
Falklands – London – Falklands	from £1604
London – Falklands – London	from £1096
Falklands – Buenos Aires – Falklands	from £899
Falklands – Miami – Falklands	from £1348
Falklands – Orlando- Falklands	from £1402
Falklands – Los Angeles – Falklands	from £1460
Falklands – Easter Island – Falklands	from £854
Falklands – Cuzco – Falklands	from £918
Falklands – Rio de Janeiro – Falklands	from £894
Falklands – Sao Paulo – Falklands	from £839
London – Falklands – London (business)	from £2958
Falklands – London – Falklands (business)	from £3190



- Airfares are per person, from the Falkland Islands (unless stated) in gbp £ and **exclude** airport taxes.
- Subject to availability at the time of booking and actual travel dates.
- Fare & payment restrictions apply.

## NEW ROUTES WITH LATAM

LATAM is expanding its horizons and will be travelling to new and exciting destinations!

See below the new direct routes that LATAM will be operating:

### FROM JULY

SANTIAGO – ROSARIO

### FROM OCTOBER

SANTIAGO – MELBOURNE

SANTIAGO – SAN JUAN (ARGENTINA)

SANTIAGO – NEUQUEN

### FROM JANUARY

SANTIAGO – SAN JOSE (COSTA RICA)

SANTIAGO – BARILOCHE

SANTIAGO – PUNTA DEL ESTE

For more information on these exciting flight destinations or a quotation, contact any of our agents. We can also assist with tailor-made ground arrangements to ensure you make the most of your holiday!



## UPCOMING CONCERTS

John Legend	12 Sep 2017	London
Bon Jovi	14 Sep 2017	Santiago
Incubus	26 Sep 2017	Santiago
Lady Gaga	09 & 11 Oct 2017	London
U2	14 Oct 2017	Santiago
Emeli Sande	18 Oct 2017	London
The Killers	02 Nov 2017	London
Green Day	12 Nov 2017	Santiago
Bruno Mars	28 Nov 2017	Santiago
Gorillaz	04 & 05 Dec 2017	London
Arcade Fire	11 Dec 2017	Santiago
Deep Purple	23 Dec 2017	Santiago
a-Ha	14 Feb 2018	London
Harry Syles	11 & 12 Apr 2018	London
Katy Perry	14 & 15 Jun 2018	London

Contact us for flights, accommodation & package details.

Concert tickets for Chile will have to be purchased through [www.puntoticket.com](http://www.puntoticket.com).

For concerts in the UK, please check with our agents for special deals.

### UNBELIEVABLE GALAPAGOS

Follow in the footsteps of Charles Darwin on an adventure around the Galapagos Islands, an unforgettable extension to your Ecuador holiday. The islands are warmest in the first half of the year, when temperatures reach up to 30 degrees. There's a diverse array of terrains from Santa Cruz's mangroved shoreline to Santiago's black lava.

### Finch Bay Eco Hotel, Santa Cruz Island

The only Galapagos eco-hotel directly on a beach. Surrounded by mangroves and wildlife in Puerto Ayora's only beachfront location, this charming eco-friendly hotel is a great alternative to a Galapagos cruise – or the perfect retreat for a few relaxing nights at the end of one. Steps from the beach in a private seaside location at Punta Estrada, on the Galapagos Island of Santa Cruz, this quiet, tranquil hotel is surrounded by land where transport is restricted to bicycles and pedestrians.

From here, you can soak in the sun on the back deck, or head out to explore the mangrove-laden coastline on foot. If you're keen to learn more about your captivating surrounds, head out with Galapagos naturalists by land or sea to learn about the local fauna and flora. Uncover the wonders that await beneath the waves while scuba diving and watch as the penguins that seem slow on land transform into elegant acrobats. There are plenty of hiking and mountain bike trails to traverse, and you can also head out aboard the hotel's own yacht to discover the enchanting islands beyond.

The beautiful grounds make a great place for a gentle stroll, taking in the hotel's highly acclaimed conservation efforts. This concern for the natural environment is echoed in the cuisine, with many of the specially-crafted Galapagos-inspired dishes using ingredients sourced from the hotel's organic vegetable garden.

Beachfront location on the island of Santa Cruz in the town of Punta Ayora  
Airport transfer time: A one-hour drive from Baltra Airport

From £470.00 per night  
Flights from £1448.00 per person, subject to availability.  
For more information, contact any of our agents.

#### Please note:

- Prices are subject to change without notice.
- Subject to availability at the time of booking and actual travel dates.
- All information expressed in this newsletter is quoted at the current rate of exchange USD/GBP which is subject to change.

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