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SPECIAL RATES IN SANTIAGO

We are delighted to announce our special rates with the Atton Hotel chain in Santiago, valid until February 2020!

Atton Las Condes Low Season from £92 per night / High Season from £109 per night

Atton Vitacura Low Season from £99 per night / High Season from £114 per night

Atton El Bosque Low Season from £117 per night / High Season from £129 per night



Rates include breakfast

Two children up to 12 years old can share with their parents (in twin room with two queen beds) free of charge

Low Season from 01 Jan 2019/28 Feb 2019 – 01 May 2019/30 Sep 2019 – 01 Dec 2019/28 Feb 2020

High Season from 01 Mar 2019/30 Apr 2019 – 01 Oct 2019/30 Nov 2019

UK CAR HIRE

Book early and enjoy low rates with Avis or Europcar. All bookings include:

- Unlimited Mileage
- Collision Damage Waiver
- Theft Protection
- Third Party Liability Insurance
- Vehicle Registration Fee
- Local Taxes



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

DON'T FORGET YOUR TRAVEL INSURANCE! From £37 per adult

We can provide worldwide cover with up to £5,000,000 medical cover.

Annual Policies, Family Policies, Short & Long Stay Policies

No Age Limit – medical forms required.



EUROPEAN BREAKS

If you are thinking of travelling to the UK, why don't you treat yourself to European break with Eurostar?!

We have some fab packages available, so be sure you make the most of your holiday!

Disneyland Paris 2 nights Break including Disneyland tickets from £264pp including Disneyland 2-day entrance tickets

Brussels 2 nights from £157 per person including Eurostar tickets.

For more information, quotations or other European breaks, please contact any of our agents.

BEACH HOLIDAYS & BREAKS

If you are thinking of travelling to the UK, why don't you treat yourself to a sunny getaway!

Mellieha Bay, Malta North & Gozo 4 Nights + Flights from £526 per person

Balearics – Ibiza 4 Nights + Flights from £755 per person

French Riviera 4 Nights + Flights from £455 per person

For more information, quotations or other European breaks, please contact any of our agents.



VALUE BRAZIL: SALVADOR AND BAHIA 10 days from £1,310pp

The state of Bahia has a distinct African culture (the population is largely descended from plantation slaves and is like a country within a country, with its own tradition of music and dance. Here you'll discover not only one of the country's most intriguing cities, but also some of the most beautiful wilderness scenery in the interior, and an example of the glorious beaches for which the state is justly famous.

Fly to Salvador, a tropical melting pot of Afro-Brazilian culture and one of Brazil's finest colonial cities. You'll have a walking tour of the atmospheric historic core. This multi-coloured Portuguese colonial heart of Brazil's most exotic city throbs with drum and dance - this is the home of capoeira.

Next, you'll drive inland to the forested Chapada Diamantina, a national park studded with table-top mountains and run through with crystalline rivers: at its heart is the laid-back little town of Lençóis. It is magnificent walking country and you'll be able to explore its caves, waterfalls and rocky hills.

Bahia's coconut coast is lined with golden beaches backed by lofty palms. Just an hour north of Salvador is Praia do Forte, a low-key and low-rise resort which is also a protected haven for sea turtles. Beyond its car-free main strip, lined with small bars, shops and restaurants, are miles of beaches and natural pools which offer a warm bath at low tide. You have two full days of leisure here: swing in a hammock, fruity cocktail in hand, or dip your toes in the ocean.

- Day 1** Arrive in Salvador. Transfer to hotel in the colonial centre.
- Day 2** Half day walking tour of historic Salvador da Bahia.
- Day 3** At leisure in Salvador
- Day 4** Public coach to Lençóis in the Chapada Diamantina
- Day 5** Full day tour of Chapada Diamantina
- Day 6** Hike to the Fumaça Falls in the Capao Valley.
- Day 7** Transfer to Praia do Forte
- Days 8-9** At leisure in Praia do Forte
- Day 10** Transfer to airport in Salvador for international flight home.



This exciting programme is based on double occupancy, the price is subject to availability at the time of booking and excludes flights. For the full itinerary, flights prices, availability, suggested additional activities or more information, please contact any of our agents.

ACTIVE MEXICO: CAMPING AND KAYAKING IN BAJA CALIFORNIA 11D from £1957pp excluding international flights

The sea-kayaking group expedition around Espíritu Santo Island in Baja California, the ribbon peninsula of desert running down Mexico's Pacific coast, is one of our favourite Latin American active adventures. The 8-day guided trip circumnavigates the island. You pull in at a series of rocky bays where the beaches are sugar white and the sea varies from cobalt to jade.

It's a desert environment: the sun shines almost all the time, and the uninhabited hinterland is of rugged copper-red canyons, mangroves or scrubby woodland. The kayaking is accessible to most: normally there is no more than 2-3 hours paddling per outing; at landing sites, there are also hikes and nature walks. Each afternoon, you beach, and having erected the lightweight tents, you can sit back and relax over a cocktail to watch the sunset: vivid amber, scarlet and purple streaks the sky. All meals are provided and are very good, prepared with fish, meat and fresh salads or vegetables.

- Day 1** Arrive in Mexico City. Transfer to hotel in the city centre.
- Day 2** Full day guided tour of Mexico City and Teotihuacan Pyramids.
- Day 3** Fly to La Paz, Baja California,
- Day 4** Speedboat to Espíritu Santo Island for kayak expedition around the island.
- Day 5-9** Explore the coastline by kayak: beaches, sea-lion colony, caves.
- Day 10** Transfer to La Paz airport and connect with international flight home.



THINGS TO DO IN SANTIAGO WITH CHILDREN:

If you are struggling to fill up your time with ideas to entertain the children, we have some suggestions for you:

MIRADOR INTERACTIVE MUSEUM: Engaging science interactive and audio visual museum with attractions for children of all ages (and adults!) plus a 3D theater.

HOURS: Tuesday to Sunday from 9:30am to 6:30pm | **WEBSITE:** <https://www.mim.cl/>

ADDRESS: Av. Punta Arenas 6711, (Metro Estacion Mirador), La Granja, Santiago, Chile

FANTASIALAND: An amusement park located in a corner of the O'Higgins Park in Santiago, Chile with a wide variety of fun for all the family for a day out. You can buy food and refreshments in the park.

HOURS: Weekends and holidays from 12:00pm to 8:00pm | **WEBSITE:** www.fantasilandia.cl

ADDRESS: Beaucheff, corner Tupper (Parque O'Higgins), Santiago, Chile

SPORTS MALL: A shopping mall focusing on sports clothing and equipment outlets, but it also features a climbing wall, surfing training area, dry ice rink, skateboarding, and various other active offerings including play areas for small children. There's a mini marina with some nice boats on show too!

HOURS: 10:00am to 09:00 pm daily | **WEBSITE:** <https://www.mallsport.cl/cl/>

ADDRESS: Av. las Condes 13451, Las Condes, Lo Barnechea, Región Metropolitana, Chile

KIDZANIA PARK: Edutainment Park located in the heart of the Parque Araucano; a green haven within the business district of the community of Las Condes. KidZania provides children and their parents a safe, unique, and very realistic educational environment that allows kids between the ages of four to twelve to do what comes naturally to them: role-playing by mimicking traditionally adult activities. As in the real world, children perform "jobs" and are either paid for their work (as a fireman, doctor, police officer, journalist, shopkeeper, etc.) or pay to shop or to be entertained. The indoor theme park is a city built to scale for children, complete with buildings, paved streets, vehicles, a functioning economy, and familiar destinations in the form of "establishments" sponsored and branded by leading multi-national and local brands. This is more ideal for 4 + year olds.

HOURS: Mondays closed Tuesday to Sunday 11:00am to 07:00pm | **WEBSITE:** <https://santiago.kidzania.com/es-cl>

ADDRESS: Av. Pdte. Riesco 5330, Las Condes, Región Metropolitana, Chile

BUIN ZOO: A family day trip from Santiago, a fantastic zoo with large enclosures, happy animals, a fun dinosaur section, and lots of dining options. Combined with a train ride from Estacion Central, this zoo is a great choice a Spring day trip.

HOURS: Tuesday to Friday from 9:00am to 5:30pm and weekends and holidays from 10:00am to 7:00pm

ADDRESS: Panamericana Sur KM 32, Buin, Chile | **WEBSITE:** <http://www.buinzoo.cl/>

CERRO SAN CRISTOBAL San Cristobal hill than list all its many attractions! There's a funicular train ride, a zoo, swimming pools, BBQ and picnic areas, a Japanese garden and walks with stunning views across the city.

HOURS: Winter hours from 8:30am to 7:00pm and summers hours are from 8:30am to 8:00pm

ADDRESS: Pio Nono 450, (Metro Baquedano), Recoleta, Santiago, Chile

SKY COSTANERA CENTRE: At a height of 300 meters, Sky Costanera has the most impressive 360° view of Santiago. With their elevators, in just 2 minutes you will be at the highest point in South America.

HOURS: 10:00 AM TO 10:00 PM DAILY | **WEBSITE:** <http://www.skycostanera.cl/en/start/>

ADDRESS: Andrés Bello 2425, Providencia, Región Metropolitana, Chile

ARAUCANO PARK: Parque Araucano is located in the municipality of Las Condes in Santiago, located specifically in front of Parque Arauco shopping center. This green area has several hectares of land for the recreation of nature where family and friends can enjoy a day out. It is a place that allows you to relax surrounded by trees and large gardens. It has a water fountains, several paths for walking, picnic areas, playgrounds and kiosks where ice cream and drinks are sold.

HOURS: Mondays closed Tuesday to Sunday 09:00am to 09:00pm

ADDRESS: Avenida Presidente Riesco 5330 | Las Condes, Santiago 7560996, Chile

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

PISCO SOUR DAY 02 Feb 2019

After much harassment by its masses, the Peruvian government agreed to name a day on which the people of Peru could formally celebrate the invention of its favourite drink, the pisco sour. Made by mixing Pisco, lemon juice and egg whites with crushed ice and finished with an all-important touch of Angostura bitters, the Pisco Sour is one of Peru's greatest national treasures. A celebration of tastings, competitions and Pisco parties abound in Lima on the first Saturday of February each year. Of course the battle rages on as to whether Pisco is a Peruvian or Chilean drink but for 02 February I shall land firmly on the Peruvian side if I was you! On 15 May switch allegiances as it is Chilean Pisco Sour day.



DARWIN DAY 12 Feb 2019

Darwin Day is a celebration to commemorate the anniversary of the birth of Charles Darwin on 12th February 1809 and to highlight his contributions to science. On his visit to the Galápagos Islands, Darwin discovered several species of finches that varied from island to island. This helped him to develop his theory of natural selection. And of course Darwin also visited the Falklands in March/April 1833 and 1834 and Darwin settlement on East Falkland is named after him – why not celebrate by heading out for a night at comfortable Darwin House. Contact our Falklands Desk for details on how to visit Darwin and the surrounding area.

RIO CARNIVAL 02/09 Mar 2019

Rio Carnival is an annual festival held before Lent and is considered the biggest carnival in the world with two million people per day on the streets. The carnival parade features floats, dancers wearing colourful costumes and adornments from local samba schools. Don't forget our 11D/10N itinerary taking in 3 nts. Buenos Aires, 3 nts. Iguazu and 4 nts. Rio de Janeiro centred around the glitz and glamour of the Rio Carnival. Contact any of our agents for a quote and more details.



SEMANA SANTA 14/20 Apr 2019

Semana Santa (Holy Week) is celebrated all over Latin America but is at its most spectacular in Antigua, Guatemala. The celebrations begin on Palm Sunday and run throughout the Easter weekend and are a visual feast not to be missed. The streets are carpeted in brightly coloured designs made from sawdust, fruit and flowers depicting the last days of Christ and there are thronging processions of religious floats accompanied by locals dressed in bright purple robes. Contact any of our agents for a tailor-made itinerary for exotic Guatemala which lies at the heart of the Mayan world. It's a country steeped in history, proud of its traditions and culture, with breath-taking scenery. There are vivacious markets and volcanic landscapes, mystical lakes, and tropical jungle embracing ruined pre-Conquest Mayan settlements.

LABOUR DAY 01 May 2019

If you are traveling in Latin America on the first day of May, you can expect to find banks, government offices, stores, post offices and businesses closed for the day as people celebrate the Día Internacional Del Trabajo with parades, demonstrations and other symbols of solidarity with the worker. It is celebrated in Central America, for example Costa Rica and Panama, and in some parts of the Caribbean, including Cuba. It is also a national holiday in Mexico. In South America, it is observed in countries such as: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, Uruguay, and Venezuela. Something to be mindful of if you are planning a trip around shopping, or medical/business appointments.

INTI RAYMI - FESTIVAL OF THE SUN 22 Jun 2019

Peru celebrates some 3,000 festivals a year, of which the most significant is Inti Raymi, a re-enactment of the Inca Festival of the Sun. The extravagant festival is held inside the ruins of Cusco's Sacsayhuamán fortress and attended by hundreds of visitors, seated among the ruins. Check out the Peru pages on our website at www.falklandislands.travel to read more about this fascinating destination and ask any of agents for a quote for your tailor-made Peru itinerary.



NATIONAL CEVICHE DAY 28 Jun 2019

If you are partial to a bit of fresh ceviche - marinated raw fish - head to Peru for la Día Nacional del Ceviche on June 28th next year. Ceviche is virtually a national obsession and National Ceviche Day is an annual event celebrating Peru's simplest, but most delicious dish. Lima and Callao are two of the best places to spend the day - but remember, Ceviche is a lunchtime dish so build your appetite from the previous night! Or if you would like to enjoy a little bit of Peru at home or wow your friends with a foreign dish then ITT agents can recommend ceviche made from Toothfish (*Dissostichus eleginoides*) which is caught sustainably in the Falkland Islands and South Georgia.



TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE NORTH CHILE AND ARGENTINA 02 Jul 2019

The next total solar eclipse will take place on 2nd July 2019 and will best be viewed from the north-central region of Chile and Argentina. For totality, the best chance to see it is in the Elqui Valley in Chile, as it has a sunny climate. Other potential spots to observe this phenomenon are the Andes of San Juan province or Rio Cuarto in Argentina. Unfortunately, our Glamping Eclipse programme for Chile to see this phenomenon is sold out but we have a great itinerary for Argentina taking in the eclipse, or we can arrange flights, accommodation & car hire for the La Serena area for you to discover the area and enjoy the eclipse independently.

FIESTA DEL FUEGO 03/09 Jul 2019

The week-long raunchy street party known as the Fiesta del Fuego takes place in Santiago on Cuba's east coast. Celebrate Caribbean culture by dancing all night long, fuelled by a steady supply of the delicious Cuban Havana Club rum. Santiago de Cuba, "the first city of the revolution", is a town with a history of popular insurgency that long predates Castro's revolution. Like all good revolutionaries, the Santiagueros know how to throw a good party. While the façades of the pre-revolutionary period remain, they sit alongside increasingly efficient new hotels, resorts, roads and other tourist facilities. We have some great itineraries available for Cuba with an array of guided tours or self-drive options. Contact any of our agents for more information and a quote.

MONARCH BUTTERFLIES 1 Oct 2018 - 28 Feb 2019

Each year approximately 250 million orange and black Monarch butterflies travel for distances as great as 3,100 miles to avoid the freezing cold temperatures in Canada and the north of the USA. Millions of these monarchs spend their winter in the Pineridges Mountains of Michoacan state, Mexico, where they cluster together by the thousands. This is a spectacle of nature not to be missed. Mexico is a great all year around destination and offers something for everyone with everything from Caribbean beaches to Aztec and Mayan ruins and rainforest in between.



WALK YOUR WAY INTO 2019

The Falklands has some of the BEST walking and hiking routes you will find and although some are still under development you will find a real sense of adventure! With an abundance of unpolluted air, on a bright, clear day you will find yourself in a stunning scenery, filled with indigenous plants and even sometimes a colony of penguins going about their business. There is no better way to get your steps up and enjoy the outdoors!

STANLEY: Within Stanley there are several town trails to choose from which are mainly footpaths so you can enjoy a brisk stroll or a slow jog around the quaint streets of Stanley. There are a selection of walks which will take you past many of the historic buildings, attractions and unusual features of Stanley, whilst still enjoying the sea breeze!

STANLEY MOUNTAINS: Most of the hills around Stanley were also the sights of major battles fought in the 1982 war with Argentina. From moderate terrain to hard terrain there is a walk for everyone which will promise to provide fantastic views of Stanley from the summit as well as a chance to visit the number of memorials placed in memory of those from the 1982 conflict.

CAPE PEMBROKE: Stanley, although the capital, is surrounded by beautiful coastline, white sandy beaches, rocky shores steeped in history. The Cape Pembroke walks gives you a chance to see white shores and turquoise waters with a promise of magallanic penguins at Gypsy Cove. For those wanting to walk a bit further, why not pair this with a visit to Cape Pembroke lighthouse where on the way you will be able to spot Falkland woolly daisies, native boxwood, Falkland steamer ducks, long-tailed meadowlark and even the odd Sea Lion hiding in the tussac grass!

A range of self-guided walk leaflets are available from our Falklands Desk or from the Falkland Island Tourist Board.

SAND POINT & DOUGLAS STATION

We were recently invited to one of the newest hotspots in the Falklands Islands by owners Jeanette and Michael Clarke to experience the wonderful area known as Sand Point for ourselves.

Only a short but very scenic FIGAS flight (around 20minutes) took us to the new landing strip, where the owners had to make sure the Gentoo colony had scarpers off the runway ready for our arrival! There was a long, white sandy bay within walking distance from the landing strip as well as a huge colony of Gentoo penguins cuddling their newly hatched chicks.

We were taken to the accommodation, where the large glass windows overlook the pond and a small tussac island which is home to gulls, oystercatchers, sandpipers, geese, turkey vultures and a whole array of other birds. The glass windows which look out makes it a bird-watchers paradise as if the weather turns chilly you can still sit and enjoy the wildlife with a cup of tea and homemade smoko treats from the large conservatory area. We even had 3 visiting king penguins to watch while we were enjoying our homemade treats!

The long beach which is only a short walk from the accommodation offers white sand and turquoise waters dotted with magallanic penguins coming out of the water and walking up and out through the tussac to more sheltered nests.

If you were to stay here, it would offer you an opportunity to also visit Cape Bougainville, situated on the northern coast of East Falklands where the large rock cliffs boasts large rockhopper penguin and king cormorant colonies. There are also a number of Sea Lions who call Cape Bougainville home, which means you have to be careful of where you step! We were tricked into thinking we were walking past a tussac bog when in actual fact it was a young Sea Lion who swiftly made his way back down the sloping cliff face. Cape Bougainville is carefully limited to only 2 cars per visit, so you are guaranteed to be able to enjoy the wildlife without the crowds.

There is also a change to experience life on Douglas Farm where two caravans are now open for self-catering. Douglas provides a great base for trout/mullet fishing, day tours to Sand Point or Cape Bougainville or even just somewhere to relax and watch farm life with all the amenities you need close by.

Sand Point offers full board accommodation from £90pp/pn.
Douglas Station offers self-catering caravan accommodation for £30pp/pn.



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7-DAY GREEK ISLES FROM VENICE Ocean-view cabin from £1145.00 including 3 free at sea offers.

	CRUISE PORTS	ARRIVE	DEPART
Sun	Venice, Italy (Embark)		05:00PM
Mon	Kotor, Montenegro	02:00AM	08:00PM
Tues	Corfu, Greece	10:00AM	06:00PM
Wed	Argostoli, Kefalonia, Greece	08:00AM	05:00PM
Thurs	Santorini, Greece	12:00PM	10:00PM
Fri	At Sea	-----	-----
Sat	Dubrovnik, Croatia	07:30AM	01:30PM
Sun	Venice, Italy (Disembark)	08:00AM	-----

Free at sea offers:

- Unlimited open bar (excluding gratuities)
- Free speciality dining
- Free shore excursions
- Free Wifi (250 minutes)

Tariff per person based on double occupancy, subject to availability and ROE at the time of booking. We can further advise you on hotel options to extend your holiday in beautiful Venice before or after the cruise.



AIRFARE UPDATE!

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

Falklands – Punta Arenas – Falklands	from £507
Falklands – Santiago – Falklands	from £731
Falklands – Auckland – Falklands	from £1763
Falklands – Sydney – Falklands	from £1783
Falklands – London – Falklands	from £1571
London – Falklands – London	from £1102
Falklands – Buenos Aires – Falklands	from £855
Falklands – Miami – Falklands	from £1370
Falklands – Orlando- Falklands	from £1465
Falklands – Los Angeles – Falklands	from £1608
Falklands – Easter Island – Falklands	from £1139
Falklands – Cuzco – Falklands	from £1029
Falklands – Rio de Janeiro – Falklands	from £884
Falklands – Sao Paulo – Falklands	from £859
London – Falklands – London (business)	from £2539
Falklands – London – Falklands (business)	from £3324



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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PASSPORT RULES FOR TRAVEL TO EUROPE AFTER BREXIT

This is the latest information we have received regarding travel to the EU after 29 March 2019.

- When travelling to the EU after 29 March 2019, the UK government recommends that travellers have six months left on their passport on the date of their arrival to an EU country. These six months should not include any extra months that may have been added to the passport's expiry date at the time of renewal (i.e. if renewed prior to the expiry date of your document). It is possible to check the validity of a passport here.
- Ensure that all travellers have a travel insurance policy to cover all aspects of the trip and any medical conditions.
- Consider purchasing an international driving licence. Although the necessity of this licence has yet to be confirmed by the EU or individual member states in the light of a no-deal scenario.

You can keep up to date on announcements and information on this link.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/passport-rules-for-travel-to-europe-after-brexit>

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