



# SAMBA & SUNSETS: BRAZILIAN COASTAL CRUISE

***Your 25-night journey includes: 20-night small ship cruise to Montevideo, Punta del Este, Paraty, Rio de Janeiro, Armação dos Búzios, Vitória, Salvador, Recife, Fortaleza; 2 nights at a Deluxe hotel in Buenos Aires; 2 nights at a Deluxe hotel in Belém***

Set sail aboard this luxurious 5-star journey of discovery aboard Vantage Deluxe World Travel's Ocean Explorer. This itinerary will immerse you in the rich cultures and unique charms of Brazil, plus Argentina and Uruguay.

Begin your explorations with two full days in Buenos Aires to savor the sights, sounds, and flavors of this cosmopolitan city. Your journey continues with visits to two of Uruguay's best ports: Montevideo, an international city that consistently ranks as one of the best destinations in Latin America; and the posh resort town of Punta del Este, also known as the "jewel of Uruguay." Your journey continues with visits to eight of Brazil's most engaging and beautiful destinations, including five UNESCO-designated cities: Paraty, Rio de Janeiro, Salvador, Olinda, and Belém. Get swept away by the picturesque beauty of this nation's emerald coast, and experience the conviviality and history of this famed region on a luxury small ship journey.

With 17 included features and Cultural Discoveries – including six UNESCO World Heritage experiences – this South American small ship cruise is sure to enchant and inspire you. Guided by an expert Cruise Director, you'll enjoy enlightening lectures onboard and immersive excursions ashore. You'll even be able to customize your journey with a selection of optional Destination Enhancement experiences.

On board, the Ocean Explorer's amenities will keep guests pampered and relaxed throughout their journey with spa and salon services, a modern gym, gourmet dining, free beer and wine with dinner,

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and spacious accommodations. Plus, as the leader in solo travel, independent travelers can enjoy FREE Single Supplements, custom-built solo cabins, and Solo Connection activities both on board and ashore. Vantage's dedicated and professional guides will help travelers encounter a more intimate side of South America, along with comfort and luxury that is unmatched.

# JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

## OCEAN EXPLORER CRUISING



Come aboard the brand new, 5-star *Ocean Explorer*, while also enjoying state-of-the-art technology, an onboard spa, fitness center, and

## BRAZILIAN COAST



Enjoy yourself scenic cruising along Brazil's beautiful coast

## CHRIST THE REDEEMER



Ascend Corcovado Mountain for up-close views of Christ the Redeemer, Rio's iconic 125-foot soapstone statue overlooking the city

## COSMOPOLITAN CITIES



You'll be captivated by the European-inspired architecture and diverse cultures of Buenos Aires, Montevideo, and Rio de Janeiro

## TANGO SHOWS



Capture the heartbeat of Argentina with beguiling performances of traditional dances

## UNESCO SITES



Explore charming historic streets, iconic sites, and engaging cultural performances

## VISIT 3 COUNTRIES



Explore the colorful cultures of three South American countries: Argentina, Uruguay, and Brazil

# YOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- **Purchase your airfare from Vantage** and your airport transfers, fuel surcharges, and government taxes and fees are included
- **Accommodations:** 25 nights, with 20 nights on board the *Ocean Explorer*, 2 nights in Buenos Aires at the *Sofitel Buenos Aires Recoleta Hotel* (or similar), and 2 nights in Belém at the *Radisson Hotel Maiorana Belém* (or similar)
- **17 included features and Cultural Discoveries** with state-of-the-art QuietVox portable audio headsets on all shore excursions throughout your journey
- **65 meals:** 24 breakfasts, 19 lunches, and 22 dinners, with complimentary wine, beer, and soft drinks during dinner on board
- **6 UNESCO World Heritage Sites and experiences:** Paraty, Rio de Janeiro's Carioca Landscapes between the Mountain and the Sea, historic center of Salvador, Olinda's historic town center, and Belém; plus, a performance of the tango, on the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage list
- **5 optional Destination Enhancement excursions:** Buenos Aires polo tour, Montevideo winery tour, Rio By Night steakhouse dinner and samba show; Rio de Janeiro behind-the-scenes samba tour, and Best of Belém tour
- **The services of a Vantage Cruise Director and Program Manager**, plus shipboard commentary, regional experts, and private motorcoach for excursions
- **Complimentary Destination Manager** on board ship to assist with all your personal requests
- **Small-group escorted shore excursions** with English-speaking local guides
- **Gratuities for local guides and drivers**

# SPECIAL INTEREST



## SMALL SHIP CRUISING HIGHLIGHTS

Our 5-star fleet offers an authentic sailing experience to make your journey unforgettable. While onboard, indulge in a relaxing massage at the spa, or try hot-rock cooking at the onboard restaurant. Then, disembark for an eye-opening visit to a local winery or a walking tour of some of the world's most iconic cities and undiscovered gems. All the while, enjoy these world-class ship amenities:

- 77 cabins, including a landmark 15 solo cabins, most of which have full walk-out balconies, for the most flexible style of travel

— plus, suites designed for comfortable triple-occupancy as well as adjoining room options

- A culinary program offering gourmet dining incorporating regional fare, with wine and beer included at dinner
- Spa, massage, and hair services available at the onboard spa
- Sauna
- Two hot tubs
- Fitness center
- Curated lectures, programs, musical performances, and cultural events
- Low passenger-to-crew ratio, plus onboard Destination Manager
- Knowledgeable staff by region
- Onboard medical doctor (travelers are responsible for medical fees associated with doctor visit and medications)
- Gift Shop
- Library with over 200 titles
- Separate, intimate dining space for groups or special events (available upon request)
- Complimentary unlimited WiFi (WiFi on certain segments of trips may not be available)
- Entertainment programming with 100 movie titles
- Environmentally friendly standards with reduced emissions into air and sea and lower energy consumption
- Dynamic positioning technology
- State-of-the-art safety technology, Polar Code 6 compliant, and fully compliant with the latest SOLAS requirements in expedition cruising
- Rolls-Royce stabilizer system; "Safe Return to Port" technology



## NATURE HIGHLIGHTS

The soul-stirring beauty of Brazil greets you at every turn as you cruise. Here's how you'll experience it up close:

- Marvel at the stunning landscape of Rio de Janeiro, a spectacular canvas of soaring peaks, dense forests, and long crescent beaches along Guanabara Bay, including the famed Ipanema and Copacabana beaches
- Marvel at the many stretches of sand in the posh resort town of

Punta del Este

- Enjoy scenic cruising along the picturesque easternmost coast of Brazil
- Take in the lush beauty of the Amazon rainforest during a boat ride and guided jungle walk in Belém



## ART & CULTURE HIGHLIGHTS

A long and storied history of arts and culture await during this enriching itinerary.

- In Buenos Aires, enjoy a private performance of the Argentine tango, on the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage list
- Witness the glamour and extravagance of Armação dos Búzios, the St. Tropez of South America
- Take in a stirring choir performance at Recife's Golden Chapel
- Behold Rio's breathtaking Christ the Redeemer statue atop Corcovado Mountain



## UNESCO & HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

Discover 6 UNESCO World Heritage Sites and experiences throughout your cruise.

- Witness the beauty of the tango, on the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage List, with a private tango performance in Buenos Aires
- Walking tour of Paraty
- Rio de Janeiro: Carioca Landscapes between the Mountain and Sea
- Salvador's historic city center

- Historic Center of the Town of Olinda, founded in the 16th century
- Belém, part of the UNESCO Creative Cities Network



## PHOTOGRAPHY HIGHLIGHTS

You've traveled a long way for this journey, and photography will be key to keeping these memories alive for years to come. Here are a few tips:

- Take your time to capture an image. Think like a photographer and slow down to compose your shot. Remember: tourists take pictures, while photographers make images
- You'll encounter some larger-than-life scenes and landmarks on this trip, which might create pressure to fit everything into one shot. Instead, focus on a distinctive feature rather than trying to

incorporate everything into frame

- Use your surroundings. Instead of edging out other tourists from your photos, utilize them to enhance the scene. Try tilting the camera at your target (including tourists and the real scene in the background or forefront) and the image is instantly more intriguing than a generic snapshot
- Pursue quirky composition — shooting off-center or from a different perspective makes for a more artsy, unique shot
- Take a selfie! You'll be glad to have a few portraits of yourself at the distinctive landmarks you'll find on this journey
- Look beyond the landmarks — sometimes everyday scenes are just as inspiring, and provide a lesson in embracing the unexpected and seizing the moment in front of you



## SOLO TRAVEL HIGHLIGHTS

On this small ship ocean cruise, independent travelers will enjoy solo-friendly features, such as:

- Onboard Concierge services to personalize your expedition
  - Water-sport opportunities, depending on the location
  - A lively social media night and musical performances most nights
  - Solo-friendly social activities, including a Solo Connection mixer
  - Onboard entertainment, lectures, and cooking demonstrations
- Health and wellness options, including onboard spa, jacuzzis, and a gym





## CONCIERGE SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

Prior to your expedition cruise, our complimentary Concierge service will be available to help you customize your journey. Here are just a few services your Concierge can provide:

- Do you have a special birthday, anniversary, family reunion or other important event you want to celebrate on board? Let your Concierge know and he or she can make all the special arrangements, whether it's a private reception in your suite, a

gathering in the lounge, and more

- Restaurant reservations. Just notify your Concierge of your interests, and he or she will be happy to make recommendations, and will call ahead to reserve your table
- Special excursions. Would you like a limo to take you for a special night in the city? Perhaps you'd like to look up long-lost relatives. Your Concierge is here to help!
- Extend your stay! Your Concierge can help modify your hotel reservations and flights if you decide to stay on
- Tickets to local concerts, exhibits, theater, sporting events, and more

Take advantage of this free, start-to-finish service by making your requests prior to your journey or during your journey. We are one of the only companies to offer this level of service! Call 1-888-982-6824 or email [Concierge@vantagetravel.com](mailto:Concierge@vantagetravel.com) to speak to a Concierge today, or simply log into My Portfolio up to two weeks prior to departure. During your journey, your onboard Destination Manager can assist with any special requests such as spa reservations, hotel reservations, and more.

# BUENOS AIRES TO BELÉM

DAY 1:	Depart home and fly to Buenos Aires, Argentina	DAY 17:	Cultural charm in Recife <i>Ocean Explorer &gt;</i>
DAY 2:	Arrive in Buenos Aires <i>Sofitel Buenos Aires Recoleta Hotel or similar</i>	DAYS 18-19:	Two days of bliss and relaxation at sea <i>Ocean Explorer &gt;</i>
DAY 3:	Discover the best of Buenos Aires <i>Sofitel Buenos Aires Recoleta Hotel or similar</i>	DAY 20:	Discover Fortaleza's boundless charm <i>Ocean Explorer &gt;</i>
DAY 4:	Embark the Ocean Explorer today <i>Ocean Explorer &gt;</i>	DAYS 21-23:	Take in the beauty of Brazil's coast with three days at sea <i>Ocean Explorer &gt;</i>
DAY 5:	Uncover the international spirit of Montevideo <i>Ocean Explorer &gt;</i>	DAY 24:	Debark the Ocean Explorer and explore Belém <i>Radisson Hotel Maiorana Belém or similar</i>
DAY 6:	Lifestyles of the rich and famous in Punta del Este <i>Ocean Explorer &gt;</i>	DAY 25:	A day at leisure to enjoy more of Belém on your own <i>Radisson Hotel Maiorana Belém or similar</i>
DAYS 7-8:	Two days at sea along the Brazilian coast <i>Ocean Explorer &gt;</i>	DAY 26:	Fly home today
DAY 9:	Explore Paraty's colonial treasures <i>Ocean Explorer &gt;</i>		
DAY 10:	Uncover Rio de Janeiro's highlights <i>Ocean Explorer &gt;</i>		
DAY 11:	Enjoy another day in Rio de Janeiro <i>Ocean Explorer &gt;</i>		
DAY 12:	Delight in the beauty of Armação dos Búzios <i>Ocean Explorer &gt;</i>		
DAY 13:	Visit Vitória's highlights today <i>Ocean Explorer &gt;</i>		
DAY 14:	Relax on board with another day <i>Ocean Explorer &gt;</i>		
DAY 15:	Marvel at the treasures of Salvador <i>Ocean Explorer &gt;</i>		
DAY 16:	Indulge in your ship's amenities today <i>Ocean Explorer &gt;</i>		



**DAY 1:** Depart home and fly to Buenos Aires, Argentina

Your journey begins! Today, board an overnight flight from your home city to Buenos Aires, Argentina. Or, depart earlier for your pre-trip extension to Iguassu Falls, Brazil.

**DAY 2:** Arrive in Buenos Aires

Welcome to Argentina! If you purchased your airfare or transfers from Vantage, upon arrival in Buenos Aires, a Vantage representative will meet you and arrange transfer to your centrally located hotel. This evening, you'll join your fellow travelers for a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

No visit to Buenos Aires would be complete without a bit of Argentine tango. Originating in the Rio de la Plata region in the 1880s — and merging influences from African, European, and Indigenous cultures — the tango is so intrinsically woven into the fabric of Argentina's cultural identity that it was designated as part of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of the World by

UNESCO in 2009. Tonight, you will enjoy a private professional tango performance, giving you a firsthand demonstration of Argentina's most passionate dance.

**Cultural Discovery:**

- Dinner with UNESCO-designated private tango performance

Included meals: Dinner  
*Sofitel Buenos Aires Recoleta Hotel or similar*

**DAY 3:** Discover the best of Buenos Aires

The richly cosmopolitan city of Buenos Aires feels a lot like Europe — graced with splendid architecture and a hint of glamour. But its spirit is distinctly Argentine.

A city tour reveals its most magnificent sites. Visit the Plaza de Mayo, the Casa Rosada, La Boca (a neighborhood full of colorfully painted homes), and the neoclassical Catedral Metropolitana, the church home of Pope Francis.

**Included Feature:**

- Buenos Aires city tour
- Included meals: Breakfast & lunch  
*Sofitel Buenos Aires Recoleta Hotel or similar*

**DAY 4:** Embark the Ocean Explorer today

You'll embark the elegant Ocean Explorer today and set off to your next destination.

After checking in to your stateroom, head to the lounge and grab a drink with your fellow travelers as you toast to the new experiences that await you on your journey. The Ocean Explorer's luxury amenities, elegant design, and attentive service ensure an unparalleled experience as you set sail on your South America cruise today.

Destination Enhancement: Customize your journey when you add an optional excursion.

Visit a polo estancia (ranch), where you'll dive

into the history and culture of polo in Argentina, before diving into a delicious barbecue lunch.

**Learn More**

*Ocean Explorer* >

Included meals: Breakfast & dinner

**DAY 5:** Uncover the international spirit of Montevideo

Today you'll arrive in vibrant and sophisticated Montevideo, Uruguay, where you will get acquainted with this cultural capital on a city tour that takes in major monuments and highlights.

Plaza Independencia is the most important square in the city, located between the Ciudad Vieja (Old City) and the modern downtown area. This is where you'll find many of Montevideo's notable landmarks, including the Palacio Salvo and Teatro Solís. The Artigas Mausoleum, which houses the remains of political leader and Uruguayan national hero, José Gervasio Artigas, is also found here.

The Legislative Palace of Uruguay is another of the city's spectacular monument. Constructed in the early 20th century, this structure was built with 52 types of local marble and 12 distinct kinds of wood. You may also visit El Prado, an elegant neighborhood of sprawling botanical gardens and colonial mansions.

Following your tour, you'll have leisure time to continue exploring on your own, or return to the ship and indulge in her 5-star amenities.

Destination Enhancement: Customize your journey when you add an optional excursion. Visit a local winery and learn about Uruguayan viticulture during an informative tour, followed by a tasting of regional vintages. [Learn More](#)

**Included Feature:**

- Half-day Montevideo city tour  
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
*Ocean Explorer* >

#### DAY 6: Lifestyles of the rich and famous in Punta del Este

Known for its resort style and well-heeled visitors, Punta del Este is the jewel of Uruguay at the wide mouth of Rio de la Plata. Today, we'll anchor off the coast of this posh resort town and you will board a tender inland, before setting out on a scenic panoramic tour through tiny residential neighborhoods and past stunning beaches. Stop to visit Casapueblo, the self-built curvilinear home and studio of the late artist Carlos Paez Vilaro perched on a cliffside overlooking the Atlantic. A picturesque coastal road will lead you back to the pier.

#### Included Feature:

- Punta del Este highlights tour  
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
*Ocean Explorer* >

#### DAYS 7-8: Two days at sea along the Brazilian coast

The indulgent amenities of the Ocean Explorer are yours to enjoy as we sail along the beautiful coastline of Brazil, South America's largest country. Lounge on the sundeck with a cocktail and a bestselling book. Get your heart racing with a cardio workout at the gym or indulge in a soothing treatment at the onboard spa. The days are yours to spend at leisure, whatever you choose to do.

Included Meals: 2 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 2 Dinners  
*Ocean Explorer* >

#### DAY 9: Explore Paraty's colonial treasures

Step back in time today when you explore Paraty, a remarkably preserved Portuguese

colonial town along Brazil's lush, green coastal corridor, and a new UNESCO World Heritage Site. Once a port for the export of gold to the Old World, Paraty enjoys a stunning setting surrounded by tropical islands and soaring mountains. Your active walking tour will take place along narrow cobbled lanes that lead you into its heart. Admire original 18th-century architectural gems, including the 1722 Santa Rita de Cássia Church and the colonial mansion that hosts the House of Culture, which provides a fascinating chronicle of the town's role in Brazil's past. Pause to peruse charming boutiques and art galleries as you explore, perhaps meeting some artists in residence.

#### Included Feature:

- Walking tour of Paraty

Please note: Today's tour comprises strenuous walking over 1.5 miles of cobblestone, with possible inclines.

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
*Ocean Explorer* >

#### DAY 10: Uncover Rio de Janeiro's highlights

See Rio's iconic sites up close today. Ascend to the spectacular Christ the Redeemer statue atop Corcovado Mountain. This iconic 125-foot soapstone figure has an arm span of 98 feet. Then, visit the Metropolitan Cathedral of Rio de Janeiro and admire its modernist design inspired by Mayan pyramids. Head from the sacred to the footloose when you next visit Ipanema and Copacabana beaches, celebrated in song and frequented by the city's carefree partygoers.

The remainder of the afternoon is at your leisure to spend as you wish. Continue exploring Rio de Janeiro on your own, or return to the ship to relax and indulge in its luxury amenities.

Destination Enhancement: Customize your journey when you add an optional excursion. Savor a mouthwatering dinner when you dine at a traditional Brazilian steakhouse, followed by an entertaining samba show. [Learn More](#)

**Included Feature:**

- Rio de Janeiro highlights tour  
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
[Ocean Explorer >](#)

**DAY 11:** Enjoy another day in Rio de Janeiro

Rio's Sugarloaf Mountain is one of Brazil's most beautiful and instantly recognizable natural attractions. Today, you'll be able to visit this famous behemoth for yourself during an included tour. Along the way, take in the sights of Rio de Janeiro. This lively and captivating city is a destination few visitors will ever forget.

Destination Enhancement: Customize your journey when you add an optional excursion. Go behind-the-scenes and learn all about the history and tradition of Carnival in Brazil, and the cultural significance of the samba. [Learn More](#)

**Included Feature:**

- Sugarloaf Mountain visit  
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
[Ocean Explorer >](#)

**DAY 12:** Delight in the beauty of Armação dos Búzios

Today, you'll call on Armação dos Búzios, the buzzing resort town favored by the glamorous jet-setters of the capital. Your ship will anchor offshore here, and you'll be transported inland with either the use of tenders or zodiac crafts. French actress Brigitte Bardot made Búzios famous when she visited in 1964 and transformed the little fishing village into the St.

Tropez of South America. Ever since, it is the place for members of high society to be seen. More than 23 beaches grace this peninsular region. On an included tour by open-air trolley, you'll see many of them, including the wild and scenic Brava Beach, the pink sands of Forno Beach, and the unique rock formations of Point Lagoinha — known as the Brazilian Himalayas. There'll be time to linger and to swim if you wish, after which you may browse the posh shops downtown.

**Included Features:**

- Trolley tour of Búzios  
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
[Ocean Explorer >](#)

**DAY 13:** Visit Vitória's highlights today

Today you'll explore one of the oldest cities in Brazil and one of the nation's best state capitals to live in. Set on Honey Island in Vitória Bay, Vitória enjoys a picturesque setting at the foot of sloping hills. Your included tour takes you to Vila Velha, where the 16th-century Penha Convent has long stood as a symbol of faith from atop its high mountain perch. A shuttle takes you halfway up, and you can choose to walk the remaining 365 steps, or to enjoy the breathtaking 360-degree views from this vantage point. After a photo stop at a few of the city's urban beaches, pause at the Cooperativa da Paneleiras de Goiabeiras to see firsthand how local artisans bring shape to lovely clay pots. En route back to the ship, admire Vitória's blend of old and new architecture in its downtown area.

**Included Feature:**

- Scenic tour of Vitória

**Cultural Discovery:**

- Clay pot making demonstration by local artists  
Included meals: Breakfast & dinner  
*Ocean Explorer* >

#### DAY 14: Relax on board with another day

You'll have a day of scenic sailing to indulge in your ship's amenities. Relax on the sun deck, visit the spa for a soothing treatment, or perhaps get a workout in the gym. At mealtimes, savor incredible culinary creations prepared by your skilled onboard chefs. In the evening, head up to the Observation Deck for magnificent stargazing.

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
*Ocean Explorer* >

#### DAY 15: Marvel at the treasures of Salvador

Dock this morning in Salvador de Bahia, Brazil's unparalleled colonial gem and the country's former capital. Its colorful Renaissance city plan and outstanding new-world monuments earned it a prestigious place as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Your city tour passes Brazil's famed lighthouse, the Farol da Barra. In the Pelourinho district (the Old Town), walk along charming cobbled lanes from the Municipal Square to Terreiro de Jesus square and view the splendid baroque cathedral, once the home of the largest Jesuit seminary outside Rome. Gaze upon its ornate interior, then visit Largo do Pelourinho Square and the San Francisco Church.

#### Included Feature:

- Coach and walking tour of Salvador de Bahia  
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
*Ocean Explorer* >

#### DAY 16: Indulge in your ship's amenities today

The indulgent amenities of the Ocean Explorer are yours once again as you continue your voyage along Brazil's coast. If you haven't yet

treated yourself to a pampering massage, this is your time! And you're sure to find the Observation Lounge the ideal spot for reflection as you ply the waters of the Atlantic. Settle in with a bestseller at the well-stocked library, enjoy cocktails on the sundeck, or pop into the gift shop for a few souvenirs.

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
*Ocean Explorer* >

#### DAY 17: Cultural charm in Recife

Spend time getting to know the Brazilian city of Recife, which has a long, rich history, dating back to its founding by the Portuguese in 1537. Today's excursion will take you on a scenic drive to Praça da Republica (Republic Square) for photos of the Governor's Palace, the Justice Hall, and St Isabel Theatre, and through Old Recife. Continue on to the historic town center of Olinda, a UNESCO World Heritage Site populated with dozens of centuries-old churches and colonial homes. Visit local artisans and shop for handcrafted items before heading to your next stop, São Bento Monastery. Before returning to the ship, you'll enjoy a choir performance at the 17th-century baroque-style Capela Dourada.

#### Included Feature:

- Recife city tour and visit to UNESCO-listed Olinda

#### Cultural Discovery:

- Capela Dourada choir performance  
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
*Ocean Explorer* >

#### DAYS 18-19: Two days of bliss and relaxation at sea

Treat yourself to more of the Ocean Explorer's amenities as you cruise around the easternmost

coast of Brazil. Take advantage of this time to read a book from our onboard library, enjoy a drink with fellow travelers at the top-deck bar, try your hand at the ancient art of hot-rock cooking in our onboard restaurant, or ask for a tour of the bridge. Practice self-care with a visit to the full-service hair salon or center yourself with a yoga class.

Included Meals: 2 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 2 Dinners  
*Ocean Explorer* >

**DAY 20:** Discover Fortaleza's boundless charm

Fortaleza, capital of the Brazilian state of Ceará. Despite its size, there's a light and airy quality to this culture-rich city kissed by soft-sand urban beaches and dotted with stately colonial-era buildings. The neoclassical Metropolitan Cathedral is adorned with stunning stained-glass windows, beloved poet José de Alencar is honored with a theater bearing his name, and palm-fringed beaches lead to the sophisticated residences of Aldeota. Tap into the city's distinctive charms during an included highlights tour; then stop to peruse the countless cultural treasures at the Central Market, a lively emporium of Fortaleza's handmade lace, embroidery, hammocks, and other crafts.

**Included Feature:**

- Fortaleza city tour

**Cultural Discovery:**

- Fortaleza market visit
- Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
*Ocean Explorer* >

**DAYS 21-23:** Take in the beauty of Brazil's coast with three days at sea

Treat yourself to more of your ship's amenities as you cruise around the easternmost coast of

Brazil. Take advantage of this time to read a book from our library or enjoy a soothing massage at the spa. The time is yours to do as you wish. During your time at sea, onboard lecturers will captivate you with talks about Brazilian culture and history, and our chefs will continue to amaze you with their culinary expertise.

Included Meals: 3 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 3 Dinners  
*Ocean Explorer* >

**DAY 24:** Debarck the Ocean Explorer and explore Belém

Following breakfast on board this morning, you'll disembark the Ocean Explorer and head to your hotel in Belém, Brazil. Along the way you'll enjoy a boat tour of the Amazon River, where you will see canoes, fishing boats, and other river-craft making their way along the tributaries that lead in and out of the rainforest. After crossing Combu Island, you will reach the Boa Vista do Acará jungle area where you can take part in a leisurely 45-minute guided walk through the jungle.

Following your excursion, you will continue on to your hotel in Belém, where the remainder of the day is at your leisure with lunch and dinner on your own.

**Included Features:**

- Amazon River boat tour
- Included meals: Breakfast  
*Radisson Hotel Maiorana Belém or similar*

**DAY 25:** A day at leisure to enjoy more of Belém on your own

You'll have a day at leisure to explore Belém on your own today. Often overlooked by visitors who favor the Amazonian wonders found inland, this city is a cultural gem worthy of your time.

Head to the Ver-O-Peso market to chat with local



sellers and shop for unique wares and souvenirs. Visit the Teatro da Paz, a 19th-century Neoclassical theater that provides a peek into Brazil's belle époque past. Or, make your way to the Complexo Feliz Lusitania, a cluster of significant historical buildings located in Belém's old town district. The day is yours to enjoy at your pace. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for one final dinner as your enchanting South American journey comes to a close.

**Destination Enhancement:** Customize your journey when you add an optional excursion. Join us today for a full-day guided tour of Belém's best sights and an included Farewell

**Dinner. Learn More**

Included meals: Breakfast & dinner  
*Radisson Hotel Maiorana Belém or similar*

**DAY 26:** Fly home today

Today, you will board your return flight to the U.S.

Included meals: Breakfast

**Please Note:** Ocean cruising is not the same experience as river cruising; as such, you may experience fluctuating tides and weather patterns that may involve some rocking of your vessel. Itineraries will include all activities as planned except in extreme cases that can't be controlled by your shipboard crew. Day-by-day itineraries are preliminary and therefore subject to change. If changes occur while on tour, you will be notified by your Cruise Director or regional expert.

# ACCOMMODATIONS



## Ocean Explorer

### Quick facts

**Launch:** 2021

**Length:** 104.4 Meters

**Max Capacity:** 162 guests — 134 for polar expeditions

**Cabins:** 77, including a landmark 15 solo cabins — 80% of all cabins feature a private veranda

The intimate *Ocean Explorer* and *Ocean Odyssey* are the cruise industry's newest and most premier small ships built for global expedition travel, and ready to go to some of the world's most far-reaching destinations. Accommodating just 134 guests, the ship is outfitted with the latest satellite, sustainability, and navigation capabilities, including SOLAS "Safe Return to Port" requirements and ULSTEIN X-BOW® technology, a significant enhancement for smooth sailing in polar seas.

On all Vantage expedition cruises, education is an essential component of the journey. Enjoy talks from notable scholars, onboard historians who travel alongside you, and handpicked regional experts. On polar expeditions with Vantage, you'll attend lectures, lessons, and activities offered by a 17-member Expedition Team of experts in fields ranging from biology to oceanography.

In your downtime, you'll find relaxation and luxury aboard the *Ocean Explorer* and *Ocean Odyssey*. Visit the gym or onboard spa for a facial, massage, even a haircut. Soak in the hot tub after a rewarding day of sightseeing. Enjoy gourmet fare for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, plus outstanding culinary experiences built into your journey. And because there's no more than 134 fellow travelers on expedition cruises, you'll enjoy small group outings by day and share meals, stories, and fun with new friends by night. These fabulous expedition vessels offer:

- 77 cabins, including a landmark 15 solo cabins
- 30 triple-ready cabins available
- Vantage offers FREE roommate-matching services if you'd like to be paired while you travel

- Spacious, all outside-facing cabins
- 134-guest capacity
- Zodiac trips to get as close as possible to nature
- The latest satellite and navigation capabilities, including ULSTEIN X-BOW® technology
- Intimate crew-to-passenger ration, plus onboard Destination Manager
- Environmentally friendly standards with reduced emissions into air and sea and lower energy consumption

#### **Amenities:**

- A culinary program offering gourmet dining and regional fare, with wine and beer included at dinner
- Hot-rock cooking restaurant
- Multistory lounge and lobby
- Three bars and various lounges
- Top deck observation deck for gatherings, lectures, performances, and more
- Spa, massage, and hair services available at the onboard spa
- Sauna
- Two hot tubs
- Fitness center
- Curated lectures, programs, musical performances, and cultural events
- Low passenger-to-crew ratio, plus onboard Destination Manager (not available on expeditions)
- On expeditions, enjoy the services and curated lectures of a 5- or 17-person Expedition Team, comprised of experts in their field
- Knowledgeable staff by region; expedition cruises will be led by an experienced Expedition Team
- Onboard medical doctor (travelers are responsible for medical fees associated with doctor visit and medications)
- Gift Shop
- Library with over 200 titles
- Separate, intimate dining space for groups or special events (available upon request)
- Complimentary unlimited WiFi (WiFi on certain segments of trips may not be available)
- 20+ live TV channels featuring popular US news channels, the Food Network, the Travel Channel, and National Geographic
- Entertainment and video on demand for 250 classic movies

*Ocean Explorer Gallery*



## Radisson Hotel Maiorana Belém ★★★★

Set in affluent Nazaré, Radisson Hotel Maiorana Belém offers guests comfortable accommodations in one of the city's best neighborhoods, steps away from upscale boutiques and quiet tree-lined streets. On-site amenities include an outdoor pool, fitness center, sauna, hot tub, and restaurant and bar. In-room amenities include a minibar, hairdryer, coffeemaker, flat-screen television, free Wi-Fi, and room service.



## Sofitel Buenos Aires Recoleta ★★★★★

An elegant reprieve in the downtown residential district of Recoleta, the Moderate Deluxe Sofitel Buenos Aires Recoleta is located just steps from the city's exclusive commercial hub and the Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes. The affluent Recoleta district is home to historic neoclassical architecture that makes a perfect counterpoint to the hotel's colorful and modern flair, and the hotel boasts a health club and spa with massage services, an indoor pool, and an on-site restaurant, the Brick Kitchen.



## Bourbon Foz do Iguaçu Hotel ★★★★★

This hotel is situated amid lush greenery along the road to the Iguassu Falls. After entering through the attractive lobby, you'll find such on-site amenities as two restaurants and a lounge bar, gift shop, a health club and spa, two outdoor pools, a jogging track, a beauty parlor, elevator, and laundry and dry-cleaning services. The clean, modern guest rooms are air-conditioned, and feature a minibar, safe, telephone, cable/satellite television, hair dryer, and both 110v & 220v outlets. Wi-Fi is available at an extra charge.