



## Latin Flavours

## South & Central America



South & Central America offers a range of cruise destinations. From the glitter of Rio and Buenos Aires to the penguins and whales of the Straits of Magellan, to the Amazon - South America is one of the most exciting destinations in the world. Panama and Central America has long been legendary in the annals of exploration. The Panama Canal is a man made marvel which cruise ships transit during the day so you can enjoy the spectacle. The Mexican Riviera, stretching thousands of miles down Mexico's Pacific coast (despite development in the region) retains a truly Mexican feel.



**Thompsons Preferred Cruise Lines sailing in this area: Azamara Cruises, Celebrity Cruises, Costa Cruises, Holland America Line, Princess Cruises, Royal Caribbean International, Windstar Cruises.**

*Why not extend your time in South and Central America?  
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### Cruise Types:

South America Cruises include routes around Cape Horn and the Strait of Magellan or east coast itineraries between Rio de Janeiro and Buenos Aires. These cruises are usually 12 nights or longer sailing between December and March and often include visits to the Antarctic where passengers enjoy the scenery from on board. Smaller ships can also land passengers on some islands and even onto the

Antarctic continent.

A number of cruise lines run a series of cruises through the Panama Canal which vary from shorter 7 night cruises up to the more traditional 14 night cruises that sail from Florida to the west coast.

### Cruise Season:

Major cruise lines visit the South American continent between September and March. For cruises that sail round Cape Horn this is the southern summer. Specialty cruises

operate year round.

Most cruises sail Central America and Panama in the northern winter months from October to April

### Main Ports:

The key embarkation ports are Rio de Janeiro, Buenos Aires or Valparaiso. Cruises of Central America and Panama - east to west leave from Ft Lauderdale and Miami and west to east leave from Los Angeles and San Diego

### Weather:

Santiago and Buenos Aires are Mediterranean in climate and enjoy warm summers with mild winters. However cruises that go round Cape Horn can experience much colder temperatures even in the height of summer. Passengers on these cruises should have some winter clothing just for the days when the ship rounds the Horn.