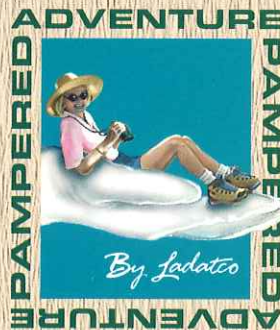


# SOUTH, CENTRAL AMERICA & The Falkland Islands



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## 40 years of Knowledge and Experience

Yes, in 2006 we celebrate the 40th anniversary of LADATCO's founding, and within our company today, our team's destination experience totals more than 100 years. Each of the three owners has been with the company for more than 30 years, and our newest employee is already a 10-year veteran. For all of us, Latin America has always been, and will continue to be, our singular passion.



## Been There...Done That

We are destination specialists. We sell what we know. We know what we sell. We are on the road in and around South & Central America on an ongoing basis, renewing our expertise and expanding our offerings of intriguing places, special lodgings and rewarding experiences. We know what's new, what's improved, what's planned. We are proud to be on the cutting edge of destination knowledge.



## Custom Designed...Tailored to Fit

Custom designed is LADATCO's only travel style. We do not have set programs with set departure dates and set itineraries. We take all our "been there, done that" expertise and put it to work for hassle-free, trips of a lifetime in Latin America...for families getting together to celebrate a holiday or milestone event...for a reunion of old friends...for special interest groups... for individuals and couples ready to explore new worlds of travel discovery.



## Before You Go

LADATCO knows trip preparation and anticipation can be almost as important as the travel experience itself. We start by offering one of the most complete travel planning Web sites in the industry ([www.ladatco.com](http://www.ladatco.com)), introducing our choices of major attractions, the finest hotels, suggested itineraries, comprehensive country fast facts and more. Further, we have developed a Pre-Departure Trip Information Kit, customized for each trip and full of travel tips and destination insight. On departure, clients take off with Final Documents that include a day-by-day itinerary, complete information on local travel hosts and hotel contacts, and concise vouchers for all hotels and services along the way.



## On the Road

Our LADATCO family embraces our on-site partners in South and Central America, who share our commitment to Pampered Adventure. Their professional staffs not only share their insider knowledge of each destination they call home, but provide hands-on care and individual attention to every aspect of local arrangements. Travel becomes hassle-free, leaving our clients at ease to relax, enjoy and immerse themselves in the wonders of the places they are visiting.



# South & Central America plus the Falkland Islands

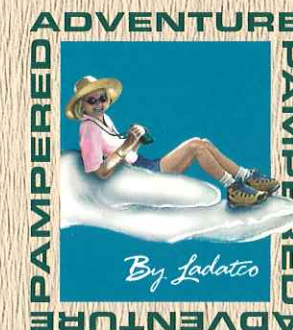
## Custom Designed...Pampered Adventure

Latin America is the land of the Inca and the Maya, the samba and tango, sophisticated capital cities, charming colonial towns, nature reserves brilliant with flora and fauna, irresistible shopping and delicious cuisines, adventures stretching from Central America's Great Barrier Reef and pristine national parks to South America's Amazonia, Patagonia, the Galapagos and Falkland Islands.

There is no time like now to get to know the "Other Americas." And let us introduce you, for LADATCO has 40 years of experience in planning and managing successful leisure travel in this corner of the globe---one recognized for its special places that are scenically stunning, culturally captivating, ecologically exciting, full of world-class creature comforts and full of good times.

South and Central America, plus the Falkland Islands...There you will find LADATCO's world. It's a world we love. And the world we know best. We are destination specialists who custom design one-of-a-kind vacations that reflect every traveler's needs and wishes. Our destination expertise permits us to enrich the travel planning process and guarantee delivery of meticulous arrangements and services.

At LADATCO, we elevate the experience of travel... beyond the ordinary... to the level of Pampered Adventure.





# The Essence...The Essentials

## South, Central America and the Falkland Islands - at a Glance



### Nicaragua

GRANADA - colonial city; LAKE NICARAGUA - 350 volcanic islands, tropical rainforest; CORN ISLANDS - pristine beaches, turquoise waters, undiscovered; MASAYA everything - volcano, national park, crater, market, lagoon; MANAGUA - fossilized Footprints of Acahualinca, shopping, art galleries; PACIFIC COAST BEACH RESORTS and Eco-Lodge.



### Honduras

ROATAN & THE BAY ISLANDS - barrier reef, diving, snorkeling, barefoot adventure, time stood still; NATIONAL PARKS - rainforest and scenic hills; COPAN - 'Athens' of the Maya World; MOSQUITO COAST, indigenous tribes; plantations, handicrafts.



### Belize

Latin America country with English heritage on the Caribbean; Second longest BARRIER REEF on earth; CORAL ATOLLS - superb diving; ECO PRESERVATION - jaguar preserve, Baboon Sanctuary; ECO DIVERSITY - rainforests, mountain forests, beaches, islands, caves; MAYA - 600 mapped archaeological sites.



### Guatemala

Maya, Maya, Maya then and now; HIGHLANDS - villages, Indian markets; ANTIGUA - Colonial Cultural Center; LAKE ATITLAN - scenic, fringed by volcanoes, rimmed by villages; THE PETEN - rainforests, wildlife and 2500 year old Tikal with palaces, temples, pyramids, ballcourts and plazas.



### El Salvador

Smallest country in Central America, volcanoes; MAYA - Joyas de Ceren the 'Pompeii of the Mayas'; IZALCO VOLCANO - 'lighthouse of the Pacific'; colonial towns; HANDICRAFTS - miniature clay figures, embroidery, textiles; COSTA DEL SOL - surfing, deep sea fishing; great seafood, lively nightlife.



### Panama

Crossroads of the World; PANAMA CANAL - 8<sup>th</sup> Wonder of the World; PANAMA CITY - historic Old Panama, Colonial Panama, gambling; ECO MECCA - 14 national parks, 12 forest reserves, 10 wildlife refuges, Darien jungle, 940 species of birds; SAN BLAS ARCHIPELAGO - Cuna Indians, Molas; PEARL ISLANDS AND BOCAS DEL TORO - beaches, snorkeling, barefoot adventure; CHIRIQUI HIGHLANDS - rafting; cloud forests, hiking.



### Venezuela

Caribbean South America; islands, beaches, mountains, savannah, paramos, tepuis, rainforest, rivers; CARACAS - capital spanning beach to mountains; ANGEL FALLS - tallest waterfalls on earth, savannah, lagoons, rivers, birding; MERIDA - scenic mountain city, longest cable car on earth, history, tradition; COLONIA TOVAR - Black Forest heritage and handicrafts; MARGARITA ISLAND - pirate forts, pearls, beaches and sunsets.



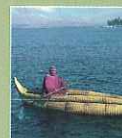
### Costa Rica

ECO, ECO, ECO! Mountains, rainforests, cloud forests, parks, beaches; ACTIVE & FAMILY VACATIONS - aerial trams, zip lines, hiking, biking, horseback riding; ARENAL - volcano; MONTEVERDE cloud forest; RAINFORESTS - Osa Peninsula, Corcovado National Park, Manuel Antonio National Park and more; TORTUGUERO - rainforest canals, turtle nesting; BEACHES - Guanacaste north, Jaco central, Quepos south; boutique hotels, charming inns.



### Ecuador

GALAPAGOS - Enchanted Isles Nature's greatest show on earth; ANDES - Snow-capped Avenue of the Volcanoes - Indian markets, villages, scenery, haciendas; AMAZON BASIN - rainforests, lodges, Indians, rivers, birds and wildlife; OTAVALO - Indians, artisans, Panama hats, weavings, textiles, charming country inns; ACTIVE - biking, trekking, mountain climbing, diving, snorkeling, birding, wildlife.



### Bolivia

LAKE TITICACA - highest navigable lake, legendary Inca birthplace, Sun and Moon Islands, Tiquina Strait, Copacabana, Uros Indians, totora reed islands; ALTIPLANO - Indian markets, festivals, Royal Range of Mountains; TIAHUANACO - pre-dating the Incas by 100 years, Sun Gate; LA PAZ - highest capital on earth; SUCRE - colonial treasure house; POTOSI - historic; TARABUCO - authentic market.



### Peru

Incas and beyond! CUZCO - ancient Inca capital; INCA TRAIL trek; MACHU PICCHU - Lost City of the Incas, mystic energy; SACRED VALLEY OF THE INCAS - Pisac Indian market and ruins; ALTIPLANO - Indian villages, markets, handicrafts; CHACHAPOYAS - Kuelap, Fortress in the Clouds; CHAN CHAN - largest adobe city ever built; TRUJILLO - colonial Peru, ancient cultures; BIO DIVERSITY SUPREME - Amazon, Manu, Tambopata; AREQUIPA - the White City; COLCA CANYON - deepest on earth, Condor viewing; LINES OF NAZCA - mysterious, pre-Inca ancient cultures.



### Brasil

Vibrant, young, fun; CARNIVAL - Greatest Party on Earth; RIO DE JANEIRO - Cidade Maravilhosa, samba, sidewalk cafes, beaches, churrascarias, caipirinhas, gemstones, Corcovado, Sugar Loaf, New Year's Eve festivities; COLONIAL CITIES CIRCUIT - cobblestone streets, colonial buildings, museums; AMAZON RAINFOREST - flora, wildlife, indigenous life, lodges, cruises; IGUASSU FALLS - 'Poor Niagara!', spectacular 2-mile wide precipice, 275 falls, scenic, active; SALVADOR BAHIA - first city founded, historic, unique food, dances, culture, handicrafts; PANTANAL - seasonal floodplains, migratory bird site, wildlife and man side-by-side; FERNANDO DE NORONHA - diving, pristine, undiscovered, ultimate beach experience.



### Paraguay

JESUIT MISSIONS - historic ruins, frescoes, museums, churches, schools, musical instruments; ASUNCION - handicrafts, bottle dances, museums, markets, old trains, Nanduti lace; CIUDAD DEL ESTE - shopping, gateway to Iguassu Falls; GUARANI INDIANS.



### Uruguay

PUNTA DEL ESTE - Jet Set resort, to see, be seen, dine, laze on the beach, gamble, vacation; ESTANCIAS - historic rural life, Gauchos, horses, beef, folklore; MONTEVIDEO - capital on the coast, bustling port, famed port market for barbecue and shopping; COLONIA - first city founded, charming colonial walled city; semi-precious gem stones, leather.



### Argentina

BUENOS AIRES - Paris of the Americas, sidewalk cafes, tango, wines, beef, leather; THE NORTHWEST - history, scenery, country inns, painted canyons; MENDOZA - vineyards; LAKE DISTRICT - Bariloche, lakes, forests, mountains, skiing; PENINSULA VALDES - Welsh history, whales and penguins; PATAGONIA - PN Los Glaciares, Fitz Roy massif, Perito Moreno glacier, inns, Estancias; TIERRA DEL FUEGO - Legendary Land of Fire, Strait of Magellan; USHUAIA - southern most city on earth; ESTANCIAS - pampas, gauchos; IGUAZU FALLS - spectacular, up close.



### Falkland Islands

WILDLIFE GALORE! PENGUINS - Rockhopper, Gentoo, Magellanic, Macaroni, King; BIRDS - Black-browed Albatros, Striated Carracara; flightless Steamer Ducks, Sea birds; MARINE LIFE - Orcas, Dolphins; UNIQUE - The Galapagos of the South Atlantic; remote, pristine, preserved; rich social history - Wee bit of Britain in the South Atlantic; sheep, tussock grass, cliffs, beaches, hills and dales.



### Chile

ATACAMA DESERT - driest on earth, scenic, ancient cultures; THE ACTIVE ANDES - skiing, hiking, biking, horseback riding; CENTRAL VALLEY - vineyards; LAKE DISTRICT - mountains, lakes, parks; CARRETERA AUSTRAL - wettest, greenest, wildest Chile, thermal spas, fishing, parks; INLAND FJORDS - villages, scenery, forests, glaciers; SOUTHERN ICEFIELDS - spectacular glaciers; PAINE TOWERS NATIONAL PARK - Jewel of Patagonia; EASTER ISLAND - singularly most remote island on earth, history, mystery and moais; CAPE HORN - southernmost point.

Robinson Crusoe & Easter Island

Falkland Islands



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