



GREEN LAGOON



BOLIVIA & CHILE

Climb for Cancer: Splendors of South America

Led by Ron Farb

November 27 — December 11, 2022



Join the Climb for Cancer Foundation to witness the spectacular natural beauty of Bolivia and Chile. The Climb for Cancer Foundation exists to improve the mental, physical and social well-being of cancer patients, survivors and their caregivers through funding of enrichment programs in arts, nature, sports and medicine.

Co-founded by Ron and Dianne Farb in 2003, our small Foundation has made a tangible impact on the lives of many people fighting the disease. The Foundation has funded or created several psycho-social programs which provide support to the patient and the family, funded research grants, and given kids an opportunity to attend cancer camps. The Foundation likes to think that its gifts fill in the cracks left by organizations that make much larger gifts.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Set sail aboard a traditional reed boat on Lake Titicaca, where the Inca Empire was born.
- Explore the pre-Inca ancient city of Tinawaku.
- Take in extraordinary landscapes like colorful lagoons, sandstone formations, and sprawling salt flats.
- Marvel at the incredible geysers and take a dip in the hot springs pools at El Tatio.
- Discover clues to the ceremonial heritage behind the mysterious ruins of Easter Island.
- Visit the coastal cities of Viña del Mar and Valparaíso, and sample Chilean wine.

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ITINERARY

BLD = BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER

NOVEMBER 27 - LA PAZ

Fly from Miami to Lima, Peru. Arrive in Lima at 10:25 pm, then connect on the flight to La Paz, departing at 12:25 am. *Overnight on flight.*

NOVEMBER 28 - LA PAZ

Arrive early this morning into La Paz, where you will be met and taken to the hotel. This morning is at leisure to rest and adjust to the high altitude. In the afternoon, there will be a program briefing and participant introductions. Then, we will venture into La Paz, visiting the famous Witch Doctor's Market, San Francisco Colonial Church, and the typical handicrafts of the Sagarnaga Street. Continue to Plaza Murillo to see the Cathedral, the Government Palace, and the National Congress buildings, and then stop at Calle Jaén, the famous colonial street known for its museums. You'll also visit the residential areas of Obrajes, Calacoto and La Florida. End with an exploration of unique Moon Valley, where you'll visit a ceramic workshop with a demonstration of the art of pottery. Possible hospital visit this afternoon, before dinner at a local restaurant. *Overnight at Casa Grande Hotel. (LD)*



NOVEMBER 29 - LA PAZ

Early this morning, head to Copacabana for a brief visit, then board the catamaran cruise ship to sail to Sun Island, birthplace of the Inca Empire. On this legendary island, you'll visit the Inca's Garden, Stairs and Fountain, followed by the Inti Wata Cultural Complex, which includes the Ekako Underground Museum, the Traditional Medicine and the Titicaca Reed Shipbuilders Display Centers, the Pachamama agricultural Inca Terraces, a handicraft center, and the Intica Lounge. You'll also embark on a unique sailing experience aboard a large Titicaca traditional reed vessel, for a panoramic visit to the Pilkokaina Inca Palace. Return to the catamaran to enjoy a buffet lunch on board and then transfer back to La Paz. *Overnight at Casa Grande Hotel. (BLD)*

NOVEMBER 30 - UYUNI

This morning go downtown, where we will make use of La Paz's innovative cable car transit system connecting the capital city to neighboring El Alto. On the way, see the snow-capped Andean Royal Range rising above the city, and stop for a panoramic view and photo stop. On arrival in El Alto, transfer by bus 40 miles to the city of Tiwanaku, the center of the Tiwanaku



civilization, which spanned from approximately 300 to 1150 (although settlers were living in the area as early as 1580 BCE). Now a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Tiwanaku was once a sprawling city and significant cultural influence on neighboring civilizations, including the Inca civilization which followed it. We will visit the Kalasasaya (Sun) temple, semi-subterranean Earth Temple, Akapana Pyramid, and the legendary Sun Gate, as well as the local museum to observe Pre-Inca ceramic objects and tools. This evening transfer to the airport for your flight to Uyuni. Dinner at the hotel after arrival. *Overnight at Jardines de Uyuni Hotel. (BLD)*

DECEMBER 1 - UYUNI

After breakfast, travel via 4x4 to Salar de Uyuni, the largest salt flat in the world. Visit the train cemetery before reaching the nearby village of Colchani, where you can observe the process of extracting salt by hand, as well as local salt handicrafts. Then cross the salt flats themselves, stopping to marvel at the "Ojos de Sal," which give a glimpse of subterranean rivers flowing below, as well as other stunning features along the expanse. Enjoy lunch in a restaurant or on a picnic, then continue to Incahuasi Island. The island is populated with giant cacti species that measure up to 26 feet high, providing an impressive vista – and excellent opportunities for photography. *Overnight at Palacio de Sal Hotel. (BLD)*

DECEMBER 2 - UYUNI

Today visit the north side of the salt flat to explore the cave near Tunupa Volcano where the 3000-year-old Coquesa Mummies were found, remarkably preserved as a result of the dry salt air of the region. Picnic lunch on the salt flat today. *Overnight at Palacio de Sal Hotel. (BLD)*

DECEMBER 3 - ATACAMA

After breakfast, visit the Stone Tree, part of the Siloli Desert and a silent testimony of the erosion of the earth over time. Stop at the Red Lagoon, where you'll see amazing proof of a diverse ecosystem in a totally desolate climate – three different species of flamingos can be found here, as well as llamas, alpacas, and Andean foxes. Take a dip in the thermal waters of Polques Hot Springs, observe the bubbling mudpools at Sol de Mañana geysers, and stop at the Eduardo Abaroa Reserve to see the Green Lagoon, unique for its active microorganisms that give the water its color. Box lunch en route. In the afternoon, cross the border into Chile, passing through Immigration and Customs, and continuing to San Pedro de Atacama. Check in at the hotel, then have dinner and meet your Chilean guide. *Overnight at Tierra Atacama. (BLD)*

DECEMBER 4 - ATACAMA

After breakfast, embark on a half-day archaeological tour. First visit Pucara of Quito, a walled city dating back to the

12th century under Inca rule. Next, travel to the Tulo Ruins, passing through the Cordillera de la Sal (Salt Mountains). Tulo, estimated to be more than 3,000 years old, is the oldest excavated village in the region. Return to San Pedro for a little rest time before heading back out in the late afternoon to visit Moon Valley and Death Valley. Moon Valley is one of the most visited places in San Pedro because of its dramatic stone and sand formations impacted by years of floods and winds. The valley also has dry lakes where salt composition covers the desert with a beautiful white mantle; escarpments of green, blue, red, and yellow surprise with their diverse and surprising forms, and the sun creates tones in thousands of different forms during the day, particularly in the twilight hours. At Death Valley, see rocky natural sculptures and sand dunes as far as the eyes can see. Enjoy stargazing – world-renowned in this region – before returning to the hotel. *Overnight at Tierra Atacama. (BLD)*



MOON VALLEY, ATACAMA

DECEMBER 5 - ATACAMA

Depart early for El Tatio, one of the highest-elevation geyser fields in the world. In the early hours it presents impressive steam fumarole activity, produced by the high temperatures of its watery craters. After breakfast, trek to the different geysers, with the opportunity to swim in the hot springs pool. Return to the hotel via Machuca, a tiny picturesque town. *Overnight at Tierra Atacama. (BLD)*

DECEMBER 6 - SANTIAGO

The first part of your morning will be at leisure to enjoy the area on your own. Mid-morning, depart for the airport in Calama, where you will board a flight to Santiago. Upon arrival you will be taken to your nearby hotel. The remainder of the afternoon will be at leisure to relax before dinner at Azul Profundo. *Overnight at Le Reve. (BD)*

DECEMBER 7 - EASTER ISLAND

Explore Santiago and visit the famous poet Pablo Neruda's home, La Chascona. The home is excellently restored, and full of Neruda's personal possessions, including a painting by Diego Rivera. After exploring La Chascona, have lunch and then go to the airport for your afternoon flight to Easter Island. Upon arrival you will be transferred to your hotel, located just outside of town, surrounded by trees, prairies, and views to the Pacific Ocean. *Overnight at Explora Rapa Nui. (BLD)*

DECEMBER 8 - EASTER ISLAND

After breakfast visit the Ahu Tahai, Sebastian Englert's Museum, Ahu Akivi, and Puna Pau Hill. Then drive to Rano Kau volcano, the biggest on the island, whose enormous crater is now a fresh water lake with floating green fields of totora reeds. Perched



AHU AKIVI BY ARIAN ZWEGERS

above the lake on the crater wall is the ceremonial village of Orongo, where the bizarre "bird man" ritual took place. Partially restored, Orongo has 48 oval buildings built out of overlapping stone slabs. A rocky trail leads you to the Ana Kai Tangata cave; venturing inside, you see a few paintings relating to the bird man culture. In the afternoon, explore Ahu Vinapu, made up of two ruined Ahus (temple platforms), one of which has stonework remarkably similar to that found in Inca sites. Studies have supported the theory that the first inhabitants of the island came from the American continent. Continue to Rano Kao Volcano and Orongo. Observe petroglyphs of the "bird man" Tangata Manu, the god creator Make Make, and also Komari fertility symbols. From here, you can see views of three small islands, Motu Iti, Motu Nui and Moto Kao Kao, which play an important part in the "bird man" legends. *Overnight at Explora Rapa Nui. (BLD)*



RANO KAU VOLCANO BY MEDARDO LAGOS

DECEMBER 9 - SANTIAGO

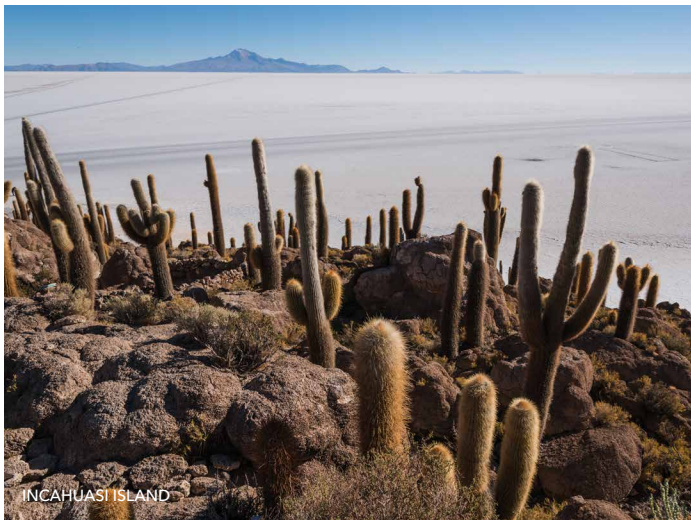
This morning will be at your leisure to enjoy the area and hotel amenities. After lunch, return to the airport for your flight back to Santiago. Upon arrival in Santiago you will be met and taken to your hotel. *Overnight at Le Reve. (BL)*

DECEMBER 10 - SANTIAGO/DEPART

Today, visit the Pacific Coast cities of Viña del Mar and Valparaíso. Along the way, stop at a vineyard to learn about Chilean wine. Valparaíso is a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its cobblestone streets and historic buildings. Viña del Mar boasts beautiful parks and gardens along with Chile's most-visited beach. After spending the day at the coast, return to Santiago and head to the airport for your flight home. *(BL)*

DECEMBER 11 - ARRIVE USA

Arrive home following your overnight flight.



INCAHUASI ISLAND

LAND PRICE

\$11,345 per person based on double occupancy

Single occupancy rooms may be available for an additional \$1,345 per person. Price includes accommodations, meals, and activities as stated in the itinerary, internal flights, private vehicle transportation, local guides in each region for the duration of the program, and bottled water on the bus.

Price does not include international airfare, tips/gratuities, optional activities, items of personal nature, or cancellation insurance.

*Price does not include a required minimum \$500 per person donation to the Climb for Cancer Foundation. Donations must be paid directly to the Foundation.

TRAVEL PROTECTION

Holbrook Travel purchases Travel Protection on behalf of all participants. These plans help provide coverage once the trip has departed and offer benefits for Baggage/Personal Effects, Accident & Sickness Medical Expenses, Emergency Evacuation and more.

Optional additional coverage is available and highly recommended in the form of the Group Deluxe Plan, which offers benefits for Trip Cancellation/Interruption, in addition to many other insurance benefits and non-insurance assistance services. If interested in this optional plan, we can provide you with rates and plan details.

THE FINE PRINT

Price is based on a minimum of 8 participants. A \$500 per person deposit and enrollment form are required to reserve your space on the trip. This deposit is refundable minus a \$100 cancellation fee until August 24, 2022, at which time final non-refundable payment is due.

Please note: Itineraries may be subject to change due to protocols and adjustments related to the COVID-19 pandemic. For the latest information regarding our COVID-19 policies, please visit holbrooktravel.com/covid19

ABOUT YOUR LEADER



RON FARB

Educated at the College of William & Mary, and a former military aviator, Ron Farb has traveled to every continent and more than 50 countries. Ron has climbed the highest mountain on five of the seven continents, including Everest, Aconcagua (twice), Denali, Elbrus, and Kilimanjaro (seven times). By doing so, he has raised more than \$2 million to fund medical research for cancer with Climb for Cancer, a foundation he and his wife, Dianne, started in 2002.



MOON VALLEY, BOLIVIA

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