



## **Proposed AIIAV Study Tour to Chile, Argentina, Peru and Cuba**

**8 – 29 October 2017**

### **Background**

AIIA Victoria is planning a Study Tour to Chile, Argentina and Peru from **October 8 to October 24 2017**. A comprehensive itinerary has been put together by AIIAV Council member John Woods, a former Ambassador to Peru, and the cost including airfares is in the range of \$9,000. There is an option to continue to Cuba (at an extra cost) with the return to Melbourne on **October 29**.

We are now calling for expressions of interest to join either the shorter tour to Chile, Argentina and Peru or the longer tour to those countries plus Cuba. AIIA members from all states are welcome to apply.

Further details are given below, and we would request an indication by **Friday 17 March** as to whether you would be interested in joining either the tour to Chile, Argentina & Peru, or the longer tour which also includes Cuba.

We appreciate that this is a relatively short timeframe, but this is because the itineraries outlined below are based on some promotional airfares from LATAM airlines (part of the One World Alliance), associated with the launch in October this year of non-stop flights three times a week between Melbourne and Santiago. The itineraries proposed in options 1 & 2 use those flights in both directions. However those promotional fares could well increase.

### **Objectives**

The objectives of the tour are:

1. To broaden participants' understanding of the politics, economics and foreign relations of Chile, Argentina, Peru and Cuba including

- The major policy changes of the Macri Government in Argentina,
- The new government headed by Pedro Pablo Kuczynski in Peru,
- Australia's links with these countries,
- and, for those going on to Cuba, to explore recent changes in the country, particularly after the death of Fidel Castro and an easing in US relations with Cuba (assuming that continues).

2. To improve where possible cultural, political and educational links

3. To develop relationships where possible with counterpart Institutes in these countries

4. To visit historical, cultural and other heritage sights including the famed Iguazu Falls, and also Cuzco and Machu Picchu in Peru.

## Itineraries

Set out below are the two itineraries and preliminary costings.

### 1. Chile, Argentina and Peru

**Sunday 8 October:** Depart Melbourne arrive Santiago (new LATAM Direct Flight departs 19:55 arrives 19:00)

**Monday 9 October:** Visit Valparaiso, lunch in a winery, return to Santiago (bus) (public holiday in Chile)

**Tuesday 10 October:** Meetings, visit Santiago

**Wednesday 11 October:** Further meetings in morning, visits in Santiago, then fly to Buenos Aires (BA) (EZEIZA) departing 16:50 arriving 18:50

**Thursday 12, Friday 13 October:** Meetings, visits etc. in BA

**Saturday 14 October:** Visit outside BA

**Sunday 15 October:** Fly Buenos Aires (Aeroparque) - Iguazu 09:05 - 10:55

**Monday 16 October:** Fly Iguazu - Buenos Aires (Aeroparque) 13:45 - 15:40, then Buenos Aires (Ezeiza) - Lima 19:40 - 22:45

**Tuesday 17, Wednesday 18 October:** Lima (visits, meetings etc.)

**Thursday 19 October:** Fly Lima – Cuzco 10:05 - 11:40, then bus to Urubamba (Sacred Valley)

**Friday 20 October:** Train Urubamba – Aguas Calientes - visit Machu Picchu – return to Urubamba

**Saturday 21 October:** Urubamba – Cuzco - Visit Cusco

**Sunday 22 October:** Cusco – Lima 07:30 - 09:05 then Lima – Santiago 12:00- 17:40 Overnight  
Santiago

**Monday 23 October:** Santiago – Melbourne (departing 12:55 arriving 17.55 Tuesday 24  
October)

**Cost Estimate per participant:**

Economy airfares (all flights): \$2500

Accommodation (at least 3&1/2 star hotels), breakfasts, transfers, tours, receptions, city  
transport, visas (Chile and Argentina): \$4,440.

Single supplement c.\$800

Total: \$6,940 (please note that this does not include the cost of lunches and dinners nor  
incidentals)

Participants should allow an additional \$1,600 to cover these expenses.

**2. Chile, Argentina, Peru, Cuba**

Itinerary as above from Sunday 8 October to Saturday 21 October, then:

**Sunday 22 October:** Cusco – Lima 05:30 – 06:58

Lima - Havana Cuba 08:50 – 15:30

**Monday 23 October - Wednesday 25 October:** Havana – meetings and visits

**Thursday 26 October:** Havana to Playa Jibacoa or day trip outside Havana

**Friday 27 October:** Havana – Panama City - Santiago

**Saturday 28 October:** Santiago – Melbourne 12:55 (arriving **Sunday 29 October** 17.55)

**Cost Estimate per participant:**

Economy airfares: \$4500

Accommodation, breakfasts, transfers, tours, receptions, visas (Chile and Argentina):  
\$5,660.

Total: \$10,160 (please note that this does not include the cost of lunches and dinners nor  
incidentals)

Participants should allow an additional \$2,100 to cover these expenses.

3. It is also possible to return to Melbourne from Havana, Cuba via Mexico and Los Angeles. This would mean the total cost of an economy ticket would rise to \$4,790.

### **Expressions of Interest**

Please submit Expressions of Interest by **Friday 17 March** to AIIA Victoria at [admin.vic@internationalaffairs.org.au](mailto:admin.vic@internationalaffairs.org.au), with a copy (or any queries) to John Woods at [john.woods@internationalaffairs.org.au](mailto:john.woods@internationalaffairs.org.au)