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Events for the month ahead...



Friday, September 5	6:30pm	Fravardegan (S)*
Saturday, September 6	6:30pm	Dastoorji Kookadaroo Baj (S)*
Friday, September 12	11:00am	Seniors Yoga
Sunday, September 14	11:00am	Paitishahem Gahambar (F)
Sunday, September 14	2:45pm	Religion Class
Friday, September 19	7:00pm	Gatha Studies (Persian)
Sunday, September 21	4:30pm	"Parsi Legal Culture in British India" lecture
Friday, September 26	11:00am	Seniors event
Sunday, September 28	10:30am	Maidyozarem Gahambar (S)*

In addition to the above, "Self-Healing PALM-5 YOGA, an Integrated Mind-Body Wellness Therapy" classes will be held every Tuesday and Wednesday in September and on October 1st at the Darbe Mehr from 6:30 to 8:15pm. For further information, please call Zubin Dotiwalla at (905) 629-2985.

*Those interested in participating in lunch or dinner after any Shahenshahi Jashan, Gahambar, or other Shahenshahi (S) prayers or ceremonies, please contact Ervad Hoshang Udwardia at (416) 499-4957 at least 4 days prior to the event.

Note: All events will be held at Mehraban Guiv Darbe Mehr, 3590 Bayview Avenue, unless otherwise specified. ZSO, as publisher, is not responsible for content and support of any flyers not issued by them.

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Executive Committee Corner

We, the Executive Committee, wish all members, their families and friends a happy Shahenshahi new year, full of good health and happiness.

The Gatha (Muktd) days, Khordad Saal, and the New Year Jashan of the Shahenshahi calendar were conducted with great success due, in large measure, to the countless hours devoted by our volunteers and the generous donations of members. Record numbers were in attendance for all these days. Besides the events at the DM, a fun evening of celebration was held at a banquet hall in Markham.

As is customary following the Jashan ceremony, the ZSO recognized valued members for their outstanding service to our community. This year Dinshaw Kanga and Yezdi Sheriar were recognized for their significant contributions and years of service to the ZSO. In addition, the first ever ZSO Education Scholarship award was presented to Tanya Dordi.

With respect to the renovation project, we are working diligently to move it to its next phase. The architect is in the process of obtaining new tenders and once the winning bid is finalized and selected by the EC, on the recommendation of the architect, we expect work to commence. As there are many variables, over some of which we have little or no control, we are hesitant to provide a precise time table for the renovations at this time.

The Mortazavi legal matter is now fully settled with final releases and a court order dismissing the claim and counterclaim. The settlement was the most prudent option for the Society, dispensing the need for protracted legal processes and expenses. The ZSO is in the process of finalizing the accounts in order to refund the remaining monies that had been held back and earmarked for the legal matter in compliance with the original court order.

A touch screen TV has been installed at the DM where members can view past and current newsletters and a calendar of events and explore our ZSO website. Donations can now be made online in the comfort of your own home or via the TV screen at the DM. It is heartening to note that significant donations have been received online with most made at the DM itself since ZSO launched its enhanced website. Thank you. We are indeed proud and honoured to have generous members contributing to their organization.

A Sports Night is planned for October 11th. Let us all come out in large numbers, participate, and support this initiative by playing table tennis, carom, cards, or just mingle for an evening of fun.

Your EC has invited the Board of Directors of OZCF to a working dinner at the DM in September to explore ways where the two organizations can work together for the benefit of all members. Reaching out to our sister organization is an initiative to foster harmony and a better working relationship between the two organizations.

Finally, we have decided to enhance the ZSO logo and letterhead. A contest is planned. Please refer to the relevant section in the body of this newsletter for full details. We encourage participation from all members, young and old. As this is a logo for your organization, the community will decide the winning submission based on "votes of likes".

Enjoy the remaining weeks of summer with friends and family.

Muktd Clean-up – Thank You!

We would like to thank the following people for their valuable time and effort in helping clean up the Darbe Mehr during Muktd.

Burzina Amroliwalla
Dina Amroliwalla
Jia Amroliwalla
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Eruch Surkari
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Cyrus Tampal
Sarosh Tampal
Shiraz Tampal
Delicia Saldhana
Meher Zandian
Dolat Zandian

Directory for Zoroastrians of Ontario

The new 2014 ZSO Telephone Directory is out and has been well received. Directories will be available for purchase at most ZSO functions at the Darbe Mehr for the next few months (\$10 for members, \$15 for non-members).

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Lecture announcement

There will be a lecture at ZSO Darbe Mehr on September 21st at 4:30pm by Professor Mitra Sharafi. The title of the talk is "Parsi Legal Culture in British India: The Davar-Beaman Case and Beyond".

Mitra Sharafi is a legal historian of colonial India at the University of Wisconsin at Madison Law School. She holds a BA from McGill and a PhD from Princeton in history, and law degrees from Cambridge and Oxford. Professor Sharafi's research include South Asian legal history; the history of colonialism; law and religion; law and minorities; and much more. Sharafi's first book, *Law and Identity in Colonial South Asia: Parsi Legal Culture, 1772-1947* is being published by Cambridge University Press in 2014. The book explores the legal culture of the Parsis or Zoroastrians of British India, an ethno-religious minority that was unusually invested in colonial law. Sharafi's next book project is a study of poisoning and medical jurisprudence in colonial India. This is not explicitly focused on the Parsi community, but happily she continues to find many Zoroastrian lawyers, physicians, and toxicologists in her archival materials. We look forward to a large attendance of our members to listen to a historic account of immense interest to all Parsi/Irani Zarathushtis.



North American Zoroastrian Congress

Early bird registration for the 17th North American Zoroastrian Congress in Los Angeles from December 29-31, 2014 ends on August 31st. Many social events are planned around those dates to make your stay in Los Angeles most enjoyable. Please visit www.nazc2014.org for the program, registration, discounted hotel rates, local LA attractions, and advertising options.

NAZC Poster Session

The Congress will include a poster session to allow young Zoroastrians to engage with their heritage in an environment that showcases and celebrates their creativity. Posters (to be 22x28" or larger) can be about anything related to Zoroastrianism. Registration deadline is September 30th. For more information or to register, please contact poster@nazc2014.org.

World Zoroastrian Symphony Orchestra

The World Zoroastrian Symphony Orchestra is slated to play at the Congress. If you are a musician and would like to perform at the Congress, please contact Vira Santoke for more information: (714) 963-1301 or vsantoke@verizon.net.

Mini-Congress for Delegates Under 18

There will be a mini-Congress for delegates under age 18. This includes babysitting for those under 4 years, religion classes for those ages 5-12, and teen track sessions for those 13-18 years.

Birth Announcement: Rohan Godrej Khambatta, born to Arnaz and Godrej Khambatta, on July 16, 2014 in San Diego. Congratulations to great-grandmother, Villu Motishaw and grandparents Katy and Hoshang Khambatta of San Diego and Gity and Sheriar Haveliwalla of Toronto.

Wedding Announcements: Tila Tamoureszadeh, daughter of Farahnaz and Daryoush Tamoureszadeh, married to Faraz Farahi, son of Jahan and Khosrow Farahi, on August 1, 2014 in Toronto.

Kianoush Moobed, daughter of Dinyar and Shirin Moobed, married to Ahmed on August 16, 2014 in Toronto.

Condolences: Sirous Rahnamoun, father of Touraj Rahnamoun, on July 23, 2014 in Tehran.

ZSO Website

Our ZSO website is now live and can accept memberships online. Please go ahead and sign up online with your credit cards to avoid the hassle of mailing in the cheques. The site is also set up to receive donations. Through this site you can manage your own profile and select your choice of communication methods (auto-dialer, SMS, email).

New ZSO Logo

We are seeking a new refreshing logo to represent our organization. We encourage healthy competition amongst our members and no age restriction applies. All logos submitted will be displayed on our website and the logo that receives the most “likes” will win.

Requirements are as follows:

- All logos should be in one of the following formats: PDF, jpeg, tiff, or bmp. Hand drawn submissions will be accepted as well.
- Zoroastrian Society of Ontario (ZSO) must be present within the logo.

Deadline for submissions will be October 31st by 11:59pm. Voting will commence on the ZSO website on November 10th and will close on December 12th. The winner's logo will be used effective January 2015. To submit, email execofficer2@zso.org or mail to the MGDM. Should you require further information, contact Executive Officer, Meherwan Wadia at (647) 297-6591.

Religion Classes

Registration has begun for the following year. The Religion Classes provide a unique opportunity for our community's children not only to meet, but also to learn about the Zoroastrian religion and its traditions. Our goal is to promote an understanding of the religion and to foster a sense of Zoroastrian identity among our students. We hope to see all of our current students and many newcomers in the fall. Please refer to the enclosed enrollment form for information on registration.

100 Toronto - First Zoroastrian Scout Group Silver Anniversary Celebration

100 Toronto Scout Group kicked off its 25th Anniversary Celebrations with an Inaugural Jashan & Lunch held on Sunday, August 24th at the Darbe Mehr from 10:30am to about 2pm. It was attended by approximately 190 past and present leaders and youths and their immediate family members. The Jashan ceremony was performed by present and past Scouts Ervad Xerxes Dastur as “zaotar”, assisted by Ervads Farhan, Kamraan and Arman Panthaki (brothers), past Chairperson and Jashan organizer Ervad Noshir Mirza, and past leader Ervad Khushroo Bharda.

The Group invited ZSO and OZCF Presidents (Bina Behboodi and Percy Dastur), Willow Valley and Sunny Brook Area Commissioners (AC) of Scouts Canada, Central Ontario Scout Council, Scouters Erika Druke, Heather Graheme, Sharon and Doug O'Carroll, and William Wong. Erika was the AC who helped in 1990 when the Group was established, and Doug is the most recent AC. Doug presented a plaque of appreciation from Scouts Canada to the Group for providing 25 years of scouting program to the youths. Rusi Unvala and Ferozshaw Ogra accepted the plaque on behalf of the Group.

Next, Freddy Mirza, one of the founding members, introduced the remaining founding members, Noshir Dastoor, Noshir Mirza, Vispi Patel, Maneck Sattha, and Phiroz Dastoor - as well as Jimmy Mistry who could not attend as he is resident in Mumbai. Rusi Unvala presented Scouter Vispi Patel with a certificate and a token gift of appreciation for his 25 years of extremely dedicated service as Group Treasurer and for keeping immaculate records and accounts. Since 5 of the 7 founding members were from 11th Central Mumbai District Association (ex-100th Bombay), also known as the “*Ardeshir Homavazir Scout Group*” in Dadar Parsi Colony, Mumbai, the entire Homavazir family of Toronto was invited and Dara Homavazir gave a brief sketch of his grandfather, Ardeshir.

Continued...

100 Toronto Scouts Group continued...

The speeches and the presentations were followed by the Scout Group Opening Ceremonies outside in the garden. The weather was excellent. This was followed by a “*swim up*” (transfer ceremony) of youths from Beavers to Cubs, Cubs to Scouts, and Scouts to Venturers.

The outdoor Scouts Closing Ceremony was followed by a sumptuous, delicious lunch of dhan-daar, patio, tarelli macchi, tarella vengna, and dessert of malido, ravo, sev (prepared and donated by Aban Vazir), and falooda donated by our Chef Scouter Kersi Khamabatta. Kersi and his merry band of volunteers cooked all night until almost 5 o'clock in the morning! During the lunch, there was a slide presentation of old and recent photos put together by Pearl Chothia. There was also a display of photo albums.

The success of this historic event is due to the blessings of Ahura Mazda and the combined efforts of the 100th Toronto Scout Group members. It will be remembered for a life time by all those who participated in this Silver Anniversary Inaugural Ceremony.

Miscellaneous

- In an attempt to save postage and paper, the ZSO requests those who do not wish to receive the newsletter by mail and who are prepared to accept the same online only, to please email with your full name to secretary@zso.org.
- The ZSO requests persons coming from India to please bring with them at least 1kg of *sukhar* to replenish the stock at the Darbe Mehr. The ZSO will gladly pay for the *sukhar*.

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Messages on the auto-dialer: Mehbadi Dastur (416) 235-2627 or admin@zso.org

Renting the MGDH hall (for post-funeral prayers and rituals or for private functions): Meherwan Wadia (416) 455-6514 or excofficer2@zso.org

Newsletter advertising rates

Inserts: \$200 *Quarter page/Business card:* \$55

Full page: \$125 *Miscellaneous two-liners:* \$15

Half page: \$75 *10% discount for 12 consecutive months of advertising*

Please note that the deadline for receiving submissions for the ZSO newsletter is the 15th of each preceding month. Any materials received after this date will be published in the following newsletter.

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کسی که آرامش درونی دارد، با دانش و گفتار و کردار و وجدان خود راستی را می افزاید. خدای دانا به چنین کسی، به دستپاری منش نیک، شهرپاری را ارزانی می دارد. من نیز برای او خواستار پاداش نیک می باشم.

گزارش ورزشی

در خبرنامه شماره گذشته گزارشی از هموندی جوانان و ورزشکاران تورنتو در چهاردهمین دوره ی پیکارهای ورزشی زرتشتیان جهان در لس آنجلس امریکا داشتیم. نام دو تن از جوانان شرکت کننده از قلم افتاده بود که بدین وسیله پوزش می خواهیم.

بسکتبال مشترک بزرگسالان (کشور مرچنت و ماهیار روانی)

با آرزوی موفقیت برای جوانان و ورزشکاران گرامی در تمام مراحل زندگی!

دهشمندان

نام بردن از خیراندیشان گرامی، کوچکترین پاسداشتی است که می توان از این هموندان گرامی داشت. به این منظور دهشمندان و خیر اندیشان را به کانون kanoun@zso.org معرفی نمایید تا بدین وسیله از آنها تشکر و قدردانی شود.

پاداش نیک خیراندیشان را از اهورامزدا خواستاریم.

سدره پوشی همگانی

کانون ایرانیان زرتشتی انتاریو تصمیم به برگزاری یک سدره پوشی همگانی در ماه سپتامبر و یا بعد از آن را دارد. از والدین محترم که تمایل دارند فرزندان خود را با بستن کشتی و پوشاندن سدره هم پیمان دین زرتشتی گردانند خواهشمند است تا با هموندان کانون kanoun@zso.org تماس گرفته تا آگاهی های لازمه را جویا شوند.

آگهی

کتاب راهنمای تلفن و مشاغل زرتشتیان آماده ارائه شدن به همکیشان عزیز می باشد. این کتاب به قیمت \$10.00 برای اعضای ZSO به فروش می رسد. برای در اختیار داشتن آن با آقای جمشید جم تماس بگیرید.

تماس با ما

انتقادات، نظرات و پیشنهادات سازنده خود را با ما با آدرس kanoun@zso.org در میان بگذارید.

پیوند همسری

- ❖ دوشیزه رفیدا بهمنیان دخت بیژن با آقای شاهین شیدایی فرزند سیروس در تاریخ 18 ژوئای 2014
- ❖ دوشیزه تیلا طهمورث زاده دخت داریوش با آقای فراز فرهی فرزند خسرو در تاریخ 1 آگوست 2014
- ❖ دوشیزه کیانوش موبد دخت دینیار با آقای محمود فرزند محمد در تاریخ 16 آگوست 2014

ابراز همدردی

درگذشت روانشاد بانوشازده اسفندیار هیرمندی در تاریخ 7 آگوست 2014 را به بازماندگان ایشان و یکی از نوادگان ایشان سرکار خانم میترا جم (هخامنشی) تسلیت گفته دیرپوی بازماندگان را از اهورامزدا خواهانیم.

ورزش و سلامتی با یوگا

در راستای سلامتی و درمان ذهن و بدن، کلاسهای یوگا هر چهارشنبه از ساعت 6:30 تا 8:15 بعد از ظهر در سالن درب مهر مهربان گیو برگزار میگردد.

کلاسهای ورزشی - دینی

دوره جدید کلاسهای دینی-ورزشی از تاریخ 7 سپتامبر در مجتمع فرهنگی (Langstaff) برگزار می گردد. امیدواریم که با آگاهی رسانی داخلی بین همکیشان این دوره نیز با استقبال خوبی همراه باشد.

کلاس موسیقی دَف

همانگونه که آگاه هستید کانون ایرانیان زرتشتی انتاریو تصمیم به برگزاری کلاسهای آموزش موسیقی و آواز برای همکیشان عزیز را دارد. کلاس دَف، اولین کلاسی خواهد بود که از ماه September شروع خواهد شد. از علاقه مندان عزیز که تمایل حضور در این کلاس را دارند خواهشمند است با kanoun@zso.org تمایل خود را برای شرکت در این کلاس به اطلاع کانون برسانند.

MUKTAD REPORT

August 2014

This year marked 32 years of our Mukta observances. It is with gratitude that we look back at all we have accomplished and thank Ahura Mazda that we have been able to preserve our ancient rites and rituals to the best of our abilities. The success of these days depends on the goodwill, generosity, and the faith of our community in our religion and rituals.

Our most important volunteers are our Mobeds who so willingly give their time and spend many hours in prayers. This year, Ervad Hoshang Udwadia organized all the Mobeds for the various prayers throughout the day. Ervad Hoshang Udwadia did the main share of the prayers, very ably assisted by Ervad Mehbada Dastur and his young son Ervad Xersis Dastur. Our young Mobed Ervad Raoymand Antia came for the afternoon Stum and one day he was accompanied by Mobedyar Khushroo Mirza. On other days, Ervad Hoshang Udwadia, Ervad Mehbada Dastur, and Ervad Xersis Dastur prayed with him. Our younger Mobed Ervad Cyrus Panthakee was also there every day for the evening Stum and helped Ervad Rayomand Antia and Ervad Xersis Dastur. Ervad Noshir Mirza, Ervad Jamshed Dhabhar, and Ervad Kobad Zarolia, by turns, came in the morning to do the Farokshi.

We had five prayer ceremonies every day, starting with Stum in the early morning, followed by Afringan and Farokshi. There was a Stum in the afternoon and one in the evening, followed by a Humbandagi. The Humbandagi was led by Ervad Bomansha Kotwal, followed by lectures from Ervad Hoshang Udwadia, Khurshid Engineer, Keki Shroff, and our past President Darius Bharucha. All the lectures were enjoyed by everyone and we got different perspectives from the various speakers.

Our early morning Afringan/Farokshi prayers were attended by more than 50 members. We had an average of about 125 community members for lunch and nearly 200 for dinner. Even our last day morning Stum and Afringan at 4:30am was attended by more than 50 members. Our attendance has increased for all our prayers. We had 540 names of our dear departed ones to recite at each prayer and that took up a lot of time.

I have to thank hundreds of volunteers who help to make these days so successful and awe inspiring. The resident volunteers, who live at Darbe Meher, were Roshan Rabadi, Khorshed Mandgaryan, Khurshid Engineer, Dolly Patel, and Hoshang Surty. They were all busy doing various chores. Khorshed Mandgaryan and Roshan Rabadi cooked the breakfast for the morning Stum. Khurshid Engineer did the chalk. Everyone else helped in getting the Khumjas ready for the morning prayers.

The contributions of food items, bread, rotlis, sev, ravo, malido, papri, batasas, and many other traditional delicacies are indeed overwhelming. The three daily meals were prepared on the premises by teams of lady volunteers. The male volunteers assisted actively in cutting the vegetables and lifting the heavy pots and pans. The team-leaders in the ladies' group this year were Katy Panthakee, Roshan Rabadi, Prochi Gazdar and Meher Khandhadia, Nancy Patel and Dina Amroliwalla, and Zarine and Armina Irani and her family. Rati and Noshir Mistry brought a vegetarian dish every day for our vegetarian community members. All the lead Cooks were assisted by a team of volunteers, some who came every day and others on specific days. We thank them all.

The shopping for all the groceries, fresh vegetables, meat, fish, chicken, and other items required for the five days was done by Guloo and Yazdi Bharucha. Roshan and Pervez Rabadi bought all the paper products (plates, glasses, serviettes, etc.) Zarine Dordi did all our miscellaneous shopping. She helped the whole day with other young volunteers to set the tables and kept the dining hall and the tables clean. The youth volunteers who worked for their volunteer hours were Tanya Dordi, Kamal Medhora, Kaizad Tafti, Zruvan, Spenta, Araash, and Fravash Chothia, Yarish Patel, Meherangiz and Danesh Patel, Rustom Sheriar, Shahzad Bharda, Shreya Chaturvedi, and Ricshe Saldhana. The older children assisted in lifting the pots and pans and serving the meals.

Special mention must be made of our male volunteers, Vispi Patel, Noshir Kothawalla, Meher Gotla, Cyrus Tampal, Shamux Katrak, Percy Kelawala, Mashaya Amroliwalla, Ronnie Irani, and our stalwart Eruch Mahwa. Throughout the 5 days we had around 60 volunteers to help us with cooking, cutting vegetables, and helping our lead cooks to prepare and serve the food. I thank them all. It is difficult to express the pride and satisfaction one feels during these holy days.

The generosity of our community in supporting us with donations of Sukhad, Loban, Tachho, Kakra, fruits, and flowers must be acknowledged. This year we were lucky to get fresh flower Torans for our prayer hall. The roses in the vases for the past 32 years have been donated by Moti, Rusi, and late Sabar Balsara and Putli and Noshir Mirza.

All cash contributions that we received during these holy days are also very generous. This year our total collection was \$16,823, which doesn't take into account those who donated online. Our expenses were \$6875.

Our deepest thanks and remembrance go to Mehraban and Arbab Rustom Guiv for giving us this beautiful place for us to worship and hold our Mukta observances. Our thanks also to our President Bina Behboodi and all the executive members for their full and complete support, cooperation, and help. Special thanks to Khushru Chothia from the Executive Committee for undertaking the renovations of all the washrooms upstairs and equipping the bedrooms with beds and all the amenities. We had beautiful comfortable quarters to stay! Thank you very much from all the resident volunteers and Mobeds.

Thanks to one and all. We are a terrific community working together to preserve our religion and culture in North America. We thank Ahura Mazda for the many blessings bestowed on our community. With the blessings of our Asho-Farohars, we hope to continue to work together in peace and harmony. It is an honour and privilege for me to work and organize the events during these 5 days. Ahura Mazda bless us all with health, prosperity, and happiness.

*Report submitted by Putli Mirza
August 25, 2014*

Happy New Year





2014-2015 Enrollment Form for ZSO Religion Classes

Family Name: _____ Res. Phone: _____

Is the Family a member of the (please check to indicate) ☐ ZSO or ☐ OZCF?

* **Parent E-mail address:** _____ **Parent Mobile Phone:** _____

Address (including postal code): _____

Mother's First Name: _____ Bus. Phone: _____

Father's First Name: _____ Bus. Phone: _____

Name of Child	Gender (M/F)	Date of Birth (DD/MM/YY)	Health Card Number	Cost
			Late fee (if applicable)	
			Total →>>>>>>	

Please indicate on the back of this sheet if your child(ren) has any medical conditions (e.g. allergies) of which we should be aware.

Class Location: MGDM _____ Western GTA School location _____

We are accepting registrants born in 2008 or earlier. Registration Forms together with the appropriate costs must be received by 31st July 2014.

Cost : **Children of ZSO/OZCF members** - \$ 20/student

Children of ZSO/OZCF non-members - \$ 30/student

Late Fee for returning students only (if registering after deadline) - \$10/student

Please make your cheques payable to: **Zoroastrian Society of Ontario**
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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Awanacancha
- Ollantaytambo
- Machu Picchu
- Gaucha Santa Susana Ranch
- Café de Los Angelitos
- Iguazú Falls and National Park
- Brazilian Falls
- Sugar Loaf Mountain
- Christ the Redeemer Statue
- Corcovado Hill

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Day 1/ March 14: Toronto-Lima

Board Air Canada's direct flight to Lima.

Day 2/ March 15: Lima (B, D)

Welcome to South America!

Arrive in Lima, and transfer to your hotel (early check-in included) to relax for the remainder of the night. In the afternoon you will enjoy a city tour covering The **Plaza Mayor**, **San Isidro** and **Miraflores**. The tour will end at your hotel, and a Welcome dinner awaits you.

Overnight at **Doubletree by Hilton El Pardo Lima**.

Day 3/ March 16: Lima-Cusco-Sacred Valley (B, L, D)

We take the morning flight to Cusco and transfer to the valley for a full day tour of **Awanacancha**, an Andean textile center. This is followed by a delicious lunch at **Wayra restaurant** and a **Peruvian Paso horse** demonstration. We end the day with a visit to the Incan fortress and citadel of **Ollantaytambo**. Dinner and overnight at the **Sol Y Luna Hotel in Sacred Valley**.

Day 4/ March 17: Sacred Valley-Machu Picchu-Cusco (B, L, D)

Full Day **Machu Picchu** visit in **Vistadome Train**. We start at Ollanta station to go to the Aguas Calientes Station. You will see the changing landscapes as we travel from the Andean highlands to the "eyebrow" of the jungle for a 20 minute bus ride up to the citadel of Machu Picchu, the Lost City of the Incas. Buffet lunch at the **Machu Picchu Sanctuary Lodge** restaurant after the excursion, and a train journey back to Cusco.

Overnight and dinner at the **Casa Andina Private Collection Cusco Hotel**.

Day 5/ March 18: Cusco- Lima (B)

Transfer to Cusco airport for the flight to Lima. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure exploring Lima at your own pace.

Overnight at **Doubletree by Hilton El Pardo Lima hotel**.

Day 6/ March 19: Lima-Buenos Aires (B)

We arrive in Buenos Aires, arrive early in the evening and transfer to our hotel to relax and refresh. Free evening to discover the vibrant area around our hotel.

Overnight at **Intersur Recoleta Buenos Aires Hotel**.

Day 7/ March 20: Buenos Aires (B, L)

City Tour & Lunch Excursion.

The city tour includes attractions such as the 9 de Julio Avenue, the Obelisk, Corrientes Street and other major landmarks. Then we continue towards the most traditional neighborhoods of **San Telmo**, **La Boca**, **Puerto Madero** and **Palermo** - Last stop on the tour is **Recoleta**, which is one of the most elite neighborhoods of Buenos Aires. We return to our hotel in the same neighbourhood after an exciting day.

Overnight at **Intersur Recoleta Buenos Aires Hotel**.

Day 8/ March 21: Buenos Aires (B, L, D)

Full Day Fiesta Gaucha (at Santa Susana) Excursion.

This is a visit to a typical "estancia" (farm) located in the pampas about 110 km from the city, one of the most fertile natural prairies. Upon arrival we will be served delicious warm "empanadas" (meat pastries). We will then have free time to relax, explore the ranch, go horseback riding, or ride horse driven carriages. This is followed by a delicious BBQ lunch, good Argentine wines, music and folkloric dance. We will see a typical "Ring Race and appreciate the skill of the riders. At night we proceed for our formal evening at the **Café de Los Angelitos Dinner and Tango show**. This is a live show of more than one hundred years of Buenos Aires history.

Overnight at **Intersur Recoleta Buenos Aires Hotel**.

Day 9/ March 22: Buenos Aires-Iguazú (B, D)

We will have some free time in the morning before we fly to Iguazú. Our Iguazú hotel is strategically located at the junction of three South American countries! Spend the evening relaxing

at this lovely hotel!

Dinner and overnight at **Amerian Portal del Iguazú Hotel**.

Day 10/ March 23-Iguazú (B, D)

Argentinian Falls Excursion

The Iguazú Park is a huge tropical rainforest which has been declared a World Heritage Site in 1984. From a 1,000-meter footbridge, we will be able to admire the majestic Iguazú Falls or go up an elevator to the Salto Floreano viewpoint. We will stop at different viewpoints and travel for a short ride on the Ecological Jungle train. We will experience bird's eye views and spectacular close-ups to appreciate the true beauty of nature at its finest!

Dinner and overnight at **Amerian Iguazú hotel**.

Day 11/ March 24: Iguazú- Rio de Janeiro (B, D)

(Brazilian Falls Excursion)

The Brazilian Falls are located on the western side of the Parana State in Brazil. They were declared Natural World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1986. The Brazilian Park and the Argentinian National Park are divided by the Iguazú river. There are four main rapids to see here. We then transfer to the Foz do Iguacu airport for our flight to Rio de Janeiro. Overnight and dinner at the **Golden Tulip Regente hotel** on Copacabana Beach.

Day 12/ March 2 Rio de Janeiro (B)

Half day **Sugar Loaf** and city tour.

In the morning explore a panoramic tour of downtown Rio. We will see other famous city highlights and travel to the top by cable car. The first cable car takes us to Urca Hill, a vantage point 215 meters high from which offers beautiful views of Guanabara Bay, the Rio-Niterói Bridge and Corcovado Mountain. Then we go up 395 metres to the top of Sugar Loaf Mountain to see other splendid views of Rio.

Overnight at **Golden Tulip Regente hotel**.

Day 13/ March 26: Rio de Janeiro (B, D)

Corcovado Excursion

Our drive will take us through the city and we will pass the Lagoa Rodrigo de Freitas on our way to the Cosme Velho Train cog station, the base of Corcovado Mountain. Here, we will take the ride through the dense Tijuca rain forest to the 38m tall Christ Redeemer Statue.

Rio nights are electric! You will feel the energy in the air! This excitement is brought to life at the Farewell dinner at **Plataforma's nightly Carnival Parade!** Indulge in a traditional Brazilian Barbecue dinner followed by the tantalizing Plataforma 1 Samba Show, with live music, brilliant costumes, rhythmic drumming and unbelievable dancing!

Overnight at **Golden Tulip Regente hotel**.

Day 14/ March 27: Rio de Janeiro (B,)

Enjoy your last free day in Rio and get ready to depart in the evening for your flight back home. **Adios South America!**

B=Breakfast L=Lunch D=Dinner

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