



LATIN AMERICA LAUNCHES

These new tours in Latin America are bound to set clients' hearts racing, finds **Alice Barnes-Brown**



BELIZE, BUT BETTER

Travelling from south to north, Latin Routes' Luxury Belize itinerary traverses the Central American country in style. The 10-day tour is based in three places. Clients acclimatise in the Toledo district, at Copal Tree Lodge, with an infinity pool overlooking the canopy and a sustainable farm. Placencia's powdery sands and the fauna-filled Monkey River are next, before a visit to paradisiacal Ambergris Caye. A scenic flight over the spectacular Great Blue Hole ends the trip on a high.

Book it: The 10-night itinerary starts at £7,299 for departures between June and November, including flights, 23 meals, activities and tours. latinroutes.co.uk

CITIZEN SCIENCE IN COLOMBIA

Culture-packed plazas, palm-tickled shores and coffee plantations: Colombia has it all. Exodus Adventure Travels' Best of Colombia itinerary begins in Medellín – once the home of drug lord Pablo Escobar, now an innovation hub. The group then flies to the Caribbean coast to visit an Indigenous village. This November, a special 'citizen science' itinerary allows guests to take water samples at the Finca La Jorará ecohotel, which helps experts identify species living in the ecosystem.

Book it: The 10-day Best of Colombia – Citizen Science Departure starts at £4,199, including all flights, accommodation, activities and breakfast. exodus.co.o.uk



MAGDALENA MAGIC

Journey Latin America's Magdalena River Cruise: Colombia's Hidden Gems trip has its first departure in May 2025. Clients will enjoy a pre-cruise stay in vibrant Cartagena before boarding the new *AmaMagdalena*. The cruise will visit several wildlife reserves along the river basin and historic town Palenque, ending with two nights in Tayrona National Park.

Book it: The 13-day trip costs from £4,200, departing May 2025. The price includes all-inclusive dining on the ship, but excludes flights. journeylatinamerica.com

TERRIFIC TRIO

South America is one of those places where visiting one country will leave clients wanting more – and Explore's Best of Argentina, Bolivia and Chile tour will see travellers tick off a trio of bucket-list experiences. They'll drive over Bolivia's Salar de Uyuni salt flats, wander the dunes of the Atacama Desert and sip crisp wines in northern Argentina, staying in character-filled accommodation at every stop.

Book it: The 12-night holiday costs from £5,385, based on an October 13 departure. The price includes breakfast and some other meals, but excludes flights. explore.co.uk



FAMILY FUN IN COSTA RICA

Costa Rica's gentle shores, wonderful wildlife and easy-breezy vibes make it ideal for all ages – and Intrepid Travel's Best of Costa Rica Family Holiday takes in some of its most interesting places. Parents and kids can bond over chocolate-making classes with Indigenous Térraba families along the eponymous river, spot sloths from swinging rope bridges in Monteverde's cloud forest and see endangered green sea turtles in Tortuguero National Park.

Book it: The trip starts at £1,450 – with a 15% discount for children – based on a July 13 departure. The price excludes flights. intrepidtravel.com

