Zoroastrian Society of Ontario

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 Udwadia 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.
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 (Muktad) 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.

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).

Muktad 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 Muktad.

Burzina Amroliwalla
Dina Amroliwalla
Jia Amroliwalla
Mashya Amroliwalla
Gulcher Bastani
Mandana Bastani
Araash Chothia
Fravash Chothia
Khusru Chothia
Pearl Chothia
Spenta Chothia
Zruvan Chothia
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Xersis Dastur
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Dara Homavazir
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Danesh Patel
Khusru Patel
Meherangiz Patel
Darya Pithawala
Jamshed Pithawala
Jasmyne Pithawala
Hutoxi Pithawala
Kety Surkari
Eruch Surkari
Kaizad Tafti
Cyrus Tampal
Sarosh Tampal
Shiraz Tampal
Delicia Saldhana
Meher Zandian
Dolat Zandian
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.


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

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

**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).

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**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.

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**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.

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**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 lifetime 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.

Contacts

Emergency situations: Khushru Chothia (416) 677-7555 or evp@zso.org

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

Renting the MGDM hall (for post-funeral prayers and rituals or for private functions): Meherwan Wadia (416) 455-6514 or execofficer2@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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- Traditional wood *paatlaas* (made without nails) and German silver *ses* polishing services are available for a nominal fee right here in the GTA. Please contact Pervez Masani at (416) 282-2615.

- Customized *Kustis* are available in different sizes for all occasions. Some are currently in stock. *Kustis* can also be made to order. Please contact Banoo Dordi at (416) 491-7389 or (416) 491-3214.

- Craving for delicious Parsee snacks, meals, and desserts? Call (416) 826-3298 or email darascooking@gmail.com and register to receive a menu of weekly selections and specials. Meals for the full month can be provided.
گزارش ورزشی

در خبرنامه شماره گذشته گزارشی از هموندی جوانان و وزرشکاران تورنتو در چهاردهمین دوره پیکارهای ورزشی زرتشتیان جهان در لس آنجلس امریکا داشتیم. نام دو تن از جوانان شرکت کننده از قلم افتاده بود که بدن وسیله ورزش می‌خواهند. بسکتبال مشترک بزرگسالان (کشور مرچن و ماهیار رواني) با آزیوهای جوانان و وزرشکاران گرامی در تمام مراحل زندگی!

دهشمندان

نام بردن از خیراندیشان گرامی، کوچکترین پاسداشتی است که می‌توان از این هم‌ندان گرامی داشت. به این معنی بهترین‌های یافته در سال ۱۳۹۴ و ۱۳۹۵ و ۱۳۹۶ به کانون ایرانیان زرتشتی کنار گذاشته و به دانش گفتار و کردار و وجدان خود با داشتن این خداوند نارنجی کرز و قدردانی شد.

پیوند همسری

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ورزش و سلامتی با یوگا

در راستای سلامتی و درمان ذهن و بدن، کلاسهای یوگا هر چهارشنبه از ساعت 6:30 تا 8:30 به دنیا می‌رسد. برای دریافت اطلاعات بیشتر با kanoun@zso.org تماس بگیرید.

کلاس‌های ورزشی - دینی

دوره جدید کلاسهای دینی ورزشی از تاریخ ۷ سپتامبر در مجتمع فرهنگی Langstaff می‌گردد. این دوره برای همه کسانی به آگاهی رسیدن داخلی بین همکوشان این دوره نیز با استقبال همراه بهداشت.

کلاس‌های سیفسی دیت

همانکنونه که آگاهی دینی کانون ایرانیان زرتشتی انتاریو توسط بزرگسال امروزه موثر است و آموز رای همکوشان عزیز را دارد. کلاس دیت، اوینی کلاسی خواهند بود که از ماه September می‌باشد. برای ثبت نام و عضویت در این کلاس با kanoun@zso.org تماس بگیرید.

پیام کلیاتی

در میان بگذارید کلاسهای ورزشی - دینی دوره جدید کلاسهای دینی ورزشی از تاریخ ۷ سپتامبر در مجتمع فرهنگی Langstaff می‌گردد. این دوره برای همه کسانی به آگاهی رسیدن داخلی بین همکوشان این دوره نیز با استقبال همراه بهداشت.
MUKTAD REPORT
August 2014

This year marked 32 years of our Muktad 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 Mehbad 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 Mehbad 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 Farokshri. 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/Farokshri 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 Afrigan 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, Khorsheed Mandgaryan, Khurshid Engineer, Dolly Patel, and Hoshang Surty. They were all busy doing various chores. Khorsheed 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 Kattrak, 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 Muktad 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-Faroahars, 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): __________________________________________________________
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Mother's First Name: ______________________ Bus. Phone: ______ ______________

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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 and mail them with the form to:
Zia Mahmoudzadeh, 218 Glenforest Drive, Thornhill, Ontario, L4J 8N3

I will note the dates of the classes & support them _______________________ _______

Signature of Parent/Guardian Date

* Please ensure that you fill in the e-mail address and inform us immediately if it changes. All notifications will be by e-mail, handouts in class or via the ZSO Newsletter.

No child will be bereft of religious education because of finances. In such circumstances and for any other information please contact Ms. Kermin Mehta at 416 446 1417 or Mrs. Khurshid Engineer at 905 828 8324.
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PACKAGE PRICE INCLUDES:
- Round trip economy air on Air Canada to Toronto
- Domestic Airfares with taxes
- Aircraft transfers
- Accommodation at 4/5 star hotels
- Train tickets to Machu Picchu
- Licensed English speaking guides
- Daily buffet breakfast in hotels
- Meals as specified
- Admission fees to sites as per itinerary
- All hotel service charges and taxes
- Deluxe A/C coach
- Porterage services

PACKAGE PRICE EXCLUDES:
- International air taxes and fuel surcharge (approx. $300 can only be confirmed once ticketed)
- Airport transfers for “Land Only” guests
- Early check in, late check out
- Visa and reciprocity fees
- Meals not described in the itinerary
- Optional sightseeing and shows
- Travel insurance (mandatory)
- Drinks during meals, hotel extras and personal spending
- Tips (discretionary)

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. 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 Awancancha, 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 Ollantay station to go to the Aguas Callentes 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. 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 Intursur 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 Intursur 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 the best Tango artists in the world! Overnight at Intursur Recoleta Buenos Aires Hotel.

Day 9/ March 22: Buenos Aires-Iguazu (B, L, D)
We will have some free time in the morning before we fly to Iguazu. Our Iguazu 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 Iguazu Hotel.

Day 10/ March 23: Iguazu (B, D)
Argentinian Falls Excursion
The Iguazu Park is a huge tropical rainforest which has been declared a World Heritage Site in 1984. From a 1000-meter footbridge, we will be able to admire the majestic Iguazu 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 Iguazu hotel.

Day 11/ March 24: Iguazu- 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 Iguazu river. There are four main rapids to see here. Then we transfer to the Foz do Iguazu airport for our flight to Rio de Janeiro. Overnight and dinner at the Golden Tulip Regente hotel on Copacabana Beach.

Day 12/ March 25: 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 Copacabana 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 Platofonna’s nightly Carnaval Parade! Indulge in a traditional Brazilian Barbecue dinner followed by the tantalizing Platofonna 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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