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As summer is just around the corner in the southern hemisphere, our spirits are flying high in a sea of cheerful music and bright colors on the horizon! This isn't just a reason to enjoy the more pleasant weather of the golden South American beaches, but to start off the year with memorable celebrations, spend the holidays privately with your loved ones or get ready to enjoy the world's most vibrant event, Carnival! At Akorn South America, we are thrilled about the opportunity to welcome your clients for the upcoming holidays. For this, we would like to share a couple of reminders of what to have at hand when traveling here, so they can enjoy a seamless trip and bring their South American experience to the highest level! Remember that you can always reach out to us and ask about our latest specials, creations or suggestions, and our teams in the region will be most happy to share (or bring to life) something for your clients to make their trip something to remember for years to come.

Travel on!

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## Our Recommendation of the Month

### Carnival 2022, Rio de Janeiro

Surely, Carnival is one of those celebrations that best define and identify Brazil's Carioca spirit, and after two years of not having been able to enjoy such an event, the local authorities are planning one of the biggest and most memorable Carnivals yet!

Of course, at Akorn we want to be part of 2022's memorable Carnival, and with this in mind, our team has designed two amazing 5-day programs that will allow you to benefit from Grandstand tickets for the parade, entrance tickets for the exclusive Carnival Ball at the Belmond Copacabana Palace, and more Akorn exclusive activities to embrace the event, and enjoy Rio de Janeiro in the best possible way, the Akorn way!

Click to see our programs with the [Belmond Copacabana Palace](#), or with the [Fairmont Rio de Janeiro Copacabana](#).



## Our Recommendation of the Month

### Trekking with Llamas in the Sacred Valley

For a full taste of Peru, there is one thing that you simply cannot miss out on, and that is a genuine llama encounter! With this in mind, at Akorn Peru, we designed an experience that will allow you to explore ancestral routes and capture impressive views of the Sacred Valley of the Incas, escorted by docile llamas and alpacas that will provide a true sense and idea of what it is to explore the Andes with original, endemic locals! Stop by Chinchero archaeological center and cultural heritage site and take an incredible mirror view of the Piuray lagoon. Complement this with visiting the Village of the Flowers, a community that we support, to learn about the daily life and thank Mother Earth.





# WHAT'S NEW IN SOUTH AMERICA

## Entry Requirements to South America

Since all of our destinations are open to enjoy, we wanted to share a quick reminder of our entry requirements, for you to keep in mind:

### Argentina - [click to learn more](#)

- Negative PCR test result (taken no more than 72 hours before arrival in Argentina).
- Full vaccine card (last dose must have been taken at least 14 days before arrival).
- Proof of travel insurance with coverage for COVID-19.
- [This](#) health affidavit (must be completed within 48 hours before arrival).

### Brazil - [click to learn more](#)

- Negative PCR test result (taken no more 72 hours prior to arrival) or a negative antigen test result, taken at most 24 hours prior to first embarkation point.
- While travel insurance isn't a requirement, we recommend having one. And while proof of vaccination isn't a requirement, it may be necessary to enter some places.

### Chile - [click to learn more](#)

- Vaccine validation process, [here](#) (this may take up to 4 weeks).
- Negative PCR test result (taken no more 72 hours prior to arrival in Chile).
- [This](#) sworn statement, no more than 48 hours prior to arrival in Chile.
- Health insurance with coverage for COVID-19, of at least USD 30,000.
- On arrival, travelers are required to take another PCR test, and remain in isolation until results are delivered, if negative, isolation may be lifted. Testing will be free through November, and as of December 1st, it will be at guests' own expense.

### Ecuador - [click to learn more](#)

- Full vaccine card (last dose must have been taken at least 14 days before arrival in Ecuador) or a negative PCR test result, taken no more than 72 hours before arrival.
- A complete health form (usually given out on the aircraft).

### Peru - [click to learn more](#)

- Full vaccine card (last dose must have been taken at least 14 days before arrival) or a negative PCR test result, taken no more than 72 hours before arrival.
- [This](#) health affidavit.



## Entering Chile, as of December 1st, 2021

Please take note of the following requirements to enter Chile, effective December 1st, 2021:

- Only fully vaccinated foreign travelers are allowed to enter Chile. This applies to adults and children starting at the age of 6.
- Children under 6 are allowed to enter, no matter their vaccination status.
- There will be 4 authorized entry points: the the airports of Santiago (SCL), Antofagasta (ANF), Iquique (IQQ) and Punta Arenas (PUQ).
- Travelers who have been to one of the following countries within the last 14 days, may not enter Chile: South Africa, Zimbabwe, Namibia, Botswana, Mozambique, Lesotho and Eswatini.

## Latam Resumes and Expands Chile - Brazil Routes

Thanks to sustained vaccination plans and the safe reopening of borders in South America, we are enjoying many travel-wise good news. In fact, some of the news that we are most happy about is the resumption and creation of routes between Chile and Brazil, which starting this month will allow passengers to enjoy more of South America!

\*Sao Paulo - Santiago Route: starting November 2021, Latam will be resuming 10 weekly frequencies between the destinations. However, they are expected to increase to 18 by December this year, depending on the demand.

\*Rio de Janeiro - Santiago Route: also starting this month, passengers will be able to enjoy 3 flights per week, connecting the "Marvelous City" and Santiago.

# WHAT'S HOT IN SOUTH AMERICA

## Special Offers at Awa Puerto Varas

The Awa Puerto Varas is always one of our top recommendations to enjoy Chile's Lake District, and now that they have these special offers for Akorn guests, we have just one more reason to suggest this property. Contact us!

One complimentary night: when booking a three-night package for specific days, the fourth night will be complimentary.

One complimentary excursion: when booking a three-night package, benefit from a complimentary private excursion.

20% Off: when booking any 2-night program for specific days, get a 20% discount off your stay.

\*Contact us for more information: [chile@akorndmc.com](mailto:chile@akorndmc.com)

## Special Offers at &Beyond Vira Vira

A stay at the &Beyond Vira Vira will always be an experience to remember. However, now that they have put on the table the option of special offers for Akorn guests, a stay here will be something not just to remember, but to cherish and enjoy at the fullest! Contact our team and let them tell you more about:

Honeymoon special: discount of up to 25% off the couple's stay, and romantic surprises, excursions and activities will be included.

Families: parties of 4 guests and up, may enjoy the property's private 5-bedroom house, exclusively for themselves, at a preferential rate.

Other discounts: are you based in Latin America? Ask our travel consultants about special discounts for Latin American residents.

## Cusco for Christmas

Renowned magazine Condé Nast Traveller, has released their list of recommended destinations for Christmas, and we are most happy to announce that Cusco is part of it.

Cusco is a city, whose great location makes it perfect to not stop exploring the wonders of Peru, while enjoying the spirit of the season, filled with lights and the aroma of incense.

## Special Offers to Enjoy Galapagos

When it comes to enjoying the Enchanted Islands in style, there will always be 3 vessel names on our list: M/C Endemic, M/C Elite and M/C Ocean Spray! However, now we have just one more reason to recommend them, as you may benefit from up to 10% discounts for your 2022 cruise, or the possibility of special rates for selected departures for December 2021.

Contact our team and let them tell you in detail about these specials, and why they make an excellent opportunity for your clients. [ecuador@akorndmc.com](mailto:ecuador@akorndmc.com)

## Illa Experience: Best Luxury Hotel in South America

Ever since they opened their doors, Illa Experience has been one of our favorite hotel recommendations in Quito, thanks to their great service, attention to detail, and sense of meaningful travel, which allows them to keep the quaint Quiteño traditions alive to share with the world. For this, we are thrilled to announce that they have been acknowledged as the Best Luxury Hotel in Central and South America 2021 at the Travvys.

Kudos to Illa Experience and their dedicated team of travel professionals!



# OUR EXPERT ADVICE ON USHUAIA

## About Ushuaia

Population: 74,700

Weather: Min: -1°C (30°F) Max: 15°C (60°F)



### Laura Berasain

*"I'm Laura Berasain and I've been part of the Akorn family for 9 years. Part of that time in the Operations Department, then as a Tour Consultant and now handling the Antarctica cruise departures that start in my favorite place in the country: Yes, you guessed right, from Ushuaia!*

*Considered the southernmost city in the world, Ushuaia was founded in 1884, and it is located on the shores of the Beagle Channel and surrounded by mountains. During summer time, temperatures range between 5 °C (41°F) and 13 °C (55 °F), and thanks to its location, one can enjoy almost 18 hours of sunlight, making the fun and exploring opportunities almost neverending! On the other hand, during in winter, temperatures drop between -1 °C (30 °F) and 4 °C (39 °F) , which of course will also be great if you enjoy snow and winter sports!"*

# OUR EXPERT ADVICE ON USHUAIA

### My Favorite Local Thing to Do in Ushuaia:

Enjoying a cup of coffee at night, before the views of the bay, having a pint of beer in a local pub and, of course hiking the forests! My favorite hike is that to Emerald Lagoon.

### Akorn Experience Not to be Missed in Ushuaia?

A BBQ lunch, paired with tantalizing Argentine wine! I'd recommend it as the closure to another experience, such as: sea kayaking the Beagle Channel or our 4x4 experience.

### Top 5 Things to Do in Ushuaia:

1. Tierra del Fuego National Park and Beagle Channel Navigation.
2. 4x4 ride, with a BBQ lunch or picnic by the shores of the lake Escondido or Fagnano.
3. Kayaking in the National Park or sea-kayaking on the Beagle Channel.
4. Estancia Haberton: an opportunity to learn about the early settlers and today's activities in this Patagonian ranch.
5. Trekking the National Park or Tierra Mayor Valley.

### What to Read Before your Trip?

Uttermost Part of the Earth, by E. Lucas Bridges. It combines personal experiences, and anthropology in Ushuaia, in the late 1800s and early 1900s.

### My Favorite Hotel to Stay at?

To me, Ushuaia is all about views and nature. For this, and because of the great service and accommodation, Arakur and Los Cauquenes Resort & Spa are my favorite properties.

### My Favorite Restaurant to Eat at?

Kaupe, for the finest fish and crab, Patagonia Mía, for Patagonian cuisine, Kuar for signature cuisine and the best selection of Argentine wine

### What to Bring on Your Trip:

Layers! T-shirts, warmer clothes and a waterproof jacket. Waterproof footwear, a hat, sunscreen and lip balm will also be of help. Also, for activities like kayaking, an extra pair of pants and socks, and a dry bag (or plastic bag) for your batteries and electronics, will also be of use.

### My Local Advice:

Take a moment to feel the elements of nature and listen to the forest's whisper. Ushuaia is a place to disconnect from the world and connect with oneself, while enjoying thrilling experiences, such as navigating the Beagle Channel, canoeing the Acigami Lake or trekking in Tierra Mayor Valley.



# FLAVORS OF SOUTH AMERICA

## Uruguayan Chivito

As beach season is getting closer in South America, we thought we would share a recipe from Uruguay, one of our favorite beach and cultural destinations in the region, which can be visited, through Akorn Argentina. Chivito sandwiches (Spanish for little goat), are probably one of Uruguay's best known dishes, as they're tasty, easy to make and, most of all, they have an interesting story behind them. After all, why would we present you a dish named "little goat", without telling you where such singular name came from?!

In the 1940s, a man named Antonio Carbonaro owned a deli in Punta del Este. One day, a lady entered and asked him for something made with goat meat. Mr. Carbonaro told the lady that he didn't have any goat meat left, but: "you won't leave without me making something special for you!", he said. So, he went to the back and improvised a sandwich with some of the tastiest ingredients at hand, and -needless to say- his creation lived to become an iconic dish, which he decided to name "chivito" (little goat), as an allusion to the lady's request of goat meat.

### What you will need

- 8 slices bacon
- 2 beef fillet steaks, or 4 thin slices grilled steak
- Coarse salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 to 2 tablespoons of butter
- 4 large eggs
- 4 large sandwich buns, such as large ciabatta rolls
- 4 tablespoons of ketchup and 4 of mayonnaise
- 1 lettuce head
- 4 slices of deli-cut ham
- 4 slices of tomato
- 4 slices of mozzarella cheese

### Instructions

1. Medium-heat cook the bacon slices until they are crispy, and set aside on paper towels to cool.
2. Slice each steak in half, crosswise to make 2 thin steaks from each.
3. Sprinkle the steaks with coarse salt and black pepper (use a mallet to pound the steaks even thinner).
4. Heat a skillet over medium-high heat until hot and place the steaks. Cook for about 2 minutes per side, or until they reach the desired doneness, and then place them on paper towels to cool.
5. Melt the butter over medium heat and fry the eggs sunny-side up until they are done to your preference.
6. Spread the inside of the buns with ketchup and mayonnaise, and place the lettuce pieces on the bottom halves of the buns.
7. Top each sandwich with 2 slices of bacon, a slice of beef, a slice of ham, a slice of tomato, and a slice of mozzarella.
8. Place the uncovered sandwiches under a pre-heated broiler, long enough to melt the cheese, without burning it.
9. Remove the sandwiches from the oven and place a fried egg over the cheese, then top with the other half of the bun, and enjoy it with your favorite drink!



*Our Regional Sales Coordinator, Romina Griffa, recently visited Ushuaia with her family and she's shared a couple of photos for us to envy and place "The End of the World", high on our bucket lists!*



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