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## 2024 **South American** Golf Cruise

9 Nights | 4 Rounds | Buenos Aires – Rio de Janeiro | March 6 – 15

PerryGolf is proud to partner with **Azamara®** for an exceptional 10-night, 4-round golf and sightseeing voyage to **South America**. This cruise with less than 700 guests onboard the outstanding *Azamara Quest*, visits **Argentina, Uruguay** and **Brazil**. We begin in mesmerizing **Buenos Aires** and sail north, visiting beautiful **Montevideo** and **Punta del Este**, the bustling **San Paulo**, then the more relaxing **Ilhabela** and **Paraty** all before finally reaching iconic **Rio de Janeiro**. The golf is delightful, including Montevideo's Alastair Mackenzie designed **Club de Golf del Uruguay**, and the **Olympic Golf Course** in Rio, site of golf's 2016 return to the **Olympic Games**.

Just a short sail from Buenos Aires and we are in Uruguay, visiting **Montevideo** with its European charm and elegance, and fashionable **Punta del Este** with an eclectic, artsy vibe.

After two relaxing days at sea, we dive into the 24-hour excitement of **São Paulo**, the largest metropolis in the Western Hemisphere well known for its cosmopolitan energy. We dial the pace back for the following two days with leisurely visits to the charming **Ilhabela** and **Paraty**. Finally we arrive in Rio de Janeiro where we have a full 24-hours to enjoy this most dynamic of cities, and a chance to visit one of the New Seven Wonders of the World, the 125-foot tall Christ the Redeemer, sitting high atop Corcovado Mountain.

Our golf on the cruise is diverse and challenging. **Club de Golf del Uruguay** is a creation of the illustrious Dr Alister MacKenzie. **Cantegril** in Uruguay is a tree-lined layout measuring 6,411 yards from the tips that flourished after architect Emilio Serra's redesigns in 1996 and 2000. **Sao Paulo** is rated #4 in Brazil and was designed by legendary Canadian architect Stanley Thomson assisted by a very young Robert Trent Jones. Renowned architect Gil Hanse designed the **Olympic Golf Course** in Rio for the 2016 Games and the layout delivered a thrilling duel as Justin Rose outlasted Henrik Stenson to claim the gold medal.

*Azamara Quest* which serves as our perfect floating boutique hotel and clubhouse, is a mid-sized luxury vessel nimble enough to access smaller ports yet large enough to provide every amenity you would expect, from a choice of fine dining and live entertainment to a well-equipped gym and full-service spa. Forty-six suites are available with English butler style service which routinely book early. Sailing schedules often include extended stays in port plus the occasional overnight which creates a truly immersive experience. Better still, these cruises are inclusive of a selection of beer, spirits, soft drinks, bottled water, specialty coffees plus wine with lunch and dinner along with gratuities for housekeeping, dining and bar staff. Azamara also proudly boasts two unique signature events on each cruise - **AzAmazing Evening<sup>SM</sup>** and the **White Night** party – complimentary to all guests and consistently well received.

Every aspect of the golf program is fully managed by PerryGolf staff onboard and ashore. Your clubs will be ready and waiting at each venue. Tee times and pairings arranged and posted in advance. A convenient transportation schedule allows suitable time to warm up at the range, and to make the almost inevitable pro shop merchandise purchase. Carts are always included, subject to availability. A friendly competition is staged at a selected course, with prizes awarded at our farewell gathering. A snack lunch is included on-course plus an open bar operates in the clubhouse at the conclusion of the round. Our typical guest list which brings together like-minded individuals, generally numbers between 40 and 50, with new friendships invariably formed during each cruise. Many guests

are golfing couples but an equal number are golfers travelling with a non-golfing spouse. Specially arranged onboard golf group social functions, to which all accompanying non-golfing spouses are most warmly welcomed, further enhances the club-like environment. The award winning **Azamara Shore Excursions®** program, offering a wide variety of off-ship excursions, also caters beautifully our non-golfing guests during days when our golfing excursions are underway.

The “**2024 South American Golf Cruise**” is a full-featured vacation and a unique opportunity to enjoy yourself in the company of like-minded new friends!

[Photo Album](#)

## Detailed Itinerary

### MARCH 6, WEDNESDAY: BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA (EMBARK BY 3:30PM / SAIL 5:00PM)

**Buenos Aires** proudly wears European colonial architecture and colorful mix of cultures. Each district has its own style: enjoy Palermo with its mansions and parks; shop in the chic boutiques of Soho and Hollywood; and soak up the Italian flavor of La Boca where tango dancers and artists display their talents for passersby. Top it all off with an Argentine steak, perfectly grilled over a fire of glowing coals, and washed down with an excellent glass of Malbec.

#### **Port Explorer Guide - Buenos Aires**

Embark *Azamara Quest* beginning at 1:00PM. All aboard by 3:30PM.

Welcome Cocktails & Briefing this evening. Meet your fellow participants & PerryGolf staff.

#### **Overnight: At Sea**

### MARCH 7, THURSDAY: MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY (7:30AM / 10:00PM)

**GOLF:** Today play **Club de Golf del Uruguay**. Set in Montevideo’s residential suburb of **Punta Carretas**, and with beautiful views overlooking the Rio de la Plata River. The course began as a modest 9 hole venue before being re-created in 1930 as an outstanding 18 hole layout by legendary designer Alister MacKenzie, taking its place alongside his other illustrious creations around the world, including Royal Melbourne and Cypress Point. It is now a thriving club, and a joy to play.

**SIGHTSEEING:** **Montevideo** exudes European charm and elegance, with broad boulevards, fountains, stately squares, and irresistible sidewalk cafes. The city maintains a low-key atmosphere despite its position as Uruguay’s commercial and political hub, and there are few skyscrapers on the horizon, though there are some surprising contrasts – an Art Nouveau pedestrian mall, Art Deco Centenary Stadium, and an American Embassy designed by I.M. Pei. Most of the nation’s countryside is farm or ranchland, and the life of the cowboy, or gaucho, is part of the local lore. Take a peek at the **Gacho Museum** (cowboy museum), or visit an estancia (ranch), and see them in action.

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Enjoy **Montevideo** on your own or via **Azamara Shore Excursions®**.

### **Port Explorer Guide - Montevideo**

**Overnight: At Sea**

#### **MARCH 8, FRIDAY: PUNTA DEL ESTE, URUGUAY (7:30AM/ 6:00PM)**

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GOLF: **Cantegril Country Club** is competitive for the accomplished golfer and playable for the recreational player. It has undergone several renovations through the decades, most recently in 2000 by Emilio Serra, an Argentine, who was the son of a noted professional. Recent improvements include drainage upgrades which enable the course to be maintained in excellent condition during the golf season.

SIGHTSEEING: Fashionable **Punta del Este** is one of the most world's most appealing seaside resorts, its white sand beaches popular with families and the glitterati alike. Fashionable cafes and shops line the streets, and an evening harbor-front stroll will no doubt include a serenade by street musicians and entertainers.

The town projects an artsy vibe, with a contemporary museum and the Brava Beach open air sculpture park, displaying large works in steel, concrete, wood, iron, and marble. The fascinating Casa Pueblo, home of artist Carlos Paez Vilaros, is a dazzling white fantasy on a hillside overlooking the town.

Enjoy **Punta del Este** on your own or via **Azamara Shore Excursions®**.

### **Port Explorer Guide - Punta Del Este**

**Overnight: At Sea**

#### **MARCH 9, SATURDAY: AT SEA**

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Today it's time to relax and reset. Make your reservations early for **The Sanctum Spa**, a world-class wellness facility offering a full range of health, beauty and restorative treatments. Complimentary fitness and nutrition classes are available along with a fully equipped gym on Deck 9 offering magnificent sea views. There's room for everyone on the Pool Deck both in and out of the sun. Service to your lounge chair is available from **The Pool Bar** where the attentive staff is always ready to offer an inclusive cocktail, beer, bottled water, soft drink or fresh towel. **The Patio** restaurant serves casual fare during the day then completely transforms itself into a sit-down al fresco dining experience at night with table linens and candles. Elegant specialty dining is available for beef at **Prime C** and Italian at **Aqualina**. **Windows Café** serves casual buffet dining with every imaginable choice indoors and out at the sensational Sunset Bar.

What a way to spend a day!

**Overnight: At Sea**

#### **MARCH 10, SUNDAY: AT SEA**

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Enjoy another relaxing day at sea onboard *Azamara Quest*.

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**Overnight: At Sea**

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**MARCH 11, MONDAY: SAO PAULO (SANTOS), BRAZIL (7:30AM / 8:00PM)**

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**GOLF:** **Sao Paulo Golf Club**, rated #4 in Brazil, enjoys a rich history, its classic tree lined layout having been designed in the 1930's by the legendary Canadian architect Stanley Thomson, assisted by a very young Robert Trent Jones. The Club's earliest members were British Railway engineers. In 2000 it hosted the Brazil 500 Years Open to celebrate the discovery of Brazil by Pedro Alvares in 1500.

**SIGHTSEEING:** A nearly 500-year old city, **São Paulo** has grown to become Brazil's largest metropolis, and is ranked among the most populous cities in the world. Vibrant and bursting at the seams with life, São Paulo is a dream destination for those who love an atmosphere where anything feels possible. **Sampa**, as the locals call it, is well known as a city that never sleeps. This round-the-clock lifestyle gives it a kinetic energy that is certain to captivate you, and with Azamara's late stays in port, you'll have ample opportunity to immerse yourself in every exciting moment. Start with a visit to the Museu de Arte de São Paulo—Sampa's largest and most impressive museum, which contains the most comprehensive collection of Western art in all of Latin America. If you're in the mood for shopping, visit the Shopping Iguatemi—a luxurious shopping mall where you can browse all of Brazil's favorite brand names. If you prefer a more artisanal experience, head to the Feira da Republica. This open-air market is perfect for a stroll while checking out authentic local handicrafts and paintings.

All this exploring is certain to work up your appetite, which is great news, because Sampa is regarded as a foodie paradise. With such a diverse population, the city's food scene has grown to incorporate a world of flavors and cooking styles, so be sure to sample some seriously tasty street food as you explore the city.

Enjoy **São Paulo** on your own or via **Azamara Shore Excursions®**.

**Port Explorer Guide - Sao Paulo****Overnight: At Sea**

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**MARCH 12, TUESDAY: ILHABELA, BRAZIL (8:00AM / 8:00PM)**

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This beautiful island lives up to its name, and today belies its once lurid reputation as a hideout of smugglers and pirates.

Where once failed coffee plantations replaced lush vegetation, the land has been reclaimed, and state park trails provide access to a luscious green jungle, with numerous waterfalls where you can stop for a swim along the way. Divers will find great opportunities on some of the many shipwrecks off the coast.

And when you work up an appetite there is nothing better than shrimp right off the boat, accompanied by Brazil's national cocktail, the Caipirinha, a delightful mix of capacha, lime and sugar.

Enjoy **Ilhabela** on your own or via **Azamara Shore Excursions®**.

**Port Explorer Guide - Ilhabela**

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**Overnight: At Sea**

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**MARCH 13, WEDNESDAY: PARATY, BRAZIL (8:00AM / 8:00PM)**

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Paraty's Portuguese colonial architecture remains undisturbed, and nothing spoils the mood, not even traffic, as no cars are allowed in the old town center. Follow the gold trail into the hinterlands in a 4WD, or tour a sugar estate and Cachaça distillery, where they brew up the strong sugar cane liquor that is the key ingredient in the national cocktail, the Caipirinha.

Enjoy **Paraty** on your own or via **Azamara Shore Excursions®**.

**Overnight: At Sea**

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**MARCH 14, THURSDAY: RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL (8:00AM / IN PORT)**

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**GOLF: The Olympic Golf Course** is located in Barra da Tijuca slightly less than an hour from Rio. It was designed by the esteemed American architect Gil Hanse for golf's return to the 2016 Olympic Games following a 112-year hiatus. The 7,160-yard par 71 layout served as the ideal venue for an epic battle between Englishman Justin Rose and the Swedish star Henrik Stenson, which Rose won with a brilliant 72-hole total of 16-under par. Inbee Park closed with a 66 to clear Silver Medalist Lydia Ko by five shots.

**SIGHTSEEING:** Samba on down to **Rio**, famous for its dramatic landscape and beach culture, easy going except for the four days of frenetic, feather-festooned Carnaval.

From the summits of Sugarloaf and Corcovado, take in glorious views of a magnificent bay set against a mountain backdrop. Check out the activity at one or two of the 23 beaches, crowded with sunbathers and swimmers, and also populated by surfers, bikers, and the girl from Ipanema. Pull up a chair at a churrascaria and dine on the delicious grilled meat of your choice, washed down with a caipirinha.

No journey to Rio would be complete without a visit to one of the New Seven Wonders of the World —**Christ the Redeemer** (Cristo Redentor). At the top of Corcovado Mountain, towering high above the city below, this 125-foot-tall statue of Jesus Christ spreads its arms over Rio and offers spectacular panoramic views of Guanabara Bay.

Enjoy **Rio de Janeiro** on your own or via **Azamara Shore Excursions®**.

**Port Explorer Guide - Rio de Janeiro****Overnight: In Port - Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**

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**MARCH 15, FRIDAY: RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL (IN PORT / DISEMBARK 9:00AM)**

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Disembark *Azamara Quest* at 9:00AM.

## **Golf Schedule**

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## CLUB DE GOLF DEL URUGUAY



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