Buenos Aires, Argentina
Famous as the home of Evita Peron, Buenos Aires is more European than South American in feel. Cobbled streets, charming cafés and cosmopolitan restaurants all give it a unique flair befitting the resilient people who live here. Through good times and hard, Buenos Aires has remained the political, economic and cultural heart of Argentina. Wander the streets and plazas and take in the colorful architecture as you explore this charming, historic city.

Buzios, Brazil
Once home to pirates and slave-traders, Buzios is a beach-lined peninsula jutting out into the sea. Made famous by Brigitte Bardot in the 1960s, today its beautiful beaches are frequented by the rich and famous. It’s the perfect place to play all day in the sand and surf, then play all night in the clubs and bars.

Cabo Frio, Brazil
Cabo Frio got its name - “Cold Cape” - from the low temperature of the sea water there. A unique submarine current brings cold water up from the South Pole to the coast nearby. But the cold water is more than compensated for by the beautiful scenery in this unique beach resort. The beaches have fine white sand shaped into striking dunes. And the picturesque windmills used in salt production stand out in stark contrast to the bright blue of the sea and sky.

Copacabana Beach, Brazil
In Copacabana, things heat up when the sun goes down. As we cruise by one of the world’s most famous beaches by night, you’ll see the lights of this vibrant resort town, with it’s dramatic backdrop of Sugarloaf and giant statue of Christ the Redeemer. Listen closely and you’re likely to hear some pulsating salsa rhythms as the locals party long into the night.

Ilha Grande, Brazil
If you’ve spent your life searching for paradise, you’ll find it in Ilha Grande. The former inhabitants who made this paradise a home have long abandoned their posts. There has been little colonization since, which has helped to maintain Ilha Grande’s charming appeal, sparkling waters, lush rainforests and natural beauty. Now you will be able to explore one of the world’s remaining tropical paradises.

Ilhabela, Brazil
The green, mountainous island of Ilhabela has always held itself slightly apart from the mainland of Brazil. Discovered in 1502 by Américo Vespúcio, the island has served as an outpost against foreign navies, pirates, slavery and smugglers. Later attempts at taming the island for coffee production failed. Now all that remains of the plantations is a rough network of mountain trails beneath the rain forest canopy. Today, most of the island is a state park reserve. It creates a unique dichotomy. There, the virgin beaches and rain forest are preserved for exploration and adventure. On the other side of the island you’ll find the same great restaurants and fun nightlife you’ll find elsewhere in Brazil. Between the two sides runs a rocky mountain spine, blanketed in rain forest and cut through with small rivers and waterfalls.

Montevideo, Uruguay
Uruguay’s capital city and one of the Americas’ most important seaports, Montevideo draws travelers from all over the world - many just hoping to bask in its multicultural European charm. Narrow streets and varied architectural styles ranging from colonial to Art Deco reveal this vibrant city’s strong Spanish, Portuguese, French and British influences. And while most of its historic sites can be visited within a few hours, walking through the port area and exploring old neighborhoods is the best way to discover the true allure of Montevideo.
Portobelo, Brazil
Once just a small fishing village, Porto Belo was recently rediscovered by vacationing Brazilians drawn by the fabulous beaches here. The town itself is still quaint, but the surrounding waterfront communities are becoming larger and are the main reason to come. The beaches are beautiful and the surf is lukewarm year-round.

Punta Del Este, Uruguay
This former jet-setter’s paradise is in the midst of a renaissance and it’s easy to see why. Sure there are the stylish streets with designer shops and discos where you can dance till dawn, but the real draw to this decadent peninsula are its beaches. With the Atlantic Ocean on one side and the Rio de la Plata on the other, Punta boasts over 20 miles of pristine sand and surf, perfect for playing or lounging in.

Rio De Janeiro, Brazil
Rio is famous for its wild beaches and outrageous Carnival celebrations. But this energetic city offers so much more. It lies between the sea and several fertile green mountains, including Pão d’Açúcar (Sugarloaf) Mountain, and Corcovado, home to the famous art-deco statue of Christ the Redeemer. Lined with 23 beaches along its coast, its most famous, Copacabana and Ipanema, are teeming with bikers, walkers, joggers, surfers, swimmers and sunbathers, all enjoying the scene as much as the sun.

Salvador De Bahia, Brazil
Northeastern Brazil, where Salvador de Bahia lies, developed as an important center for sugarcane production. You can see the enormous wealth that came from the crop reflected in the grand mansions and gold-lined churches in Pelourinho. You can also see reflected in the population, the legacy of the slaves that worked many of the plantations. Today nearly 80% are of African descent. This heritage has influenced the food, art, religion and music of the area. In the last 15 years, a new form of music called axé has evolved, blending complex African drumming rhythms with reggae melodies to create a uniquely Salvadoran sound.

Sao Paolo (Santos), Brazil
Home to 17 million people and spanning over 3,000 square miles, São Paulo is the third-largest city in the world. The warm climate and red clay soil surrounding the city are perfect for growing coffee. And with the arrival of the railway in 1867, large-scale cultivation took hold. Today, São Paulo is one of the largest coffee exporters in the world. As the coffee industry grew, so did the need for labor. São Paulo was one of the first cities in Brazil to actively encourage immigration. It has evolved into an exciting melting pot of cultures.