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## **Plan South America Launches Singles Travel Experiences Aimed at Connecting Single Travelers with Small Group Adventures**

Match's 2021 Singles in America Study Proves Travelers Make Great Partners



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**New York, NY (December 11, 2021)** Ever thought you'd meet your someone special while exploring the Andean foothills on [horseback](#) with gauchos; or while learning to surf in [Costa Rica](#); wine tasting in [Chile](#); cooking over fire on [Francis Mallmann's](#) private island; learning to salsa in Havana or diving with whale sharks in the [Galapagos](#)? Plan South America, the award-winning tour operator, thinks like-minded single travelers with dating app fatigue just might.

Match's 11th Annual [Singles in America Study](#) shared that 83% of singles want someone open-minded and accepting of differences, while 80% desire someone who has a life of their own. These two qualities ranked higher than physical attractiveness which only 78% cared about. As singles care less about looks, and more about emotional connections, travel has an opportunity to bring the best out of everyone, especially when they've been landlocked over the pandemic.

“Solo travelers have always been open-minded to new experiences and destinations, with the journey leaving them more open to the differences in people and culture. Solo travelers don't standby waiting for the invitation to experience life. They have a life of their own and seize the opportunity to travel the way they want to. Our curated experiences are aimed at bringing those like-minded travelers together, putting them in situations to experience destinations, while meeting new people,” shares Harry Hastings, founder of Plan South America.

Highly tailored small group trips are curated by Plan South America to bring together kindred spirits of a similar age and lifestyle, weaving elements of [wellness](#), skill-building, gastronomy, and adventure. Here are just some of the experiences curated for solo travelers seeking a team player, a sous chef, an adrenaline junkie, or wine lover to name a few.

## **Small Group Adventures for Single Travelers in 2022:**

### **SEEKING TEAM PLAYER**

#### **POLO | ARGENTINA**

A week learning polo from the greatest, culminating in the world famous Argentine Open.

Dates: December 5-19, 2021

Guide Price: \$5,000 per person

Group Size: 12

This experience is for those looking to hone some polo skills. Plenty of riding experience is essential. You will be met at the airport and driven into the heart of the pampas to a traditional Argentine estancia - home for 5 nights. Days will typically be spent developing riding and polo skills, practical and tactical, stopping for a good lunch, a swim and a siesta, before playing some chukkas in the afternoon. There will be options for yoga and massage, and drinks and dinner each evening. On day 6, you will head into Buenos Aires to stay at one of our favorite boutique hotels in Palermo for 2 nights. We have tickets to watch 2 days of the Argentine Polo Open and will steer you to our highlights of the city.

### **SEEKING RIDING PARTNER**

#### **ANDES ON HORSEBACK | ARGENTINA**

Perhaps the greatest Patagonian adventure of them all.

Dates: February 22-28, 2022

Guide Price: \$5,600 per person

Group size: 8

This is the African safari camp – wild, cozy, quietly stylish – transposed to Patagonia. The week-long riding adventure features morning rides to lookout points for delicious picnics, shady siestas, and river swims, before meandering back to camp for sundowners and feasts of plenty. On the third day, you'll embark on a 2-day expedition to Fly Camp, fording rivers and threading through lowland pastures and petrified forests. There is an awesome traverse along the spine of the Andes, banked on either side by sheer shale cliffs. A jaw-dropping volcanic moonscape known as the Pass of Tears. You will then descend into lush prairies where the horses take water and cool their bellies in the river before dropping further into a forest glade. Your tents have been set up, a campfire is roaring, beers are cooling in the river and your brilliant camp chef will be hard at work.

The ride has a capacity for 8 guests and runs from the middle of November to the end of February. Your guide is Jakob von Plessen, who has been leading expeditions for some 20 years in Kenya and Argentina. Experienced riders are preferred, and the 7-night program is inclusive of all meals and activities. The

horses are in excellent condition – sure-footed and well mannered. Meals tend to be strong on meat and fish, but special dietary requirements can be catered for.

### **SEEKING SOUS CHEF**

#### **WILD COOKING WITH FRANCIS MALLMANN | ARGENTINA**

Private instruction in the art of cooking over fire at Francis's private island in Patagonia.

Dates: March 15-22, 2022

Guide Price: \$11,000 per person

Group size: 12

This Patagonia adventure requires a flight to Comodoro Rivadavia, followed by a drive of 5-6 hours along a dirt road, before an hour's boat ride. La Isla is nothing if not remote. Framed low against the horizon, the cabin is hemmed by lenga trees. Inside, there is an air of simple elegance, shelves sagging with books, logs crackling in the hearth, and six cozy bedrooms. Large windows give on to the peaks of Cerro El Gorro, while impenetrable forests reflect in the clear lake waters. There is no WiFi or phone reception. Francis Mallmann accepts guests to his slice of Patagonia for a six-day experience, which includes daily cooking classes, private transport to and from the island from Comodoro Rivadavia, and all food and activities, including a mountain guide.

### **SEEKING DINNER DATE**

#### **GASTRONOMY & ARTISANS | MEXICO**

A journey to the gastronomic heart of Oaxaca coupled with warm sands of the Pacific coast.

Dates: March 20-30, 2022

Guide Price: \$5,200 per person

Group size: 12

The journey begins in Oaxaca City, in southern Mexico. The region is synonymous with mezcal, embroidery and textiles, pre-Hispanic and Spanish colonial architecture, stunning contemporary design, and some of the best food in the country. The first 5 nights of the trip will feature mezcal tasting, a weaving workshop, cooking classes, and treks into the Sierra Madre mountains. You can choose which activities appeal, and there will be plenty of time to explore the markets and relax by the pool.

It is a six-hour drive to Puerto Escondido, stopping for a good lunch on the way. We have booked you into our favorite design hotel for 5 nights on the beach, with options for surf and dive classes, yoga and meditation, as well as a visit to Japanese architect Tadao Ando's stunning artist retreat, Casa Wabi.

### **SEEKING WAVE CHASER**

#### **SURF & RIDE | COSTA RICA**

The Guanacaste Experience: Surf, ride & stretch.

Date: March 15-26, 2022

Guide Price: \$4,700 per person

Group size: 12

Costa Rica booms with life. This 10-day adventure is for those who want to connect with nature. Your first stop will be an ecolodge in northern Guanacaste. The experience is off-grid heaven (with a little WIFI thrown in!). The lodge overlooks a freshwater river and is surrounded by lush tropical forest. Each day, you'll be able to choose between canopy, river swims, horseback riding, birding, trekking, and rafting. After four days of adventures around Arenal and the Tenorio National Park, it will be time to head for the coast (a five-hour drive), where we have booked you in for four nights at a stunning boutique hotel in Malpais, Santa Teresa, with views over the Pacific. There will be quad bikes, excellent restaurants, the odd party, and for those who want them, surf lessons and yoga instruction.

**SEEKING OENOPHILE  
WINE TASTING | CHILE**

Explore the finest vineyards of Chile's Colchagua and Maipo Valleys

Dates: April 1-10, 2022

Guide Price: \$5,000 per person

Group size: 12

Over the years, we have perfected the recipe for Andean wine tours. The trick is to mix winery visits and tastings with some white-water rafting, mountain biking, horse riding, and trekking. We focus on a handful of outstanding vineyards, notable for the quality of their wine, the architecture of the winery or the beauty of the landscape.

This is a week-long experience that takes in some of our favorite wineries in Chile. We have focused on the Colchagua and Maipo Valleys for the broadest range of wineries and experiences. All meals and tastings are included in the cost, and we've chosen two lovely hotels that work well for small parties.

As with all of our small group trips, the idea is to give you an incredible experience over 7-10 days, before you either head home or extend the journey to include a few days on the beach, or in the mountains.

**SEEKING DANCE PARTNER  
SALSA & COHIBA | CUBA**

A 10-night journey combining the beaches of eastern Cuba with art, salsa and ballet in Havana

Dates: 5 - 15 March, 2022

Nights: 10 nights

Price: from \$5,200 per person

Group size: 12

Arriving at Holguin, in the east of the island, you will explore the splendor and energy of Cuba's first Capital, Santiago de Cuba for two nights, before being driven along the vertiginous Farola mountain pass to Baracoa. The region contains one of the most biologically diverse tropical island sites on Earth - the Alejandro de Humboldt National Park - pretty colonial towns, stunning beaches, and the best food on the island. Accommodation tends to be clean and very simple for this half of the journey.

On day 5, you will fly to La Habana, where you'll be staying at the coolest digs in town. We'll make sure you experience the best of this intoxicating city over four nights. There will of course be rum tasting and cigar rolling, as well as a chance to catch the Cuban National Ballet, some son and salsa classes, an afternoon with a local musicologist, art galleries, and studio visits, before flying home out of Havana.

Get ready for the journey of a lifetime. An adventure is guaranteed - and you just might meet a special someone along the way. Book your solo group [travel experience](#) now with Plan South America. Prices listed do not include international flights.

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**About Plan South America:** [Plan South America](#) has been handcrafting adventures to Latin America and Antarctica since 2006. Condé Nast Traveler Top Specialist '17-'21, Harry Hastings, and his trip designers utilize their deep local knowledge to orchestrate every detail of your experience while offering 24/7 connectivity and advice on everything from the hottest restaurants to packing to vaccinations. Plan South America creates one-of-a-kind trips to private islands, luxury camps and remote haciendas that help reduce the erosive effects of mass tourism and incorporate a social or ecological purpose. For every journey the team designs, they pledge a financial contribution to local health, education and conservation initiatives and have a carbon offsetting program developed in partnership with the World Land Trust. Specializing in high-end adventure, Plan South America guarantees your honeymoons, family holidays, riding journeys and remote expeditions will be the trip of a lifetime.

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