

The 2005 Wharton Global Alumni Forum slated to take place in Santiago on June 30th / July 1st will additionally provide visiting alumni with many excellent opportunities for traveling within Chile and the surrounding region. The organizing committee, in conjunction with LAN Airlines, have developed very appealing tourism programs that include destinations across Latin America. Cusco, Machu Picchu and the Galapagos Islands are only some of the attractions that you may choose to visit before or after attending the Forum.

Cusco is the main tourist starting point of Peru, known as America's archeological capital because of its history and millenary past. The city is also referred to as the historical capital of the country and the "Magnetic Center of the World". Cusco is one of the most fascinating cities nestled near the Andes and the former economic, cultural and social center of the now extinct Inca empire.



Machu Picchu, the Lost City of the Incas, is without doubt the star attraction in this area and one of the world's most spectacular ruins. Discovered in 1911, it constitutes the most important archeological collection in South America. The intriguing buildings and structures at this site are testimony to the skill of the Inca builders, as no other civilization in the ancient world was able to cut and assemble stone blocks in such a perfect manner. The purpose of many of the Inca constructions at Machu Picchu remains a mystery to this day.

Set along the equator some 600 miles west of the Ecuadorian coast, the Galapagos Islands are the crown jewels of the natural world. Consisting of 13 major islands, 17 islets and more than 40 rock formations, the Galapagos National Park preserves a unique environment perfect for close encounters with wildlife. The volcanic lava, blue sea and white sand make this park one of the most unforgettable places on earth.



For further information on the Forum and the associated tourism programs, please visit www.whartonchile.com. For direct assistance in arranging any aspect of your trip, contact one of our dedicated sales agents at LAN - Miryam Muñoz at miryam.munoz@lan.com or Carolina Ortega at carolina.ortega@lan.com.

My kind regards,

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