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**SAILING TO THE SAMBA BEAT, AZAMARA CLUB CRUISES DELIVERS CARNIVAL IN RIO**

*Up-Market Cruise Line Creates Immersive 2015 South America Voyage with Unique Carnival Experience*

**MIAMI, May 27, 2014** – Carnival in Rio, with its contagious excitement and colorful sambadrome parties is on every adventurous traveler’s must-see list. Azamara Club Cruises understands that need to see and experience world celebrations and has carefully crafted a 12-night voyage which, not only provides insider access to Carnival in Rio, but also to some of the most striking and intriguing destinations in South America. Guests setting sail on *Azamara Journey’s* roundtrip Rio de Janeiro voyage, departing Feb. 7, 2015, are in for an unforgettable experience, visiting several jewels of South America, including Montevideo, and Punta del Este, Uruguay; Buenos Aires, Argentina; and Rio de Janeiro and Buzio, Brazil. Up-market travelers can still join in this once-in-a-lifetime celebration with Azamara Club Cruises. For more information on Azamara’s 12-night Rio Carnival & Buenos Aires voyage and the cruise line’s Land Discoveries (shore excursion) offerings, please visit <http://tinyurl.com/necmg65>.

The highlight of the voyage is certainly the elaborate celebration which overtakes Rio de Janeiro and Brazil for the four days marking Carnival. With an overnight stay, Azamara Club Cruises’ guests will have ample time to explore famous landmarks like Sugarloaf and the Christ the Redeemer statue overlooking the sprawling city, or perhaps take a stroll along Copacabana Beach, before the evening’s excitement begins. Through Azamara’s Land Discoveries (shore excursions), guests will have exclusive access to the highly sought-after reserved VIP and grandstand seating in the sambadrome to catch the incredible floats and performers, as well as join in the enthusiastic dancing and revelry that continues well into the night or until guests are ready to head back to *Azamara Journey*, their home away from home.

After the excitement of Rio, *Azamara Journey* makes its way to captivating Buenos Aires for an overnight stay. With nearly two days in port, up-market travelers are able to explore this Paris of South America at their leisure. Azamara’s distinctive longer stays and more overnights in port offers guests the opportunity to explore destinations by day and night, as well as enjoy dinner in one of the city’s world-class restaurants and maybe take in an evening tango performance. An optional tour to the Mendoza region allows wine lovers to further explore the stunning landscapes and enjoy the wines, which make the region famous world-wide.

Following the cosmopolitan cities of Rio de Janeiro and Buenos Aires, *Azamara Journey* treats guests to two beautiful cities known for their seaside towns and beautiful beaches – Punta del Este and Buzio. Punta del Este, known as the St. Tropez of Uruguay, will delight guests with its wide avenues and sidewalk cafes. *Azamara Journey* then makes its way to the beachside town of Buzio for guests to relax and soak up the sun after the excitement of Carnival in true Brazilian fashion.

Azamara Club Cruises offers distinct destination-immersive experiences for up-market travelers. The cruise line uniquely features voyages with longer stays and more overnights at ports to provide guests the opportunity to experience night touring at some of the most compelling destinations of Europe, Asia, Australia and New Zealand, the West Indies, and North and South America. Aboard every voyage, guests are treated to AzAmazing Evenings, an authentic, exclusive and bespoke grand event that showcases the unexpected colors, culture and flavors of a destination at night. Guests also can choose a range of enlightening and immersive tour options with Azamara's Land Discoveries (shore excursion) program, including more intimate and fascinating experiences hosted by a local through Insider Access, and after-dinner tours that showcase the best of a destination as seen by night through Nights and Cool Places. On board the intimate *Azamara Journey* and *Azamara Quest*, guests receive exceptional and personal service and fine cuisine, as well as more inclusive amenities, such as gratuities; complimentary bottled water, sodas, specialty coffee, and teas, as well as boutique wines from around the world, international beers and select standard spirits in the ships' bars, lounges and restaurants when open; complimentary self-service laundry; English Butler service for suite guests; and shuttle transportation to city centers in ports, where available.

For more information, travelers can call their travel professional, dial 1-877-999-9553, or visit [www.AzamaraClubCruises.com](http://www.AzamaraClubCruises.com). Connect with Azamara Club Cruises on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/AzamaraClubCruises](http://www.facebook.com/AzamaraClubCruises), on Twitter @AzamaraVoyages or follow President and CEO @LarryPimentel. Travel agent professionals can access more information and make reservations at [www.CruisingPower.com](http://www.CruisingPower.com).

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