

**A taste of Argentina**  
**Buenos Aires & Iguazu Falls**  
**6 days/5 nights**  
(History, Culture, Ecology & Adventure)

The Iguazu forest and falls became a National Park in 1934, shortly after being acquired by the government of Argentina. The original owner considered the land had barely any value and, when he put it for sale, advertised it as "Rainforest area surrounded by many waterfalls"! Today, Iguazu Falls is one of the most visited parks in the world and is home to quantities of fauna and flora. The river, almost one mile wide at the top, splits into more than 250 falls of different sizes creating a unique view. Lovers of animals, nature, adventure and photography find the falls a fantastic destination for their respective loves.

**Day 1: Buenos Aires**

After you pass customs and immigration at Ezeiza International Airport you will be met and assisted by our representative who will escort you to your hotel in Buenos Aires. The rest of the day is at leisure for you to rest and relax after the long flight. A visit to Buenos Aires is not complete if it is missing a nightlife experience in a fashionable night spot so, this evening you will be driven to La Ventana, a typical restaurant, to enjoy an Argentinean dinner and dance to the sound of the sensual tango music. If you are a dance aficionado you may take a tango lesson but you need to reserve before departure. Return to the hotel for overnight. [D]

**Day 2: Buenos Aires**

After a buffet breakfast at the hotel you will encounter with one of the biggest urban concentrations in the Southern Hemisphere. We'll visit the bohemian and colorful neighborhood of Italian immigrants - La Boca -, the historical May Square (Plaza de Mayo) surrounded by the Government House (Pink House), the Metropolitan Cathedral and the ancient City-Hall, seat of the former Spanish Viceroy and continue along May Avenue, of strong Spanish influence, until we get to Congress Square facing the National Parliament. Then we drive along Callao Street until the intersection with Corrientes Avenue, the never-sleeping avenue, up to the most emblematic symbol of Buenos Aires, the Obelisk, passing by one of the widest avenues in the world, namely, 9 of July Boulevard as well as the famous Colon Opera House. Our next target is the new Puerto Madero neighborhood and the most fashionable district of the city: Recoleta, with a scent of French charm and the spacious and oxygenating Palermo Parks for a relaxing stroll. We'll also visit its artistic cemetery, where Evita Peron's tomb is, among others of the former prominent local characters. Return to the city center. The rest of the day is at leisure to continue your discovery of Buenos Aires. Overnight at the hotel. [B]

**Day 3: Buenos Aires**

Enjoy a buffet breakfast the hotel and cash in on your choice for today as several options are offered or just spend the day on your own to visit the parts of the city that interest you more, to go shopping or just stroll and take in the city.

These are some of the options you may choose:

**[1] Full day Gaucho Party**

This is your opportunity to experience the life of an Argentinean cowboy, the "gaucho", and be exposed to the cattle culture in a real ranch. During the day you may ride excellent Argentinean horses or take a tractor ride if you're not so adventurous. Learn gaucho tricks with ropes and wrangling while enjoying a magnificent "parrillada" or traditional Argentinean barbecue accompanied by local wines. Then relax listening to typical music such as the world famous tango and try your footing with local people. Return to Buenos Aires. [D]

**[2] Full day Pope Francis tour**

Walk the educational and religious path followed by Jorge Bergoglio before he became Pope Francis! On this 4-hour tour in Buenos Aires, birthplace of the current pope, we will seek to discover Jorge Mario Bergoglio also known as Pope Francis. He was always focused on the simplicity in which he lived: a middle or lower class neighborhood like Flores, son of Italian workers, his father was a

railroader, a humble man. The first stops are the Church of San Jose de Flores where he first heard the call of God, the house where he lived when he was a child, the public school Cerviño where he went to elementary school and the Private Institute Nuestra Señora de la Misericordia where he took his first communion. The last stop will be the Church San Carlos Borromeo of the Salesian congregation in which the Pope was baptized. Other places that can be visited are: The Archiepiscopate, Our Lady of Lujan and La Metropolitan Cathedral, the church of San Ignacio de Loyola where he reached the charge of Superior in the Order of the Jesuits and served until he was elected Pope. You may also attend to the image of San Francisco of Assisi, the saint who, because of his extreme humility and dedication to the poor, has inspired him and is the reason of his Papal name.

### **[3] Half-day Jewish Buenos Aires**

Buenos Aires is home to the third largest Jewish community in the world and, as such, as marked the city in several ways including its culture. In this tour you will visit several places of interest like AMIA (Argentine Israelite Mutual Association), Shoa's Museum, Paso or Libertad synagogue and Hebraic Society. During the tour the Jewish guide will provide as much information as possible about the Buenos Aires community.

*Because of restrictions and authorizations needed to access these sites your passport number is required in advance.*

### **[4] Half day Tigre and Delta tour with navigation**

Travel along the banks of Rio Plata to arrive at the sophisticated residential neighborhood of San Isidro, one of the most beautiful in the city suburbs. Visit the well preserved Old Quarter and the Cathedral, in Neo-gothic style, surrounded by old mansions that once belonged to the wealthy families of Buenos Aires. Then comes a viewpoint at Paseo de los 3 Ombues and Mariquita Sanchez de Thomsom House-Museum dating from the colonial times. After San Isidro continue the drive to Tigre city for a sail along the Parana River delta. The delta has thousands of small islands and rivers, surrounded by thick vegetation inhabited by local fauna. In the city you will see restaurants, cafes and rowing clubs attesting to its traditional activities. Note an interesting French palace, home to the Tigre Club and converted into Tigre's Museum of Fine Arts. Return to Buenos Aires.

After the day's activities return to the hotel for overnight. [B]

### **Day 4: Buenos Aires/Iguazu**

Enjoy a buffet breakfast at the hotel and get ready to be picked up for your transfer to Aeroparque Airport to board your domestic flight to Iguazu. At Puerto Iguazu Airport (Argentina) you will be met by our representative and assisted on your transfer to your hotel. The rest of the morning allows you to get settled and, in the afternoon, start your tour\* of the falls visiting the Argentinian side. Iguazú National Park covers a total of 137,000 acres and bears the name of the river serving as Argentina's northern border. Iguazú means "great waters" in the Guaraní language. Surrounded by a lush subtropical rainforest, we will find the majestic Iguazú Waterfalls with water falling from more than 275 places making them the most important and spectacular waterfalls in the world. Crossing different footbridges, we will visit the heart of the waterfalls, appreciating them from different angles. We will visit the lower circuit, and feel part of nature, refreshing ourselves with waterfall drizzle. On the upper circuit, we will stop at different viewpoints, and then reach the balcony at Garganta del Diablo (Devil's Throat). No doubt, this is the most amazing of all falls: water falls down from 260 feet. When appropriate the guide will make a stop for lunch at one of the restaurants, Then we will take a tour that combines rainforest and waterfalls. We will drive trucks into the vast wild vegetation lead by experienced guides. We will get off at the pier and board a boat to sail the Iguazú Inferior river canyon, rafting the river rapids to appreciate falls from the San Martín island peaceful backwater. Then we will visit the Tres Mosqueteros (Three Musketeers) fall, and Garganta del Diablo (Devil's Throat) will crown the tour. Sailing the coast of the island, we will get to the next exciting point: the San Martín fall, the greatest a boat can approach. Back to land to return to the hotel for overnight. [B/L]

### **Day 5: Iguazu, Brazilian Falls, Iguazu**

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before being picked-up for your visit to the Brazilian side of the falls. Ride across Tancredo Neves Bridge between Puerto Iguazú City in Argentina and Foz do Iguazú in Brazil to arrive at the

Iguaçu National Park, one of the biggest vegetal reserves in Brazil. At the appropriate time the guide will arrange for a stop so you can have lunch at one of the local restaurants. You will have around two hours to walk through the paths for a little over one mile, to appreciate panoramic views of the 275 waterfalls, with a vast vegetation and permanent rainbows. After the visit, cross the border back into Argentina to return to your hotel for overnight. [B]

**Note:** *If you are an American citizen and don't have a Brazilian visa we can rearrange the day to offer a river sailing instead of the visit to the Brazilian falls. This program is not recommended for people with walking problems, as there is a long stairway to reach the embarking point.*

**Day 6: Iguazu, Buenos Aires**

Enjoy a buffet breakfast at the hotel and get ready to pack your bags as soon you will be picked up and assisted on your transfer to Puerto Iguazú Airport for your flight to Buenos Aires where you will be assisted on your transfer to Ezeiza International Airport to board your connecting international flight back home. [B]

[B] = Breakfast | [D] = Dinner | [B/L] = Breakfast and Dinner

**Tour includes:**

- Airfare from Miami on Aerolineas Argentinas
- Taxes and Surcharges related to airfare
- Transfers where described
- 5 nights accommodation
  - Buenos Aires – 3 nights
  - Iguazu – 2 nights
- Meals
  - Breakfast daily
  - Typical dinner at a tango house
  - 2 lunches at the Falls
- Tango lesson (if reserved in advance)
- Half-day Buenos Aires city tour
- Half-day tour of the Argentinian Falls
- Half-day tour of the Brazilian Falls
- Assistance by licensed tour guides (English and Spanish)
- Entrance fees where required
- Regular or private transportation as indicated
- Porterage of 1 piece of luggage at airports and hotels
- Hotel taxes

**Tour does not include:**

- All alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks
- Other meals not mentioned in itinerary
- Extras and gratuities
- Early check-in, late check-out
- Expenses of personal nature



**Hotels in your Tour:**

| Category    | Buenos Aires |             | Iguazu        |             |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
|             | Hotel Name   | Tripadvisor | Hotel Name    | Tripadvisor |
| Tourist     | Two Hotel    | 4           | Arami         | 3.5         |
| First Class | Amerian Park | 4           | Grand Crucero | 3.5         |
| Deluxe      | The Brick    | 4.5         | Loi Suites    | 4.5         |

*Hotels will be confirmed at time of reservation and may be substituted by similar class or better.*

**Tour Prices:**

| Category | Double  | Single  | Triple  |
|----------|---------|---------|---------|
| Tourist  | \$2,359 | \$2,639 | \$2,309 |
| First    | \$2,419 | \$2,789 | \$2,369 |
| Deluxe   | \$2,579 | \$3,099 | \$2,529 |

All prices are per person and are subject to change without notice

**Options:**

| Option            | Double | Single | Triple |
|-------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| [1] Gaucho Party  | \$329  | \$555  | \$269  |
| [2] Pope Francis  | \$109  | \$225  | \$69   |
| [3] Jewish Tour   | \$205  | \$365  | \$195  |
| [4] Delta & Tigre | \$139  | \$259  | \$115  |

All prices are per person in US Dollars and are subject to change without notice.

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