

**Buenos Aires and the Argentina Highlands**  
**An off-the-beaten-path experience**  
**6 days - 5 nights**  
**Buenos Aires, Salta, Purmamarca**  
**Culture, Ecotourism, History**

*Buenos Aires is a modern and active city. However, it has also kept its old traditions and cozy corners. The visitor feels fascinated by its environment, the different styles of its neighborhoods, the warmth of its people and the wide range of cultural and commercial choices it offers. Buenos Aires busy nightlife offers the visitor several choices of entertainment, recreation and culture. The city is full of cinemas, theatres, auditoriums, restaurants and "pizzerias" that are open till the small hours. The Humahuaca Gorge near Salta, a UNESCO Heritage Site, is a narrow and arid mountainous valley, flanked by the high plateau of the Puna and the eastern wooded areas. It follows the line of a major cultural route, the Camino Inca, along the spectacular valley of the Rio Grande, from its source in the cold high desert plateau of the High Andean lands to its confluence with the Rio León, forming a 155-kilometre long, north-south striking natural corridor, where the Grande de Jujuy river flows. The valley shows substantial evidence of its use as a major trade route over the past 10,000 years and its natural environment is kept almost intact, with hundreds of archaeological and architectural sites that bear witness to its long and rich history.*

**Day 1: Buenos Aires**

Welcome to Buenos Aires! Arrival and transfer to your hotel. In the afternoon depart for your panoramic tour of Buenos Aires. Your tour includes the most important landmarks of this European city also known as the Paris of South America. In the next 3 hours you will learn the history of Plaza de Mayo, site of the most important historical events held in Argentina. Admire its surroundings with several emblematic buildings, like the Pink House, site of the Executive Power, and the Metropolitan Cathedral. Your next stop is in San Telmo. Walk along the cobble-stoned streets and discover the charming antique shops at the oldest residential neighborhood in the city. Next, revive the traditional Tango with live dancers in the neighborhood of La Boca, and stroll down the colorful Caminito Street. On the tour you will also see the mythical Boca Juniors soccer stadium, where Maradona once played, admire the modern-chic Puerto Madero area, pass through the traditional Retiro neighborhood, and move on to see Palermo before finally arriving at the glamorous Recoleta district with its fine boutiques, parks and cafes. At the end of the tour, go back to your hotel.

**Day 2: Buenos Aires – Salta**

At agreed time, transfer to the airport to board your flight to Salta, a beautiful active city, of a well-preserved colonial style, hosting folk parties, the High Mountain Museum and the new gastronomic circuits for those loving the Creole and Andean cuisine. Located at 3780 feet high, in the Lerma Valley, on the foothills of the Andes Mountains, Salta, which in quechua language means "The Very Beautiful" offers the visitors innumerable reasons for visiting its landscapes. The vivid colors of its arid soils, extended salt pans, jungles with exuberant vegetation and the legacy of its native inhabitants are just a few. In this province, adventure finds an oasis to challenge any expectation: trekking, horseback riding, tyrolean crossing, rappel or bungee-jumping over the Cabra Corral Dam, rafting, paragliding at the Cuesta del Obispo, are some examples of the many available options. This afternoon visit the most picturesque places of the city and understand the history of this region. Your tour starts at the historic area where you will visit the Basilica/Cathedral from 1855, the Cultural Center of America, the Northern Historical Museum with exhibitions of sacred art and rooms dedicated to old traditional "salteñas" families, the San Francisco Church and San Bernardo Convent of the Barefoot Carmelite Order. Then ride to the top of San Bernardo Hill for a fantastic panoramic view of the city. Your tour would not be completed without a visit to the Monument Batalla de Salta (Battle of Salta) where you hear about the National Heroes. Your next stop is in the in "San Lorenzo; a little village in the outskirts of Salta that is known for its subtropical microclimate and the Artisan Market where craftsmen of the whole the province exhibit their crafts. Happy shopping! [B]

### Day 3: Salta - Pumamarca

Your tour will take you through one of Argentina's most impressive natural wonders: the Andean desert of Puna de Atacama; Go across beautiful landscapes, and visit Salinas Grandes, a vast salt flat linking Salta to Jujuy. You will be picked up at your hotel and hit the road that follows the Train to the Clouds towards the canyon of Quebrada de los Toros. En route visit Tastil a pre-Inca archeological site that thrived during the 15<sup>th</sup> century. Continue to the village of San Antonio de Cobres, an Andean settlement sitting at an altitude of 11,000 feet above sea level. Stop here for lunch (not included) and explore the artisan lifestyle of Northern Argentina's people. Your next stop is at the Salinas Grandes salt flats: a massive salt desert covering around 3,200 square miles that connects the provinces of Salta and Jujuy. After enjoying this amazing landscape continue on the Cuesta de Lipan, a spectacular road with multiple curves. Keep your eyes open and observe the diversity of colors, the canyons, cactus, Llamas, Alpacas, and Vicuñas along the way. Your next destination will be the town of Purmamarca, a typical Andean village in the Quebrada Humahuaca. The village of Purmamarca, (in Aymara language "Desert City") is perhaps the most picturesque in the Quebrada de Humahuaca. The town is framed by multicolored mountains, where the adobe houses embellish the narrow streets filled with small business and friendly people. You will overnight here. [B]

### Day 4: Pumamarca – Salta

Leave your hotel and start your journey through the Gorge. Your first stop is in Tilcara, one of the oldest continuously inhabited settlements of Argentina. See its famous Archaeological Museum located in the main square. Then continue towards Huacalera, a little town crossed by the Tropic of Capricorn. Next visit the San Francisco de Paula Church in Uquía. This lovely historic church showcases religious art from the Cusco school. The angels have flamingo wings and are dressed in fancy 17th Century European clothing. The church was built in 1691 with ceiling boards made of cardoon cactus wood. The elaborately carved altarpiece is covered in gold leaf. Your next destination is Humahuaca with its important Cathedral and Monument to the Independence (El Indio). Your last stop on today's tour is at the painter's palette framing Maimara village. Your day ends in Salta, where you will overnight. [B]

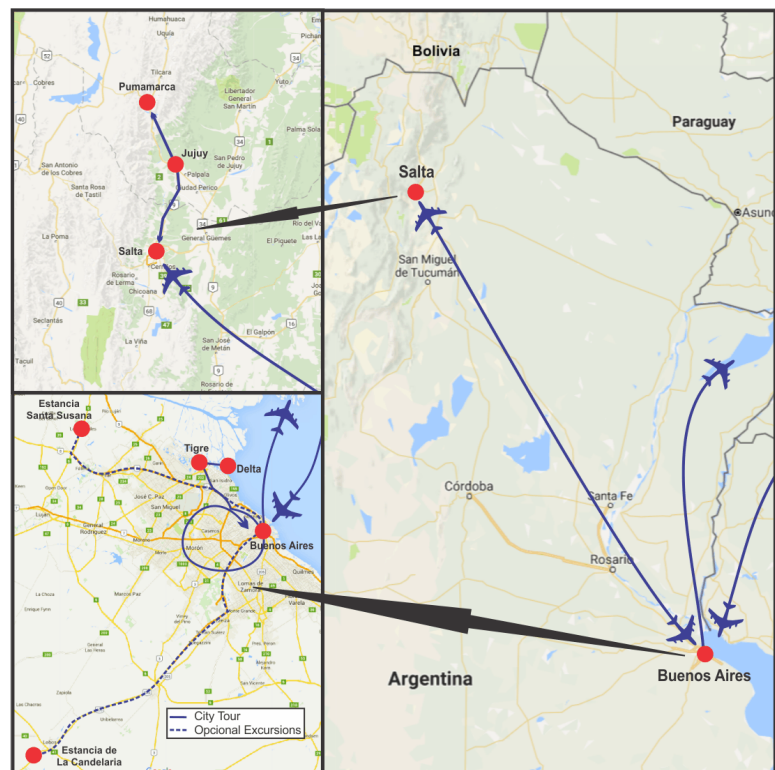
### Day 5: Salta – Buenos Aires

At agreed time transfer to the airport to board your flight to Buenos Aires. Upon arrival your guide will take you to your hotel. Remainder of the day at leisure. [B]

### Day 6: Buenos Aires - USA

Transfer to the airport to board your flight back home, or to your next destination [B]

[B] = Breakfast



**Your Tour includes:**

- Transfers between airports and hotels
- Accommodation at hotels of preference:
  - Buenos Aires - 2 nights
  - Salta - 2 nights
  - Pumamarca -1 night
- Daily breakfast
- Tickets to attractions mentioned
- English Speaking guides for tours and visits
- All hotel taxes
- Transfers and tours on shared basis

**Tour does not include:**

- International or domestic air tickets
- Taxes and surcharges related to airline tickets
- Travel Insurance
- Early check-in or late check-out at hotels
- Services and food not listed in the itinerary
- Beverages during the meals
- Hotel extras, and personal expenses.
- Tips for guides, drivers and in restaurants

**Important note:** *Private transfers in Buenos Aires. In the rest of the destinations in shared service. All tours are in shared service, except otherwise indicated.*

**Hotels in your Tour**

Location	Hotel Name	Room Type	Tripadvisor
<b>Tourist Calss</b>			
Buenos	Dazzler Maipú	Standard	4
Salta	Posada del Sol	Standard	4
Pumamarc	La Comarca	Standard	4.5
<b>First Class</b>			
Buenos	Libertador	Std. room - Classic	4
Salta	Shearton Salta	Std. room - Classic.	4
Pumamarc	La Comarca	Standard	4.5

All hotels are subject to confirmation at the time of booking

**Tour Prices**

Category	From
Tourist	\$539
First Class	\$659

Rates are minimum per person sharing a room and may change without notice.  
 Rates may change depending on the date of travel  
 Prices for single room or for 3 passengers sharing a room are available on request  
 Valid through December 20th 2020. Not valid for Holidays and big Conventions.  
 Other blackout dates may apply.

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