



Day 1: Fly to Argentina

Meet your group and travel on an overnight flight to Buenos Aires.

Day 2: Buenos Aires

Arrive in Buenos Aires: Welcome to Buenos Aires, the capital of Argentina.

Sightseeing tour of Buenos Aires: Discover Argentina's largest city, where the enchanting tango dance was born. With an expert local guide, you'll view the National Congress and head to Plaza de Mayo, home to Casa Rosada (the government house), the Metropolitan Cathedral and the Cabildo, the first city hall built during Spanish rule. Continue on to San Telmo, the city's oldest barrio where tango performances are always afoot. Then stop in the colorful neighborhood of La Boca, an area once inhabited by immigrants that has become a hub for the city's artists. You can admire the Colón Theatre, one of the world's most famous opera houses. After exploring the busy neighborhood of Palermo, your tour will conclude in the glamorous Recoleta area where you can visit the final resting place of Evita.

Day 3: Buenos Aires

Free time in Buenos Aires: Today, soak up the Argentinian sun and enjoy free time on the shores of Buenos Aires.

📍 **Colonia del Sacramento:** Board a ferry across the famed Rio de la Plata for an optional full-day excursion to Uruguay's Colonia del Sacramento. Originally founded as a Portuguese outpost on the strategic waterway, Spain wrested control of the fortress in 1777. Today it is known as Uruguay's oldest town, and it's historic beauty has earned it the title as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Admire the colonial architecture and cobblestone streets—from the pristine domes of Matriz del Santísimo (the oldest church in Uruguay) to the ruins of the Moorish bull ring of Plaza de toros Real de San Carlos.

Day 4: Buenos Aires

Fiesta Gaucha: Travel through the countryside for a full day at an *estancia*, a traditional Argentinian ranch. Enjoy a traditional *fiesta gaucha*, in which gauchos perform folk dances with local music groups before saddling up their horses to demonstrate their skills on horseback. Learn more about the gaucho lifestyle as you tour the ranch by foot or horseback, and enjoy a delicious *asado* barbecue for lunch.

📍 **Tango Show:** Experience the art of the famous Argentinian tango during an optional demonstration. Characterized by a wide variety of stilted cross-steps and punctuated by graceful poses, the Argentinian tango is danced in 2/4 or 4/4 time and along with the Uruguayan style is considered one of the two authentic forms of the dance.

Day 5: Iguazú

Travel to Iguazú: When you arrive, transfer to your hotel—your new home base for exploring one of the world's most magnificent waterfalls. The Iguazú Falls boast 275 falls cascading over a precipice nearly two miles wide and 262 feet high. It's absolutely breathtaking and nearly impossible to capture on film or in words—you simply have to see it for yourself.

View the falls from the Argentinian side: Take in the spectacular sights of the Argentinian side of Iguazú Falls. Walk along the area footbridges for incredible views of the Alvar Nuñez, Bosseti and Dos Hermanas waterfalls.

Day 6: Iguazú Falls

View the falls from the Brazilian side: While the pronunciation and spelling may change a little, "Iguaçu" means the same thing in Portuguese as "Iguazú" does in Spanish: big water. Before you witness its awesome power, you'll stop at the park museum to learn about the local flora and fauna of the tropical forest. The park is home to more than 2,000 plant varieties and nearly 400 bird species, including toucans, parakeets and hummingbirds.

Jungle expedition and boat ride: Travel deep into Iguazú National Park and take in the beauty of subtropical plants and trees, including the abundant heart-of-palm. Arrive at the banks of the Iguazú River and venture by motorboat through the Iguazú Canyon. From here, you'll have an unforgettable view of the falls as they plunge into the river.

Days 7-8: Buenos Aires | Depart for home

Return flight: Transfer to the airport and board your return flight to Buenos Aires. Then check in for your overnight international flight, arriving home on Day 8.

📍 3-DAY TOUR EXTENSION

Day 7: Rio de Janeiro

Travel to Rio de Janeiro: Board a flight and continue on to Rio de Janeiro.

Day 8: Rio de Janeiro

Sightseeing tour of Rio: Today's guided tour takes you through colonial Rio, passing by the Metropolitan Cathedral, Pyramid Fountain, Paço Imperial and São Bento Monastery. After exploring, participate in a Carnaval Experience and visit a Samba school.

Day 9: Rio de Janeiro

Tropical island tour: Board a *saveiro* (two-masted schooner) and spend the day cruising the emerald waters of the Costa Verde. Pull in and out of port for a chance to take a dip in the warm Brazilian waters and grab some local lunch.

Days 10: Rio de Janeiro | Depart for Home

Corcovado and beach tour: Ascend the lush slopes of Corcovado aboard a cog train. At the summit marked by the towering statue of Christ the Redeemer, enjoy breathtaking vistas of the city and beaches below. Later, pass by some of Rio's most famous beaches en route to a barbecue lunch.

Depart for home: Your Tour Director will accompany you to the airport and assist with check-in for your overnight flight.

Day 11: Arrive home