

Welcome to Argentina



Argentina is the second largest country in South America, and the eighth largest country in the world, occupying 1,078,000 sq. miles. That is almost seven times the size of California, and one should be mindful of this fact when planning a trip around Argentina. **Buenos Aires** is the capital and the largest city. Known as the "Paris of South America," it is an extremely cosmopolitan city, with wide avenues and "belle epoch" architecture, deliberately emulating Paris. Considered one of the greatest natural wonders of the world, magnificent

Iguassu Falls to the north shares the frontier with **Brazil** and **Paraguay**.

To the west is the city of **Mendoza**, the heart of the Argentine Wine Country. The great pampas of the central plains extend all the way to the southern tip of South America. Bounded by the Atlantic on the east, and the massive glaciers and rugged peaks of the **Andes** on the west, the southern-most latitudes of the **Patagonia** rival the Rockies and Alaska for scenery. The city of **Bariloche (San Carlos de Bariloche)**, on the shores of Lake Nahuel Huapi,



is the gateway to the **Chilean Lakes Region**. Further to the south, nestled at the feet of the Andes, is **Lake Argentina** and the **Perito Moreno Glacier**.

Valdes Peninsula and **Punta Tombo**, on the Atlantic Coast, have huge breeding colonies of Magellan Penguins, sea lions, sea elephants, sea birds, right and killer whales. Off the southern tip of South America, where the Andes meet the Beagle Channel, lies the island of **Tierra del Fuego** and the city of **Ushuaia**.

Buenos Aires

3 Days/2 nights

Rates Include:

- Accommodations in hotel of choice, tax and service
- Round-trip airport transfers by private car/van with guide
- Buffet breakfast daily
- Half-day Buenos Aires motorcoach tour

Located on the **Plate River Delta (Rio de la Plata)** in the heart of the Argentine pampas, equivalent to the North American central plains, the city is steeped in the folklore of the gaucho and the tango. The **Recoleta District** is home to world class hotels and is the most chic neighborhood, while the **Florida District** offers some of the best shopping, and is also home to many of the city's fine hotels. The colonial neighborhood of **San Telmo** has fine dining establishments and tango clubs, and on Sundays hosts an open-air antique flea market. The intriguing riverport district "**La Boca**" claims to be the birthplace of the tango. Finally, the city is blessed with a large, central park called **Palermo**, and the **Palermo District**, while short on hotels, is the upcoming neighborhood for trendy shops and eateries, especially **Palermo Viejo (Soho)** and **Palermo Hollywood**. On the opposite, eastern shore of the Plate River Delta and a one-hour catamaran ride, is **Uruguay**, and the quaint town of **Colonia del Sacramento**. So much to see and so little time!



Suggested Optional Buenos Aires Day Tours

Full-day Motorcoach Gaucho Festival Tour with BBQ Lunch	\$ 49
Full-day Catamaran Tour to Colonia, Uruguay with Lunch	275
Evening Motorcoach Tour to Tango Show (La Ventana)	54
Evening Motorcoach Tour to Tango Show with Dinner (La Ventana)	60
Evening Motorcoach Tour to Tango Show (Carlos Gardel)	65
Evening Motorcoach Tour to Tango Show with Dinner (Carlos Gardel)	89
Evening Motorcoach Tour to Tango Show (Tango Rojo)	125
Evening Motorcoach Tour to Tango Show with Dinner (Tango Rojo)	185

Tour Rates Per Person

Hotel Selection	Basic Tour			Extra Nights		
	Dbl	Sgl	Tpl	Dbl	Sgl	Tpl
Florida District						
Bisonte Palace	\$ 190	389	n/a	\$ 55	119	n/a
Aspen Towers	\$ 270	529	n/a	\$ 95	189	n/a
Superior	\$ 299	569	280	\$ 109	209	105
Sheraton Hotel	\$ 310	610	289	\$ 115	230	109
Recoleta District						
Loi Suites	\$ 345	675	n/a	\$ 130	265	n/a
Kempinski Park Plaza	\$ 390	765	n/a	\$ 155	309	n/a
Melia Plaza Boutique	\$ 465	915	455	\$ 190	385	190
Sofitel - Deluxe Twin	\$ 475	940	n/a	\$ 199	395	n/a
Deluxe King	\$ 570	1135	500	\$ 249	495	215
Park Hyatt Palacio Duhau						
King	\$ 640	1315	n/a	\$ 290	580	n/a
Deluxe King	\$ 770	1529	n/a	\$ 345	689	n/a
Alvear Palace	\$ 680	1359	550	\$ 300	605	240
Palermo Viejo (Soho)						
1555 Malabia House	\$ 320	589	n/a	\$ 120	219	n/a
San Telmo						
Mansion Dandi Royal	\$ 290	575	250	\$ 105	210	90

Rates are valid from April, 2007-February 2008. Surcharges may apply for OCT & NOV.

Estancia Villa Maria

2 Days/1 Night

At the turn of the 20th century, **Celedonio Pereda** built a three-story Norman-Tudor mansion and a guest house on his ranch in **Maximo Paz**, only 50 km away from **Buenos Aires**. Here, as many as 30 people can live comfortably with a view to the marvelous 110-acre park and lake. In the main house, two white marble staircases lead to a maze of spacious corridors hung with paintings, and to large, luxurious bedrooms. The ground floor has a spacious sitting room, a dining room with 19th century Spanish antiques and place for 60 guests, a cozy breakfast room and tables in the veranda that provide space for everybody to find his/her own nook. **Villa Maria** guests can relax by the swimming pool before lunch, stroll under the trees on grounds designed 100 years ago by famous French landscape architect **Charles Thays**, or play polo next door. Prices available upon request.

