

Argentina Itinerary

Day 1- Sunday, March 10, 2019: Depart Phoenix on an overnight flight to Argentina

Day 2- Monday, March 11th, 2019: Welcome to the Argentine capital! You'll be picked up from the airport and provided with private transport to your hotel. In the afternoon, you will visit the Northern area of Buenos Aires: Palermo and Recoleta, with interesting places including the Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes, the Centro Cultural Recoleta, the Public Law University of Buenos Aires, the Basílica Nuestra Señora de Pilar, the Palais de Glace and the Recoleta Cemetery, where Eva Perón's crypt can be visited. Lunch is included at a local restaurant in the area. The tour ends at the Ateneo Grand Splendid Bookstore. This building originally housed a theatre where popular shows were held, then was converted to a movie theater in the late 20's. Return to the hotel to rest! At night, your dinner will be arranged at a nearby restaurant.

Day 3- Tuesday, March 12th, 2019: Spend a day at the Ranch. The province of Buenos Aires in particular, has a strong tradition surrounding the farming of cattle and leather production. Today, you'll have the chance to witness the 'gaucho' culture at a local ranch. You'll be picked up early in the morning and transported to the ranch, which is located about an hour away in Pampa. You'll enjoy a traditional barbecue ('asado') consisting of beef and lamb, as well as Argentine favorites like empanadas, 'dulce de leche' and 'mate', which you will also learn to make. Some other activities available at the ranch are biking, swimming, soccer, volleyball or polo classes (with additional charge).

Day 4- Wednesday, March 13th, 2019: Visit the most emblematic places of the Jewish life in Buenos Aires, the headquarters of the AMIA the Jewish Federation of Argentina, one of the biggest Jewish NGO's victim of a terrorist attack in 1994. We will be received by representatives of this organization. We will visit the quintessential Jewish Quarter of "Once" with its shops, synagogues, and Jewish community in Buenos Aires with stops at a local bakery for a snack and discover every little corner of this neighborhood. After having lunch at the Jewish Quarter, we will continue the tour visiting Libertad Synagogue, the oldest in the city which holds the Jewish Museum that reflects the origins of the arrivals of the Jewish community in Argentina. By visiting the institution and historical buildings, getting to know their social programs and visiting the places where the Jews live nowadays, you can get to know the essence of a vibrant and dynamic community. In the evening, you'll be picked up at the hotel and taken to the cobblestone streets of San Telmo, the birthplace of tango and the oldest barrio in Buenos Aires. Located in the heart of the neighborhood, the famous La Ventana Barrio de Tango is a historical icon, providing a riveting experience of the culture of Buenos Aires through the ages. As you stroll through the theater's preserved architectural interior, travel back in time to the tango grandeur of the early 1900s. You'll enjoy excellent local grilled dishes and the finest Argentine wines, while taking in the atmosphere created by world class tango and accompanying orchestras and folk music. Skilled dancers will grace the stage, showcasing the sensuality that typifies the art of Tango. The performance also reflects Argentina's gaucho culture and closes with a tribute to Eva Perón.

Day 5- Thursday, March 14th, 2019: After enjoying a delightful breakfast at the hotel, you'll discover the Southern part of Buenos Aires. We invite you to see the best of Buenos Aires, from the eyes of the people! Our local guides are specifically trained to help you do just that. Discover the historical parts of the city and its most emblematic buildings. Starting in an art gallery in a historic Conventillo in la Boca, and moving on to the La Bombonera, the famous football stadium. Then, you will be ready for a taste of the Argentinean cuisine at the well known Avenida de Mayo. After lunch, you'll take a guided tour through the Teatro Colon, considered one of the five best opera houses in the world. The tour ends with hot chocolate at the remarkable Café Tortoni, the oldest and best preserved café of the city. In the evening, we will gather for a wine and cheese tasting at a nice cellar in Buenos Aires, where the different grapes and cheeses that Argentina produces will be sampled. Check out one of several ice cream parlors near the hotel!

Day 6- Friday, March 15th, 2019: Spend Shabbat with local community. Eat breakfast at the hotel with a speaker. Then, explore Buenos Aires on your own. Your guide/coordinator will be available for an optional visit around Palermo neighborhood. In the evening, attend Shabbat service at Amijai Synagogue and dinner with local community.

Day 7- Shabbat, March 16th, 2019: Hebraica Jewish Community Center. At noon, you'll visit the north of the city to take part at a typical day at Hebraica JCC, one of the most important community centers in the outskirts of Buenos Aires. Every weekend, Argentine Jewish families escape the city to take part at Jewish, recreational and sport activities in close contact with nature at Hebraica. The group will be received by its local lay leaders and will experience a day at one of the most vibrant JCC's in the outskirts of Buenos Aires, enjoying a traditional asado and interacting with locals in different activities! Hebraica also has one of the biggest Madrihim School and non-formal educational programs, which all take part during the weekends. Afterwards, return to the hotel and get ready for dinner on your own in Buenos Aires!

Day 8- Sunday, March 17th, 2019: Heading to Iguazú and visit the falls. After breakfast at the hotel, it's time to say goodbye to Buenos Aires and head to the national airport to take your flight to Iguazú. You'll visit the Argentinean side of the falls, a private transfer with a local guide who will take you to visit the Iguazú National Park from the Argentinean side (entrance fee included). It's here where you'll discover the immensity of these waterfalls as you walk across secure catwalks and paths that lie next to, below and over the top of the falls. Expect to get wet as you'll likely get much closer than you ever thought possible! Take insect repellent, wear sneakers, comfortable clothes and bring a pair of extra clothes. During the day your meals are provided. You'll have a buffet lunch at the park and dinner in a local restaurant. Head back to hotel to relax after a long day.

Day 9- Monday, March 18th, 2019: Argentinean side of the falls. Enjoy breakfast at your hotel and continue your visit to the falls. Explore the paths in this 2-day tour to the heart of the falls! Return to the hotel for lunch, before taking your trip to the local airport to take your flight back to Buenos Aires. Upon arrival, transfer to the hotel in Buenos Aires and eat dinner in a local restaurant of your choice!

Day 10- Tuesday, March 19th, 2019: Breakfast at the hotel and last day at leisure to explore the city on your own. In the afternoon, you'll enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant or high tea at an iconic place in Buenos Aires. Return to the airport to take your flight back home!

Tour Costs:

Per person in Double room:

Land only: \$3095. per person in a double room:

Land and *air package: \$5595.

Single Room supplement \$850.

Hotels:

Buenos Aires: 7 nights in double room in Palo Santo Hotel: www.palosantohotel.com

Iguazú: 1 night in double room in La Aldea de la Selva Lodge: www.laaldeadelaselva.com

Flights:

Round trip flight Phoenix - Buenos Aires

Internal round trip flight Buenos Aires - Iguassu Falls.

Tips for drivers, local guides, and meals are included.

Pricing based on 20 paying participants. If less the 20, price may increase, if more than 25, price will decrease.

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