

Best of Argentina and Brazil
8 days – 7 nights | 18 – 25 October '19
Buenos Aires, Iguazu (Argentina), Iguassu (Brazil), Rio De Janeiro
Culture, Nature, Discovery, History

Day 01 - 18 Oct: Buenos Aires

Upon arrival you'll be met and transferred to your hotel in Buenos Aires. A few hours to rest and relax. Later in the evening you'll be driven to a 1-hour shared tango lesson (together with other travelers). After class, Dinner and Tango Show at La Ventana including entrée, main course, dessert & drinks. Enjoy a show with music, singing and dancing with a combination of tango and folklore music. After the tango show walk back to the hotel with guide assistance, arriving at the hotel around midnight. [D]

*** Note: Hotel check-in time is 3:00 PM.*

Day 02 – 19 Oct: Buenos Aires

Your city tour of Buenos Aires starts at the famous 9 de Julio Avenue, which is known as the widest avenue of the world. Pass by the beautiful Colon Theater, the cultural pride of Buenos Aires. You arrive at the main square Plaza de Mayo, which is surrounded by the Casa Rosada (Government House), the Metropolitan Cathedral and the Cabildo (first City Hall). Inside visit of the Metropolitan Cathedral. Continue to San Telmo, a historical neighborhood and the eldest district of Buenos Aires with many antique stores. On Sundays, a visit of San Telmo`s antique fair is a "MUST". Your next stop is La Boca, a very colorful area of painted houses with the famous street Caminito. The tour ends with the northern districts. Drive to the green area of Palermo with its parks and artificial lakes. Then, visit Recoleta area which offers lots of elegant boutiques and restaurants. At the cemetery of Recoleta you will find the grave of Eva Duarte, known as Eva Perón (Evita). The mausoleums and pantheons reflect the architectural diversity emerging from the different cultural tendencies Argentina incorporated in its formation as a nation. Overnight in Buenos Aires. [B]

Day 03 – 20 Oct: Buenos Aires

The Tigre Delta with its rivers, streams and numerous green islands is a very attractive area. The continuous sediment of the Paraná River, which gives the river their particular brownish-red color, forms the Delta islands. You will drive through the outskirts of Buenos Aires to the aristocratic northern district of San Isidro in order to get to Tigre, a charming town with a considerable number of summer residences, yachting and rowing clubs, which represent the weekend activities of many "porteños" (inhabitants of Buenos Aires). You will enjoy a 1-hour boat-excursion on the channels of the Tigre-Delta to see some of the hundreds of islands covered with exuberant vegetation. Overnight in Buenos Aires. [B]

***Note: The boat navigation is on shared basis with international travelers.*

Iguazú Falls - nature blessed the Argentine, Brazilian and Paraguayan border with a show of her splendid talent. Iguazú Falls leave every visitor speechless. Imagine standing a few meters away from an impressive mass of water; a total of 275 falls dropping over 70m (230 ft.). Garganta del Diablo (Devil's Throat) is the most impressive waterfall, where the falling water gives the illusion of magical rainbows. The National Park is full of exotic subtropical vegetation surrounding the falls: several plant species with giant trees, ferns, lianas and orchids, 400 species of colorful birds (toucans, parrots, woodpeckers, humming birds and butterflies, with fascinating vivid colors and designs), and other fauna such as jaguar, tiger-cat, foxes, tapir, monkeys. Iguazu National Park was designated World Heritage Site by UNESCO, while the close Jesuit Missions have been declared Cultural Heritage Site by UNESCO. Iguazu Falls National Park is a magic place in the world recently voted as one of the New 7 Wonders of Nature.

Day 04 – 21 Oct: Buenos Aires, Puerto Iguazu

At the appointed time you'll be picked up at the hotel for your transfer to Buenos Aires domestic airport to board your flight to Iguazu (ticket included). On arrival you'll be met and driven to the Argentinean side of the falls. You will arrive to the Visitors Center and board a gas-propelled train at

the main station, which takes you to the upper falls circuit and the Devil's Throat (Garganta del Diablo), the most prominent and one of the highest falls. Be surprised by a strategic lookout point resting on the side of the gorgeous Devil's Throat. Then, you can walk more than 3km (1.87 mles.) along the Iguassu river canyon, via the lower and upper circuits to appreciate the flora and fauna, always feeling the almost 270 individual waterfalls up close. Next, cross the border to the Brazilian side and check-in at your hotel. [B]

***Note: As you are crossing to another country (Brazil), some tour members may need Visa.*

Day 05 – 22 Oct: Iguassu Falls

This morning, join a 4 1/2-hour tour of the Brazilian side of the falls. You go through the road leading to the falls through the National Park as far as the Brazilian Falls. Walk along the paths following cascades and then walk along the catwalk that leads very close to the bottom of the Devil's Throat. You'll be impressed by the first panoramic views of the Argentinean side from the Brazilian side of the falls. Appreciate the Two Sisters, Bozzeti, Superior Circuit and San Martin Island (where the movie "The Mission" was filmed) continuing the promenade to complete a panoramic view of the falls. Return to the hotel in Iguazu for overnight. [B]

Rio de Janeiro - The so-called Marvelous City, it is the capital of Rio de Janeiro State. Second biggest city in Brazil, with a population of 6.320.446 inhabitants (2010 census), it is nevertheless a beach resort, located by the Atlantic Ocean and by the Guanabara Bay. Rio is graced by its topography. The city spreads on a 24km (15 mi) long strip of land, nestled between mountains and sea. There are 45km (28 mi) separating downtown Flamengo from Recreio, bordered on one side by the blue ocean, on the other by verdant hills. Between them lies a colorful state of mind called "carioca", relaxed and high-spirited. Although being no longer Brazil's capital, Rio is still an important cultural, financial and tourist center.

Day 06 – 23 Oct: Iguassu Falls, Rio De Janeiro

After breakfast at the hotel you'll be met and driven to the airport to board your flight to Rio de Janeiro (ticket included). Meet by our representative who will drive you to your accommodations in Rio. The rest of the day is free. Overnight in Rio. [B]

Day 07 – 24 Oct: Rio De Janeiro

Leave the hotel and proceed as far as Cosme Velho Station to board a cog-train (*) for the ride through Tijuca Forest up Corcovado Mountain at 748 m (2.454 ft) high. The train ride takes 20 minutes and is a wonderful opportunity for a closer look at the forest's lush tropical vegetation and to enjoy scenic landscapes of the beaches and the city. Disembark at the top of Corcovado and climb the steps that lead to the top lookout where the towering statue of Christ the Redeemer stands. After appreciating the breathtaking view unfolding below, you'll descend by tram. The tour proceeds passing by Rio's world-famous beaches as far as Urca District to board a cable car for a two-staged ascent up Sugar Loaf Mountain at 390 m (1.280 ft) high. Then take the cable car down and continue along Guanabara Bay and Flamengo Park to reach Rio's downtown. Visit the downtown area, passing by the financial and business center and other attractions such as the Candelaria Church, Saint Sebastian Cathedral, Lapa Arches, Municipal Theatre, National Library and Fine Arts Museum. Stop at Confeitaria Colombo, a restaurant opened in 1894 and part of the Brazilian history. Then drive to the Sambadrome, site of Rio's famous Carnival parade. Return to the hotel for overnight. [BB]

***Note: The itinerary can be changed due to traffic conditions in the center of Rio.*

Day 08 – 25 Oct: Rio De Janeiro, USA

Maybe some time to last minute shopping before your transfer to Rio's international airport where you'll board your flight back home. [BB]

[B] = Buffet Breakfast | [BB] = Brazilian Breakfast | [DS] Dinner and Show

Your Tour includes:

- Transfers in Buenos Aires, Iguazu and Rio de Janeiro
- 7 nights' accommodation:
 - Buenos Aires 3 nights
 - Iguazu 2 nights
 - Rio de Janeiro 2 nights
- Meals:
 - Breakfast daily
 - 1 dinner
- 1-hour Tango lesson
- Tango Show at La Ventana
- Complete sightseeing program:
 - Buenos Aires Modern and Old town
 - Tigre Delta & delta boat ride
 - Argentinian Iguazu Falls including the Devil's Throat
 - Brazilian Iguassu Falls
 - Tour of Corcovado Mountain and Tijuca Forest
 - Ascension to Sugar Loaf
 - Visit Downtown Rio de Janeiro

- Private transportation for all tours
- Spanish/English-speaking guide
- Flight from Buenos Aires to Iguassu, and Iguassu to Rio de Janeiro
- Entrance fees to sites included in the program
- All hotel taxes

Your Tour does not include:

- International air portion
- Airport taxes and airline fees
- Travel insurance
- Early check-in and late checkout at hotels
- Personal items and expenses
- Beverages with or without meals
- Optional trips
- Brazilian Visa (E-visa available for US Citizens through the Brazilian Consulate's website)
- Tips to drivers, guides and restaurants
- Any item not mentioned in inclusions

Hotels in your Tour:

City	Hotel Name	Room Type	Tripadvisor
Buenos Aires	Amerian	Standard	4
Iguassu	Viale Cataratas	Deluxe	4
Rio de Janeiro	Rio Design	Deluxe	4

Tour Price

Departure Date	Double	Single
17 October '19	\$1,295	\$1,645

Prices are per person

Payment and Cancellation policy	
Deposit	\$250
July 10	\$400
August 15	Balance

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