

San Mateo County Community College District Community Travel, Argentina December 8-18, 2024





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SAN MATEO COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
COMMUNITY TRAVEL IN ARGENTINA, DECEMBER 2024
Sunday, December 8 – Wednesday, December 18, 2024

Sun, Dec 8

Arrive Buenos Aires

Arrive Buenos Aires, Airport transfers to hotel
Welcome dinner
Overnight in Buenos Aires

Mon, Dec 9

Breakfast at the hotel
Orientation with AIFS
Group lunch
Guided sightseeing tour of Buenos Aires, including Plaza de Mayo, San Telmo, La Boca, and Recoleta, with entrance to Recoleta cemetery.
Overnight in Buenos Aires

Tues, Dec 10

Breakfast at the hotel
Excursion to Fiesta Gaucha Santa Susana, including group lunch
Overnight in Buenos Aires

Wed, Dec 11

Breakfast at the hotel
Excursion to Tigre-Delta, including boat ride in the Delta channels
Evening Tango lesson
Overnight in Buenos Aires

Thurs, Dec 12

Transfer to Iguazú

Breakfast at the hotel
Flight to Iguazú
Evening Full Moon excursion, taking the jungle train to Garganta del Diablo, observing the nocturnal wildlife and enjoying the waterfalls under moonlight
Overnight in Iguazú

Fri, Dec 13

Breakfast at the hotel
Full-day excursion to the Argentinian Falls with guide, including choice of hike circuit (depending on ability), all-terrain vehicle ride and boat tour of the falls.
Overnight in Iguazú

Sat, Dec 14

Breakfast at the hotel
Flight to Bariloche
Overnight in Bariloche

Transfer to Bariloche**Sun, Dec 15**

Breakfast at the hotel
Full-day excursion along Circuito Chico with guide, including entrance to Cerro Campanario (private tour)
Overnight in Bariloche

Mon, Dec 16

Breakfast at the hotel
Half-day excursion to Victoria Island and Arranyes Forest (joining public tour)
Overnight in Bariloche

Tues, Dec 17

Breakfast at the hotel
Flight to Buenos Aires
Farewell meal with Tango show
Overnight in Buenos Aires

Return to Buenos Aires**Wed, Dec 18**

Breakfast at the hotel
End of program
Transfer to airport for return flights to the US.

End of Program; Return to US



PROGRAM COMPONENTS

Pre-departure Support Services

- Pre-departure orientation materials including access to the customized program portal and on-line materials.
- Final digital pre-departure packet sent 1-2 weeks prior to the start of the program.

Health and Safety Support

- On-site orientation with local staff to provide advice and guidance on general and culturally relevant topics such as safety, incident response procedures and contact information for local emergency services (police, ambulance, fire service, hospitals, U.S. Embassy, etc.)
- 24/7 AIFS emergency service with both local number to reach on-site staff and toll-free number in the U.S.
- Medical insurance policy. Coverage includes \$100,000 accidental medical expense and \$25,000 accidental death payment plus 24-hour emergency care assistance during the program and repatriation in cases of verified emergency beyond the participant's control.

Accommodation and Meals

- Accommodation: twin-bedded rooms in a centrally-located hotels in Buenos Aires (4 nights), Iguazú (2 nights), Bariloche (3 nights) and Buenos Aires (1 night). Free wireless internet is included. Single room available at additional cost.
- Meals: daily breakfast at the hotels, a welcome dinner, two group lunches and a farewell dinner.

Internal Flights

- Standard-class flights and airport transfers as per the itinerary: between Buenos Aires and Iguazú, Iguazú and Bariloche, and Bariloche and Buenos Aires. *Flights include standard luggage allowance of one checked bag up to 33lbs and one cabin bag.*

In-Country Support

- An orientation program in Buenos Aires consisting of a meeting with experienced AIFS staff, covering topics such as general acclimation to Argentina, safety and security issues, cultural differences, travel, money and cultural activities.
- The services of an AIFS Coordinator in Buenos Aires and a dedicated Tour Manager in Iguazú and Bariloche to ensure the smooth running of the program.
- 24-hour on-call service for the duration of the program.

Cultural Activities and Excursions

Buenos Aires

- A sightseeing tour of Buenos Aires by private bus with a professional, English-speaking guide, including Plaza de Mayo, San Telmo, La Boca, and Recoleta, with entrance to Recoleta cemetery.
- A full-day excursion to Fiesta Gaucha Santa Susana, including round-trip transportation by private bus, the opportunity to go horse-back riding or take a carriage ride, and experience Gaucho music and dancing.
- A full-day excursion to Tigre-Delta, including round-trip transportation by private bus, the services of a professional, English-speaking guide, stops in San Isidro and El Tigre, and a boat ride on the channels of the Delta.
- An hour-long Tango lesson.
- A tango show combined with the farewell dinner.

Iguazú

- An evening Full Moon excursion, including round-trip journey on the jungle train to Garganta del Diablo, the opportunity to observe the nocturnal wildlife and enjoy the waterfalls under moonlight, entrances to Iguazú National Park (AR), and the services of a professional, English-speaking guide.
- A full-day excursion to the Argentinian Falls, (a UNESCO natural world heritage site), including round-trip transportation, the services of a professional, English-speaking guide, entrances to Iguazú National Park (AR), and a public boat tour of the Iguazú River from Puerto Macuco, taking in both the Brazilian and Argentinian Falls and enjoying the mists.
In the National Park the group will have a choice of hiking circuits, varying in difficulty, depending on group ability/fitness. Some light hiking required- a step-free route is available.

Bariloche

- A half-day Circuito Chico tour, including round-trip transportation, the services of a professional, English-speaking guide. The tour will take in the city center, including the Cathedral and main shopping streets, and then along the edges of Lake Nahuel Huapi, taking the chairlift up to the Cerro Campanario viewpoint over the lakes. The tour concludes along the Llao Llao Peninsula, at a viewpoint over Lake Moreno.
- A half-day excursion to Victoria Island and Arrayanes Forest, including round-trip transportation. The group will join a public boat tour from Puerto Pañuelo, sailing to Quetrihué Isthmus, and the Arrayanes Forest. Following a tour of the forest pathways and a visit to the Casita del Bosque, the boat continues onto Victoria Island, taking a trail to Playa del Toro to see indigenous rock paintings.

Should any of the above visits be unavailable, they will be replaced with a suitable alternative, in liaison with the San Mateo County Community College District faculty.