

ARGENTINA

Must-see: BUENOS AIRES, IGUAZU FALLS, SALTA, EL CALAFATE & USHUAIA

16 Days / 15 Nights



Old-world elegance: magnificent architecture, fabulous wines, and tango halls where feisty tangueros dance sensually...
 New-world Latin cool: boutique hotels, hip galleries, clubs that don't get hopping till 2 a.m.
 Argentina is a blend of "7th wonder of the world", tierra del fuego and devil's throat, nature, safari, glaciers, Ushuaia (the end of the world), beef and more beef!
 Buenos Aires' lively sidewalk cafés, a wealth of Belle Époque architecture, and grand leafy avenues leading to flowering urban parks... people are "welcoming, vivacious, and have an infectious zest for life that is simply contagious".
 For more info, please open the link: www.travelandleisure.com/travel-guide/buenos-aires.

The Package rates is On Request basis.

Other Itineraries / Programs are available OR can be Tailor-made upon your requirements

The package is quoted in USD per person at the hotel of your choice and includes:

- ✈ 4-Night accommodation in **BUENOS AIRES** at the hotel of your choice
- ✈ 2-Night accommodation in **IGUAZU** at the hotel of your choice
- ✈ 3-Night accommodation in **SALTA** at the hotel of your choice
- ✈ 3-Night accommodation in **EL CALAFATE** at the hotel of your choice
- ✈ 3-Night accommodation in **USHUAIA** at the hotel of your choice
- ✈ Bed on breakfast basis
- 🏠 Buenos Aires: Half day Historic city tour
- 🏠 Tango show inclusive of a 3 course dinner, beverages & round-trip shuttle transfers
- 🏠 Iguazu Falls: Full day excursion inclusive of guided outdoor activities on the Argentine side of the Falls
- 🏠 Salta: Half day Historic city tour
- 🏠 Safari to the Clouds: Full day overland excursion to the high ALTIPLANO & PURMAMARCA, returning to SALTA
- 🏠 EL CALAFATE: Guided excursion by road to majestic PERITO MORENO GLACIER viewing platforms
- 🏠 USHUAIA: outdoor 4x4 day excursion, called Lagos Off Road from Canal Fun, inclusive of a cooked lunch: beverages, including Argentinian top quality wines.
- 🏠 All Transfers: Airport / Hotel / Airport in private air-conditioned vehicles
- 🏠 Sightseeing services with a bi-lingual English speaking Local Expert Guide
- ⊘ Entrance fees to IGUAZU National Park must be paid locally.
- ⊘ The package excludes Domestic Airfare Tickets on economy class: Buenos Aires/Iguazu - Iguazu/Salta - Salta/Buenos Aires/El Calafate - El Calafate/Ushuaia - Ushuaia/Buenos Aires.
- ⊘ Package Excludes the International Flight.

Important Notices:

- ✦ *This Package is tailor-made and hence price is on request basis.*
- ✦ *Prices will be quoted according to the Proposed Program, and Availability at the Date of booking.*
- ✦ *There are Numerous Packages to ARGENTINA that are Ready-made and/or can be tailor-made.*
- ✦ *Please find one of our recommended packages. We can customize any program with different itineraries, diverse cities, other hotels, and length of stay.*
- ✦ *We reserve the right to make changes to the exact order of visits, activities and tours - if it is deemed necessary (e.g. due to weather conditions, logistics, availability, other).*
- ✦ *The list of hotels is not exhaustive, other options may be offered.*
- ✦ *Mentioned hotel(s) may be replaced by alternative one(s) of similar category, as per country's classification standards.*
- ✦ *Room types or category may be different and subject to availability.*
- ✦ *Kindly do the due diligence to go through the Hotel list: Check the hotel reviews, ranking, website, information, location and gallery to make an informed decision prior to booking.*
- ✦ *Please download the PDF file for itinerary, details and sites to see "Cities' Guide" (if any).*
- ✦ *No copyright infringement of pictures or details are intended.*

Star	City	Hotel Name
3	BUENOS AIRES	PROMENADE, OTHER
	IGUAZU	ORQUIDEAS PALACE, OTHER
	SALTA	MARILIAN, OTHER
	EL CALAFATE	SIERRA NEVADA, OTHER
	USHUAIA	LOS NARANJOS, OTHER
4	BUENOS AIRES	LENNOX BUENOS AIRES, OTHER
	IGUAZU	GRAN HOTEL TOURBILLON, OTHER
	SALTA	AMERIAN, OTHER
	EL CALAFATE	KAU YATUN, OTHER
	USHUAIA	LENNOX, OTHER
5	BUENOS AIRES	PANAMERICANO, OTHER
	IGUAZU	AMERIAN PORTAL del IGUAZU, OTHER
	SALTA	SHERATON SALTA, OTHER
	EL CALAFATE	XELENA, OTHER
	USHUAIA	LOS CAUQUENES, OTHER

ITINERARY

DAY 1: BUENOS AIRES - Bienvenidos & Welcome breakfast

- Arrival at EZEIZA International Airport - Meet & Greet after clearing the mandatory Argentina Immigration & Customs. Transfer to Hotel (City Center, 4 nights in Buenos Aires on BB basis)

DAY 2: BUENOS AIRES - Half Day Historic City Sightseeing Excursion



- 3-hour Guided Tour, Buenos Aires historic city sightseeing excursion. Sense, feel & soak up the emotions & ambiance of South America's most glittering capital city.
- Take in all the major plazas: **Plaza San Martin, Plaza 25 de Mayo, Plaza Congreso & Plaza San Martin**
- Traverse the major boulevards & avenues: **Av. Corrientes, Av. Cordoba, Av. 9 de Julio, Av. Callao & Av. Libertador**; visit the historic districts of **San Telmo, La Boca, Montserrat, Once, Recoleta, Puerto Madero** & the elegant neighborhoods of **Palermo & Belgrano**. Admire the historic civic buildings, fountains & monuments for which this city is stand-out: pause in **Plaza 25 de Mayo** at the **Presidential Palace - Casa Rosada**, the reverence within **Buenos Aires Cathedral**, the famous **Cabildo** & the iconic **Obelisco**. Returned to hotel.
- Rest of the day, Free at leisure.

DAY 3 BUENOS AIRES - Free day and a Tango show with Dinner

- Optional: Shop or wander about e.g. Boutiques on both sides of *Avenida Santa Fe*, or *Calle Florida*, a famous pedestrian shopping street, and *Galeria Pacifico* in the central city.
- 20:00 - Midnight: Dress smart casual attire. Picked around 20.00 for an evening of traditional charm & romance. Tango is the trademark dance and rhythm of Argentina. Dinner includes appetizers, various choices of a main course, deserts, fine local red and white vintages of wine, local beers, soft drinks, tea and coffee.

DAY 4: BUENOS AIRES

- Free day at leisure. Optional excursion, consider one of the estancias to partake in a *Fiesta Gaucha*, or, going over to *Colonia del Sacramento, Uruguay* on the one-hour fast *ferry Buque Bus service* for a step back into the Spanish colonial past, browse and stroll in the cobbled streets of this quaint historic riverside township.
OR
- Quality fashion boutiques, handcrafted leather goods, shoes, bags, jackets & a plethora of street side cafes



Tango

DAY 5: BUENOS AIRES / IGUAZU FALLS

- Breakfast, check out and transfer in private vehicle to the local Aeroparque Jorge Newbery to check-in on a domestic flight to **Iguazu falls** (1H45Min) with a light snack, drinks service aboard.
- Iguazu: Meet & greet, transfer to hotel (2 nights in Iguazu on BB basis)

DAY 6: IGUAZU FALLS - Full Day National Park



- Breakfast, Full day guided excursion to **Iguazu National Park** Headquarters entrance to admire majestic waterfalls.
- Iguazu Falls: made up of more than 270 *cataracts*, spread around 3 large *half-moon shaped valleys*; 02 basic circuits:
 - upper walking trail leads to incredible panoramic views of the falls
 - lower trail leads down a series of steel stair cases, viewing platforms to the base of the **San Martin cataract** where the intense water volume releases a misty spray into the air.
 - In addition to your Iguazu experience, the “People Mover” - a narrow gauge train track of 3.5km, that goes out across the *mezzanine level of the river* to the point where physically **Argentina & Brazil’s international border** is defined by the thunderous “**Garganta del Diablo**” - the Devil’s Throat.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PpabSWeMzqs>
- Return and overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 7: IGUAZU FALLS / SALTA

- Breakfast, check out and transfer to Iguazu Airport. Check-in for an on-flight across the country to the far NW quadrant, to **Salta**.
- Meet and greet, transfer to hotel (3 nights in Salta on BB basis).

DAY 8: SALTA - Half Day historic sightseeing excursion



- Breakfast, 3-hour guided tour of Salta: historic buildings, churches, monuments. If weather permits, contemplate the panoramic views from **San Bernardo's hill**. This region is well known for its *subtropical microclimate*.
- Head to the summer villa of **San Lorenzo** located in a tranquil valley 6km from downtown. Return to hotel.
- Recommended Optional Tour to the "**Museo de Arqueología de Alta Montaña**" - open daily except Mondays. The Museum, located in the main Plaza of the city, features 03 mummified Inca children - aged 7, 9 & 13 years. Mummies were found in 1999 - buried below the summit of the snow-capped Lullailloco Volcano, 6,700 meters above sea level. They may have been protagonists of the *capacocha*, a ceremony during which they were sacrificed to act as mediators between the People & the Gods. The altitude, cold, permafrost and dry atmosphere has preserved the 03 mummies intact. NASA kept them in climatically sealed plexi-glass "cabinas", with one of the child mummies, on display for the public.

DAY 9: SAFARI to the CLOUDS - an overland expedition to the high Altiplano



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- 06:30am Full Day guided overland excursion “Safari to the Clouds”. Wear very warm clothes.
- Transfer in 02 separate cabins, configured 18 seat Mercedes 4x4 overland vehicle.
- The adventure is hosted by 02 professional English speaking crew and Driver: The huge Mercedes overland 4x4 vehicle will climb the *quebrada* to the *mezzanine level of the altiplano*, passing through 03 completely different eco-systems ranging from River Valley, to Tundra, to encounter 3m - 4mtall 400year-old Cactus.
- Pause at the *altiplano artisan community*, and on to the town of **San Antonio de Los Cobres** located at 12000 above sea level. Continue on the famous RUTA 40 which runs from the **Bolivia - Argentina** border in the north, some 4,000 km south to the **Patagonia city of Rio Gallegos**; some 40 km along this route, glistening ice white salt flats come into view which extend 42 km in length and 17 km in width. The salt is “harvested” commercially by Locals, using an ancient hand sawn process to cut blocks.
- Then cresting a *quebrada* at 14300 above sea level, the expedition travels down a *tar-sealed alpine highway*, shedding 7,000 in approximately 30 minute- drive, down to the altiplano township of **Purmamarca**, famous for the “*Hills of the Seven Colors*”. It is one of the best Artisan Markets in all Argentina, located in the main plaza at Purmamarca. Do make sure to bargain with merchants.
- Late afternoon, return and arrive to Salta after sunset for an overnight stay at your hotel.

DAY 10: SALTA / EL CALAFATE

- Breakfast, check out and transfer to Salta airport for an onward flight via Buenos Aires, to El Calafate - in the heartland of **Southern Patagonia** and gateway to the **Los Glaciares National Park**.
- Meet & greet directly outside the baggage claim to **El Calafate**, transfer to hotel (3 nights on BB basis).



Salinas Grandes

DAY 11: EL CALAFATE - Full Day Majestic Perito Moreno Glacier sightseeing



- Early breakfast, Full Day Excursion to Platforms and Wooden Deck Walkways in front of majestic **Perito Moreno Glacier**.
- Journey along **Lake Argentino & Bahia Redonda**. This region is home to a large variety of Birds, Black-necked Swans, Flamingos, Wild Ducks & Coots. Yellow broom sedge (coiron) grasses dominate the open fields as you cross the *Patagonian plains*. Admire Fauna and Flora of the National Park: ñires, guindos & lengas Tress
- Arrive at Glacier Perito Moreno - and contemplate the immensity of this awesome River of Ice. Perito Moreno Glacier is born high in the *Andes cordillera* and down a valley of 50 km, which is the equivalent of almost '24-stories' building. Wander in awe at one of the most magnificent glaciers on the planet.
- Optional short cruise on the lagoon. Return to El Calafate hotels.

DAY 12: EL CALAFATE

- Free day at leisure.
- Optional: Nautical Safaris called "Todo Glaciares" (Places are Limited, better book up-front).

DAY 13: EL CALAFATE / USHUAIA

- Breakfast, check out and transfer to El Calafate Airport for onward flight to the island of **Tierra del Fuego, Ushuaia**.
- Meet outside the baggage claim, transfer to hotel (3 nights in Ushuaia on BB basis).

DAY 14: USHUAIA - Lagos off-Road 4x4 day excursion



- Breakfast then tour on 4x4 Land Rover Defender with CANAL Fun, Ushuaia's leading outdoor adventure company. Embark on a fabulous excursion around the *Indigenous Forests* surrounding **Lago Fagnano** called "Lago's off Road i.e. an adrenaline pumping off-road in muddy tracks a in the lake itself.
- From above the Andes, get a view of the little gem hidden in the valley, **Lago Escondido** ('hidden Lake').
- Lunch: Driver/guide will cook an exquisite barbeque (asado) in a small 'refugio' located deep in the indigenous forest, and a glass of top quality Argentine Malbec. Return to hotel.

DAY 15: USHUAIA

- Free day at leisure.
- Optional tour: **Tierra del Fuego National Park** inclusive of trekking & canoeing? This is an exceptional way of visiting one of the most pristine areas in the southern hemisphere.
- Alternatively, if you want to be at the "End of the World" than **Gable Island** will be the ultimate option. Far away from the tourist areas in the Beagle Channel, Gable Island offers untouched diversity, remains of the **Yamanas tribe** and the first white people settlements.



DAY 16: USHUAIA / BUENOS AIRES

- Breakfast, check out and transfer to Ushuaia airport. Check in for onward flight to Buenos Aires. This service lands at Jorge Newbery Aeroparque *Domestic Airport* in Buenos Aires.
- Meet and transfer to EZEIZA International Airport

OPTIONAL TOURS

BUENOS AIRES: FIESTA GAUCHA



- Transfer from hotel by regular coach.
- Journey out into the rural hinterland, famous gaucho township where a cattle estancia awaits your discovery.
- Experience a **Fiesta Gaucha**, and come face to face with the rural lifestyle and the hardened men of the Pampa - Argentina's working gauchos. You will be served traditional empanadas, be entertained watching & listening to folkloric song, music & dancing, partaking in a wonderful & traditionally *cooked "asado"* where prime meat beef, lamb, pork & poultry cuts are cooked. You'll lay witness to the gauchos' supreme *horse-riding skills* and share a cup of traditional "mate".

COLONIA, URUGUAY



- Transfer from hotel to the Buque Bus Ferry Terminus, to board the fast vessel for a one-hour service over to the historical Spanish settlement of Colonia, Uruguay i.e. *Spanish fortress* and bronzed cannons, *iconic Colonia Lighthouse*, *old Basilica* and *central plaza* - followed by lunch served at a typical local restaurant.
- Visit the artisan market then dock, for the return late afternoon on the fast ferry to Buenos Aires.

IGUAZU: IGUAZU FOREST



- Up close and personal with nature. Activities include Tree Canopy platform access & flying fox, guided hiking & waterfall rappel. Hotel pick-up with round-trip transfers & bilingual instructor / guides are included.


DEVIL'S THROAT



- Full day of outdoor soft adventure activities within Iguazu National Park. E.g. people mover' train departing from the visitors center & culminates at the thunderous *Devil's Throat*; interpretive Nature Cruise in a *rubber zodiac* craft; interpretive jungle *4x4 open deck truck excursión*; high-speed *power-boating excursion up the Iguazu River gorge* into *San Martin Valley*. Transfers are not included.

BRAZILIAN SIDE OF THE IGUAZU FALLS





-  Journey by car to cross into Brazil and admire from the Brazilian side of Iguazu National Park, 270 waterfalls. Here there is a 1km long walkway extending out above the Iguazu River. While the activities are on the Argentine side, Brazil offers the best panoramic views including a view up into the Devil's Throat, & front-on view of the four Brazilian falls.

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SALTA: CAFAYATE



-  The journey starts from Salta city to the south, along route 68 i.e. through the *Lerma Valley* and its historical towns. You will reach the “**Shells’ Gorge**”, where wind and water erosion carved curious shapes on the rocks e.g. Amphitheater, Devils throat, Toad, Castles among others.
-  Visit a well-known winery, specialized in **Torrontes** production. After lunch (not included), return to Salta



CACHI



-  The trip begins in the *Lerma Valley*, continuing to *Chicoana*. We arrive to *Maray* via the “**Bishop’s Cliff**”, road with abundant curves to enjoy a panoramic view of the Enchanted Valley.
-  At **Piedra del Molino** (The Mil l’s Stone) we reach 3,384 meters above sea level. In Cachi, admire the panoramic view of **Nevado de Cachi**. Finally, visit the town of Cachi, its Archaeological Museum and Church.



EL CALAFATE: TODO GLACIARES NAVIGATION



-  Head to **Punta Bandera** where you board *Campbell’s Catamaran*, decked out with individual lounge styled seating & large panoramic windows.
-  The excursion tracks around **Lago Argent** into the lake of Upsala, Spegazzini and either Onelli or Seco glaciers (if weather permits). Transfer to hotel.


BIG ICE TREK



-  The excursion starts from “Bajo de Las Sombras” Port (Under the Shadows) early in the morning on board a craft that crosses the **Rico Arm of Lake Argentino**. After 15-minute sailing, the opposite shore is reached where the mountain guides escort the group towards the place where the crampons are selected.
-  At this point, a hike begins to approach the glacier. Adventurers begin to explore the glacier and discover blue lagoons, deep and alarming cracks, huge drains & caves



EL CHALTÉN



-  Leave El Calafate early in the morning to **El Chaltén**, a 212-kilometer distance covered in less than 3 hours, a postcard-like place: the *Argentinian capital of hiking*, several trails start at its very streets and get deep into the impressive surrounding mountains, such as the **Fitz Roy**, the **Poincenot** or the very particular **Mount Torre**.



USHUAIA: TIERRA DEL FUEGO NATIONAL PARK



-  Drive out of the city passing by the slope of *Susana Hill*, where the *Southern Fuegian Railway station* is located.
-  Start a Train tour, visit part of the old railway used by prisoners of the Old Prison, the *Fuegian forest* and its flora, Roca Lake. Finally, pass by the *Beaver Dams* whose footpath will lead us to *Lapataia Bay*.

GABLE ISLAND



-  Full Day excursion to Gable Island. Take a ride, navigate, walk and discover. OR canoe down the river to get to the **Beagle Channel**, and, with the help of the wind, approach **Harberton Ranch** by sea.
-  Within a framework that summarizes the history and natural variety of **Tierra del Fuego** we ‘ll get a chance to see the only penguin rookery in the province. Inclusive of lunch and snacks. - No entrance fee included

TREKKING & NAVIGATION



Enjoy hikes and canoeing with specialized guides through the beautiful **Lapataia Bay** where mountains, rivers, forest & lakes blend with the sea. This is a trip around the National Park that encompasses the fields of ornithology, geology, ecology, Trekking & photography. Inclusive of lunch & snacks.

FACTS FILE

Language: Spanish
Capital City: Buenos Aires
Population: 39.5 million
Area: 1,070,000 square miles
Tel. Code(s): 54
Electricity: 220V, 50 Hz
Currency: 1 Argentina Pesos = \$0.24 US Calculate Other Amounts

Visa Requirements: Argentina does not require visas from most foreigners. You should be issued a free, renewable 90-day tourist pass upon arrival.

Cuisine

Eating in Argentina is a lot like eating in Texas. It's all about the steak. Instead of cowboys, Argentina has gauchos, and instead of steakhouses, Argentina has parrilladas: mixed grill restaurants where you can feast on every cut of beef, from tenderloin to sweetbreads and udder. If you tire of well-marbled hunks of meat at ridiculously cheap prices, Argentina provides a few other international cuisine options, especially in Buenos Aires. Whatever you eat, be sure to try the local wine. It can be suspiciously inexpensive, but in many cases the Argentinean wines are a good deal better than the world-renowned wines of neighboring Chile.

Good Buys

Before Eva Perón became Dior's muse, Buenos Aires was a haven for South American fashionistas. It still is, but don't expect many bargains on Italian and French couture; Dolce & Gabbana and Prada will always cost you, except perhaps out of the back of a van. Argentina's hometown designers would be a better choice for a new look. And, for obvious reasons, leather bags, leather clothing, and leather furniture are all incredibly cheap.

WHEN TO GO

April, May, September, November