

A Six-Day Getaway: Buenos Aires, Argentina

Alumni Program



Buenos Aires, Argentina's largest city is a seductive world capital located on the banks of the Rio de la Plata. Built by European immigrants, Buenos Aires often surprises visitors with its resemblance to the majestic cities of Europe. Locals in outdoor cafés, dancers in tango bars, and passionate citizens discussing government and soccer on the street corners are all part of the essence of Buenos Aires. The city has one of the greatest entertainment and nightlife scenes in the world. Theaters, tango shows, bars, and clubs all exhibit the great South American flair. Outside the city you will find a land of diversity in the endless grassy horizons of The Pampas. This is Argentina's breadbasket of fertile land where thousands of cattle are raised each year by pampas gauchos, also known as cowboys. Come with us, share the adventure, and join in on the fun!



ROUND-TRIP AIR TRANSPORTATION; Round-trip flights from New York (JFK) or Washington Dulles Airport on Delta Airlines or similar carrier.

FOUR STAR ACCOMMODATIONS; Hotel accommodations for five nights, at the centrally located four star 725 Continental Hotel or similar including hotel tax and service charge.

SUPERB CUISINE; Seven meals including buffet breakfast each day and a welcome and farewell dinner. The welcome dinner is at a local and traditional Argentine Beef restaurant, the farewell dinner is at La Ventana Restaurant with a tango show.

WELCOME RECEPTION; Welcome cocktail party with hors d'oeuvres.

SIGHTSEEING TOUR PROGRAM; Including a full day city tour of Buenos Aires/tour based on Eva Perone and the Peronistas and a full day tour to a typical Gaucho Ranch with lunch as well as optional tours available.

MEETING ROOMS; We have a meeting room available for one hours use on two separate days.

COMPLIMENTARY PLACES; We have complimentary places for faculty on all our group departures.

PROFESSIONAL TOUR MANAGER; Services of a professional tour manager daily on the program upon arrival in Buenos Aires through departure.

FIRST CLASS MOTORCOACHES; First class motorcoaches and experienced drivers for all transfers, tours, and guided excursions.

LUGGAGE HANDLING AND TRANSFERS; Round-trip airport to hotel transfers in each city including luggage handling for one checked bag per person.

LOCAL TAXES AND SERVICE CHARGES; These charges are on all included features and all applicable entrance fees and admission charges.

MARKETING PACKAGE; To assist in getting the message out we will provide brochures, e-brochures, Web PDF's and Alumni brochure placement costs.

FUNDRAISING; All our group departures offer fundraising amounts for every paying passenger.

EXPERIENCE AND ADVICE; ABC Destinations holds over 45 years of experience in the travel industry offering assistance and advice in group travel programs.

FOR PRICING AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT ABC DESTINATIONS AT 1-800-227-5858

Day 1: Depart the U.S.

From New York or Washington Dulles airport via Delta Airlines (or similar) for Argentina.

Day 2 – Buenos Aires, Argentina:

Upon arrival in Buenos Aires, proceed to baggage claim and after clearing customs, meet your local ABC Destinations tour director, continue to the hotel for check-in. The balance of the day is at leisure to explore the city on your own. This evening for your enjoyment we will have our welcome cocktail party with tasty Argentine hors d'oeuvres.

Day 3 – Buenos Aires:

Today you will get acquainted with Buenos Aires during a full day tour highlighting the city's major neighborhoods and attractions. Buenos Aires, popularly known as "Paris of South America", has a distinctive European flavor of wide boulevards and stunning architecture; this complex, energetic and seductive port city has been the gateway to Argentina for centuries. In the 19th century, the port was the arrival point for Europeans including Spanish; Italian, Syrian-Lebanese, Polish and Russian immigrants who provided Buenos Aires with the cultural eclecticism that define the city today. We will stop for lunch at a typical local restaurant (not included). After lunch we will visit the Museum of Evita Peron. The museum has a modern format, using technology to bring history to the present day. Tonight Dinner is at a typical Argentine Beef Restaurant. (B, D)

Day 4 Buenos Aires:

After breakfast enjoy a full day of leisure full free day to explore or depart on an optional tour to Sale de Rio de La Plata River for a 45 minute high speed boat ride via hydrofoil to Colonia (Uruguay). Colonia is a small city founded by the Portuguese in 1680, at a time when Spain and Portugal were in the midst of confrontations. For over a hundred years both Empires fought over it, until finally the Treaty of Saint Ildefonso awarded it to Spain. Today the Old City has a lot to say about its Colonial past. Visit the picturesque streets of Colonia del Sacramento, the eldest city in the country, recently declared World Heritage by UNESCO. The streets of Santa Rita, San Gabriel, the Matriz Church, San Pedro road, the Bastion del Carmen, the famous " Calle de los Suspiros " (Street of Sighs) used so often as a scenery for historical films, Puerta del Campo, Plaza Mayor 25 de Mayo. The past can still be felt, in the city's cobblestone streets and stone walls. Colonia complements its archaeological values with natural beauty, the permanent company of the Uruguay River and the emblematic monuments that stand out on the horizon, such as the cathedral and the lighthouse, and very nearby, the Real de San Carlos bullring. (B)

Day 5 Buenos Aires:

After breakfast today is yours to do as you please. You can explore the city, do some shopping and maybe stop for coffee at Café Tortoni. Cafe Tortoni is one of the city's most traditional cafes, located on the famous Avenida de Mayo, with its original decoration. Here you could try a traditional "Chocolate con Churros" or coffee or tea with pastry. If out of town adventure is what you need, take an optional tour to El Tigre one of the biggest Deltas in the world. We will see Tigre Town one of the most beautiful accesses downtown, passing by residential suburban neighborhoods with their calm narrow roads, Yacht clubs, and mansions. Departing from Tigre's pier, on board of a typical island launch, the green labyrinth of channels and streams will open its doors to let you explore the nature of its islands, enjoying the views of beautiful riverside villas, Victorian docks, English gardens, and traditional rowing and boating clubs. During this relaxing visit, you will leave the bustling city behind and enter a world that has changed little since the 1920s, where you may also have lunch at one of the various Islands restaurants. Tonight visit one of the many restaurants Buenos Aires has to offer. (B)

Day 6 Buenos Aires:

Today after breakfast meet your guide and driver for a full day tour at a Gaucho Ranch. This tour offers the perfect overview of Argentina's original gaucho, (cowboy) and culture. Visit a beautiful cattle ranch in the pasturelands where you will enjoy an authentic meal and show. Then visit the small charismatic gaucho town of San Antonio del Arco, known as a slice of old Argentina. This evening we hit the town as we head out for a farewell dinner and Tango show at La Ventana. This Tango House, located in San Telmo, offers the possibility of admiring all qualities of tango in its different expressions. Enjoy a wonderful dinner while taking in Andean music, as well as typical Argentine folk music, which will be performed to fulfill your expectations. (B, L, D)

Day 7 Buenos Aires/ USA:

After breakfast depart transfer to the airport for your return flight home.

Please note: Though rare, it may be necessary to substitute hotels and adjust itineraries due to local conditions. Every attempt has been made to produce this information accurately. We reserve the right to correct errors. B = full breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner

2011 DEPARTURE DATES: JUN 1-7, 8-14, 15-30, 22-28, JUN 29-JUL 5

