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**9 NIGHTS / 10 DAYS**

# **ARGENTINA**

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## ITINERARY OUTLINE

**DAY 1: Thursday, February 22 – Arrival in Argentina, Orientation Tour**

**DAY 2: Friday, February 23 – Buenos Aires, Full day Tour, Milongas experience.**

**DAY 3: Saturday, February 24 – Argentinean Cooking experience**

**DAY 4: Sunday, February 25 – Morning flight to El Calafate, Nativos Experience**

**DAY 5: Monday, February 26 – Perito Moreno, Los Glaciares, Glacier Trekking**

**DAY 6: Tuesday, February 27 – El Chalten, Hiking**

**DAY 7: Wednesday, February 28 – Cero Mayo & Cero Negro Glaciers, Lake Argentina, Hiking, Flight Back to BA. Overnight in Buenos Aires**

**DAY 8: Thursday, February 29 – Morning flight to Iguazu, Iguazu, The Falls (Argentina side) ending at Belmond (Brazil side)**

**DAY 9: Friday, March 1 – Iguazu Falls (Brazil) - free day.**

**DAY 10: Saturday, March 2 – Morning at leisure, mid day flight to BA, dinner and drop off at the airport for evening flight to NY**

**ITINERARY MAP**



## DAY 1: Thursday, February 22 - Arrival in Argentina, Buenos Aires

Arrival in Buenos Aires and transfer to the hotel. Optional early check in at the hotel.

Half Day walking orientation tour; El Ateneo library, Recoleta neighborhood, Alvear avenue. The tour will start with the Recoleta neighborhood, Buenos Aires crown jewels area known as home to embassies and cultural centers. You will visit Carlos Pellegrini square where you will get an introduction to the neighborhood. Walk along Alvear Avenue, view the Dohau family house and the Alvear Palace hotel where in the early 1900s the high social class settled. Continue to Av. Pte. Quintana with the emblematic café La Biela, El gomero, Plaza Alvear, La Iglesia del Pilar with its baroque style and thus we will enter the Cemetery with more than 90 vaults declared National Historical Monuments, where Evita Peron is buried. Walk the unique wide streets accompanied by mausoleums and vaults decorated with marbles and sculptures.

Continue through the San Martín de Tours square, the Palace de Glace, the monument to Carlos María de Alvear and the National Museum of Fine Arts. One of the most important museums in Latin America, having the largest collection of Argentine art in the country.

Continue under the trees of Av. del Libertador, to Plaza Francia, the National Library with more than two million pieces discovering Jorge Luis Borges Argentine writer at the Plaza that bears his name and see the monument for Evita Perón.

In the last part of the tour, you will see the imposing Floralis Genérica, with more than 20 meters high and 18 tons, it continues to show us the great green lung of the city. Next to it is the imposing building of the Public University of Law and Social Sciences.

During the walk you will have an option to taste different flavors of Empanadas.

Overnight in Buenos Aires

Included: Private airport transfer  
Half day walking tour with a private guide



**DAY 2: Friday, February 23 - Buenos Aires**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Today you together with your guide and driver you will visit Buenos Aires main areas and famous neighborhoods. Visit historic Plaza de Mayo square, scenery of resonant political demonstrations. It is surrounded by the Government House, best known as the “Pink House”, which is the Government seat; the Cabildo (the old City Hall) and the Cathedral. The Avenida De Mayo, which starts in this square, is an interesting set of buildings of varied styles that reflect the diversity of its inhabitants. Wide avenues and green areas appear constantly trying to slow down the rhythm of this vertiginous city. A sample of this is the 9 de Julio Avenue, with its eight lanes divided by small green squares with old leafy trees and enriched by sculptures and fountains. In the middle of this avenue, in the Plaza de la República, the Obelisk arises as a symbol of the city.

Southwards, we reach the picturesque and colorful port neighborhood of La Boca with its famous street, “Caminito”. Its architectonic characteristics reflects the European culture of the 19th century, immigration, specially Genovese sailors.

Visit La Boca neighborhood, view the famous stadium and Museum. Enjoy special BBQ lunch in La Boca (not included).

In the afternoon, you will have an option to visit the north side of the city. This visit will be a bit different as you will ride your own STEGWAY. This 10KM tour.

After the tour, independent return to the hotel, refresh, relax and get ready for your night activity.



8:00 PM depart for the “Milongas Night Tour”. This is an invitation to discover the underground way to see the authentic scene of Argentine Tango.

The. The Milongas are the social events that bring together the local people who want to dance Tango, there are also practices and classes, as well as sometimes live musicians and professional dancers. They function in social clubs, dance halls, venues ... and they do not always have fixed places, being their organizers, DJs and type of public who mark the style of a particular Milonga. There are Milongas from very formal to queer of people of all ages.

The experience will be guided by a Films Art Director, Specialized Cultural Guide and Native Porteña, proposes a unique approach to the universe of tango and the Bohemia of Buenos Aires.

At the tour you will visit 3 to 4 different Milongas where we can comfortably see people dancing while having a drink. You could marvel at a Tango show prepared for foreigners, but it will never achieve the emotional enjoyment and connection with our culture as with this proposal.

And of course, you could not miss the local foodie experience, going to dinner at a typical local place, exploring the wine and dishes menu with the guidance of your guide who is also a great cook and foodie, with knowledge of Argentine cuisine and wines. (Dinner not included).

Optional activity:

Tango class in one of the Milongas. (suitable for all levels, from absolute beginner to advanced intermediate)

Late night return to the hotel.

Overnight in Buenos Aires

Included: Breakfast

Full day private guide and driver

Entrance fees

Milongas Tour (not including food or drinks)

Private guide and driver



**DAY 3: Saturday, February 24 - Buenos Aires, Asado Experience.**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Morning at leisure

11:30 AM, Pick up at the hotel for your “Parrilla Asado Cooking Experience”.

Parrilla is the name for the actual grill in Argentina (no gas barbecues here!) and also the name for steakhouses in Argentina. An asado is the name of the event of a barbecue at someone’s house and the name of barbecue as a whole in Argentina

This BBQ cooking class featuring premium meat and wine where you will discover local authentic argentine tradition. You will learn how to start the fire, share a table with other guests, you will prepare the chimichurri sauce with Belen's family recipe and you will learn about Argentinian meat and the best techniques to grill. Finally, you will taste unique flavors experiencing the flow of an authentic argentine Asado.

After your cooking experience and lunch you will enjoy time at leisure for some shopping.

Optional late afternoon sunset cruise at the harbor.

Overnight in Buenos Aires.

Included: Breakfast

Asado cooking experience including lunch

Roundtrip transfer



## DAY 4: Sunday, February 25 - Patagonia, El Calafate

Breakfast at the hotel.

Early morning private transfer to the airport for your domestic flight to Calafate.

El Calafate is a small village located on the south coast of Argentino Lake. Located in the southwest of the Province of Santa Cruz. It was named after a typical thorny bush of southern Patagonia. The Calafate blooms in the spring with yellow flowers and in summer with purple fruits. According to tradition those who eat this fruit will always return to Patagonia.

El Calafate is an important tourist destination as the hub to visit different parts of the Los Glaciares National Park, including the Perito Moreno Glacier (one of the most visited in the world) and the Cerro Chaltén and Cerro Torre.

Upon arrival in El Calafate, meet your escort and transfer to your hotel. You will have time to enjoy the village.

In late afternoon depart for the “Nativo Experience – Lakes and caves”. This tour is a 4x4 activity through the Argentino Lake’s shore, with an anthropological approach that tours man’s presence along the years in this region. The aim is to rediscover the first expeditions of the brave ones who dare to go into the unknown and how their first interaction with the natives was. Thus, among cliffs and views to the Andes Mountain Range, one personally feels the Tehuelche world along 20km. Stopping for taking pictures will help to go even deeper in typical flora and fauna details, as well as trying to understand the legacy left by those natives through their cave paintings. Imagination will be set free among chenges and awnings, immersed in thousands of years of history.

On the lake’s shore, there are millennial caves where Tehuelche culture left its mark printed on the rocks to be read.

Your tour will end with special dinner experience inside one of the caves.

Overnight in Calafate

Included: Breakfast

Private transfer across the border to Iguazu airport

Private meet and greet and transfer to El Calafate

Nativos experience

Dinner





## DAY 5: Monday, February 25 - El Calafate, Perito Moreno. Los Glaciares National Park

Breakfast at the hotel. The night prior you will arrange for a lunch box to go at the hotel.

After breakfast depart the hotel to Los Glaciares National Park. Arrival at Bajo de las Sombras Bay, where you will embark on a catamaran to cross the Rico Arm of Lago Argentino, for a 20-minute sail across the lake, along the south wall of Perito Moreno Glacier.

Once at the refuge, you will be welcomed by specialized trekking guides that will offer a brief lecture about glacier behavior and the particularities of the local forest. A short hike through a dense lenga forest will take you to the glacier edge. There, you will be provided with special crampons to walk on ice and will be instructed about how to walk on the ice.

The 2 hours hike over the glacier, is particularly attractive since it allows you to be in close contact with the millenary ice, its peaks, fissures, small inner lagoons and deep blue drains. Another highlight is no doubt the excellent view of the lake and the land on the other side of the lake. Once you are back at the refuge, you will have free time for lunch fully admiring this amazing wonder of nature. Recross the lake again and short walk via a path to watch the glacier from another area.

Back on the boat you will continue to enjoy the view of the glaciers.

At the end of the day, private transfer back to El Calafate.

Overnight in El Calafate

Included: Breakfast

Glacier Trekking (small group) including equipment

Park and boat fees



## DAY 6: Tuesday, February 27 - El Chalten

Breakfast at the hotel

Depart Calafate on your way to El Chalten. El Chaltén is a village within Los Glaciares National Park in the Santa Cruz province. It's know for it majestic views and as a gateway to trails surrounding the peaks of Cerro Torre and Mount Fitz Roy to the northwest.

Traveling 30 km east, we take the mythical route 40, and go over the east side of the Lago Argentino and the Santa Cruz river coasts. Arrive at La Leona River, Estancia La Estela. We make a stop there to learn a little bit about the history of the place and hotel, where we can enjoy homemade cakes and some hot beverages. Then, we leave towards El Chaltén, bordering Lago Viedma. Throughout the trip we make different stops to take pictures. We arrive to El Chaltén at about 10.30 am, where we are welcomed by the park rangers and groups will be divided according to the options previously chosen.

Late afternoon return to El Calafate.

Overnight in El Calafate

Included: Breakfast and Lunch  
Round trip transfer to El Chalten  
Hiking with a private guide  
Park and boat fees



Important: This excursion requires moderate strength. It is recommended to wear comfortable clothing, trekking boots or water proof sneakers with rubber sole, sweaters, water-proof jackets or rain coats, sun glasses, gloves, hats and sun tan lotion.

**DAY 7: Wednesday, February 28 - Cero Mayo & Cero Negro Glaciers, Lake Argentina, Kayaking**

Breakfast at hotel.

Your day will start at 7:30 AM where you will get picked up and drive to the Los Glaciares National Park (70 KM). Upon arrival you will have free time to explore every corner of the Perito Moreno Glacier.

Perito Moreno Glacier is an imposing ice river covering an area of 195 square meters, 30 Km long and a front which is 5 km wide; the front walls are between 30 and 60 meters high over the lake level. In the central area of the glacier, the ice reaches a depth of 250 to 350 meters. This frozen river descends from the Southern Patagonian Ice Field causing, during its slow advance, ice cracks and thunderous bursts that turned the glacier into a world marvel in constant movement. A show that is impressive not only for its beauty, but also for the continuous roars that are heard from its innermost recesses. A walk along the paths placed in front of its Western wall, allows you to admire this impressive wonder of nature from different view points

At around 11:00 am, we will meet at the Perito Moreno Kayak Experience Meeting Point to start our your special kayaking adventure.

The guides will provide the necessary equipment: a Gore-Tex dry suit, thermal suit, boots, gloves and a life jacket so that we are safe and comfortable. After selecting our suits and getting ready, we will go to the shores of Lake Argentino to receive safety instructions and warm up with some exercises.

For about 90 minutes you will kayak all the way in front of the Perito Moreno Glacier brings you face to face with the largest wall of ice in America. Kayak through one of the most famous glaciers in the world, declared by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. Upon your return to base enjoy drinks and snacks.

Depart the Glacier and drive back to El Calafate airport for your flight back to Buenos Aires. Upon arrival in Buenos Aires, private transfer to the hotel.

Included: Breakfast  
Round trip transfer to Glacier  
90 minutes Kayak experience  
Park and boat fees



**DAY 8: Thursday, February 29 - Iguazu Falls (Argentina)**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Early morning transfer to the airport for your domestic flight to Iguazú (flight not included).

The Iguazú Falls is the largest waterfall system in the world, spanning a distance of an incredible 2 KM (1.25 miles) with average flow of 1,000 cubic meters (35,315 cubic foot) per second and consists of some 275 individual waterfalls and cascades.

Arrival at Iguazú. Meet and greet by our local English speaking guide and driver. Right after your arrival continue to the Iguazú National Park (Argentinean side). Once in the park, start your visit at the Visitor's Centre and learn all about the falls. After that, walk or take the jungle train to the Cataratas Station, from where we will be able to choose between the Inferior and the Superior Circuit. The first one goes through the down-river falls and the second one takes you to the up-river cascades. The Argentinean side offers paths leading very closely to the different waterfalls.

After your visit take the Jungle train again to the most impressive observation point of the falls – The Devil's Throat. Once you get off the train, you will walk through a path of about 1,000 meters (0.6 miles) that takes us to the most impressive fall. This is a unique experience combines the whole essence of the Iguazu National Park in one ride: the jungle and the waterfalls.

After leaving the park you will continue for a special boat ride into the falls. Your ride will start with a drive through the jungle. Once arriving at the dock you will board your speed boat. The boat takes visitors 6 km (3.7 miles) through the Canyon of the Iguazu River, to the falls. After enjoying the view from the calm side of San Martin Island you will sail to the "Tres Mosqueteros" waterfall, at that point, the Brazilian and Argentinean sides and the Devil's Throat can be clearly appreciated. Continue along the shore of the island until we get to the most exciting part where we face the San Martin waterfall, a wonderful and unforgettable experience, for it's the largest waterfall any motor-boat can approach safely.

Crossing the Juan D. Peron and Tancredo Neves Bridge which connects the cities of Puerto Iguazú (Argentina) and Foz do Iguacu (Brazil). You will cross the border, Welcome to Brazil! and continue along Das Cataratas Avenue towards the Foz do Iguacu National Park, one of the largest vegetation reserves in Brazil.

Arrive at your hotel, located right inside the Fox do Iguazu National Park on the Brazilian side of the falls where you will have the best falls view right from the front steps of the hotel.

Overnight at the Iguazú falls

Included: Breakfast  
Private transfer to Buenos Aires airport  
Private guide and driver meet and greet  
Entrance fees  
Extreme speed boat falls experience





### DAY 9: Friday, March 1 - Iguazu Falls (Brazil)

Breakfast at the hotel.

Before breakfast, you will have a chance to view the falls before ANYONE else arrive at the park. Staying at the hotel, you will have access to walk the past offering best views of the falls long before anyone enters the park. Walking along the paths on the Brazil Side you will get startled by the panoramic view of San Martin Island and the most imposing falls situated on the other side of the border like: the Bozzeti, Two Sisters, San Martin and the Three Musketeers, among others. Near the end of the path you will reach the outlook that offers an astonishing view of the Devil's Throat, situated only 150 meter away at this point. This wonderful scenery is rendered even more beautiful by the permanent rainbows that appear on the falls.

The path ends near Floriano Fall, where there is a small gift shop and the panoramic elevator, that can be optionally boarded. At the end of the path a long stairway will take you to the place where the bus will be waiting and can take you back to the hotel, or just walk the short road.

Enjoy a free day at leisure at the hotel.

There are few activities you can do right outside the park gate (shuttle from the hotel available):

- Take a helicopter ride over the falls (highly recommended).
- Visit the Bird Park (Prague de Aves) and the gardens
- Enjoy time at the hotel beautiful pool

Overnight at the Iguazú falls

Included: Breakfast



**DAY 10: Saturday, March 2 - Iguazu, Buenos Aires, Departure**

Breakfast at hotel.

Morning at leisure, mid day private transfer across the border back to Argentina and to the Iguazu airport for your flight to Buenos Aires.

Based on your final flight times, optional early farewell dinner in Buenos Aires.

Overnight on flight back to New York.

Included: Breakfast

Private transfer to airport

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see you in Argentina

