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Overview

Argentina is the second biggest state of South America. The country has 33 million inhabitants and nearly half of them live in the surroundings of Buenos Aires – one of the most cosmopolitan cities of the world. Argentina is a fascinating land of contrasts where the exceptional is almost commonplace. It is home to an abundant wildlife, enjoys a unique culture, and delights in an astonishing variety of landscapes from tropical rain forest in the north to the remote vastness of the Antarctic in the South. Three big landscapes form the country: the Andes in the west, the northern and western flatland as well as the wide plains of Patagonia in the South. The country that is stretched in length has three climatic zones: tropic in the north, moderate in the center and polar in the extreme South. The Indian aborigines only live in the north-western Andean region and in the north-east province of Misiones. The rest of the population is mainly composed of European immigrants. The official language is Spanish, but in bigger towns English is also quite common.

Brazil – with this term one associates endless Amazon jungle, wonderful beaches, Rio de Janeiro, carnival and samba. This is all correct but in reality Brazil is much more, a huge country of the superlatives. Brazil, a country of immense proportions and contrasts, has a mysterious attraction for many people. With a surface of 8,5 million km^2, Brazil is approximately as big as Europe and covers half of the South American continent. The climate changes from the permanent warm, tropic north over all sub-tropic variants to the moderate South. Since the 16th century - when Portuguese have begun to settle in the country - Brazil had always a magic attraction on foreigners. First there was the gold and then rubber and coffee and today it is above all the rhythm and the exotic that attracts tourists. People over there show a lot of happiness, kindness and spontaneity. The biggest country of South America is a mirror of fascinating pictures.

Experience the Magic of Argentina and Brazil in a once in a lifetime journey through a Seat-In-Coach tour. Visit the tourist spots, taste the cuisines, immerse in the culture, and meet new friends!

DAY BY DAY

Your Itinerary

DAY 1

BUENOS AIRES

- Meals: None
- Transfer airport – hotel
- Mini Tour Palermo (2h)

Upon arrival in Buenos Aires, transfer from the airport to the hotel.

Buenos Aires is the capital of Argentina and the center of the political, economic and intellectual life of the country. Buenos Aires has a strong European influence which is reflected by its refined taste in cooking, its luxury boutiques and in the elegance of its inhabitants. Despite modern constructions and dynamic activity, it has managed to preserve old traditions and charming corners.

The cosmopolitan atmosphere and the individual personality of each of its neighborhoods fascinate its visitors. Almost 13 million people live there and can enjoy the plentiful nightlife. During the day, a wide variety of attractions are offered: museums, art galleries, antique stores, large green areas and parks, renowned sporting events and golf courses. This is the birth place of tango music, which is included in the UNESCO list of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

In the afternoon, you will visit the district of Palermo with its beautiful parks and artificial lakes. The City Zoo, the Botanical Garden of Buenos Aires, the Argentinian Horse Track and the National Polo Fields are all located in this area.

You will also visit one of the trendiest neighborhoods in Buenos Aires: Palermo Soho & Palermo Hollywood.

This area has many design boutiques, owned by local young designers, informal and modern style as well as many fashionable cafes and restaurants.

The evening is at leisure with optional tours you can choose from.

Optional: Argentina culinary experience (3h 30min) - On shared basis

This Tour is designed to give you an introduction to the best of Argentine cuisine and culture. This is not a cooking class, but a fun and unique experience, where you will meet and dine with people from all over the world.

The International team of guides are on hand to spoil you and take you through every step of this culinary journey:

Each guest will be given a welcoming drink. At first you will try Patagonian trout tartar served with Torrontes wine. Choose from the gourmet fillings and create your own Empanada learning the traditional 'Repulgue' technique for Beef as well as Cheese and ham fillings. Enjoy a typical

Learn the most important Argentinian gestures during a short class. Enjoy what many are claiming to be the very best steak in Argentina, cooked to order and accompanied with velvety mash potatoes and a variety of roasted vegetables marinated with vinaigrette of rosemary. These top of the line thick cut filet steaks have a unique 24 hour preparation method that sets apart from the rest. Vegetarian, Pescetarian and Celiac options are available on request.

Two distinct Malbec wines, from boutique wineries in Mendoza, paired to complement food. Learn about and enjoy unlimited wine throughout the dinner. White wine is also available on request.

Enjoy a Cuartirolo Cheese tasting with Dulce De Batata (produced of sweet potato) and dulce de madera (Argentina is the only country in the world where a special kind of wood can be eaten). For desert make your own Alfajores, Argentina's National Sweet, where Biscuits, Dulce De Leche, Melted Chocolate Fondue and Coconut shavings combine to delight the senses.

Finally, get taught about the history and etiquette of Mate, Argentina's national pastime, and prepare it from scratch among yourselves.

A fun and dynamic way to approach Argentina cuisine and Argentinean habits while meeting other international travelers!

*****Remark:** The tour is shared with international travelers. The transfers take place on private basis with Spanish speaking driver. Time: 07:30 pm – 11:00 pm. Not available on Sundays.*

Middle Class: Overnight at Hotel Loi Suites Esmeralda 3* or Similar (studio)

Comfort Class: Overnight at Hotel Grand Brizo Buenos Aires 4* or Similar (comfort room)

DAY 2

BUENOS AIRES

- Meals: Buffet breakfast, Dinner
- Buenos Aires City Tour including stop at historical Café Tortoni (5h)
- Dinner & Tango show at La Ventana Tango House (5h) - On shared basis

Get in touch with the birth city of the Tango!

During your city tour in Buenos Aires you will drive along 9 de Julio Avenue, the widest avenue of the world, you will pass close to the Colon Theatre, one of the world's best known opera houses and the cultural pride of the "Bonaerenses".

Visit the famous Avenida de Mayo that runs into the Plaza De Mayo, surrounded by the Casa Rosada (Government House), the Metropolitan Cathedral and the Cabildo (first City Hall, built during Spanish rule). At the other end of Avenida de Mayo the cupola of the Congress building can be seen.

Stop and inside visit of the Metropolitan Cathedral, this imposing neo-classical building is Argentina´s main catholic building. The mausoleum of General San Martin (our National Hero) is located inside the Cathedral, and Pope Francisco used to celebrate religious services in this Cathedral when he was cardinal of Buenos Aires city.

We will stop at the famous Café Tortoni, the oldest literati café of the city. Enjoy a cup of coffee & snack.
Your next stop is La Boca, a most colorful area with the famous street Caminito.

Continue to the north area and visit the Recoleta area, one of the city's most glamorous spots. Here you will see elegant boutiques and excellent restaurants, surrounded by centennial trees.

The heart of the neighborhood is the Recoleta cemetery. The cemetery is the center of this Aristocratic neighborhood, and the most relevant personalities of Argentina's history rest in this place. The Mausoleums and Pantheons reflect the Architectural diversity emerging from the different cultural tendencies Argentina incorporated in its formation as a nation. The cemetery is considered to be one of the most impressive monuments of Argentina. A 30-minute stop includes a visit to Eva Duarte`s grave, known as Eva Perón (Evita).

In the evening you will be taken to the tango house La Ventana, because visiting a Tango Show is a MUST when you are in Buenos Aires! La Ventana is one of the most authentic tango houses and is located in the San Telmo neighborhood, the heart of the tango scene in Buenos Aires.

The Tango tradition started at the end of the last century, developing from a mixture of various rhythms, which were originally danced in the poorer

flutes, violins and guitars. The flutes were later replaced by the "Bandoneón" (a type of accordion), which gave the tango its distinctive flavor.

During the excursion you can opt between a tango lesson with specialized teachers or a wine tasting session of different Argentinean wines.

Afterwards you will enjoy dinner (which includes three courses and non-alcoholic beverages as well as half a bottle of wine or two glasses of beer per person) and a tango show.

After the tango show, return back to the hotel. Arrival at the hotel around midnight

*****Remarks:*** *The excursion is shared with international travelers. The transfers Hotel-tango house and vv. take place with other international travelers from different hotels and Spanish-speaking driver. The tango lesson/wine tasting session is bilingual (Spanish/English)*

Middle Class: Overnight at Hotel Loi Suites Esmeralda 3* or Similar (studio)

Comfort Class: Overnight at Hotel Grand Brizo Buenos Aires 4* or Similar (comfort room)

DAY 3

BUENOS AIRES

- Meals: Buffet breakfast
- Day at leisure

Day at leisure – you can choose from the following:

Optional: Tour to the Tigre and Delta of the Parana River (4h) - On shared basis

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. Tigre is 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 1h-boat-excursion on the channels of the Tigre-Delta to see some of the hundreds of islands covered with exuberant vegetation.

*****Remark:** The transfers and the boat navigation are on shared basis with international travelers.*

This tour will finalize with drop off at one of the locations below, not at the hotel (guests can choose & coordinate with tour guide best drop off point according to their convenience)

Drop Off points:

-Puerto Madero area / Woman`s Bridge

-Galerias Pacifico – mall in the corner of Avenue Cordoba & Florida

-Avenue Santa Fé & 9 de Julio

-Juncal & Cerrito

-Obelisco

-Colon Theatre

-Irigoyen & Lima Street

Optional: A day at the countryside visiting estancia Santa Susana (7h) - On shared basis

Enjoy a complete day in the pampa! Carriages and horse rides will show you the charm of Argentinian countryside, its scenarios and the incomparable wild aroma.

Barbecue will be served with variety of salads and local dessert. After lunch, the folklore show will begin with its music and dances.

The day will end enjoying typical Estancia´s activities: regional games as

and try to pass a pin through a small ring hanging from the arch.

After the local games demonstration, transfer back to the city.

*****Remark:** Excursion and transfers shared with other international travelers.*

This tour will finalize with drop off at certain drop off locations, not at the hotel. List of drop off points are mentioned above.

Optional: San Telmo Antique Fair tour (3h 30min)

San Telmo is the best kept historical neighborhood and oldest district of Buenos Aires.

The San Telmo Antique Fair is one of the most relevant attractions that the city of Buenos Aires has to offer. Every Sunday, Plaza Dorrego looks different when it hosts over 270 stands that offer their unique antiques for sale. Gramophones, gramophone records, antique clothes, jewels, trinkets, postcards, calendars, books, iron-fittings, lamps, and an endless number of ornaments may be found in this traditional fair, organized by the Museum of the City, which has developed an internationally acknowledged identity.

The bars nearby take their tables out onto the sidewalk and the whole adjoining area is full of musicians, singers, tango dancers, mimes; on Sundays San Telmo is an authentic Argentinean feast.

Here you will have time to stroll around Plaza Dorrego, you will see some wonderful open-air shows, hear some veteran tango singers, buy something original at the flea market and get an idea of what Buenos Aires and their culture is really about.

*****Remark:** Market is only available on Sundays.*

Middle Class: Overnight at Hotel Loi Suites Esmeralda 3* or Similar (studio)

Comfort Class: Overnight at Hotel Grand Brizo Buenos Aires 4* or Similar (comfort room)

DAY 4

IGUAZU FALLS

- Meals: Buffet breakfast
- Transfer hotel – domestic airport Buenos Aires
- Flight Buenos Aires – Iguazu (not included)
- Visit Argentinean side of the falls
- Transfer to hotel

Transfer to the domestic airport for the flight to Iguazu.

The Major landmark of Iguazu is undoubtedly the magnificent Iguazu Falls, the world's largest, formed by the Iguazu River which rises in Curitiba on the East and winds westward along 1,320km through Parana State. Fifteen Kilometers before joining the Parana River, the Iguazu overcomes an abrupt uneven ground and then, amidst an exuberant forest, hurls itself into 275 falls that cascade over a u-shaped precipice 2,700 meters wide, from an average height of 60 meters.

At the other side Brazil displays 800 meter long falls. From both sides the view is superb, at any time of the year. The Falls have been declared by UNESCO Humankind Patrimony.

Upon arrival in Iguazu, pick-up at the Airport and transfer to the Argentinean National Park towards the Argentinean side of the falls.

You will make a short stop at the Visitor's Center and proceed from there along the Inferior Circuit, the down-river falls, to the Superior Circuit, the up-river cascades. The Ecological Jungle Train leads you to the most impressive observation point of the falls – The Devil´s Throat. After visit transfer to the hotel on the Brazilian side of the falls.

Middle Class: Overnight at Hotel Recanto Cataratas 4* or Similar (standard room)

Comfort Class: Overnight at Hotel Wish Resort Golf Convention 4-5* or Similar (superior room)

or Overnight at Hotel Belmond Das Cataratas 5* or Similar (superior room)

DAY 5

IGUAZU FALLS

- Meals: Buffet breakfast
- Visit the Brazilian falls

  In the morning visit of the Brazilian side of the falls. Walking along the paths following cascades and then along the catwalk that leads very close to the bottom of the Devil's Throat to enjoy magnificent views.

  Take an elevator to go up to the road in order to board the coach which will bring back to the hotel.

  Middle Class: Overnight at Hotel Recanto Cataratas 4* or Similar (standard room)

  Comfort Class: Overnight at Hotel Wish Resort Golf Convention 4-5* or Similar (superior room)

  or Overnight at Hotel Belmond Das Cataratas 5* or Similar (superior room)

DAY 6

RIO DE JANEIRO

- Meals: Buffet breakfast
- Transfer hotel – airport
- Flight Iguazu – Rio de Janeiro (not included)
- Transfer airport – hotel

Transfer from the hotel to the airport for the flight to Rio de Janeiro.

Rio de Janeiro founded in 1556, the city of St. Sebastian of Rio de Janeiro became the capital of the Colony of Brazil in 1776. In 1808 the Portuguese royal family fled Napoleon and settled in Rio. This brought a surge of progress and the city became the main cultural, political and economic centre of the Portuguese empire. In 1889, when the republic was proclaimed, Rio was confirmed as the country's capital, which it remained until 1960, when the construction of the new capital, Brasilia, was founded.

Rio is situated in a 15-mile-strip of land, wedged between mountains and sea. There are some thirty miles separating downtown Flamengo, from far-flung Recreio, bordered on one side by the blue sea, on the other by verdant hills. Between them lies a colourful state of mind called CARIOCA, with almost 8 million locals who samba their way through life, relaxed and high-spirited.

That is just the way it should be in Rio, surrounded by natural beauty on all sides, with Christ the Redeemer perched on top of Corcovado blessing the city and Sugar Loaf, one of the most famous postcards of our country.
Arrival in Rio and transfer to the hotel.

Middle Class: Overnight at Hotel Windsor Plaza Copacabana 3-4* or Similar (superior room)

Comfort Class: Overnight at Hotel Windsor Excelsior Copacabana 4* or Similar (superior room)

DAY 7

RIO DE JANEIRO

- Meals: Buffet breakfast
- Full Day City Tour including Sugar Loaf & Corcovado (approx. 8 hours) Leaving the hotel and proceeding as far as Cosme Velho Station to board a cog-train(*) for the ride through Tijuca Forest up Corcovado Mountain at 748m (2.454ft) 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 city. Disembarking at the top of Corcovado and then proceeding up the steps that lead to the top lookout where the towering statue of Christ the Redeemer stands. After appreciating the breathtaking view unfolding below, passengers will descend by train. 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 390m (1.280ft.) high. Then coming down and proceeding along Guanabara Bay and Flamengo Park as far as downtown. Visit downtown area, passing by the financial and business centre and by other attractions such as the Candelaria Church, Saint Sebastian Cathedral, Lapa Arches, Municipal Theatre, National Library, Fine Arts Museum, and by the Sambadrome, site of Rio's famous Carnival parade.

***Remarks: (*)** *In the unusual case that the train does not operate, the drive will instead take place with vans certified by the city's administration from/to the Largo do Machado parking.*

Optional: Rio by night - Show

Visit a folklore and Carnival show featuring skilled dancers, entertainers, samba bands and wonderful costumes in a wonderful display of Brazilian folklore and Carnival.

(This excursion can be booked including dinner).

Middle Class: Overnight at Hotel Windsor Plaza Copacabana 3-4* or Similar (superior room)

Comfort Class: Overnight at Hotel Windsor Excelsior Copacabana 4* or Similar (superior room)

DAY 8

BUENOS AIRES

- Meals: Buffet breakfast
- Transfer hotel – airport

  From the hotel, transfer to the airport for your flight back home.

Tips & Travel Guide

We recommend the following individual **pre-stay tours:**

- 3 days Mendoza wine region from /to Buenos Aires
- 4 days Bariloche Lake district from/to Buenos Aires

We recommend the following individual **post-tours:**

- Extension Rio de Janeiro
- Beach extension Buzios
- 3 days / 2 nights or 4 days / 3 nights Manaus Amazon Ecopark Lodge
- 4 days / 3 nights Pantanal Araras Eco Lodge
- 4 days / 3 nights Recife
- 3 days / 2 nights Brasilia
- 4 days / 3 nights Florianopolis
- 5 days / 4 nights Chapada da Diamantina

In addition to this, we offer customized extensions in all regions upon request.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Terms & Conditions

General Conditions:

1. Departure is guaranteed with a minimum of 02 participants. The operation of the tour can only be guaranteed by the end of the free cancellation deadline of the land services, which is for middle class 60 days and for comfort class 55 days prior to departure.

2. The transfers on arrival and departure day are included in the roundtrip rate from 02 persons on; in case 01 pax arrives/departs separately, surcharges for extra transfers will apply.

3. All transfers and excursions are on seat-in-service and include local **English** speaking guides (changing in each area), except of the following non-exclusive services:

- Day 1: Dinner & Tango Show at La Ventana Tango House on regular seat-in basis

- Day 2: Argentina culinary experience on regular seat-in basis

- Day 4: Trekking at Isla Martillo and Estancia Harberton Tour on regular seat-in basis

- Day 6 + 8: Perito Moreno and Paine National Park on regular seat-in basis

- Day 7 + 9: Transfers Calafate/Puerto Natales/Punta Arenas airport by public bus without local guide.

Transfers and excursions are provided together for middle and comfort class passengers.

4. The small group guarantee of max. 16 participants cannot be ensured for services on regular seat-in-basis (non-exclusive services).

5. Cancellation Policy:

- Until 60 days prior departure no cancellation fee

- From 59 until 31 days prior departure maximum 50% cancellation fee

- From 30 until 20 days prior departure maximum 80% cancellation fee

- From 19 until 0 days prior departure there will be 95% cancellation fee

Cancellation fees for flights are subject to separate cancellation conditions depending on the Airline. For some airlines, cancellation fees will apply already 60 days before arrival.

6. We are not responsible for any belongings of the passengers carried during any services rendered by us, such as transfers or tours.

7. In case of early transfers breakfast at the hotel cannot be guaranteed. If a dinner is included in the program it cannot be guaranteed in case of unforeseen late arrivals.

8. We hold an allotment for the needed internal flights and can provide the booking accordingly. In this case, we will issue the tickets and invoice the tour operator accordingly. In case the tour operator books the internal flights

themselves, we will inform the correspondent flight numbers to be booked. With this, We can ensure that the whole group will travel together on the same flights.

9. Our prices include taxes, entrance fees, tax & service charges in the hotels and the obligatory luggage fees at the airports and in the hotels. Meals are included as and when mentioned in our program (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)

10. Our prices do not include: airport taxes, airfares, personal expenses, extras in the hotels and tips.

11. We have the right to sell this tour to other clients without any exception.

12. The above mentioned rates for pre- and post-nights at the group hotels are subject to availability and valid for max. 3 nights. During special events at the hotels and from the 4th night on, a higher rate could apply.

13. Optional tours can be pre-booked through palace tours or in cash on the spot. Credit cards may not be accepted on the spot reservations.

14. Flights not booked via Palace Tours can only be reconfirmed by Palace Tours with the correct and complete file key of your booking.

15. For group flight reservations in general, no seat assignments can be made in advance so that preferred seating cannot be guaranteed. Groups are checked in at the airport, when the seats are distributed by the airlines.

16. Complete passenger details including full name, passport number and validity date, Nationality, date of birth and international ticket number are required, 8 weeks prior to arrival.

17. Rates for accommodation services in Argentina are based on bookings made by non-resident foreign visitors. For nationals or foreign residents in Argentina, rates are not valid and a surcharge of 21% local tax applies on all hotel services. Palace Tours require the complete information (name and surname, nationality, country of residence, passport number) on behalf of each passenger at the time of placing a firm booking (FITs) or at the time of confirming the final allotment of a group booking or series (“final rooming list”). In some cases, we may require you to send us a copy of the passports of each passenger.

Important: Cancellation charges for hotel services may increase to 121% of the sales rate in case of no-show or last-minute cancellation. In such cases the 21% local tax (IVA), which are refunded to tourists with foreign residency, will be charged in addition to our quoted hotel rates.

18. Rates for hotel services in Chile are based on bookings made by non-resident foreign visitors. For nationals or foreign residents in Chile, rates are not valid and a surcharge of 19% local tax applies on all hotel services.

Important: Cancellation charges for hotel services may increase to 119% of the sales rate in case of no-show or last-minute cancellation. In such cases the 19% local tax (IVA), from which tourists are exonerated upon presentation of their passport during Check-in, will be charged in addition to our quoted hotel rates.

19. Visitors entering with passports from Australia, Albania or Mexico have to pay a reciprocity fee when entering Chile through the international airport in Santiago. The amount varies due to the country of origin and is subject to change.

20. Please inquire at the competent authorities about the actual entry permit, validity of passports and the vaccination regulations.

21. Our general conditions apply.

22. Palace Tours' liability will be limited to the reimbursement of services supplied for failure of services contracted by us. Palace Tours cannot be held liable for any injury, loss, accident, delay or irregularity occasioned by air-carriers or third-party suppliers and by natural phenomena, sickness, war, quarantine, strike, or any other kind of force major or by attendance to Federal Police, customs and Health Authorities regulations.

Unless otherwise agreed, the full payment is due 40 days prior to arrival.

COMMON QUESTIONS

Frequently Asked Questions

How long is the Best of Argentina and Brazil tour?

> Best of Argentina and Brazil is an 8-day, 7-night journey. It begins with your arrival in Buenos Aires on day 1 and ends on day 8 with a transfer from your Rio de Janeiro hotel to the airport for your flight home.

Which cities and sights does the Best of Argentina and Brazil itinerary cover, in order?

> The route runs Buenos Aires (days 1-3), Iguazu Falls (days 4-5, seeing both the Argentinean and Brazilian sides) and Rio de Janeiro (days 6-8). Highlights include a Palermo mini tour, a Buenos Aires city tour with a stop at the historic Cafe Tortoni, a tango dinner show, the falls and a full-day Rio tour with Sugar Loaf and Corcovado.

What kind of tour is Best of Argentina and Brazil - private or group?

> This is a seat-in-coach group tour, so sightseeing is shared with other travellers, and some elements such as the tango dinner show are on a shared basis. It suits travellers who want the key sights of both countries with guiding and transfers arranged, while still meeting fellow travellers along the way.

What is included on day 2 in Buenos Aires?

> Day 2 includes a five-hour Buenos Aires city tour with a stop at the historic Cafe Tortoni, followed by dinner and a tango show at La Ventana Tango House on a shared basis. The city tour drives along 9 de Julio Avenue, passes the Colon Theatre and visits Avenida de Mayo and Plaza de Mayo with the Casa Rosada, Metropolitan Cathedral and Cabildo.

What can I do on the free day in Buenos Aires?

> Day 3 is at leisure in Buenos Aires. One option is a four-hour shared tour to Tigre and the Parana River Delta, driving through the northern district of San Isidro to the town of Tigre with its rivers, green islands and rowing clubs. Optional tours are not part of the base tour, so ask a specialist to add one when you book.

Do I see both the Argentinean and Brazilian sides of Iguazu Falls on this tour?

> Yes. On day 4 you fly from Buenos Aires to Iguazu and visit the Argentinean side of the falls, and on day 5 you visit the Brazilian side. The Brazilian visit follows the paths along the cascades and a catwalk that leads close to the bottom of the Devil's Throat, before an elevator takes you back up to the road.

Why are the Iguazu Falls such a highlight?

> Iguazu is described as one of the greatest natural wonders of South America. The Iguazu River hurls itself into some 275 falls cascading over a U-shaped precipice about 2,700 metres wide, surrounded by subtropical forest. Seeing it from both countries gives you the panoramic Brazilian view and the close-up Argentinean trails.

Are the internal flights included in Best of Argentina and Brazil?

> No. The flights from Buenos Aires to Iguazu (day 4) and from Iguazu to Rio de Janeiro (day 6) are not included in the tour price, and neither are international flights. The airport transfers around those flights are part of the itinerary, and a travel specialist can help you arrange suitable flights.

What does the full-day Rio de Janeiro tour include?

> Day 7 is a full-day city tour of about eight hours including Sugar Loaf and Corcovado. You ride a cog train from Cosme Velho Station through the Tijuca Forest up Corcovado, at 748 metres, to the statue of Christ the Redeemer, taking in views of the beaches and city before descending by train and continuing the tour.

Which meals are included on the Best of Argentina and Brazil tour?

> Buffet breakfast is included every morning from day 2 to day 8, and dinner is included on day 2 with the tango show at La Ventana. Day 1 has no meals included, and other lunches and dinners are at your own expense, which leaves you free to explore the restaurants of Buenos Aires and Rio.

What accommodation classes are available on this tour?

> The tour is offered in two classes, Middle and Comfort. Middle Class uses good 4-star hotels in standard rooms, while Comfort Class steps up to higher-category 4-5 star or 5-star hotels in superior rooms. Hotels are confirmed as named or similar, and the specialist will tell you which properties apply to your dates.

How much is the deposit and when is the balance due for Best of Argentina and Brazil?

> A deposit of 25% of the tour price secures your booking. The remaining balance is due 65 days before departure. If you book within 65 days of travel, the full amount is normally payable at the time of booking.

Can children join the Best of Argentina and Brazil tour, and are there child rates?

> Yes, children are welcome. Child pricing uses two age bands based on age on the day of departure: under 5, and from 5 to under 12. Children aged 12 and over are priced as adults. A travel specialist will confirm the child rate and room arrangement for your family.

Can I travel solo on this tour?

> Yes. Solo travellers can book with single occupancy on request, which carries a single supplement because the tour is priced per person sharing. Contact a travel specialist and they will confirm single-room availability and the supplement for your chosen class and dates.

When does Best of Argentina and Brazil depart and how much does it cost?

> No fixed departure dates are currently listed on this page, so prices are quoted on request for the dates you want to travel. Fares are per person sharing in USD and depend on your travel dates and your choice of Middle or Comfort class. A travel specialist can confirm availability and give you an exact quote.

Can I add extensions before or after the Argentina and Brazil tour?

> Yes. Suggested pre-tour options include 4 days in the Bariloche Lake District from Buenos Aires. Suggested post-tour options include extra time in Rio de Janeiro, a beach stay in Buzios, Amazon lodge stays near Manaus, the Pantanal, Recife, Brasilia, Florianopolis or Chapada Diamantina. Customised extensions in all regions are available on request.

Where does the tour start and end, and are airport transfers included?

> The tour starts in Buenos Aires, where you are transferred from the airport to your hotel on arrival, and ends in Rio de Janeiro with a transfer from your hotel to the airport on day 8. Airport transfers are also arranged around the Iguazu flights on days 4 and 6.

Is Best of Argentina and Brazil a good first trip to South America?

> It is an efficient introduction: in one week you see the continent's most cosmopolitan capital, one of its greatest natural wonders and Rio's most famous viewpoints. The pace includes a free day in Buenos Aires, and the walking at the falls is on paths and catwalks, so it suits most travellers with average mobility.

What does the Palermo mini tour on arrival day involve?

> On day 1, after your airport transfer to the hotel, a two-hour mini tour introduces the Palermo area of Buenos Aires. It is a gentle start that gives you a feel for the city's European-influenced style, parks and neighbourhoods before the full city tour on day 2.

How do I ask a question or book Best of Argentina and Brazil?

> You can email travel@palacetours.com, call 786-408-0610, or message us on WhatsApp at https://wa.me/17864080610, answered by a travel specialist or our AI assistant. Any departure listed on this page can be booked directly online, and if no date suits you, the team will quote your preferred dates.

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