

1. BUENOS AIRES



Buenos Aires is not only the capital of Argentina; it is also one of the 10 most important metropolises in the world and the centre of the political, economic and intellectual life of the country. It is also the most elegant and busy city in South America. This cosmopolitan city - with great European cultural influence - displays a refined taste in its cooking, in its "boutiques" and in the elegance of its inhabitants. Whilst of modern construction and dynamic activity, it has managed to preserve old traditions and charming corners. The atmosphere, the individual personality of each of its neighbourhoods, the cordiality of its people and the wide selection of its cultural and commercial opportunities, fascinates one. Almost 13 million people live there and can enjoy the plentiful nightlife visiting "tango" bars, cabarets, discotheques, restaurants or eternally open bars.

During the day, a wide variety of attractions is offered: museums, art galleries, tasteful shops, fascinating antiques, large green areas, parks, wide tree lined boulevards, clubs and sporting events.

Buenos Aires - Excursions

Half Day City Tour Buenos Aires (approx. 3,5 hours)

Get in touch with the birth city of the Tango! During this tour you will drive close to Colon Theatre, one of the world's best known opera houses and the cultural pride of the "porteños" (as the inhabitants of Buenos Aires are called). 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 you find the Congress building. We will include a stop an 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 Francis used to celebrate religious services in this Cathedral when he was Cardinal of Buenos Aires city. We continue to San Telmo, an historical neighborhood and the eldest district of Buenos Aires. Here you may have some time to stroll around Plaza Dorrego with its many antique shops (only on Sundays and at the end of the tour, without transfer back to the hotel). On Sundays a visit to Plaza Dorrego is a "MUST" for its famous antique market. Our next stop is La Boca, a most colorful area with the famous street Caminito. Driving along 9 de Julio Avenue, the widest avenue of the world, you see the Colon Theatre, a famous Opera House that stages the most important artists and musicians from all over the world. Continue to Palermo with its beautiful parks, the City Zoo, Botanical Garden, Argentine Horse Track and National Polo Fields. Palermo is well-known for its artificial lakes. At the end of the tour you will visit Recoleta area, one of the city's most glamorous spots. Here you will find the Municipal Cultural Center, elegant boutiques and excellent restaurants, surrounded by centennial trees. At the cemetery of Recoleta you will find the grave of Eva Duarte, known in the whole world as Eva Perón (Evita). The cemetery is the centre of this aristocratic neighbourhood, and the more 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.

Full Day City Tour Buenos Aires with lunch (approx. 5,5 hours)

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Buenos Aires City Tour including stop & drink at Café Tortoni (approx. 5 hours)

Get in direct touch with the town where the Tango was born! During this tour we will visit Avenida de Mayo that runs into the Plaza De Mayo, which is 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 you find the Congress building. We will include a stop and an 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 Francis 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 situated at Avenida de Mayo, which has been the scene of some of the most celebrated porteño talks, while jazz sessions and literary clubs are held in its cellar. Enjoy a cup of coffee & snack. Then we continue to San Telmo, the best kept historical neighbourhood and eldest district of Buenos Aires. Here you may have some time to stroll around Plaza Dorrego with its many antique shops (*only on Sundays and at the end of the tour, without transfer back to the hotel*). On Sundays Plaza Dorrego is a "MUST", as an antique market takes place there. This is the right place to buy a souvenir, and see tango couples dancing in the streets. Next stop is La Boca, a most colourful area. At the famous street Caminito people will meet painters offering their Tango pictures. Passing Colon Theatre, one of the world's best known opera houses and the cultural pride of the "porteños" (as the inhabitants of Buenos Aires are commonly called), we continue to Palermo with its beautiful parks, the City Zoo, Botanical Garden, Argentine Horse Track and National Polo Fields. Palermo is beautiful for its artificial lakes. At the end of the tour we will visit Recoleta area, one of the city's glamorous spots. Recoleta is the quarter of the rich of Buenos Aires, even though it once hosted a slaughterhouse. Here you will find the Municipal Cultural Centre, elegant boutiques and excellent restaurants, surrounded by centennial trees. On the cemetery of Recoleta you will find the grave of Eva Duarte who became famous as Eva Perón (Evita). The cemetery is the centre of this aristocratic district.

The more relevant personalities of Argentina's history rest in Recoleta: politicians, explorers, priests, leaders, writers and poets. La Recoleta is a necropolis itself. The mausoleums, pantheons, tumulus and vaults 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's past.

Walking tour – a Journey to Traditional Buenos Aires (approx. 3 hours)

Today enjoy walking tour along pedestrian Florida street, from San Martin Square till Avenida de Mayo, this street is full of stores, Galerias Pacifico Mall, street vendors and all the rush of the city pedestrians, it's a busy all day. Upon arrival at Florida & Avenida de Mayo, you will find the entrance to the oldest subway in South America! You will take a short ride in our traditional subway line A. Inaugurated in December 1913. Enjoy a short ride from Peru to Congreso (4 stations). Peru station displays pictures about how the oldest subway in South America was built. You will leave the subway at Congreso station, right opposite the imposing Congress Building façade. Short walk around the area. Continue the way back to downtown area walking along Avenida de Mayo, this particular avenue was inspired in the Gran Via of Madrid, full of traditional buildings and cafés. You will stop at the famous Café Tortoni. Coffee is a ritual celebrated by the Tango, which can find an excuse in love, loneliness, politics, literature or sports. One of the most traditional cafés in Buenos Aires is the Café Tortoni, the oldest literati café situated at Avenida de Mayo, which has been the scene of some of the most celebrated porteño talks, while jazz sessions and literary clubs are held in its cellar. Enjoy a snack (coffee with croissants) at this typical cafe, with the whole atmosphere of tango poets, before walking back to the hotel.

Recoleta Walking Tour (approx. 2 hours)

Enjoy a guided walking tour to La Recoleta, one of the city's most glamorous spots. Some people say this area is "a urban piece extracted from Paris". La Recoleta is a wonderful walking area that combines upscale stores, restaurants, and boutiques. This residential area is famous for its sculptures and French style buildings. Restaurants, cafes, and luxurious stores stretch along Alvear Avenue and on the small square. The Recoleta Cultural Centre, the National Museum of Fine Arts and the Palais de Glace shelter a very important part of Buenos Aires cultural activities. During weekends, visitors may enjoy the crafts fair and find a variety of objects as well as outdoor shows. The Recoleta Cemetery was founded in 1822 and it is the oldest one in Buenos Aires. Originally, the cemetery lands belonged to the church and convent of the Franciscan monks, the Recoletos. The cemetery occupies six hectares and is one of the most prominent worldwide. It has sculptures and vaults made by famous national and foreign artists. Many Argentina's national heroes, presidents, well-known writers, scientists and artists are buried here.

San Telmo Antique Fair (approx. 3,5 hours)

***market is only available on Sundays*

San Telmo is the best kept historical neighbourhood and oldest district of Buenos Aires. The San Telmo Antique Fair is one of the most relevant attractions that the city of Buenos Aires offers. Every Sunday the Plaza Dorrego looks different when it plays host to over 270 stands that offer for sale their unique goods of antiques and old things. Gramophones, gramophone records, antique clothes, jewels, trinkets, postcards, calendars, books, iron-fittings, lamps, and an endless number of ornaments and curios may be found in this traditional Fair, organized by the Museum of the City, which has developed and internationally acknowledged identity. The bars nearby take their tables out to onto the sidewalk and the whole adjoining area is thronged with musicians, singers, tango dancers, mimes; on Sundays San Telmo is a feast. Here we have time to stroll around Plaza Dorrego, you will be caught up in the atmosphere that is purely Porteño, you will see some wonderful open-air shows, hear some veteran tango singers, by something original at the flea market and maybe even get an idea of what Buenos Aires and their culture, is really about.

San Telmo + Palermo Design Fair (approx. 3,5 hours)

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Jewish sites tour (approx. 3,5 hours)

Today`s tour will be focused on visiting Jewish sites in the city. Depart to Once area; this is the neighbourhood that concentrates the majority of Jewish institutions in Buenos Aires, like Hebraica JCC, many synagogues, Jewish theatres, schools as well as Rabbinical Seminaries. Driving through the Meashearim of Bam where the orthodox are living, and stop at the site of the bombing of the AMIA in 1994. Guided tour at AMIA will be included, AMIA`s goal is contribute to strengthen educational environments to guarantee continuity and reflect the diversity of the Jewish – Argentine community. This institution has different actions leading to dignified quality of life for Jewish individuals and families throughout the country, especially those at social risk. AMIA has deep ties with Israel and other Jewish worldwide communities; they also encourage the observance of Jewish traditions and cultural heritage. AMIA guided tour lasts about 1 hour and includes visit of the Dry Park at Pasteur Street where the Memorial devoted to the 89 victims of the attempt built by Isaac Agam can be seen, art exhibition, Jewish history with images, ending with an audio visual. Continue the tour passing by the Jewish Museum at Libertad Synagogue (the grand Synagogue of Buenos Aires). *Inside visit to the museum is not included.* Jewish Museum at Libertad Synagogue provides information about the Jewish immigration in Argentina as well as the actual situation of the community in the country.

AMIA Opening hours: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 10:00 and 11:00

Famous personalities: Evita Tour (approx. 3,5 hours)

This tour leads us to the most important places of Eva Peron's life in Buenos Aires. Born in the country side Maria Eva Duarte came to Buenos Aires and started her career as starlet in Corrientes Street and later she was working for the radio station Radio Belgrano. During this time she met Juan Domingo Peron. From this moment on her political career started. You will pass places like Plaza de Mayo with the balcony she used for her speeches to the Argentines, the Facultad Ingeneria (University of Engineering), the Ministerio Correo Central (main post office), Ministerio de Obras Publicas (ministry of public works) and at each place guests will be informed about these steps of her life. Passing by the Congress will show you the place where hundreds of thousands rendered her the last homage. Then you stop at the Evita Museum and at her monument and finally you will visit the Recoleta cemetery where she found her eternal rest after her death body was even in Europe.

Evita museum: Tuesdays to Sundays 11:00 am / 07:00 pm

Mondays closed

Estimated visit length: 1 hour

Half day Cultural tour (approx. 3,5 hours)

Today, visit two of the most important museums the city offers (*2 museums can be chosen*):

National Fine Arts Museum:

Located at Libertador Avenue 1473. The building was originally the water purification plant for the city which was recycled by Architect Alejandro Bustillo. Paintings, sculptures, tapestries, engravings, drawings and objects d'art make up the more than 11.000 works in the museum's collection. World famous pieces from El Greco, Rubens, Goya are on exhibition. There is an outstanding selection of XIX and XX century French paintings as well as an exceptional collection of XIX and XX century Spanish School painters. There is also a collection of Argentine art that represents the history of our culture.

Opening hours:

Tuesdays to Fridays from 12:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

Saturdays and Sundays from 09:30 am to 7:30 pm

Mondays closed

Museum of Latin American Art (MALBA - Museo de Arte Latinoamericano):

Located in Av. Figueroa Alcorta 3415: One of the world's great collections of Latin American Art is now available at Buenos Aires. Businessman Eduardo Constantini has built this museum in the city's Palermo district to house his personal collection of 20th century art from the continent. This collection has long been in demand from major galleries such as New York's Museum of Modern Art and the G. Pompidou in Paris. The modern, 7.000 sq m building has one large exhibition room for the permanent collection, another for temporary exhibits and a 270-seat auditorium together with a specialized library. The Museum features more than 220 works from artists ranging from Mexico's Frida Kahlo to Colombia's Fernando Botero, from the Argentine Antonio Berni and Emilio Pettorutti to Xul Solar.

Opening hours:

Thursdays to Mondays & Holidays 12:00 am / 08:00 pm

Wednesdays open till 09:00 pm

Tuesdays closed

Evita Museum:

Located in Lafinur 2988. Evita was born in Los Toldos, a town in the Pampas. At 14 she decided to become an actress and moved to Buenos Aires. She was acting in radio shows when she met Peron, in 1944. Her role mobilizing the crowds was instrumental for Peron's release on October 17, 1945. Five days later they were married. As leader of the "descamisados" (shirtless workers), Evita led the most radical factions of the regime and directed welfare and charity programs: loved beyond devotion by the working-class, she was strongly hated by the Anti-peronists. Her tour of Post war Europe in 1949 (when she met Franco and Pope Pious XII) was perhaps the climax of her career. She died of cancer three year later. After her death, she was almost sanctified. Her tomb is now in the Recoleta cemetery of Buenos Aires.

Created on September 1998, Evita Museum is devoted to disclosing the life, work and set of beliefs and values of María Eva Duarte de Perón. The institute promotes historical research and historiographical studies concerning Eva Perón's actions and regarding women's involvement in our country's political, economic, social and cultural life. The travelling exhibitions invite visitors to take a tour through Evita's thought and action. The museum proposal brings people closer to knowing and understanding the meaningful moments in her life.

Opening hours:

Tuesdays to Sundays 11:00 am / 07:00 pm

Mondays closed

Estimated visit length: 1 hour

Museum Isaac Fernandez Blanco (Hispano – American Art)

Located at Suipacha 1422. The museum de Arte Hispanoamericano Isaac Fernandez Blanco is situated in the centre of Buenos Aires, with its headquarters in the Palacio Noel. The museum is named after its benefactor, Isaac Fernandez Blanco, who donated his magnificent collection of paintings, sculptures, silver works and other pieces of art to the city in 1921. The museum de Arte Hispanoamericano Isaac Fernandez Blanco houses the most important public collection of South American colonial silver work in Hispanic America. The permanent exhibition includes rooms and galleries with paintings from the colonial period. The schools of Lima, Cuzco and Upper Peru are represented in this collection. Nineteenth century painting is also exhibited in the museum with the work of well-known painters, such as Camponeschi, Pellegrini, Palliere, Pueyrredon, Rugendas and Garcia del Molino.

Opening hours:

Tuesdays to Fridays 02:00 pm / 07:00 pm

Saturdays, Sundays & holidays 11:00 am / 07:00 pm

Mondays closed

Visit of Teatro Colón (Opera House) (approx. 2 hours including transfers)

One of the most stunning buildings in the city, Colón Opera House has been a Buenos Aires landmark since it was built in 1908. Colon Theatre was born due to the strict demand of a society which had become devoted to opera since the early XIX century. Materials used in its construction were imported from around the globe. Especially impressive is the “Salon de Oro” (Hall of Gold), where crystal chandeliers and opulent wall decorations create an elegant atmosphere. Occupying an entire city block, the theatre can set 2.500 people while another 1.000 can stand and enjoy the operas, ballets and concerts. The three floors below ground hold workshops for the 1.000 employees and artists who keep it running. In its museum, antique photos and instruments are displayed. Colon Theatre is an experience to be discovered!!

Regular guided visits (English tour) – operates daily (last about 1 hour)

Private guided tours can be booked up to 1 month in advance

Minimum paying pax required for private tours will be 30 pax

Maximum pax allowed per group will be 30 pax

First visit will begin 9:00 AM, last visit 15:45 hs

Inside artists atelier Tour (approx. 3,5 hours)

This tour invites guests to discover an alternative side of Buenos Aires through its artists. This is a nice chance for visitors to meet artists in the intimacy of their private working spaces that are opened to welcome a select group of privilege guests.

Pick up from the hotel in a morning or afternoon tour, travel to the studios of 2 local artists (contemporary local artists could be painters, photographers, sculptors, among others).

This tour works to create a new concept in bridging the gap and deepening in the connection between the artist and the audience, offering visitors and insiders look at contemporary art in Buenos Aires. The main achievement is guests and artist relationship that transcend the typically anonymous encounters which can be experienced at traditional art galleries and museums. Client will have the chance to interact with local artist, learn about their job. Purchase of the local art collection is available.

Remarks:

For small parties (2 – 4 pax) tour will finish at a traditional Buenos Aires coffee shop

For bigger parties casual cocktail with snacks & wine will be served at one of the ateliers.

Guaranteed departure with 2 paying pax.

Maximum 15 pax

Bike tours around Buenos Aires (approx. 3,5 - 4 hours)

Buenos Aires city tour on a bicycle will be an unforgettable experience, where security, good-fellowship, fun and acquired knowledge are the principal characteristic.

All tours around Buenos Aires are guided by English / Spanish speaking guides.

Helmets, child seats, rain gear, medical assistance, a mineral water bottle and bicycles are provided. Difficulty: low.

Two possible circuits:

- 2. Buenos Aires Diferente:** San Martín Square, Puerto Madero, Costanera sur, La Boca (Caminito) – 30 minutes stop, Boca Juniors football Stadium, Lezama Square , San Telmo (Dorrego Square), May Square and back to San Martín Square.
- 3. Recoleta – Palermo area:** San Martín Square, Law University, National Library, Buenos Aires Zoo, Palermo Woods, several parks, San Martín (national hero institute), Recoleta area (basilica & cemetery) - 30 minutes stop, Alvear avenue and back to San Martín Square.

Remarks:

Daily departures 09:30 AM or 02:00 PM

SIB TOUR Rate includes bike, helmet, mineral water, and guide from bike tours

SIB service shared with more pax and does not include transfers to the meeting point at San Martín Square (on clients own basis)

Optional:

**We can provide upon request round transfers to the meeting point at San Martín Square*

**We can offer Bike Tour on private basis (minimum 2 paying pax)*

Half day Futbol, passion of Argentineans - La Boca stadium visit (approx. 3,5 hours)

This tour will drive you deep inside La Boca, the most colourful neighbourhood of the city. Clients will be in contact with one of Argentinean`s passions: soccer, for us Futbol.

We will visit La Boca Museum & Stadium.

Boca Juniors is one of the most important futbol teams in South America and also known all around the world. It`s synonym of passion & happiness for at least half of the Argentineans. The club has more than 100 years of history , a visit to the museum is a unique opportunity to learn about club`s past & present through a multimedia exhibition, 360° screen with surround system, 72 screens showing different imagines about important facts during XX century related to futbol, not only in Argentina, but also all over the world. It`s a dynamic and interactive museum with touch-screens showing famous goals.

After a visit to the museum you will discover the famous stadium known worldwide as “La Bombonera” from the inside (VIP seating area, press area, conferences room, players changing room, and the field).

Optional tour extension:

After Stadium tour you will continue to Caminito area, at the famous street people will walk along this colourful area.

You will finish the tour with a typical meal at an Italian style restaurant.

Pasion Boquense Museum:

Daily 10:00 am / 06:00 pm

Closed during tournaments day

La Bombonera inside tour:

Daily 11:00 am / 05:00 pm

Closed during tournaments day / closed in case of rain

Welcome to Buenos Aires with a porteño Home Hosted Dinner! (approx. 3 hours)

Interact with friendly Argentines and allow yourself to be pampered in a hospitable and relaxed environment. In a private home you will learn first-hand about their culture and the way they live. Upon arrival, you will be welcomed by your host. Appetizers will be served before dinner. The dinner itself is not a gourmet experience but rather a "real" taste of Argentine home cooking. It will consist of a three course meal with coffee or tea. Red and white wines and mineral water will be offered.

Remarks:

Meals depend on the host, there is no specific menu. However, in case of special request (vegetarian or diabetic diet for example) please advise in order to inform host in advance.

Half day Tigre Delta, Rio de la Plata (approx. 4 hours)

The Tigre Delta with its rivers, streams and numerous green islands is one of the most attractive areas for visitors. The continuous sediment of the Paraná River, which gives the river and estuary their particular brownish-red colour, forms the Delta islands.

We will drive through the northern district and outskirts of the city to get to Tigre, a charming resort where a great number of summer residences, yachting and rowing clubs concentrate the weekend activities of many "porteños".

You will enjoy a boat excursion on a boat along the innumerable channels of the Paraná-Delta to see some of the hundreds of islands covered with luxuriant vegetation.

On Saturdays a visit to its colourful market, with a variety of fruits, vegetables and wicker-ware is also a must when you are at Tigre.

Full day Tigre including lunch at local restaurant Delta, Rio de la Plata (approx. 7 hours)

Drive along the Northern residential districts of the city, until getting San Isidro, a colonial and aristocratic area. You will see the mansions and houses in front of the River Plate.

You will continue the driving to Tigre, a charming area near Buenos Aires city where a great number of summer residences, yacht clubs and rowing clubs attract the week-end activity of many "porteños".

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Enjoy a boat excursion (1 hour) along the innumerable channels of the Paraná-Delta to see some of the hundreds of islands covered with luxuriant vegetation.

Lunch will be included during the tour at a local restaurant.

** From 1-9 pax lunch is included at restaurant in San Isidro/Martinez area (1 soft drink incl.)*

** From 10 pax lunch is included at Tigre area restaurant (1 soft drink included)*

** SIB Tour - Lunch is included at Puerto Madero Area restaurant (1 soft drink included)*

Half day Tigre Tour Premium (approx. 4 hours)

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Enjoy a navigation excursion on board a premium boat along the innumerable channels of the Paraná-Delta to see some of the hundreds of islands covered with luxuriant vegetation.

Then you leave the delta behind and get the Rio de la Plata with a fantastic view of Buenos Aires city and its buildings (*navigation takes about 01:40 minutes*).

Disembark and drive to your hotel.

**SIB tour operates*

Daily 04:00 PM Tigre / Darsena Norte direction

Daily 10:00 AM Darsena Norte / Tigre direction

Full Day Estancia Santa Susana (75 kilometers / 47 miles, approx. 7 hours)

By the end of the last century, Mr Francisco Kelly, of Irish ancestry, named these lands "Santa Susana", to pay homage to his wife, Susana Caffrey. The estancia is located in the district of Campana, close to "Los Cardales" town, in the province of Buenos Aires. It covers an area of 1200 hectares; mostly dedicated to agriculture and for the last ten years it has been a tourist resort.

Guests will be welcomed and will enjoy typical "criollas" meals (*lunch with drinks included*) followed by a show of folk dances, as well as modern melodies. The most distinctive feature will be the guided visit to the Spanish-colonial style "casco", which holds an authentic museum of that period. Sulky and horse rides will show you the charm of Argentine countryside, its scenarios, its cultivated lands and the incomparable wild aroma.

The day will end with some typical activities of an estancia: regional games as the "carrera de sortijas". Return to Hotel.

Available daily, except Mondays (ranch may open some Mondays during the high season - September till March – please check in advance)

This tour is available with transfers on private or seat-in basis. Activities and lunch is always on seat-in basis!

Full Day Estancia El Ombu de Areco (110 kilometers / 69 miles, approx. 8 hours)

El Ombu de Areco, is located only 110 km (69 miles) from Buenos Aires, in San Antonio de Areco, the cradle of the "gauchesca" tradition. This traditional, 300-hectare estancia dedicated to agriculture and animal husbandry and the magnificent "casco", built by General Ricchieri in 1880, welcomes its visitors. The Late-Colonial style mansion, built in 1880 by Lieutenant-general Pablo Riccheri, offers visitors a magnificent setting for an unforgettable stay.

Full Day Visit includes guided horse rides, an outing in a horse drawn carriage, swimming pool (only in summer), or strolls along the meandering Areco river, with the guarantee of a delicious asado (BBQ) served with fine Argentine wines.

Optional: on special request, El Ombú offers gaucho folk dance troops, local music groups, as well as creole horse-back skill events, such as sortija races, horseback sprints, bullock lassoing and hog-tying.

Optional: Overnight stay including full board.

Excursion to San Antonio de Areco "Meeting Argentine Pioneers" with lunch (9 hours)

In the morning you will be picked up from your hotel in Buenos Aires to explore San Antonio de Areco, a historic village in the heart of the Argentine pampas and known as the "cradle of traditions". Arrived in the colonial city, you have the opportunity to take a mate tea, coffee or a refreshing drink and a snack in an old "Gaucho Bar". Meanwhile, you will learn more about the history and local social life and customs of the city. Afterwards, you will visit a social center where people with different disabilities make the handmade "Alpargatas" (typical gaucho work shoes). You will also talk to a local Gaucho painter and visit his 140-year-old studio, which exhibits Gaucho painting.

The lunch consisting of empanadas, a main course with French fries or salad, dessert, coffee or tea (drinks that you pay directly in the Pulpería or Parrilla are not included), will you enjoy in an old local restaurant.

After lunch, you will take a walk to the green area, the main square of the gauchos, the museum and the chocolate factory.

At 4 pm return to Buenos Aires.

San Antonio de Areco is a Historical Town and it is known as the "Cradle of Tradition".

This preserved colonial town, founded more than 280 years ago; with its cobbled streets, old bars ("Pulperías") and Estancias, has kept alive the gaucho lifestyle and customs.

Set on the banks of the peaceful "Areco" river, the town has retained the authentic atmosphere of a small old village with its "siesta" time, artisan's shops and very relaxed people.

Over 30 different silversmiths make this town the center of the traditional Argentinian silverworks known as “platería criolla”. In a variety of distinctive styles they produce gaucho’s knives, jewelry and many fine pieces of art, on their workshops open to the public.

Home to the oldest Gaucho Festival in the country, the “Día de la Tradición”, which is held in November, San Antonio gathers thousands of gauchos from all over Argentina.

Since 1939, this is an entire week of exhibitions, dances, folkloric music and displays of traditional gaucho skills on horseback.

Furthermore, this town was the setting for Ricardo Güiraldes’ Argentinian classic, “Don Segundo Sombra”: the most recognized work of gaucho literature in prose, based on the life of a local character.

With this excursion you will support the traditional community, which strives to preserve the ancient traditions of Argentines.

Full day visit includes:

- A light breakfast with coffee or soft drink, croissant or a sweet pastry
- Reception in the workshop where the espadrilles are made and an introduction to the daily work procedure
- A donation of USD 2 per person
- Entry to the studio of the gaucho painter with lecture and demonstration of his painting, and a souvenir drawing
- Lunch: Empanada, main dish with meat and french fries or salad, dessert, coffee or tea (does not include drinks that are paid directly in the Pulpería or Parrilla)

****Remarks:** *Due to the opening hours of the social center (only between February and December) and the studio of the Gaucho painter, this inclusions may be replaced by other social projects.*

Full day Colonia del Sacramento – Uruguay including lunch (approx. 9 hours)

After a transfer from the hotel to Buenos Aires port, depart by boat to Colonia del Sacramento. Crossing the Rio de la Plata takes about 1 hour (one way).

Colonia is one of the few remains of the colonial age in the south of South America. Over 300 years of history have left their marks on this piece of Uruguayan territory declared by the UNESCO as Historic Heritage of Humanity.

During the Colonia City Tour (approx. 2 ½ hours), visit the picturesque streets of the eldest city in Uruguay. 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.

After lunch at a cosy restaurant you have time to stroll around and enjoy the special atmosphere of this small town. This tour will be an interesting contrast to modern Buenos Aires. Return back to Buenos Aires by boat 1 hour (one way).

Arrival at Buenos Aires pier and transfer back to the hotel.

Remarks:

This tour should be booked with enough time in advance in order to get hydrofoil tickets.

We need complete paxs info names, surname as shown on their passports, nationality, date of birth and passport number in order to issue tickets.

Buquebus hydrofoil rates are subject to changes without previous notice by the hydrofoil company. Final rate available at time of ticket issuing will apply.

Once hydrofoil tickets are issued they are non-refundable!

Included:

**Round transfer Hotel/Buenos Aires port/Hotel – private local English speaking guide*

**Round ticket hydrofoil BUE/Colonia/BUE – Tourist class (no guide assistance during hydrofoil trip – 1 hour each way)*

**Reception by local guide in Colonia + Round transfer Colonia port + City tour with lunch (drinks not included) – private services with local English speaking guide.*

**Pre set menu includes entrée / main course / dessert (drinks not included).*

The Tango



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 quarters. In the beginning Tango was only danced by men, accompanied by flutes, violins and guitars. The flutes were later replaced by the "bandoneón" (a type of accordion), which gave the Tango its distinctive flavour. Reflecting the nostalgia and melancholy of mostly European immigrants, the tango brought up some great musicians, such as Astor Piazzolla and Anibal Troilo.

Tango private lessons followed by wine tasting at El Querandi (approx. 3 hours incl. transfers)

This big house has been established in the city's historical district since 1867. Founded as a Bar in 1920, and restored in 1992, it is considered to be "a Living Testimony of Buenos Aires' Memory" by the Buenos Aires City Museum, and "Notable Bar" by the National Tourist Secretary.

Upon arrival at El Querandi clients will be introduced to tango with a lecture about the history, origins of the dance and its evolution till these days. After knowing about the history of this sensual dance, professional dancers will teach guests the first steps of tango! Tango lesson: dancers from El Querandi show will guide guests throughout Tango learning experiences (*private tango class lasts 1 hour, mineral water included during tango lesson*).

After tango lesson enjoy an exclusive wine tasting at La Cave – El Querandi (*approx 1 hour with an English speaking sommelier*).

Maximum capacity 35 paxs

Available: Mondays to Saturdays

Wine tasting remarks:

Wine tasting in private basis will take place in an intimate place.

*During these wine tasting clients will have the possibility of trying different **Argentinean wines** travelling with the imagination and the flavours of its typical wines.*

Marinated Tasting:

1. The Virtual Route of the Classic Wine

During the taste you will be travelling by the main producer zones, tasting the most representative wines from each region. Illustrating this trip some pictures from homeland Argentinean Northeast: Torrontes with empanaditas "Salteñas"

Patagonia: Pinot Noir with mushrooms

Cuyo: Malbec with veal spikes

2. The Virtual route from Alta Gama

The same route with Premium wines

Argentinean Northeast: Torrontes from Alta Gama with empanaditas "Salteñas"

Patagonia: Pinot reserve with mushrooms

Cuyo: Malbec Gran Reserva with veal spikes

3. “Malbec, the Great Argentinean Wine”

During this taste sommelier will introduce guests about the characteristics of this emblematic stock of Argentina and will suggest a “Blinding Tasting” of three different Malbec wines from the same region but with different qualities of aging.

After this experience taste different cheeses trying to discover which one combines better with each wine.

Tango Show (approx. 3 hours)

Pick up at hotel and drive to one of the famous Tango Houses in town for a tango show.

During the show visitors will enjoy the porteño love songs and intricate tango dance steps (*drinks included during show*). After show return back to the hotel.

Dinner and Tango Show (approx. 5 hours)

Transfer from the hotel and drive to one of the famous Tango Houses for dinner including drinks. Then enjoy tango show with its music, singing and dancing. After tango show return back to the hotel.

Dinner includes entrée / main course / dessert & drinks

TANGO VENUES:

Café de Los Angelitos

www.cafedelosangelitos.com

Located in a traditional Buenos Aires corner (Rivadavia Avenue and Rincón), this tango house is full of history related with the tango. Renowned poets and politicians as well as payadores “a kind of singers and guitar players” and malandras “dangerous men” used to meet at this corner. Café de los Angelitos (which means Little Angel’s Coffee) still keeps its essence which remains immutable.

It’s one of the newest tango proposals Buenos Aires city offers, a dynamic option which includes exquisite international cuisine dishes, orchestra, dancers, musicians, singers, as well as very interesting lighting effects.

El Viejo Almacen

www.viejoalmacen.com

In the early evening, we depart from the hotel to the restaurant of Viejo Almacen, which is directly on the other side of the Show. After dinner we pass the street and will see the show. It became a unique spot thanks to its surroundings and to an authentic style nourished by a popularity built through the years. Every night its doors open to welcome outstanding personalities of this century and to enjoy the city's best show performed by prominent interpreters of the tango's excitement. Names and surnames bearing identity cards issued exclusively by the night of Buenos Aires to step on El Viejo Almacen's stage.

Rojo Tango

www.rojotango.com

Located inside the new & sophisticated Faena Hotel, Rojo Tango recreates a French Cabaret, offering a delightful dinner with an excellent tango show. A Cabaret designed by Philippe Starck, created to bring back nostalgic times that already passed, with the strength of a new show full of fantasy and sensuality. All combined with a gastronomic proposal with an attitude of its own, that privileges the subtlety of perfumes and textures, accompanied by Baron B champagne. Rojo Tango show surprises for the passionate dancers and costumes. Five couples on stage, 2 singers and a 5 members orchestra in the most exclusive tango show Buenos Aires offers.

Remarks: *Duration of the show: 1 hour 20 minutes.*

Round private transfers Hotel/Rojo Tango/Hotel provided by Rojo Tango private transportation, no English speaking guide.