

11 - 14 Day Argentina Delight Polo by Day, Tango by Night



CUSTOM ITINERARY – YOUR FLEXIBLE INCLUSIONS DATES — 7-10 DAY ITINERARY

With twelve lanes lined with violet jacaranda and majestic kapok trees, be welcomed to Buenos Aires as you drive along its wide Avenida 9 de Julio. In the center stands its two-hundred-foot-tall white Obelisco, the historic monument commemorating the 400th anniversary of the city's founding. Through stunning palaces in vibrant barrios, sway to the rhythms from the bandoneón and learn the improvisational nature of the tango, then witness a spectacular choreographed show of this legendary dance.

"The Tango is the natural pulse (of the wrist) of Buenos Aires." -Leopoldo Marechal

Uncover the spicy fusion of Argentinean cuisine in a market-to-table experience and venture to a century-old estancia for a day filled with the high-flying action of a polo match. Trek through Incan ruins set alongside the scenic red rocks of the Calchaqui Valley and visit the home of the golden wine known as Torrontes, in an amazing journey through the sights of Argentina.

7-10 Day Itinerary: Argentina: Buenos Aires, Cafayate, Salta

Day 1: Buenos Aires



Upon arrival in Buenos Aires, you Will be met by your Private English-speaking Liaison Representative in the customs and immigration área. You Will be assisted with customs and then escorted through the airport to the Arrival Hall and Baggage Area where you will meet your private English-speaking driver. You will be assisted with your luggage and then transferred to your hotel.

Upon arrival at the hotel, you will be welcomed with a VIP check-in experience. Your luggage will be managed and delivered to your accommodation.

You are at leisure to relax, get something to eat, or just explore a little on your own.

Lunch is on your own today.

This afternoon, you will meet your private driver in the lobby of your hotel, where you will be transferred to your Tango Lesson.

Tango Lesson, Esquina Carlos Gardel Tango Show



Be welcomed to Buenos Aires with an afternoon devoted to the art of tango, the sultry dance of Argentina at the Elsa Maria & Mayoral Tango Academy.

Enjoy a lesson at a 19th century French-style palais with the Tony Award-winning Mayorals, original cast members from the musical, Tango Argentino, who will share their

secrets of mastering this evocative dance.

Celebrate the history and magic of the tango with an evening at the legendary Esquina Carlos Gardel in the Abasto barrio.

Dinner tonight, Be transported to another era and savor a tantalizing dinner inside the elegant 1930s-style hall, where Gardel himself used to sing his classic tango ballads.

Afterwards, be enthralled as an exquisite cast of dancers performs an unforgettable tango show, accompanied by the captivating music of a full orchestra.

Day 2: Buenos Aires - Plaza de Mayo, San Telmo, La Boca, Palermo Park, Recoleta



Breakfast in your hotel.

After breakfast, you will meet your private English-speaking driver & professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel for your morning tour.



Begin a day exploring Argentina's major landmarks with a morning tour of the historic Plaza de Mayo. In the Montserrat barrio, surrounded by 20-foot palm trees, this impressive square commemorates Argentina's independence. The Plaza is the centerpiece of nearby architecture of note, including the pink presidential palace, known as the Casa Rosada, the colonial Cabildo

museum and the neo-classical Catedral Metropolitana.

Venture to the charming San Telmo neighborhood, renowned for its historic squares, where dancers practice tango on the streets, and treasures are discovered at the superior, outdoor antique market.

With its picturesque pastel houses, stroll through the colorful La Boca barrio, once the Italian neighborhood of the city. Wander along the vibrantly painted, corrugated metal houses along Caminito Street, that have been an outdoor showcase of local art for over a century.

Then travel to the vast Palermo Park, once the home of President Juan Peron and his wife, Eva. The day tour ends in the elegant La Recoleta district with a visit to the monumental Nuestra Senora del Pilar Church and the Recoleta Cemetery, where many of Argentina's notable citizens have been buried, including its beloved Evita.

After the tour you will be returned to your hotel, where you are at leisure for the remainder of the day.

Lunch and Dinner are on your own today. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Buenos Aires.

Day 3: San Antonio de Areco - El Rosario de Areco

Breakfast in your hotel.



After breakfast, you will meet your private English-speaking driver & professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel for your morning tour to the Pampas Region (90 min. drive)



Surrounded by verdant, fertile plains, the Pampas region of Argentina is just ninety minutes from the cosmopolitan Buenos Aires, but another world away.

Uncover the essence of the country's heritage in this picturesque region, known as the land of the gauchos.

Visit the world-renowned estancia, La Bamba, for a day filled with horseback riding, polo, and delicious Argentinean barbecue for **lunch**.

After lunch, Inside this 200-acre colonial-style ranch, recognized as one of Argentina's best facilities for the breeding and training of thoroughbreds, enjoy the opportunity to watch a polo practice or watch one of four important tournaments during polo season, from September to December.

Then explore the nearby historic town of San Antonio de Areco where leading silversmiths and leather craftsmen can be found, alongside a delightful chocolate factory. There will be plenty of time to explore and experience these craftsmen at work, taste some culinary delights and to shop.

After the tour, you will be returned to your hotel, where you are at leisure for the remainder of the day.

Dinner is on your own this evening. Dinner is on your own this evening. Dinner is on your own this evening. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Buenos Aires.

Day 4: Buenos Aires - Market-To-Table Lunch with Jeronimo Bergada; Private Shopping Excursion

Breakfast in your hotel.



After breakfast, you will meet your private English-speaking driver & professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel for your morning celebrity hosted culinary experience.



Encounter the culinary traditions of Argentina on a private food and cooking tour excursion with chef Jeronimo Bergada.

Begin at the nearby farmer's market and procure the freshest produce, herbs and spices.

Then visit a local carniceria to learn first-hand about Argentine beef and the cuts needed for your gourmet lunch.

After, be invited into Chef Bergada's home and learn how to make Argentina's signature beef empanadas. During lunch, taste wines produced by some of the finest Argentinean labels and savor a sweet dulce de leche and mate tea for dessert.

In the afternoon, you will be taken on a private shopping tour through Buenos Aires, where a personal shopper will uncover the finest leather, the best made-to-measure shoes, superior antiques, and extraordinary silversmith and artisanal goods.

This private shopping experience will be customized just for you in your Creative Planning Session, so you can shop for the items that are important to you.

After your shopping experience, you will be transferred back to your hotel where you will be at leisure for the remainder of the day.

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Day 5: Buenos Aires to Cafayate - Quebrada de Cafayate, El Esteco Vineyard

Breakfast in your hotel.



After breakfast, check out of your hotel and meet your private English-speaking driver & professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel for your tour into the Calchaqui Valley.



Venture to the heart of the Calchaqui Valley where bands of red rock frame the horizon along an astonishing landscape.

Drive along the famous Route 68, a captivating, scenic road from Salta to Cafayate and traverse from fertile green valleys through the high deserts, dotted with giant

cacti.

Across these stretches, indigenous people still carry on Incan tradition, herding their llamas, goats and burros. Then pass the spectacular Quebrada de Cafayate, the gorge renowned for its unusual rock formations and white-sand dunes.

Lunch is on your own en-route today. Your guide will offer recommendations for dining in the area.

Surrounded by the Andean mountains stands the refined Patios de Cafayate Hotel, which shares its sprawling grounds with the esteemed El Esteco Vineyard. The high altitudes of this fertile region help produce exceptional, full-bodied wines.

Tour the winery and learn about the bodega's winemaking process where award-winning varieties such as Malbecs and Torrontes are handcrafted from vine to bottle.

Many blocks of old vines are still managed traditionally, with flood irrigation and grapes growing overhead on pergolas, while new varietals are irrigated via a computer-controlled stress-drip method.

Complete your tour with an afternoon tasting on the stunning grounds.

After the tour, you will be delivered to your hotel.

Upon arrival at the hotel, you will be welcomed with a VIP check-in experience. Your luggage will be managed and delivered to your accommodation.

The remainder of the day you are at leisure to relax in the hotel, or do a little exploring on your own.

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Day 6: Cafayate

Breakfast in your hotel.

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Los Quilmes Ruins, Etchart Winery, Bodega San Pedro de Yachochuya



Spend the morning at Los Quilmes Ruins, part of Argentina's sacred valley and one of the most important archaeological sites of the Pre-Columbian era.

This impressive fortified city, located on a natural formation, was the site of a century-long resistance of the Quilmes natives against the Spanish who came to colonize the Calchaqui Valley in hopes of

finding gold. Walk around the vast ruins and climb through the fortresses in a captivating tour.

Devote the afternoon to the art of wine and visit several prestigious bodegas in the tantalizing wine region of Cafayate, where vineyards flourish on high-altitude plains. Nestled in the sunny foothills of the Andes lies the Etchart Winery, where year-round warmth and deep sandy soil allow for the cultivation of superior Torrontes, Cabernet Sauvignons, Malbecs, and Merlots.

Now owned by Pernod Ricard, the founders of the Etchart began a new undertaking in 1995 with Michel Rolland, a premier oenologist.

Visit their Bodega San Pedro de Yachochuya, located on the slopes of Salta, one of the highest vini-viticultural sites in the world and taste their matchless varietals of Malbec, Cabernet Sauvignon, Tannat and Torrontes.

After the wineries, visit the clay studio of the Cristofani family and Barracco, a local silversmith known for his beautiful wood and silver creations.

You will be returned to your hotel, where you will be at leisure for the remainder of the day.



Dinner is on your own tonight. Dinner is on your own this evening. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Cafayate.

Day 7: Salta - Cabildo, Cathedral, San Bernando and San Francisco.

Breakfast in your hotel.

After breakfast, check out of your hotel and meet your private English-speaking driver & professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel for your tours en-route to your next hotel.



On the southernmost tip of the Incan empire stands this scenic 16th century Argentine city, where ancient colonial buildings sit alongside modern, urban architecture.

Once an outpost for the Spanish between Lima and Buenos Aires, after independence, the city flourished as a hub for Argentina's multi-cultural immigrant

population.

Salta still retains a unique Spanish flavor, highlighted by its architecture surrounding its main square. With its sweeping arches, the city's 18th century Cabildo is regarded as one of the best surviving examples of colonial architecture.

Visit the historic center of the city, including its neo-classical Cathedral and the convents of San Bernardo and San Francisco. Then ascend to the top of San Bernando's Hill, passing the Monument of General Guemes and overlooking the city below.

Lunch at La Chueca, known for their hearty, colorful dishes and delectable empanadas, where cherished recipes have been passed down for generations. Then venture to San Miguel Market, the social center of the city, where arts, crafts and foods have been traded since 1887. At this vast market, walk through the stalls and witness the emblematic ingredients that have been the foundation of Saltean cuisine.

Conclude a day in Salta with a visit to MAAM, the High Altitude Archaelogical Museum, and view the five-hundred-year-old sleeping children from Llullaillaco. These Incan mummies, discovered in 1999 in the Andes, are truly one of the most remarkable archaeological finds of recent time.



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Dinner is on your own this evening. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Salta.

Day 8: Salta - Celebrity Hosted Events

Breakfast in your hotel.

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Mostly Malbec

Embark on a day trip celebrating Argentina's beloved Malbec from its home in the Luján de Cuyo region.

Begin your day with a tasting and tour of a turn-of-thecentury bodega.

Then, drive to the Lunlunta area and visit a tiny garage winery, whose owner is considered the father of the Mendocino terroir.

Enjoy a five-course lunch at a family-owned estate where each dish is skillfully paired with a full line of Malbec, from rose to reserve.

Finally, complete your day at the **petit bodega of the Bressia family** with a cheese board and wine tasting.

After your tour, you will be delivered to your hotel.

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Day 9: Salta



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Iguazu Falls: Amongst exuberant virgin rainforests, shimmering red clay earth, and amazing wildlife, partake in a once-in-a-lifetime adventure in Iguazu Falls.

In this two-day excursion, journey to Iguazu National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and witness its 275 spectacular waterfalls as they cascade across a

two-mile gulf. The following itinerary will be delivered in two parts and the local guide will determine the actual schedule at booking time.

Enjoy an eco-train ride across the National Park to Puerto Canaos. There, stroll over modern catwalks spread over the Upper Iguazu River to a lookout point balcony over Devil's Throat, the largest of these unparalleled falls.

Boat along the Upper Iguazu to view a myriad of jungle life, from howler monkeys to yacares, South American alligators.

Lunch is on your own and will be en-route today.

In the afternoon, ride through the rainforest along the Yacaratiá Trail in an open fourwheel drive truck to a nearby beach.

There continue boating upstream along the Lower Iguazu to view San Martin Island and the three main falls known as the Three Musketeers, San Martin and Bosetti.

Along the looped Lower Trail, conclude the day's excursion with a short hike offering amazing views of the falls and its extraordinary rainbows.

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Upon arrival at the hotel, you will be welcomed with a VIP check-in experience. Your luggage will be managed and delivered to your accommodation.

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Dinner is on your own this evening in the hotel.

Day 10: Salta

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Day 11: Salta

Breakfast in your hotel.

After breakfast, check out of your hotel and meet your private English-speaking driver in the lobby of your hotel for your transfer to the airport to meet your flights for the US and forward to home. (TBD)

End of Services.

Ready to plan your journey? Contact us today! 678-500-9548

Schedule Your Creative Planning Session Now!