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# Argentina and Uruguay: Cultural Journeys, Tango Rhythms, and Thrilling Adventures

**DURATION** | 9 Days

TRIP LEVEL | Active

# Trip Overview

From the dazzling landscape of the Andes to the sunlit vistas across the Rio de la Plata, and from the tango houses of Buenos Aires to the architectural wonderland of Colonia del Sacramento, discover the natural and urban tapestries of Argentina and Uruguay. Engage with your surroundings as you explore a classic ranch estate on horseback and while hiking a breathtaking High Andes trail. Go deep into the local culture as you prepare authentic empanadas and yerba mate tea and when you join a renowned muralist for a special painting workshop. Learn about local traditions as you practice your tango and while savoring the gastronomy of a perfectly grilled feast. In-between, pay homage to Eva Peron, raft down the Mendoza River, and explore the vibrant city neighborhoods in each country.

## Trip Highlights

- Explore the rich colonial heritage of South America by wandering through the cobblestone streets of Buenos Aires and Colonia del Sacramento.
- Embark on an unforgettable journey through the Andes, starting with a hike along the spectacular Quebrada del Durazno trail. Feel the thrill of a horseback ride in gaucho country, raft the exhilarating Mendoza River, and soar over scenic terrain on an exhilarating zipline circuit.
- Dive into the dynamic urban scenes of Buenos Aires and Montevideo. In Buenos Aires, explore lively neighborhoods filled with street art, music, and dance, and join a painting workshop in Montevideo to tap into your creative side.

## Map View





Day 1

#### Welcome to Buenos Aires

Arrive in beautiful Buenos Aires and transfer as a group to your hotel. Delve right into this fascinating city on a highlights tour down the widest avenue in the world, into the colorful La Boca neighborhood, through the famous Plaza de Mayo, and to the memory-filled Evita Museum. During an interactive culinary adventure, learn how to create your own empanada, sip local Malbec wines, make your own alfajores, a beloved dessert, and learn to prepare mate, the country's national tea. At your delightful Welcome Dinner, share stories and toast to the exciting journey ahead.

Meals: dinner | Overnight: Hotel Pulitzer Buenos Aires



#### **Hotel Pulitzer Buenos Aires**

Located less than 1,000 feet away from Plaza San Martin and from Florida Street, the trendy Hotel Pulitzer offers stylish, modern rooms in downtown Buenos Aires. The rooms feature comfortable armchairs upholstered in leather and natural fabrics and have large windows. A buffet breakfast including fresh juices is served daily. Fine drinks and cocktails can be enjoyed at the bar. A rooftop terrace is also available. Guests can unwind reading a book from the library in the charming lounge, which features a glass ceiling.



Day 2

## Estancia Ranch and Buenos Aires Tango Lesson

Head westward into the heart of the pampas plains, home to the traditions of the legendary gaucho. Spend the morning exploring the sprawling El Ombu de Areco ranch on horseback, or walk along its scenic riverbanks. An authentic asado, barbecue, followed by a folklore show and display of horsemanship bring this fabled culture to life. Return to Buenos Aires for an immersive and magical evening of tango in the heart of San Telmo. Learn the steps of this intricate dance at the Tango Academy, savor a refined dinner with superb wines, then enjoy a soulful performance by renowned tango musicians.

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner | Overnight: Hotel Pulitzer Buenos Aires



Day 3

#### Flight to Mendoza, Independent City Exploration

Depart on a morning flight to Mendoza, a serene city set at the foot of the Andes, surrounded by vineyards and more than 1,000 wineries. Check into your hotel and enjoy lunch and the afternoon to explore on your own, perhaps visiting the National Museum of Wine or joining the locals among the gardens and fountains of the huge Parque General San Martin. Gather for a group dinner this evening.

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner | Overnight: Huentala Hotel



#### **Huentala Hotel**

This property is a refined centrally located hotel where comfort, art and architecture meet exceptional service. The Huentala Hotel is part of Huentala Inversiones Hoteleras, a diversified family economic business in Mendoza that shares a passion for responsible production and sustainable development. The hotel's purpose is to provide guests with an experience that transcends a good day's rest with art, natural flowers and an exceptional wine offering.



Day 4

#### Hike an Andes Trail in Quebrada del Durzano

Rise and shine and head west toward the snow-capped peaks of the High Andes for an unforgettable adventure. Drive through ever-changing landscapes, past the ski resort of Penitentes, and stop at the Puente del Inca natural arch. In the hikers' paradise of Quebrada del Duranzo, embark on a five-mile roundtrip trek— a visual feast of the valleys, vineyards, and lakes below and the dramatic summit of Aconcagua above. Follow the trails along the Horcones River, stopping for a wayside lunch, and reveling in the light crisp air and sheer scale of the vistas. Return to Mendoza for dinner together.

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner | Overnight: Huentala Hotel



Day 5

### Mendoza River Rafting and Canopy Ziplining

Prepare to get carried away today—literally—on water and in the air! First, head to Potrerillos and gear up for an exciting rafting foray through the Class II waters of the Mendoza River, paddling past landmarks with storied names like Labyrinth, Camel's hump, and Condor's nest. After lunch, switch out your wetsuit for a harness and gloves and soar along a six-zipline cable circuit that reaches heights of 130 feet. "Fly" above the Potrerillos Dam and across a 1,500-foot span of the Mendoza River, surrounded by spectacular mountain views. Return to the city and celebrate your inner adventuress over dinner.

Meals: breakfast, dinner | Overnight: Huentala Hotel



Day 6

#### **Buenos Aires City Exploration**

Fly back to Buenos Aires and embark on a deeper discovery of the city, from the architectural details of its Cathedral to the colorful streets of local barrios, neighborhoods. Wander among the giant maze of mausoleums and vaults at the fascinating Recoleta cemetery and pay homage at the grave of Eva Peron. End your tour at Puerto Madero along the Rio de la Plata, a former dock and warehouse area repurposed into chic shops and restaurants. Stroll across its stunning centerpiece, a rotating footbridge known as the "Woman's Bridge." Enjoy your last dinner in Argentina together in the city center.

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Day 7

#### Welcome to Uruguay! Explore Colonia del Sacramento

Cross the Rio de la Plata by ferry and step into Uruguay's oldest city, and UNESCO World Heritage Site, Colonia del Sacramento. Join your guide for a city exploration, following the picturesque cobblestone Calle de los Suspiros, "street of sighs," lined with original houses built more than 250 years ago. Walk through the parklike Plaza Mayor, visit Uruguay's oldest church, and view the lighthouse rising 112 feet above the old town. Enjoy lunch together with free time to visit galleries and handicraft shops. This evening, savor a sumptuous dinner, complete with breathtaking vistas of Rio de la Plata.

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner | Overnight: Hotel Posada Plaza Mayor



#### Hotel Posada Plaza Mayor

Hotel Posada Plaza Mayor is located in the historic center of the city of Colonia del Sacramento and is declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. This property, built out of an 1860 house and a Portuguese ranch from 1700, is a peaceful and magical place. A central garden reminiscent of old Spanish courtyards, welcomes you to enjoy a unique experience.



Day 8

#### Discover Montevideo and Painting Workshop

Drive east to Uruguay's captivating capital, Montevideo, and discover its Euro-Latin charm and vibrant energy. Admire the magnificent colonial architecture in the historic center, then walk through the Mercado del Puerto lined with fragrant grill restaurants that reflect Uruguay's gastronomic traditions. Savor these time-perfected flavors during lunch in this lively atmosphere. Meet the celebrated Uruguayan muralist, Florencia Duran, and hear her stories of the urban paintings inspired by local women. Release your own inner artist during a delightful painting workshop. This evening, gather for your Farewell Dinner, sharing and toasting to favorite memories of this extraordinary South American adventure.

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner | Overnight: Own Montevideo Hotel



#### **Own Montevideo Hotel**

Featuring an outdoor pool and a restaurant, Own Montevideo Hotel features comfortable and air-conditioned rooms in Montevideo. Guests can relax in the sun terrace, or enjoy Oceanside Boulevard located 984 feet away.



Day 9

## Depart from Montevideo

Enjoy your last morning of the trip and bid farewell to Uruguay and Argentina. After breakfast, transfer to the ferry terminal for the crossing to Buenos Aires, then transfer to the Buenos Aires International Airport.

## What's Included

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- · Accommodations as per itinerary based on double occupancy
- · All meals as listed in the itinerary
- All ground transportation, including one group transfer on arrival and departure
- · Domestic airfare
- English-speaking guide(s) throughout the trip (main trip only)
- · Activities as indicated in the itinerary
- · Drinking water to refill personal bottles

#### Not Included

- · International airfare
- · Meals not specified in the itinerary
- · Optional activities and items of a personal nature
- · Alcoholic beverages (unless otherwise specified)
- Fees for passport, visas, immunizations, or travel insurance
- · Cost of hospitalization or evacuation
- Gratuities

Please note: AdventureWomen will attempt to adhere to the itinerary as much as possible. However, certain conditions (political, climatic, environmental, and cultural) may necessitate changes in the itinerary. AdventureWomen reserves the right to alter any itinerary at any time if necessary. We will attempt to notify participants of changes as far in advance as possible. Costs incurred by such changes will be the responsibility of the participants.

