



# ARGENTINA

## Tango Rhythms, Wine Country and Iguazu Falls

May 3-11, 2024  
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## ITINERARY

<b>DAY 1</b>	<b>Fri, May 3, 2024</b>	Leave USA.	Mendoza
<b>DAY 2</b>	<b>Sat, May 4, 2024</b>	Mendoza wine tasting.	Mendoza
<b>DAY 3</b>	<b>Sun, May 5, 2024</b>	Mendoza sightseeing. Fly to Buenos Aires.	Buenos Aires
<b>DAY 4</b>	<b>Mon, May 6, 2024</b>	BA sightseeing.	Buenos Aires
<b>DAY 5</b>	<b>Tue, May 7, 2024</b>	Leisure day in BA.	Buenos Aires
<b>DAY 6</b>	<b>Wed, May 8, 2024</b>	Tigre & Parana river delta tour.	Buenos Aires
<b>DAY 7</b>	<b>Thu, May 9, 2024</b>	Fly to Puerto Iguazu. Iguazu Falls Brazilian side.	Puerto Iguazu
<b>DAY 8</b>	<b>Fri, May 10, 2024</b>	Iguazu Falls Argentinian side.	Puerto Iguazu
<b>DAY 9</b>	<b>Sat, May 11, 2024</b>	Departure.	



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**MAP TRAJECTORY**







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## HIGHLIGHTS

**Vineyards in Valle de Uco, Mendoza**

**Historic Center of Mendoza**

**“Tanguerias” of Buenos Aires**

**La Recoleta Cemetery**

**Museums of Buenos Aires**

**Tango show and dinner at Cafe de los Angelitos**

**Tigre & Parana river delta tour**

**Iguazu Falls - Brazilian & Argentinian sides**



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## **INCLUDED**

**Hotel accommodation in deluxe hotels with daily breakfast.**

**Arrival and departure transfers for suggested flights.**

**Meals as indicated in the itinerary.**

**Tango show with dinner.**

**Two small bottles of water per person per tour day on the bus.**

**All entry fees for above-mentioned places.**

**Private English speaking guides in each location.**

**Private transportation with driver.**

**Porterage at hotels.**

**Service charges for included meals and hotels.**

**Local taxes.**

## **NOT INCLUDED**

**International and domestic airfare.**

**Visa fees for Argentina & Brazil.**

**Drinks with included meals, except drinking water and tea or coffee for breakfast.**

**Gratuities for guides and drivers.**

**Personal expenditures like phone calls, laundry, medical expenses.**

**Travel insurance.**





## SUGGESTED FLIGHTS

Suggested flights are on United Airlines and partner airlines:

**03 May**      **Houston to Panama City**  
**UA 1916**      **dep: 10:07 am / arr: 2:19 pm**

**03 May**      **Panama City to Mendoza**  
**CM 420**      **dep: 3:28 pm / arr: 12:10 am on 04 May**

**05 May**      **Mendoza to Buenos Aires**  
**TBA**

**09 May**      **Buenos Aires to Puerto Iguazu**  
**TBA**

**11 May**      **Puerto Iguazu to Buenos Aires**  
**AR 1783**      **dep: 2:30 pm / arr: 4:30 pm**

**11 May**      **Buenos Aires to Houston**  
**UA 818**      **dep: 9:00 pm / arr: 5:20 am on 12 May**

**Economy class: \$2,054**

**Business class: \$6,890**

**per person, including taxes, surcharges and fees  
as of Feb 25, 2024.**

**Fares may change based on availability.**



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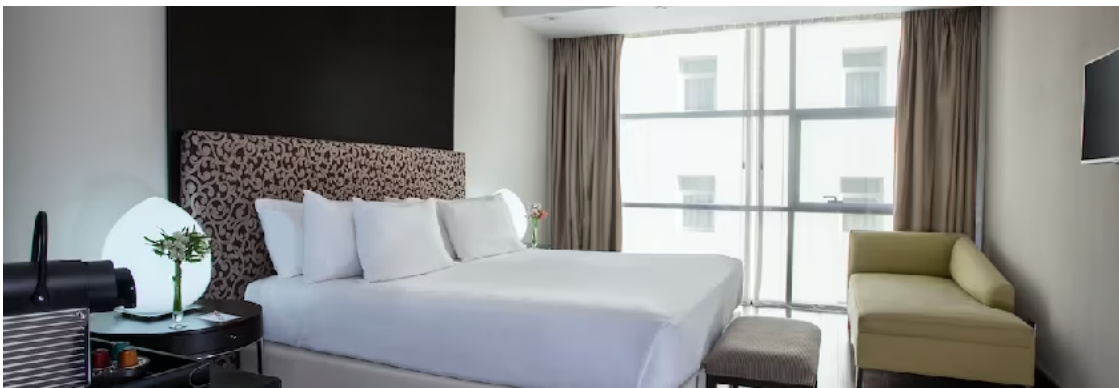
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## **ACCOMMODATIONS**

### **Diplomatic Hotel - Mendoza**



### **NH Collection Centro Historico - Buenos Aires**







## ACCOMMODATIONS

### Loi Suites - Puerto Iguazu







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## Program Details

### **Day 1: Fri, May 3**                      **USA - Mendoza, Argentina**

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We will leave USA for Mendoza, Argentina.

Upon arrival, we will be transferred to our hotel.

#### **Overnight in Mendoza**

**Meals: none**

Nestled in the foothills of the Andes Mountains, **Mendoza** is a paradise for wine lovers and outdoor enthusiasts alike.

Renowned for its Malbec wines, the region boasts over a thousand vineyards, offering exquisite wine tasting experiences against the backdrop of stunning mountain landscapes. With its charming blend of natural beauty, culinary delights, and adventurous spirit, Mendoza promises a truly unforgettable experience.

### **Day 2: Sat, May 4**                      **Mendoza**

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After having our breakfast, we will start our day.

We will depart for Valle de Uco, located 60 miles from the city, to share and enjoy an excellent day of wine. We will visit some of the most important and internationally awarded wineries. Our vineyard visits will also include a gourmet lunch.

#### **Overnight in Mendoza**

**Meals: B-L + wine tastings**

**Valle de Uco**, located in the heart of Mendoza's wine country, is a paradise for wine enthusiasts seeking a unique and unforgettable tasting experience. Known for its high-altitude vineyards, the valley is home to some of Argentina's most prestigious wineries, producing exceptional Malbec, Cabernet Sauvignon, and other varietals.

The stunning natural beauty of the Andes Mountains provides a breathtaking backdrop for wine tasting tours, where visit





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### **Day 3: Sun, May 5                      Mendoza - Buenos Aires**

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We will spend our morning in Mendoza, visiting the heart of the historic center with General San Martin Park, monument of Cerro de la Gloria, Plaza España and Museum of Modern Art.

At the end of the tour, we will enjoy a lunch at yet another winery with wine tasting.

Late afternoon, we will fly from Mendoza to Buenos Aires.

Upon arrival we will be transferred to our hotel.

### **Overnight in Buenos Aires**

**Meals: B-L with wine tasting.**

**Buenos Aires**, the vibrant capital of Argentina, is a city that effortlessly blends European elegance with Latin American flair.

Known for its rich cultural heritage, Buenos Aires is a melting pot of cultures, evident in its eclectic architecture, world-class museums, and thriving arts scene.

Explore the historic neighborhoods of San Telmo and La Boca, where tango music fills the streets and colorful buildings line the cobblestone streets. Indulge in the city's culinary delights, from mouthwatering steaks to delicious empanadas, and experience the lively nightlife in the trendy Palermo district.

With its unique blend of old-world charm and modern sophistication, Buenos Aires is a city that captivates and enchants visitors from around the world.





## Day 4: Mon, May 6

## Buenos Aires

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Today we will have a full day program in Buenos Aires.

Buenos Aires is a cosmopolitan city that manifests at each step the influence of the numerous immigrant populations which helped form it. The tour starts from what is the second and most definitive capital of the area named Plaza de Armas in 1581 and today known as Plaza de Mayo, the historical, political and cultural center of the city.

The Pyramid de Mayo, which is in the center, was the first national historical monument and was inaugurated in 1811. In its surrounding areas you can see Casa Rosada the actual seat of Executive Power (Presidential Palace), the Cabinet, and the first municipality of the city that dates back to 1754 and still maintains its colonial characteristics, and the Metropolitan Cathedral. From the Plaza, we start the tour going down Avenida de Mayo, one of the most interesting urban developments of the city with its variety of architectural styles, wide avenues and spacious green areas which balance out the vertiginous rhythm of the city. A good example is Avenida 9 de Julio, with its eight lanes separated by lawns with ancient trees, and embellished by fountains and sculptures. From there we can see the symbol of the city, "The Obelisque."

The tour continues all the way to the neighborhood of San Telmo, one of the oldest in the city, settled at the end of the XIX century by aristocratic families. This neighborhood, in which every Sunday the antiques fair takes place around Plaza Dorrego, keeps expanding its great architectural heritage. The area is also very active at night as it is the center for most of the tango parlors, "tanguerías", restaurants and bars.

Going further south we arrive at the picturesque and colorful port neighborhood of La Boca, with its famous street "Caminito" whose buildings and customs reflect the influence of European settlers that arrived at its shores during the XIX century and left their imprint not only in the multicolor houses still being used today but also in the cuisine of the typical "cantinas," small restaurants. Followed by this comes the modern neighborhood of Puerto Madero, with its old piers converted into offices, apartments, places for entertainment and elegant restaurants, and its view of Rio de la Plata, a residential neighborhood of Palermo with elegant mansions surrounded by spacious parks and finally arriving at La Recoleta.





The cemetery of Recoleta surprises visitors with its rich architecture and with the important social and political personalities that are buried there, among whom is Eva Peron. Next to the cemetery is the church of Our Lady of Pilar, the former convent which today is part of the Cultural Center of Recoleta, the shopping area, Buenos Aires Design, and the exposition center, Palais de Glace.

After having a lunch in a nice local restaurant, we will continue our program visiting Buenos Aires Museum of Latin American Art (MALBA) which has the best examples of modern art in Latin America.

**Overnight in Buenos Aires**

**Meals: B-L - no dinner**

**Day 5: Tue, May 7**

**Buenos Aires**

Our day at leisure in Buenos Aires. We can explore various museums, churches or stroll through the street markets.

We have a full day to explore this city on our own.

**Overnight in Buenos Aires**

**Meals: B**

**Day 6: Wed, May 8**

**Buenos Aires - Tigre & Parana Delta Tour - Tango Show**

Today, we will explore outer neighborhoods of Buenos Aires, including a boat ride.

In the morning departure from the hotel to the north of the city, going through the residential neighborhoods, driving by the the Quinta Presidencial de Olivos, official residence of the President of Argentina, located in the outskirts of the City of Buenos Aires.

Our next destination is San Isidro, an elegant residential area. Its imposing neo-gothic cathedral is the historic center of the city. It is surrounded by beautiful colonial houses and Italian style streets with its old square, populated by old trees.



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The tour continues toward Tigre, an enchanting section located at the mouth of the delta of the Parana River. The zone was colonized the first time in 1580, but it was not until the end of the 18th century that it came to be known as a place having a small population smugglers who took advantage of the labyrinth of streams and islets to bring merchandise into the country, evading payment of customs. Toward the end of the 19th Century Tigre was converted into a preferred place of recreation by the elite society of Buenos Aires.

A ride on a boat in the Delta allows appreciation of the older mansions that contrast with the newer wooden houses of today, constructed on pillars to soften the effects of the rising river. Also we see the yacht and rowing clubs and get to know the life of a population that developed in communion with life on a river.

The delta is covered with a number of small islets covered with abundant subtropical vegetation and crossed by canals and rivulets.

After having lunch at a local restaurant, we will have some free time to visit Tigre Museum of Art on our own.

At the end of the tour we will drive back to our hotel.

In the evening, we will attend a tango show, including a splendid dinner.

**Overnight in Buenos Aires**

**Meals: B - L - D**





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**The Tango music** was born in the late 19th century in the "arrabales" (southern suburbs) of Buenos Aires, populated by "criollos" (Argentine natives), Italian and Spanish immigrants, some African descendants and people from many other countries.

Their fights, their needs, their poverty, their passions were the spark that created this mythical and passionate piece of Argentine culture. Its emotive lyrics are sometimes difficult to understand and almost impossible to translate but always deeply poetic.

Inaugurated in 1890, in that profound south of the "frontiers" of Buenos Aires, where the city gave way to the countryside, where thugs and troublemakers would gather, **"El Café de los Angelitos"** soon became a favorite of the famous Carlos Gardel.

The café, recently distinguished by the city government as one of its "Bares Notables" (Remarkable Bars) due to its historic relevance, opens nowadays a window to the past through a show that travels the history of Tango. It is also an ideal place to enjoy some excellent cuisine.





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### **Day 7: Thu, May 9   Buenos Aires - Puerto Iguazu - Brazilian Side**

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Before noon, we will be transferred to the airport for our flight to Puerto Iguazu.

Upon arrival, we will meet our guide and will head to Juan D. Perón Bridge that connects the Argentinian city of Puerto Iguazu with the Brazilian city of Foz de Iguazú. Crossing the border, the tour continues towards the Iguazu National Park, one of the largest vegetation reserves in Brazil.

We will arrive at the visitors' center where visitors transfer to a bus for a tour inside the park and up to the beginning of the boardwalks located at the edge of the cliffs of the Iguazu River, which extend almost a kilometer. During the walk it is possible to see the San Martín Island, and be amazed by the sight of the waterfalls of Bossetti, San Martín and Three Musketeers.

The observation deck found towards the end of the walk offers a unique view of Devil's Throat from a distance of just 150 meters away. This amazing scenery is enhanced by the constant formation of rainbows. The visit ends next to the Salto Floriano fall where there is a small store with access to the panoramic elevator that is at the visitor's disposal. At the end of the tour, early evening, we will head back to Argentinian side, to our hotel.

Our dinner will be at the hotel.

### **Overnight in Puerto Iguazu**

**Meals: B – D**

**Iguazu Falls**, one of the most awe-inspiring natural wonders of the world, is a must-visit destination for any traveler.

Located on the border of Argentina and Brazil, this magnificent waterfall system consists of 275 individual falls cascading over cliffs spanning nearly 2 miles. The sheer power and beauty of the falls are truly mesmerizing, and visitors can experience them up close on a series of walkways and viewing platforms.

Surrounding the falls is the lush rainforest of Iguazu National Park, home to a diverse array of wildlife species.





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### **Day 8: Fri, May 10 Puerto Iguazu - Argentinian Side**

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Today we will have a full day excursion to the Argentinian side of the falls with our guide and transportation.

We will have an early depart from the hotel crossing the bridges Tancredo Neves and Juan D. Perón that join the Argentine city of Puerto Iguazu (Argentina) and Foz de Iguazu (Brazil) to visit the Argentine side of the Iguazu Falls, located within the Iguazu National Park.

With an extension of 67,000 hectares the park has been declared a Natural Patrimony of Humanity by the UNESCO. The Falls are integrated by 275 waterfalls that fall from an average altitude of seventy meters.

The starting point is the “Central Station”, from which we will take the train that goes to “Devil’s Throat Station”. From these points it is possible to carry out diverse excursions:

The superior walk is a walk of 800 meters on footbridges, elevated over the surface of the terrain so as not to obstruct or drive away/frighten the fauna. On this walk, visitors can observe the waterfalls from the upper part of the Dos Hermanas, Bosetti, Bernabé Méndez, M’Bigua falls, among others. It lasts for an hour and the range of difficulty is low, there are no stairs.

The inferior walk is a 1,600 meters walk on footbridges elevated over the surface of the terrain, where visitors can see the two sisters, Alvar Nuñez, San Martín, and Bosetti falls and the Rock de la Bella Vista. Visitors can also have a panoramic view of the Devil’s Throat and the Río Iguazu Inferior Canyon. This walk lasts for two hours and the range of difficulty is moderate, with stairs.

The excursion Devil’s Throat starts at the “Devil’s Throat Station” to go walking through the footbridges for about 1,200 meters which allows the visitor to enjoy the view of the most important waterfall of the Falls. The excursion lasts two hours, and the range of difficulty is low, there are no stairs. The return is done by train up to the Visitors Center.

Once the excursion ends, we will come back to our hotel.

**Overnight in Puerto Iguazu**

**Meals: B**



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### **Day 9: Sat, May 11 Departure**

We will have a leisurely morning and before noon we will be transferred to the airport for our return flight back to the USA, via Buenos Aires.

**Meals: B**

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