

ARGENTINA - BRAZIL & ARGENTINA EXPLORER



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DURATION

10 Days

LOCATIONS

Argentina, Brazil



INTRODUCTION

Join us for this exciting 10-day journey to Argentina and Brazil to discover some of the highlights of these two spectacular countries. Starting in Buenos Aires, we explore the historic and cosmopolitan capital of Argentina, birthplace of the tango shows and art galleries. Located on the western shore of the estuary of the Río de la Plata, Buenos Aires has many fascinating neighbourhoods to explore including the colourful and lively La Boca. Later, flying to Iguazu we visit the incredible water falls that straddle the Argentine-Brazil border. After arriving to Paraty, we explore with a road journey that discovers steep mountains covered in lush forest and the small, historic coastal town. Explore Rio de Janeiro with a tour that makes its way to the bottom of Corcovado Hill, where we ascend the mountain by vehicle. Climbing 4km through the Tijuca Forest, the world's largest urban National Park. This excursion ends with views of the entire city from the famous Sugarloaf Mountain following a traditional Brazilian BBQ

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DAY 1: Arrival in Buenos Aires

On arrival into Buenos Aires you will be met by a representative of Chimu Adventures and transferred to your hotel. Buenos Aires, Argentina's elegant, historic and cosmopolitan capital, is known as the "Paris of the South" due to its European atmosphere, with glamorous avenues lined with fashionable shops and Parisian-style restaurants and cafes. Located on the western shore of the estuary of the Río de la Plata, Buenos Aires has many fascinating neighbourhoods to explore including the colourful and lively La Boca, home to art galleries and tango shows; San Telmo with its restored mansions and antique stores and Recoleta, the city's most exclusive area. This evening enjoy a welcome dinner at Restaurant El Mercado. El Mercado blends the energy of Buenos Aires' legendary cantinas with the charm of Europe's open-air markets. This warm, intimate space features the best of Argentine cuisine.



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DAY 2: Explore Buenos Aires

A tour of Buenos Aires serves as a great introduction to this incredible city giving you a taste of its fascinating history, architecture, culture, inhabitants, anecdotes, and secrets. We will explore the busy centre, including the Plaza de Mayo, where the Casa Rosada Presidential Palace is located; the aristocratic North, including the Recoleta Cemetery, best-known for holding Eva Peron's grave; and the working-class South, such as the famous La Boca and San Telmo districts, heartland of the Tango. This evening enjoy an intimate and passionate tango show, housed in a cosy wood-panelled 19th century building in the heart of Buenos Aires's historic centre. The building has a colourful history as it was once a meeting point for poets and students. After being abandoned in the late 1970s, the bar was beautifully restored and reopened in July 1992 as El Querandí Tango Hall. The show, directed by Claudio Campos with musical arrangements by Ado Falasca, smoothly charts the history of Argentina's most authentic artistic expression from its origins to the modern day. With one of the most varied à la carte menus you will find at a tango show, the dinner is very good, and the show, at just over an hour long, is the perfect length. The three house singers, six dancers and four musicians put on a great show. Dinner starts at 8.30pm and the show at 10.30pm, finishing at midnight. At the conclusion of the show a private vehicle will transfer you back to your hotel.



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DAY 3: Depart To Iguazu

You will be collected from your hotel and transferred to the domestic airport for your flight to Iguazu. On arrival at Iguazu Airport you will be met by a representative of Chimu and transferred to your hotel located on the Brazilian side of the falls. The spectacular Iguazu Falls that straddle the Argentine-Brazil border, are made up of 275 individual waterfalls lining a 2.7km wide horseshoe-shaped gorge. The Falls are located where the Iguazu River cascades over the edge of the Paraná Plateau. The falls can be viewed from both the Argentinian and the Brazilian sides, the Brazilian side offering a broader, panoramic view, with the Argentinian side offering a series of catwalks that allow you to experience the falls from close range.



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DAY 4: Explore Iguazu Falls

Morning pick up from your hotel for a full day of exploring the Argentinean side of the Iguazu Falls. Beginning at the visitor's centre, take a ride on the Rainforest Ecological train before exploring the upper and lower circuit footbridges. The footbridges, which are raised off the jungle floor, provide panoramic views from above and below the falls. A visit to Devil's Gorge arguably the most spectacular falls, is one of the day's highlights. Board a boat for an authentic Iguazu Falls experience and expect to be drenched in this thrilling ride along the Iguassu River to the falls. Return to your hotel and remainder of the day is free.



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DAY 5: Depart to Sao Paulo

This morning is free at leisure. This afternoon you will be transferred to the airport on the Brazil side for your onward flight to Sao Paulo. On arrival at Sao Paulo, you will be met by a representative of Chimu Adventures and transferred to your hotel.



DAY 6: Depart for Paraty

This morning you will be collected from your hotel for the approximately four hour road journey to Paraty. Set against a backdrop of steep mountains covered in lush forest, the small, historic coastal town of Paraty is one of Brazil's gems. It was a port during the Brazilian Gold Rush and the cobbled streets of the colonial centre are lined with 17th and 18th century buildings and churches. Paraty sits on the Bay of Ilha Grande. The emerald green waters are dotted with tropical islands and lined with secluded beaches.



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DAY 7: Explore Paraty

This morning enjoy a walking tour of this historical town. You guide will take you back in time to the Portuguese discovery of Brazil and trace the development of Paraty through the sugar, gold and coffee economic booms. See the beautiful colonial architecture of the churches, museums and colonial homes. The streets are closed to motor vehicles so this walking tour is a delight. Remainder of the day at leisure to further explore Paraty.



DAY 8: Depart to Rio de Janeiro

This morning you will be collected from your hotel for the onward road journey to Rio de Janeiro. The journey will take approximately 4 hours and travel along the coastline. Known as the "Cidade Maravilhosa", or Marvellous City, Rio never fails to amaze with its sandy beaches, carefree lifestyle and unparalleled natural beauty. As the capital of Brazil until 1960, Rio is today one of the most culturally and economically prominent cities in the country receiving more tourists than any other part of Brazil. This evening, party like a Carioca at Rio Scenarium. Located in the neighbourhood of Lapa, it's a club, restaurant and antique warehouse all rolled into one and covers three sumptuous floors. Listen to the cream of Brazil's musicians play and dance the night away.



DAY 9: Explore Rio de Janeiro

After breakfast, spend the day exploring Rio de Janeiro. The tour makes its way to the bottom of Corcovado Hill, where we ascend the mountain by vehicle. Climbing 4km through the Tijuca Forest, the world's largest urban National Park, arrive at the statue of Christ the Redeemer. After taking in the panoramic views, continue to the Maracana Stadium. We also pass the Sambadrome and the Metropolitan Cathedral, before passing through the bohemian neighbourhood of Lapa and its famous arches en-route to Copacabana. Enjoy a traditional Brazilian BBQ lunch before visiting famous Sugarloaf Mountain with views across the entire city. Afterwards return to the hotel.



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DAY 10: Departure Day

Morning at leisure before your afternoon transfer to the airport for your flight to Buenos Aires.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Standard
Inclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internal flights within South America as outlined • Twin-share luxury accommodation • Airport transfers and transportation as detailed on the itinerary • Guided tours and entrance fees as stated on the itinerary • Breakfast daily and other meals as stated
Difficulty Rating	1 (easy)
Single Surcharge	Available upon request
Notes	Not Available
Price Dependent upon	Season and availability

SUSTAINABILITY

Chimu Adventures undertakes a number of sustainability measures within its operations including:

- 1) Only using local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprints. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you’re visiting.
- 2) Where possible, using locally owned and operated boutique hotels to maximise the return to the local community.
- 3) Chimu’s “Pass it on” programme has provided funding to hundreds of local community projects in Latin America. Our aim is to empower local communities, helping them to develop their own infrastructure for the future. Since 2006, we have been working with

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Kiva (a well-known Non-Governmental Organisation), providing hundreds of loans to local businesses all over South America.

4) In our pre tour information we provide a range of tips and advice on how to minimise your impact on both local environments and communities.

5) Chimu Adventures' offices also take a number of sustainability measures including carbon offsets for company vehicles and most staff travel. Chimu Adventure's internal processes are also structures to create a paperless office and to reduce waste. There are also internal programmes to help staff minimise their carbon footprint such as our staff bike purchase assistance plan which encourages office staff to commute to work via bicycle. Currently almost half of our office based staff commute to work via bicycle.

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