

ARGENTINA - ROAD TO RIO



INTRODUCTION

Join us on this wonderful journey from Buenos Aires to Rio. Marvel at the mighty Iguazu Falls, experience the cosmopolitan city of Buenos Aires and the beaches and vibrancy of Rio de Janeiro.

This small group tour of just 20 is perfect for those looking to travel with a group of like-minded individuals. We have left no stone unturned in giving you the best value group travel trip in the market. This tour is accompanied at all times by a Chimu Adventures escort.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrive Buenos Aires

On arrival into Buenos Aires you will be met and transferred to your hotel. This tour is operated under our group travel brand, Viva Expeditions. Viva specialises in guided small group tours to Latin America. Tonight there will be a pre departure welcome meeting. Details confirmed upon arrival.



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9 Days

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DAY 1: Buenos Aires

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.



DAY 2: Buenos Aires City Tour

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. You will explore the busy centre, including the Plaza de Mayo, where the Casa Rosada Presidential Palace is located; the aristocratic North, including 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. Afternoon is at leisure.



DAY 2: Querandi Tango Show

This evening enjoy an intimate & 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. At the conclusion of the show a bus will transfer you back to your hotel.



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DAY 3: Buenos Aires - Free day

Today is free to enjoy the sights and sounds of this world famous city. Head to the famous San Telmo antiques & tourist markets for some great shopping. Or why not enjoy a day trip over the River Plate to the beautiful city of Colonia with its UNESCO World Heritage Listed historic centre. Or head out of city on day a day trip to the Tigre Delta or an Estancia. There are many options. Please ask your Travel Advisor for more details as advance reservations may be required.



DAY 4: Buenos Aires to Iguazu

You will be collected from your hotel at the appropriate time and transferred to the domestic airport for your flight from Buenos Aires. *Please note the Iguazu Tourist Tax will now be charged on check out at all Iguazu hotels. The amount is currently ARS50 (USD3.40) per person per stay. Please note this tax is subject to change without prior notice. Afternoon is at leisure



DAY 5: Iguazu Falls: Argentinean

After an early morning pick up from your hotel, we travel to the Argentinean side of the Iguazu Falls. Beginning at the visitor's centre, we 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.



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DAY 6: Iguazu Brasil Falls & Bird Park to Rio

Today we see the falls from the Brazilian side of the border. After arriving at the visitor centre, we board buses for a tour of the park. Equipped with panoramic windows, the buses are designed to maximize your views of the falls, while the walkways and steps allow you to get up close to the spray. Views of the Floriania Falls, the Devil's Gorge Canyon and the Iguazu River are spectacular and are guaranteed to impress. National park fee included. Afterwards you will be taken to the Bird's Park. The bird park was created in 1994, and built with concern to deliver optimum for reproducing animals as well as ensuring the preservation of 16 hectares of native forest. It is an ecological sanctuary located 300 meters from the entrance to the Brazilian National Park. It has more than 900 birds of 150 different species, with most Brazilian birds. They are in huge cages of 630 square meters, where waterfalls and vegetation are recreated, so that birds find their natural habitat. The visit is done through trails within these nurseries, allowing observe species that rarely could be seen during a sightseeing tour. Besides birds, you can see butterflies, reptiles and mammals. After the tour you will be transferred to the airport for your flight from Iguazu. On arrival in Rio de Janeiro, you will be met and transferred to your hotel.



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DAY 6: Arrival in Rio de Janeiro

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.



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DAY 7: Corcovado & Sugarloaf

After an early pick up from the hotel between 7:00 & 7:30am, 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, we will arrive at the statue of Christ the Redeemer. After taking in the panoramic views we 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. We have a traditional Brazilian BBQ lunch before visiting the famous Sugarloaf Mountain with views across the entire city. After descending the mountain, you will be dropped off at your hotel. Included: All transport, tickets and entry fees, lunch (beverages not included). Approximate duration of tour: 8 hours.



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DAY 8: Rio: Free Day

Today is a free day for you to relax on one of Rio's famous beaches such as Ipanema or Copacabana, or explore the city further at your leisure. Tonight we enjoy a wonderful evening together over dinner in Rio at a local restaurant. Meals included: Breakfast and dinner



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DAY 9: Departure day

Free morning to enjoy Rio at leisure You will be collected from your hotel and transferred to the airport for your flight from Rio. **International flights are not included



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation

Standard

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Inclusions	<p>8 nights twin share standard hotel accommodation with private en-suite facilities</p> <p>8 breakfasts, 1 lunch & 3 dinners</p> <p>Internal flights within South America as per itinerary with LATAM</p> <p>Fully escorted tour in South America for groups with more than 9 participants</p> <p>For groups smaller than 9 participants the tour will be locally guided</p> <p>Tours as stated in the itinerary with local English speaking guides</p> <p>Airport transfers</p>
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Single supplement for guaranteed single room is 25% of the total tour cost. However we offer a willing to share option for all solo travellers where we will pair you with another traveller of the same sex to share a twin room.
Notes	Please note this is a small group tour. However, departures are guaranteed with a minimum of 2 pax.
Price Dependent upon	Departure date, seasonality 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 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

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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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