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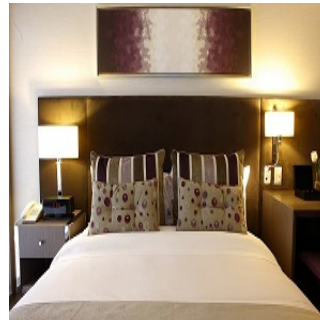
INTRODUCTION

Join us on this fascinating 6-day experience discovering Buenos Aires and the charming country of Uruguay. Feel the Tango in Buenos Aires before jumping on the ferry to travel across Rio de la Plata to reach Colonia in Uruguay, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, a city steeped in history and the only Portuguese settlement along Rio de la Plata. Finally, visit the emblematic city of Carmelo with its colonial style, great wines and beaches that will steal your heart.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrival transfer in Buenos Aires

On arrival, please make your way through to the Arrivals Hall where our representative will be waiting for you to transfer you to your hotel. He/she will be holding a sign with your name on it. Please note this service is with a driver only.



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DAY 2: Highlights of Buenos Aires City Tour

You will be collected from your hotel for your three-hour tour visiting the most important highlights of the city of Buenos Aires. Discover the history of the Plaza de Mayo Square, the site of Argentina's most important historical events - see its surroundings and the most emblematic buildings and learn all about them. Then enjoy Mayo Avenue and wonder in awe at the oldest residential neighbourhood in Buenos Aires: San Telmo. Live and feel the original Tango in the neighbourhood of La Boca: walk along Caminito Street and enjoy the Dancers and souvenir shops. See the mythical Boca Juniors soccer stadium. Contemplate the modernization of the city whilst traveling along Puerto Madero and its exclusive docks, full of excellent restaurants and large offices. Pass through the Retiro neighbourhood and move on to see Palermo and its most exclusive residential area before finally arriving at Recoleta. Here, discover the final resting place of Eva Peron, "Evita" and wander through Recoleta Cemetery where she is to be found. On completion of your tour, you will be taken to your hotel. Please note this is a small group tour.



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DAY 2: El Querandi Tango Show & Dinner

This evening you will be collected from your hotel to experience a Tango Show with dinner. This is an intimate & passionate tango show, housed in a cozy wood-paneled 19th century building with a colourful history as a meeting point for poets and students in the heart of Buenos Aires's historic centre. After being abandoned in the late 1970s, the bar was restored and reopened in 1992 as El Querandí Tango Hall. The show is directed by Claudio Campos, with musical arrangements by Ado Falasca, and it smoothly charts the history of Argentina's most authentic artistic expression from its origins to the modern day. The dinner is better than many, and at just over an hour long, the show is the perfect length. The three house singers, six dancers and four musicians put on a great show. Dinner will be served from 8.30pm followed by the show commencing at 10.00pm. Please note timings are subject to change and will be confirmed directly to you. On completion of the show, you will be taken to your hotel. Please note this is a small group tour.



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DAY 3: Transfer to bus station for onward destination

Private transfer from your hotel to the Bus terminal for your outward journey from Buenos Aires.



DAY 3: Buenos Aires Ferry Ticket - Buenos Aires - Colonia

Travel by Fast Ferry from Buenos Aires to Colonia.



DAY 3: Arrival transfer in Colonia

A 50-minute ferry trip takes you from Buenos Aires to Colonia, Uruguay's oldest city, brimming with history and charm. On arrival, you will be met for a private transfer to your hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure.



DAY 3: Colonia Walking City Tour

Here we start a walking city tour along the cobbled streets of the old town of 'Colonia Del Sacramento'; visiting the old buildings, ancient forts and Spanish and Portuguese Museums. We also visit the most important tourist spots of this old Portuguese city from the XVII century that has been declared Patrimony of Mankind by the UNESCO.



DAY 4: Transfer from Colonia to Carmelo

Today you will be picked up from your hotel in Colonia and transferred to Carmelo. There you will enjoy a wine tour of Western Vineyards & Jesuit Ruins.



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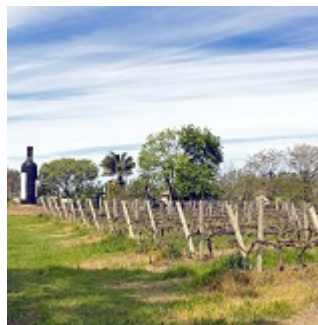
DAY 4: Wine Tour of Eastern Vineyards & Jesuit Ruins

We start our tour with a visit to the birthplace of wine in Uruguay: In the XVIII century the Jesuits established in the north of the Province of Colonia in Uruguay, where they continued their mission and built the national monument 'La Calera de las Huerfanas' in 1741. This chapel was located inside the extensive land of an estancia where they planted fruit trees, bred cattle and produced limes. This is where Indians, slaves and priests would gather. After the Jesuits were expelled by the Spanish crown, Don Juan de San Martín took the administration of the estancia and found 1500 stocks of grapevine; this is how wine production was born in Uruguay. After getting to know this important place in the history of wines in Uruguay, we proceed to visit two wineries in the region of Carmelo, just about 80 minutes away from Colonia (the selection of wineries may vary due to availability and opening days). Normally we will visit Bodegas Cordano, a small family-run winery which is led by Ana Paula Cordano and her family in the 5th Generation. After a warm reception in the 'Almacen de la Capilla' - the vintage grocery shop that was founded 1855 by Antonio Cordano - we will visit the vineyards and the production areas of Cordano Wineries. Afterwards, we will enjoy a tasting of the Cordano wines in the unique atmosphere of the Almacen de La Capilla. We then continue to El Legado Winery to enjoy our final tasting with the company of the owners.



DAY 5: Free day in Carmelo

You are free to explore this quiet city at your leisure today. Carmelo is a city known for its wineries. It has two squares: one is Plaza Artigas, with a monument to the foundation of the city, the church Templo Histórico del Carmen and the city museum and archive; and the other is the commercial centre of the city. The river Arroyo de las Vacas runs along the east and south part of the city. On its north bank there is the Puerto Carmelo-Tigre, where small catamaran boats carry passengers across the Río de la Plata to Argentina.



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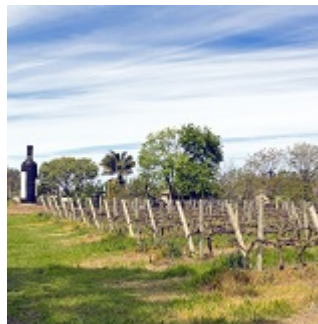
DAY 6: Transfer from Carmelo to Colonia

Today a transfer will take you to Colonia's port, where you will board a Buquebus and go back to Buenos Aires.



DAY 6: Colonia to Buenos Aires

Take a 50 minutes ferry from Colonia back to Buenos Aires.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Standard
Inclusions	Accommodation with breakfast everyday Tours as stated on the itinerary Airport transfers Meals as stated on the itinerary Ferry from Buenos Aires to Colonia and vice versa
Difficulty Rating	1 (easy)
Single Surcharge	Available upon request
Notes	Contact us for more details
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

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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 structured 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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