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9 DAYS

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Boca & Casa Rosada
- Tigre holiday region
- Uruguay - Colonia
- Rio Plata
- Gaucho ranch
- Tango Show

INCLUDED

- Return Flights
- Tour Director
- Football Coordinator
- City sightseeing tours
- Licensed local guides
- Hotel accommodation
- Breakfast & dinner daily
- Some lunches
- Private motor coach
- Entrance fees
- 3 Games & 1 practice
- Awards dinner

DAY 1 > OVERNIGHT FLIGHT

DAY 2 > BUENOS AIRES

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La Boca is the oldest, most colorful, and most authentic neighborhood in Buenos Aires. The neighborhood was settled and built by Italian immigrants that worked in the warehouses and meatpacking plants in the area. La Boca is partly an artist colony, and mostly a working-class neighborhood

DAY 3 > TIGRE & GAME ONE

A later start for the short drive to the Tigre Delta region. During World War 1, rich Argentines who could no longer travel to Europe developed the area of natural canals and islands into a unique holiday region.

INTERNATIONAL RUGBY GAME ONE

DAY 4 > URUGUAY

COLONIA DE SACRAMENTO

Today we enjoy a full day excursion to Colonia, Uruguay - across the vast Rio Plata. The historic quarter of Colonia del Sacramento, founded in 1680, evokes old Lisbon with its Portuguese-influenced architecture and winding streets. The area, located in south-western Uruguay on the Rio de la Plata, was named a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1995.

The pace is much slower than in BA and the people eat more beef and drink more Mate (a unique South American tea) than any place on earth. Lunch is included

DAY 5 > ESTANCIA - RANCH

Today you will travel to the countryside to visit a "estancia" (ranch) where you will taste the traditional "asado" (barbecue) and try the typical Argentinean drink, the mate. You can enjoy the gaucho's activities such as dances and games. There is a wide range of activities on offer at this authentic Gaucho estancia including guided horse riding, carriage rides, photographic safari and folkloric performances. Top it all off by tasting the typical "pastelitos" (traditional Argentinean sweet pies) for desert.

RUGBY PRACTICE

DAY 6 > RUGBY GAME TWO

DAY 7 > RUGBY GAME THREE

DAY 8 > TANGO AWARDS DINNER

Enjoy a free day for shopping, museums or whatever and in the evening take in the highlight of any trip to Buenos Aires - the Tango. These shows are professional, with outstanding food and some of the most magnificent performances - entertaining for even those who shy away from theatre elsewhere.

DAY 9 > OVERNIGHT FLIGHT

DAY 10 > ARRIVE IN USA

Notes:

Argentina is a huge and diverse country famous for wealth, culture and of course frequent political upheaval. Eva Peron and her husband's political legacy continue. Generally safe and friendly, Buenos Aires is a developed, large city with impressive infrastructure troubled by a very poor distribution of wealth.

In 2002 Argentina defaulted on the largest debt in history. It's currency, the Peso, had been pegged to the US Dollar through the 1990's, but now trades at about 3-1. During the pre-default period Argentina was extremely expensive. The economic crisis caused a dramatic readjustment of prices and industry, but since the lows of 2003, inflation has continued above 10%. American visitors will find some aspects of travel to Argentina very good value, while other products and services are surprisingly expensive.