

## ARGENTINA - SIGNATURE BUENOS AIRES TO RIO



### INTRODUCTION

Your journey starts with four days in Buenos Aires, also known as the 'Paris of the South', with activities that show off the city's European elegance and Latin energy. Take a walking tour to delve into the city's history, stopping at museums, the National Library, the iconic Recoleta Cemetery and Plaza del Mayo before being taken to an intimate tango show and dinner in San Telmo. The next evening, you'll be collected from your hotel and transferred to Fog  n to immerse yourself in their Asado Experience. A closed-door dining experience awaits as you witness traditional techniques up close as you sit with the chefs around the *parrilla*. The tasting menu elevates the Asado to new heights and is accompanied by a wine pairing menu featuring some of the best boutique wines from Argentina. Then fly to the bustling Rio de Janeiro, where you will have the opportunity to see the famous Sugar Loaf Mountain and one of the seven modern wonders of the world, Christ the Redeemer Statue. You'll also get the chance to visit one of Rio's most photogenic street markets, tasting a huge selection of exotic fruits and street food, including Amazonian beer and the best a  sa   in Rio.

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#### 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 1: Welcome Call - English Speaking

Once you have left the airport and started your journey into the city, your Spanish speaking driver will hand you a phone where you will be greeted, welcomed to Buenos Aires and explained your itinerary for the following days by our Chimu Amigo in English. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and be given all the tips to help you enjoy your stay while visiting the Paris of South America.



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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.



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### DAY 2: Buenos Aires Walking tour

Begin your day in the upscale neighbourhood of Recoleta with its elegant mansions and 5-star hotels. Start your walking tour along with your tour guide wandering to some noteworthy sites such as the Biblioteca Nacional (National Library), UBA (Law School) and the iconic steel and aluminium sculpture, Floralis Genérica. Continue south on Avenida Libertador towards the Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes (Fine Arts Museum), which boasts a great collection of Argentine art. We will visit one of the iconic cemeteries in the world, Recoleta Cemetery, the final resting place for the most celebrated figures of Argentina, including Eva Peron (Evita). Enjoy a walk through the cemetery streets to admire its beautiful, designed mausoleums. After visiting the cemetery, stroll through Avenida Alvear, home to the many architectonical mansions built during the Belle Époque, which have helped give Buenos Aires its nickname, the Paris of South America. We will continue our walk on Avenida 9 de Julio, considered the widest avenue in the world and home to the iconic Obelisk, Argentina's national monument. Then we will make our way to Plaza de Mayo, the historical city's square. Here, you'll enjoy the view of the most important and historical buildings, such as La Casa Rosada (Argentina's presidential palace), the metropolitan cathedral where Pope Francis, as archbishop, used to perform mass before assuming office in the Vatican in 2013.



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### DAY 2: Aljibe Tango Show

This evening you will be collected from your hotel to experience a Tango Show with dinner at Aljibe Tango. Located in San Telmo, the venue is a restored conventillo (boarding house) and offers an intimate show featuring professional dancers and musicians. The show is accompanied by a traditional menu and Argentine wines. Due to the show commencing earlier than other venues, this is an ideal venue for families or those who want a taste of tango but not a late evening. Dinner will be served from 7.00pm followed by the show commencing from 8.00pm. 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: Free day in Buenos Aires

Today is free to enjoy the sights and sounds of this world famous city. Why not enjoy a day trip over the River Plate to the beautiful city of Colonia with its UNESCO World Heritage Listed historic centre, perhaps wander the streets of San Telmo antiques district (home to the famous Sunday markets), enjoy some of the world class shopping or soak up some of Buenos Aires' Parisian atmosphere.



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### DAY 3: PVT Transfer OW (Hotel to Hotel) - Driver Only

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### DAY 3: Fogón Asado Experience & Wine Pairing

This evening you will be collected from your hotel and transferred to Fogón to immerse yourself in their Asado Experience. From the chefs of the famous Uco Restaurant in Buenos Aires and Butterfly in Bariloche comes Fogón - a new way of living the traditional Argentine Asado, served with a twist. A closed-door dining experience awaits you that explores new ways of serving Argentine Asado classics. While seated at the bar you'll see, feel and taste traditional and modern grill cooking techniques up close and personal as you sit with the chefs around the parrilla. Every Asado is unique but always includes the best cuts of meat available and fire roasted seasonal vegetables. The chefs have designed the tasting menu to combine new grill techniques with tried and true Argentine recipes that elevate the Asado to new heights. The wine pairing menu has also been designed to best enhance the flavours of the ingredients, while presenting you with some of the best boutique wines from Argentina. On completion of your experience, please make your own way back to your hotel. Includes: Welcome cocktail & olives, First Course/Empanada, Second Course/Chorizo & Morcilla, Third Course/Provoleta Cheese & Matambre, Fourth Course/The Seasonable One, Main Course/Steak Three Ways, Dessert/Pancakes of Dulce de Leche and Coffee, wine pairings with each course.



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DAY 4: Transfer to the airport for onward destination

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DAY 4: Arrival transfer in Iguazu

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. This service includes a driver and local English speaking guide, who will provide you with any useful information needed for your stay. He/she will be holding a sign with your name on it. Should you not be able to locate them, please refer to the front of your itinerary for emergency contact details of our representative office. \*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.



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DAY 4: Iguazu 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 5: Iguazu Argentinian Falls

Early morning pick up from your hotel for your full day of exploring the Argentine side of the falls. This tour always starts early in order to beat the crowds and get the first train to the Devil's Throat. There are walkways over the islands which take you to a balcony over the falls and the most spectacular view of the entire Devil's Gorge. You will then have plenty of time to walk the 800 metres of paths on the upper circuit. These new suspended walkways are detached from the jungle surface so as to protect the fauna by preventing disruption of the natural trails. From this circuit you have a higher sight of the falls, providing you with a magnificent panoramic view. It takes around one hour to cover the upper circuit. The lower circuit contains 600 metres of walkways, also detached from the jungle floor, and has great views from below and around the falls. Once you have finished all the circuits, return to the visitor centre where your vehicles will be waiting to transfer you back to your hotel. Please note there is some degree of difficulty as the path includes many stairs, particularly on the lower circuit. National Park fee is included. On completion of the tour, you will be taken to your hotel. Please note this is small group tour.



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### DAY 5: Entrance Fee - Argentinian National Park

### DAY 6: Iguazu Falls - Brazilian Side

Today enjoy a half day tour of the Brazilian side of the falls. If you are staying on the Argentine side of the falls, you will require to bring your passport as you will be crossing from Argentina into Brazil. You will be collected from your hotel and taken to the Visitors Centre. From here board one of the Park Authority's tourist buses and enter the National Park. Equipped with panoramic windows, the buses are designed to maximize your views of the falls, while the walkways and steps provide you with great panoramic views of the Argentinian side of the falls. Views of the Florian Falls, the Devil's Gorge Canyon and the Iguazu River are spectacular and are guaranteed to impress. National Park Fee included.



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DAY 6: Entrance Fee - Iguazu Brazilian National Park



DAY 6: Transfer to the airport for onward destination

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DAY 7: 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.



DAY 7: Arrival transfer in Rio de Janeiro

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. Please note, once you arrival at your hotel you will receive a welcome pack, which will provide you with all the useful information you will need about your trip in Brazil.



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### DAY 8: Corcovado & Sugarloaf with Lunch

After an early pick up from your hotel, this 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, 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 (beverages not included) before visiting the famous Sugarloaf Mountain with views across the entire city. After descending the mountain, you will be dropped off at your hotel. Please note this is a small group tour.



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### DAY 9: HD Santa Teresa & Historic Centre - Private (6hrs)

Spend a half day today on a great historical tour of Rio de Janeiro in the company of a professional guide and transportation. This tour will take you through the colonial avenues, squares and back streets of the city, and your guide will explain the important historical, political and social events that shaped Rio into South America's most exciting city. Focusing on the period or architectural style, fine examples of Baroque constructions would be the 'São Bento' and 'Santo Antonio' Monasteries, which recall the times when Brazil was a colony of Portugal. The French influence can be seen from buildings that were built as early as the 19th century and examples include the Municipal Theatre and the Fine Art museum. The city's cultural and artistic diversity is showcased on various cultural institutions such as the Cultural Centre Bank of Brasil and the Brazil-France House. Some other features of this tour are the Selaron Stairs, Lapa Arches, Metropolitan Cathedral, Candelária Church, 'Praça XV', 'Arco do Teles', Olympic Boulevard and finally the Museum of Tomorrow.



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DAY 10: Transfer to the airport for onward destination

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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS	
Accommodation	Hotel
Inclusions	Private airport transfers Accommodation with breakfast daily Sightseeing with local English-speaking guide as detailed in itinerary Other meals where stated <b>Exclusions</b> Flights Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable) Travel Insurance Beverages Personal expenses Gratuities for tour guides/drivers Any items not mentioned as included
Difficulty Rating	1 (easy)
Single Surcharge	Available on request. Contact us for more details.
Notes	Not Available
Price Dependent upon	Season and availability

## SUSTAINABILITY

Being environmentally accountable is a crucial part of our organisation. Chimu is currently striving towards using less paper, taking several initiatives to do so and tracking our progress along the way. Our goal: A paperless organisation. For this reason, all information given to you will be sent electronically. We encourage those who choose to travel with us to support our aspirations and actions and ask that you reconsider printing out documentation. To view these documents, you can download them to your iPad or portable computer before and during your trip.

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Chimu is passionate and dedicated to sustainability measures and understands the crucial part sustainability plays within the tourism industry.

We use local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprint. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you're visiting. Our guides are all highly qualified (most with university degrees) or equip with many years of experience and are paid above the standard wage. Whether it be our knowledgeable local guides, locally produced meals or the transport on tour, we do not use imported goods when local products are available. We aim to minimise our impact on the environment and give as much back as possible to the communities we work in.

While visiting the many national parks, heritage sites, museums and landmarks our travellers are encouraged to explore remain culturally aware and sensitive. We further encourage you to buy appropriate souvenirs and discourage the buying of anything wrongfully made or taken from the environment i.e. shells and endangered species products. Information on how you can be environmentally conscious, and travel responsibly will be made available in our Travellers Guides and provided during your travels by guides and staff.

For more information on our sustainability policies, including how we are striving towards being a paperless organisation, click [HERE](#)

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