

Amazing Argentina

Fire, Ice, Water & Wine

April 5 – 23, 2013



Join ROMtravel on the ultimate trip to Argentina. Your companion on the trip, Professor Peter Blanchard, is an expert on South America. You will experience the best of Argentina: the tango, art, history, good food, wine and some of the most magnificent scenery in the world.

Start in Buenos Aires with a feast for the senses. We visit charming San Telmo's cobbled alleys, a real South American local fair and market, the resplendent 19th century Teatro Colón opera house, the palace, grave and museum of Evita, and learn about San Martín, the Liberator of Argentina. We see the sultry tango in a café over dinner and drinks in a city that is fiery hot and never sleeps. We taste some of the best beef in the world at a gaucho's estancia in the Pampas.

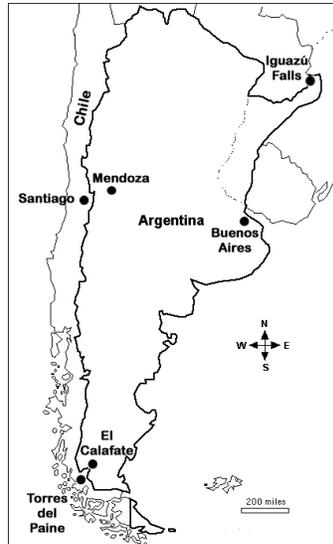
Move on to the world famous wine district of Mendoza for back roads tastings, amazing food and architecture with a side trip through the foothills of the spectacular Cordón Del Plata mountains, part of the Andes. We stay at a posada in the valley.

Then on to the incomparable UNESCO World Heritage Site of Iguazú Falls where we will walk in a lush tropical forest full of butterflies and flowering trees to see falls as high as Victoria and wider than Niagara. They were recently voted one of the new Seven Natural Wonders of the World. We get close enough by boat to get soaked by spray.

After more time in Buenos Aires, journey to mystical, magical Patagonia and the once frontier town of El Calafate – on the way to an awe-inspiring view of the Perito Moreno Glacier. We dine at an estancia (sheep ranch), see how they shear, and eat lamb fresh from the spit.

Onward to Chile. In Torres del Paine National Park, stay at a lakeside hotel which overlooks the mountains, home to condors, and the Grey Glacier. You will be awed by the beauty of nature.

Finally, enjoy city life again in Santiago, Chile, with a tour of the historic city centre, and a trip up San Cristóbal Hill.



Tour Itinerary & Highlights

- Day 1 Buenos Aires**
Individual arrivals. Welcome Reception.
- Day 2 Buenos Aires**
City tour: San Telmo, Plaza de Mayo, Fortabat Gallery, and Recoleta cemetery. Evening tango dinner performance.
- Day 3 Buenos Aires**
Estancia El Ombu de Areco with traditional beef dinner.
- Day 4 Buenos Aires-Mendoza**
Walking tours of city plazas.
- Day 5 Uco Valley**
Day trip to the foothills of the Cordón Del Plata mountains, and a small vineyard.
- Day 6 Uco Valley**
Wine tours, and lunch at a vineyard with wine pairings. Dinner at a family-run restaurant.
- Day 7 Mendoza-Iguazú Falls**
- Day 8 Iguazú Falls**
Walk around the upper and lower falls. Boat tour of the falls.
- Day 9 Iguazú Falls-Buenos Aires**
Teatro Colón tour, and optional opera performance or local milonga for music.
- Day 10 Buenos Aires**
Feria Mataderos, a local gaucho fair, and Evita museum. Take a tango lesson.
- Day 11 Buenos Aires-El Calafate**
Estancia Nibepo Aike in the heart of Los Glaciares National Park. Sheep shearing and lamb dinner.
- Day 12 El Calafate**
Walk by the glacier. Boat tour to the huge face of the glacier. Glacierium museum visit.
- Day 13 El Calafate-Torres del Paine**
Drive through Los Glaciares National Park.
- Day 14 Torres del Paine**
Explore waterfalls, glaciers, trails, and lakes.



Day 15 Torres del Paine-Punta Arenas

Explore the town and Magellan replica ship.

Day 16 Punta Arenas-Santiago

City tour: Plaza de Armas, Cathedral, San Cristóbal Hill.

Day 17 Santiago

Pre-Columbian Art and National History Museums. Bellas Artes neighbourhood.

Day 18 Santiago

Individual departures.

Hotels

Buenos Aires	Sofitel, Esplendor 5 nights
Mendoza	Park Hyatt 1 night
Uco Valley	Posada Salentein 2 nights
Iguazú Falls	Sheraton 2 nights
El Calafate	Esplendor 2 nights
Torres del Paine	Lago Grey 2 nights
Punta Arenas	Cabo de Hornos 1 night
Santiago	La Reve 2 nights

Tour Resource Person

Dr. Peter Blanchard is a professor of Latin American history at the University of Toronto. He has been to Argentina four times.

ROMtravel Coordinator

Eric Morrison's work as a journalist with CTV News, and as past President of The Canadian Press news agency make him an experienced world traveller.

Tour Escort

Lewie Gonsalves is President of Worldwide Quest International Inc., and has organized ROMtravel tours to India, Ecuador, Chile, Argentina, Brazil and Peru.

Tour Cost

Double Occupancy	\$10,855
Single Supplement	\$ 2,675

International flights are NOT included.

Tour starts at Buenos Aires airport.

Tour ends at Santiago airport.

This trip involves considerable walking.

Photos

- Dancing the tango, courtesy of El QUERANDI.
- Perito Moreno Glacier, courtesy of Wikipedia and Luca Galuzzi - www.galuzzi.it

Terms & Conditions

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International flight costs to/from Toronto are NOT included. Worldwide Quest can assist in booking international flights.

Tour Cost Includes

- Airport arrival/departure transfers for those on recommended flights.
- Domestic flights: Buenos Aires/Mendoza/Iguazú/ Buenos Aires/El Calafate; Punta Arenas/Santiago.
- Portorage of one standard sized suitcase per person.
- Ground transportation in a deluxe bus for transfers and excursions as per itinerary.
- Accommodation in double occupancy room with private facilities.
- Meals: breakfast daily, 10 lunches, & 9 dinners, including beverages.
- 2 pre-dinner receptions; reception at a private home.
- Bottled water on the bus.
- All visits, entrance fees, speakers' fees and events as per itinerary.
- All taxes & tips for all goods and services, drivers, hotels, restaurants & guiding staff related to the basic tour; all hotel & local taxes.
- Services of a Tour Resource Person, a ROMtravel Coordinator, a Tour Escort, and English-speaking local guides.
- Pre-trip orientations, a travel handbook, and a post-trip reunion.
- Services of Worldwide Quest International Inc.

Not Included

- International flight costs. Airline baggage fees where applicable.
- Items of a personal nature, e.g., laundry, telephone calls, internet.
- Meals, snacks, and beverages unless specified.
- Trip cancellation and hospital/medical insurance.

Costs

All prices quoted herein are based on rates, fees and taxes as of June 8, 2012. Costs are subject to change without notice. Should tour costs increase, Worldwide Quest (as per TICO regulations) reserves the right to increase the price accordingly up to a maximum of 7%. Note that the itinerary may be subject to change without notice.

ROM Membership Requirement

Participants must be members of the Royal Ontario Museum. Individual annual membership is \$97; family annual membership is \$149 (if both partners join the tour, only one needs to be a member). Non-resident family annual membership (outside L/M postal zones) is \$102. Prices are subject to change without notice.

Deposits and Final Payment

A **non-refundable deposit of \$800.00 per person** is required at the time of booking. Optional trip cancellation and hospital/medical insurance, and single supplement are also payable at this time. A **second deposit of \$1,500.00 per person is due October 4, 2012. The balance of payment, \$8,555.00, is due January 6, 2013.**

Reservations

As the number of participants is limited, reservations should be made as soon as possible. In the event of over-subscription, a waiting list will be maintained.

Physical Limitations or Disabilities

Any physical limitation or disability requiring special attention or treatment must be reported when reservation is made. Worldwide Quest and/or its agents reserve the right to decline to accept or retain anyone who may in their sole judgment require care or attention beyond that which can be provided.

Cancellations

Should a confirmed participant cancel, notification must be received in writing by Worldwide Quest. All payments are non-refundable. Optional trip cancellation insurance may provide compensation in the event of cancellation. No refund will be issued for unused services. No claim or refund will be considered unless submitted in writing and received by Worldwide Quest within 30 days of the termination of the tour.

Documents

A passport valid for six (6) months after the return is required. Neither Worldwide Quest nor ROMtravel is responsible for missing or incorrect travel documents.

ROMtravel values your Privacy

Your contact information will be published in the Trip Handbook unless you advise NOT to do so. It is for the sole use of trip participants, ROMtravel and the Travel Agency, and will not be shared with anyone else.

Insurance

Comprehensive insurance to afford protection against penalties caused by cancellation of trip due to injury, illness or death of tour participant or member of participant's family is recommended. It is underwritten by RBC Insurance. The insurance premium is non-refundable and must be submitted at time of deposit. A waiver will be necessary if insurance is not taken. HST is included in the quoted prices. The rates quoted below are subject to change until insurance policy is issued.

Based on accommodation in double occupancy room					
Age	Deluxe	Non-Medical	Age	Deluxe	Non-Medical
To 59	\$577.80	\$516.24	65- 69	\$854.28	\$714.96
60- 64	\$727.92	\$616.68	70- 74	\$1,200.96	\$825.12

For single accommodation or for those aged 75 and over, or for other non-comprehensive coverage, please contact Worldwide Quest.

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