

Argentina February 2011



18 Feb

Buenos Aires

Fly from Heathrow to Buenos Aires International Airport with British Airways in economy class.
Departing Heathrow 21:25 arriving Buenos Aires 10:00 (19 Feb)

19 Feb

Iguazu Falls



Private transfer to Buenos Aires Domestic Airport for a flight to Iguazu Falls.
Departing Buenos Aires 13:35 arriving Iguazu Falls 15:20

Private transfer on arrival to the Hotel Das Cataratas for 3 nights.

The only property on the Brazilian side within the national park, the pastel pink Das Cataratas is a charming colonial style hotel owned by Orient Express. It is opposite the famous scenic 1.5km trail which provides spectacular panoramic views of the Falls and its delightful grounds and gardens are full of hummingbirds, parrots and the racoon-like coatis. Other facilities include a

large attractive outdoor pool, 2 bars and restaurants, tennis courts, games room and a nature trail.

Room type – Double Superior.

Meals included – Breakfast.

20 Feb

Iguazu Falls

Full day excursion to the Argentinian side of the Falls with a 'Great Adventure' Zodiac ride into the Falls.

Flowing between the Argentine and Brazilian border and surrounded by lush tropical rainforest, there are a total of 275 falls that thunder down into the mighty Iguazú River. On the Argentine side, there are a number of pathways that take you up, under and often right next to many of the biggest falls. Over on the Brazilian side you are rewarded with a fantastic panorama of the falls. Early morning and late evening are particularly spectacular, tourist numbers are lower and the sky is filled with toucans and parrots returning home to roost.

Take an inflatable zodiac boat on the Iguazú River. You will then have an exhilarating (and very wet!) journey right up to the San Martín & Bozzetti falls among others, before a high speed return to dry you off.

Meals included – Breakfast.

21 Feb

Iguazu Falls

Half day excursion to the Iguazu Rainforest Peninsula Reserve (including activities).

Situated on the margins of the Paraná River, 15 km from Iguazu Falls, this 15.000 hectare reserve is home over 2000 different species of plants and animals. On arrival you will leave your 4WD vehicle and trek through the rainforest where you will see ferns, orchids and huge ancient trees such as cedars, ceibos and ibirapitás, surrounded by climbing and strangling lianas. You will also hear, and possibly see some of the abundant local birdlife. After the trek you will be given safety gear to climb 30m up a rope ladder to a



platform set in the crown of a tree, from where you can see the whole of the rainforest canopy. You will then have an opportunity to make a 'canopy-flight' in a Tyrolese harness from the platform to another tree. Finally you will have the chance to abseil 35m down a beautiful waterfall nearby – a rather wet but wonderfully rewarding experience!

Meals included – Breakfast.

22 Feb

El Calafate

Private transfer from your hotel to the airport for a flight to El Calafate.

Departing Iguazu Falls arriving Buenos Aires

Departing Buenos Aires 14:20 arriving El Calafate 17:40



Private transfer on arrival to the Imago Hotel and Spa for 3 nights.

The Imago Hotel & Spa is located on the outskirts of El Calafate, overlooking Lake Argentina and is a great base from which to explore the Los Glaciares National Park. The hotel features 54 spacious rooms and suites, decorated with warm colours, textures, wood, marble and stone. All the rooms offer attractive views of the lake and the rolling hills beyond. The hotel's facilities include the Cicero bistro restaurant, an indoor pool, jacuzzi, gym, sauna, spa and business centre. There is also a shuttle service between the hotel and the centre of El Calafate

Meals included – Breakfast.

23 Feb

El Calafate

Full day mini-trek on Perito Moreno Glacier

Transfer by road to Perito Moreno. On arrival, head to the pier located at "Bajo de las Sombras" Bay, about 6 km before the glacier balconies, where you embark for a 20 minutes navigation across the Rico Arm, enjoying breathtaking views of the glacier's front walls and icebergs channel. You disembark on the opposite shore, where specialized mountain guides welcome you and once on the ice give each participant a pair of crampons and explain how to use them.



The two hours circuit that follows introduces you to the fascinating landscape of the glaciers: streams, small lagoons, gullies, cravasses and plenty of ice formations of the most incredible blues. The trekking is moderate. The ice surface over which you walk is irregular, but firm and safe. You will receive explanations about flora, fauna and general glaciology of the region and also about the particular phenomenon that happens in the Perito Moreno Glacier and eventually produces its rupture. After the walk, a stroll through the forest takes you back to meet your road transfer back to El Calafate.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Footwear: Sport shoes or trekking boots, with warm woollen or cotton socks.
- Outfit: Comfortable sports wear, long trousers, warm sweater or pile, water or windproof jacket, sun glasses, sun block, gloves.-
- Lunch: Passengers must bring their lunch boxes.-
- Age: Between 10 and 65 years old.

Meals included – Breakfast.

24 Feb

El Calafate

A full day excursion to the Upsala, Onelli & Spegazzini glaciers.

A scenic boat ride amongst the icebergs on Lago Argentina. The tour begins from Punta Banderas and sails along its north arm to arrive at the massive Upsala glacier, one of the largest in South America. You will be greeted with breathtaking vistas as the crystal blue ice meets vast blue skies and Argentine mountains tower in the background. Sail on to Onelli Bay which is scattered with magical blue icebergs whose intensity varies with age.

Please note: as of 15 Jan 2010 access to the Upsala Channel is blocked by drifting icebergs, making it impossible to access Onelli Bay. Whilst it remains blocked the cruise will continue to the northern front wall of the Perito Moreno Glacier instead.

Meals included – Breakfast.

25 Feb

Private transfer from your hotel to the airport.

Departing El Calafate 12:21 arriving Buenos Aires 15:17

Private transfer on arrival to the Moreno Hotel for 3 nights.

The Moreno Hotel offers luxurious accommodation in an art deco-style building located in the San Telmo district of Buenos Aires, near Plaza de Mayo, art galleries and antique markets. The spacious suites and lofts feature king-size beds, flat-screen TVs and free Wi-Fi. Some suites have balconies as well. As a guest of Moreno Hotel, you can also enjoy panoramic views on the terrace or drop by the restaurant and bar to dine and enjoy a varied list of wines.

Room type: Double Extra Extra Large.

Meals included – Breakfast.

Buenos Aires



26 Feb

Half day city tour.



Cosmopolitan and vibrant, Buenos Aires is a modern capital city with a distinctly European feel. There are many good museums, plenty of green open spaces and the architecture is striking. Away from the centre, several of the traditional neighbourhoods still remain. San Telmo has a quaint faded appeal with cobbled streets which really come alive on Sundays when the weekly antiques market is held. The area of La Boca, established by Italian immigrants, is well worth a visit to see the colourful buildings. Synonymous with Argentina, Eva Peron's final resting place can be seen amongst the grand and ornate surroundings of the Recoleta Cemetery.

Meals included – Breakfast.

Buenos Aires

27 Feb

Evening excursion to the city's premier Dinner & Tango show.

Named after the greatest tango singer of all, the 'Esquina Carlos Gardel' is located on the site of the 'Chanta Cuastro' restaurant where Gardel used to meet friends in the 1920s and 1930s to eat, drink and sing late into the night. The superb food and service, together with the stylish art nouveau interior, recreate the sophisticated and luxurious atmosphere of that era. The show is a spectacular mix of live tango music, singing and dancing and features some of the most talented performers in Buenos Aires.

Meals included – Breakfast and lunch.

Buenos Aires

28 Feb

Private transfer to the airport for a flight to Punta del Este.

Departing Buenos Aires 13:10 arriving Punta del Este 15:00

Private transfer on arrival to the Hotel Awa for 4 nights.

A wonderful boutique property, the AWA is located close to the beaches of Playa Brava & Playa Mansa in a residential area in the middle of the town's exclusive restaurant district. Its 44 rooms & 4 suites are light and spacious and are stylishly appointed and all include flat panel TVs and complimentary broadband access. Hotel facilities include a restaurant, bar, health club & spa.

Room type: Double Superior.

Meals included – Breakfast.

Punta del Este

01 Mar -03 Mar

Days at leisure.

Meals included – Breakfast.

Punta del Este

Buenos Aires

04 Mar

Return private transfer to the airport for a flight to Buenos Aires.
Departing Punta del Este 15:30 arriving Buenos Aires 15:20
Private transfer on arrival to the Moreno Hotel for an overnight stay.

05 Mar

Private transfer to the airport for a return flight to the UK.
Departing Buenos Aires 13:15 arriving Heathrow 07:15 (06 Mar)

Depart

06 Mar

Arrive home.

The per person cost for the above itinerary in a double/twin room would be **£3895.00**

The above price includes:

- International flights with British Airways in economy class.
- Internal flights as listed in economy class.
- All pre-payable airport departure taxes.
- Private transfers as listed.
- Accommodation with meals as listed.
- Excursions as listed (on a shared basis unless specified as private).

The above price does not include:

- Local departure taxes
- Tips and gratuities.
- Any future currency surcharges.
- Any future airline fare, tax or fuel surcharges.*

**In the event of airfare /tax increases you will have the option to pay for your airfare in advance to avoid these increases.*

Please note: This is a quotation valid. All flights, accommodation and services are subject to availability at the time of booking.

Booking Conditions

Full payment is required to make a booking.

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