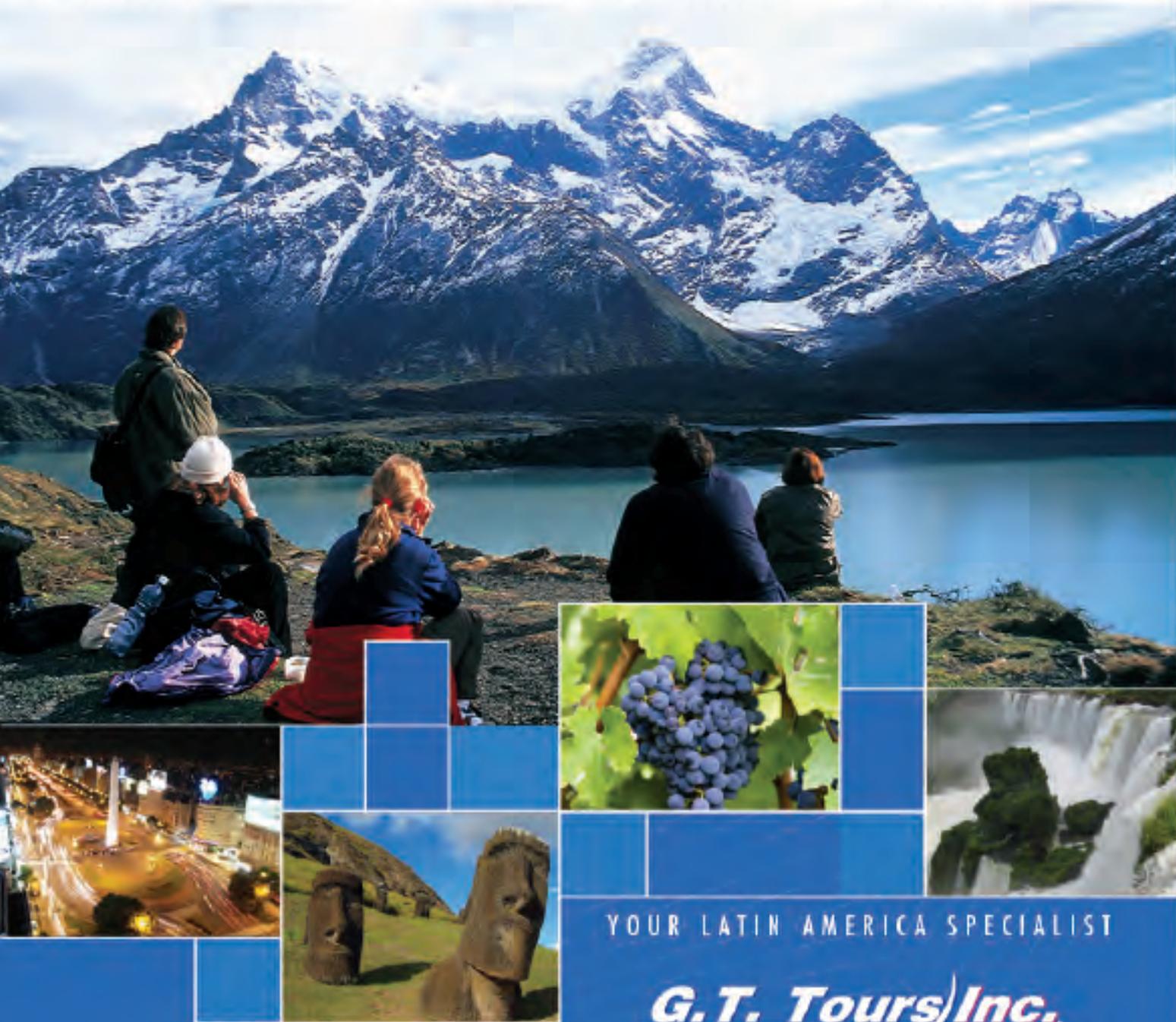


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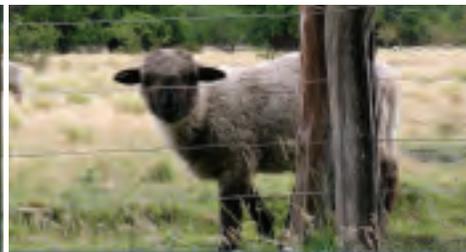
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**OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AT SELECTED HOTELS.**

#### DAY 3: BUENOS AIRES

Today enjoy the city's distinguished museums, the fashionable surroundings, the coffee and tea houses or a world class shopping experience on your own. This evening, you will get in close contact with the sensual music and dance of the Tango, Argentina's major cultural export, accompanied by dinner at "Esquina Carlos Gardel" restaurant, where the picturesque guys of the market would gather and where Carlos Gardel would meet his friends.

This unique theme restaurant offers excellent cuisine, a gorgeous Art Nouveau room faithfully resembling the sophistication of the most luxurious salons of that time with last generation technology equipment, and an artistic score of the highest level and a mythic atmosphere, sets the stage

for an unforgettable night.

**OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AT SELECTED HOTELS. (B,D)**

#### DAY 4: BUENOS AIRES / SALTA

Morning private transfer to airport for flight to Salta in the scenic Argentine northwest. Upon arrival meeting and transfer to a lovely estancia boutique hotel.

**OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AT SELECTED HOTELS. (B)**

#### DAY 5: SALTA

Today you will enjoy a full day excursion heading north towards Bolivia, through scenic Quebrada de Humahuaca and small villages, multi-colored painted mountains and wind-sculpted canyon walls. Visit peaceful Purmamarca and historic Tilcara, with artist-colony atmosphere, several museums, bustling handicraft market and the Pucara de Tilcara, a hilltop fortress built five centuries before the Incas. Enjoy lunch enroute.

**OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AT SELECTED HOTELS. (B,L,D)**

#### DAY 6: SALTA

Today we visit the Quebrada de Escoipe, a mostly gravel road that's one of Argentina's most spectacular mountain highways, to the scenic Cachi, dating from the 18th century, with narrow cobblestone streets and a spectacular setting at the base of the

Nevado de Cachi. Visit this charming village and its small museum of the area's hunter-gatherer origins to the Inca conquest and Spanish invasion.

**OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AT SELECTED HOTELS. (B,L,D)**

#### DAY 7: SALTA / BUENOS AIRES / MENDOZA

Morning private transfer to airport for flight to Mendoza via Buenos Aires. Mid-day arrival and private transfer to the Cavas Wine Lodge where your accommodations, complete with fireplace, outdoor mini-pool and shower and rooftop patio with fireplace, are located in the middle of a vineyard.

**OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AT SELECTED HOTELS. (B)**

#### DAY 8: MENDOZA

Today you will spend the day exploring the "Oasis Centro Oeste", the Wine Roads of Vistalba Valley. Visit first Norton Winery for wine tasting and then continue on to Nieto Senetiner Winery for lunch and winetasting. In the afternoon you'll proceed to the Fabre Montmayou Winery for more wine tasting before returning back to Mendoza in the late afternoon. The specific vineyards may change depending on the season and availability.

**OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AT SELECTED HOTELS. (B,L,D)**

#### DAY 9: MENDOZA

This morning you will enjoy a city tour of Mendoza – dating from 1591 - visiting its main points of interest and its many plazas, tree-lined streets and museums. Continue with a visit to another vineyard with lunch at the vineyard before returning back.

**OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AT SELECTED HOTELS. (B,L,D)**

#### DAY 10: MENDOZA / BUENOS AIRES

Morning private transfer for flight to Buenos Aires. Upon arrival there transfer to your hotel. Rest of the day to enjoy Buenos Aires on your own.

**OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AT SELECTED HOTELS. (B)**

#### DAY 11: BUENOS AIRES / TIGRE & DELTA / USA

There are no limits to enjoy and continue discovering Buenos Aires. Depart this morning towards Tigre, along the northern residential area, passing by the most picturesque suburban districts, such as Olivos, where the official Presidential residence is located, and San Isidro, well-known for its huge elegant manors and mansions, with spectacular gardens. Cobble streets and old and charming houses take you back to old times. Once you get to Tigre, enjoy a one-hour cruise on motorboat which will take you along the canals lined with numerous rowing and yacht clubs, as well as summer houses and restaurants in the hundreds of islands with a rich vegetation of flowers, fruit trees and weeping willows at the Delta of Parana River. You shall have lunch at one of the picturesque island restaurants of the Delta prior to returning back to your hotel until your transfer to the airport for your return flight that evening. (B)



### DISCOVER THE BEST OF NATURE AND LODGES OF ARGENTINA

#### FOURTEEN DAYS

#### DAY 1: USA / CHILE

Depart the USA on an overnight flight to Santiago, capital of Chile.

#### DAY 2: SANTIAGO / MENDOZA

After clearing through Immigration and Customs assistance and transfer to the domestic side terminal for a immediate flight connection to Mendoza. Private transfer to the world class Cavas Wine Lodge.

#### DAY 2 – 5: CAVAS WINE LODGE

The lodge located in the Lujan de Cuyo area of Argentina, amid the snowcapped Andes and Mendoza's fertile vineyards, is a place to explore the grape in all her incarnations, visiting local wineries, riding through vineyards, enjoying vino-therapy treatments at the hotel spa. The Restaurant meets the challenge set down by the stunning cellar, focusing on local cuisines and flavours (all ingredients are Argentine). There are 14 rooms – all delicious, combining old furniture with modern eclectic artwork. During your stay at Cavas Wine Lodge, we will organize fully escorted activities such as horseback-riding, cycling and rafting as well as excursions to local vineyards. The Cavas Wine Lodge is an ideal base from which to explore the area with great facilities for recharging afterwards.

**OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AT SELECTED HOTELS. (B/L/D)**

#### DAY 5: MENDOZA / BUENOS AIRES

Morning transfer to the airport for your flight to Buenos Aires. Private transfer to your hotel.

**OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AT SELECTED HOTELS. (B)**

#### DAY 6: BUENOS AIRES

Today you'll enjoy a half day tour of one of the biggest urban concentrations in the Southern Hemisphere. This tour starts at the historical May Square (Plaza de Mayo) surrounded by the Government House (Pink House), the Metropolitan Cathedral and the ancient City-Hall, seat of the former Spanish Viceroy. Continuation along May Avenue, of strong Spanish influence till you get to Congress Square facing the National Parliament. Drive along Callao Street till the intersection with Corrientes Avenue -the never-sleeping avenue- up to the most emblematic symbol of Buenos Aires: the Obelisk, passing by one of the widest avenues in the world, namely, 9 of July Boulevard as well as the famous Colon Opera House. Heading north-eastwards, you will then reach the most fashionable districts of the city: Recoleta, with a scent of French charm and the spacious and oxygenating Palermo Parks for a relaxing stroll. Your tour will also include the bohemian and colorful neighborhood of La Boca -of Italian immigrants- and the elegant district of Recoleta, with a visit to its artistic cemetery, where Evita Peron's tomb is, among others of prominent local characters.

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major cultural export, accompanied by dinner. In Buenos Aires, towards the end of the 19th century, when tango was evolving, mixing slowly with the essence of the natives and immigrants inaugurated. You will enjoy dinner and show at the most glamorous Tango house in the city placed at the cabaret of the Faena hotel :ROJO TANGO. A “rojo” menu taste alongside with a varied selection of wines and champagne.

**OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AT SELECTED HOTELS. (B,D)**

**DAY 7: BUENOS AIRES / THE PAMPAS**

Depart on a full-day excursion to a typical Argentinean estancia. El Ombú de Areco, an historical estancia (ranch) just over an hour's drive from downtown Buenos Aires, is located in San Antonio de Areco, birthplace of the gaucho tradition. The Late-Colonial style mansion, built in 1880 by Lieutenant-general Pablo Riccheri, offers visitors a magnificent setting for an unforgettable day out. The main house is surrounded by a covered gallery typical of the late-Colonial period, with a richly tiled floor and cascaded steps that lead into the gardens of the park. Presiding majestically over the park is the estancia's namesake, the great ombú (Phytolacca dioca), a plant as characteristic of the pampas as the baobab is of the African savanna. Nearly as ancient as well: gauchos have been hitching their horses to the estancia's ma in ombú for over a hundred years. Centennial oaks, araucarias (monkey-puzzle trees), palms, eucalyptus, casuari-

nas and magnolias adorn the four-hectare (ten-acre) park, tempting guests to stroll about and enjoy the scent of gardenias, roses and lime trees. The park and surrounding ranch land, with its natural lagoons and small water courses running to the Areco River offer a rich habitat to a large proportion of Argentina's 1,000 bird species.

You will be able to explore the 300-hectare (ca 750 acre) estancia on foot or, accompanied by seasoned gauchos, on one of the 38 horses that are part of the working drove. Horse drawn carriages are also available. You may want to learn about some of the thousand species of Argentinean birds, and are free to use the binoculars and guide books provided. Twenty kilometers from the estancia sits historic San Antonio de Areco, a picturesque pampas pueblo, with its museums, such as the famous Ricardo Güiraldes Gaucho Museum, silversmiths, leather craft and wood workshops, a delightful little chocolate factory and frequent country auctions, all of which serve to keep very much alive the traditions of the gaucho culture. All of this with a delicious asado (barbecue) served with fine Argentine wines. Transfer back to Buenos Aires later in the afternoon.

**OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AT SELECTED HOTELS. (B,L)**

**DAY 8: BUENOS AIRES / CORDOBA**

Morning transfer to local Aeroparque airport for flight to Cordoba. Upon arrival transfer to Estancia El Colibri. (B)



**DAY 8 – 10: ESTANCIA EL COLIBRI**

Many activities to select Estancia El Colibri is a colonial-style mansion, which combines the tradition of a working estancia with state-of-the-art technology. Each of the nine suites and bedrooms has its own charm and a welcoming open fire. All the rooms are equipped with satellite TV, DVD with stereo surround sound, Internet connection, mini bar and room safe. The spa has its own Jacuzzi, Finnish sauna, Turkish bath, high-pressure shower and massage room. There is also a swimming pool overlooking the stunning Cordoba Mountains.

The estancia has two polo fields and offers a number of activities ranging from horseback riding and trekking to mountain biking and tango lessons.

**OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AT SELECTED HOTELS. (B/L/D)**

**DAY 10: CORDOBA/ IGUASSU FALLS**

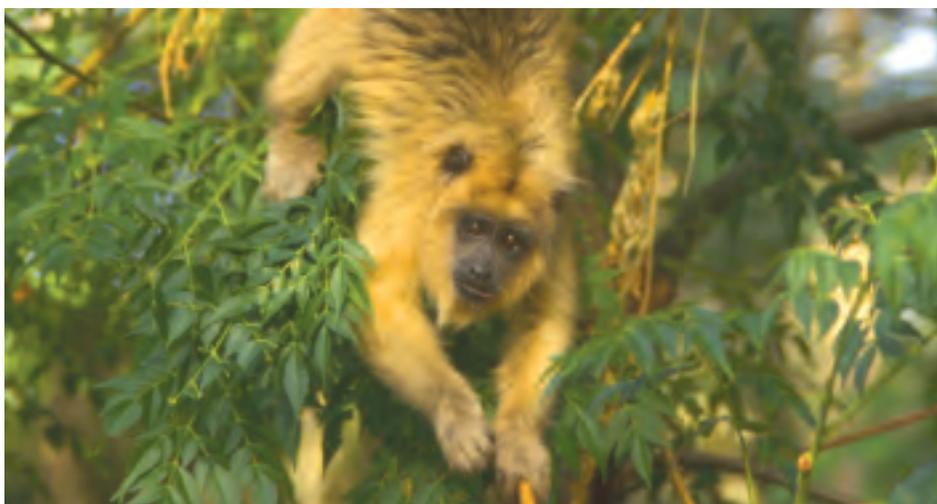
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**OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AT SELECTED HOTELS. (B)**

**DAY 11: IGUASSU FALLS**

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**OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AT SELECTED HOTELS. (B)**

#### DAY 12: IGUASSU FALLS / RAICES ARGENTINAS / YACUTINGA RESERVE

Set your focus on the rainforests watered by the Iguassu River, where orchids and butterflies, mam-



mals and birds thrive in wild profusion. You will be transferred to Raices Argentinas today traveling through rural areas of Yerba mate plantations. Arrival at the lodge.

The buildings are adjusted to the natural relief of the terrain, in harmony with surrounding nature. Native materials, such as stones and large logs from fallen trees have been successfully incorporated into the architectural concept of this place, which integrates completely with the natural environment. Only 4 hectares out of the 570-hectare area of the property have been used to build this unprecedented ecotourism complex in Argentina. Accommodations consist of independent lodging modules. The rooms are dispersed throughout the forest and surround the main building from a certain distance. Each lodging module has four rooms. The very comfortable, rustic-style rooms have private bathrooms with 24-hour hot water service. All the rooms have an exclusive view to the forest. While comfortably sitting in the room porch it is common to see humming birds, several bird species and even Agouties (*Dasyprocta azarae paraguayensis*).

The Yacutinga Lodge bases its services respecting local culture while incorporating traditional food at international standards. We offer vegetarian menus and in case our guest requests a special menu we elaborate it gladly.

Keeping our commitment to live in harmony with nature, we consider each detail and try to provide the best ecotourism service possible in the forest. Early in the morning or in the afternoon, even in night hours, our expert guides organize floating and sailing services or walks along the different interpretation trails. No more than 12 people ever participate in each tour at a time. All our trips are based on respect for the natural environment, its silence and interpretation. Our guides, specialized in Misiones wildlife, are proficient at English.

**OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AT SELECTED HOTELS. (B/D)**

#### DAY 13: YACUTINGA RESERVE

Early in the morning boating along the San Francisco stream, which flows into the Natural Reserve. This is the right moment for a photo-safari and general fauna observation. Sailing lasts almost 3 hours, silently going through the Gallery forest area. The waters of the rainforest are very important for the ecosystem. They are corridors of life. Floating through these gentle waters is relaxing and provides us the opportunity to pass through the Gallery Forest. In this habitat seed spreading is different. Rooting systems has adapted to flood conditions and at the riverbanks there are some occasional salty patches, which provide wild fauna minerals that cannot be found at the high Forest. Wild fauna tracks are common at the muddy borders of these waters.

Back to the Lodge at mid-morning. Lunch. Free time to walk along the several self-guided interpretation trails or simply to enjoy the facilities of the Lodge (swimming pool, observation towers, hanging walkway, Visitors center, etc.). At the Lodge and at the Natural Reserve area, there are some constructions designed to provide you the opportunity to be alone. These shelters have been distributed in different areas not so far or too close to the main buildings. To be at the top of the observation Tower called "Stairway to heaven" during sunset you feel as an eagle over the Canopy.

**OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AT SELECTED HOTELS. (B,L,D)**

#### DAY 14: YACUTINGA RESERVE / RAICES ARGENTINAS / IGUASSU FALLS / BUENOS AIRES

Breakfast and free time to explore some of our self-guided interpretation trails, or simply enjoy the lodge area. Brunch at the lodge and return to Iguazú port by land at mid-morning. Arrival estimated at 1:00 p.m. You will then be picked up here for your transfer to the airport. Fly to Buenos Aires where you will connect with the international flight back home. (B/Brunch)



## CLASSIC BUENOS AIRES

### FOUR DAYS

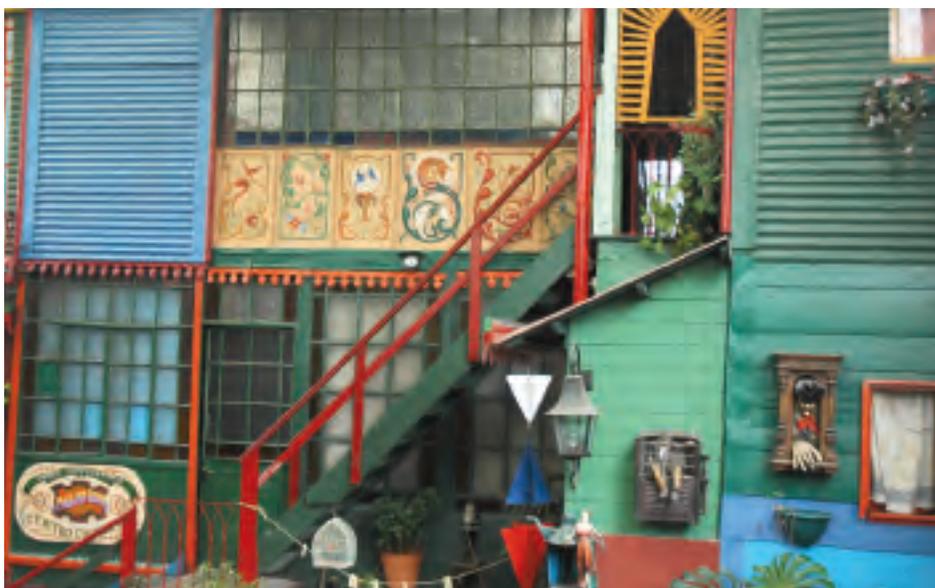
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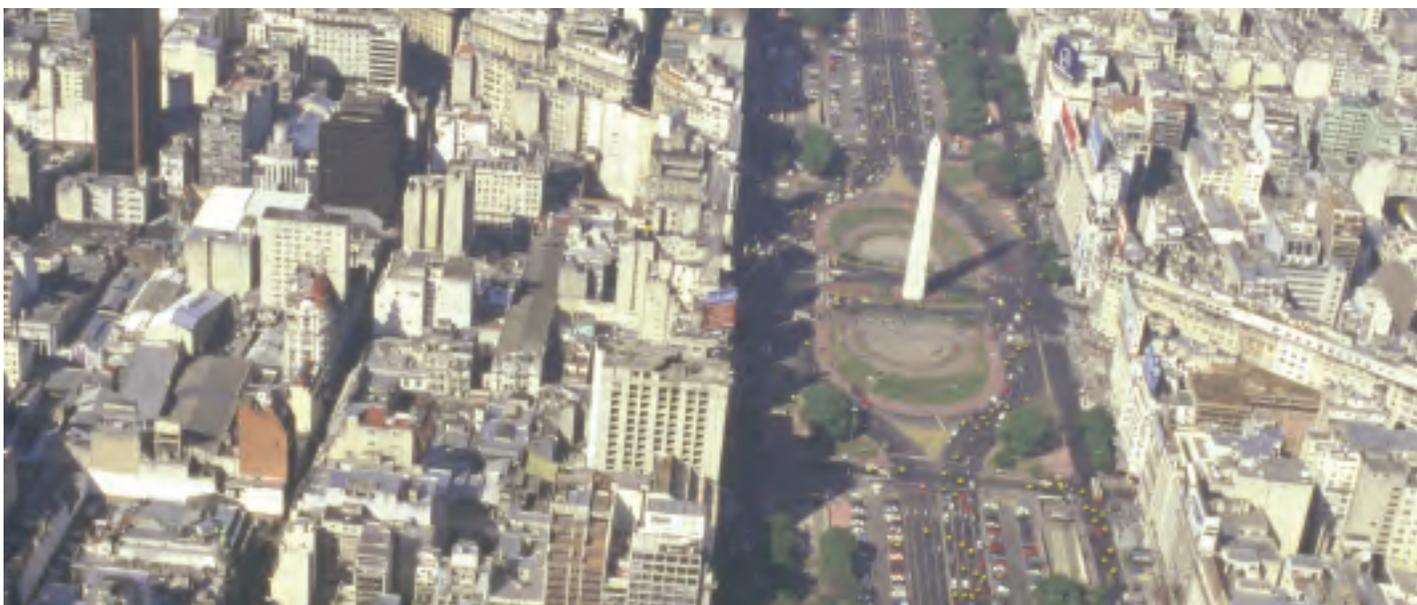
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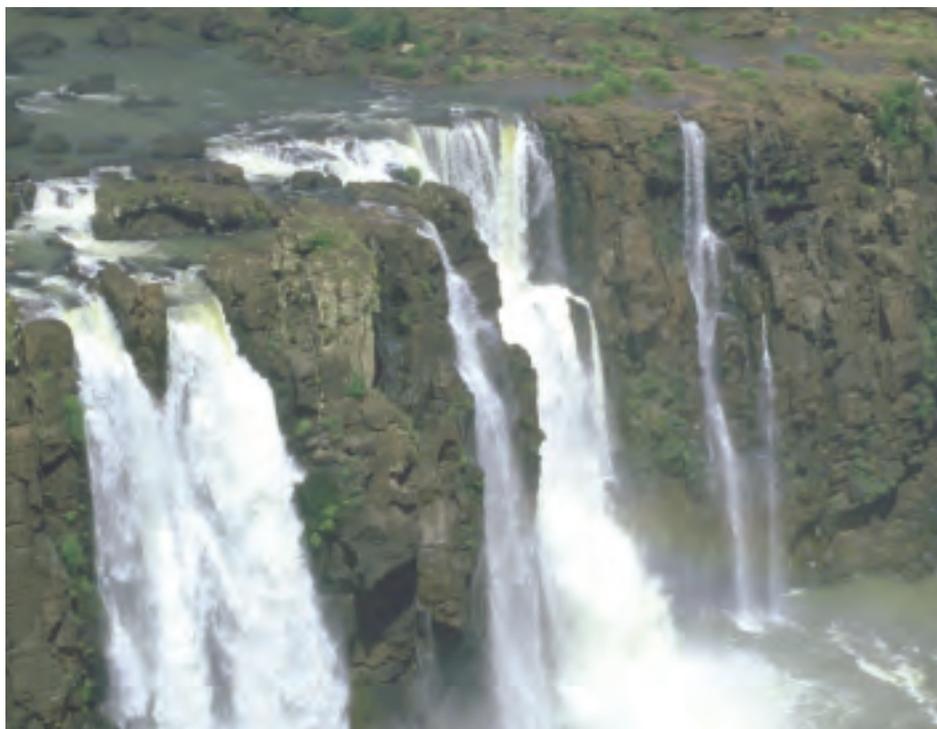
The day is at leisure for you to enjoy the city's distinguished museums or world-class shopping. We recommend a full day excursion dedicated to the visit of an estancia in the Pampas, a typical Argentine ranch, ideal place to appreciate the Argentine gaucho skills in cattle breeding and horseback riding, plus a typical Argentine barbecue, the "asado". Or perhaps, a half day tour to the Tigre Delta. Tigre is an exclusive resort of summer residences, yachting and rowing clubs. Or, take one of our selected extension tours described here.

*OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AT SELECTED HOTELS. (B)*

#### DAY 4: BUENOS AIRES / DEPART

Transfer to the airport for your outbound flight. (B)





## IGUAZU FALLS

### THREE DAYS

#### DAY 1: BUENOS AIRES / IGUAZU FALLS

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**OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AT SELECTED HOTELS. (B)**

#### DAY 3: IGUAZU FALLS / BUENOS AIRES

The morning is at leisure to explore the area further on your own. In the afternoon, you transfer to the airport for your flight back to Buenos Aires. (B)

## EL CALAFATE

### FOUR DAYS

#### DAY 1: ARRIVE EL CALAFATE

Transfer to the airport for your flight to El Calafate, located on the shores of Lago Argentino, a region of snowy mountains, blue glaciers, beech forests, and few people in Los Glaciares National Park. On arrival, you are met and transferred to our hotel. Settle in today. Nearby, at a shallow part of the southern shore of the lake, is a gathering spot for flamingos and black-necked swans.

**OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AT SELECTED HOTELS. (B)**

#### DAY 2: UPSALA GLACIER & ESTANCIA CRISTINA

This morning, depart to Puerto Banderas, where your Upsala Explorer excursion begins with a majestic navigation among ice floes and impressive landscapes across the Brazo Norte of the Lago Argentino and of the Brazo Upsala, up to the western front of the Upsala Glacier. The adventure continues with the navigation of Brazo Cristina, towards Estancia Cristina. At the estancia, enjoy trekking and horse riding activities, of diverse degree of intensity. Returning from the trekking, an excellent Patagonian lunch will be waiting for you at the Estancia. A walk through the Estancia will be enjoyed later in the day to discover its history and past, visiting the Chapel and the Shearing shed. At the end of the day, navigate back to Puerto Banderas, and transfer to your hotel.

**OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AT SELECTED HOTELS. (B, L)**

#### DAY 3: PERITO MORENO GLACIER

One of the must-see destinations of South America is the Perito Moreno Glacier, a massive stream of ice and almost surreal experience, with its towers of ice exploding in mid-air and falling to the lake in multiple icebergs. Enjoy a full day excursion to the glacier, one of the few in the world still actually growing. Your outing will include a boat approach that will take you close enough to the glacier to listen to the constant groan of its crackling ice.

**OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AT SELECTED HOTELS. (B, L)**

#### DAY 4: DEPART

Transfer to the airport for your flight out. (B)



**USHUAIA**  
*THREE DAYS*

**DAY 1: ARRIVE USHUAIA**

Transfer to the airport today for our flight to Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world, placed at El Martial mountain chain, and overlooking the Ushuaia Bay, the Navarino and Hose Islands (Chile). On arrival, you are met and transferred to our hotel. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure to settle in or explore this small and walk able city on your own. The old town with the Museum of the End of the World is usually of interest to many.

*OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AT SELECTED HOTELS. (B)*

**DAY 2: TIERRA DEL FUEGO NATIONAL PARK AND BEAGLE CHANNEL**

This morning, journeying on the "End of the World" Train (Tierra del Fuego Line), where visitors are presented with breathtaking views of snow covered mountains, rivers and lakes and a vast natural forest at the Andes ridge. Two distinctive landscapes constitute this State (the Andes run from east to west as opposed to south-north in the rest of South America), the northern part called estepa patagonica and the southern region with its typical mountain geography. The island was discovered in 1520 by conquistador Hernando de Magallanes while he was looking for a path that would connect the Atlantic with the Pacific Ocean. The Ferrocarril Austral Fueguino (FAF) is the first train in Latin America to have been built with visitors in mind. It



consists of steam engines, coaches comfortably heated and fitted with large windows. A roundtrip takes about 2 hours. The train leaves the 'end of the world' station, 8 km west of Ushuaia, traveling through the National Park "Tierra del Fuego". The train is a masterpiece. Tierra del Fuego is the only national park that has a coastal area (63,000 has covered with wild raw nature). It borders Chile to the west and the Beagle canal to the south. The landscape is very rough and unlikely to have plateaus. There is a comfortable coffee shop at the station where without doubt visitors will enjoy chocolates and local cakes. A visit to the FAF workshop and the museum where there is a display of old pictures make this a well rounded experience. The trip covers almost the same tracks that the old 'convict train' did decades ago (Tierra del Fuego prison). The train is considered to have low environmental impact due to the number of passengers that carries and the type of fuel used. After lunch, set sail from Ushuaia, to navigate along the waters of the Beagle Channel. Voyage along Ushuaia Bay, the northern coast of the channel, the archipelago and Les Eclaireurs Lighthouse. Watch colonies of diverse sea birds nesting in islands and cliffs - such as cormorants, albatross, petrels, oyster birds, etc. as well as colonies of sea lions.

*OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AT SELECTED HOTELS. (B, L)*

**DAY 3: DEPART USHUAIA**

This morning is at leisure for you to explore on your own. You then transfer to the airport for your flight out. (B)



**PATAGONIA CRUISE ABOARD THE MARE AUSTRALIS**

*USHUAIA / PUNTA ARENAS*  
*FOUR DAYS*

**DAY 1: USHUAIA / EMBARK PATAGONIA CRUISE**

Check in at San Martín 245, Ushuaia is from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. . Then, between 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., embark the Expedition Cruise Ship Mare Australis. The Captain and crew will give a welcome cocktail reception on board. Immediately afterward, the ship will set sail for "the uttermost part of the earth." Through the mythical Strait of Magellan, we will travel to Southern Patagonia, including Tierra de Fuego. This is the beginning of a Great Adventure!

*ABOARD MARE AUSTRALIS (B,D)*

**DAY 2: CAPE HORN – WULAIYA BAY**

Sail through the Beagle and Murray Channels to disembark in Cape Horn National Park. Cape Horn, a sheer, almost 425-meter-high promontory, where the Atlantic and Pacific Ocean merge, was discovered in 1616 by the Dutch commercial expedition organized by Isaac Le Maire. The Cape owes its name to the Port of Hoorn, the expedition's departure point. In the afternoon we will disembark in historical Wulaia Bay, once the site of one of the region's largest native settlements. This area is also renowned for the spectacular beauty of its vegetation and geography. We will walk through a Magellanic forest filled with Lengas, Coigües, Canelos, ferns and other species to reach a look-out point.

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**DAY 3: CHICO INLET**

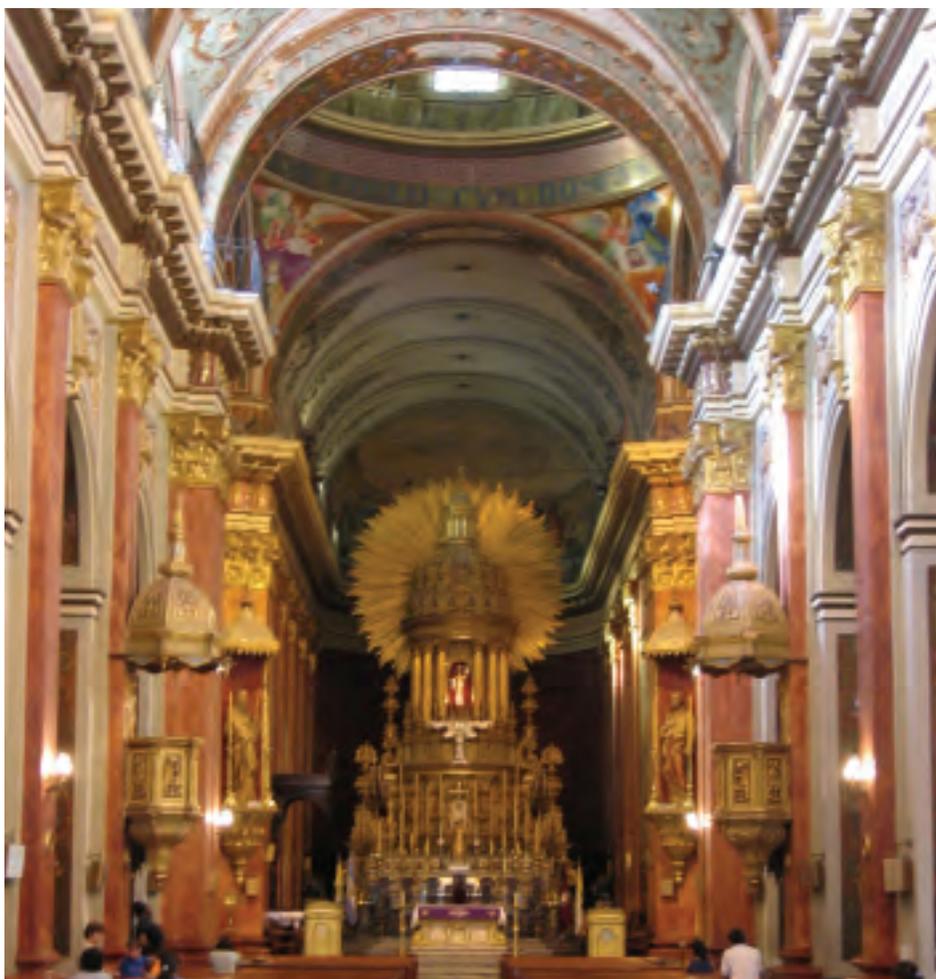
We will disembark in Chico Inlet for a zodiac boat approach to Piloto and Nena glaciers, providing us with a closer look at these awe-inspiring masses of ancient ice.

*ABOARD MARE AUSTRALIS (B,L,D)*

**DAY 4: MAGDALENA ISLAND – PUNTA ARENAS**

Early in the morning, we will disembark on Magdalena Island, the home of an immense colony of more than 120,000 Magellanic Penguins that we will be able to observe during our walk to the Lighthouse that guides different ships on their way through the Strait of Magellan. After our visit, we will return to Punta Arenas, where we will disembark at 11:30 a.m., concluding our adventure. (B)





## SALTA

### FOUR DAYS

#### DAY 1: BUENOS AIRES / SALTA

Transfer to the airport and fly to Salta. On arrival, you are met and transferred to your hotel. The landscapes in Salta are infinite, from draught areas to lush jungles and red valleys. Salta is very rich in tradition and culture. A mixture of colonial architecture and ancient pre-colombian customs, Salta is the cradle of Argentine history which is painted and can still be felt in the walls and streets of this city.

Afternoon, sightseeing tour of Salta, the most colonial city in Argentina, including the Cathedral, an example of the old Spanish architecture, the monument of Salta battle, paying homage to both the winners and the defeated, the monument to the national hero Güemes, the charming San Francisco Church, the ancient City-Hall, the main square and the handicraft market. The tour ends at San Bernardo hill, a magnificent balcony overlooking the Lerma Valley.

**OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AT SELECTED HOTELS. (B)**

#### DAY 2: SALTA / HUMAHUACA / SALTA

Full-day excursion to Humahuaca : this is a trip into the past along the Inca road. Adobe houses in the Indian villages, narrow streets. Ancient churches are all scattered along the multicoloured sights at each turn. Stops are made at Tumbaya and Purmamarca, with its tiny square and handicraft Indian market. At Purmamarca, you will be enchanted by the famous Seven Colours Mount, like a painter's palette. Then, continuation to Tilcara, an ancient Indian fortress, as well as its Archaeological Museum. Return to Salta.

**OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AT SELECTED HOTELS. (B,L)**

#### DAY 3: SALTA / CAFAYATE / SALTA

Full-day excursion to Cafayate Canyon via Quebrada del Río de Las Conchas, a natural monument with its colorful background of the strangest rock formations, caused by millions of years of erosion. We finally arrive at Cafayate, a picturesque village with its colonial and turn-of-the-century style houses, surrounded by vineyards. A visit to a wine-cellar is included. Return to Salta.

**OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AT SELECTED HOTELS. (B)**

#### DAY 4: DEPART SALTA

Transfer to the airport for your flight out. (B)

## CORDOVA

### THREE DAYS

#### DAY 1 & 2: CORDOBA

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Cordoba. Arrival and transfer to Estancia El Colibrí. Once in a great while, a special place is added to the landscape. El Colibrí is just such a place—an instant tradition. This new estancia has enlivened the rolling pampas of Cordoba, inviting a new generation of guests and receiving them with warmth and charm. El Colibrí is the creation of Raoul and Stéphanie Fenestraz, whose family has a long heritage of operating fine French hotels. In order to make the posada look and feel like an Argentinean estancia at the beginning of the 20th century, they traveled around the country for over a year, searching for the best craftsmen, the finest materials and authentic antique furniture. Their estancia is designed like a home where every room is decorated differently and every detail is inspired by a story.

From 170 unspoiled hectares of farm land, the Fenestraz family created an authentic example of the Argentinean campo where the wild forest has been transformed into a natural park and the rest of the grounds are looked after like a private garden. El Colibrí is a colonial-style mansion designed with modern comforts. With only nine rooms, each guest is assured a warm reception and personal service. Meals feature the best Argentinean meats and wines.

The main house features a bar, library, spa, and swimming pool. Nearby, you'll find the ranch's club house and polo fields. Guests can relax on the grounds or enjoy horseback riding, biking, golf, polo, fishing and dove hunting. A treetop adventure track and go-cart racing are available for younger guests.

**OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AT SELECTED HOTELS. (B, L, D daily)**

#### DAY 3: DEPART CORDOBA

Transfer to the airport for your flight out. (B)





## MENDOZA

### THREE DAYS

#### DAY 1: ARRIVE MENDOZA

Arrival in Mendoza where colonial history mixes with mountains, valleys and impressive gorges and an oasis of fruit orchards and vineyards. Upon arrival, we are met and transferred to our hotel. Mendoza is well known for its beautiful streets and avenues full of trees and nice parks. Our afternoon city tour will include the Government House, San Martin Park, Independence Square surrounded by the Municipal Theatre and the Modern Art Museum and from there to Plaza España, Plaza del Castillo and then a stop at La Rosaleda, a wonderful rose garden with more than 4500 rose plants. The tour ends at Cerro de la Gloria where a monument commemorates the Crossing of the Andes Conducted by General Jose de San Martin during our fight for Independence. In the afternoon, head towards the districts of Maipú and Luján de Cuyo, passing by large extensions of vineyards and fruit trees. Visit and taste the wines of two well-known wine cellars.

**OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AT SELECTED HOTELS.**

#### DAY 2: MENDOZA

Enjoy a full day tour program in the high Andes to the Aconcagua Mountain and Christ the Redeemer. This tour starts along the Pan America Highway passing several summer villages en route to Villavicencio Gorge, famous for its thermal waters. Then on to Quebrada del Toro, El Balcon, the Amphitheatre and Los Paramillos to get to Uspallata Village located in the valley between two Mountain ranges in the Andes. Once at Puente del Inca we can enjoy the view of this natural monument, a rock formation that resembles a bridge over Las Cuevas river. From this point we can have a magnificent view of Aconcagua, the highest peak in the Western Hemisphere (22,800 feet above sea level). The tour continues up to Las Cuevas village (10,500 feet above sea level) where following a narrow mountain road we can get to the Statue of Christ the Redeemer (13,800 feet above sea level) located at the borderline between Argentina and Chile, as a proof of friendship between the two countries. Return to the hotel.

**OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AT SELECTED HOTELS.(B, L)**

#### DAY 3: DEPART MENDOZA

Transfer to Mendoza airport for the flight to our next destination. (B)

## BARILOCHE

### THREE DAYS

#### DAY 1: ARRIVE BARILOCHE

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Bariloche, which will remind you of a vision of Switzerland but located in the Argentine Lake District. On arrival, you are met and transferred to the Llao Llao Hotel & Resort, Golf-Spa, located in the northwest of the Argentine Patagonia and within Nahuel Huapi National Park. It is surrounded by majestic mountain peaks, crystal blue lakes, snow-covered mountains, rivers and colorful forests of Larch, Cypress, Coihue and Arrayanes.

En route to your hotel, enjoy a half-day excursion through some of the most glorious scenery in Argentina. Your guided program, referred to as the "short circuit tour" will take you through the lakes, mountain peaks, glaciers and river gorges of the surrounding countryside. Following the Southern shore of Nahuel Huapi Lake to Llao Llao Peninsula, we pass through coihues forests to reach the panoramic point for a breathtaking view of Nahuel Huapi Lake and Victoria Island. Then, drive along El Trébol Lake and finally get on the chairlift to Mount Campanario for a beautiful view of the surroundings, before arriving to the Llao Llao Hotel & Resort, Golf-Spa.

**OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AT SELECTED HOTELS. (B)**

#### DAY 2: BARILOCHE

You have the day at leisure to enjoy your resort and explore the surrounding area as you wish. The Llao Llao Hotel & Resort, Golf-Spa, was built in 1940 by

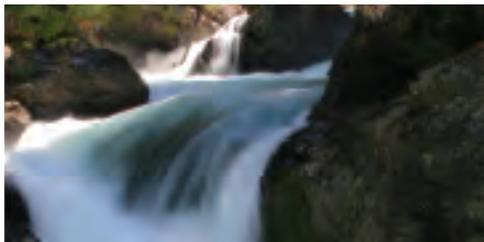
well-known architect Ezequiel Bustillo and renovated in 1993. Its Canadian style harmonizes beautifully with the breathtaking landscape. The hotel offers 160 elegant guest rooms, some with fireplaces. The resort also contains studios and rooms facing the snowy mountains or crystal lakes. All rooms are designed for two people. The decoration of the resort had entailed great effort to combine the warmth of the wood with the comfort of the stone. The furniture is made of Prunus Cerasus in light colors. The rooms are dressed in different shades of bright greens and pale browns. For your dining pleasure, the elegant and charming Los Césares features fine international and regional cuisine and the Patagonia Restaurant is perfect for salads, snacks and coffee. The recently opened grill offers the possibility to enjoy an Argentinian typical barbecue. The afternoon tea and the happy-hour are two great moments to live in our lobby, while tango & melodies are played in our piano. The Winter Garden is the perfect venue for drinks and regional cakes, with a superb view of the Nahuel Huapi Lake and Puerto Pañuelo. For recreation, there is an 18-hole golf course, state-of-the-art spa, modern fitness center, two tennis and paddle courts, heated indoor swimming pool and sauna. Mountain Biking, hiking excursions, fly fishing, rafting, horse back riding, and nautical sport programs can be set up locally with the hotel at an additional cost.

**OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AT SELECTED HOTELS. (B)**

#### DAY 3: DEPART BARILOCHE

Transfer to the airport for your outbound flight. (B)





## CHILE & ARGENTINA SIX DAYS

### DAY 1: ARRIVE SANTIAGO, CHILE

Welcome to Chile. Upon arrival, you shall be greeted by our country representative, assisted and transferred to your hotel. Santiago, elegant and cosmopolitan capital city, sits in a basin between the Coast Range to the west and the Andes to the East.

This afternoon, enjoy a half day city tour of Santiago. The tour will reveal a sophisticated city of color and contrast; classic city landmarks - the old district with its provincial atmosphere; the sophisticated, European style modern districts of Vitacura, Las Condes and Providencia; the Spanish colonial churches, the Museum of Pre-Colombian Art; the Royal Customs House; gardens and government palaces off the Plaza de Armas. Rising above the streets of the capital, enjoy the panoramic views from the crest of Cristobal Hill, and Santa Lucia.

**OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AT SELECTED HOTELS.**

### DAY 2: SANTIAGO / WINE COUNTRY / SANTIAGO

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Maipo Valley, South of Santiago and one of the most recognizable of Chile's wine producing regions.

Chile's largest winemaker, Viña Concha y Toro, is one of the oldest wineries in the region. Imported vines from Europe which significantly improved the quality of the wines produced. Tours begin with an introductory video, a stroll through the vineyards and the century-old gardens, a look at the modern facilities, and a wine tasting experience.

Chile's third-largest winery, Viña Santa Rita, played an important historical role in Chile's battle for independence. At the center of Santa Rita's Maipo Valley estate, the lovely colonial hacienda now serves as the winery's headquarters. Its restaurant, La Casa de Doña Paula, is a delightful place where you shall enjoy lunch, prior to heading down into the winery's musty cellars. You will return back to Santiago later in the afternoon.

**OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AT SELECTED HOTELS. (B, L)**

### DAY 3: SANTIAGO

The day is at leisure to explore Santiago city on your own, or perhaps venture out to the countryside for a day of cultural immersion in Viña del Mar and Valparaiso.

**OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AT SELECTED HOTELS. (B)**

### DAY 4: SANTIAGO / PUERTO MONTT / PUERTO VARAS

Transfer to the airport for our flight to Puerto Montt, a German-style seaport of fishing boats and waterfront cafes. Transfer to your hotel at Puerto Varas, a beauty spot on the shore of Lago Llanquihue in the glaciers area. This afternoon enjoy a tour of the Puerto Varas village, known for its roses growing along the streets and monumental Baroque-style church, a replica of a church in Germany's Black Forest. Continue to Puerto Montt and the fishing port of Angelmo, famed for its crafts market and waterfront cafes.

**OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AT SELECTED HOTELS. (B)**

### DAY 5: ANDEAN LAKE CROSSING PUERTO VARAS/ PEULLA

Start this spectacular journey with a departure overland by bus to Petrohué, bordering lake Llanquihue



with a fantastic view of Osorno and Calbuco volcanoes. Here, you will visit Vicente Pérez Rosales National Park which features the emerald green Petrohué Falls. After some free time to stroll around, you depart on a catamaran to Peulla, sailing through Todos Los Santos Lake, enjoying an even more spectacular view of Osorno volcano, Puntitago and Tronador hills. Arrival at Peulla, an ecological town and paradise for nature lovers, where you will have the rest of the day at leisure to explore the surroundings on your own.

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**OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AT SELECTED HOTELS. (B,L,D)**

#### DAY 6: ANDEAN LAKE CROSSING PEULLA / BARILOCHE, ARGENTINA

Continue your unforgettable experience in natural paradise with an overland journey by bus to Puerto Frías, Argentina. Travel through dense forest and over the Continental Divide to the Chilean/Argentinean Customs Point. Surrounded by the Andes Mountain range, continue down the winding road that leads to Puerto Frías. Sail on Lake Frías to Puerto Alegre. Then drive overland by bus to Puerto Blest. Here you will visit Cántaros Falls. Depart on a catamaran across Lake Nahuel Huapi to Puerto Pañuelo. Upon arrival, board the bus that will take you to the Llao Llao Hotel & Resort.

**OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AT SELECTED HOTELS. (B)**



## CHILE & ARGENTINA

### PATAGONIA CRUISE ADVENTURE ON BOARD THE MARE AUSTRALIS FIVE DAYS

#### DAY 1: ARRIVE PUNTA ARENAS / EMBARK PATAGONIA CRUISE

Upon arrival in Punta Arenas, you are met and transferred to the Mare Australis check in local office. Afternoon embarkation on the Expedition Cruise Ship Mare Australis. The Captain and crew will give a welcome cocktail reception on board. Immediately afterward, the ship will set sail for the “uttermost part of the earth.” Through the mythical Strait of Magellan, we will travel to Southern Patagonia, including Tierra de Fuego. This is the beginning of a Great Adventure!

**ABOARD MARE AUSTRALIS (B, D)**

#### DAY 2: PATAGONIA CRUISE (AINSWORTH BAY / TUCKER ISLET)

During the dawn’s early light, your ship will continue navigating through Almirantazgo Inlet, until arriving near Marinelli Glacier in Ainsworth Bay, where you will enjoy a walk to discover a beaver dam in the midst of a marvelous Magellanic forest. On the beach, observe a colony of Elephant Seals. Continuing the voyage, visit Tucker Islet, where you will see colonies of Magellanic penguins and Cormorants from the zodiac boats.

**ABOARD MARE AUSTRALIS (B, L, D)**

#### DAY 3: PATAGONIA CRUISE (PIA GLACIER / GLACIER ALLEY)

You will navigate the main part of the Beagle Channel to enter Pia Fjord and disembark near the glacier of the same name. Take an excursion to a look-out point that is ideal for viewing the mountain range where the glacier originates. After this unforgettable experience, sail again along the northwest arm of the Beagle Channel through majestic “Glacier Alley”: Spain, Romanche, Germany, Italy, France and Holland glaciers.

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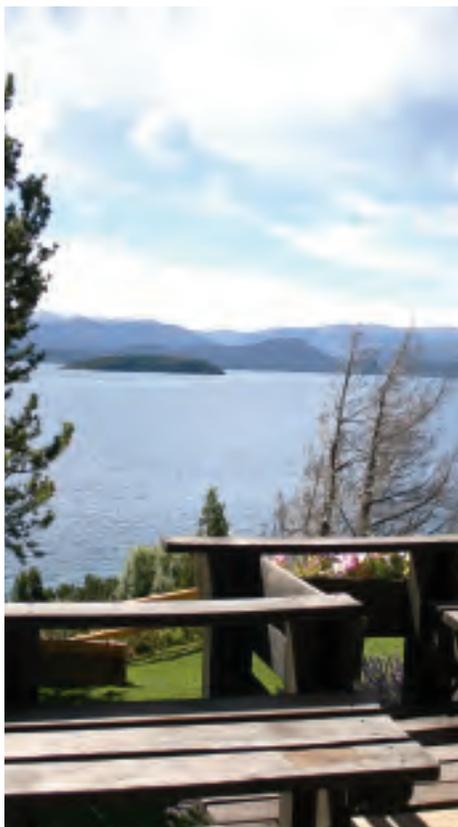
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**ABOARD MARE AUSTRALIS (B, L, D)**

#### DAY 5: DISEMBARK PATAGONIA CRUISE / USHUAIA, ARGENTINA

Arrival to Ushuaia, the most important Argentine city in Tierra de Fuego, and the southernmost city in the world. Disembark at 8:00AM. You will be met at the pier and transferred to the airport for your flight to Buenos Aires. (B)



## CHILE & ARGENTINA

### TWELVE DAYS

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#### DAY 5: ANDEAN LAKE CROSSING / PEULLA / BARILOCHE

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*OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AT SELECTED HOTELS. (B)*

#### DAY 6: BARILOCHE

Day at leisure to enjoy the resort and explore its surrounding areas.

*OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AT SELECTED HOTELS. (B)*

#### DAY 7: BARILOCHE / BUENOS AIRES

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Buenos Aires. Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The capital offers something for everyone, from sophisticated European-style architecture, gardened parks and broad boulevards, pulsating tango nightlife and unique local neighborhoods of great character and charm.

*OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AT SELECTED HOTELS. (B)*

#### DAY 8: BUENOS AIRES

Today you'll enjoy a half day tour of one of the most sophisticated and charming cities of the Americas. This tour starts at the historical May Square (Plaza de Mayo) surrounded by the Government House (Pink House), the Metropolitan Cathedral and the ancient City-Hall, seat of the former Spanish Viceroy. Continuation along May Avenue, of strong Spanish influence till you get to Congress Square facing the





National Parliament. Drive along the main streets and avenues around downtown and the most fashionable districts of the city and the spacious and oxygenating Palermo Parks for a relaxing stroll. Your tour will also include the bohemian and colorful neighborhood of La Boca -of Italian immigrants- and the elegant district of Recoleta.

This evening, you will get in close contact with the sensual music and dance of Tango, Argentina's major cultural export, accompanied by dinner.

**OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AT SELECTED HOTELS. (B, D)**

#### DAY 9: BUENOS AIRES

The day is at leisure for you to enjoy the city's distinguished museums or world-class shopping. An array of optional tours is available which can be arranged locally through our representatives. We recommend a full day excursion dedicated to the visit of an estancia in the Pampas, a typical Argentine ranch, ideal place to appreciate the Argentine gaucho skills in cattle breeding and horseback riding, plus a typical Argentine barbecue, the "asado". Or perhaps, a half day tour to the Tigre Delta. Tigre is an exclusive resort of summer residences, yachting and rowing clubs. Here you can enjoy a boat ride through the rivers and streams of the Parana-Delta to view hundreds of islands covered in luxuriant vegetation.

**OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AT SELECTED HOTELS. (B)**

#### DAY 10: BUENOS AIRES / IGUASSU FALLS

Transfer to the airport to fly to Iguassu Falls. You are met on arrival and transferred to your hotel. Long before the Spanish explorer Don Alvaro Nuñez reached South America's greatest waterfall in 1541, the local Indians had named it Iguacu - meaning

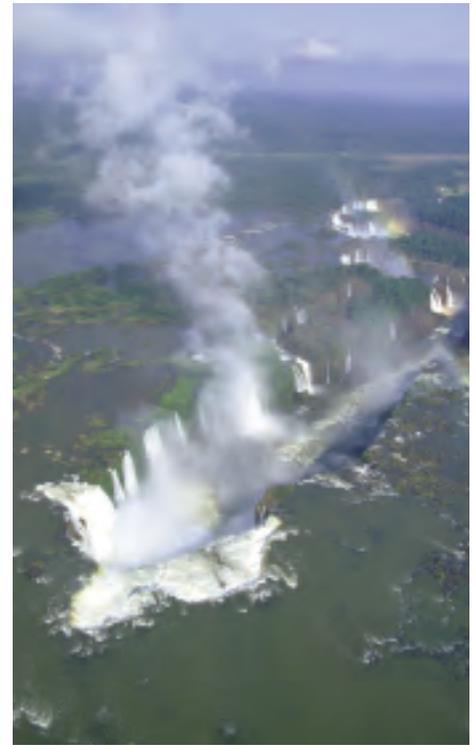
great waters. Once seen, the falls - all 275 of them - are never forgotten. The two-mile wide curtain of water crashing 300 ft over a series of precipices into a spray-filled gorge constitutes the most spectacular sight of probably the whole of South America.

This afternoon, enjoy a walking tour of the falls from the Brazilian side. Cross the border into Brazil and proceed into the national park. A trail winds towards the falls populated by contis, long-tailed racoon-like creatures. At its end, an elevator provides speedy access to a viewing platform at the foot of the falls. Focal point of the falls, best seen from above, is the Devil's Throat, a horseshoe-shaped gully in mid-stream, over which seems to pour most of the Iguassu River.

**OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AT SELECTED HOTELS. (B)**

#### DAY 11: IGUASSU FALLS

Explore the falls from the Argentine side either by riding the train or by taking an easy walk along Sendero Verde (green trail). Both ways will get you to Cataratas Station, the starting point of the Upper Circuit. The Upper Circuit is a half-hour walk along a 1200-meter trail - with low degree of difficulty and no stairs - that goes deep into the jungle. All of a sudden, you run into breathtaking views of the Falls. You will get lots of closer views at the different observation points, and more panoramic sights toward the end of the trail. The Lower Circuit requires more physical effort due to its stairs but it can be perfectly done if you take it nice and slow, catching your breath on the different viewpoints. On this trail you will also walk deep into the jungle, crossing streams and coming across local fauna. The Lower Circuit goes all the way down to the river, where the boat crosses over to San Martin Island. On the way down, there are balconies with marvelous bottom-up views



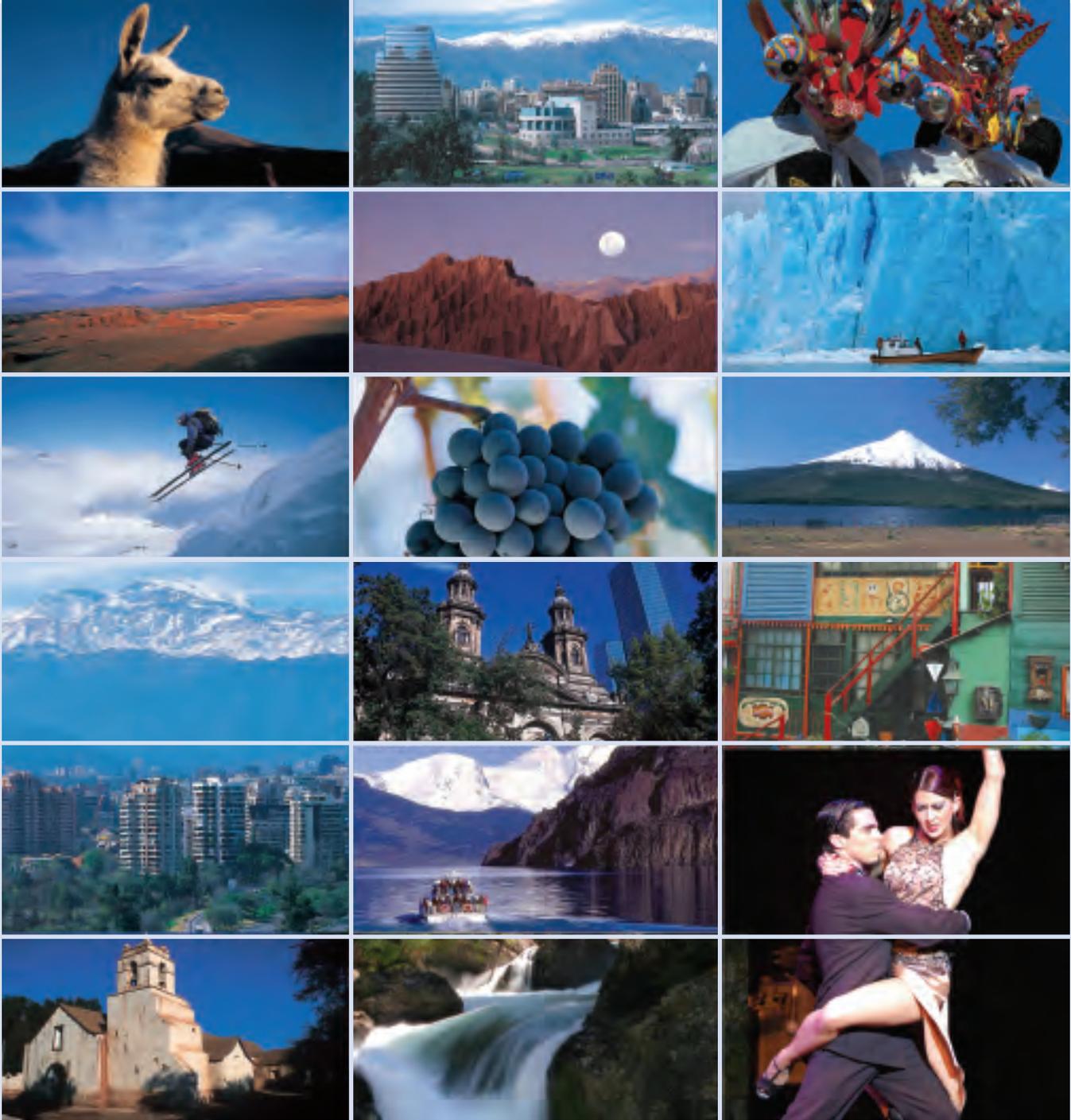
of the Falls. The second leg of the train ride leaves from Cataratas Station and goes to Garganta del Diablo Station.

**OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AT SELECTED HOTELS. (B)**

#### DAY 12: IGUASSU FALLS / BUENOS AIRES / USA

The morning is at leisure to explore the area further on your own. In the afternoon, you transfer to the airport for your flight back to Buenos Aires. Upon your arrival, you will be transferred from the domestic airport to International airport for your outbound flight. (B)





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