



Argentina Adventure

Active Immerse Yourself Tour | 15 Days | Physical Level 3

Buenos Aires – El Calafate – Bariloche – Mendoza - Iguazu

Experience the best of this diverse land on a tour that perfectly mixes the majestic landscapes of Patagonia and the Lake District, with the temptations of tango and delectable local food and wine.

- Explore the delights of Buenos Aires
- Take a Tango dancing class
- Dine on a traditional asado
- Discover Tierra del Fuego
- Taste a food and wine masterclass
- Learn about local culture at Iguazu falls



Argentina Adventure inclusions:

- Return international economy flights, taxes and current fuel surcharges (unless a land only option is selected)
- All accommodation
- Meals as stated
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- All transportation and transfers
- English speaking Local Guides

The only thing you may have to pay for are personal expenditure e.g. meals, drinks, visas, optional excursions or shows, insurance of any kind, customary tipping, early check in or late checkout and other items not specified on the itinerary.

South America Active Immerse Yourself Tours:

Active tours combine the key sights with more energetic pursuits such as hiking and cycling. This allows us to explore more and discover the destination in greater depth. These tours are designed to provide a wide range of activities to ensure a varied and culturally immersive experience. These tours include:

- Cycling or walking through classic sites
- Unique cultural experiences and encounters
- Off the beaten track destinations
- More evenings at leisure for independent exploration.

Physical Level 3:

All our tours feature a physical rating to help you select the right holiday for you. To travel on any of our tours requires unaided mobility and the ability to stroll around the sights. 'Argentina Adventure' is rated 3 on the physical level scale. A good level of fitness is required as you need to be comfortable walking for 2-3 hours and covering longer distances.

- You will be required, on several occasions, to climb on and off boats without assistance and spend an extended amount of time on boats in open water.
- There will be several days of sightseeing on foot for a period of time and in some cases for an extended period of time.

Of course, our Local Guides will always endeavour to provide the highest level of service and assistance; however, they cannot be expected to cater for customers who are unfit to complete the itinerary.

Joining Your Tour

The tour is 15 days in duration including international flights. Travellers booked on 'Land Only, the price includes your arrival/departure airport transfers if arriving/departing on the start and conclusion date of your tour. Please advise your international flight times to reservations. Join the tour on Day 1 in Buenos Aires and end the tour on Day 13 in Buenos Aires. Please refer to your final itinerary for more specific meeting instructions pertaining to your departure.

Itinerary – Argentina Adventure

Days 1: Fly to Buenos Aires

Meals included: Dinner

Fly to Argentina's flamboyant capital city Buenos Aires, arriving the same day due to crossing the International Date Line. You will be met at the airport and transferred 45 minutes to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure until a welcome dinner this evening.

Destination Information

Buenos Aires - The Paris of South America, Buenos Aires is a romantic and lively city. The culture of the city is extremely diverse and the asado (barbecue) restaurants are second to none. Most importantly of all, Buenos Aires is the home of Tango and performers can be seen dancing in restaurants, bars or even on the streets.

Day 2: Buenos Aires

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

After breakfast, enjoy the irresistible combination of Latin flair and European elegance in a Buenos Aires city tour, your tour will last approximately 5 hours. Visit the vibrant districts of La Boca, San Telmo, Puerto Madero, Palermo and Recoleta. This evening sit down for dinner and an exciting tango show.



Destination Information

La Boca – A buzzing barrio of Buenos Aires packed with colourful shacks built from Zinc, La Boca is a popular area to see street artists and tango dancers.

Day 3: Estancia

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Travel 1 hour 30 minutes by road to just outside the city. Spend the day on the vast, fertile grasslands known as the pampas, on a traditional estancia (ranch). Here you'll get some insight into the life of the folk heroes, the gaucho, and after a typical Argentinian asado lunch, there will be a fun folklore show.



Day 4: Buenos Aires – El Calafate

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Transfer to the airport and take a 3-hour 15 minute flight to the charming town of El Calafate, sat on the shores of Lago Argentino. The remainder of your day will be free to explore independently or relax at your hotel. Travel approximately an hour from El Calafate into Los Glaciares National Park, an area that encompasses a vast chunk of the Patagonian Continental Ice Field. Visit the Perito Moreno Glacier, this juggernaut of ice is constantly

Destination Information

El Calafate – Named after a tasty local berry El Calafate is best known for the impressive Los Glaciares National Park and the Perito Moreno Glacier.

Day 5: El Calafate

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

in motion, huge chunks of ice regularly collapsing, with great spectacle, into the lake below. You will take a boat cruise on Brazo Rico to see the glacier from another perspective. Today will be a full day of sightseeing with a packed lunch.

There will be an option to walk on the glacier (weather dependant) which can be arranged and paid for locally, however, there is an age limit imposed locally of 65 years old. Anyone over the age of 65 will not be permitted to walk on the glacier. The cost of this tour will be approximately 85 USD per person.

Destination Information

Perito Moreno Glacier - The Glacier is an impressive 30-kilometres-long, 5-kilometres wide and 60-metre-high.

Day 6: El Calafate – Bariloche

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Transfer to the airport and fly approximately 2 hours from El Calafate to the city of Bariloche. This afternoon discover this beautiful area with a short tour that showcases the magnificent panoramas of the Andes and Lake Nahuel Huapi. Stop for a refreshing beer at a local beer house en route.

**Destination Information**

Bariloche - Set in the spectacular surroundings of Nahuel Huapi National Park, Bariloche is in the heart of Argentina's Lake District. With an alpine atmosphere, it also produces Argentina's best chocolate!

Day 7: Bariloche

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Cruise for about an hour across Lake Nahuel Huapi to Victoria Island, landing at Puerto Anchorena, where you will take a short trek on trails through beautiful forests. Continue by boat to Peninsula Quettrihue to explore the Bosque de Arrayanes, a forest of rare arrayán trees the only ones in the world to grow into full-sized trees. Return to Bariloche later this afternoon.

Destination Information

Victoria Island - The trails that cross Victoria Island lead to the giant sequoias as well as cypresses, coihues and ñires, which are home to various species such as the pudú, wild boar, red deer, pheasants and many species of birds.

Day 8: Bariloche - Mendoza

Meals included: Breakfast

Fly from Bariloche via Buenos Aires to Mendoza, your travel time today will be approximately 5 hours including the stop. A lively, laidback and atmospheric city, Mendoza is the hub of Argentina's wine production, on arrival transfer to your hotel to check in and begin your experience here with a wine tasting at the hotel.

Destination Information

Mendoza – Famed for its many red wines such as Malbecs, Mendoza is the gateway to Argentina's best bodegas (wineries).

Day 9: Mendoza

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Travel just outside of the city to Maipu, the heart of one of Argentina's most important and oldest wine growing regions. Arrive at a wine estate where you'll be spending the day. Select fresh ingredients for a cooking class with the estate's chef, during which you'll be preparing typical Argentinian food such as Empanadas and Humita. Tour the winery whilst your creations cook before feasting on them for lunch, washed down with the estate's own wines.



Destination Information

Cooking class – Learn about empanadas criollas and Humita, how to prepare an Argentinian barbeque – an Asado, and many other local dishes and traditions.

Day 10: Mendoza – Iguazu

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Say farewell to Mendoza and board your plane over to Puerto Iguaza, the town closest to the incredible wonder that is Iguazu Falls. Your flight is approximately 2 and a half hours. The rest of the day is at leisure.

Destination Information

Iguazu Falls - The incredible Iguazu Falls spans the border of Argentina and Brazil and features hundreds of rushing cascades, set in a lush rainforest scene. The region has been declared a world heritage site and received the status of one of the New Seven Wonders of Nature in 2011.

Day 11: Iguazu Falls

Meals included: Breakfast

Today, transfer 25 minutes to the falls. You will wander along the Argentinian side of Iguazu, which offers a fantastic overview of the whole of the falls, and showcases its power and magnificence. Don't miss the viewpoint of one of the falls' most impressive sights, the Garganta del Diablo. Take the Ecological Jungle Train, a 15 minute journey, which takes you to the most impressive observation point – the Devil's Throat. This afternoon, take a unique opportunity to learn about the indigenous culture of the *Mbororé Aldea* people, who open the doors of their community and share fascinating stories of their ancestors, rituals, myths and legends. Finish the day with an interactive craft experience. Sightseeing today will be a full day with around 6 hours on foot.

**Day 12: Iguazu – Buenos Aires**

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Transfer to the airport and fly back to Buenos Aires. The rest of the day is at leisure.

Days 13 - 15: Depart Buenos Aires

Meals included: Breakfast

Today you will transfer approximately 1 hour to the airport according to your international flight to Australia. Arriving home in 2 days due to crossing the International Date Line once again.

Argentina Adventure Travel Information

Visas

Australian passport holders currently do not require a visa to enter Argentina. Your passport needs to be valid for at least six months beyond your intended return date to Australia. Wendy Wu Tours does not provide a visa service for Worldwide tours. To stay up to date with the latest visa requirements, visit www.smartraveller.gov.au

Insurance

It is a condition of booking with us that you take out suitable travel insurance. You must provide us with the name of your insurer, policy number and their 24-hour emergency contact number when you book with us or as soon as possible thereafter. These details will be available to your local guides should they be required. Wendy Wu Tours will not be liable for any costs incurred by you due to your failure to take out suitable travel insurance from the date of booking.

Eating in Argentina

Argentinian food incorporates many European influences predominantly from Italy and Spain. The Argentinian barbeque (asado) with steak and ribs is widely recognised as the countries national dish, however in Patagonia lamb, goat and seafood are popular. Empanadas, stuffed pastry parcels, are a traditional snack and Dulce de leche (similar to caramel) features heavily in desserts throughout the country. Lunch usually seen as the main meal of the day in Argentina with dinner being a lighter dish. Whilst we strongly recommend trying as many local dishes as possible, Argentina also has a wide range of international foods available.

Accommodation

Your accommodation is selected for convenience of location, comfort or character, and can range from business hotels to rainforest lodges. Hotels are generally rated as local three to four-star standard, but please note that there is no international classification system for hotels and differences in facilities and quality may exist between the Australia and South America. All group tour hotels have private bathroom facilities and air conditioning where needed. If you experience any difficulty, please speak to your Local Guide. Rest assure that all hotels used by Wendy Wu Tours are regularly inspected by our staff and our partners to ensure that standards meet your needs.

Transport

Coaches: Coaches with air conditioning are used on our group tours for city short excursions to the countryside and longer transfers between destinations. Roads in Argentina have generally been improved over recent years, but please be aware traffic and/or weather conditions may extend driving times. There may be sections of road where the surface may be comparatively bumpy but our drivers will do their utmost to lessen the impact.

Planes: Internal flights are based on economy class, with reputable airlines.

Souvenirs

There are plenty of interesting bits and pieces to buy as souvenirs in Argentina, such as indigenous textiles, handicrafts and artworks. There will be some opportunities during your tour to pick up souvenirs.

Clothing

On this tour, you will be travelling through various regions of Argentina with quite diverse climates especially in Ushuaia and El Calafate where all four seasons can be experienced in one day. It is recommended to bring lots of layers including the following: T Shirts made of breathable materials, hiking pants, with the option to turn into a short pant (rain pants optional), a fleece jacket for colder parts and the evenings and a waterproof Jacket as shell layer or a light rain jacket, a scarf and hat, warm socks and small back pack that fits into your main hand luggage to carry your daily essentials.

Group Size

Most of our groups consist of 10 travellers or more, there will usually be no more than 29 travellers in each group.

All our departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 8 travellers booked (unless cancelled due to factors beyond our control). However, at our discretion we may operate departures with a smaller group size as we try to operate advertised departures wherever it is viable to do so.

Tipping Policy

Local tipping is customary in South & Central America. However, this can often lead to awkwardness in knowing when it is appropriate to tip and how much. For your convenience, with years of experience in providing the best customer service, Wendy Wu Tours operates a kitty system on your Group Tour so your Local Guide will look after this aspect of the trip for you. This ensures the amounts paid are reasonable for you and still fair to the local people. The suggested total amount is specified for each Group Tour and will be advised again on your final documentation. Tipping is paid in USD or other local currencies if specified. Any additional tipping you feel is appropriate is welcomed at your discretion

After your booking

Once you have booked with Wendy Wu Tours, you will receive a confirmation invoice followed by deposit documentation. Your final documentation pack will be sent to you approximately 2-3 weeks prior to departure.

Itinerary changes

It is our intention is to adhere to the day-to-day itinerary as printed; however, the order of events or sightseeing may change as we look to improve our tours or as local conditions dictate; in these circumstances we will make the best possible arrangements whilst maintaining the integrity of your trip.

Before You Leave

We recommend that you contact either your GP or Travelvax (1300 360 164) for advice on vaccinations and travel health. Travelvax has a comprehensive website that you may also find useful www.travelvax.com.au.

We strongly recommend registering your travel plans with www.smartraveller.gov.au as in the event of an emergency, Australian Consular assistance will be more readily available. You can also access the Australian Government's travel advisory service for up to date information about your destination on the same website

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