



"Djoser... Organized Adventures for Independent Minded Travelers"



Argentina & Brazil Tour, 19 days





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Itinerary

- Day 1 Buenos Aires
- Day 2 Buenos Aires
- Day 3 Buenos Aires, flight to Iguazu
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- Day 5 Foz do Iguacu, waterfalls, Argentinian side, night bus Bonito
- Day 6 Arrival Bonito
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- Day 19 Rio de Janeiro



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Day by day

Buenos Aires

Day 1 (Buenos Aires Extension Hotel Recommended)

Day 2 Buenos Aires - Land Program begins, early A.M.

Day 3 Buenos Aires

We start in Buenos Aires, the capital of Argentina. You will meet tour leader and the participants, arriving from Amsterdam, at our first hotel, where there will be a welcome meeting.

Buenos Aires is also called 'the Paris of South America' and that can be seen in the imposing (city) palaces, wide boulevards and large squares. Buenos Aires has thousands of cafés and restaurants, where you can get the most delicious sweets in between, and in the evening you can enjoy a real Argentinian steak. We have plenty of time to explore the city well.

You can take a tour by bike or bus with a guide or stroll through the streets yourself. In the districts of Palermo, Retiro and Recoleta you will find stately old houses in which the wealthy inhabitants live. In the south is San Telmo, one of the oldest districts, and the La Boca district, where the tango originated. A major attraction is Plaza de Mayo, with adjacent government building Casa Rosada, where Evita Perón addressed the population.

Foz do Iguaçu

Day 4 Buenos Aires - flight to Iguaçu

Day 5 Foz do Iguaçu, visit waterfalls Brazilian side

Day 6 Foz do Iguaçu, visit waterfalls Argentinian side - night bus to Bonito

We arrive in Foz do Iguaçu, a town bordering three countries Paraguay, Argentina and Brazil.

A short distance from the city are the impressive waterfalls of the Iguaçu River. They are not the highest, but the widest in the world: no less than 275 large and small waterfalls tumble down some eighty meters over a length of more than three kilometers. Many people think this is the most beautiful waterfall in the world. They can be admired from various points of view: from the Brazilian and Argentinian side and from a helicopter, the most beautiful but expensive way to admire this natural disaster. It is also possible to make a spectacular safari with jeeps and boats through the fairytale environment of the waterfalls surrounded by dense forests.

Not far from Foz, as the town is called by the local population, you can be guided around the Itaipu



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Dam , one of the largest dams in the world. This dam supplies electricity to a large part of Brazil and almost all of Paraguay. In the evening we leave with our own comfortable bus towards Bonito. It is a so-called 'semi-cama' bus, in which the seats are adjustable to a kind of 'half-bed'. That's how you get well-rested in the morning!

Bonito and the Pantanal

Day 7 arrival Bonito

Day 8 Bonito

Day 9 Bonito - Pantanal

Day 10 Pantanal

Day 11 Pantanal

The area around the village of Bonito is known for the special caves with deep blue water and crystal clear rivers and is a popular holiday destination for Brazilians. The rivers Sucuri and Rio da Prata are so clear that it looks like you're swimming around in an aquarium. The clarity of the water and the diversity of marine life amazes even the most experienced diver or snorkel. If you prefer to keep it dry, you can admire the protected Lago Azul cave. The cave itself is already beautiful to see because of the stalactite formations, but the clear blue lake gives the cave even more color and a mysterious look.

After enjoying the beautiful Bonito, the journey continues to the pristine Pantanal, one of the largest natural parks in the world. According to biologists, there are 600 bird species in this pristine nature reserve, such as ibises, parrots, kingfishers, storks and the tuiuiu, an impressive stork over one meter high with black head and red neck. This is the place to see all kinds of animals in their natural environment. Although ' pantanal ' is the Portuguese word for swamp, the Pantanal is not a real swamp, but it is an area that regularly overflows, making the landscape and ecosystem unique.

To see as much of the flora and fauna as possible, you can go out by boat, on foot or on horseback. During these trips you can see caimans lying sunbathing on the riverbeds. There are otters and snakes, and there are monkey families and impressive blue macaws in the trees. You may also encounter a capybara , the largest rodent in the world. Take binoculars with you so that you can view all birds and other animals. Also a flashlight should not be missing in your luggage, because we can also go out in the evening looking for other animals. The water in the nature reserve is often crystal clear; you see the fish swimming by and you can try to catch your own supper: fresh piranha!

In addition to breakfast, lunches and dinners are also served in this remote area. Furthermore, you can laze by the fazenda in a hammock in the garden or take a dip in the pool.

Colonial Paraty

Day 12 Pantanal - Campo Grande

Day 13 Campo Grando - flight to São Paulo - Paraty



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Day 14 Paraty

After the Pantanal, the journey continues to Campo Grande, the state capital of Mato Grosso do Sul. We stay here the next morning to take a comfortable flight to São Paulo. Because of this flight we save a lot of time and in the afternoon we are already in the town of Paraty, where we can relax.

Paraty is a historic town in typical Portuguese colonial style, which serves as a starting point for shoe tours through the beautiful bay of the same name. Who wants to stroll through the atmospheric streets or quietly enjoy a delicious local meal on a terrace, because Paraty is also known as a culinary paradise.

Ilha Grande

Day 15 Paraty - Angra dos Reis - Ilha Grande

Day 16 Ilha Grande

Day 17 Ilha Grande - Angra dos Reis - Rio de Janeiro

The next day we drive to the port of Angra dos Reis and take the ferry to the paradise-like, bounty island, Ilha Grande. Ilha Grande means 'big island' and with 193 km² it is certainly not small. The entire island is protected and large surfaces belong to the national park. Ilha Grande is an oasis of peace and has no roads, so large parts can only be reached on foot - and sometimes difficult -. You can thus make wonderful walks through largely untouched nature. The island has beautiful beaches and rugged mountains. Whoever wants to may explore the coastline by boat, especially the most beautiful beach in Brazil, 'Lopes Mendes'. This beach can also be reached on foot. After you have completely unwind on this paradise, it is time for the fascinating and bustling Rio de Janeiro.

Rio de Janeiro

Day 18 Rio de Janeiro

Day 19 Rio de Janeiro

Day 20 Rio de Janeiro -

Rio de Janeiro, known by many as the most beautiful city in the world, has a wide variety of attractions. Not to be missed are the famous Sugarloaf (Pão de Açúcar) hills and the Corcovado with the Christ statue, both of which offer a beautiful view of the city.

The urban districts are separated by natural barriers, such as a forest between the northern and southern parts. This is the largest city forest in the world. You will also find a botanical garden in Rio with towering royal palms. In the center of the city, connected to Copacabana by a long tunnel and Ipanema, are some old colonial monuments such as the former imperial palace, the opera and the national library, but also the futuristic round cathedral.

If you want to relax on the beach, take only what you need. The Cariocas (the inhabitants of Rio)



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spend lots of time on the beach and fanatic about sports, especially fitness, soccer, and volleyball. There is also a lot of running. Maybe you have the opportunity to attend a football (soccer) match in the legendary Maracanã stadium.

The nightlife of Rio is famous and actually a visit to Brazil is not complete without an impression of how the Brazilians celebrate carnival. You can do this during a visit to one of the tourist variety shows where you get an overview of the different dances of Brazil. Our trip comes to an end in the exciting city of Rio de Janeiro.



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Practical information

Accommodations & Meals

UNDER CONSTRUCTION - PLEASE CALL TO RECEIVE FULL INFO PACKAGE FOR THIS TRIP

Flights & Transportation

We provide the land program only, beginning at the first hotel. You will need to book your own flights to and from. (We will be providing internal flights during the program).

The land program begins based on the arrival time of the participants, traveling as a group from Amsterdam. You should plan your trips to arrive at the same time or prior to their arrival.

Likewise, plan your departure so that you do not miss any group activities. When you book, we will send you a verification of the scheduled itinerary and recommended arrival times.

Land Begins - BUENOS AIRES - Early AM.

(Dutch participants arrive 6:50 AM) .

HOTEL EXTENSION RECOMMENDED ON ARRIVAL

Because land program begins in the early A.M. we recommend you book an extension hotel room for the prior night so you will be present for the group meeting

LAND ENDS - RIO DE JANEIRO - Evening depart

Group Composition

Minimum - 10 . Maximum 20

International group of all ages. Active travelers can expect to do lots of walking,

Most of the group will come from Holland and Belgium, with only one to four North Americans per group. (You will find they have a superb command of English)

Tour Leaders & Support Staff



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A Dutch tour leader will accompany the group. He/she speaks Dutch and English. The tour leader acts as a logistics coordinator, not a lecturer and he or she will make sure that you get all the important information. The tour leader can also make fun recommendations for independent activities and dining options.