

# TASTES OF ARGENTINA & URUGUAY

#### DAY 1

# **ARRIVE BUENOS AIRES (3 NIGHTS)**

Welcome to Buenos Aires! - the capital of Argentina. It is also the most elegant and busy city in South America. This cosmopolitan city with great European cultural influence displays a refined taste in its cooking, is the land of tango music and included in the UNESCO list of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. Upon arrival in Buenos Aires, transfer to your hotel. Relax or explore the grand boulevards and colorful barrios of Argentina's vibrant capital on your own. This evening, enjoy a Welcome Reception with your fellow travellers and Travel Director.

### **Welcome Reception** Hotel: Hotel Intercontinental

## **BUENOS AIRES SIGHTSEEING**

Get in touch with the birth city of the Tango! During your city tour in Buenos Aires we will drive along 9 de Julio Avenue, the widest avenue of the world. Visit the famous Avenida de Mayo that runs into the Plaza De Mayo surrounded by the Casa Rosada, the Cabildo that was built during Spanish rule and step inside the Metropolitan Cathedral. The mausoleum of General San Martin and Pope Francisco used to celebrate religious services inside the Cathedral. Continue to one of the most stunning buildings in the city, Colón Opera House which has been a Buenos Aires landmark since it was built in 1908 and was born due to a society which had become devoted to opera since the early XIX century. La Boca, a most colorful area with the famous street Caminito is our next exploration. After La Boca area you will pass by the modern district of Puerto Madero, the former port area, where you will enjoy lunch.

## **Buffet Breakfast, Lunch**

### DAY 3

# **BUENOS AIRES**

Today, visit the Northern Area of the city, enjoying a guided tour to La Recoleta, one of the city's most glamorous spots. This residential area is famous for its sculptures and French style buildings. You will visit during this tour Recoleta Cemetery, founded in 1822 and it is the oldest one in Buenos Aires. La Biela Café is located at Quintana 600, this is the "must" corner at Recoleta area, a historical bar with more than 150 years history. You will have coffee here and taste some of the typical "Medialunas" Crosissants. Continue further north driving to Palermo, the green area of the city with its beautiful parks, the City Zoo, Botanical Garden, Argentine Horse Track and National Polo Fields. Palermo is well-known for its artificial lakes as well. After your panoramic drive, head back to the Hotel.

### **Buffet Breakfast**

# BUENOS AIRES > COLONIA DEL SACRAMENTO > MONTEVIDEO (2 NIGHTS)

This morning, take a ferry ride from Buenos Aires to Colonia del Sacramento, a charming little town right on the shore of the Río de la Plata. Both Portuguese and Spanish settlers have influenced the city's development seen in the unique colonial style in the historic centre and is a UNESCO World Heritage since 1995. Upon arrival, you will start a city tour through Colonia. Among the sites you'll be visiting, are the San Carlos Bullfight Arena, the San Benito Chapel, Horse Racetrack, the Power Plant, Dock, Colonia's West coast and beaches, as well as the neighbourhoods and shopping areas. Continue to the pedestrian only and historic Old Town founded in 1680 by the Portuguese. You will see several points of interest like the old city gates, the "Street of Sighs", the Main Square, the ruins of the San Francisco Church (the oldest ruins in Uruguay), the Lighthouse,

Governor's House, the Sacramento Basilica and more along the way. Lunch at a local Restaurant. Afterwards, continue your journey to Montevideo.

# **Buffet Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Hotel: Hyatt Centric Montevideo**

#### MONTEVIDEO SIGHTSEEING

Today we enjoy a detailed city tour. Drive along the coast and beaches to the residential area of Carrasco. On the way we will stop at Plaza Virgilio with the monument dedicated to the Fallen Soldiers of the Navy, and from which an excellent view of the city will offer a great spot for photographers. Continue to Batlle & Ordoñez Park, passing by the Obelisk, La Carreta monument and Soccer Stadium. Next we visit the Congress Building: This huge building is the pride of Uruguay, constructed between 1908 and 1925 with local marble consisting of 52 colors and 12 types of wood. Afterwards we head to the Old City with its famous Mercado del Puerto, Constitution Square, Colonial Town Hall and Independence Square. At the center of which stands a monument dedicated to national hero, José Gervasio Artigas and his Mausoleum.

#### **Buffet Breakfast**

#### DAY 6

### **MONTEVIDEO PUNTA DEL ESTE** (2 NIGHTS)

This morning we depart Montevideo and head to Punta del Este, a popular vacation spot on the southern tip of Uruguay. The beautiful beaches attract tourists from all around the world. Drive towards Piriapolis, a coastal city near Punta del Este. The city, built during the time of the "belle époque", has the look of Europe's Côte d'Azur. You will visit the "Argentino Hotel" which was built in 1930 and was at that time, the most luxurious hotel in South America. Continue to Punta del Este. The next stops will be at Portezuelo and Punta Ballena for sweeping views up and down the coast. Visit the Museum Casa Pueblo, home and atelier of the famous Uruguayan artist Carlos Paez Vilaro. After arriving in Punta del Este, you will enjoy a city tour and enjoy lunch at the Restaurant Lo de Tere located at the Port. The rest of the day is at your leisure in Punta del Esta as you wish.

## **Buffet Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner** Hotel: The Grand Hotel Punta del Este

# **PUNTA DEL ESTE SIGHTSEEING**

Today is yours to explore Punta del Este. Take advantage of the SPA facilities at the hotel, take a walk along the beach or visit the renown Pablo Atchugarry Foundation. **Buffet Breakfast** 

### DAY 8

### PUNTA DEL ESTE > PUEBLO EDEN > MONTEVIDEO

On the way back to Montevideo, we stop in Pueblo Eden. A peaceful small town nestled between the coast and the Uruguayan countryside, known as the Olive Oil route and the "Uruguayan Tuscany Upon arrival in Pueblo Eden your Local Specialist will show you this charming slow town, before entering the olive plant of Finca Babieca. You will visit part of the olive plantation and the plant where the olives are processed and learn about the olives journey from branch to bottle followed by a light lunch. Enjoy the vast breathtaking views of the Sierra de los Caracoles before a relaxing drive back to Montevideo

# **Buffet Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Hotel: Hyatt Centric Montevideo**

#### DAY 9

# **MONTEVIDEO BUENOS AIRES**

This morning we make our way back to Buenos Aires by ferry. The afternoon is yours to discover Buenos Aires at your leisure. This evening you will enjoy a Be My Guest experience in the Palermo area. In this old house, your hosts for the night will be the Palacio sisters and family. They all share one passion: cooking. Enjoy a typical Argentinean menu while interacting and listening to the family's stories of Argentina.

#### Buffet Breakfast, Be My Guest Hotel: Hotel Intercontinental

#### **DAY 10**

#### **BUENOS AIRES FREE TIME**

Enjoy a full day at leisure for you to explore as you please or take an optional to Fiesta Gaucha or Tigre Delta.

### **Buffet Breakfast**

#### **DAY 11**

## **DEPART BUENOS AIRES**

For now, we say a fond adios to Argentina and our newfound friends, closing the door on a memorable South American experience. Take a transfer to the international airport for your flight home.

#### **Buffet Breakfast**

# **INCLUDED SIGHTS**

- Round Trip ferry between Buenos Aires -Colonia del Sacramento
- City tour: Buenos Aires, La Recoleta, Colonia del Sacramento, Montevideo, Punta del Este
- Visit: Colon Opera House, Avenida de Mayo, Metropolitan Cathedral, Recoleta Cemetery, Old Town - a Unesco World Heritage site, Argentino Hotel, Museum Casa Pueblo, Olive Oil plant of "Finca Babieca",
- See: 9 de Julio Avenue, Casa Rosada, La Boca, Caminito, San Carlos Bullfight Arena, San Benito Chapel, Street of Sighs, ruins of San Francisco Church, Lighthouse, Governor's house, Sacramento Basilica, Plaza Virgillo, Battle & Ordonez Park, Puerto Madero,
- Local Guide in Pueblo Eden

# THE ESSENTIALS



# 10 NIGHTS

# 19 MEALS

1 welcome reception 10 breakfast buffets 4 lunches 4 dinners (incl. Be My Guest)

# Booking Conditions & Important Information

# WHATS INCLUDED IN YOUR GUIDED VACATION PRICE

**Inter-city Travel** By private motorcoach, trains, cruises and ferries (see itinerary).

Air Transportation: Not Included.

Guided Vacation By air-conditioned luxury motor coaches. Trafalgar operates a daily seat rotation system and enforces a strict no smoking and no alcohol policy on board motor coaches. Regular comfort stops are made on travelling days.

Hotel Accommodation Prices are per person, based on two persons sharing with private bath or shower. Triple rooms may be available in limited numbers. Triple rooms will often feature one foldaway bed plus one double bed. Three adults may find these rooms small and suitcase space slightly restricted. They are generally more suitable for two adults and one child. Quad rooms are not available. Every effort has been made to reserve two-bed rooms; however, on some occasions, rooms with one double bed may be the only choice available. These rooms will be allocated to single travelers and couples first. Many hotels are 100% smoke-free, including all guest rooms, restaurants, lounges, meeting rooms and public spaces. Smoking in a non-smoking room may result in a fine. Substitute hotels may be used sometimes. We try to use hotels of similar standard Travel Director Guided vacations are conducted in English by a professional Travel Director.

Meals are included as detailed on the itinerary.

Sightseeing Experiences, entrance fees and an
English Speaking Local Specialist (when required) are
included as detailed in the itinerary.

included as detailed in the itinerary. **Transfers** Between airports, hotels, railway stations and piers are included as indicated on the vacation itinerary. There will be no refund for missed or unused transfers. If you did not purchase your flights from Trafalgar, you will need to provide your arrival and departure flight information to Trafalgar.

Porterage Baggage handling of one suitcase per person, at each guided vacation hotel. Due to limited motorcoach capacity, a single bag is allowed with dimensions not exceeding 30"x18"x10" (76x46x25cm) and weight not exceeding 50 lbs. (23kg). Airlines may impose stricter weight and size limits for luggage and may also charge fees for checked baggage, including the first checked bag. Please check with your airline(s) directly for their most current baggage regulations and related fees. Trafalgar is not responsible for additional fees imposed by air carriers regarding baggage. A charge of US\$6/CA\$6 or local currency equivalent per traveling day will be collected by the Travel Director if a second piece of baggage is permitted to be carried, or if suitcase exceeds weight or size limits. This is not assurance that luggage in excess of limits on size, weight and number of pieces will be permitted on the motor coach. Carry-on/hand luggage is restricted to one piece per person, not exceeding 12"x11"x6" (30x28x14 cm) to fit under your motorcoach seat or in the small overhead compartment. Carry-on/hand luggage handling is the responsibility of each guest and must be taken on and off the motorcoach by you each day of the guided vacation. Carry-ons with telescopic handles and wheels will not fit in the overhead compartments or under seats and therefore, cannot be accepted as carry-on luggage

# WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED IN THE VACATION PRICE

Airfares to and from your destination unless purchased the air-inclusive package, air-related taxes and fees (except where specified); additional fees charged by airlines such as checked and/or excess baggage, seat selections and any other services; passport and visa fees; insurances of all kinds; laundry; phone calls; minibar; beverages and meals not detailed in the itinerary; All items of a personal nature. Additional taxes and surcharges may be collected by foreign governmental and non-

governmental entities.

The price does not cover costs and expenses, including your return home, if you leave the guided vacation whether of your own volition, our decision based on behavior that disrupts the trip, due to illness, action by any government or other reason. This list is illustrative and not a complete list of every item not included.

**Tips/Gratuities** Tips and gratuities are included for services on guided vacations except to your Motorcoach Driver, Local Host, Local Specialists and Travel Director whose tips/gratuities should be extended on a voluntary, individual basis at the end of your vacation. Included tips/gratuities cover all services provided by dining-room waiters, housekeeping staff and porters at hotels.

#### **RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENTS**

Your guided vacation will be confirmed upon receipt of a non-refundable, non-transferable deposit of \$200 per person within 3 days of booking.\*\$500 per person deposit if booking land & group air.

Land and Air Final Payment – Is due no later than 60 days prior to the departure date. Payment in full will be required at time of booking for reservations made less than 60 days prior to the departure date. Trafalgar reserves the right to cancel the reservation and impose cancellation charges if any payment is not received at 60 days prior to departure.

Payment - Trafalgar accepts payments by all major credit cards. Please note: We require the cardholder's billing address, phone number and CVC code along with their credit card number. Credit card transactions cannot be completed in absence of this information.

## AIR ARRANGEMENTS

When booking a guided vacation including flights, you will be required at the time of booking to provide us the full name as detailed on the passport, date of birth, passport number, date and place of issue and expiration date. Some airlines do not allow name corrections and/or itinerary changes. Such corrections and/or changes are subject to additional fees, schedule changes and/or complete loss of air reservation. Guests will be responsible for any penalties (up to 100% of the airfare) charged by the airlines for name corrections and itinerary changes. Airlines (and other travel providers including Trafalgar) change prices and routes from time to time. All air routings are in the sole control of the airline and are subject to change at any time.

Air Cancellation – 100% of the air ticket price will be charged for cancellations received within 60 days prior to departure. If air is cancelled prior to 60 days from departure, it is subject to airline cancellation policy.

Airline Seating - Not all airlines offer pre-assigned seats. Some may charge for pre-assigned seats. Any additional charge imposed by airlines will be at guests' expense. Where pre-assigned seats are not offered or different seats are desired, guests must contact airline(s) directly to arrange seating assignments. Seating is solely under the airline's control, as are itinerary changes due to flight delays and schedule changes. Trafalgar reserves the right to offer alternative schedules for itineraries affected by airline schedule changes and equipment. Flight delays, flight cancellation and schedule changes are the responsibility of the airline. Trafalgar will not be responsible or liable for such delays or rescheduling. Airline Fuel Surcharges and Air-related Taxes, are subject to change.

# **TRAVEL DOCUMENTS**

Provided full payment has been received travel documents will be sent in electronic format no later than 21 days prior to departure. You may opt to receive hard copy documents in which case these will be sent to you approximately 21 days prior to the departure date. If hard copy documents are required the next day or earlier than 21 days prior to departure an additional fee based on actual shipping cost will apply.

#### **CANCELLATION AND CANCELLATION FEES**

Trafalgar must receive all cancellations and revisions in writing. Guided Vacations that are postponed or require any date change are considered cancellations, penalties will be assessed as per the below.

Individual land cancellations:

- 60 days and over prior to departure loss of per person deposit (\$200)
- 59–31 days prior to departure 50% per person of the total trip cost
- 30-Day of departure 100% per person of the total trip cost

Additional cancellation penalties may apply based on special inclusions and individual hotel policies. Pre- and post-trip accommodations cancelled between 14 days and the day of departure may incur penalties up to 100% of the accommodations cost. Travel agent fees and cancellation charges may also apply.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS**

Guided Vacation Prices Are based on costs, charges, tariffs, rates, prices, taxes, levies and exchange rates as at time the brochure went to print. Should these change, the price of your holiday may increase. All are subject to change. No surcharges in respect of cost or currency fluctuations will be made once payment for the deposit of your land tour is received. No refund will be made on account of reduction of any of the above. If the total tour price increases by more than 7%, guests will have the right to cancel their guided vacation within 7 days of notification of the surcharge without penalty.

Other Fees and Taxes are subject to change without notice and will be confirmed at time of booking. Any additional fees charged by the airlines such as baggage handling, seat selections, and/or any other services are the sole responsibility of the quest(s).

Additional air-related restrictions apply.

Passport and Visas – All guests including children must be in possession of a machine-readable passport valid for 6 months after their trip return date along with applicable visas; and they must comply with entry, health or other requirements of the countries visited. Due to government imposed security immigration measures, passport and emergency and emergency contact information is required for all guests prior to the release of travel documents

The Operators and/or their employees and their agents are not responsible for passport, visa requirements, entry, health or other requirements of the countries visited or for any loss sustained by guests for failing to comply with laws, regulations, orders and/or requirements.

For further booking terms & conditions covering the operation of all our guided vacations, please refer to the South and Central America brochure. Further clauses regarding operator responsibility and other matters are contained within the brochure. Please note that we operate only non-smoking coaches.

