



ARGENTINA

Concert Tours



Buenos Aires & Montevideo

Suggested Itinerary

10 Days / 7 Nights



PLEASE NOTE: Actual sequence and timing of activities will revolve around your concert schedule. All times are approximate and may vary according to flight schedules and other logistical factors.

ALL MUSICAL ACTIVITIES ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN RED.

Day 1 Depart USA

Evening Board your overnight flight to cosmopolitan Buenos Aires, Argentina's political, economic, and cultural capital, arriving at Ezeiza International Airport the next morning. Likely connection en route. Dinner and Breakfast served aloft.

Day 2 Buenos Aires

Morning Arrival at Buenos Aires' Ezeiza International Airport.

Buenos Aires is a world-class city of some 10 million people, located on the shores of the Río de la Plata, adjacent to the Atlantic Ocean. The sophistication of this city is evident in the abundant presence of elegant mansions and other buildings constructed in the appealing turn-of-the-century French Beaux Arts style of architecture. Its many leafy parks, graced by dramatic and imposing statues, are reminiscent of European capitals, such as Paris, Rome or Madrid. Buenos Aires' wide and busy boulevards, some as many as twelve lanes across, project the metropolis' energy, drive, and fast pace. Its never-ending supply of cafes, restaurants, and other entertainment options, speak of the city's appreciation of a certain joie-de-vivre.

Buenos Aires has a rich musical life and tradition, most famous of which is found in the Tango song and dance genre. In addition to numerous Tango dinner dance performances, nearly every night there is a wide selection of both choral and instrumental concerts to choose from, performed by skilled musicians in beautiful venues that are rich in character and culturally significant.

Greeting by your highly-qualified **Tour Manager**. The Tour Managers we select are chosen for their high-energy and commitment to customer satisfaction. For the duration of your stay, your Tour Manager will be coordinating and managing all of your scheduled activities and will be available to you on a 24-hour basis should you need special assistance.

Afternoon

City Sightseeing Tour



Plaza de Mayo



Casa Rosada



Ave. 9 de Julio

Commence a three-hour city sightseeing tour giving you an overview of Buenos Aires' history and culture as seen through its neighborhoods and historical landmarks.

Tentative itinerary includes the **Plaza de Mayo** (historical heart of the city), the **Casa Rosada** (presidential palace), **Palace of Congress**, the **Teatro Colón** (renowned opera house), **Avenida Nueve de Julio** (a ten-lane wide avenue), and the **Obelisk** (reminiscent of the Washington Monument).

The delightful neighborhoods of **La Boca** and **San Telmo** (birthplace of the Tango), **Palermo** (with wide boulevards, leafy parks, and extravagant monuments) and **Recoleta** (highlighted by the cemetery featuring opulent mausoleums where "Evita" Perón is buried) will be featured. After completing your tour you will understand why Buenos Aires is compared to many European cities.

Afternoon

Arrive at your Three-Star Hotel for check-in. Time to freshen up and shower. Lunch on your own.

Evening

Welcome Dinner at a restaurant (this meal is included in your tour program).

Day 3

Buenos Aires

Morning

Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning

Teatro Colón Guided Tour



Transfer to the Teatro Colón, one of the world's most important opera houses, for a guided tour of this marvelous facility. The Colón was completed in 1908 representing the ambitions of Buenos Aires' growing elite families to emulate the style of the finest cities of Europe. The theater's magnificent

*performance hall, **La Sala**, has seating for an audience of 2,478. Host to performances by some of the world's finest performing groups, the Colón is Buenos Aires' most-valued cultural treasure.*

Afternoon

Suggestion: Free time to visit **Avenida Santa Fé** - Buenos Aires' premier shopping street with 35 blocks of Boutiques and Shopping Gallerias with the latest European fashions at reasonable prices.



Arte Decorativo



Bellas Artes



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Those with more of a cultural / history interest should visit the fine museums of Recoleta and nearby areas, such as the **Museo de Bellas Artes** (fine arts museum), **Museo de Arte Decorativo** (housed in a beautiful early 20th-century French style mansion) or the **Casa Rosada Presidential Palace** for a guided tour. The **Museo Evita** is small but captures the essence of Evita Peron's enormous impact on Argentine history.

Evening

CONCERT PERFORMANCE – EVENT # 1



Day 4

Buenos Aires

Morning

Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning & Afternoon

Paseo Recoleta Artisans' Market



On weekends venture to the **Paseo Recoleta Artisans' Market** for lots of bargains on hand-made leather and other goods at one of the hundreds of stalls staffed by the artisans themselves. Located in the upscale Recoleta neighborhood, this market is

one of Buenos Aires' favorite shopping pastimes with an unsurpassed variety of items at attractive prices.

Evening

Tango Dinner Show & Lessons



Enjoy one of Buenos Aires' cozy and elegant dinner theatres, reminiscent of the early 20th century. Dine on delicious Argentine beef or other delicacy as you are entertained by perfectly-groomed and fashionably-attired Tango dancers performing the traditional dance with its distinctive dramatic movements. A wonderful musical experience !

Day 5

La Plata

Morning

Breakfast at Hotel.

Afternoon

Lunch on your own.

Depart to **La Plata**, the planned city of 500,000 people located 35 miles south of Buenos Aires.

Afternoon

Visit to the city of La Plata



Upon arriving in La Plata, enjoy an overview of the points of interest of this city, which is the capital of the Province of Buenos Aires. La Plata was built as a planned city on a grid pattern of roads intersected by diagonal avenues dotted by plazas and small parks. Highlight is the magnificent **La Plata Cathedral** facing Plaza Moreno in the center of town. It is the largest neo-Gothic cathedral in Latin America and was only completed in the late 1990s after a 100-year construction effort. Ride the elevator up one of the cathedral spires for a great view of La Plata's historic buildings, plazas and monuments.

Early Evening

Dinner at a local restaurant (this meal is included in your tour program).

Evening

CONCERT PERFORMANCE – EVENT # 2



Day 6

Buenos Aires

Morning

Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning &
Afternoon

"Pampas" Ranch Day



Depart in your private motorcoach for an exciting visit to an authentic Argentine "estancia" (cattle ranch). Experience the life of the "gauchos" (cowboys) through roping demonstrations, rides on horse-driven carts plus folklore dancing and singing. Highlight of your visit is a traditional Argentine "asado" (barbecue) featuring delicious cuts of world-famous Argentine beef grilled over an open pit.

Day 7

Buenos Aires – Montevideo

Morning

Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning

Transfer to the Buenos Aires port passenger terminal for your **Buquebus** cruise to Montevideo, the historic capital of Uruguay.

Cruise departs. The modern Buquebus ships hold up to 455 passengers. Breakfast items are available for purchase and there is a duty-free shop on-board. Enjoy the view as you glide through the water on your 130-mile journey across the sea known as the **Río de la Plata** (River Plate, as in silver).

Montevideo, city of 1.4 million people and capital of Uruguay, is a much smaller version of Buenos Aires and has its own distinct character. A slower pace of life dominates this city, which actually has its own beaches, one of which, Playa Pocitos, is very popular for cooling off on hot summer afternoons. Montevideo shares many cultural traditions with Buenos Aires, speaking the same "Rioplatense" Spanish, enjoying similar cuisine (mostly based on beef), and sharing a common musical legacy derived from the Tango and "música folklore".

Transfer to your Three-Star Hotel for check-in.

Afternoon

Lunch on your own.

Suggestion: Visit the **Mercado del Puerto** which is an old rail station converted into a large rustic food court with many stalls featuring sizzling steaks and other delicacies grilled over open fires.

Shop along **Avenida 18 de Julio**, stroll down **Calle Sarandí** in historic **Ciudad Vieja**, or take a guided tour of the recently restored **Teatro Solís**. A hidden gem is the **Museum of the Uruguayan Presidency**, a small but complete museum that tells the story of this interesting country in a nutshell.



Calle Sarandí



Río de la Plata



Traditional "Asado" BBQ

Evening

Dinner at a local restaurant (included in tour package).

Day 8

Montevideo

Morning

Breakfast at Hotel.

City Sightseeing Tour



Palacio Salvo



Plaza Independencia



Teatro Solís

Board your private motorcoach for a full-afternoon tour of Montevideo's historic and present-day sights with your bilingual guide.

View the **Ciudad Vieja** ("Old City" founded in colonial times) and the **Metropolitan Cathedral**, **Plaza Independencia**, the square in the heart of the city, features a lovely plaza and monument to General Artigas (Uruguay's George Washington) and is overlooked by **Palacio Salvo** (Uruguay's first skyscraper). Continue on to **Avenida 18 de Julio**, the city's main thoroughfare and shopping street. Following this part of town, view the imposing **Congress Building**, "**La Carreta**" monument to Uruguay's settlers and the 73,000-seat **Estadio Centenario**, site of the first World Cup of Soccer in 1930. **El Cerro**, site of Montevideo's original military fortress, is a large hill overlooking the city and affording a beautiful view of the surrounding settlement and open sea. Finish your comprehensive tour with a visit to **Punta Carretas Shopping Center** where you can buy Uruguayan handicrafts and leather goods.

Evening Dinner at a local restaurant on your own.

Evening **CONCERT PERFORMANCE – EVENT # 3**



Day 9 **Montevideo – Flights**

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Check out of Hotel.

Farewell Lunch.

Afternoon Board your private motorcoach for the transfer to Montevideo Airport for your flights to the USA connecting in Buenos Aires.

Evening Depart on your overnight flight to the USA. Dinner and breakfast served aloft.

Day 10 **Arrive USA**

Morning Arrival back in the USA.

Your South American Cultural & Musical Adventure comes to a close with great memories to cherish for a lifetime !

Concert Tour Program Includes:

Inter-City Transportation:

- Buenos Aires - Montevideo one-way cruise on Buquebus ship

Buenos Aires:

- 5 Nights Accommodations at a Three-Star Hotel including daily breakfast
- Ezeiza Airport / Hotel one-way transfer
- Hotel / Aeroparque Airport one-way transfer
- Welcome Dinner
- City Sightseeing Tour of Buenos Aires with Bilingual Guide
- Teatro Colón tour
- Visit to the City of La Plata with Bilingual Guide
- Dinner in La Plata
- Estancia Day Trip (including barbecue lunch)
- Tango Dinner Show & Lessons (including dinner)
- Round-trip transfers for all of the above activities

Montevideo:

- 2 Nights Accommodations at a Three-Star Hotel including daily breakfast
- Port / Hotel one-way transfer
- Hotel / Airport one-way transfer
- City Sightseeing Tour of Montevideo with Bilingual Guide
- Dinner (day of arrival)
- Farewell Lunch

Other:

- **Tour Manager** in Argentina for all of your scheduled activities. Also available 24/7 in case of emergency or special needs.
- 24/7 Emergency Support from **Argentina Concert Tours'** Operations office.

Performance Component:

- **Organization of 3 Concerts.**
- **Pre-Concert Sound Check and/or Rehearsal.**
- **Water at concerts.**
- **Hotel – Concert Venue round-trip transfers by private motorcoach.**
- **Concert Publicity utilizing our "Larger Audiences" Promotion Program.**

Summary of Included Meals:

- 7 Breakfasts
- 2 Lunches (Estancia Day & Farewell Lunch)
- 3 Dinners (Welcome Dinner, Tango Dinner & one dinner in La Plata)

FREE Ensemble Director Tour Included:

- One **FREE Ensemble Director's** trip is included based on 20 paying travelers (21st is free).
- Tour leader would share twin room with a paying traveler and pay only taxes/fees.

Not Included:

- Drinks at Dinners
- Tips for Tour Manager, Tour Guides, and Bus Drivers
- Passports and visas for non-US passport holders (if necessary).
- Personal expenses, such as phone calls and personal laundry.
- Increases in air taxes / fees / fuel surcharge beyond those stated below.
- Anything not noted in the above list of inclusions