

JEWISH HERITAGE TOURS ARGENTINA 15 DAYS - OCTOBER / NOVEMBER 2018

Day 1 - WED 24th OCT 2018: Arrival in Buenos Aires: City Tour North

Welcome to Buenos Aires!

Capital of Argentina and described as the Paris of South America, Buenos Aires proudly embraces this title, as well as shows off plenty of its own culture! Explore the traditional European architecture, the cobbled streets lined with rustic outdoor cafes, the local antique and artisan markets that offer plenty of bargain shopping, and the mouthwatering aroma of prized Argentine beef sizzling on an open "parrilla" (barbecue) in the air. Buenos Aires is home to some excellent local designers and you will certainly find the perfect leather jacket, long leather boots and handbags for all occasions. Though above all, Buenos Aires is known as the home of the tango.

Upon your arrival at the airport you will be met by our local guide and have a private transfer towards your accommodation.

Afterwards, you will depart on a private city tour to explore the beautiful neighbourhoods of Barrio Norte: Retiro, Plaza San Martín and Recoleta. In Retiro and Plaza San Martín you will discover how England contributed greatly to the growth of this cosmopolitan metropolis towards the end of 19th and beginning of the 20th century. At Recoleta you will see Parisian-style aristocratic mansions that gave Buenos Aires the name "the Paris of South America" and that reflect the Golden Age of Argentina (1860-1930). We will stop for lunch at a local restaurant (vegetarian or fish meal) and then continue to explore the world famous Recoleta Cemetery, with a special visit to the Mausoleum of Evita.

*Specialized Jewish guide subject to availability

Dinner at your hotel is included (vegetarian or fish meal).

Meals included: Lunch (vegetarian/fish), Dinner (vegetarian/fish).
Accommodation in Buenos Aires.

Day 2: THUR 25th OCT 2018 - Buenos Aires: City Tour Downtown and South

At appropriate time after breakfast you will depart on a private city tour, starting at downtown Buenos Aires. You will visit the famous Plaza de Mayo, birthplace of the City of Buenos Aires in the 16th century. See the Cabildo (the colonial house of the government), the Metropolitan Cathedral of Buenos Aires where the Memorial in honor of the Victims of the Shoah is to be found inside. Casa Rosada is the current house of government, the "pink house".

Lunch at a local restaurant (vegetarian / fish).

You will have a guided visit at the world famed opera house Teatro Colón.

Later we will continue to visit the traditional neighbourhoods of San Telmo and La Boca, and finally Puerto Madero.

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In the evening, you will have a private transfer towards one of Buenos Aires' most emblematic cultural highlights; a Dinner and Tango Show offering a spectacular demonstration of the finest local dancing accompanied by delicious Argentine cuisine (vegetarian / fish) paired with delicious wines.
Return transfer to your hotel is included.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch (vegetarian / fish), Dinner (vegetarian / fish).
Accommodation at Buenos Aires.

Day 3: FRI 26th OCT 2018 - Buenos Aires: City Tour Once

At appropriate time after breakfast you will depart on a private tour to the Jewish neighbourhood of Once (BA version of the Lower East Side of New York).
Visit the AMIA (Jewish Federation of Buenos Aires, founded in 1894, bombed by terrorists in 1994, including an Agam Memorial in honor to the 85 victims of the attack).
Visit the Paso Street Synagogue, where we can learn about the immigration of Ashkenazi Jews to Argentina. Continue touring the busy streets in Once.
Later we will have Lunch at a local Kosher "Parrilla" / Grill (to be confirmed).
Afterwards we will continue exploring the neighbourhood of Palermo, where we can enjoy its parks and the rose garden, its variety of trees and its lake with plenty of geese roaming around. You will be awed by the wide boulevards, the plazas and the monuments of the city.
At Belgrano neighbourhood we will visit the "Seminario Rabínico Latinoamericano", the Latin American Rabbinical Seminary, founded by American Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer, you will also see his Comunidad Bet-El. This neighbourhood reminds us of suburban areas of London, with its Tudor-style houses and its leafy streets.

Dinner at your hotel is included although we are planning attending Synagogue for Kabbalat Shabbat and have a kosher meal afterwards

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch (kosher to be confirmed), Dinner (vegetarian / fish).
Accommodation at Buenos Aires.

Day 4: SAT 27th OCT 2018 - Buenos Aires: Day at Leisure Shabbat in Buenos Aires – optional walk to Shul

Enjoy a free day at leisure to relax at the hotel or explore the city as you please.

Lunch and Dinner at the hotel are included (vegetarian / fish menu).

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch (vegetarian/fish), Dinner (vegetarian/fish).
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Day 5: SUN 28th OCT 2018 - Buenos Aires / Montevideo: Jewish Heritage tour

At appropriate time you will be picked up at your hotel and have a private transfer towards Buenos Aires Port. Embark on a Ferry towards the city of Montevideo in Uruguay.

Welcome to Uruguay! Welcome to Montevideo!

Montevideo is a vibrant, eclectic place with a rich cultural life. Stretching 20km from east to west, the city wears many faces, from its industrial port to the exclusive beachside suburb of Carrasco near the airport.

Upon your arrival at Montevideo port you will be met by our local guide and have a private transfer towards your hotel.

Lunch at the hotel is included (kosher menu , to be confirmed).

**Special quotation for Lunch at hotel is not valid on Saturdays.*

After lunch you will have a private tour that will allow visitors to enjoy Montevideo's monuments, parks and gardens as well as a view at Jewish immigration and life throughout the last century.

There has long been Jewish presence in Montevideo and with Uruguay's increased openness and tolerance, greater numbers of Jewish immigrants sought a new life in the city in the 19th and 20th centuries.

This excursion gives you an informative and fascinating overview of the history of the Jewish people as part of Montevideo's diverse community. The journey will first take visitors back in time to the Old Town, where Jewish immigrants first settled at the end of the 19th and beginning of the 20th centuries. Visitors will get to see various historic sites like Constitution Square, the Cathedral and Colonial Town Hall, the Solis Theatre, and Jewish sites such as the Hebraica-Maccabi Sports Centre and the Golda Meir Square. Named after the influential Kiev-born stateswoman, the square honors Golda Meir who, after the death of Levi Eshkol in 1969, took on the role of Israeli Premier and became the world's third female Prime Minister. The visit includes Independence Square at the centre of which stands the monument dedicated to national hero, General José Artigas.

Facing the square is the former Government House (Museum of the Presidents). The main commercial avenue "18 de Julio" lined with shops, cafés and office buildings starts here. The group will stop for a visit at a Synagogue, which depending on the day and time of the tour could be the Community Center Synagogue, the Sephardic, the Ashkenazi, Yavne or another alternative. The journey will switch toward more recent times with a visit to the Holocaust Memorial, the only one of its kind in South America. Dr. Luis Alberto Lacalle, Uruguay's former President, inaugurated it on November 10th, 1994. Inspired by Jerusalem's Wailing Wall, the memorial is a wall with a noticeable defect: a deliberate and symbolic fracture, which represents the rupture the Holocaust caused in the existence of Europe's Jews. Yet despite the crack, the wall still stands, as does the Jewish community here and around the world. Toward the end, the tour will pass by Battle y Ordoñez Park, the Obelisk,

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“La Carreta” (Covered Wagon) monument and Centennial Stadium. On the way to our destination we will drive through the Pocitos residential area past some Jewish schools, allowing a glimpse of present-day Jewish life.

Notes:

1. Dress Code: All guests who visit the synagogue should dress appropriately. The order of sites visited may vary. It is recommended guests wear flat, comfortable shoes.
2. Alternative visits: Synagogue visit may be changed by a similar alternative in the event of being closed due to strike, repair or traffic problems on the day of the visit.
3. Times: Tour does not operate on Saturdays and Sundays PM in view that Synagogues are closed. Confirmation needed 48 hrs. in advance. Confirmation will follow, as on Sundays and on Jewish Holy Days, Synagogues are closed at certain times.
4. Walking involved: moderate walking, uneven surface at the Holocaust Memorial and some steps at the Synagogues.

In the evening, you will have a private transfer towards a local restaurant for dinner (vegetarian / fish). Guide assistance and return transfer is included.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch (Kosher, to be confirmed), Dinner (vegetarian, fish). Accommodation in Montevideo.

Day 6: MON 29th OCT 2018 - Montevideo: Old Town / Buenos Aires

At appropriate time after breakfast you will depart on a private walking tour through the Old Town. In this three-hour tour you will enjoy the quaint charm of the Old Town, walking along its narrow streets, admiring the development of architecture and arts of the 19th and 20th centuries. Montevideo has an eclectic mix of influences in architecture, with amazing buildings that date back to very prosperous times. And the quaint Old Town is a good place to admire several examples. Will visit the Museum of Decorative Arts, the Taranco Palace (inside visit). The Taranco Palace was the home of the wealthy Taranco family designed by the prestigious French architects Charles Louis Girault and Jules Chiffrot. It exhibits a charming collection of paintings, sculptures, Louis XV and Louis XVI furniture, Baccarat crystal and Sevres porcelain. You will walk to Zabala Square, the only fenced square in town, dating to the late XIX century where you'll find the Monument to the city's founder, Bruno Mauricio de Zabala. You will then continue past the well-preserved former home of General Fructuoso Rivera, an early XIX Century building that nowadays houses the Museum of National History. Rivera was the first President of Uruguay.

You will stop at Constitution Square, to browse at the stalls of the Flea Market and find the best-preserved buildings from the Spanish Colonial period. You'll see the Cabildo (former Town Hall from 1804) and the Cathedral (1790-Spanish Neoclassical) as well as examples of Italian influence in architecture such as the Uruguay Club (Luigi Andreoni -1884) and the impressive sculpture of the water fountain at the center of the square. (Gianni Ferrari-1871). A short walk further, you will reach the Solis Theatre (1842) with an inside visit included. Restored to its old glitter, this impressive building is the centre of Montevideo's artistic

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activities. A few steps away is Independence Square, where you will see impressive buildings such as the former Presidential Palace (1874) and the Salvo Palace (1922) among others that speak out the language of their time.

Lunch at a local restaurant in the port is included (vegetarian / fish).

Note: In the event of strike, repair, traffic issues or any unforeseen event on the day of the tour, the museum visited may be changed by a similar alternative.

At appropriate time you will have a private transfer towards the port in Montevideo, where you will embark a Ferry back to Buenos Aires.

Upon your arrival at Buenos Aires port you will have a private transfer towards your hotel. Dinner at your hotel is included (vegetarian / fish).

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch (vegetarian / fish), Dinner (vegetarian / fish).
Accommodation in Buenos Aires.

Day 7: TUE 30th OCT 2018 - Buenos Aires / Mendoza: City Tour

At appropriate time you will have a private transfer towards the domestic airport.

Welcome to Mendoza!

Located at the base of the Andes Mountains and nearby Mount Aconcagua, Mendoza is known for its year-round sunshine, gourmet restaurants and delicious wines, as well as for Aconcagua Mountain, the highest of the Americas.

Upon your arrival you will be met by our local guide and have a private transfer to your hotel. You will then depart on a private tour to visit the places in the city that you can not miss: the Foundational Area and its Museum, the Franciscan Ruins, the squares that surround the city, the Emilio Civit Avenue and the San Martín General Park with its emblematic lake. The experience ends at Cerro La Gloria, where the Monument to the Army of the Andes is located. There we will feel the audacity of General San Martín and his Liberation Army. Lunch at Bodega Clos de Chacras is included (vegetarian / fish meal).

Dinner at your hotel is included (vegetarian / fish).

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch (vegetarian / fish), Dinner (vegetarian / fish).
Accommodation at Mendoza.

Day 8: WED 31st OCT 2018 - Mendoza: Lujan de Cuyo Wine Cellars

At appropriate time you will depart on a private tour to Lujan de Cuyo, considered the Cradle of Malbec, with beautiful countryside houses, leafy trees and extensive vine plantations. Here we begin to walk the Wine Trail. Accompanied by specialized guides, we visit wineries and vineyards of international renown. We will tour their facilities, learn the different styles of wine preparation, their gastronomic offerings and we learn how to taste a good wine.

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We enjoy a gourmet lunch (kosher, to be confirmed) paired with the best wines.

Dinner at your hotel is included (vegetarian / fish).

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch (kosher, to be confirmed), Dinner (vegetarian / fish).
Accommodation at Mendoza.

Day 9: THUR 01st NOV 2018 - Mendoza: High Mountain Trekking

At appropriate time you will depart on a private tour to the most beautiful mountains of Mendoza, along with the main settlements built on the route n° 7: Potrerillos, Uspallata, Puente del Inca, Penitentes, Horcones .. We will cross the three mountain ranges that form the Andean Cordillera; Pre Cordillera, Cordillera Frontal and Cordillera Principal.

The experience ends in Horcones, where will have a short Trekking of 1.30hs to the Quebrada del Durazno (Peach slope). During the tour you will be able to observe the South wall of the Aconcagua Mountain with 6992 masl, different rock formations and diversity of flora and fauna native to the region. The route is made bordering the Horcones River, the main affluent of the Mendoza River.

Entrance fee to Aconcagua Park is included.

Lunch at a restaurant in Uspallata is included (vegetarian / fish).

Dinner at your hotel is included (vegetarian / fish).

**Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch (vegetarian / fish), Dinner (vegetarian / fish).
Accommodation at Mendoza.**

Day 10: FRI 02nd NOV 2018 - Mendoza: Uco Valley Wine Cellars

At appropriate time you will be picked up by a private tour to Uco Valley, 115 km away from the city. The combination of the high altitude (900mts -1200mts), the alluvial soils, the irrigation, more than 250 sunny days a year, little rain and a thermal amplitude favors the cultivation of vines. Here we begin to walk the Wine Trail.

Accompanied by specialized guides, we visit wineries and vineyards of international renown. We will tour their facilities, learn the different styles of wine preparation, their gastronomic offerings and we learn how to taste a good wine.

We enjoy a gourmet lunch (vegetarian / fish) paired with the best wines.

Dinner at your hotel is included (vegetarian / fish) Attending Kabbalat Shabbat services at **Sociedad Israelita de Beneficencia** España 1930, Mendoza, 5500, , Argentina

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch (vegetarian / fish), Dinner (vegetarian / fish).
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Day 11: SAT 03rd NOV 2018 - Mendoza: Day at Leisure

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Shabbat in Mendoza – walk to Shabbat services or

Enjoy a day at leisure to relax at the hotel or explore the city as you please.
Lunch and Dinner at your hotel are included (vegetarian / fish).

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch (vegetarian / fish), Dinner (vegetarian / fish).
Accommodation at Mendoza.

Day 12: SUN 04th NOV 2018 - Mendoza / Puerto Iguazú

At appropriate time you will have a private transfer towards the airport.

Welcome to Puerto Iguazú!

The little and relaxing town is the gate to visit the impressive Iguazu Falls, (which have been recently declared as one of the New Seven Natural Wonders!), making them a must see destination for any traveler visiting Argentina

Upon your arrival at the airport you will be met by our local guide and have a private transfer to your selected hotel. Take the rest of the day to relax at the hotel or explore the surroundings in the jungle setting.

Lunch at your hotel is included (vegetarian / fish).
Dinner at your hotel is included (vegetarian / fish).

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch (vegetarian / fish), Dinner (vegetarian / fish).
Accommodation at Puerto Iguazú.

Day 13: MON 05th NOV 2018 - Puerto Iguazú: Argentina Falls Park

At appropriate time you will depart on a private tour to the Argentine side of the Iguazu Falls where you will have intimate views of this unforgettable section of the Iguazu River. An guide will show you the hidden gems of this unique National Park and will take you off the beaten path to show you the best views.

Lower and upper walkways permit up close and personal experiences with this magnificent spectacle of nature. Trails through the 210 square mile reserve provide visitors with various views of the Falls, especially the largest one, Devil's Throat. The ecological train ride is included in the tour. Return to the hotel in the late afternoon.

This day will be a real adventure, full of thrills and spills, and is an absolute must for the adventurer at heart.

Entrance fee to the National Park is included.

Box lunch is included (kosher, to be confirmed).

Dinner at your hotel is included (vegetarian / fish).

Meals included: Breakfast, Box Lunch (kosher, to be confirmed), Dinner (vegetarian / fish).
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Day 14: TUE 06th NOV 2018 - Puerto Iguazú / Foz: Brazil Falls Park / Buenos Aires

At appropriate time you will be picked up by a private tour to the Brazilian side of the Iguazu Falls where you will enjoy vast panoramic views of the Falls allowing you to take them in their entirety. Today you will be able to take some amazing pictures!

Please, keep in mind that today you will be crossing the border to Brazil. Make sure to check if you need VISA in advance

Entrance fee to the National Park is included.
Box lunch is included (kosher, to be confirmed).

After the tour you will have a private transfer to the airport in Puerto Iguazú.
Upon your arrival back in Buenos Aires you will have a private transfer to your hotel.
Dinner at your hotel is included (vegetarian / fish).

Meals included: Breakfast, Box Lunch (kosher, to be confirmed, Dinner (vegetarian / fish).
Accommodation at Buenos Aires.

Day 15: WED 07th NOV 2018 - Buenos Aires: Next Destination!

At appropriate time you will have a private transfer towards Ezeiza international airport.
Have safe journey home!

Meals included: Breakfast.

END OF SERVICES WITH SAY HUEQUE.

This Program Includes:

- Accommodation with breakfast: 6 nights at Buenos Aires, 1 night at Montevideo, 5 nights at Mendoza, 2 nights at Puerto Iguazú.
- Meals when mentioned in the itinerary.
- Kosher meals to be confirmed when mentioned (if kosher is not available, vegetarian or fish option will be provided).
- Transfers and Tours as mentioned in this itinerary
- Entrance fee to all sites & National Parks visited
- Bilingual English / Spanish Guide at all destinations
- Specialized Bilingual Jewish Guide in Buenos Aires (subject to availability upon request).
- Ferry Ticket Buenos Aires to Montevideo (Fast ship - Roundtrip)

This Program Does Not Include:

- International or Domestic Flights / Buses
- Any meal or service not detailed in this itinerary
- Tips for transfers and restaurants
- Personal expenses

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-Travel Insurance

Our Selected Accommodation:

SUPERIOR ACCOMMODATION:

Buenos Aires: Recoleta Grand (Deluxe Suite), Panamericano (City View), Sheraton Convention & Center (Classic) or similar.
Montevideo: Armon Suites (Standard) or similar.
Mendoza: Huentala (Suite), Sheraton Mendoza (Club Level), Hyatt Park Mendoza (Park) or similar.
Puerto Iguazú: Panoramic Hotel (River View), Amerian Iguazu (Standard River) or similar.

Price per person sharing a double/ twin room in 10 pax + TC basis - DBL room: £4,995
Single Supplement Net Price: £995

Excludes international and internal flights and Insurance

VALID UNTIL 30th November 2018

***Important: Prices are excluding VAT from the accommodation in Hotels in Argentina (except Ushuaia). Guests must provide copy of their passport so as to prove they are not residents in Argentina, also they may be asked to show during their check in the stamp of entry to Argentina. If these conditions are not complied they will be asked to pay the VAT from the accommodation.**

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