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This journey will take you from the jungle to the wetlands, from the Jesuit Missions up to the amazing Iguazú falls, along the undying gaucho traditions of this area and accompanied by the perfect partner: virgin nature. Autochthonous flora and fauna will be by your side at all times as both witnesses and main attractions of this unforgettable adventure.

Wilderness And Ranch Life

Argentina wetlands, big-river country and iguazú falls

**DAY 01- CORRIENTES**

Reception at Corrientes airport. This City is the capital of the homonymous province that is characterized by the undying traditions and folklore of its culture, and the virgin environment that occupies the biggest part of its territory with jungle and wetlands. Brief sightseeing tour and direct transfer heading south toward Estancia Rincón del Socorro, when we will have lunch. Along the jungle gravel road it is possible to spot

capibaras, jaguarundis, deer and lots of birds. Arrival to Estancia Rincón del Socorro, a 12,000 hectare former cattle ranch on the edge of the Iberá wetlands that has been turned into a nature reserve. Facilities include a swimming pool, a good library, comfortable reading areas, a DVD/Video library and card game areas. In the evening you will enjoy dinner at the hosteria, a small, refined eco-tourist hotel in the ranch's recycled main house where you will have all of the meals during our stay. Accommodation.

DAY 02 RINCON DEL SOCORRO

Breakfast. This is an ideal horseback riding country. From the saddle you can see lots of wildlife; riding is the quickest, easiest and most pleasant way to get to know this ecosystem. In the different habitats of this large former ranch, you can see an amazing number of different types of birds, including

endangered species from the surrounding region that have found shelter here. You will learn about their behavior, habits, migrations, and problems caused by the degradation of their environment. Return to the hosteria. Dinner. Accommodation.

DAY 03 RINCON DEL SOCORRO

Breakfast. Boat trip on classic Iberá canoes and a flat bottom aluminum boat to see wildlife and birds on the lake. The trip begins at the far end of the ranch, 35 km northeast of the hosteria. In the afternoon, a barbeque lunch (asado) is served in a beautiful hut beside the boat dock. Good wildlife watching is possible right by the barbeque area. Return to the hosteria. Dinner. Accommodation.

DAY 04 RINCON DEL SOCORRO / ESTANCIA SANTA INES

Breakfast. Lunch. Departure north by on 4WD vehicles towards Estancia Santa Inés in southern Misiones. Arrival at Estancia Santa Inés. This ranch has kept its colonial aura intact, with its unmistakably English-style house surrounded by magnificent, neatly-kept gardens. The inner décor is strong on Spanish style furniture. Today Santa Inés covers 2,000 hectares and produces yerba since 1950. The cuisine deserves special mention; everything is tempting specially the regional dishes. At Santa Inés one can spend hours looking at the multitude of botanical species in the two hectares of gardens, strolling along the path through the broad swath of adjoining jungle, and horseback riding through the hundred-year-old yerba plantations and up to a tacuara cane forest. Dinner. Accommodation.

DAY 05 ESTANCIA SANTA INES – PUERTO IGUAZU

Breakfast. Departure for Puerto Iguazú, gateway to the famous waterfalls Sixty kilometers past Posadas, we will stop at the ruins of the San Ignacio Miní mission

built by the Jesuits in the mid-XVI century. This is the most outstanding archeological and historical resort of the Jesuitic settlements and was declared World Heritage Site by UNESCO. The mission was one of 30 towns that the Jesuits set up for the Guaraní Indians in a region that is now shared by Brazil, Paraguay and Argentina. After lunch, we drive the last stretch of our trip, where will see the surrounding jungle and native forest, tobacco and yerba, plantations. Arrival at Puerto Iguazú. Accommodation.

DAY 06 PUERTO IGUAZU

Breakfast. In the morning departure from the hotel to visit the Argentinean side of the Iguazú Falls, located within the Iguazú National Park, one of the first protected areas in South America, declared World Heritage Site by UNESCO. From the Visitor's Center, you will take an open train up to 'Cataratas Station'. From there you will walk on the paths and lookouts of the upper and lower paths, admiring really closely the imposing 275 waterfalls which precipitate to the river from a height of 70 meters, and also the amazing variety of ferns, orchids, begonias, birds and butterflies. Then you will take the train on to 'Garganta Station' to visit the Devil's Throat balcony. The Great Adventure, a brief navigation will let us approach the bottom of the San Martín and Tres Mosqueteros Falls and will give us an outstanding view of the Devil's Throat. Take a 4WD truck for a fascinating jungle safari along the Macuco trail is another possibility. Return to the hotel. Accommodation.

DAY 07 PUERTO IGUAZU

Breakfast. In the morning visit the Brazilian side for a panoramic view of the falls framed by a myriad of rainbows. Transfer to the airport to board flight.