

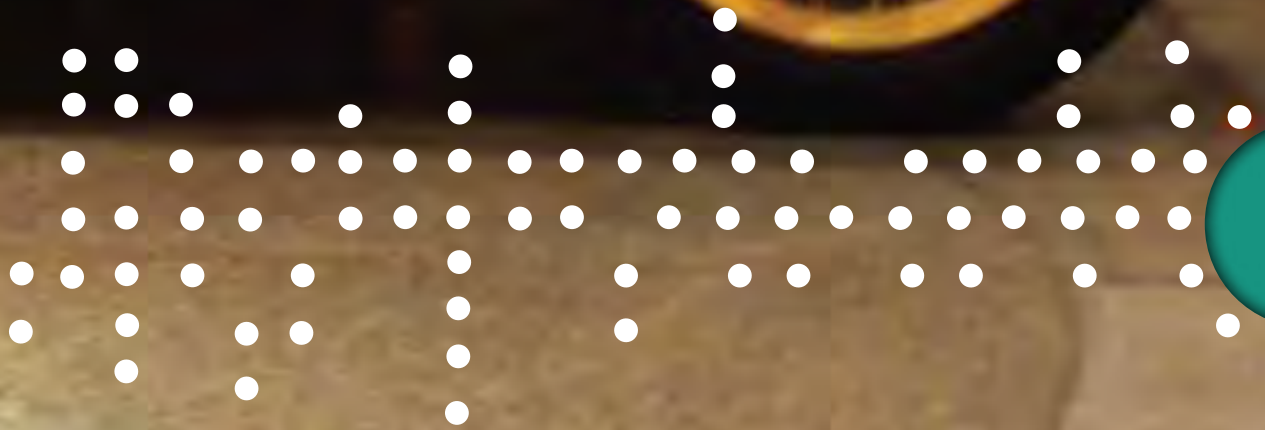


Colors of ARGENTINA



TOURQUISE

SPECIAL TOURS





# Ski weeks and short ski trips

There are several ski resorts throughout the Andes: Cerro Castor in Ushuaia, Las Leñas in the province of Mendoza, Chapelco in San Martin de los Andes and Cerro Catedral in Bariloche.

**Cerro Catedral**  
The resort is located in the Nahuel Huapi National Park in a unique location bordered by lakes, mountains and pine forests. Ski and snowboard lovers find in Catedral the most extensive skiable surface of South America: over 2,964 acres (1,200 hectares), half of which comprises prepared runs, while the other half is off-piste terrain with breath-taking views and exciting adventure! The Resort has more than 1,482 acres (600 hectares) of east-facing slopes suitable for skiing, with an excellent blanket of snow from early June to early October, and enjoying full daily light exposition. Its direct and close-to-base access to runs makes of Catedral a unique resort, with the most complete facilities on Base, which is at

3,380 ft. (1,030m) above sea level. The maximum reachable height above sea level, at 6,892 ft. (2,100 m), offers one of the most impressive views of the Andes mountain chain. There are 30 lifts with a capacity of 22,000 people per hour, and a professional team of patrollers and aides specialized in mountain rescue techniques. The weather is extremely dry with predominant winds from the southeast, averaging between -2°C (12.5°F) and 12°C (75°F). While the average snowfall in the summit is of 6 mts and in the base is of 1.5 mts, the complex has an integral snow-making system that covers an approximate area of 25 acres (10 hectares) and goes from Mountain Base to Platform 1200 lift.

In case you are tired of skiing you can also mix the sport with day trips to Campanario Hill, San Pedro and Llao Llao Peninsulas, Victoria Island, or even the Seven Lakes Road to San Martin de los Andes passing by Villa La Angostura.

## Golf Tour

Enjoy golfing at the best courses in Argentina. Everything is planned for you to relax and take pleasure in practicing this wonderful sport in the most exclusive conditions. In addition, you will have the chance to discover the highlights and main attractions of Buenos Aires city.

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MONDAYS, ALL YEAR ROUND



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ENGLISH AND SPANISH

### DAY 01 BUENOS AIRES

Reception at the airport and transfer to the hotel. In the afternoon, city tour of Buenos Aires. We will visit some of the most interesting places, such as: Plaza de Mayo (Mayo Square), Casa Rosada (Government Pink House), the Cabildo (Old City Hall), the Metropolitan Cathedral, Mayo Avenue, the Congress Palace, Colón Theatre, La Boca, San Telmo, Palermo and Recoleta neighborhoods. A great first glance of the city on your arrival day to assess what this cosmopolitan city has to offer. Return to the hotel. Accommodation.

### DAY 02 BUENOS AIRES

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning transfer to Martindale Country Club, located less than one hour from the city. This wonderful golf course was inaugurated in 1989. It is a 72 par course of 6,900 yards, which constitutes one of the best trails in Argentina, not only for its exquisite design that keeps the essence of an old park, but also for the beauty of the place and the excellent field maintenance which is the club highlight. Lunch will be served at the Club House, afterwards you will play an 18-hole Medal Play Tournament. Return to the hotel. Accommodation.

### DAY 03 BUENOS AIRES

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning transfer to the Jockey Club de San Isidro, a nationwide well known club full of history and tradition. The challenging red course was designed by Mr. Allister Mackenzie, and hosted the most important tournaments, such as the Republic Open, the World Cup, the European Tour and the amateurs' championships. In the afternoon, we will enjoy lunch at the Club House. After an 18 hole round you will realize why great players like Arnold Palmer, Sam Snead, Tom Watson, Gary Player, Craig Stadler, Byron Nelson and Jack Nicklaus so strongly recommend this course. Return to the hotel. Accommodation.

### DAY 04 BUENOS AIRES

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning we will drive to a traditional estancia (ranch) in the outskirts of the city where you will spend a full

day enjoying a gaucho party. This is the perfect way to take a rest from the great number of activities you are taking part in and spend a marvelous day enjoying nature and culture. During lunch time we will taste a delicious 'asado' (Argentine barbecue), and during the afternoon we will enjoy a folklore show with live music, dancing and a tango demonstration, followed by 'cuadras' and ring races where gauchos show their skills as riders. For those willing to participate in traditional activities, there are horses and 'sulkies' (two-wheeled carts) to go around in the ranch. Later on, a snack consisting of home-made pastries and 'mate' (green tea) will be served. Return to the hotel. Accommodation.

### DAY 05 BUENOS AIRES

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning, transfer to Olivos Golf Club. This is a beautiful golf course, whose main characteristic is the undulating land planted with old trees, where accuracy and patience are required. After having lunch at the Club House you will participate in an 18 hole Medal Play Tournament, where you will be able to show your best skills. This course has been the scenery for the Masters Tournament for 14 consecutive years. Numerous golf stars, such as Payne Stewart, Bernard Langher, Gary Player, Robert de Vicenzo, Vicente Fernández and Craig Stadler have played here. Return to the hotel. Accommodation.

### DAY 06 BUENOS AIRES

Breakfast at the hotel. This will be the last day for you to play and enjoy a great time practicing golf. An excellent opportunity to farewell Argentine golf courses. Today's challenge is going to take place in the course of your preference: Hurlingham Golf Course or Highland Park Country Club. In both cases, you will arrive at midday and enjoy a delicious meal at the Club House. The first 9 holes of Hurlingham Club were inaugurated in 1892 and the second 9 holes, in 1922. As it was often the case with English golf courses, it was built near railway stations. It is a 71 par course of 6,349 yards. As it was usual at that time,

the golf courses were characterized by its small and quick greens and narrow fairways. It was host of the Republic Open in various opportunities and of the most important tournaments of the Amateurs' Ranking. Highland Park Club is one of the most demanding courses in Buenos Aires. A clear example is that it is a 72 par course but it is qualified as 73.8, this is due to its length (almost 7,000 yards), its countless obstacles (streets and water hazards in most of its holes) and its speedy holes. It is a beautiful golf course with a great maintenance. Therefore, apart from its difficulty, it deserves to host the most important tournaments of the Argentine ranking of amateur golfers. As you can see, both golf courses for the day where chosen carefully for you to have a memorable last game. At night, you will assist to an unforgettable tango show performed by the best dancers and singers, while enjoying a delicious meal. This constitutes the perfect way to leave Buenos Aires, the city of tango. Return to the hotel. Accommodation.

### DAY 07 BUENOS AIRES

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the airport.



#### IMPORTANT NOTE:

The golf courses may vary due to operational reasons.



# Fishing

Fishing season: Nov. 15 to Apr. 15

## Hostería Futalaufquen

The hotel was built by Alejandro Bustillo, a well known Argentine architect. Surrounded by a beautiful park, Futalaufquen offers personalized attention and the spirit of nature. The big lounge with its relaxing furnishing is the ideal place to get together and share experiences after an afternoon full of outdoor activity.

**LOCATION:** within Los Alerces National Park, by Futalaufquen Lake, in Chubut Province.

**ACCOMMODATION FACILITIES:** 9 rooms / apartments, 3 wooden log bungalows.

**ACTIVITIES IN THE ESTANCIA:** mountain bike riding, 4WD vehicles.

**ACTIVITIES IN THE SURROUNDING AREA:** rafting, trekking, fishing, sailing, lake tours, rappel.

**MEALS:** Half board. The cuisine offers a wide range of smoked meat and fish.

## Hostería Las Balsas

Las Balsas is located in Villa La Angostura in one of the most beautiful national parks in Patagonia. Standing on the shores of the deep-blue Nahuel Huapi lake, in a stunning mountain setting, and only 80 km (50 miles) from San Carlos de Bariloche, Las Balsas is the southernmost member of the Relais & Chateaux chain. This resort is a great option for business travelers and pleasure seekers alike.

**LOCATION:** Nahuel Huapi National Park, in the area of Villa La Angostura in Neuquén Province.

**Accommodation facilities:** 13 rooms, 2 suites.

**ACTIVITIES IN THE ESTANCIA:** horseback riding, trekking, mountain bike riding.

**ACTIVITIES IN THE SURROUNDING AREA:** downhill and cross country skiing, fly fishing and trolling, lake cruises, rafting, kayak, rock climbing, expeditions to Chile across the Andes.

**MEALS:** Half board. Gourmet cuisine based on regional ingredients.



# Polo

Open Door, only 45 minutes from Buenos Aires, with its 60 hectares (148 acres) of green parks, offers the possibility of practicing polo all year round while being in contact with nature.

The rent is framed by an aged eucalyptus grove, its neocolonial architectural design, its galleries and balconies, reproduces the atmosphere of the large houses of the Argentine ranches. Its 32 rooms have large windows overlooking the 4 polo fields, air conditioning, heating, 20" satellite TV, frigobar and safe box.

The central lobby will receive you every evening with its lighted fireplace where you will be able to enjoy a drink, a book or relax admiring the sunset.

Strolls along the river bank, the immense peace, the acoustic of the calenders make of the Resort de Campo & Polo an unforgettable experience.

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# Birding

## Los Glaciares - Torres Del Paine

### Day 1 – BUENOS AIRES

Reception at Buenos Aires International airport. Transfer to the hotel. Accommodation. Dinner.

### Day 2 – BUENOS AIRES / RÍO GALLEGOS

Breakfast. Transfer to the local airport to board flight to Río Gallegos. Reception and assistance at Río Gallegos airport. Birdwatching in Río Gallegos estuary, zone for reproduction of South American tern and Magellanic Plover (endemic) species. Lunch. Transfer to Estancia Monte Dinero, next to Cabo Vírgenes. Accommodation.

### Day 3 – CABO VÍRGENES

Breakfast. Birdwatching in Cabo Vírgenes, eastern side of The Magallan Strait, where there is an important Magellan Penguin colony (120,000 pairs). This is the perfect place for the black-browed Albatross. Lunch. Transfer to Pali Aike National Park in Chile, a steppe spread with little volcanoes, and groups of Lesser Rhea. Return to Río Gallegos. Dinner. Accommodation.

### Day 4 – RÍO GALLEGOS / EL CALAFATE

Breakfast. Transfer to El Calafate. Birdwatching close to El Calafate: Punta Bandera glacial lagoons, bahía Tranquila and laguna Nimez. In laguna Nimez, the traditional birdwatching site, 70 different species have been reported, most of them aquatic birds (great grebe, white-tufted grebe, silvery grebe, Chilean flamingo, and the very elegant black-necked swam, etc). Dinner. Accommodation.

### Day 5 – ESTANCIA CRISTINA

Breakfast. Departure to Estancia La Cristina, in Los Glaciares Nacional Park. Sailing through Lago Argentino up to Upsala glacier. Lunch. Full day birdwatching in Estancia Cristina. Return to El Calafate. Dinner. Accommodation.

### Day 6 – EL CALAFATE / ESTANCIA LAS TUNAS

Breakfast. Transfer to Estancia Las Tunas. Departure to the Strobel and Cascajosa plateau little lagoons. Return to Estancia Las Tunas, typical site for the hooded grebe, a beautiful coloured bird, which is endemic in the Southern Patagonian plateau. Lunch. There are also some uncommon species: least seedsnipe, white-throated cachelote, chocolate-vented tyrant, cinnamon-bellied and ground-tyrant among others. At night, watching of the more austral, the Bandwinged nightjar. Dinner. Accommodation.

### Day 7 – ESTANCIA LA ANGOSTURA

Breakfast. Transfer to Estancia La Angostura. Typical place for the elusive Austral rail. In the steppe, the gorgeous predatory Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle. Dinner. Accommodation.

### Day 8 – ESTANCIA NIBEPO AIKE

Breakfast. Return to El Calafate. Transfer to Estancia Nibepo-Aike. Birdwatching in the Lago Roca area. It is the typical place for the Buff-necked Ibis. The swifts and the finches are common. Lunch. Return to El Calafate. Dinner. Accommodation.

### Day 9 – PERITO MORENO GLACIER

Breakfast. Transfer to Perito Moreno glacier (Los Glaciares National Park). There are reported 144 different birds species living in the park. Visit to the Perito Moreno glacier. In the forest there are two very popular species between birders: fire-eyed diucon and thorn-tailed, rayadito. Lunch. Return to El Calafate. Dinner. Accommodation.

### Day 10

#### TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK

Breakfast. Transfer to Torres del Paine National Park (111 species reported). Birdwatching in lakes Toro, Sarmiento, Pehoe and Laguna Amarga. Ducks and geese are very common, mainly Andean ruddy duck and upland Goose. It is a typical site for lesser rhea and torrent duck observation. Lunch. Accommodation in Torres del Paine. Dinner.

### Day 11 – LAGO GREY / PUERTO NATALES

Breakfast. Transfer to Lago Grey. Sailing up to the Grey glacier northern side. To ascend Cerro Ferrier viewpoint. Lunch. Transfer to Puerto Natales. Dinner. Accommodation.

### Day 12 – PUERTO NATALES / PUNTA ARENAS

Breakfast. Transfer to Punta Arenas. During the tour, birdwatching in otway glacier, Río Verde (on Skyring glacier), Laguna Blanca (coscoroba swan), Estancia Olga Teresa (where there are 'condoreras' or breeding places of Andean Condor). Accommodation. Lunch. Departure to Isla Magdalena in the Magellan Strait, which is



a breeding place of Magellanic penguin (40,000 pairs), kelp gull and dolphin gull). Return to Punta Arenas. Dinner. Accommodation.

### Day 13 – PUNTA ARENAS / BUENOS AIRES OR PUNTA ARENAS / ISLA CARLOS III

Option 1: Breakfast. Departure from Punta Arenas to Cabeza de Mar (pelagic birds) and San Gregorio (Ruddy-headed Goose). Crossing the Magellan Strait towards Tierra del Fuego. Arrival in Porvenir. Accommodation. Lunch. Birdwatching in the Porvenir boundary: Laguna de los Cisnes, Verde and Deseada (swans, geese, grebes). Dinner.

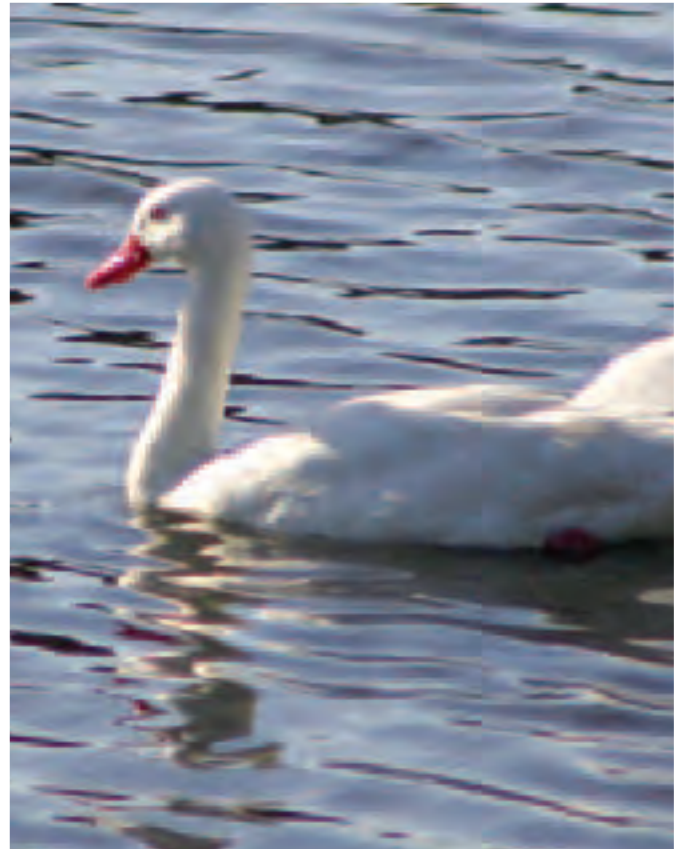
Option 2: Departure to Isla Carlos III. It combines with day 5 from the Tierra del Fuego itinerary.

### Day 14 – BUENOS AIRES

Breakfast. Departure to Bahía Lomas-Punta Catalina (Rasmus site): great quantity of non breeding beach birds from Northern Hemisphere: red knot, white-rumped sandpiper and Hudsonian godwit, among others. Important site for Chilean flamingo. Return to continent. Lunch. The journey continues up to Río Gallegos. Transfer to the airport to board a flight to Buenos Aires. Reception. Transfer to the hotel. Accommodation. Dinner.

### Day 15 – BUENOS AIRES

Breakfast. Transfer to Buenos Aires International airport to board flight.





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# Birding TIERRA DEL FUEGO



## Day 1 – BUENOS AIRES

Reception and assistance at Buenos Aires airport. Transfer to the hotel. Accommodation. Dinner.

## Day 2 – BUENOS AIRES / RÍO GALLEGOS

Breakfast. Transfer to the local airport to board flight to Río Gallegos. Reception and assistance at the airport. Birdwatching in Río Gallegos estuary, which is an important breeding zone for the South American tern and the Magellanic plover (endemic). Lunch. Transfer to Estancia Monte Dinero, next to Cabo Vírgenes. Accommodation. Dinner.

## Day 3 – CABO VÍRGENES / PUNTA ARENAS

Breakfast. Birdwatching in Cabo Vírgenes, Magellan Strait eastern side, where there is an important Magellanic penguin colony (120,000 pairs). This is the place for the black-browed albatross. Transfer to Pali Aike National Park in Chile, which is a steppe spread with small volcanoes where there are some lesser rhea. Lunch. The travel continues to Puntó Arenas. Accommodation. Dinner.

## Day 4 – RÍO VERDE / ISLA MAGDALENA

Breakfast. Departure to Río Verde. Birdwatching in: Río Verde (on the Skyring glacier), Laguna Blanca (Coscoroba swan), Estancia Olga Teresa (where there are important 'condoreras' or breeding places and nests of Andean condor), Otway glacier (seabirds) and Cabeza del Mar (pelagic birds). Departure to Isla Magdalena in the Magellan Strait, breeding colony of Magellanic penguin (40,000 pairs), kelp gull and dolphin gull). Lunch. Return to Punta Arenas. Dinner. Accommodation.

## Day 5 - ISLA CARLOS III

Breakfast. Transfer to Río Gande pier. Departure to Isla Carlos III. Sailing through glacier Otway and Jerónimo channel. Accommodation. Lunch. The excursion through channels and fjords will let you to observe all Antarctic birds families (7 families). Observations of pelagic and sea birds. The highlights are great skua and striated caracara (endemic). Dinner.

## Day 6 - ISLA NÖIR

Breakfast. Departure to isla Nöir, which is the most important crested penguin breeding gathering in the continent: rockhopper (70,000 pairs) and macaroni (18,000 pairs), nesting colonies of southern giant petrel. Lunch. Return to Isla Carlos III. Accommodation. Dinner.

## Day 7 - ISLA CARLOS III / PUNTA ARENAS

Breakfast. Sailing up to Santa Inés island. Lunch. Return to Punta Arenas. Accommodation. Dinner.

## Day 8 - PUNTA ARENAS / PORVENIR

Breakfast. Transfer to Porvenir. Magellan Strait crossing. Arrival in Porvenir. Accommodation. Lunch. Birdwatching in the Porvenir boundary: Laguna de los Cisnes, Verde, and Deseada (swans, geese, grebes). Departure to Bahía Lomas-Punta Catalina (Ramsar site): high non-breeding gathering of beach birds from the northern hemisphere: red knot, white-rumped sandpiper and hudsonian godwit among others. It is an important place for chilean flamingo. Return to Porvenir. Dinner. Accommodation.

## Day 9 – PORVENIR / ESTANCIA VICUÑA

Breakfast. Transfer in 4WD towards Estancia Vicuña, in the southern side of the island. Birdwatching in Córdón Baqueado, Río Rasmussen and Blanco, Deseado and Depreciado lakes. Accommodation. Lunch. Night watching of ferruginous pygmy-owl and rufous-legged owl. Dinner.

## Day 10

ESTANCIA VICUÑA / BAHÍA SAN SEBASTIÁN  
Breakfast. Birdwatching in Estancia Vicuña and Bella Vista area, the closer place to Darwin range in all the tour. This is a very good place for watching the gorgeous Magellanic woodpecker. Lunch. Return to Argentine border. Departure to San Sebastián-Punta Páramo bay (Ramsar site). In winter there are great quantities of beach birds: hudsonian godwit, red knot and white-rumped sandpiper among others. Arrival in San Sebastián. Accommodation. Dinner.

## Day 11 – ESTANCIA DESPEDIDA

Breakfast. Birdwatching in Bahía San Sebastián. Transfer to Estancia Despedida. Lunch. Birdwatching in Cabo Peñas and Los Flamencos ranch surroundings: de la Suerte, Grande, Carmen lakes and Cabo Peñas lagoon. Arrival in Estancia Despedida. Accommodation. Dinner.

## Day 12

ESTANCIA RIVADAVIA / LAGO YEHUIN  
Breakfast. Transfer to Estancia Rivadavia. During the journey, birdwatching in San Pablo cape on the Atlantic ocean. Arrival in Estancia Rivadavia. Accommodation. Lunch. Departure to Chelpelemt and Yehuin lakes (Imperial Shag breeding colony) and Shelnosh hill (Andean condor). Return to Estancia Rivadavia. Dinner. Accommodation.

## Day 13

USHUAIA / TIERRA DEL FUEGO NATIONAL PARK  
Breakfast. Transfer to Ushuaia. During the journey, birdwatching in Valle de las Cotorras and in the Rancho Hambre peat bog. This is the place for the Austral parakeet, the more austral psittacido. Accommodation. Lunch. Birdwatching in Tierra del Fuego National Park (90 reported species): negra lagoon, Pjpo river, Lapataia bay and Ensenada (on the Beagle channel), there, the flightless steamer-duck and flying steamer-duck are very common. Watching of the green-backed firecrown, which is the southernmost hummingbird. Guanaco hill. Return to Ushuaia. Dinner. Accommodation.

## Day 14

ESTANCIA HABERTON / BUENOS AIRES  
Breakfast. Departure to Estancia Moat and Victoria lagoon. Birdwatching in Estancia Haberton and sailing through the islands. Birdwatching in Martillo island, Magellanic and Gentoo penguins colonies. Return to Ushuaia. Lunch. Transfer to Ushuaia airport to board a flight to Buenos Aires. Reception. Transfer to the hotel. Accommodation. Dinner.

Day 15 - Buenos Aires  
Breakfast. Transfer to Buenos Aires International airport.

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# Agricultural tour

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### Day 1 – BUENOS AIRES

Reception at Buenos Aires International airport and transfer to the hotel. In the afternoon, city tour visiting some of the most interesting places: Plaza de Mayo (May Square), Casa Rosada (Government Pink House), the Cabildo (old town City Hall), the Metropolitan Cathedral, Avenida de Mayo (May Avenue), The Congress Place, Colon Theatre, La Boca, San Telmo, Palermo and La Recoleta neighbourhoods. Return to the hotel. In the evening, you will taste a delicious dinner and enjoy a spectacular and traditional tango performance. Accommodation.

### Day 2 – BUENOS AIRES / LOBOS

Breakfast. Transfer to Estancia La Concepción. Departure from the hotel towards Lobos, one of the most

representative towns of Argentina's countryside. Welcome drink at the estancia, one of the largest Argentine ranches, with a total surface of 6000 hectares, 200 of which are surrounded by a magnificent park filled with lakes, statues and fountains. By the main house you will find a beautiful neogothic chapel. Visit to the cultivated areas (sunflower, soy beans, maize, depending on the season). After lunch, you will take part of some of the most representative activities of the ranch. Dinner and accommodation.

### Day 3 – LOBOS

Breakfast. Morning visit to Estancia El Faisan, where you will take part of one of the most important activities in the Green Pampas: dairy. Lunch. At present, Holstein in

Argentina, as in the rest of the world, is the dairy breed per excellence. Producers prefer it because it warrants excellent profitability.

That is why Holsteins are exported to neighbouring countries in order to incorporate genetics which has given ample proof of its ability to fulfil its aim: produce more and better milk.

Return to Estancia La Concepción. Dinner and Accommodation.

### Day 4 – LOBOS

Breakfast. Full day activities at La Concepción. You will tour within the estancia, and see the bovine production.

This is the main activity of most estancias in the Pampas: beef cattle breeding.

Meat production in Argentina is based on the

exploitation of natural resources, with traditional extensive grazing, which offers advantages when compared with other countries. The composition of meat depends on factors such as breed and age, and on the animals' diet. Worldwide experts proved that meat produced under extensive grazing conditions in Argentina has less intramuscular fat and cholesterol than that produced in intensive systems which have a grain-rich diet. Depending on the season, you will be able to observe the technicians work on artificial insemination. Dinner and accommodation.

### Day 5 – BUENOS AIRES / LOBOS

Breakfast. Return to Buenos Aires.

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