



# BRAZIL & ARGENTINA ESCAPE

8 DAY TOUR FROM BRAZIL TO ARGENTINA

**MARCH 19 - MARCH 28, 2020**

**\$2,331 CAD PER PERSON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY** **Book by March 29, 2019 (Price includes \$100 discount)**

**Escorted by Shelley Cumberland of Thom Travel**

*Price based on double occupancy per person , land tour with internal flights and taxes included.*

Airfare, insurance, extra hotel nights, transfers etc are extra, international air will only be available within 330 days. Please inquire.

## GROUP TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY!! EVERYONE WELCOME!

### Vacation Overview

Escape to two of South America's iconic cities with a guided tour of Rio de Janeiro and Buenos Aires. Your escorted vacation in Brazil and Argentina is full of a variety of inclusions as well as unhurried time to explore and experience the colorful culture of each destination. First, you'll visit the exciting city of Rio de Janeiro—known for its beaches, vibrant atmosphere, welcoming people, and, of course, Samba music and dance! On your guided sightseeing tour of Rio, you'll take the cograilway 2,300 feet up to the summit of Corcovado Mountain to view the famous Christ the Redeemer statue. Take in the 360-degree view of Rio from above. Later, dine at a traditional Brazilian barbecue steakhouse or a churrascaria as it's called in Rio! You will also have a free day to explore on your own. Next stop, Argentina and a crowning highlight of your Brazil and Argentina Escape - a trip to magnificent Iguassu Falls. You'll see one of the world's most spectacular natural sights, with the thundering falls cascading over a 2-mile-wide, 250-foot-high cataract. Witness the falls' brilliant rainbow effect on both the Brazilian and Argentine sides of the falls and take the ecological jungle train through the rainforest on the Argentine side to fully experience this natural wonder. Continue to Buenos Aires—known as the "Paris of South America" for its wide boulevards, outdoor cafés, and inviting shops. Go sight-seeing with an expert Local Guide to see the city's historic landmarks, including Eva Peron's resting place at Recoleta Cemetery. And, no trip to Buenos Aires would be complete without a Tango show, which is included along with an Argentine meal. You'll also enjoy a free day to explore the rich atmosphere of Buenos Aires on your own. From historic, vibrant cities to spectacular natural surroundings, your escorted vacation in Brazil and Argentina offers the best of Buenos Aires, Rio de Janeiro, and the incredible Iguassu Falls. Your guided tour of South America treasures is the perfect escape to a whole new world.

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## DAY BY DAY ITINERARY:

**Day 1 ARRIVE IN RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL** Welcome to South America's largest and most populous country. This evening, meet your Tour Director and fellow travel-ing companions for a welcome dinner at the.(D)

**Day 2 RIO DE JANEIRO** Today, visit the statue of Christ the Redeemer crowning CORCOVADO MOUNTAIN, a rounded peak rising 2,300 feet from the bay below. Take the scenic cog railway ride to its top, where a 360-degree panorama affords sweeping views. Pro-ceed to bustling downtown Rio. View the Sambodromo and visit the CATHEDRAL. This afternoon, you may wish to join an optional trip into a local favela to see where 20% of Rio's population lives. Visits include a community center and aschool. This evening, it's off to a CHURRASCARIA for a feast of barbecued meats marinated and roasted over charcoal intrue Brazilian style.(B,D)

**Day 3 RIO DE JANEIRO** Enjoy a day of leisure or consider an optional trip to historic Petropolis, once the former summer palace of Emperor DomPedro II and now a mountain resort.(B)

**Day 4 RIO DE JANEIRO-IGUASSU FALLS** A flight from Rio takes you to IGUASSU FALLS. Experience the clouds of spray, the incessant roar, and the surroundingluxuriant tropical growth that make this an unforgettable natural wonder. Head into Brazil's Iguassu National Park to enjoy the magnificent panorama of waterfalls from the Brazilian side. Your Local Guide introduces the spectacle of this 2-mile-wide torrential downpour, with some cataracts as high as 250 feet—it's nothing short of hypnotic!.(B)

**Day 5 IGUASSU FALLS** Today is at your leisure to explore the area on your own. Your Tour Director will have suggestions for your free time. (B)

**Day 6 IGUASSU FALLS-BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA** This morning, journey to the Argentine side of IGUASSU FALLS, where you will take the ECOLOGICAL JUNGLE TRAINand enjoy a closer perspective on a walking tour of the falls. Meander along the walkways from atop the falls, and enjoyan exhilarating perspective looking over the precipice of the falls as the water plunges to the rocks below. Next, fly to Buenos Aires. After arriving, an orientation walk acquaints you with the "Paris of South America" and its wide boulevardsand outdoor cafés. (B)

**Day 7 BUENOS AIRES** Your sightseeing starts in La Boca, a colorful district and site of the city's first port. Take a short walking tour of this unique neighborhood and then on to San Telmo, famous for its late-colonial buildings and a popular gathering spot forartists. At Plaza de Mayo, see La Casa Rosada (the President's Pink House) and the METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL, hous-ing San Martin's Mausoleum. Drive past the ornate Colon Opera House before reaching RECOLETA CEMETERY, burialsite of Eva Perón. After an afternoon at leisure, top off the evening at a famous TANGO CLUB. Start with a farewell dinnerfeaturing Argentine steaks and other local specialties, and end with a show featuring flawless performances of LatinAmerica's most sensuous dance—the Tango!.(B, D)

**Day 8 BUENOS AIRES** Today is free to explore on your own. Perhaps take an optional excursion to the heart of the pampas (grasslands) andimmerse yourself in the atmosphere of rural, country life at a working Argentine estancia (ranch). After a traditional wel-come with empanadas and local beverages, get acquainted with the lifestyle of real gauchos (cowboys) on a horsebackride or carriage ride through the pampas. You will also enjoy a colorful feast, complete with world-renowned Argentinebeef, salad, desserts, local wine, and live music and dance by the gauchos themselves. Top off the day with a horseman-ship show by the gauchos before saying adios to the countryside and heading back to the city.(B)

**Day 9 BUENOS AIRES** Your tour ends with breakfast this morning.(B)

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