



## **Buenos Aires, Iguazu Falls & Rio de Janeiro: 9 days**

### **Itinerary in a nutshell**

Discover two of South America's most vibrant cities on this exciting itinerary that takes you on an unforgettable journey from Buenos Aires to Rio de Janeiro. Combining vibrant culture, and city life, natural wonders of Iguazu Falls and the famous passion and rhythm of the tango twist.

### **Why you'll love this itinerary**

- Take an adrenaline filled boat ride under the stunning Iguazu waterfalls.
- Stand next to Rio's Christ the Redeemer Statue, admiring the view of the city and beach below
- Watch a spectacular tango show in Buenos Aires, home of the beautiful dance.

### **DAY 1 Arrive Buenos Aires**

On arrival you are met and transferred to your hotel for three nights.

### **Day 2 Buenos Aires – City Tour, Tango Show**

This morning you are taken on a city tour visiting the Government House (Casa Rosada), City Hall, House of Congress, Metropolitan Cathedral, Colon Theatre, Avenue 9th July (the widest street in the world), Recoleta Cemetery and the famous and historic Italian La Boca District. After your tour you have some time at leisure before being taken out to enjoy dinner and the one of the cities best *Tango Show*. You are returned to your hotel after the performance. (BD)

### **Day 3 Buenos Aires**

Enjoy a day at leisure to explore Buenos Aires & its attraction. Alternatively we can arrange for you to visit a local Estancia or the Tigre Delta. (B)

### **Day 4 Buenos Aires / Iguazu Falls, Argentine side**

This morning you are transferred to Buenos Aires Airport to check in for your flight to Iguazu Falls. The falls are considered by many to be the most impressive in the world, surpassing in grandeur both Niagara and Victoria Falls. Some 275 separate cascades fall in a wild array of spray over a winding 3 kilometre cliff frontage into a gorge 60 metres deep. One of the most spectacular of the falls is aptly named "The Devil's Throat". You are met from your flight and taken on a comprehensive walking tour of the Argentine side of the falls. Explore the many walkways and paths over the falls & ride the ecological train. You are then transferred across the border into Brazil, to your well appointed hotel where you have accommodation for two nights. (B) \* *The National Park Fees for the falls in Argentina & Brazil have been pre-paid.*

### **Day 5 Iguassu Falls, Brazil side, Bird Park, Macuco Boat Safari**

This morning you are taken on a walking tour along the trails on the Brazilian side of the falls. You also visit the local bird sanctuary, where you have the opportunity to see a wide variety of South American species. If the weather is nice you may wish to arrange through your guide an *optional/extra cost* helicopter flight over the falls (available from the Brazilian side only). You are then driven to the Iguassu River to board your powerful inflated boat for an incredibly spectacular ride towards the base of the falls. (B)

### **Day 6 Iguassu Falls / Rio de Janeiro**

This morning you are met and transferred to Iguassu Airport for your flight to Rio de Janeiro, where on arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel for three nights. Rio sweeps twenty kilometres along the narrow alluvial strip between the mountains and the sea. The combination of dark blue sea, studded with rocky islands, with the tumbling wooded mountains and expanses of bare grey rock which surround the city is very impressive. Brazilians say: "God made the world in six days, the seventh He devoted to Rio". Your afternoon is at leisure. (B)

### **Day 7 Rio de Janeiro, Corcovado Mountain & Samba Show**

You are met this morning in convertible Jeeps to visit Corcovado Mountain, located in the Tijuca Atlantic Forest, the largest urban forest in the world and home to the Statue of Christ the Redeemer. The statue is one of Rio's most famous landmarks. It is 37 metres high, weighs 1100 tons and has a 360 degree view of the entire Rio area below, encompassing the city, the bay, the mountains and the sea, within a circle of up to 160 km. From the Corcovado, you can see the beaches of Copacabana, Ipanema and Leblon, the Rodrigo de Freitas Lagoon and the Botanical Garden. From the D. Marta belvedere, the main attractions are, the Maracanã stadium, the Guanabara Bay and the Sugar Loaf. You then continue to visit to Sta. Teresa, a traditional district with a mild climate and big houses from the beginning of the Century, built mainly by English railroad managers. It's now an art centre with lots of craftsmanship galleries and the only district in Rio where we can find the trolley car. Afternoon at leisure. This evening you depart your hotel for dinner at Rio's liveliest restaurants. Following dinner you will enjoy a real Samba Show with 'Mulatas' and 'Batuqueiros' showing you Brazilian rhythms, folklore dressed in extravagant Carnival Costumes. (D)

### **Day 8 Rio de Janeiro – Sugar Loaf Mountain & Rio by night**

Drive along Rio's famous beaches to the "Praia Vermelha" cable car station. This famous landmark is reached by cable car in two stages, first, you will be taken to the Urca Mountain (mid-way station) with its gardens and look-out points. There, the visitors catch the second car to their final destination. Then, the second part of the ride will take you to the peak of the Sugar Loaf Mountain, 1300 FT. above sea level. From the Sugar Loaf Mountain, the endless beaches of Rio de Janeiro and Niterói stretch to the horizon. Set against the lush Atlantic Rainforest, the scene is dotted with historical buildings such as the "Fortaleza de Santa Cruz" and the miniature palace on the "Ilha Fiscal". Afterwards enjoy lunch at Fogo de Chão. (BL)

### **Day 9 Depart Rio de Janeiro**

Today you are transferred to Rio de Janeiro Airport for your ongoing flight. (B)

### **TOUR COST IN AUSTRALIAN DOLLARS:**

**TOURIST CLASS SHARED TOURS AU\$2,530 PER PERSON TWIN SHARE**

**SUPERIOR CLASS SHARED TOURS AU\$2,860 PER PERSON TWIN SHARE**

**DELUXE CLASS SHARED TOURS AU\$3,970 PER PERSON TWIN SHARE**

**UPGRADE ANY OF THE ABOVE PACKAGES TO ENJOY PRIVATE TOURS: AU\$400 PER PERSON**

*Please note that costs have been based on the current value of the dollar against the US dollar (approx: 0.70). If we should see a considerable drop in the value of the dollar we may need to increase the rates. In order to secure your costs, and should you decide to travel I would recommend paying for your airfares & land arrangements in full to avoid any cost changes.*

### ***Your Amigos Travel Holiday includes:***

- \* Accommodation in standard, superior or deluxe-class hotels with private facilities.
- \* All *private* airport transfers as described with English speaking guides.
- \* All *shared or private* sightseeing tours in as described with English speaking guides, with the exception of the Tango Show & Macuco Boat Safari, which is always a shared service.
- \* All admission fees on such tours.
- \* Meals as indicated: (B = breakfast L = lunch D = dinner).
- \* All ground transportation as described.
- \* All touring vessels.

### ***Not included:***

- \* Airfares.
- \* Excess baggage.
- \* Beverages.
- \* Items of a personal nature.
- \* Travel insurance.
- \* Passport & visa costs.
- \* Tipping.

***“Feliz viaje” or happy travelling!***