

# ROM

## Argentina: Land of Contrasts

November 7 to 19, 2025

A ROMTravel Art, Culture and Nature Trip



Figure 1: The Thinker by Rodin at Plaza Congreso, Buenos Aires, Argentina. © Fabián Minetti, Wikimedia Commons, Public Domain, 2004.

One of South America's most vibrant and diverse countries is the backdrop for a spectacular travel experience. Discover this "land of contrasts", following an itinerary that weaves through the majestic foothills of the Andes, the uncompromising landscapes of Patagonia, and the vibrant cultures of cities and towns along the way, including Argentina's capital, Buenos Aires.

Buenos Aires, the "Paris of South America", offers enchantment at every turn.

Experience the sultry tango culture of San Telmo and La Boca, neighbourhoods that are culturally fiery-hot and never sleep. Explore the Palermo, Recoleta and the Paraná Delta's Tigre and San Isidro districts. Visit the Teatro Colón Opera House, renowned for its phenomenal acoustics and stunning architecture, and considered one of the best in the world. Tour the Museum of Latin American Art of Buenos Aires (MALBA) – a “must see” for art aficionados according to Condé Nast magazine.

Beyond the city, Patagonia beckons with more to explore – pristine seascapes and landscapes, penguin colonies, Southern sea lions and Southern right whales, which come very close to the boat.

Fly to the tip of Patagonia to admire 60-metre (197-foot) tall glaciers at the foot of the Andes Mountains.

Savour the flavours of the country and indulge your palate, tasting world-class wines in Mendoza, the wine country that sits in the shade of the tallest mountains in the Americas.

Enjoy marvellous cuisine, heady wines and the rich Argentinian culture.

### Trip Itinerary and Highlights

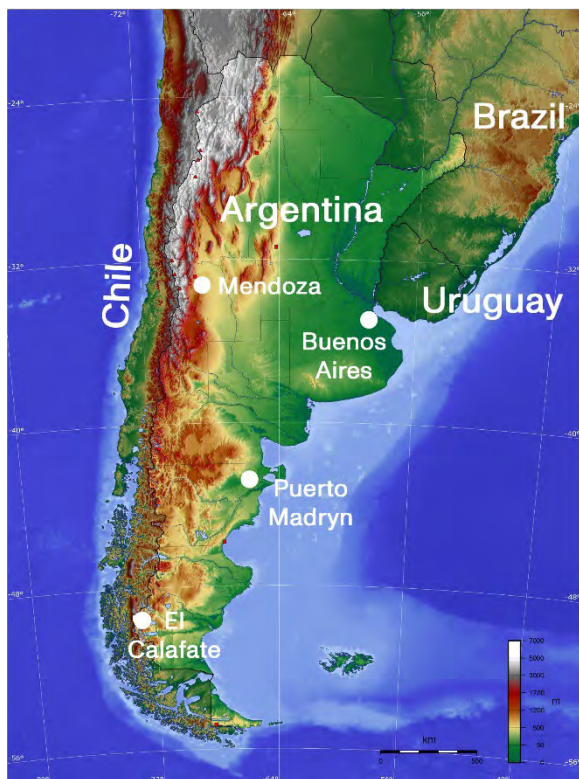


Figure 2: Map of Argentina. © Captain Blood, Wikimedia Commons, Creative Commons Attribution-Share Alike 3.0 Unported, 2006.

### Day 1 Arrivals in Buenos Aires

Individual arrivals at Ezeiza International Airport (EZE) in Buenos Aires. Transfer to hotel. Welcome dinner in Puerto Madero, a popular riverfront area with great restaurants and within sight of the Woman's Bridge by famous architect, Santiago Calatrava.



Figure 3: The Woman's Bridge, Buenos Aires, Argentina. © Geoff Livingston, Wikimedia Commons, Creative Commons Attribution-Share Alike 2.0 Generic, 2009.

### Day 2 Buenos Aires

Visit the northern area of the city, including the extensive parks and rose garden in the Palermo neighbourhood.



Figure 4: Recoleta Cemetery, Buenos Aires, Argentina. © HalloweenHJB, Wikimedia Commons, Creative Commons Attribution 3.0 Unported, 2010.

Enjoy a guided tour of Recoleta, a wealthy residential area of great historical and iconic architecture, evocative of Parisian ‘petits hôtels’. Visit the eerie Recoleta Cemetery with its thousands of statues and mausoleums.



Figure 5: MALBA, Buenos Aires, Argentina. © Gobierno de la Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires, Wikimedia Commons, Creative Commons Attribution 2.5 Argentina, 2014.

Admire Frida Kahlo's paintings at the Museum of Latin American Art of Buenos Aires (MALBA).

An optional evening tour of Palacio Barolo, a landmark office building, is available at an additional cost.

### Day 3 Buenos Aires

Today, explore the southern areas of Buenos Aires, including the brightly painted “conventillos” on Caminito Street in La Boca, a neighborhood where immigrants settled between 1880 and 1930; and the vibrant San Telmo district, the cradle of Buenos Aires' vibrant tango and arts and antiques scene.



Figure 6: The Obelisk, Buenos Aires, Argentina. © Rodarte, Wikimedia Commons, Creative Commons Attribution-Share Alike 3.0 Unported, 2013.

Downtown area landmarks not to be missed include Plaza de Mayo Square, the famous square with the well-known balcony of the Casa Rosada from which Eva Perón addressed adoring crowds of workers; the Obelisk, a national historic monument; Avenida 9 de Julio, honouring Argentina's Independence Day; the opulent Teatro Colón Opera House and the magic conjured behind-the-scenes in the Colón Fábrica, where the workshops create scenery and

costumes. Colón Fábrica is one of the few factory theatres in the world.

Enjoy lunch today with an Argentine historian who will share insights on geopolitical conditions, the economy, and ways of life in Argentina.

#### **Day 4 Buenos Aires**

Visit the Paraná Delta's Tigre and San Isidro neighbourhoods.

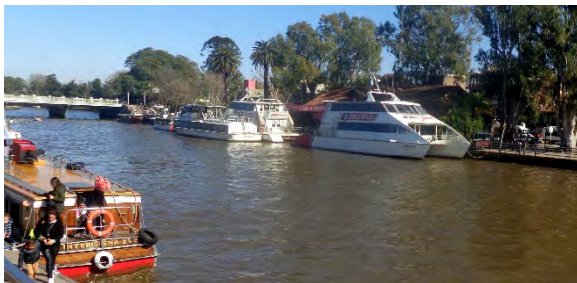


Figure 7: On the river at Tigre, Paraná Delta, Buenos Aires, Argentina. © Roberto Fiadone, Wikimedia Commons, Creative Commons Attribution-Share Alike 4.0 International, 2019.

See a subtropical rain forest composed of thousands of islands on a boat ride in Tigre and learn about Argentinian-style cottage life.



Figure 8: MAT, Buenos Aires, Argentina. © Roberto Fiadone, Wikimedia Commons, Creative Commons Attribution-Share Alike 4.0 International, 2019.

Visit the Tigre Art Museum Intendente Ricardo Ubieta (MAT), and the elegant

San Isidro neighbourhood with its Gothic Revival cathedral.

Dinner - with a tango show – is planned at Michelangelo's, "The Temple of Tango".



Figure 9: Tango dancers, Buenos Aires, Argentina. © dalbera, Wikimedia Commons, Creative Commons Attribution 2.0 Generic, 2012.

#### **Day 5 Buenos Aires to Trelew to Puerto Madryn**

The day begins with a morning flight to Trelew, then on to visit Punta Tombo, home to a major Magellanic penguin colony. This afternoon includes a visit to the Gaiman Welsh village for high tea. Afterwards, we drive on to Puerto Madryn, our base at Peninsula Valdés, and enjoy a seafood dinner at a local restaurant.

#### **Day 6 Puerto Madryn**



Figure 10: Southern right whale, near Peninsula Valdés, Argentina. © Michaël CATANZARITI Wikimedia Commons, Public Domain, 2005.

Today includes a full-day tour of Peninsula Valdés, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Visit the charming and environmentally friendly village of Puerto Pirámides and enjoy a local boat tour. Expect to see Southern right whales, Southern sea lions, and Southern elephant seals.

On a land tour see cormorants and local wildlife such as guanacos, rheas and armadillos. The ride takes us through Salina Grande and Salina Chica, two extensive salt flats, to Punta Cantor, to appreciate the beauty of the Atlantic coastline and Caleta Valdés, a stunning ocean inlet. We will also stop at the Carlos Ameghino Visitor Centre.

### **Day 7 Puerto Madryn to Trelew to El Calafate**

This morning, we transfer to Trelew for our flight to El Calafate. Enjoy an afternoon visit to Laguna Nimez Reserve to experience the Wetland of Calafate, a world-class birding destination. After a stop at the visitor centre, hike an easy walking path with observation stations, informational signage, brochures, and a guide to birds.

Later we will visit the Glaciarium Interpretation Centre, a destination where education and entertainment merge at its Glacio Bar, the world's only bar made entirely of glacial ice.

The Glacio Bar is so cold that you can only enter after donning the capes, gloves, and boots provided by the bar's hardy staff. Even then, you can only stay

in the bar for 20 minutes or risk becoming a permanently frozen fixture!



Figure 11: Glacio Bar, near El Calafate, Argentina. © Glacio Bar, 2024.

### **Day 8 El Calafate Area**

This morning, we head out from El Calafate to visit another UNESCO World Heritage site – Los Glaciares National Park – where the spectacular Perito Moreno Glacier stands 60 metres (197 feet) high, beside footbridges that give access to fantastic panoramic viewpoints.



Figure 12: Perito Moreno Glacier, El Calafate, Argentina. (c) Martin St-Amant - Wikipedia - CC-BY-SA-3.0, 2010.

The constant natural breaking of its ice towers is amazing to see. Since 2020 the glacier has been retreating on its

northern front, possibly due to climate change. It was previously one of the few unusual glaciers that maintained a state of equilibrium during the late 20<sup>th</sup> and early 21<sup>st</sup> centuries because it was accumulating mass at a rate like that of its loss. The phenomenon is a wonderful spectacle of incomparable nature.

Tonight, enjoy a regional-themed BBQ dinner featuring local Patagonian lamb.

### **Day 9 El Calafate Area**

Today, we drive to Puerto Bandera and embark on a comfortable boat ride where we cruise the northern arm of Lake Argentino to cross the Boca del Diablo – the narrowest part of the lake – and navigate between icebergs calved from the Upsala Glacier. Our destination: the Spegazzini Glacier with its wall of ice rising 135 metres (443 feet) above the boat. Disembarking at Base Spegazzini Shelter, we enjoy an exquisite lunch featuring a regional menu while admiring dazzling panoramic views.

### **Day 10 El Calafate to Mendoza**

Our morning flight takes us to Mendoza via Buenos Aires.



Figure 13: Vineyards near Mendoza, Argentina. © Local tour operator, 2006.

Upon arrival in Mendoza, there will be time at leisure to walk in downtown Mendoza or rest. Dinner is planned at a local winery.

### **Day 11 Mendoza Area**

This morning, enjoy a scenic drive towards the Precordillera mountain range, navigating through the spectacular tunnel that connects the towns of Cacheuta and Potrerillos. In Potrerillos, we are welcomed by the beautiful turquoise waters near the Potrerillos Dam. Lunch today is at the Gran Hotel Potrerillos (a three-course meal with wines suggested by the sommelier). Afterwards, we return to Mendoza for an afternoon at leisure.

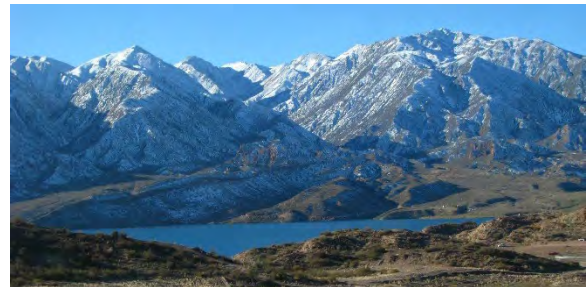


Figure 14: Near the Potrerillos Dam, Argentina. © Fernando Santiago Duo, Wikimedia Commons, Creative Commons Attribution-Share Alike 3.0 Unported, 2010.

### **Day 12 Mendoza Area**

Today's itinerary begins with a winery visit, where we will divide into teams, and each team will blend its own wine, which will then be evaluated by a jury of sommeliers and winemakers. Returning early to town we will have time to prepare for our flight to Buenos Aires the next day. Tonight, our special farewell

dinner will take place at a winery renowned for its cuisine and fine wine.



Figure 15: Salentein Winery, near Mendoza, Argentina. © Bormidayanzon, Wikimedia Commons, Creative Commons Attribution-Share Alike 4.0 International, 2007.

### **Day 13 Mendoza to Buenos Aires for Departures**

Up early for our transfer to Mendoza Airport and our flight to Buenos Aires. Individual departures from Ezeiza International Airport (EZE) in Buenos Aires.

If you wish to continue on your own to Iguazú Falls or some other destination, please contact Tourcan Vacations.

### **Hotels**

Buenos Aires

Madero Hotel

4 nights

Puerto Madryn

Rayentray Hotel

2 nights

El Calafate

Xelena Hotel

3 nights

Mendoza

Diplomatic Hotel

3 nights

### **ROMTravel Coordinator**

Elida Huignard is a retired architect and a ROM volunteer. An Argentinian and an avid traveller, she has an extensive knowledge of the regions and cultures visited on this trip.

### **Trip Cost Per Person**

Double Occupancy \$ 13,750 CAD

Single Supplement \$ 2,995 CAD

Trip begins and ends at Ezeiza International Airport (EZE) in Buenos Aires.

Trip cost does not include international flight costs between your home and Argentina. Flight costs within Argentina are included.

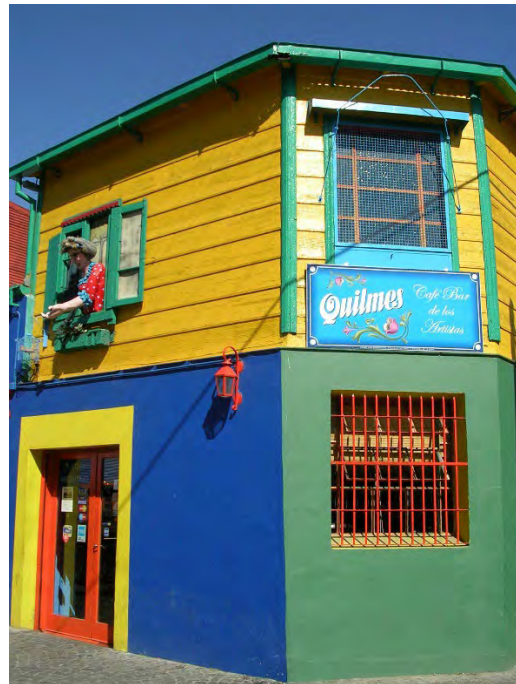


Figure 16: A building in La Boca, Buenos Aires, Argentina. © José Porras, Wikimedia Commons, Creative Commons Attribution 3.0 Unported, 2006.

## Terms and Conditions

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All participants on this trip must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. All trip leaders, guides and drivers will also be fully vaccinated.

Living standards and practices at the destination and the standards and conditions there with respect to the provision of utilities, services and accommodation may differ from those found in Canada.

#### Trip Cost Per Person

All quoted costs are in Canadian dollars.

Double Occupancy: \$ 13,750

Single Supplement: \$ 2,995

Trip cost does not include international flight costs between your home and Argentina. Tourcan Vacations can assist with booking flights as well as post-trip extensions independent of this trip.

#### Trip Cost Includes

Transfer from Ezeiza International Airport (EZE) in Buenos Aires to hotel on Day 1. Transfer from hotel to Ezeiza International Airport (EZE) in Buenos Aires on Day 5. Transfer from Almirante Marcos A. Zar Airport (REL) in Trelew to hotel on Day 5. Transfer from hotel to Almirante Marcos A. Zar Airport (REL) in Trelew on Day 7. Transfer from Aeropuerto Internacional Comandante Armando Tola de El Calafate (FTE) to

hotel on Day 7. Transfer from hotel to Aeropuerto Internacional Comandante Armando Tola de El Calafate (FTE) on Day 10. Transfer from hotel to Aeropuerto Internacional El Plumerillo – Mendoza (MDX) on Day 13. Other transfers within Argentina as per itinerary.

Flights within Argentina from Buenos Aires to Trelew; Trelew to El Calafate; El Calafate to Mendoza; and Mendoza to Buenos Aires. Ground transport in private air-conditioned luxury coach for transfers and excursions as per itinerary. Boats and other transport as per itinerary.

Porterage of one standard sized suitcase per person at the hotels, where service is available.

Shared accommodation in double occupancy room with private facilities in hotels listed or similar. Internet access at the hotels.

Meals: Buffet breakfast daily, 5 lunches and 7 dinners, including water and soft drinks. Bottled water and snacks daily on the bus. Welcome and farewell dinners with wine. Wine at wine tastings at wineries.

All visits, entrance fees, still camera fees, speakers' fees, and events as per itinerary.



All taxes and tips for all goods and services, drivers, hotels, restaurants, and guiding staff related to the basic trip.

Services of a ROMTravel Coordinator, accredited English-speaking national and local guides, and a travel agency escort.

Pre-trip orientations; post-trip reunion.

A trip handbook.

### **Not Included**

International flight costs not included.  
Fuel surcharges.

Internet access outside the hotels.

Items of a personal nature (for example, room service, telephone calls, or laundry).

Airline baggage or video camera fees, if any.

Visa fees, if any.

Meals, snacks, any type of beverage, and other services unless specified.

Optional excursions and extensions.

Additional meals and accommodations due to delays for any reason.

Emergency evacuation costs.

Trip cancellation, interruption, baggage and out of province health insurance.

Any item not listed under Trip Cost Includes.

### **Costs**

All costs quoted herein are based on rates, fees, and taxes as of July 25, 2024. Costs are subject to change without notice. Should trip costs increase, Tourcan Vacations (as per TICO regulations) reserves the right to increase the cost accordingly up to a maximum of 7%. Tourcan Vacations reserves the right to substitute itineraries, hotels, airlines, vehicles, or vessels due to conditions beyond their control. Any change to the itinerary will not result in eligibility for a refund.

### **ROM Membership Requirement**

Participants must be members of Royal Ontario Museum. For a full list of membership levels and benefits, visit the [ROM website](#). Only one person per room must be a member.

### **Deposits and Final Payment**

An initial non-refundable deposit of \$1,000.00 per person is required at the time of booking. A second non-refundable deposit of \$6,000.00 is due on May 1, 2025. The balance of payment, \$6,750.00, and single supplement of \$2,995.00, if applicable, are due on August 1, 2025.

### **Reservations**

As the number of participants is limited, reservations should be made as soon as possible. In the event of over subscription, a waiting list will be maintained.

**Physical Limitations or Disabilities**

Any physical limitation or disability requiring special attention or treatment must be reported when reservation is made or when it occurs, if later.

ROMTravel, Tourcan Vacations and/or its agents reserve the right to decline to accept or to retain anyone who may in their sole judgment require care and attention beyond that which can be provided.

**Cancellations**

All cancellations must be made in writing to Tourcan Vacations. All payments are non-refundable. No refunds will be given for payments made or unused services.

**Documents**

A passport valid for six months after the return date is required. It is the individual participant's responsibility to ensure proper visas, affidavits, COVID-19 test results, proof of vaccination and/or any other documents that may be required to enter and or to not have to quarantine at the destination or upon returning to your home. Neither Tourcan Vacations nor ROMTravel is responsible for missing or incorrect travel documents. Note that public health entry and quarantine requirements for any country may change with little notice. Entry to another country may be refused even if the required information and travel documents are complete.

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For this trip, Tourcan Vacations will not use photographic images of you for future promotional purposes.

**Insurance**

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