



**Argentinian
Explorer**



ARGENTINA TOURS

IGUAZU NATIONAL PARK: MISIONES FOREST

Misiones Lodge and its Wildlife Refuge is one of the most important natural reserves due to its effort to preserve nature, without interfering, only getting closer to learn more about this environment.

7 DAYS - 6 NIGHTS

- Accommodation Double Room with breakfast, lunch and dinner
- Transfer IN OUT APT/HTL/APT
- Regular excursions with guide Spanish English
- Entrance fees to national parks
- Bilingual English Spanish Guide

Day 1 - Arrival to Puerto Iguazu

Transfer to the Aeroparque Jorge Newbery of the City of Buenos Aires. Reception and transfer of the Airport of Iguazú to the Hotel.

Day 2 - Raíces Argentinas: Entrance to the Lodge

In the afternoon, we will start our trip around nature, since we will leave from Raices Argentinas in Iguazú Port, crossing Urugua-Í National Park, which was created to protect the ecosystem in the homonymous region from the hydroelectric dam that affects it. Then we will change vehicles, and get on one suitable for highly attractive rural roads and go along 12 km up to Yacutinga wildlife Lodge. This is a natural reserve of 570 hectares, aimed at the preservation of diverse autochthonous wildlife species.

In the lodge, we will reveal the secrets of Misiones forest, guided by the environment experts. We will walk along the interpretation trails in Yacutinga and learn about nature life. Also we will sail along Upper Iguazú River or San Francisco Stream. We will be constantly aware of the protection of endangered species and the region, since this place is the habitat of delicate fauna that can only live in this natural environment. A perfect example of this is the big otter. Preservation and care of species is the biggest attraction for all who want to visit the reserve.

Day 3 - Sailing and Safari

Our second day starts very early. We will sail the waters of San Francisco Stream, which is ideal for watching and taking photographs of a large number of birds, fish and some mammals; among them we can see rufescent tiger-herons, elusive ipequis, greater anis, swallow-tailed manakins, white-browed foliage gleaners, white-winged swallows and neotropical river warblers. During three hours, we will be floating in the stream in utter silence, as a sign of respect to the surrounding nature, which should remain intact. We will be surprised by this spectacular forest area, while listening to the clear explanations of the guides and the surrounding noise.

At midday, we will go back to the Lodge to have lunch and get ready for the next trip. Later, we will have time to walk along the interpretation trails on our own or just rest in the Lodge.

Then, we will take an interpretation walk accompanied by our specialized guides, who will inform us about varied environments and autochthonous flora and fauna of Misiones forest.

Day 4 - Raíces Argentinas

We will have breakfast at the Lodge and have time to rest in the facilities provided. To take more advantage of the stay there, we can stroll around the interpretation trails, a place where it is frequent to see species such as brown tinamous, solitary tinamous, grey-fronted doves, ochre-collared piculets, Chicle spinetails, rufous-breasted leafscrapers, rufous-capped spinetails, rufous gnateaters, white throated spadebills, and even more difficult to see, small-billed tinamous, among others.

On these three days we will have learnt to respect natural life and treat it as it deserves, with no harm, as these species are at risk due to man's actions. We will have fond memories of all the animals and vegetation seen.

At midday, we will go to Raíces Argentinas to go back then to Iguazú Port. We will have the evening off in this city.

Day 5 - Iguazu Falls: Argentina & Big Adventure

Iguazu Falls: Argentina

We will do one of the most interesting excursions through the hanging bridges, which will lead us to visit the stunning Falls from the Argentine side. Then we will get to the Devil's Gorge and be dazzled by its rough waters, a nature spectacles at a height of 80 meters. In the Lower Area (Circuito Inferior) we will enjoy the rich wildlife around us, as we go down the flight of steps where we can watch the spectacle offered by this water curtain surrounded by thick vegetation. We will pass by Álvar Núñez Fall, from where we will enjoy the first views of the Devil's Gorge. Following the path, we will find San Martín Island and the homonymous Fall. Finally, at the end of trip we will find Bosetti and Dos Hermanas Falls. We can stay and appreciate this spectacle of waters and get refreshed since the steam from the waves breaking on the rocks will spray us completely.

We will continue our trip, this time in the Upper Area (Circuito Superior), where we will go around the same falls but from a different point of view of the Falls and their surroundings. Besides, we will get close to our next destination, the most stunning, which will guide us through the roaring of the water currents. We will get to the Devil's Gorge's station by train, and start our trip around the islands, and thus, have a wider view of this great nature "mistake" in the middle of the forest created, according to a legend, by the angry God of Iguazú River.

Full Moon (optional in Argentine Falls) We will enjoy this unique trip at night with a full moon, which will allow us to appreciate the sounds and secrets of Misiones forest. We will leave on the Ecologic Train and head for Devil's Gorge Station, where we will capture the first sounds of nature, which creates a magic and mysterious environment. The spectacle offered by the Falls, with the rainbow that appears from the waters with the moon reflection, will completely dazzle us. Besides, once within this overwhelming environment, we will get the movements and sounds of the animals that go for their food. After such a magnificent experience, we will return by train to the travelers' center.

Big Adventure

This activity is an extra walk through the hanging bridges, and with this we will start our adventure in which we will sail up to the Canyon of Iguazú River. Then we will sail for about 2 km along the rapids enjoying a beautiful view from San Martín Island. We will go round the island up to the homonymous fall to enjoy a great deal and get sprayed from a close distance. We will get back on off-road vehicles through the thick forest surrounding the National Park.

Day 6 - Iguazu Falls: Brazil

Here we will have a very beautiful trip through the only hanging bridge of 1 km to enjoy the view of Iguazú Falls from the other side, the Brazilian region. During this trip we can also learn more about the fauna and flora, enjoy a unique landscape of the falls since the area is more open regarding falls because most of them are on the Argentine side and form a water curtain of 2.700 meters wide. So from this side we will be dazzled by the beauty of the Devil's Gorge to the full.

Besides, this place is home to rare wildlife species, some of them in danger of extinction such as giant otters, anteaters, jaguars, red deer and yellow alligators. We will also see native flowers such as orchids, bromelias and thousands of butterflies.

Note: We have to bear in mind that this trip is available only 5 days per month during the full moon; two days before, two days after, and during that period. We have also to take into consideration that the capacity for this activity is limited and, of course, it depends on the weather conditions that day.

Day 7 - Buenos Aires

Breakfast in the Hotel. Transfer to Puerto Iguazu Airport. End of our services.

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