



**Argentinian
Explorer**



ARGENTINA TOURS

IGUAZU NATIONAL PARK: BIRD WATCHING

In Iguazu National Park, we will have the opportunity to watch hundreds of birds living in the surroundings in an environment suitable for this type of animal life that we will get to know in detail.

9 DAYS - 8 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 - Walking along the Trails

This day will be devoted to the main trail of the Lodge, as well as the marsh area, where we will be able to see carao trees and Muscovy ducks. In the afternoon and late evening, we will see bare-faced ibis, snail kites and jacanas. By chance, we could find some saracuras. Then we will have lunch and go back to the Lodge. Later we will stroll down Guazú trail going many kilometers into the forest so that we will have the opportunity to watch several bird species which will amaze us by their singing. At night we will have dinner and afterwards we will go on doing nighttime bird watching to get to know birds closer.

Day 4 - Western Area of the Reserve - Sailing along San Francisco Stream

On the third day at the Lodge, we will have a lot of activities, as we will start early going around the different environments of the Western Area of the Reserve and reach the marshes, the High forest and pastures. Ideal scenery for taking pictures of animals and floral life. We will return to the Lodge to have lunch. In the evening, we will sail along San Francisco Stream, seeing many bird species, which will be with us along the way and delight us with their singing. We will come out into the Upper Iguazú River and return to the Lodge in the afternoon or late evening. At night, we will intend to see caprimurfidos and some owls.

Day 5 - Birdwatching

Breakfast at the Lodge. On our second day in the Lodge, we will watch birds while doing trekking or riding a horse throughout the day. In this way, we will discover the secrets of the ideal places for birdwatching in the Pampas. We will probably see Paraguayan laces, strange-tailed tyrant, white monjitas, yellow cardinals and, apart from birds, viscachas, giant armadillos and owls, among other species. Birds' sounds and colors will make us have an unforgettable moment in this natural environment. Around midday, we will have the honor of having lunch in the house of a gaucho family, where we will learn about their customs, cattle and sheep raising. Besides, we will also participate in the rural activities and so have a unique experience. We will go on by horse or walking to discover more birds and other animals, as well as plants. Then we will get back to the Lodge and have dinner.

Day 6 - 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, Chicli spintails, rufous-breasted leafscrapers, rufous-capped spintails, 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 7 - Iguazu Falls: Argentina & Big Adventure

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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 8 - 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 9 - Buenos Aires

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

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