



CULTURAL COURSES: PHOTOGRAPHY ARGENTINA

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

LATIN AMERICA ... THE ANDES ... THE IGUACU FALLS

Argentina is at once majestic and flamboyant!

The romance of Argentina takes one's breath away. From the magnificent Andes Mountains to the awesome power and beauty of the Iguazu Falls, your placement in this colourful country will be unforgettable

Buenos Aires is a cosmopolitan and elegant capital city, renowned for its sophistication. The City has a surprisingly European feel and is reminiscent of Paris with its tree-lined avenues and frequent plazas - they have a beguiling, faded elegance.



PHOTOGRAPHY COURSES

Travellers run photography courses in Buenos Aires with a well known and experienced private teacher who has studied extensively in New York and Argentina, and has been teaching photography for many years. All courses are for a period of 4 weeks and consist of 6 hours per week (three two hour lessons) - they will be individually tailored to your level of expertise.

You will have some lessons on location throughout Buenos Aires (in museums, at private exhibitions etc) so this is a great opportunity to explore this incredible city whilst learning to take better photos. You'll also be given assignments and will need to investigate the city by yourself to photograph landscapes, characters or objects according to the guidelines given.

Students of any age can participate - all you need to display is an enthusiasm for photography and the desire to learn. Your teacher is fluent in English as well as Spanish, so lessons can be held in whichever language you would prefer.

Lessons don't have set start and finish dates so are very flexible. You can also take a 4 week beginner course back to back if you would like, as the concepts learnt will become more complex. Private lessons are great if you are a complete beginner and want to spend time learning at your own pace. This is also a great option if you want to combine photography lessons with another programme, such as teaching or Spanish lessons. If you do want to combine lessons, please contact us for details.

BEGINNER LEVEL

This course aims to teach the principal technical aspects of photography and at the same time to introduce the narrative concept of a group of images. The objective is to show photography mainly as a tool of expressing yourself, allowing the photographer to conceive and tell stories through images. The student will be encouraged to experiment, investigate and follow his/her instinct in order to create his/her own images and identify the relation between images and concepts.

In regards to the technique, the objective is to learn and dominate the student's own camera (analogical or digital), understanding its virtues and defects to obtain the wanted results. The course covers the basic operation of the reflex or compact cameras (35 mm) and includes;

- Diaphragm. Field depth. Distinguished focuses. Shutter speed (movement registers. Frozen image)
- Light measure, exposition. Diaphragm-Speed relation
- Lenses. Different uses and applications. Field depth. Lighting.
- Different kind of films, sensitivity. Grain-sensitivity relation

Theory lessons are orientated to analyze and edit the work done in the atelier. Exhibit of international and local artists' work is shown to provide practical background of what is said and a historical revision of photography. Students are free to work in any camera format (reflex or compact; analogical or digital)

ADVANCED LEVEL

Developing a personal vision as a photographer is both challenging and rewarding. By reviewing other photographers work, completing class assignments, and participating in critiques, the student will be encouraged to expand his/her understanding of photography. Discussions and critiques will focus on finding the best means for communicating a set of ideas photographically developing his/her powers of observation and photographic techniques.

The contact sheet or small print will form a structure for seeing by mapping the evolution of perception through the course. Although the primary concern will be thematic and aesthetic, the course will cover technical weaknesses such as film choice, exposure, flash versus available light, camera placement, camera/subject motion, use of space, frame edges, selective focus, etc.

Slide shows and/or book reviews will provide an overview of the history of photography as well as references for further exploration.

NOTES:

- Students are free to work in any camera format
- Discussions will also focus on editing, sequencing, and presentation.
- You need to see your photographs not as a collection of many pictures, but as a body of work.
- Prerequisite: Principles of Black-and-White and Color Photography, or portfolio review (15 pictures on a cd)

If you want to pack in a lot of learning instead of having a relaxed placement, you can combine your photography course with another placement such as Spanish or teaching. Your schedule for the courses given above will allow time for studying and also time for sightseeing and absorbing the experience of being in the Argentina culture.

ACCOMMODATION

There are two choices for accommodation in Buenos Aires. Depending on your preferences you can either be accommodated in a hostel with other volunteers or, if you would prefer a more cultural experience, you can be placed with a host family.

You will be accommodated in a small hostel in Buenos Aires. You will usually share a room with two, three or four other volunteers. In some circumstances you may have to share a room with other guests at the hostel. Your hostel is situated in Palermo Viejo (old Palermo) which is a traditional Buenos Aires neighbourhood with wide streets and old houses. Many of these are tree lined avenues and in the heart of Palermo you will find a wide variety of restaurants, bars and boutique style shops. Palermo is a very nice area located near to the heart of the city.

The hostel that you will be staying in is quite small with a relaxed



atmosphere and the owners are very friendly. Facilities at your accommodation include: A recreation room with TV; A computer with internet access; A dining and kitchen area where food can be stored; Access to telephones; A call out emergency medical service. The hostel has been decorated in a modern style and most of the rooms are very spacious with high ceilings.

Placements include breakfast (at the hostel) and dinner each day. You will be given an allowance to buy your main evening meal each day. As there is a wide variety of choice of eateries in Buenos Aires this arrangement will give you the opportunity to choose where you would like to eat each day. Please note that money for Lunch is not provided.

Buenos Aires has a lively nightlife and your accommodation is ideally situated. Nearby you will find a wide variety of cinemas, restaurants, pubs, bars and discotheques as well as night transportation in case you want to go even further. There is a lot going on and you won't be short of things to do – this is a 24 hour city with plenty to do!

If you would prefer a more cultural experience, we can arrange for you to stay with a local Argentinean Family. Host family accommodation gives you the opportunity to become more integrated with the local community and is ideal if you want to practise your Spanish. You will be provided with a comfortable and clean private room and will have use of the kitchen. You will be provided breakfast and for dinner, you will usually share a typical Argentinean meal with your family.



Facilities in host families do vary, but you will have the opportunity to express your preferences regarding the type of family that you stay with (for example, a family with/without children, pets etc).

If you stay in a host family you will be provided with the contact details of other volunteers living in Buenos Aires at the same time as you so that you won't miss out on any socialising!

ABOUT ARGENTINA AND BUENOS AIRES

The romance of Argentina takes one's breath away. The natural wonders alone take some beating! From the northern deserts to the southern Andean Cordillera, from Iguazú Falls to the magnificent desolation of Patagonia, Argentina's geography is varied and stunning.

Argentina is geared up to thrill - from nights tangoing in the chic quarter of Buenos Aires to gaucho riding in the grasslands of the Pampas. Dynamic and bustling, a city which never sleeps, Buenos Aires is one of the most exciting cities in Latin America. Tango was born here, restaurants serve all manner of world cuisines, bars play the latest music, cafés spill on to the streets and nightclubs allow dancing throughout the night.

Buenos Aires is famous throughout South America for its theatres, museums and galleries. Gucci, Armani, Prada, to name a few, line the boulevards catering for the fashion conscious porteños, their offerings as stylish as anything found in the cities in Europe or North America.

Argentine cuisine is an adaptation of Spanish, Italian, Middle Eastern and other European food, with a heavy emphasis on meat, in particular Beef. Beef is consumed in a variety of ways, the most traditional is the Parilla – other wise known as a Barbeque! Also common are meat and vegetable pies, empanadas (similar to pasties) and pasta dishes such as meat Ravioli or Bolognese.



If you are a vegetarian you may find that there is a limited choice in some restaurants as vegetarianism is not all that common in Argentina. For example, you may find that although mixed salads are not very adventurous - lettuce, sliced tomato and sliced onion with oil and vinegar is the usual combination.

Argentineans have a sweet tooth and desserts usually include ice cream, custard flan, pastries and cakes all sweet enough to rival those found in European cities like Paris. Dulche de Leche is a caramelised milk and sugar concoction which is often eaten for breakfast and is a typical local delicacy.

Local cuisine is just one of the delights in this vibrant and unique city.

Area: 2,776,890 sq km (1,083,000 sq mi)

Population: 37,812,817

Capital city: Buenos Aires (pop 16 million)

Language: American Spanish, plus 17 indigenous languages



THE NEXT STEP

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I do hope you join us and please do call or email if you have any questions at all about this or any of our other projects – 01903 502595 or email info@travellersworldwide.com

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