



# CULTURAL COURSES: THE TANGO! 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.



### LEARNING THE TANGO WITH A PRIVATE TEACHER

*“The elusive spirit of Argentina is present everywhere in Buenos Aires. The national dance, the Tango, is perhaps the best expression of that spirit - practiced in dance halls, parks, open plazas, and ballrooms, it is a dance of intimate separation and common rhythm, combining both an elegant reserve and an exuberant passion.”*

During your placement you will have lessons with a private tango teacher, who will tailor your programme to your individual level of expertise.

In the first week of your placement you will be taken to see a Tango Show within the wonderful city of Buenos Aires. Tango shows include both singing and dancing and are on display in local theatres. Currently, “*Homero Manzi*” and “*La Esquina Balcarce*” are both popular shows which interpret the story and history of Tango from its early beginnings to date. The exact show that you will visit depends on the time that you commence your placement.

For the rest of your placement you will attend lessons with one of two private tango teachers who regularly teach in various places throughout Buenos Aires – their names are Martin and Dalilah. If you are a female you will have lessons with Martin and if you are male you will have lessons with Dalilah.

You will have the following lessons scheduled for you:

- Three private tango classes per week, each lasting one and a half hours, these will usually be taken in the afternoons but there will be some flexibility, depending on your teacher’s schedule.
- One group class per week (lasting one and a half hours). All of your teacher’s present students will get together for this class. If, at any time, your teacher doesn’t have many other students, then this class will be an additional private lesson instead.
- One Milonga per week at “La Catedral”. A Milonga is



an open Tango party where all levels mix together. People from all over come to this weekly social event, where everyone dances together and continually change couple - all lots of fun! Your teacher will attend the Milonga at “La Catedra” every Tuesday. You may chose to go any day of the week should you want to. La Catedra is located close to your accommodation.



Your dance schedule will allow plenty of time for sightseeing and absorbing the experience of being in Argentina.

## 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.

Argentines 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

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