



ARGENTINA: POLO SPORTS EXPERIENCE

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 colorful 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.

WHAT DO YOU GET?

- An exciting, never-to-be-forgotten adventure into Latin America.
- New skills, more confidence, a greater understanding of a different culture, invaluable personal development.
- An entry on your CV or résumé that may assist your quest for employment as you will have demonstrated initiative, independence and ability to adapt to foreign surroundings and practices
- And best of all ... **an unforgettable experience!**



► SUMMARY FACTFILE

Start Dates	This project is available between February and April and from August to December. You can choose your start and finish dates during these periods.
Duration	From 2 weeks to 11 weeks between February and April, or 2 weeks to 20 weeks from August to December.
Requirements	Minimum age 18. No previous experience on Polo is needed but you should be a good rider. Knowledge of Spanish is not needed, but would be helpful.
Price	For up-to-date prices, please check our website www.travellersworldwide.com
What's included	► Accommodation ► Food ► Meeting you at BA Airport ► Transfer to your accommodation ► Transport to and from your project ► Full pre-departure support ► Local in-country team support and backup ► 24-hr emergency support. ► 2 free T-Shirts.
What's not included	Flights, Insurance, Cost of Visas (if a visa is required, but we'll provide necessary documents and assistance), Return transfer to the airport.
Who can do this Project?	All our projects are open to all nationalities. Unless otherwise stated, you need to be aged between 18 and 70+

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PROGRAMME OVERVIEW:

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Work Content.

You'll have Polo lessons in the mornings, five times a week, and 2 Chukka's (matches) in the afternoons, six times a week. You'll be taught everyday by professional Polo players and you'll have theoretical and practical lessons. The horses are specially selected and properly kept, assuring enjoyable chukkas!

Internal tournaments are periodically organized for volunteers with Argentinean Polo members of the club. You'll spend your mornings working alongside with gauchos (horse keepers) exercising the horses and helping out with general stable work. You will be responsible for one horse.

You'll then be driven to the Polo Club for a Polo lessons (stick and bailing, rules, general principles, etc.) and will come back for lunch. After a traditional siesta, when you will be able to swim, play tennis, cycle, use internet, learn Spanish or relax, you'll be taken back to the Polo Club where you'll will have 2 chukka's to practice what you've learnt.

Lessons are held every day (including Saturday & Sunday, when you'll have plenty of opportunities to share matches with professional players). Mondays are free days to go to the city (Buenos Aires) or relax. You'll be able to get lifts into Buenos Aires as and when house owner or one of his 6 sons and daughters if one of them is travelling to the city.

A typical day would consist of:

- 9.00 am: Breakfast
- 10.30 am: Polo Lesson
- 1.30 pm: Lunch followed by free afternoon or siesta
- 4.00 pm: Tea
- 4.30 pm: Polo matches (2 per afternoon)
- 9.00 pm: Dinner.

LOCATION:

The polo club located only a 40 minute drive from downtown Buenos Aires, in the county of Pilar, known as the World's Polo Capital due to the large number of polo fields that surround Pilar City (as many as 300).

Your accommodation is based on site on a beautiful Ranch. It is arranged on a double-based room, all with private bathrooms, on a basis of full boarding (4 meals included), providing a family environment. Rooms are cleaned daily and laundry is available for free.

Pilar is a city in the province of Buenos Aires, Argentina, and has a population of more than 226,000 inhabitants

It is about 60 Kilometres north of Buenos Aires (see map, right) and offers a number of social and cultural activities for both adults and children. Along with the beauty of its plazas, parks and horseback rides along the ranches.



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There are many places of Interest, such as to name a few:

Old Pilar - This is a place promising for archaeological investigations that houses the adobe chapel where the Treaty of Pilar was signed on February the 23rd of 1820. This treaty meant the birth of national federalism, because its signing marked the ceasefire between the Provinces of Santa Fe and Entre Rios on the one hand, and that of Buenos Aires on the other, which is one of the main events in Argentina's history; hence, Pilar is recognised as the cradle of fe

Pilar Village Compound – this is an amusement and recreational compound that houses last generation multiplexes, a bingo with electronic machines, and shops amongst which we have bookshops, music shops, diverse restaurants, theme bars, pubs, food court and parking area. It is located on the descent leading to Chubut Street, and you can visit it either at day or at night.



Argentine Polo Association - It is a picturesque castle built in the late 19th century on a terrain donated by King Carlos III. It has eight official courts, which make of it the second most important polo facility in the world after that of Palermo, in the Federal Capital. National and international tournaments take place yearly in here between August and March. The District of Pilar also has an especial mountain bike circuit, the S. Zunino circuit for car races, and important golf clubs.

Arrivata Farm - It has a factory of handmade cheese, a mini zoo, and playgrounds for children and a lot more; it is an ambit suitable for having fun while learning at the same time.

Pilar Industrial Park - It is located at the kilometre 61 of National Route N° 8, and is the most important one in South America. More than one hundred national and multinational factories dedicated to aviculture, metallurgy, petrochemical, cosmetics, medicinal laboratories, sport shoes and clothes, amongst others, are grouped in its 950 hectares.

Two localities stand out nearby this conglomerate: Manzanares, close to the Luján River, a small town of long gone times where the few houses are old constructions in the midst of a calmed and charming rural setting; and tiny Fatima, close to the well known Pilar Golf Club, which is another peaceful town that can be visited along the access road, after crossing the railway inserted in this beautiful landscape.

ACCOMMODATION & FOOD:

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VISAS:

Visas are not required for a stay of 90 days if you are a British Passport holder. If you're from another country, we'll liaise with you about your visa requirements, but don't worry if you do require one we will liaise with you about your visa requirements, and make the visa process very easy.

FLIGHTS:

You have the option to arrange your own flights or we can assist you with your flight arrangements. If you would like us to do this for you, we will liaise with you regarding available flights and dates to suit you. All arrangements for your flight bookings/payments will be fulfilled by [Murray Rogers Travel Limited](#), ATOL No. 6856.

INDUCTION ON ARRIVAL:

When you arrive, you will be welcomed at the airport by our Argentina Organiser, who will take you to your accommodation. During your first few days you will be given an induction so that you can learn about Argentina and its culture, as well as useful information like how to use the transport system etc.

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Please see the prices pages of our website [Full Price List](#). The price of this project is a reflection of the following costs:

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| ✓ Accommodation | ✓ UK administration |
| ✓ Food | ✓ Marketing (brochures, website design and maintenance, attending careers fairs, advertising, website listings and presentations) |
| ✓ Meeting you at the airport | ✓ Project Research/Site Inspection |
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COUNTRY PROFILE:

Latin America... The Andes.... Iguazu Falls... Argentina is both majestic and flamboyant! Buenos Aires is one of the most exciting cities in Latin America. Dynamic and bustling, it is the city that never sleeps. 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.

"My time in Buenos Aires has been everything I hoped it would be and more and my only complaint is how quickly the time has gone since I got here. The city is brilliant." Jess Corbett

West of the Capital is another Argentina, the pampas, a great open plain home to cattle and sheep estancias (ranches). Far west of Buenos Aires lies the Andes, separating Argentina from Chile. The Andean provinces range from the high plateaus and steep and isolated valleys of the northwest to the lakes and forests of the Lake District and the glaciers of the far south.

Away from the Pampas, much of Argentina is covered by deserts: these range from the burnt landscapes of the Chaco and cactus expanses of the west and northwest, to the great steppes which cover most of Patagonia. The Atlantic coastline stretches south from Buenos Aires to Tierra del Fuego. The stretch just south of the capital is lined with beach resorts, the most famous of which is Mar del Plata, seen by Argentines as 'the Biarritz of Argentina'. The southern beaches are occupied by penguins and sea lions.

There are 4 clear seasons....hot in summer, 35°C average and cold in the winter around 4 – 6°

THINGS TO DO IN: ARGENTINA

- Visit one of the most spectacular sights in South America, the Iguazu Falls - an immense natural wonder dwarfing even Niagara Falls with its beauty and power. The falls divide into some 275 separate cascading waterfalls catching the light and creating a kaleidoscope of rainbows in their spray.
- Adventure and mountain sports enthusiasts should head to Argentina's biggest wine region, Mendoza. Set in the foothills of the Andes mountains, it's a paradise for adrenaline junkies.
- Dance the Tango! Enigmatic, sultry, elegant and exuberantly passionate. Getting to grips with this dance is no easy feat but Buenos Aires is certainly the place to learn.

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VOLUNTEER FEEDBACK:

“My experience in Buenos Aires was thoroughly enjoyable and I loved every minute of it. I would love to go back! I have learnt how to live by myself on the other side of the world, in an unfamiliar place and language”

HOW TO BOOK:

Please complete a [booking form](#) online or you can send a postal booking from our free brochure. When we receive this, we'll telephone you to discuss the details and then start the exciting process of planning your trip!

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