

Contiki – Argentina and Brazil – 8 Nights

Day 1: BUENOS AIRES

Well good morning Buenos Aires – who’s ready to go conquer this magnificent city? We’ll get you straight into the hustle of BA with a city tour of the best bits - we’re talking colonial mansions, the colourful neighbourhood of La Boca, the historic meets cosmopolitan vibes of Puerto Madero and San Telmo and more, all the while learning about the historic figures who made this city what it is today. Just hold back some of that new city energy for tonight. Oh yes, we’ve got a traditional tango show served over Argentine wine and melt in the mouth food on offer, and we know deep down you’ve got the moves...

Day 2: BUENOS AIRES

After our city tour yesterday, we’ll be feeling pretty acquainted with BA and ready to dive in and explore for yourselves. A good job really, as the next two days are yours to write your very own Buenos Aires love story. So, what to do? How about taste testing the traditional creamy cookies (alfajores), or scouting for antiques in the district of San Telmo. Feel like getting a little more active? One word – polo. The national sport of Argentina, polo is a pretty big deal, so here’s your chance to discover it for yourself. Catch a game, refuel over a tasty BBQ lunch, then jump on horseback and take tips from the pros. That might just be another big ol’ tick off that ever growing bucket list.

Day 3: BUENOS AIRES

Today is our last full day in Buenos Aires so time to really make it count. Ask your Trip Manager for any must do activities to tick off the list...or just a killer spot to sink a few café con leche and watch the city go by (we love the historic Café Tortoni). Tonight, why not make it all about the belly with our optional culinary experience. You’ll get the chance to make your very own empanadas from scratch, cook an Argentine steak perfectly to your liking, and devour yet more of those tasty little alfajores. And the wine? Well that will just keep on flowing, naturally...

Day 4: BUENOS AIRES to IGUASSU FALLS

Rise and shine Latin adventurers, we’ve got an included flight to catch. Landing in Puerto Iguazu, we’ll hop over the border and dig our toes into Brazilian soil for the first time, clapping eyes on yet another astounding natural wonder. Listen out for all those oohhs and aahhs. A collection of 275 individual waterfalls, Iguassu Falls sprawls both Brazil and Argentina, with both sides offering up stunning UNESCO World Heritage parks and views. Today though, is all about the Brazilian side, and what better way to see the falls from every angle than with an optional helicopter ride, taking the term ‘birds eye view’ to a whole new level. Go on – treat yo’ self! For those keeping feet on the ground, take your time exploring the Parque Nacional do Iguaçu, then tonight we’ll pencil in some group hangs over caipirinha’s to debrief yet another action-packed day.

Day 5: IGUASSU FALLS

Iguassu we're not done with you yet! Yesterday was all about the Brazilian side, but today we're hopping back over to Argentina to see what the deal is from this side of the falls. We'll take a hike to the very edge of Devil's Throat, the highest of the 275 falls, and for those who are keen, there's even the option to take to the water with a speed boat ride through the spray of the falls. Refreshing? Oh, you could say that... With a full day spent here, take your time exploring, trying to figure out the age-old debate – which side wears it better? Tonight, dinner's packing a serious punch – we'll be treating you to an authentic Brazilian BBQ dinner. Say hello to the meat sweats...

Day 6: IGUASSU FALLS to RIO DE JANEIRO

Catch you later Iguassu – Rio, we're coming in hot...

If Rio knows one thing, it's how to p-a-r-t-y, so having fun in this life loving city is already a given. But first things first – let's get acquainted with our surroundings a little better. After a quick orientation tour, the afternoon is yours to explore as you please, though given our hotel's beachfront location, we reckon you'll only have one thing on your mind.

Day 7: RIO DE JANEIRO

Ready for another New Wonder of the World? Today will kick off with a visit to perhaps South America's biggest icon – the Christ the Redeemer statue. Standing at an impressive 30m high (that's 98ft) this religious monument casts an almighty shadow over the city below, and will be a moment you won't be forgetting any time soon.

Back in the city, the choice is yours as to how the rest of the day goes. Kick back on Copacabana amidst the football players and Capoeira masters, or maybe you'd prefer to ascend the 396 metres of Sugarloaf Mountain, or party Favela style with the locals. Tonight, we've got yet another foodie experience to tempt you with, taking Brazilian BBQ to a whole new level of meat indulgence. Let's do this!

Day 8: RIO DE JANEIRO

Excuse us while we cry into our caipirinhas – today is our last full day on tour. Sob. But before the emotions run too high, let's make sure we see it out with a bang, Rio style. So, what have we got to tempt you with today? How about a boat cruise overflowing with cocktails and good times, or maybe go hand-gliding over the city to catch it in all its scenic glory. If those sweet Brazilian rays are calling you (or perhaps just the gorgeous bods in teeny tiny swimwear), opt to spend your last day kicking it on the beach, capirinha in hand of course. However, you want to see out your trip, your Trip Manager is there to make it happen (and that includes watching the masters of football do it like no one else can, if a game's in town). Tonight's your last one with your Latin family, so make it one to remember...

Day 9: DEPART RIO DE JANEIRO

Morning global roamers, we came, we saw, we Samba'd... We'll fuel up on one last breakfast together, then it's time to wipe away the tears and do those final friend requests because today you're homeward bound with firm plans in full steam for your next Contiki reunion.