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*Accompanied by Susan C. Bourque, Esther Booth
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The rich heritage of Argentina, the melting pot of South America, is fueled by a mix of European cultures and those of the indigenous residents. In fact, Buenos Aires has an unmistakable European air! This flavor largely comes from the 19th and 20th centuries, when Italian and Spanish immigrants poured into the country. Chile, Argentina's neighbor to the west, also enjoys great diversity due to European immigration. Lively Santiago is the country's capital and cultural center. It is filled with museums, music venues and universities.



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ARGENTINE PROVERB

Upper: Aconcagua Valley vineyard with Andes Mountains in the background

Lower: Antique market, San Telmo, Buenos Aires

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover the best of **Buenos Aires**. Stroll along its wide boulevards and admire its architecture.
- Enjoy lunch at **Café Tortoni**, long a favorite haunt of Argentina's arts and literary community.
- Join an exclusive lesson in the art of **tango dancing**.
- Explore the traditions of the **Pampas** with a visit to a working ranch and an exciting show illustrating the skills of the gaucho.
- Feel the power of **Iguazú Falls**.
- Travel the famous wine roads of **Mendoza**.
- Journey to **Santiago** on one of the most scenic roads through the **Andes Mountains** and admire the tallest mountain in the world outside of Asia.

Alumni Campus Abroad® Advantages

This program offers unique, value-added features that promise you an outstanding educational experience in a very special environment:

- **Settle into Argentina and Chile** with a stay of eight nights and the opportunity to immerse yourself in the local culture and lifestyles of four locales.
- **Comfortable accommodations** and the perfect base from which to explore the region's renowned landmarks and off-the-beaten-path treasures.
- **An extensive meal plan** is seasoned with traditional specialties.
- **Meet the People** during excursions and events that allow you to mingle with area residents and gain insight into everyday life in their community.
- **Informative educational lectures** are presented by local experts and excursions led by knowledgeable guides.
- **An experienced Campus Director** ensures attentive services for the duration of your stay.
- **All gratuities** for excursion guides and drivers are included.

Gauchos



Dear Alumnae and Friends,

Discover the best of Argentina and Chile on this spectacular adventure. This journey reveals the treasures of Buenos Aires, Mendoza and Santiago. It includes an unforgettable journey to Iguazú Falls and a crossing of the Andes Mountains. It combines the **convenience and value** of traveling with a group with the **flexibility and spontaneity** of independent exploration.

Join a group of like-minded travelers from Dartmouth College as you explore the cities and the countryside of these two great countries. Our itinerary has been planned by travel experts to include **preferred access to popular attractions** and **specially arranged cultural experiences**. An **exclusive educational program** enhances your understanding and deepens your appreciation of Argentina and Chile.

This journey is an unforgettable program at an unbeatable value. **Space is limited** for your ultimate comfort, **so make your reservations today!**

Sincerely,

Carrie Brown Ed.M '82

Executive Director

Alumnae Association of Smith College

Please contact Smith Travel at **800-225-2029** with questions regarding this tour.

Vineyard near Santiago with Andes Mountains in the background

Susan C. Bourque

has served as provost and dean of the faculty at Smith College from 2001 - 2009. She is also the Esther Booth Wiley Professor of Government, has served as the chair of the department, the dean for academic development and the founding director of the Project on Women and Social Change. Bourque came to Smith in 1970 after completing her doctorate from Cornell University. Dr. Bourque's research focuses on a wide-range of political issues in Latin America and the United States. She co-authored "Fault Lines of Democratic Governance: A Gender Perspective," with Dartmouth guest faculty, **Marysa Navarro-Aranguren**. Dr. Bourque lectures and teaches in Latin America and is involved with an international team of scholars developing research programs on gender in Latin American universities.

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ARGENTINA

DAY ONE

Depart your gateway city for **Buenos Aires, Argentina.**

DAY TWO

BUENOS AIRES

Upon arrival, transfer by motorcoach to the *Amerian Buenos Aires Hotel.* (Flight and transfer provided for Air Program participants only.)

Educational Focus: A History of Buenos Aires. Explore the political and cultural heritage of the Argentine capital. Learn about its early indigenous inhabitants, Spanish colonization in the 16th-18th centuries and life since the country declared independence from Spain in 1810.

Take an orientation walk of your hotel's neighborhood with your Campus Director and familiarize yourself with its environs.

This evening, gather at the hotel for a *Welcome Reception and Dinner.*

DAY THREE

BUENOS AIRES

Excursion: Buenos Aires. Discover the elegance of Buenos Aires in its turn-of-the-century neighborhoods and wide boulevards. Discover the colonial architecture of San Telmo. Admire the grand buildings of the Plaza de Mayo: the Casa Rosada, Cathedral and Parliament House. Continue to the historic Recoleta Cemetery.

Local Flavor: Lunch is served at the Café Tortoni, a legendary coffeehouse in the Buenos Aires arts community.

Cultural Event: Tango, the Soul of Argentina. Learn the basics of the sensuous tango, Argentina's most famous dance. The tango was born in the late 19th century in the poorer neighborhoods of

Buenos Aires, but this passionate dance is now performed in ballrooms around the world!

Independent

Exploration: The evening is at leisure, but if you want to continue your tango experience,



we can make reservations for you to have dinner and see a performance at one of the city's famous tango houses.

DAY FOUR

THE PAMPAS

Educational Focus and Excursion: The Pampas—Meet the People. Visit the legendary Draghi silversmith workshop and museum, where artisans create exquisite and ornate spurs, bolos and other ornaments associated with the way of life in the Pampas. Continue to an *estancia*, a traditional ranch in the Pampas where the work and play of *gauchos* is steeped in tradition. See a demonstration of gaucho skills.

Local Flavor: Beef is the mainstay of the Argentine diet. *Asado*, grilling, is the preferred way of preparing it. After a delicious *asado* lunch, enjoy a traditional folk singing and dancing performance.

Independent Exploration: Enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure in Buenos Aires.

DAY FIVE

BUENOS AIRES & PUERTO IGUAZÚ

This morning, fly to **Puerto Iguazú, Argentina**, and transfer to the *Amerian Portal del Iguazú Hotel.*

Excursion: Walk the Falls. Discover Iguazú Falls, which forms part of the border between Brazil and Argentina. The 275 falls, which stretch twice as long as Niagara Falls, are home to a diversity of plants and animals. View the spectacular beauty and feel the power of the falls as you cross the catwalks built directly over the falls.



UNESCO

Iguazú National Park (1984) is a UNESCO *World Heritage List* site featured in this program. These sites are distinguished due to universal scenic, historic, artistic or scientific value.

DAY SIX PUERTO IGUAZÚ & MENDOZA

Independent Exploration: The morning is at your leisure.

This afternoon, fly to **Mendoza** and transfer to the *Executive Hotel Park Suites*.

DAY SEVEN MENDOZA

Excursion: *Los Caminos del Vino*. Travel the wine roads in the province of Mendoza. The snowcapped Andes are the backdrop to the fertile valleys. Explore Mendoza's High Zone, where Malbec is the predominant variety of grape. Visit an esteemed *bodega* for a guided winery tour and a wine tasting.

Local Flavor: Sample local wines as you enjoy lunch in the countryside.

DAY EIGHT MENDOZA

Educational Focus: *Contemporary Argentina*. Discuss the social, political and economic aspects of Argentine life.

Independent Exploration: The rest of the day is at your leisure to explore Mendoza. It is a pleasant city to explore on foot. The trees that line the boulevards provide a cool canopy for strolling or enjoying a refreshing drink at one of the sidewalk cafés.

CHILE

DAY NINE ANDEAN CROSSING

Excursion: *Journey Across the Andes Mountains*. Travel to Santiago, Chile, through the scenic Potrerillos and Uspallata valleys. This region was inhabited by the Huarpes people long before the Spanish claimed the territory, but it was the Spanish who developed this famous route from Chile to Argentina to expand their territory east of the Andes. See the beauty of the Andes unfold. See Aconcagua Mountain, which at 22,834 feet (6,959 meters), is the highest mountain in the Western Hemisphere.

Local Flavor: Lunch is served en route. Upon arrival, check in at the *Radisson Plaza Santiago Hotel*.

Far left: City center, Buenos Aires

Lower left: Catwalk over Iguazú Falls

Left: Gaucho herding cattle on an estancia, The Pampas

Tonight, gather with your fellow travelers for a *Graduation Ceremony* and *Farewell Dinner*.

DAY TEN SANTIAGO

Excursion: Santiago. See Moneda Palace and the Plaza de Armas. Enjoy exploring the Pre-Columbian Museum, which has an outstanding collection of ancient artifacts from the region. See the Parque Forestal and the Fine Arts Museum. Take in a panoramic view of the city with the Andes in the background from San Cristobal Hill.

Later this afternoon, transfer to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city. *(Provided for Air Program participants only.)*

NOTE: Itinerary schedule may change due to local conditions. Many excursions involve an element of walking, as some of the finest attractions are not closely accessible by motorcoach.



Malbec, the star of Mendoza

Mendoza is a favorite of wine enthusiasts around the world. Surrounding the city are some of South America's best and most fertile vineyards. The region's vineyards produce roughly 70 percent of Argentina's wine. Here, winegrowers favor Malbec, Mendoza's signature grape. This temperamental vine, difficult to grow in many places because it is susceptible to disease, rot, mildew and other viticultural nuisances, flourishes in the arid plains near the city. The Andes block eastward-moving clouds, limiting rain to barely 8 inches each year. Instead, water is provided by *acequias*, irrigation ditches, that carry snowmelt from the mountains. Those factors, along with long hours of sunshine and mild winds, have produced the ideal growing conditions for Malbec, which traditionally has been one of the grapes used to blend Bordeaux. In Mendoza, however, the Malbec grape produces an outstanding varietal wine.

INCLUDED FEATURES

Accommodations

- **Three nights** at the First-Class **Amerian Buenos Aires Hotel**.
- **One night** at the First-Class **Amerian Portal del Iguazú**.
- **Three nights** in **Mendoza** at the First-Class **Executive Hotel Park Suites**.
- **One night** at the First-Class **Radisson Plaza Santiago Hotel**.

Meals

- **Enjoy an extensive meal plan**, including eight breakfasts, five two-course lunches and four three-course dinners. Coffee or tea is included with all meals. Take advantage of leisure time to try local cuisine independently.
- Sample authentic regional specialties featured at local restaurants.
- Attend a **Welcome Dinner**.
- Gather for a **Graduation Ceremony** and **Farewell Dinner**.

Your Exciting Travel Program

(For full details, please refer to the Day-by-Day Itinerary.)

- **Informative programs** presented by local experts to enhance your insight into the region.
- **All excursions:**
 - See the highlights of **Buenos Aires**.
 - Join a **tango lesson**.
 - Visit an estancia in **The Pampas**.
 - Discover the **art of silversmithing**.
 - Feel the power of **Iguazú Falls**.
 - Discover **Mendoza**, Argentina's most famous wine-growing region.
 - Travel across the **Andes Mountains**.
 - Enjoy a guided tour of **Santiago**.

Transfers and Porterage

- All flights in Argentina and transfers within Argentina and Chile, including baggage handling at the hotels.

Many Included Extras

- Consultation services of a **Passenger Service Representative** prior to departure.
- Services of a professional **Campus Director** and **expert English-speaking local guides** throughout your stay.
- **Tippling** of all guides and drivers.
- Detailed travel and destination information to assist you in your planning.
- Deluxe travel wallet.

ACCOMMODATIONS



AMERIAN BUENOS AIRES HOTEL BUENOS AIRES

This centrally located, modern hotel is in an area featuring fashionable shops and several historic and cultural landmarks. The hotel offers a wide range of services, including a fitness center, sauna, 24-hour room service and a restaurant serving international cuisine and local specialties. Guestrooms feature a minibar, individual climate controls and Internet access.

AMERIAN PORTAL DEL IGUAZÚ PUERTO IGUAZÚ

This hotel showcases a view of the Three Borders Landmark, where Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay meet. The hotel has two swimming pools, a spa, fitness center, two restaurants and two lounges. Each guestroom is equipped with individual climate controls, cable television, telephone, minibar and radio.



EXECUTIVE HOTEL PARK SUITES MENDOZA

This elegant, European-style hotel is near the city center. The hotel's many amenities include a fitness center, swimming pool, sauna, solarium and a restaurant featuring regional and Mediterranean cuisine. Each guestroom features individual climate controls, minibar, high-speed Internet, LCD television and hair dryer.

RADISSON PLAZA SANTIAGO HOTEL SANTIAGO

The Radisson Plaza Hotel, located near shopping and dining, provides attentive service and a comfortable stay. The hotel features a restaurant serving international Chilean cuisine and one lounge. Guests have access to a health club. Each guestroom has a hair dryer, cable television, direct-dial telephone, coffee maker and WiFi.

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Land and Air Program

I/we reserve the Land Program and request the Air Program to Buenos Aires, Argentina, with return from Santiago, Chile, to depart from:

Departure City

Please send me information on upgrading my flights.

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April 14-24, 2010

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Iguazú Falls / Tango

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