



DISCOVERY GROUP TOURS

JABIRU: WILDLIFE, WINE AND JESUIT MISSIONS

14 days from **£5,249pp**

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WITH OVER 40 YEARS EXPERIENCE, NO-ONE KNOWS LATIN AMERICA LIKE WE DO

EXPERIENCE SOMETHING EXTRAORDINARY

WHY US

We are the UK's No.1 specialist in travel to Latin America and have been creating award-winning holidays to every corner of the region for over four decades; we pride ourselves on being the most knowledgeable people there are when it comes to travel to Central and South America and passionate about it too.

OUR JOURNEY

As our name suggests, we are single-minded about Latin America. This is what sets us apart from other travel companies – and what allows us to offer you not just a holiday but the opportunity to experience something extraordinary on inspiring journeys throughout Mexico, Central and South America.

WE LOVE LATIN AMERICA

A passion for the region runs through all we do

All our Consultants have lived or travelled extensively in Latin America

Up-to-the-minute knowledge underpinned by 40 years' experience

TRAVEL WITH CONFIDENCE

Fully bonded and licensed

ATOL-protected

On your side when it matters

Book with confidence, knowing every penny is secure

THE REAL LATIN AMERICA

Our insider knowledge helps you go beyond the guidebooks

We hand-pick hotels with character and the most rewarding excursions

Let us show you the Latin America we know and love



OVERVIEW & OUTLINE ITINERARY

DAY 1	Arrival into Argentina.
DAY 2	Ferry to Uruguay.
DAY 3	Full day tour to Carmelo and its wineries.
DAY 4	By road to Montevideo.
DAY 5	Tour of Uruguay's capital.
DAY 6	Fly to Asuncion in Paraguay.
DAY 7	Travel south to the Jesuit Missions.
DAY 8	Visit Trinidad and Jesus and then cross back into Argentina.
DAY 9	Travel south into the Iberá wetlands.
DAYS 10 AND	2 full days of excursions from your lodge.
DAYS 12 AND	Fly back to Buenos Aires
DAY 14	Depart for for international flight home.

ITINERARY

Take a step off-the-beaten-track and uncover fascinating Uruguay and Paraguay. From Jesuit Missions dating back to the 1600's to the extensive wildlife found in the marshy Iberá wetlands this is an inspirational journey through the lesser travelled South America.

DAY 1

Arrival into Argentina.

Those passengers arriving on an international flight will be met at the airport by the tour leader or a local representative and escorted to the group hotel.

In the afternoon your guided city tour takes you to all the major sites of this fascinating city including a visit to the Plaza de Mayo, enclosed on 3 sides by the metropolitan cathedral, the town hall and the Casa Rosada (the presidential palace). The tour continues to bohemian, arty La Boca, which was settled and built by Italian immigrants and has streets lined with brightly painted corrugated iron-clad houses, before visiting the district of Recoleta, home to the famous cemetery where Eva Peron is buried.

DAY 2

Ferry to Uruguay.

Take the ferry across the River Plate to Colonia in Uruguay. Colonia has a UNESCO-protected historic centre where you can wander among cobbled streets lined with colonial houses. Once you have dropped your bags at your hotel you will be given a short, guided walking tour of the town which was founded by the Portuguese in 1680.

DAY 3

Full day tour to Carmelo and its wineries.

Today you take a full day's tour from your base in Colonia to Carmelo and its surrounding wineries. Situated 80km north of Colonia you will visit 2 local wineries to taste the typical wines of the regions and enjoy a 3 course lunch before returning to Colonia later that day.

DAY 4**By road to Montevideo.**

After breakfast it's a 3-hour drive to this small country's capital, Montevideo. In the lively waterfront city modern skyscrapers jostle with art deco façades and grand, monumental colonial buildings. The afternoon is free to relax at the hotel or further explore the city.

DAY 5**Tour of Uruguay's capital.**

Start the day exploring the main sights of the city on a half day tour. These include the historic centre, Constitution Square, cathedral and colonial Town Hall, Solis Theatre, Independence Square and Government House. Drive through the district of Prado to one of the oldest parks in the city and stop at Plaza Virgilio to take in the impressive views and visit a monument dedicated to the fallen soldiers of the navy.

DAY 6**Fly to Asuncion in Paraguay.**

Transfer to the airport for your flight to little explored Paraguay. Get a feel for Asuncion, the capital, where once crumbling, battle-scarred buildings from the Spanish colonial era in the historic centre have been given a facelift. Your tour will also visit the four main plazas which house imposing buildings such as the Panteón and the Casa de la Independencia as well as other important points of interest in this quirky city.

DAY 7**Travel south to the Jesuit Missions.**

Today you'll be heading south and east to discover the marvellous ruins of the Jesuit Reductions, Christian settlements established to convert, teach and protect the native Guarani communities. These intricate and still impressive buildings are little visited but evocative of the extraordinary era in Spanish colonial times when the Guarani were taught architecture, music and craftwork.

Your first stop is Yaguaron a well-preserved Franciscan church. Continue across cattle country, passing through typical provincial towns with picturesque old houses and shady squares. Visit San Ignacio Guasú, the first of the Jesuit-Guarani Reductions (founded 1609) and an essential stop for its excellent museum with its collection of Jesuit-Guaraní statues, carvings and art.

From San Ignacio, continue through peaceful countryside to Santa Maria de Fe. The town's museum has over 50 statues carved out of cedar by the Guarani and their teachers during Jesuit times. Visit the handicrafts co-operative on the plaza, run by the women of the town. Continue through sparsely populated countryside towards the border with Argentina and the town of Bellavista where you'll stay overnight.

DAY 8**Visit Trinidad and Jesus and then cross back into Argentina.**

Today you'll travel to the Unesco-listed ruins of Trinidad and Jesus, the once-great Jesuit-established communities.

Arrive at 18th century La Santísima Trinidad del Paraná, the jewel of the Jesuit ruins, nestled in the rolling palm-studded countryside and alive with the screeches of parakeets and southern lapwings. Among the highlights are the stone carvings: an intricate frieze of angels playing musical instruments survives in the ruined church, which has elaborately carved door porticos and pulpit.

The smaller ruins at Jesus de Tavarangue have a peaceful setting on high ground with panoramic views. Travel south to the city of Encarnación and cross the vast Paraná river to Argentina and the city of Posadas where you'll spend the night.

DAY 9**Travel south into the Iberá wetlands.**

A 5-hour drive south-west from Posadas takes you into the heart of the Iberá wetlands. Once the haunt of hunters targeting the cornucopia of wildlife, this remote region of marshes, lagoons, floating islands and streams is now protected as a nature reserve. Wildlife has resurged, with caiman, otters, swamp deer, capybaras, wolves, howler monkeys and over 400 species of bird now thriving here. You will spend 3 nights on the banks of the wetlands at a typical Corrientine lodge.

DAYS 10 AND 11**2 full days of excursions from your lodge.**

Spend the next 2 days with the lodge's expert guides who will talk you through the exciting nature of the Reserve, so that you can admire the infinite variety of species hosted by the marshes. Magical boat rides along the Iberá lake at daylight or night-time under a peaceful starry sky; unforgettable walks; canoe rides enjoying the assorted tunes of singing birds; horse-riding through the marshes and palm groves; these are just some of the thrilling activities you will experience in one of the richest wetlands on the planet for its natural wealth and biodiversity.

DAYS 12 AND 13**Fly back to Buenos Aires**

Travel back to Posadas for the short flight returning you to cosmopolitan Buenos Aires where you will have 2 more nights to further enjoy the buzzing capital.

DAY 14**Depart for international flight home.**

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE PRICE

Services of our team of experts in our London office

Services of Journey Latin America local representatives and guides

All land and air transport within Latin America

Accommodation as specified

Meals as specified

Excursions as specified, including entrance fees

INCLUDED EXCURSIONS

Buenos Aires: City tour

Colonia: Walking tour

Colonia: Full day tour to Carmelo and wineries

Montevideo: City tour

Asuncion: Walking tour

Paraguay: Jesuit Missions journey

Ibera Wetlands: Full program of excursions from the lodge

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE

Tips and gratuities

Meals other than specified

International flights to Latin America

Airport taxes, when not included in the ticket

Optional excursions

ESSENTIALS

ABOUT OUR GROUP TOURS

To find out more about how our group tours including group sizes, solo travellers and why to choose us. Please click [here](#).

TOUR LEADER

On this tour, you'll be accompanied from start to finish by one of our exceptional Journey Latin America tour leaders. From the moment you land in Latin America until the day the tour ends they will deal with all the practicalities, expertly adapting to the circumstances and individual needs of the group. Rather than different guides in different cities, your leader will get to know the group and keep you informed and entertained as you go.

SUMMARY OF NIGHTS

Buenos Aires 1; Colonia 2; Montevideo 2; Asuncion 1; Bellavista 1; Posadas 1; Ibera Wetlands 3; Buenos Aires 2.

ACCOMMODATION

We use the following mid-range mid-range hotels and lodges on this tour.

- Buenos Aires: Kenton Palace
- Colonia: Posada don Antonio
- Montevideo: Radisson Victoria
- Asuncion: Palmaroga Hotel
- Bellavista: Hotel Papillon
- Posadas: Hotel Urbano
- Ibera Wetlands: Posada de la Laguna

On very rare occasions these hotels can change, however please speak to one of our consultants who can provide full details for each departure if you have any doubts. Address and contact details will be sent out with your final documents.

TRANSPORT

2 flights (longest 2hrs). 1 ferry. 5 road journeys all operated in private vehicles.

MEALS

Breakfast daily; Lunch days 3, 7 and 8; Dinner day 9 and full board days 10 and 11.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

On this tour the price includes excursions in all the places you visit as per the itinerary. There will however likely be some free time when you may choose to take part in an optional excursion. These are booked locally through your tour leader once you are in Latin America, however we are more than happy to advise you of what is on offer in advance of your holiday so you can best plan the excursions that suit you.

TRAVELLING ALONE

There is no extra cost for single travellers who are willing to share a room. You will be accommodated with a same-sex member of the group who is usually also travelling solo. For single travellers who wish to be sure of having their own room there are a limited number of single supplement places available, which carry a surcharge.

CLIMATE

This holiday operates when the weather is optimal in the region visited. As a broad overview Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay has the opposite seasons to the UK, meaning October and April tend to be Spring and Autumn time. The Ibera Wetlands will be cooler than other times of the year. A comprehensive overview of the weather in all the regions you are visiting can be found in our Destination pages. Our Travel Experts can answer your questions on climate and further details will be sent with your confirmation documents.

CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT AND LUGGAGE

A day-pack is essential for carrying rain-wear, snacks, books/tablet and a water bottle as are comfortable walking shoes.

Bring a hat with a visor, sunglasses and sun block. Binoculars are useful for bird and wildlife spotting. Because the weather can be changeable we recommend wearing layered clothing for excursions.

MONEY

Please see the Country Info tab on this holiday for our latest currency information and advice about how to take your spending money. Tipping in Latin America is almost always done using cash. It is customary to tip tour leaders, local guides, drivers, boat crews and other service providers such as restaurant staff and porters. Full tipping guidelines are sent with your confirmation documents as is advice on local costs.

HEALTH, ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND INSURANCE

For health information on Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay including recommended vaccinations, please see <https://travelhealthpro.org.uk/>

A Yellow Fever certificate is required for passengers under the age of 60 for entry into Paraguay. An exemption certificate is available from travel clinics in the UK if you're unable to have the vaccine for medical reasons.

All Latin American countries have specific entry regulations related to Covid 19. Please also check our Travel Hub for further information.

Holders of a full British passport do not require a visa, although passports should be valid for at least 6 months after the trip begins. Other nationalities should enquire with us or check with the consulates.

Travel insurance is essential. Details of our recommended policy can be found on the Travel insurance website.

Our full briefing dossier contains more information on vaccinations, visas and insurance and will be provided with your final travel documents or can be requested from your travel consultant at any time.

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GET IN TOUCH WITH US...

Our friendly, knowledgeable team of travel experts are always happy to chat about holiday ideas and share helpful advice. Give us a call today and begin planning your perfect trip to Latin America.

GIVE US A CALL

We'd love to chat

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