

Tango in Argentina

The ultimate dance holiday in the capital of Tango, Buenos Aires. Suitable for all levels, this fantastic trip allows you to perfect your dance in one of the world's most glamorous cities and birthplace of Tango. Not only do we include daily classes with professional Argentine Tango teachers, five Milonga visits, a sight-seeing tour of Buenos Aires, optional social dinners and cultural tours and the opportunity to extend your stay and explore some of Argentina's natural wonders, we offer an insight into "hidden" Buenos Aires courtesy of our expert local tour hosts. Spend a morning browsing in the Libreria Ateneo and witness impromptu tango performances at La Boca street market.

In addition to a fabulous week of tango, our aim is to ensure that you experience the "real" Buenos Aires by visiting cultural gems off the main tourist trail, as well as some of the best milongas frequented by locals, becoming a part of the city rather than an observer. Our expert local knowledge enables us to bring you a truly memorable Buenos Aires experience.

** Price fixed at 2009 rate **

Dates and Prices 11 November to 18 November - £2,499.00

Unique Features We bring you the very best of Tango in Buenos Aires. Daily tuition with some of the best local teachers, visits to the best Milongas, a highly knowledgeable local Club Dance Holidays tour host who will be happy to help you discover Buenos Aires and the best way to experience Tango in Argentina - in a like-minded social group. What's more, there is no need for you to bring a dance partner on this holiday; if you are travelling alone we can provide a local partner for you for a small supplement.

Buenos Aires: Buenos Aires is a city of contrasts, a contemporary, energetic metropolis that maintains old traditions, wide boulevards and narrow cobblestone streets. It is a romantic, elegant city with a European identity and heritage, visible in its architecture and design. Experience its charm, excitement and sophistication.

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Your Holiday

What's Included

- | Return flights from a London based airport (other flight options available)
- | Meet & Greet upon arrival at Buenos Aires Ezeiza Airport
- | Return airport transfers
- | 7 nights accommodation and breakfast in a well located 3 star hotel
- | Six two hour Tango lessons with top local teachers
- | Entrance to 5 milonga evenings
- | Sightseeing in and around Buenos Aires, including some of the city's "hidden gems" off the main tourist trail
- | All transport to and from classes and Milongas
- | Expert local Club Dance Holidays Tour Host
- | Welcome Drink

What previous Customers Have Said about this Holiday

'Just to say that we had a wonderful vacation. Buenos Aires is tremendous and our dancing has improved by leaps and bounds. The tour host was an excellent host and looked after us well.' 'Brilliant.' Just a note to thank you for sorting out the holiday. Our tour host was fantastic and a very warm lady to deal with and made everyone feel as if they were VIPs. At all the Milongas and dinners we seemed to get the best seats in the house and I did feel as if I was some kind of visiting diplomat. The people were very friendly. I learnt a lot about tango that I simply haven't been taught here in the UK. Things such as the music count, the different styles of tango and different exercises I can do to help me improve. It was also the first time I decided to get a private lesson on a holiday. Anyway overall it was a great time. Thank you once again for sorting things out.' 'Perfect organisation. Excellent value for money. Intense, serious and stimulating tuition. Iguazu was a knockout.'

Is this holiday for me? Yes! This trip is the ultimate dance holiday - perfect both for relative beginners and experienced Tango dancers as well as anyone interested in exploring one of the world's most fascinating cities. And for a relatively small supplement you

can add on an extension to the world-famous Iguazu Falls, Mendoza wine region or Patagonia. Whilst tuition is offered at all levels (Complete Beginners to Advanced) we would recommend beginners have at least 1 or 2 classes before they go so as not to be perhaps intimidated by attending the local Tango venues at night. In addition to a fabulous week of tango, our aim is to ensure that you experience the "real" Buenos Aires by visiting cultural gems off the main tourist trail, as well as some of the best milongas frequented by locals, becoming a part of the city rather than an observer. Our expert local knowledge enables us to bring you a truly memorable Buenos Aires experience.

Your Destination,
includes
sightseeing

Climate and
weather

You will be travelling to Buenos Aires in the southern hemisphere's Summer season (December - February). Summer is a nice time to be in Buenos Aires. Temperatures are between 18 and 29 degrees Celsius.

Your
Accommodation

Gran Orly - Hotel*** (Bed & Breakfast) (Included)

The Gran Orly Hotel is located near San Martín Square, in the commercial area of the city with its famous Santa Fé Av. and near traditional Florida street near the new Puerto Madero Complex. Easy to access to business and conventions centers such as Buenos Aires Sheraton Hotel and Costa Salguero.

The room amenities include: private bathroom, cable tv, direct dialing, data port on phone, individual air conditioning, central heating, electronic door locks, background music, hairdryers, 24hrs room service.

Classes and
Workshops

Twelve hours of classes (two hours per day for six days) are included in your holiday. Dance Levels: There will be 4 levels: *Beginners/Complete Beginners
*Intermediate
*Advanced
*Professional

Dance partners in the classes and in the Milongas at night: You do not need a dance partner to take part in this holiday. If you would like to come on your own we can arrange a dance partner for you for a small supplement. Please enquire at the time of booking.

Language: Either teachers are bilingual in English and Spanish or a translator will be provided.

Daily Itinerary

Sample Itinerary

This is a provisional itinerary aiming to give you an idea of what your holiday will look like. There will be some elements which will change:

DAY 1

Afternoon- Arrival and check in

Evening - Welcome drink and meeting with your host who will be on hand throughout the week to ensure you experience the "real" Buenos Aires, including all the city's hidden gems off the main tourist trail.

DAY 2

Morning - Tango class (2 hours)

Afternoon - Buenos Aires sight-seeing tour including the Avenue 9th of July, Congress, Government House, Cathedral, Avenue de Mayo as well as the old city and the elegant neighbourhoods of San Martín Park and Florida Street. Finally Puerto Madero and the historical areas of San Telmo and La Boca.

Evening - Dinner at leisure followed by a Milonga at one of Buenos Aires' top tango venues recommended by our local experts and off the main "tourist trail"

DAY 3

Morning - Tango class (2 hours) followed by a visit to Librería el Ateneo, Buenos Aires' most famous bookshop. Regal in size, operatic in feeling, the ornate Librería El Ateneo Grand Splendid draws in bookstore patrons as much for its setting in a 1920s theatre as for its amazing range of books which can be perused over a coffee before you buy.

Afternoon- Tango tour of Buenos Aires (OP) OR why not visit one of Buenos Aires' lively street markets, including Palermo where young designers present their original clothes inside bars and restaurants. Your tour host will be happy to advise you on directions and / or public transport.

Evening - Dancing at one of Buenos Aires' top Milonga venues recommended by our local experts and off the main "tourist trail"

DAY 4

Morning Tango classes.

Visit one of Buenos Aires' lively street markets featuring impromptu Tango performances, including San Telmo and La Boca. Your tour host will be happy to advise you on directions and / or public transport.

Evening - Typical Argentinian 'asado'/barbecue dinner with excellent Argentinian wine (OP) followed by dancing at one of Buenos Aires top Milonga venues.

DAY 5

Morning Tango classes.

Visit La Recoleta cemetery, a sprawling maze of narrow lanes home to 4,800 extravagant tombs, including some of the country's best known figures such as Eva Peron. Your tour host will be happy to advise you on directions and / or public transport.

Evening - Tango show (OP) followed by dancing at one of Buenos Aires' top Milonga venues.

DAY 6

Morning -Tango classes.

Afternoon - Excursion to Estancia, stunning ranch outside Buenos Aires in the district of Campana (OP) OR check out a football match at La Bombonera Stadium. You'll be as impressed by the stadium as you will be by the passion of the fans in it. Ask us on booking and we'll pre-book tickets for you, subject to availability and match schedules.

Evening - Dinner at leisure followed by a Milonga at one of Buenos Aires' top tango venues recommended by our local experts and off the main "tourist trail"

DAY 7

Morning- Tango class (2 hours)

Afternoon- Free time to finish off your shopping or re-visit your favourite Buenos Aires spots. Your tour host will be happy to accommodate any requests or advise on even more great places to visit.

Evening - Dinner at leisure followed by a Milonga at one of Buenos Aires' top tango venues recommended by our local experts and off the main "tourist trail"

DAY 8

Last minute shopping before transferring to the airport for your flight home.

Nightlife	Included in your holiday is entrance on five nights to the best local Tango Milongas (Tango dance parties) in Buenos Aires. Evenings in Buenos Aires are when you will truly experience the passion of Tango which dominates the city's clubs - an opportunity not only to observe but also to dance with some of the best Tangueros in Argentina.
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Your Teachers	The teachers are to be announced.
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Food and Meals	A Buffet Breakfast is included in your holiday. Lunch and Dinner are not included in your holiday.
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The base of Argentinian food is beef which is often cooked 'a la parilla' (barbeque) and served with salad. Roasted meat ('asado') is also a favourite. Pasta is widespread along with pizza and hamburgers. Vegetables are low on the ground - what you will see will probably be potatoes, tomatoes, lettuce, onions and garlic. Starters are often empanadas (meat pastries, although the filling can vary, vegetarian empanadas are usually corn and spinach), chorizos or morcillas (pork, blood sausages) an assortment of achuras (sweetbreads). To finish off, one might choose a nice flan (custard), topped with dulce de leche and some whipped cream.

In addition to Argentinian food restaurants, Buenos Aires has many restaurants offering food from all over the world: Italian, Spanish, Japanese, French, Scandinavian, Mexican, Chinese, North African, Turkish, Armenian.

Vegetarianism: It is worth mentioning that much of Argentinian food focuses on meat. However, Buenos Aires is a cosmopolitan city with a panoply of restaurants offering cuisine for all tastes.

The food and water The chances of falling sick because of what you eat are as unlikely as back home. However some people are upset by the change in diet. This can be minimised by ordering carefully. Tap water is safe in the urban areas but less so in rural areas of Argentina, especially in the rainy season (Argentina's autumn and spring). Bottled mineral water is readily available and perhaps recommended for those on short stays.

Optional Extras What are optional extras? In addition to your holiday we also offer you a variety of optional extras to make your holiday even richer and add some local colour. These are the optional extras that we anticipate running – actual details will be confirmed on arrival. Some may require minimum numbers.

– Full day countryside visit - horseback demonstration - typical lunch with soft drinks and wine included and folk music dancers and singers £99

- Tango Show. Round trip transportation included £79

- Dinner and Tango Show - three course dinner with soft drinks and wine included. Round trip transportation £110

- Optional Private Tango Tour of Buenos Aires - Minimum 2 people £99

- Optional Dinner at Steak House - three-course dinner with 1 soft drink and 2 glasses of very good wine, tea/coffee included £110

Three day sightseeing trip to Iguazu Falls: (£999)

* Transfers and Flight round trip Aeroparque Airport Bs As/Puerto Iguazu Airport

l Local rep on hand in Iguazu to give you full local info.

l 2 nights bed and breakfast accommodation at the four star Las Orquideas Hotel or similar

l Afternoon tour of Argentine side of Iguazu

l 1 night bed and breakfast accommodation at four star Hotel in Buenos Aires

l Transfer Hotel Bs As/Ezeiza International Airport.

Note: All transfer and excursions are quoted SIB (seat in bus) basis with bilingual Spanish/English tour guide.

Iguazu Falls lie on the Argentina/Brazil border and are a UNESCO World Natural Heritage Site. The falls are part of a singular practically virgin jungle ecosystem protected by Argentine and Brazilian national parks on either side of the cascades. Two thirds of the falls are on the Argentinian side of the river where you can also tour Iguazú National Park where there are jungle trails and bird hikes. Plan a full day in the park to fully enjoy the wildlife flora and fauna. During the rainy season of November - March, the rate of flow may reach 450,000 cubic feet (12,750 cubic m) per second.

Taller than Niagara Falls, twice as wide with 275 cascades spread in a horseshoe shape over nearly two miles of the Iguazu River, Iguazú Falls are the result of a volcanic eruption which left yet another large crack in the earth. It is possible to see the falls and surrounding area in a lightning trip but it is better to plan at least two days. You may take boat rides out to the falls. The light is best in the morning for photographs. From the Argentine side you can take a series of catwalks over the water rushing into Devil's Gorge. Protective rain suits are provided. The best times to see Iguazu Falls are in the spring and fall. Summer is intensely tropically hot and humid, and in winter the water level is considerably lower. Downstream from the falls where the Parana and Iguazu rivers meet, so do the borders of Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay. Each country has created a landmark in their national colors on a spot in each of their countries where you can see all three.

Four day visit to Patagonia £1159

Private Round Trip Transfers in Buenos Aires: Hotel - Airport - Hotel

Private Round Trip Transfers in El Calafate: Airport - Hotel - Airport

Accommodation for 03 nights at Hotel Sierra Nevada or similar. Breakfast and taxes included.

Full day Visit to the National Parks and Glacier Perito Moreno. Entrance fees to the National Parks included. Group activity.

Full day Visit to Glaciers Upsala, Spegazzini and Onelli. VIP AREA on the Boat. Entrance Fees to the National Parks included. Group Activity.

Accommodation at Hotel in Buenos Aires for 01 night. Breakfast and Taxes included.

Airfare Buenos Aires - El Calafate - Buenos Aires included. Airtax included.

Four day visit to the Mendoza wine region £1169

Private Round Trip Transfers in Buenos Aires.

Private Transfer in Mendoza.

Accommodation at Hotel Mendoza www.hotelmendoza.com or similar for 03 nights. Breakfast and Taxes included.

Half day Sightseeing Visit of Mendoza. Group Activity.

Full day Visit to the wineries. Wine tasting included. Lunch included. Group activity.

Full day Visit to Cañon del Atuel. Group Activity.

Accommodation in Buenos Aires for 01 night. Breakfast and taxes included.

Airfare: Buenos Aires - Mendoza - Buenos Aires. Airtaxes included.

Single Room
Supplements,
Upgrades and
Budget Options

Option 1 - Included

Gran Orly - Hotel*** Bed & Breakfast - (11/11/2012 to 18/11/2012 - 7 nights)

Single Room (Per Room) 350.00 GBP

Twin Room (Per Room) Included

Extra Nights

Single Room (Per Room) 80 GBP per night

Twin Room (Per Room) 80 GBP per night

Flights and
Transfers

Flights: Published prices are based on flights from UK airports and there is usually a choice. Our customer care team are happy to price you a flight from any airport and you can also buy the holidays without a flight and make your own way there. If you live outside of the UK you can travel directly to the resort. There could be substantial "early bird" prices available so please see our special offers page on our website or ring us to find out what these are.

Transfers: Transfers from and to the airport are included in your holiday. If you arrive or leave on different date to the standard holiday, we would be asking you to make your own way to the hotel and/or airport.

If you are flying from Canada or USA, please contact our US and Canada office direct on 001 416 848 0501 for flight options.

Making your own
way to the hotel
for ground only
package

Making your own way to your Hotel: You can easily make your own way to your Hotel. Ezeiza Airport is 15 minutes drive away from the centre of Buenos Aires. Public transport between the Airport and the city centre functions on a 24 hour basis.

What to Expect
in terms of
Organisation

On Arrival: You will receive information on the Festival and other helpful tips on arrival.

Independence during your holiday and free time: You are fully independent on this holiday. Although your holiday is carefully organized and coordinated, we believe our guests do not like to be over-organised. So we give you quality information with all the addresses of where there are dance activities. You can decide for yourself if and when you want to turn up. We encourage you to explore Buenos Aires during your stay. This can be done when you please around the dance classes and Milongas at night.

Club Dance Holidays Host: Your holiday tour host is there to make your holiday as enjoyable as possible. Club Dance Holidays Tour Hosts are a cut above your typical Holiday Rep with a lightness of touch that enables you to get the best out of your holiday without being in the least bit interfering. We make sure you get the best out of the destination even though you are there for a relatively short time and we do this through our local knowledge and our knowledge of dance. Club Dance Holidays Tour Hosts normally offer much more of themselves than you would expect including making sure your nights are sociable and fun often well into the small hours if that is your whim. During the daytime the level of participation and presence of Club Dance Holidays tour hosts varies according to the nature of each holiday and its destination.

Welcome Drink: At the start of the week, you will be invited to a drink.

Getting Around: The transport to the dance studios and the milongas in the evenings is included in your holiday. At other points on the itinerary you may wish to share taxis. A cheaper alternative is the metro ('subte'), efficient and cheap.

Before Your Go

Books on Buenos Aires: Of the books we have read about Buenos Aires or Argentina these are the ones we would recommend.

Footprint Argentina Handbook, Footprint Handbooks - Factual Travel book.

Bad Times in Buenos Aires, Miranda France (travel writing) - Excellent insight into the psyche and character of the portenos (citizens of Buenos Aires), the place that Tango holds in Argentina and the Argentina's perception of its own identity.

Time Out Guide to Buenos Aires, Time Out Guides - Factual Travel book.

Budgeting for your holiday: Here are some guidelines on prices, to help you do your own calculations. Please refer to the optional extra section of the fact sheet for the prices of the optional extras.

Three course meal including drinks in the centre of town: 35-50 pesos

Taxi ride across town: 5 pesos

Rum and coke in a nightclub: 10 pesos
Beer in a bar/cafe: 3 pesos
Coffee in a bar/cafe: 2 pesos
Entrance to a monument or museum: 8 pesos

Passports: These must be valid for at least six months beyond the length of stay. Please check your passport now. You should carry your passport with you at all times. It is illegal not to have identification.

Visas: Visas are not necessary for US citizens, Canadian citizens, British citizens, nationals of other Western European countries and citizens of neighbouring countries who are given a tourist card on entry and may then stay for three months.

Health and Fitness: There are no particular health requirements for a dance holiday. However you should be able to dance for at least two hours a day in order to be able to enjoy the dance classes. Please inform us if you have any medical conditions that we need to be aware of.

Vaccinations: The following vaccinations are recommended for Argentina: typhoid, poliomyelitis, tetanus, infectious hepatitis A & B. Please consult your own GP in respect of which vaccinations you should have.

Luggage Labels and Lost Luggage: We strongly recommend that you secure your luggage before flying by all means possible – tape and locks. You should attach large and clear labels to your luggage with your name, flight number and destination, ie: Hotel Waldorf, Buenos Aires. Do not put travellers cheques, jewellery or money in your suitcase. In the unlikely event that your luggage is lost during the journey you need to independently take the matter up directly with the airline at the airport in Buenos Aires.

Keeping your valuables safe: Our advice is to leave unnecessary valuables at home. Do not leave your luggage unattended at any time and ensure that there is some way of locking or padlocking your suitcase or travel bag on the occasions where the luggage needs to be left in the bus or in the reception of the hotel. We suggest that you keep your passport, travellers cheques, dollars and other important valuables in the Hotel safes.

Insurance: This is a condition of booking please refer to the brochure for details.

Travel Documents: You receive these when you have paid for your holiday in full and we have received your airline tickets. In some cases the airlines do not release the tickets until five days before the departure date. We also confirm the address and phone number of the hotel and the emergency contact numbers.

Essential
equipment and
clothing to bring

Useful Things to Bring: Shoes suitable for walking around the streets
Sunglasses
Sun cream
Insect repellent/anti-mosquito spray
Antiseptic cream in case of bites
Money belt
Money, plane ticket, full valid passport, visa
This fact sheet

What to wear for dancing: We recommend that you bring shoes with a leather sole for the dance classes. You may also be wise to bring shoes with a rubber sole as the floors in the evenings might be somewhat "fast" and they will give you an alternative. Your shoes should be comfortable and supportive. Wear lightweight cotton socks to avoid sweaty and blistered feet! It is probable that you may get through quite a few clothes in the classes and dancing at night (you can get quite hot!) so bring a variety of outfits. Wear comfortable loose clothing for the classes. The Tango events will be quite smart – do bring some smart outfits with you for the evenings.

At Your
Destination

Banks and Money: The currency in Argentina is the Argentine Peso (ARS) and this is the currency that you will use on a daily basis (public transport, taxis, shopping, restaurants). US\$ bills are also accepted in some restaurants and shops. If you take foreign currency, it is best to take US\$ or euroscash rather than sterling. Though the risk of loss is greater than with travellers' cheques, better rates and lower commissions can usually be obtained for cash. Bank opening hours are Monday - Friday, 10am - 3pm. Cash machines are available throughout Buenos Aires and are open 24 hours. Travellers' cheques are generally difficult to change, especially in smaller towns and at weekends. Transactions can take a long time and there is a 3% tax and banks generally charge about 4% commission though can be as high as 10%. Commission can be avoided if you go to a branch of the issuing bank, especially if changing small amounts. Hotels will normally change travellers' cheques for their guests (often at a rather poor rate). American Express, Visa or Thomas Cook US\$ travellers' cheques are the better known variety. Credit cards are readily accepted in all main towns in Argentina. There is a high surcharge on credit card transactions in many establishments; many hotels offer reductions for cash. It is hard to miss in the media the news that Argentina is currently suffering an economic crisis. In order to give Argentinians a chance of travelling with the money that they have, there are sometimes 2 prices (one for tourists and one for Argentinians) in the tourism sector. Generally, your holiday will not be affected by the economic situation. The Festival informs us that there is no more crime in the street than in other big cities, such as London, Paris or Barcelona.

VAT return: At the airport you may obtain a VAT reimbursement corresponding to any purchases made within the country for an amount over \$70 (per invoice) and in shops operating with the "Global Refund" system.

Tipping: Service charges are not usually included in the bill. 10% of the amount of the bill is usually left in cafeterias and restaurants. Doormen, porters, and ushers in cinemas and theatres are also generally tipped.

Local Time: GMT -3.

Electricity: 220 volts 50 cycles AC (continental round pin plug).

Making friends with the Locals and people not on the holiday: If you make friends with a local and would like them to come along to the activities organised by us, then just ask your Tour Host and except for the dance classes and provided they pay their way there should not be a problem. We are here after all to interact with the locals. Generally, however, we discourage British people who are not on the holiday from coming out with us or joining the activities and we ask for your discretion in this respect.
