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# Biale Vineyards

Iguazu Falls to Buenos Aires  
Pre-Cruise Tour

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# Iguazu Falls – A Truly Magnificent Display of Nature

## *3-Night/4-Day Pre-Cruise Program*



“My poor Niagara ... This makes Niagara look like a kitchen faucet.”  
That is what Eleanor Roosevelt said when she saw Iguazu Falls.

**Iguazu Falls** is one of the most spectacular destinations in South America and is the meeting point of three different countries - Argentina, Brazil, and Paraguay! Nowhere else can you feel such an awesomely unyielding force of nature in such a stunningly beautiful setting. Iguazu Falls is not just a sight, it is an experience. Iguazu (also called Iguassu) Falls is composed of 275 separate cascades, which makes it the largest broken waterfall in the world. Made up of a chain of waterfalls that are fed by the Iguazu River, this powerful phenomenon is one of the 7 Natural Wonders of the world.

The origin of the name Iguazu comes from the Mbyá-Guaraní indigenous people. The Spanish translation would be “Agua Grande” (big water). The first non-indigenous person who found Iguazu Falls was a Spanish explorer named Alvar Nuñez Cabeza de Vaca. While journeying from what we now know as Asunción (Paraguay), he would encounter the falls which he would then call “Saltos del Santa Mary.”

In 1768, after the Jesuits were expelled from the area by the crown of Spain, the place would be forgotten. These lands would eventually be acquired by Domingo Ayarragaray in 1907, who would set up the first hotel and some roads for people to get to know the falls.

A Falls visit is a jaw-dropping, visceral experience. The power and noise of the cascades, a chain of hundreds of waterfalls nearly 1.85 miles in extension, will live forever in your memory.

# Day 01

Welcome to Iguazu Falls!

The easiest airport to arrive in to is the Iguazu airport (IGR) in Argentina. However, you can also arrive in to Foz do Iguazu (IGU) in Brazil. Transfer on your own and check in to the 5-star **Gran Meliá Iguazú Hotel** for 2 nights. Be prepared to become enchanted by the extraordinary natural beauty of the Iguazu National Park. This exceptional hotel is an oasis in the heart of the jungle and is in one of the most unique locations in the world, creating the exclusivity of a dream stay.

One of the benefits of staying within the natural park is a greater opportunity to see the splendid wildlife. The fauna & flora of Iguazu includes over 76 mammals such as the tapir (the largest mammal in South America), pumas, capuchin monkeys, over 400 species of birds such as toucans, parrots and scarlet ibises, and thousands of flowering plants such as orchids and heliconia.

Plan to check into the hotel by 5p.m. to participate in tonight's activities. This evening, you are invited to meet up with your tour guide and group of fellow travelers for dinner with wine at the hotel. Here you will be able to discuss the amazing upcoming program and itinerary that awaits over the next few days.

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# Day 02

A picture-perfect day awaits you here in **Iguazu Falls**! After breakfast, the first stop is at the most traditional point called the Garganta do Diabo, the biggest waterfall in the park. Garganta do Diabo is a footbridge of 6825 ft that gives access to one of the most beautiful natural spectacles on earth. After a pause to behold and absorb all the nature and landscape around, start the second part of the tour, called Circuito Superior (Upper Circuit). When you reach the top, you will be able to see all the high points of the park and can visit six observatories and spaces that you can relax in and appreciate the view. The Upper Circuit allows you to see the top of the majestic falls on the Argentina side and enjoy a breathtaking panoramic view of the area. The view stretches from the **Argentinian** falls to San Martin Island and parts of the Brazilian falls.

Return to the bus and head towards the Iguassu National Park to discover the **Brazilian** side of the Falls. Stop for lunch at **Porto Canoas**, located on the banks of the Iguazu River, providing a spectacular view from the top of the Falls. After lunch, explore the half-mile picturesque course on foot with lookouts and lift bridges. A large amount of wildlife, including tropical birds, butterflies, and the friendly Quatis, will have the Falls taking a special place in your heart.

After the visit to both sides of the falls, end your day with a magical sunset wine tasting at the **Gran Meliá Iguazú Hotel** including authentic Picadas featuring flavors from this unique geographical area. [B,L,D]



# Day 03

Once you have enjoyed a leisurely breakfast, you will be transferred to Cataratas of Iguazu International Airport for a short 2-hour flight to Buenos Aires. Upon arrival, a coach will shuttle you to the **Alvear Icon Hotel** located in Puerto Madero, where you will stay for the evening. This area is known as one of the trendiest boroughs in Buenos Aires.

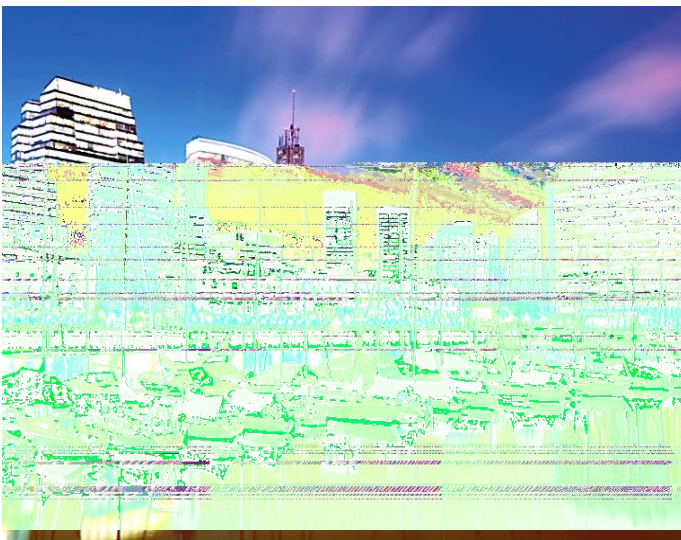
Buenos Aires is Argentina's big, cosmopolitan capital city and the birthplace of Tango. Like the dance itself, it is captivating, colorful and bustling with electric energy. You will notice how the elegance of Europe and the spirit of South America live side by side. Founded by immigrants along the shores of the Rio de la Plata, Buenos Aires built its identity on Spanish, Italian, and French influences.

The Puerto Madero Waterfront has been redeveloped with international flair, drawing interest from architects and designers such as Santiago Calatrava, Norman Foster, César Pelli, Philippe Starck, among others. Having undergone an impressive revival in merely a decade, it is one of the most successful recent waterfront renewal projects in the world.

After settling in at the hotel, the afternoon is yours to use as you wish before the group gathers in the evening for a unique Argentine dining experience. While Bob and Wendy Biale will not be joining you during the Iguazu Falls portion of this Pre-Cruise Tour, they will be joining you this evening for dinner. They are excited to welcome you to the start of your South American cruise. [B,D]



*Tango origins 18<sup>th</sup> century Buenos Aires*



*Puerto Madero*



*Alvear Icon Hotel*

# Day 04

After breakfast, your private group transfer will meet you at the hotel and escort you to the Buenos Aires Port, right on time to board your cruise ship. This will bring an end to this spectacular exploration of Iguazu Falls and time in Buenos Aires. Prepare to embark on your next adventure voyaging around South America's east coast.

**Buen Viaje!**

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# ACCOMMODATIONS



Rest in luxurious tranquility in the midst of the mystical energy of Iguazu National Park. Tucked within the Alto Paraná Atlantic Forest, the Gran Meliá Iguazú offers a spectacular setting alongside Iguazu Falls, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. The hotel's unique location inside Iguazu National Park makes it easy to explore the magnificent surroundings. The hotel also features an infinity pool that overlooks the falls, a health club and wellness center, a hydrotherapy circuit, sauna, and 24-hour fitness center. In harmony with the environment, the hotel integrates perfectly into the jungle landscape in which flora and fauna are everywhere.

## Gran Meliá Iguazú

2 Nights / March 2-4, 2024



Jungle View - Included



Waterfall View

These exquisitely designed, refined rooms feature a furnished balcony, king-size bed, luxury bathroom amenities, turndown service, 300 thread count bed linens, a rain shower and a minibar.

\*\*Additional nights and upgrades are subject to availability and pricing.

# ACCOMMODATIONS



The Alvear Icon Hotel is a 32-floor modern building with great panoramic views located on the banks of Río de la Plata River in Puerto Madero; the most cosmopolitan district in Buenos Aires. Luxury accommodations offer state-of-the-art aesthetic concepts, where ample and bright spaces predominate. With a wide range of restaurants and bars, it sets new trends and surprises for both frequent and occasional guests. The Rooftop Crystal Bar is the perfect setting to cozy up. Committed to upscale dining, the hotel opens the doors of Glitter, South America's first deluxe glatt kosher restaurant, and Milk & Co, a trendy kosher dairy bar.

## Alvear Icon Hotel

1 Night / March 4-5, 2024



The spacious and bright Deluxe rooms create a modern design environment, equipped with a comfortable work desk made of mahogany and an armchair upholstered in leather. The luxurious full bathrooms are lined in Carrara marble and have a whirlpool tub and separate shower.

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### **JUNGLE VIEW ROOM**

**PER PERSON PRICE:** \$2610.00 double occupancy

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:** \$786.00

### **WATERFALL ROOM UPGRADE**

**PER PERSON:** \$233.00 double occupancy

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:** \$466.00

**TOUR INCLUDES:** Two (2) nights hotel accommodation at the Grand Melia Iguazu in a Jungle View room category, one (1) night hotel accommodation at the Alvear Icon Hotel in a Deluxe room category, three (3) breakfasts, one (1) lunch and three (3) dinners with wine, professional English-speaking guide, both hotels departure portorage, wine tasting, flight between Iguazu Falls and Buenos Aires, one (1) 50lb bag (additional bags available for purchase), all entrance and tour fees, transportation on deluxe A/C motorcoach, bottled water on the motorcoach and all local taxes.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Arrival airfare and transfer to hotel in Iguazu, more than one piece of luggage, national park entrance fee upon arrival to hotel (approx. \$30 per person), arrival portorage, gratuities for drivers & guides, hotel upgrades, additional hotel nights, expense of any kind relating to required PCR or Antigen tests (or covid related expenses) and all items of a personal nature.

**ACTIVITY LEVEL:** There will be some walking on uneven surfaces to negotiate throughout the tour.

**NOTE:** Times and providers are subject to change.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** F&WT highly encourages protecting your travel investment in case of an emergency requiring you to cancel your trip. Your F&WT's Travel Advisor can assist you with procuring the appropriate coverage. Please make sure to read the cancellation policy on the registration form outlining our cancellation policy.