

BUENOS AIRES TOUR 2019

OCTOBER 05 TO 10



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PRESENTATION



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Come join Florida Region members **October 05 - 10, 2019** for an exciting trip to Buenos Aires Argentina. The Florida Region in conjunction the Ferrari Club Argentino is offering to a small group of 30 Region members, an unique opportunity to visit and explore a country and city rich with Ferrari history.

The Ferrari Club of Argentina was founded in 1999 by José Frolián González, who notched one of the most significant landmarks in Formula 1 history. With his victory in the 1951 British GP, he gave Ferrari its first F1 world championship success. The Ferrari Club of Argentina members are very excited to have us visit and share stories, experiences and build camaraderie.

We are excited to be working with Andrés Canet and his company Autos&Viajes, an automobile focused tour company based in Buenos Aires. Autos&Viajes has done auto and motorcycle focused tours the world over including F1 Grands Prix, MotoGP and wine country tours. Autos&Viajes has worked closely with the Ferrari Club Argentino for over 10 years.

Although Ferrari and auto focused, the tour will offer something for all to enjoy. Cars, dining, shopping, and sightseeing. October is the beginning of spring in Argentina and the weather should be very nice. Buenos Aires is located on the East Coast of Argentina and the south shore of the mouth of the "Rio de la Plata" with the Atlantic Ocean immediately to the east. Unique to the River Plata was the scuttling of the German Battleship "Graf Spee" in 1939 when the ship's Captain believed he faced a significant British force!



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Friday October 4. Plan to leave your departure city for an overnight flight arriving Saturday morning, October 5th at Ezeiza International Airport (EZE) in Buenos Aires. Ground transportation to the 5 Star InterContinental Buenos Aires Hotel will be provided.

Saturday October 5. Upon arrival at the hotel, you'll be greeted and receive your welcome package with all the info for your tour. After checking in and getting settled go ahead and relax. Maybe a massage, or a steam? Then, early Saturday evening there will be a welcome reception at the hotel with wine, beer, and light hors d'oeuvres. Dinner will be on your own and you can choose from a provided list of nearby and excellent restaurants featuring incredible beef and wine. Transportation to and from some restaurants are provided by the hotel at no charge.

Sunday October 6. We'll have breakfast (included) at the hotel along with members and their cars from the Ferrari Club Argentino. After breakfast we'll rally with the club members to a member's private weekend ranch for an authentic Argentinian lunch served in a rustic and beautiful setting. After returning to the hotel, you can relax on the hotel's Terraza del Virrey with a glass of wine.

Then, let's Tango! We'll go and see a traditional Argentinian Tango show. Although this might sound a little touristy, it's a really neat thing to do. You will be experiencing the premier Tango show in Buenos Aires. Rojo Tango, or *Red Tango* is staged in "El Cabaret" located in the world-famous Hotel Faena designed by Philippe Starck, which is situated in the beautiful Puerto Madero neighborhood.



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Enjoy wine, dinner, and an outstanding show (4.5 Stars on Trip Advisor) in a very intimate Cabaret setting. Transportation to and from the show is provided. Cost per person is \$260 all inclusive (Dinner Show); this is in addition to the tour cost. You must sign-up for the dinner and show when you register if you plan to attend the dinner and show.

Monday October 7. Let's go boating! After breakfast (included), we'll travel to the Tigre neighborhood of Buenos Aires, then navigate the Parana' River Delta via a short boat ride to Isla El Descanso. Isla El Descanso is a private island featuring a walking tour among interactive and unique pieces of art from around the world displayed in a beautiful garden setting. Your Zinn will be recharged! A catered lunch (included) will be provided. After lunch it might be possible to Kayak through the gardens. After returning to the hotel enjoy some down time and dinner on your own.

Tuesday October 8. Get out your Pass Port. We're going to Uruguay. After breakfast (included), we'll travel to a ferry that will take us across the Río de la Plata to Colonia Del Sacramento, Uruguay. There we will learn the history of this charming colonial city and have plenty of time to walk around and enjoy this popular attraction. Lunch will be on your own. Upon return to the hotel relax. Dinner will be on your own.

Wednesday October 9. We'll meet after breakfast (included) for a tour of Buenos Aires including Caminito in La Boca, Puerto Madero, Palermo and the world-famous Teatro Colón, one of the top five Opera houses in the world. After lunch on your own, we'll tour



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one of the most exclusive classic car collections in Argentina outdone only by the garage in which it's kept! Before returning to the hotel, members of the Ferrari Club Argentino have invited us to a farewell cocktail reception that will be held at the Colección Gómez museum. Plan your return home on Thursday night if so desired.

Thursday October 10. Plan your return home, or take an extra few days to see more cars! On Friday October 11, Autoclásica begins. Autoclásica is the premier auto show in all of South America, featuring some significant automobiles in a beautiful setting. The Ferrari Club Argentino is graciously providing us tickets to the show. If you want to attend this event, please sign up when you register so we can let the Ferrari Club Argentino know how many tickets to secure. Or, if you just want to do some shopping on Florida Street and walk around on your own, Go For It!



INTERCONTINENTAL BUENOS AIRES

The Intercontinental Hotel will be our host hotel and each member will be responsible for their own reservation. It is a full service 5 Star hotel. I have stayed there for years on layovers as a pilot for American Airlines. Delta Airlines also uses the hotel for their crew layover hotel. The rooms are very comfortable, the staff is very nice and accommodating and there is ample security. Food and wine are plentiful and full laundry service is available. There is a business center as well. Concierge service at the hotel is exceptionally good.

A direct link will be available for each member to register for their room directly through the hotel. Room costs per night are:

- Deluxe \$189 + tax.
- Superior \$209 + tax.
- Club International \$249 + tax.
- Suite \$299 + tax.

* Room rate includes breakfast, WI-FI, and Gym access.

A link to reserve your room will be sent to your email after you sign up for the tour. Room reservations must be received no later than August 1st, 2019. Cancellation with no penalty must be made by June 10, 2019.

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INFORMATION



Weather. The tour is planned in October because of the weather. Since Buenos Aires is well below the Equator, its seasons are just opposite of ours in the United States and October normally a very nice month.

Dress. Good news no ties or jackets for the men or cocktail dresses for the ladies. The majority of the tour is casual with a bit of walking involved. So, we recommend comfortable shoes and clothing. If you want to dress up just a bit, our Sunday dinner and Tango show would be the venue. Most restaurants in the city are casual, so the dinners on your own should not require anything dressy.

Air Travel. Because members belong to different Frequent Flyer Programs, each member will be responsible for their own air travel. American Airlines fly's nonstop to Buenos Aires twice daily from Miami International using Boeing 777 200's and 300's. Delta Airlines fly's nonstop from Atlanta daily using either Boeing 767-400 or Airbus A-330 aircraft. United Airlines fly's nonstop from Houston George Bush International airport using Boeing 777 aircraft. Ezeiza International Airport Buenos Aires. This is a reasonably modern airport with pretty streamlined immigration and customs processing. It is laid out fairly well and there are no "mile long" walks while there. There is no departure tax. Transfer from and to the airport will be provided regardless of your arrival or departure time.

Misc. The hotel DOES NOT have an ATM. There is an ATM nearby at Banco Santander across the street as well as in the office building next door. ATM's stop working around 3:00 p.m. daily when the banks tally their daily activities. . . crazy but true. There is also a Pharmacy across the street from the hotel that is easy to use and reasonably priced. Internet service is good, reliable and reasonably fast. Taxi cabs are everywhere. They are reliable and are reasonably priced considering the Dollar/Peso exchange rate and they're pretty honest.

Safety. Nearly one half of the 44 million people in Argentina live in Buenos Aires and like any big city there is crime. The hotel is located in the downtown district which becomes nearly deserted at night in the immediate vicinity. Walking around during the day is safe but don't make yourself a target. Do NOT wear watches and jewelry when out by yourself, and keep your phone hidden. At times one may hear "bombs" going off but rest assured they are not bombs. Several political groups march on a fairly regular basis and set off large fire crackers during their protests. The sound echoes off the building walls and makes them sound much worse than they are.



TOUR COST



This tour offers a unique look at a very interesting city and the chance to meet and make new Ferrari friends. We hope you can join us!

- The cost of the trip per person is **\$1600** (airfare and lodging not included).
- The dinner and Tango show is an additional **\$260** per person (entrance, main course, desert and Baron B champagne, wine and beverages included).

Latest tour cancellation is August 5, 2019 and there are NO refunds after 8/5/2019.

To register, please go to this link:

Ciao'
Don Bartz
FCA Florida Region

EXTRA GIFT

Each couple or person will receive FOR FREE a set of pictures put together in a very nice hard bound book for a keep sake.

