

# Stay and Travel

**ARGENTINA**

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Located in the most southern tip of South America, Argentina is the second largest country and the eighth largest in the world. The so called “barn of the world” for its large agricultural production, Argentina offers the most exciting variety of landscape and sightseeing travelling. In order to get the most out of your trip to this fantastic country, do not hesitate to contact our elephant Minds Team to get more information, design your personalised trip, and get the best value for your money on this unique South American adventure.

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# Our favorite 10 Top Places in Buenos Aires

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## PLAZA DE MAYO Y CASA ROSADA

This splendid old colonial building, located in Plaza de Mayo, is a must to be visited, this two-block-long plaza has been an important site since established in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. Close to popular Florida and Lavalle Streets, where numerous attractions can be included in a fun walking tour, such as Casa Rosada, Avenida de Mayo, Café Tortoni and the National Tango Academy.

**Not to be missed,** the crossing on foot of Avenida 9 de Julio, a width of 140 meters, one of the main road routes in the city, since it connects the north with the south from Plaza Constitución to Avenida Libertador. Its name celebrates the Independence Day in Argentina, back in 1816. Located in the Plaza de la República, also called Plaza del Obelisco, in the middle of the avenue, stands the emblematic Obelisco, 67 meters high. This monument was inaugurated in 1936 to commemorate the four-hundredth anniversary of the founding of the city of Buenos Aires.



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### THE RECOLETA CEMETERY AND MUSEUMS

Recoleta takes its name from the Franciscan convent built here around 1716, and is best known for its amazing burial ground. The Cementerio de la Recoleta, famous for its elaborate mausoleums and beautiful crypts, where many Argentines have found their final resting place. Make sure you visit also the area's many public gardens, cafés and craft shops, and the Museo de Arte Hispanoamericano Isaac Fernández Blanco, and the National Library. Buenos Aires.

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### SAN TELMO AND THE NATIONAL HISTORY MUSEUM

Known as one of Buenos Aires more colorful districts, San Telmo, with its narrow cobblestone streets and old colonial style buildings, is home to art studios and galleries. Popular for its cafés, tango parlors, a must to be explored specially on Sundays, when the San Telmo Sunday Fair (Feria de San Telmo) takes place. Also in San Telmo, is the National History Museum (Museo Histórico Nacional) with its displays relating to the history of Argentina.

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### LA BOCA AND THE CAMINITO STREET MUSEUM

Buenos Aires' most colorful neighborhood, La Boca, is a favorite haunt for artistic and creative types, with their art expressions taken outside and onto the streets, balconies and patios, with amusing sculptures of tango dancers and other characters. The Caminito Street Museum, an open-air museum and art market since 1959, with painted patchwork of colors, colorful buildings, quality crafts, free open-air tango demonstrations. The area has been itself named after a popular tango.

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### THE METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL

Despite its rather plain facade, this catholic church has an impressive interior along with many important artworks. With its Walcker organ dating from 1871, and General José de San Martín's tomb, this is a religious site not to be missed.



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**PUERTO MADERO**

All the street names of Puerto Madero pay homage to women in Argentine history. The beautiful red brick buildings along the Puerto Madero Docks, are nowadays restored and used as elegant shopping and dining places and offices for all kinds of business.

With its Museum Vessels "Fragata Sarmiento" and "Corbeta Uruguay" Puerto Madero has become an important place to visit. Other museums include: Museum of Calcos "Ernesto de la Cárcova", the Museum of Immigration (MUNTREF), and the Museum of Humor, the Amalia Lacroze Art Collection of Fortabac, The Faena Arts Center, The Pavilion of Fine Arts Arts of the UCA.

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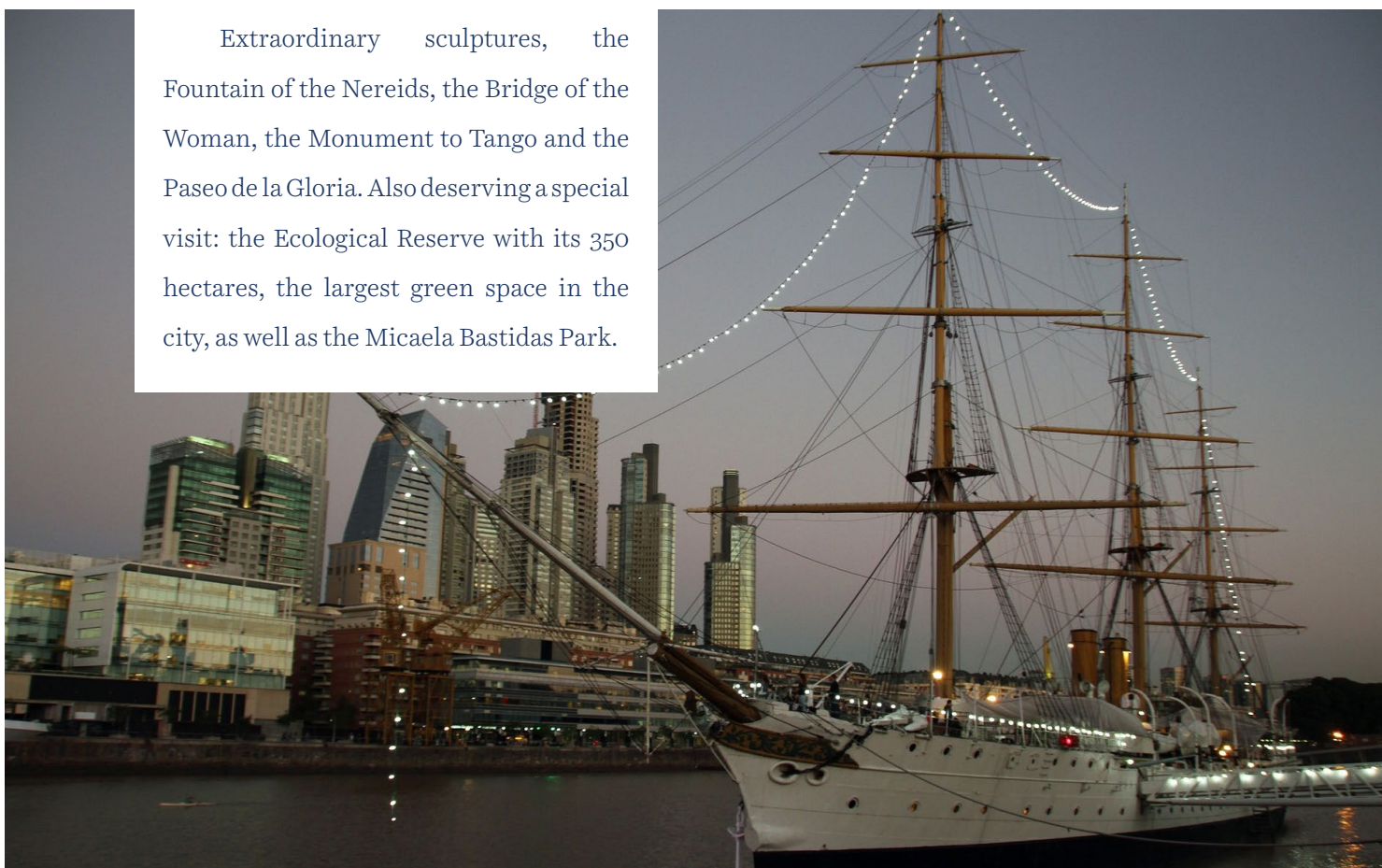
Extraordinary sculptures, the Fountain of the Nereids, the Bridge of the Woman, the Monument to Tango and the Paseo de la Gloria. Also deserving a special visit: the Ecological Reserve with its 350 hectares, the largest green space in the city, as well as the Micaela Bastidas Park.

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**PALERMO, JARDIN  
BOTÁNICO AND  
BUENOS AIRES  
JAPANESE GARDENS**

The major recreational spot in the city, for its largest and most popular parks, with many ethnic restaurants and high fashion establishments. You'll find here the Jardin Botánico with its numerous lakes, bridges and sculptures spread across 20 acres of very well-kept gardens. Also worth a visit are the Buenos Aires Japanese gardens, the largest such garden in South America and popular for its bonsai collection, displays of traditional arts and crafts and cultural center.

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## SAN ANTONIO DE ARECO

San Antonio de Areco is located northwest of Buenos Aires. The 'Ciudad de la Tradición' or City of Traditions with some of the most characteristic traditional festivals where iconic gauchos and their horses showcase their history and role in the development of the country and its culture. Passion for native music, horses, gauchos and dance is one of the most distinctive expressions of this community. Despite being a small city, it has eight museums! You may be interested in one very special project run by the [Elephant Minds Foundation](#), together with the

Museo Evocativo y de Bellas Artes Osvaldo Gasparini, a place to get to know the gaucho art initiated by artist Osvaldo Gasparini and continued by his sons, artists Luis and Miguelangel Gasparini, both illustrators of different editions of the Martín Fierro, and writer Rubén Darío Gasparini. We invite you to read more about the project and the family's work:

[Supporting our Museums to](#)

[Encourage Education](#)

[Un Sueño en Camino](#)

[Entrevista a Miguelangel Gasparini](#)

[Un pintor con alma de Gaucho](#)

[Tertulia with Luis Gasparini-Un Pintor de las Pampas](#)

Museo de Bellas Artes Osvaldo Gasparini <sup>^</sup>





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Catedral de Luján

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## THE COLÓN THEATRE

A world-class opera, ballet and classical music hall, opened in 1908, and has hosted the likes of Callas, Toscanini, Stravinsky, Caruso and Pavarotti. There are guided tours of the theater available.

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## TORRE DE LOS INGLESES

If you choose to walk along the famous street of Florida why not reach this monument through the beautiful Plaza San Martín in Retiro. In 2016 Argentina celebrated the 200-year anniversary of its independence. “The Tower, situated at Avenida Libertador 49, was a present offered by the local British Community who in 1909 wished to commemorate the anniversary of the Revolución de Mayo (25th May 1810), when autonomy from Spain was first attained in the River Plate.” [Torre de los Ingleses in Buenos Aires, a gift by the British Community.](#)



## Weekend getaways?

STAY CLOSE TO **BUENOS AIRES**

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### 1 SAN PEDRO

Of the options close to Buenos Aires, the town of San Pedro is the best place to spend a couple of days without the hustle and bustle of the city. Located a little more than two hours away from the capital, it offers multiple options to enjoy. The Paraná River is the main attraction of San Pedro, you can fish tarariras (a sweet water fish), even take a bath in its waters. Visiting the forest reserve near the river is also an option. In the evening, the town offers plenty of bars, music and Cafes.

### 2 TIGRE

Tigre is one of the towns in which weekend tourism has become a successful industry, just a few kilometers from the capital. Hikes, boat rides or simply enjoying the outdoors are some of the available options. To enjoy the Paraná River, it is necessary to visit the fluvial station, from where you can visit the different islands of the Delta, as well as simply take a boat ride. If you want to stay on land there are camping areas available as well as numerous bars to enjoy the night. Don't miss the Museo del Mate!

### 3 ROSARIO

The most important city of Santa Fe, 300 km from Buenos Aires, is the option that hundreds of tourists choose every weekend to escape the routine of the capital. Tranquil river, nightlife, and good accommodation... Visiting the historic center of the city is a delight for lovers of architecture. The abundant green spaces are another source of recreation. Good cuisine is present in the different bars that make Rosario one of the cities with the best nightlife.



## 4 TANDIL

The sierras of Tandil are the tourist places that most attract the inhabitants of Buenos Aires. These are of course the number one attraction of the place, that broken geography of granitic elevations that the inhabitants of the plains like so much. In the city we can go through its cobblestone streets made in the same quarries from the area, enjoy an incredible gastronomy of cheeses and sausages booming in recent years, and visit the beautiful Mount Calvary and the Christ of the Sierras.

## 5 LOBOS

Calm streets, country atmosphere and multiple dining options make this town located just under 100 km from Buenos Aires in an ideal place for those who enjoy peace and quiet. The Laguna de los Lobos is the ideal place to enjoy a quiet boat ride on its waters or walk along its banks. Lobos is also known for being the birthplace of Juan Domingo Perón, former President, a site that history buffs may choose to visit.



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## 6 LUJÁN

Known as the 'Capital of Faith', it is a historic city in the Province of Buenos Aires founded in 1755, with a monumental neo-gothic cathedral, famous for the walking pilgrimages of over 6 million people every year, plenty of museums and fascinating history.

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## 7 MAR DEL PLATA

Mar del Plata is an elegant and historic Argentine seaside resort on the Atlantic coast. If you wish to visit this picturesque area please get in touch with elephant Minds. We offer an attractive tourist package staying at our own special retreat right in front of the beach, El Rincón de Clara in Mar del Plata.

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## BUENOS AIRES

Vibrant and cosmopolitan, there's always Buenos Aires, capital of Argentina, home to attractive neighborhoods of hectic urban life and cultural offer, each one with its particular trends, captivating with its architectural heritage, parks, art galleries, markets and countless restaurants and coffee shops scattered around. Other unique attractions of Buenos Aires are its culture of shows, hosting a wide variety of operas, theatres and tango shows that make Buenos Aires nightlife shine, impregnating it with its famous Bohemian identity.

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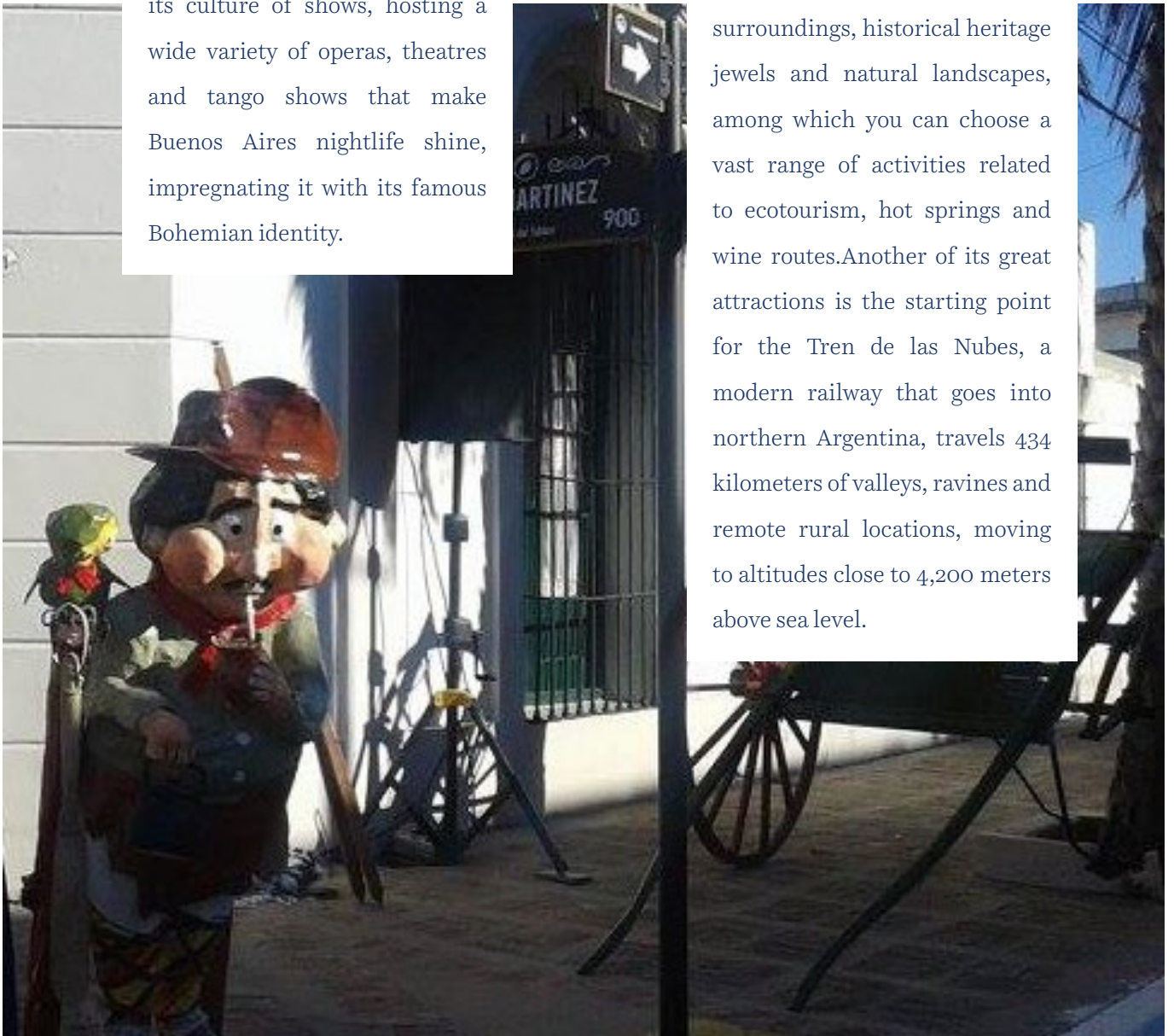
## Staying longer?

### TOP 10 AREAS TO VISIT AROUND ARGENTINA

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## SALTA

Nicknamed Salta la Linda, it's one of the most magical touristic places in Argentina, housing both in the city and its surroundings, historical heritage jewels and natural landscapes, among which you can choose a vast range of activities related to ecotourism, hot springs and wine routes. Another of its great attractions is the starting point for the Tren de las Nubes, a modern railway that goes into northern Argentina, travels 434 kilometers of valleys, ravines and remote rural locations, moving to altitudes close to 4,200 meters above sea level.





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**QUEBRADA DE  
HUMAHUACA**

Fascinating scenery of northern Argentina, declared a World Heritage Site by Unesco, famous for its arid and mountainous landscapes, among which emerge sites of extraordinary beauty such as the geological wonder of the Hill of Seven Colors, with shades that degrade between reddish and orange shades. The ten localities that hide in this surroundings are another fascinating attraction, rural villages and other small cities, among which time seems to have frozen in a colonial past, together with a series of archaeological remains that speak of more than 10,000 years of human occupation history.

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**USHUAIA**

One of the tourist places of Argentina that generates curiosity is considered the southernmost city in the world, located in the last stretches of the Andes Mountain Range, in the area known as Tierra del Fuego, an area of impressive wooded landscapes, flanked by rivers, lakes and glaciers. The city offers mostly excursions and ecotourism activities, highlighting the cruises on the Beagle Channel and the End of the World Lighthouse, along with several hiking trails among the Patagonian forests of the Tierra del Fuego National Park.

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**VALLE DE LA LUNA**

Also called Ischigualasto, it is part of a National Park declared a World Heritage Site by Unesco, home to arid soils that preserve the dinosaur tracks and fossils that inhabited the area 230 million years ago. Added to its paleontological interest, the valley captivates by the uniqueness of its landscape, where rocks sculpted by the wind over millennia, have acquired the most varied shapes and ranges of colors.

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**IGUAZÚ NATIONAL  
PARK**

Located in the missionary jungle, it is an ecological reserve of 250,000 km<sup>2</sup> shared with Brazil, recognised for the beauty of its landscapes as one of the seven natural wonders of the world and a World Heritage Site by UNESCO.

Among its main attractions is the sighting of the most unique animal and plant species on the planet, along with 275 waterfalls that reach up to 80 meters high, forming the famous Iguazu Falls.



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Glaciar en Argentina

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## EL CALAFATE Y GLACIAR PERITO MORENO

El Calafate, is a small town on the shores of Lago Argentino, better known as the gateway to the Glacier National Park, a nature reserve declared a World Heritage Site by Unesco, home to extensive ice fields and beautiful landscapes of mountains, forests and lakes. The best-known glacier of the park is the Perito Moreno, an immense mass of ice with a front of 5 km wide and 60 m high, especially famous for the unusual natural phenomenon of the breaking of the glacier once every 2 or 4 years, possible to see thanks to a series of footbridges that allow you to contemplate the show just 400 meters away.

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## BARILOCHE

Locality located in the center of the Huapi National Park, a natural reserve known for the beauty of its natural settings, housing extensive areas of Patagonian forests with numerous lakes, rivers and volcanoes, among which you can make various activities of contact with nature, such as rafting, canopy and trekking. The city itself also has the attraction of the richness of its traditions, especially influenced by the strong presence of German and Swiss immigrants, represented both in its wooden architecture, as well as in its rich gastronomic and chocolate culture.



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**MENDOZA**

Located in the plains of the Cordillera de los Andes, it is one of the most important cities in the country, recognised for its attractive urban life, combining a vast cultural and commercial offer, with a lively nightlife. At the same time, it is considered one of the touristic places of Argentina for lovers of enology, sheltering in its endless vineyards landscapes, easy to travel through various wine routes, which allow you to visit at least a hundred wineries.



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Beach in Mar  
del Plata

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**PENÍNSULA  
VALDÉS**

Natural sanctuary of marine species, declared a World Heritage Site by Unesco, famous for allowing the sighting of the largest population of southern whales, along with numerous dolphin, penguin and elephant seal communities. Its closest human settlement corresponds to Puerto Pirámides, a town of almost 600 inhabitants, surrounded by crystal clear waters and rugged landscapes, with beaches protected by cliffs, where it is possible to dive among extraordinary marine biodiversity.







## In short...

There are endless possibilities for **learning**, **fun** and **entertainment** in Argentina, and all of them are adaptable to your interests and special requirements.

Do not hesitate to contact elephant Minds to receive not only more detailed information, but also expert advice on your travelling plans, whether for a day, for the weekend, or if you are planning longer stays that might require more careful planning.

We can also help you organize and guide you with up to date information about yoga classes, workshops in multiple disciplines, art classes with local artists, a day in the life of an authentic Argentine gaucho with horses in a real estancia, Polo, or any other activity that you may be interested in.

**We are here to help you. We look forward to hearing from you soon.**



