

In addition to receiving the essential elements of the program (lodging with host family, Spanish class and electives taught in English or Spanish), AmeriSpan participants receive a number of extras, including an excursion to Iguazú Falls! These extras are outlined below.

Welcome Dinner

During the first days in Argentina, there will be a welcome dinner at a nice restaurant with other AmeriSpan and study abroad students. Details about the specific time and location will be provided upon arrival.

Orientation

The orientation will take place at Universidad de Belgrano and includes a city tour of Buenos Aires. This is a great opportunity to get to know the school and city as well as program staff and the other study abroad students in the program.

On-site Director

AmeriSpan participants will have their own on-site director available 24/7 to assist with adjusting to the program and culture, as well as resolving any problems that may arise.

Iguazú Water Falls (Weekend Excursion)



Set in a dense jungle where Brazil, Paraguay and Argentina meet, these waterfalls may be the most spectacular on the planet. Upon seeing Iguazú, the United States' First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt reportedly exclaimed "Poor Niagara". The falls, meaning "great waters" in Guarani, divide the Iguazú River into its upper and lower parts. There is so much terrain, so many views and with more than 270 discrete falls, Iguazú is truly amazing.

This excursion includes two nights in a hotel, breakfast, a group dinner Saturday night, park entrance fees and the 'Gran Aventura' excursion. This excursion goes through the jungle in all-terrain trucks following the Yacaratia path to reach Puerto Macuco, continuing through the rapids of the lower Iguazú River on inflatable speedboats. The boats go into the Devil's Throat Canyon approaching the waterfalls to finish the adventure in front of San Martín Island.

El Tigre (Day Trip)



El Tigre (pop. 280,000) is located less than 20 miles from Buenos Aires yet is quite a contrast to the hustle and bustle of the big city. This tranquil riverside town was founded in 1820 and sits on an island formed by several small streams and rivers. Tigre was founded after floods in the early 1800's destroyed other settlements in the area, namely the former port known as Las Conchas Partido. The name, El Tigre, is derived from its history as an area where early settlers hunted jaguars. Today, this popular weekend retreat is known as 'Puerto de Frutos'.

Located on the delta of Rio de la Plata, visitors are able to take boat rides in a variety of vessels from kayaks to catamarans, stroll along the promenade and shop for the many native handicrafts from wicket to carpets. This is a relaxing and eye-opening day trip full of history and fun.