ARTS AND CULTURE OF
Argentina
TANGO, GAUCHOS & MALBEC
MARCH 11 TO 22, 2011

a program of the stanford alumni association
Sophisticated, cosmopolitan cities; breathtaking snow-capped peaks and world-famous art, wine and culture. Sounds like Europe, doesn’t it? All too often overlooked by American travelers are the many wonders and attractions of South America, particularly Argentina. Here you will find the cultural sophistication of Europe mixed with the Latin passion that inspires the tango. Stanford connections will open doors giving us the opportunity to get to know prominent artists and learn firsthand about Argentina’s rich and dynamic cultural life. In addition, unforgettable experiences await – savoring an asado barbecue at an estancia, walking in the shadows of Aconcagua Mountain and wine tasting amid the vineyards in Mendoza. Come join us on this exciting exploration of the arts and culture of Argentina.

BRETT S. THOMPSON, ’83, DIRECTOR, STANFORD TRAVEL/STUDY

Highlights

Spend a day at a private estancia in the pampas and savor a typical Argentine barbecue.

Tour the heart of the wine district, Mendoza, and learn firsthand about viticulture from vineyard owners.

Journey to the Enchanted Valley in Argentina’s Lake District to look for Andean condor nests among magical rock formations.

MENDOZA
**Buenos Aires**

Mendoza

**ARGENTINA**

URUGUAY

CHILE

**NAHUEL HUAPI NATIONAL PARK**

**Victoria Island**

**Valle Encantado**

**Bariloche**

**Atlantic Ocean**

**Pacific Ocean**

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**Itinerary**

Friday & Saturday, March 11 & 12
**Depart U.S. / Buenos Aires, Argentina**
Depart on an overnight flight to Buenos Aires. Transfer to our hotel, located in the heart of the fashionable Recoleta neighborhood, and begin our journey with an exploration of the nearby Recoleta Cemetery, the much-revered resting place of patriarchs, presidents, poets and the beloved Eva Perón. Enjoy a tango performance after this evening’s welcome dinner.

**Loi Suites Recoleta (D)**

Sunday, March 13
**Buenos Aires**
This morning enjoy a city tour with a focus on the arts beginning with the Plaza de Mayo, the National Cathedral and Casa Rosada, the famed pink building from which Eva and Juan Domingo Perón would address the masses. From there we visit the studio of an Argentinean artist and conclude with a tour of the Argentinean collection at the Fine Arts Museum. Later at the Santa Catalina de Siena Church and Convent, listen to a private concert featuring a string quintet from the Colón Opera House. **Loi Suites Recoleta (B,L)**

Monday, March 14
**Buenos Aires / San Antonio de Areco**
Spend today immersed in gaucho culture. Visit the town of San Antonio de Areco and learn about the gaucho’s history and way of life. Meet with a local silversmith who talks to us about the traditional methods of the silver trade. Continue on to a private estancia where we find what goes into the preparation of a traditional Argentinean asado meal. After a barbecue lunch, the amateur gauchos among us will have the opportunity to go for a horseback ride across the pampas with its huge empty skies, endless horizons and pastures spotted with cattle. **Loi Suites Recoleta (B,L)**

Tuesday, March 15
**Buenos Aires / Mendoza**
Fly to the province of Mendoza and visit one of the most renowned Mendocian artists, Sergio Rogerrone, in his home/studio, which is reminiscent of the estancias of Andalucia, Spain. His works integrate intense colors with themes that reflect the earth, the celebration of vendimia, or grape harvest, and iconic women. **Hotel Diplomatic (B,L,D)**

Wednesday, March 16
**Mendoza**
The wine capital of Argentina, Mendoza province accounts for over 70% of the nation’s wine production and is the world’s sixth-largest producer of grapes. Today, enjoy a private tour by an agronomist engineer and grandson of the founder of the Toso vineyard. Continue on to a boutique vineyard to learn about wine production in Mendoza and to sample the well-balanced flavors of the local Cabernet and Malbec. **Hotel Diplomatic (B,L,D)**
THURSDAY, MARCH 17
MENDOZA / ACONCAGUA MOUNTAIN
Enjoy a scenic drive from Mendoza through the Upasallata Valley to Aconcagua Mountain, one of the famed Seven Summits and the highest point in both the Western and Southern hemispheres (22,841 feet). Enjoy breathtaking views of the mountain during our hike in the Horcones Ravine.
HOTEL DIPLOMATIC (B,L)

FRIDAY, MARCH 18
MENDOZA / BARILOCHE
Fly to the Patagonia Lake District via Buenos Aires to explore Nahuel Huapi National Park, a natural sanctuary of pristine land with deep azure lakes, soaring mountains, vast forests and sprawling estancias. In the afternoon, walk through the beautiful forests that offer us incredible panoramic views of Lake Nahuel Huapi, Lake Correntoso and the Andes Mountains.
HOTEL CORRENTOSO (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, MARCH 19
VICTORIA ISLAND
Travel by private boat across Lake Nahuel Huapi, one of the most beautiful lakes in Patagonia. Disembark on Victoria Island for a nature walk through the island’s idyllic forest to learn about the indigenous vegetation. Enjoy a picnic lunch at a secluded beach.
HOTEL CORRENTOSO (B,L)

SUNDAY, MARCH 20
VALLE ENCANTADO
Set out on a morning trek along the steppe of Valle Encantado, where volcanic rock configurations created by wind and rain take on unique shapes. If we’re lucky, we’ll catch sight of one of the most magnificent, yet elusive, birds, the Andean condor, which nests in this area. Later, stop for an authentic Patagonian barbecue lunch at a lodge overlooking the Limay River. Gather this evening for a special farewell dinner.
HOTEL CORRENTOSO (B,L,D)

MONDAY & TUESDAY, MARCH 21 & 22
BARILOCHE / BUENOS AIRES / U.S.
Enjoy a morning at leisure before boarding our group flight to Buenos Aires, where we connect with independent overnight flights to the U.S.

Optional Pre-Trip Extension to Iguazú Falls
MARCH 8 TO 11

Roaring out of the jungle and hurtling over cliffs between Brazil and Argentina, the Iguazú Falls are one of the natural wonders of the world. Spend two nights at this extraordinary place with ample time to relax and see the cataracts surrounded by luxuriant rain forest, beautiful exotic birds – toucans, caracas and parrots – and intriguing bromeliads and butterflies. Walk along the upper and lower trails for close-up views of the many different falls. Take a thrilling Zodiac boat to see the falls from the lower river, approaching the base of the falls. Fly to Buenos Aires to enjoy an extra night in the captivating city before the main program begins. More information and a reservation form will be sent to confirmed participants.
Information

DATES
March 11 to 22, 2011 (12 days)

SIZE
Limited to 32 participants

COST*
$7,795 per person, double occupancy
$8,895 per person, single occupancy
*Association nonmembers add $200 per person

INCLUDED
9 nights of hotel accommodations • 9 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 5 dinners • Welcome and farewell dinners • Group flights within Argentina • Bottled water on excursions • Gratuities to porters, guides and drivers for all group activities • All tours and excursions as described in the itinerary • Transfers and baggage handling on program arrival and departure days • Minimal medical, accident and evacuation insurance • Educational program with lecture series and pre-departure materials, including recommended reading list, a selected book, map and travel information • Services of our professional tour manager to assist you throughout the program

NOT INCLUDED
International and U.S. domestic airfare • Passport and visa fees • Argentine reciprocity tax • Immunization costs • Meals and beverages other than those specified as included • Independent and private transfers • Trip-cancellation/interruption and baggage insurance • Excess-baggage charges • Personal items such as email, telephone and fax calls, laundry and gratuities for nongroup services

AIR ARRANGEMENTS
International and U.S. domestic airfare is not included in the program cost. Round-trip, economy-class airfare on Continental Airlines from San Francisco to Buenos Aires, Argentina, is approximately $1,200 as of June 2010 and is subject to change without notice. Information on recommended flight itineraries will be sent by our designated agent.

WHAT TO EXPECT
We consider this program to be a moderately strenuous program that is at times physically demanding and busy. Daily programs involve one to three miles of walking, often on uneven terrain. Participants must be physically fit and in active good health. Our journey at times requires several hours of travel by motorcoach, the longest drives being up to three hours. We welcome travelers 15 years of age and older on this program.
Deposit & Final Payment
A $1,000 deposit is required to hold space for Arts and Culture of Argentina. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure.

Cancellations & Refunds
Deposits and any payments are fully refundable, less a $500-per-person cancellation fee, until 120 days prior to departure. After that date, refunds can be made only if the program is sold out and your place(s) can be resold, in which case a $1,000-per-person cancellation fee will apply. We recommend trip-cancellation insurance; applications will be sent to you.

Insurance
Stanford Travel/Study provides all travelers who are U.S. or Canadian citizens with minimal medical, accident and evacuation coverage under our group-travel insurance policy. Our group policy is intended to provide minimal levels of protection while you are traveling on this program. We strongly recommend that you subscribe to optional baggage and trip-cancellation insurance. A brochure offering such insurance will be mailed with your confirmation about one week after we receive your deposit. The product offered in this brochure includes a special Waiver of Pre-Existing Conditions and coverage for Financial Insolvency and Terrorist Acts if you postmark your insurance payment within 15 days of the date listed on the confirmation letter.

Eligibility
We encourage membership in the Alumni Association as the program cost for nonmembers is $200 more than the members’ price. Stanford alumni may become Annual ($75) or Life ($495) Members. Stanford parents, faculty, staff, interns, residents and fellows may become Installment Members ($90 down, $115/year for four years) or Life Members ($495). Nonalumni may become Life Affiliates (one-time fee, $650). Parents and their children under 21 may travel on one membership. For more information or to purchase a membership, visit www.stanfordalumni.org/membership or call (650) 725-0692.

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Terms & Conditions

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Faculty Leader

HERBERT S. KLEIN is a professor of history at Stanford, specializing in Latin American history. In addition to having previously taught history at Columbia University for 35 years, he has also taught full terms at several universities in South America. Professor Klein first went to Argentina as a research scholar in 1966 and has returned every couple of years since then, having lived for several years in Buenos Aires. He has authored numerous books on Latin America and on comparative themes in social and economic history. His current focus is 20th-century social change in Latin America and the U.S. During our program, Professor Klein will lecture on the history, societies, politics and culture of Argentina.

- At Stanford: director, Center for Latin American Studies; fellow, Hoover Institution
- Has been a Guggenheim fellow, a Woodrow Wilson fellow, a Fulbright lecturer and a postdoctoral fellow at Yale and Oxford
- BA, MA and PhD, University of Chicago

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BARBARA VARENHORST, ’64

Reservation Form

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I/We have read the Terms and Conditions for the program and agree to them.
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If this is a reservation for one person, please indicate:
☐ I wish to have single accommodations.
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Here is my deposit of $_______ ($1,000 per person) for _____ space(s).
☐ Enclosed is my check (payable to Stanford Alumni Association) OR
☐ Charge my deposit to my:  ☐ Visa  ☐ MasterCard  ☐ American Express

CARD #
EXPIRATION DATE
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Mail completed form to address on mail panel or fax to (650) 725-8675 or place your deposit online at www.stanfordalumni.org/trip?argentina 2011. Please submit your reservation only once to avoid multiple charges to your account.
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