



## International Basketball Tour 2025 Itinerary Lakeland University Women's Basketball Argentina – Buenos Aires

### Travel dates:

May 12-20, 2025 (dates can be adjusted by some days if necessary)

### Itinerary:

- Day 1 Departure from Chicago airport.
- Day 2 Arrival Buenos Aires Airport. Transfer to your accommodation. After check-in, we'll offer the group a walking tour to explore the area around your hotel as well as an optional light practice session.
- Day 3 Guided bus tour of Buenos Aires. Located in a relatively compact area near the old colonial heart of the city, the Plaza de Mayo was established in 1580, with its main sites including the Pink, Colon Theater, Government Palace, and the world's widest avenue – la 9 de Julio – with its Obelisco monument.
- Evening game vs. a local team.**
- Day 4 Day trip to La Boca. The city's historical Little Italy where El Caminito, a historical pedestrian zone is located. Late afternoon optional visit to the Boca Juniors Football Stadium as well as the museum, popularly known as La Bombonera (the Chocolate Box). From the outside, the stadium seems to be part of the scale model exhibited in the museum depicting this famous neighborhood.
- For the evening, we recommend attending a Tango Show (the extra cost for this Tango show is approx. \$100.00 per person and it includes dinner, wine, tango class, and the show); the dance originated in lower-class districts of Buenos Aires and the music was derived from the fusion of various forms of music from Europe. The first association of Tango's distinctive music and dance was recorded circa 1890s.
- Day 5 Walking tour to Calle Florida and La Galleria Pacifico: shopping at Calle Florida with live performing artists in the streets; after, time for shopping at Gallerias Pacifico Artistic Mall. Shopping areas in Buenos Aires are the best places for people-watching and traditional crafts and food. Afternoon optional community service project. **Evening game vs. a local team.**
- Day 6 Take a walking tour through the Puerto Madero District. From its refurbished red brick buildings and port cranes to its modern skyscrapers and luxurious apartment buildings, Puerto Madero is the perfect combination of old and new. The Río de la Plata River provides a quiet, relaxing atmosphere that contrasts with the hustle and bustle of heavy traffic just blocks away.
- Day 7 Walking tour to the beautiful Recoleta Neighborhood, known for its squares, parks, cafés and galleries. You may also visit the astonishing Recoleta cemetery where the famous Eva Duarte de Peron, most known as "Evita" is buried. Eva was deemed "Spiritual Leader of the Nation" and was a major contributor to women's and low-income rights in Argentina. She was a



former actress and married Juan Peron who became president, which is where much of her influence began.

Another option for this day is to spend a day in Buenos Aires to explore the city, do your shopping, etc. This option is included in the tour costs. A very nice option is a walking tour of the San Telmo Neighborhood. This is a cool, colonial district with a beautiful antique fair market. You may see performing street artists dancing tango, music bands, etc. During the weekend it is very lively and crowded.

**Evening game vs. a local team.**

Day 8 Morning available to do your final shopping. Afternoon transfer to Buenos Aires Airport and return flight.

Day 9 Return home.

\*The above itinerary is a provisional/suggested itinerary and can/will change depending on your group's specific wishes, the final game schedule for your team(s), and any pro game visit(s) incorporated for your group. Sightseeing admission fees are not included in the prices but can be added and pre-booked based on your group's specific wishes. Consult us for more information.

**Tour price estimate per person\*:**

Number of people traveling	20-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49
Participant prices	\$3,106	\$3,019	\$2,961	\$2,918	\$2,874

\* Prices are based on contracted group airline fares and land prices for 2024. We will know more about group fares and land prices for 2025 approx. 11 months prior to the departure date when airlines publish group flights and can confirm pricing then.

**Price inclusions:**

- Round trip airfare, including airport taxes and fuel surcharges. Prices are always subject to the availability of flights and fares at the time of booking.
- Accommodations and meals as specified in this proposal – see below.
- Ground transportation – see below.
- Costs for arranging the sport program – see below.
- Services of a local tour assistant – see below.

**Sport program included:**

We will arrange 3 games versus Buenos Aires-area competition.

**Accommodation and meals included:**

Four-star hotel accommodation - daily breakfast and dinner is included. The hotel is centrally located in Buenos Aires, an 8-minute walk from the grand Teatro Colón. The hotel offers rooms for 3 people with private bathrooms, free Wi-Fi, cable TV, and minibar. The hotel offers its own restaurant as well as a business center and gym. Rooms for 2 people are available at a supplement of \$ 5.00 per person per night and rooms for 1 are available at a supplement of \$45.00 per person per night.



### **Ground transportation included:**

We have included all mentioned transportation in the itinerary as well as airport transfers. Many of the tours we offer are walking tours.

### **Local guide services included:**

A local tour assistant will be assigned to be exclusively with your group full time each day during your stay in each destination to provide you with any assistance when necessary and help plan or amend your daily schedule as needed.

### **Options available (not included in prices)**

#### **Sport program and excursion options:**

- Community service project - a basketball clinic with underprivileged children and/or work at a soup kitchen - US\$35.00 per person including transportation to and from the site.
- Practice session with your own coaches - US\$45.00 per person including transportation to and from the gym.
- Tango Show - US\$120.00 per person including dinner, wine, tango class, and the show.
- Gauchos Tour - US\$70.00 per person including food and transportation.

#### **Travel insurance option:**

Your participants have the option to purchase accident, illness, and trip cancellation/interruption insurance, including a Cancel for Any Reason Coverage (CFAR) – more information about this insurance is included on your team website page.

#### **Not included in prices:**

- Beverages (soda) with meals.
- Gratuities for representatives and bus drivers.
- Admission fees to attractions.



## Touristic information Buenos Aires

Buenos Aires is the capital and most populous city of Argentina. The city is located on the western shore of the estuary of the Río de la Plata, on the South American continent's southeastern coast. Buenos Aires is a top tourist destination and is known for its preserved Spanish/European-style architecture and rich cultural life – it is known as the “Paris of South America”. Buenos Aires held the 1st Pan American Games in 1951 as well as hosting two venues in the 1978 FIFA World Cup. Buenos Aires will host the 2018 Summer Youth Olympics and the 2018 G20 summit. The tango is the national dance of Argentina which originated in the 1880s along the River Plate, the natural border between Argentina and Uruguay, and soon spread to the rest of the world.

**Puerto Madero:** When visitors want to take an evening stroll, many head to Puerto Madero, where dazzling city lights illuminate the port that once served as a major destination for European trade. During the day, this area rests as a quiet business hub, but by night, this little neighborhood bursts with energy. Trendy porteños flock to the neighborhood steak and seafood restaurants and tango at festive dance clubs. Standout spots include Rojo Tango and Asia de Cuba, which are both for their sultry dancing and festive décor.

**La Boca:** This fashionable neighborhood located in southern Buenos Aires brims with trendy boutiques and art galleries. Once a gritty shipyard bustling with European immigrants, this now vibrant port houses local artists, soccer fans, and middle-class workers alike. Its name—which translates to “The Mouth”—is derived from its distinct location near the Río de la Plata (the estuary formed by the meeting of the Uruguay and Paraná rivers). Make your way to Vuelta de Rocha's triangular plaza and you'll come upon the start of colorful Caminito, a popular pedestrian sidewalk flanked by bright murals and shimmering metal houses. Here, you'll also find the taxicab-yellow stadium of Argentina's most popular soccer team, Boca Juniors, along with lively cafés, bars, and casual tango institutions.

**Recoleta Cemetery:** This beloved cemetery—located in the ritzy Recoleta neighborhood—is the resting place of many notable political figures and elites in Argentine history. You'll probably recall Madonna belting out Tim Rice's lyrics “Don't Cry for me Argentina” in her rendition as Eva “Evita” Perón in the 1978 musical, *Evita*. But what you may not remember is Eva Perón's role as the outspoken and influential first Lady of Argentina in 1946, nor her untimely death at age 33 from cancer. As you stroll through the cemetery, you'll not only catch a glimpse of Ms. Perón's ornate resting place, but also discover a wide array of art nouveau, art deco, and modernist mausoleums. Another highlight is the towering Círculo Militar, a black structure imported from Paris that features stunning white marble angels. One TripAdvisor user comments, “It is a necropolis full of architectural art. A visit to the city wouldn't be complete without this.”