

# BRAZIL & ARGENTINA

## Trip Info

**Dates:** March 19–26, 2011  
**Group Size:** Maximum of 21.  
**Grade:** Moderate  
**Accommodation:** 7 nights accommodation in 4 star hotels  
**Meals:** Breakfast daily, 1 lunch (L), 3 dinners (D).  
**Prices:** \$2895 USD, single supplement: \$940 USD. Not required. Hermes Tours can match you with another traveller.  
**Includes:** All accommodation as listed, transfers on designated arrival/departure dates, activities and meals as listed.  
**Not Included:** International air to/from Rio/Buenos Aires. Visas if required, departure tax, meals and activities not specifically included in the itinerary. Any items of a personal nature such as telephone, laundry, alcohol & beverages, as well as customary tips to your driver and tour guides and Hermes Tours escort.

**Further Info:** See our website

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Once you've been to Rio de Janeiro, you know what the pulsating city of vibrant nightlife, steamy beaches and dramatic Pao de Acucar Mountain is all about. But Rio is also a city of stunning architecture, marvelous food and a teeming metropolis. For a glimpse of the country's natural beauty, we jet down to Iguazu Falls to immerse ourselves in verdant jungle trails and mist-shrouded cataracts. Once you experience firsthand the sultry sophistication of Buenos Aires, you'll quickly understand how the tango came to be invented here. The city steps quickly, pulses with passion, and shamelessly flirts with travelers. Our accommodations here are sure to seduce you, too – the elegant Axel Hotel, the world's only gay hotel chain. And in our Hermes small group, we'll move about with ease and take it all in at a relaxed pace.



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

### RIO

- Take a train to Corcovado
- Sugar Loaf
- Plenty of free time to relax on the beaches
- 4 star accommodation on Ipanema Beach (the gay beach)
- Services of an expert Hermes Tours escort

### IGUAZU FALLS

- Tour of both Brazilian and Argentinean side of Iguazu Falls
- Get up close to the falls on our boat tour

### BUENOS AIRES

- Guided Tour of Buenos Aires
- Enjoy an evening of dinner and tango!
- Stay at the wonderful Axel Hotel!

## ITINERARY IN BRIEF

**Friday, March 18, 2011**

### Depart from Home

Board your international flight to Rio today. Many flights will depart in the evening with arrival into Rio the following morning.

**Saturday, March 19, 2011**

### Arrival – Corcovado (B, D)

Upon arrival at the airport transfer to our hotel the Ipanema Plaza located on Ipanema beach. The morning is free for you to rest and relax and get acquainted with your surroundings. This evening Hermes Tours will host a welcome dinner & show so that we get better acquainted with our new traveling companions.

**Sunday, March 20, 2011**

### Tour of Rio – (B, L)

After breakfast we embark on our full day tour of Rio including Corcovado & Sugar Loaf Mountain. You have the opportunity to visit the Christ the Redeemer statue. Upon departure, a 2-mile, 25-minute train ride will take you through the lush Tijuca Forest to the station on the top of the mountain. Afterwards we will make our way to Sugar Loaf Mountain. Before arriving at the mountain we will stop for a delicious Brazilian Barbeque lunch. The sugar loaf tour is done in two parts. You will take a breath-taking cable car ride to the first stop at Urca Mountain which stands at 721 feet. From there you will walk to the other side of the mountain to take the next cable car to Sugar Loaf Mountain which stands at 1,295 feet. There will be some leisure time at the top of the mountain before returning to ground level by the cable car. With spectacular views of Rio, the views are unforgettable.

**Monday, March 21, 2011**

### Rio Free Day (B)

Your day is completely free to relax on the beach or perhaps engage in a little retail therapy! Your tour escort will have some ideas for touring options should you desire.

**Tuesday, March 22, 2011**

### Rio – Iguazu Falls – Brazilian Falls Tour (B)

We transfer to the airport today and head to Iguazu falls. The mighty Iguazu Falls are the widest waterfalls in the world, made up of 275 individual falls that form a semicircle that stretches 1.6 miles. Viewing the amazing Iguazu Falls from the Brazilian side offers unforgettable panoramic views.

**Wednesday, March 23, 2011**

### Half Day Tour of Argentinean Falls with Gran Aventura Safari (B)

After crossing the border into Argentina for this awe-inspiring tour, you will enter the Iguazu National Park, home to approximately 70% of Iguazu Falls. Walk along raised metal walkways above the water to the Devil's Throat Falls, the largest and most impressive of the 245 total waterfalls. The walkway traverses the waters and ends just before the drop off point for Devil's Throat. A rush of adrenaline pumps through your veins as you not only see the falls up close, but feel the power of the rushing falls, and oftentimes the sprays of the water as well. After we board boats for an exciting adventure to see the falls up close. After the boat ride, you will board open jeeps for a ride through the forest.

**Thursday, March 24, 2011**

### Iguazu Falls— Buenos Aires (B, D)

We transfer to the airport today for our flight to Buenos Aires. Our hotel is the famous Axel Hotel. This evening we enjoy dinner at a local gay restaurant known for their superb cuisine!

**Friday, March 25, 2011**

### Buenos Aires (B, D)

This morning we head out and find out why Buenos Aires is called the Paris of the Americas. This European-style city is a vibrant metropolis full of life. After our guided tour we return to our hotel where the rest of the afternoon is free for you to explore Buenos Aires at your own pace. This evening we hit the town for dinner and watch a tango show!

**Saturday, March 26, 2011**

### Buenos Aires Free Day and Check Out

Today is the end of our Buenos Aires Tour. You are free to make your return flight for anytime today. For those with a late departure we have arranged for late check out from our hotel. Transfer to the airport.

