

10 Buenos Aires Tourism Highlights

1) Buenos Aires "Bus Turístico"

Take a 24-hour hop-on, hop-off tour bus that visits all major sites and neighborhoods in Buenos Aires.

http://www.buenosairesbus.com/en/city_tour.htm

2) Palermo Gardens ("Bosques de Palermo")

Enjoy Buenos Aires mild weather with a walk through a beautiful park with a lake, rose garden, and nearby Japanese gardens. You can walk around, rent a paddle boat, exercise, or eat a typical "choripan" or "pancho".

<http://www.buenosaires123.com.ar/paseos/bosques-palermo.php>

3) San Telmo Neighborhood and Market

One of Buenos Aires's traditional neighborhoods –*Every Sunday* you can visit a beautiful antiques and street market.

<http://www.buenostours.com/feria-de-san-telmo-sundays>

4) Palermo Soho Neighborhood

Buenos Aires' modern and chic version of New York Soho, filled with boutiques, plazas, cafés, bars, and galleries. Beautiful to enjoy a coffee during the day, and at night bars and cafés fill with local 'Porteños' out for late dinner and drinks.

http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g312741-d2443962-Reviews-Palermo_Soho-Buenos_Aires_Capital_Federal_District.html

5) Plaza Francia and Recoleta Cemetery

Recoleta's neighborhood contains a weekly *artisanal fair on the weekends* – vendors join to display beautiful artwork, jewelry, and more. Nearby is the famous "Recoleta Cemetery" containing the graves of notable people, most prominently the iconic Eva Perón. The BBC hailed it as one of the world's best cemeteries and in 2013 CNN listed it among the 10 most beautiful cemeteries in the world.

<http://www.feriaplazafrancia.com/home.asp?/Es>

6) Puerto Madero

Buenos Aires's old port has been converted into a vibrant new boardwalk filled with restaurants and cafés, and the beautiful "Puente de la Mujer" bridge by renowned Spanish architect Santiago Calatrava.

http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g312741-d2479037-Reviews-Puente_de_la_Mujer-Buenos_Aires_Capital_Federal_District.html

7) Downtown area: Plaza de Mayo, Casa Rosada, Calle Florida, Teatro Colon, Obelisco

Visit Buenos Aires' downtown area filled with history of the city and the government's "Casa Rosada" "pink house." You can often see *las abuelas de Plaza de Mayo* - a group of women activists who are still looking for their grandchildren, "stolen" babies whose mothers were killed during the military dictatorship more than 30 years ago. Nearby Florida street is a pedestrian cobbled stoned street filled with vendors, live tango dancers, shops, and black-market salesmen. Don't miss Galerías Pacífico, at the intersection of Florida and Cordoba streets, a shopping center with frescos by artist Antonio Berni.

At walking distance you will find the majestic Teatro Colon, the century-old Buenos Aires' opera house, acoustically considered to be amongst the five best concert venues in the world (offering performances and a guided tour), and the "Obelisco", the quintessential icon of Buenos Aires in Plaza de la Republica. (The Obelisco decorates the PKC webpage – when visiting it you may also note a familiar name engraved in it.)

http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-q312741-d311754-Reviews-Casa_Rosada-Buenos_Aires_Capital_Federal_District.html

8) Centro Cultural Borges

Buenos Aires cultural center named after the great Argentine writer Jorge Luis Borges, filled with art galleries, independent movie screening, cafés, and more.

<http://www.ccborges.org.ar/>

9) La Boca

Walk through colorful "Caminito" street, where you will find tango blasting throughout the dozens of parrillada restaurants, cafes, shops, and artist boutiques. Here you will find old tango records, souvenirs, and tango performances on the street.

<http://travel.nationalgeographic.com/travel/city-guides/buenos-aires-walking-tour-3/>

10) El Tigre

Leave the busy city and take a train to visit a picturesque town along Rio de la Plata. Filled with parks and cafés to enjoy, boat tours, and an open market on the weekends.

<http://www.viator.com/tours/Buenos-Aires/Tigre-Delta-Day-Trip-from-Buenos-Aires/d901-5674TTDAY>

Buenos Aires is all about the coffee shops, book stores, wine, tango, food, lots of cultural events and nightlife - so check out what's going on while you are there!

Don't miss out on Argentina's typical foods:

Asado – Argentina's quality barbecue

Choripan – Argentine chorizo sandwich

Pizza – "El Cuartito" (local pizza shop – possibly world's best pizza)

Empanadas – stuffed bread (ham and cheese, spinach, meat, chicken, etc.)

Malbec – red wine (the most popular grape variety)

Facturas – local pastries (de grasa y de manteca)

Mate – typical herbal drink

Quilmes beer (popular with the locals, maybe less so with the Belgians)

Freddo – famous ice-cream chain (dulce de leche flavor)

Alfajores – soft cookies (e.g., Havanna brand)

Remember, Porteños (as Buenos Aires residents are called) don't eat dinner until at least 10pm! That is when you will find restaurants and bars at their busiest...

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