



CAREER ENRICHMENT



Occupational Therapy Journey to Chile & Argentina

Santiago & Buenos Aires

7 nights / 9 days

July 14-22, 2018

\$5,599 (Based on double occupancy)

\$999 Single Supplement

Enjoy the unique culture and traditions of South America while you spend time exploring Santiago, Chile and Buenos Aires, Argentina!

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Chile & Argentina Highlights

- ✓ 9-day (7 night) journey through Chile and Argentina
- ✓ Visit & explore **occupational therapy and other medical systems**; explore and compare Chilean & Argentine culture; and meet and **interact with citizens** of both nations.
- ✓ Explore two of the most important beachside cities on the central coast of Chile: Valparaíso and Viña del Mar.
- ✓ **Accompanying guest program** available on this itinerary.

Community & Cultural Connections

- ✓ **Talk to the people** you meet on the street. You'll be delighted at how open to conversation the locals are, and you may surprise yourself with the new impressions formed.
- ✓ Discuss and observe **Chilean and Argentinian daily life, communication styles** and **beliefs** with the local people.
- ✓ Get to know the distinctive cultural touchstones of the countries, including a **tango class** as well as a professional Tango show; a **Gaúcho cowboy experience** and **traditional Adobo (BBQ)** lunch.
- ✓ Explore local markets including **Mercado Central** in Santiago.

Professional Interaction

- ✓ Learn about **occupational therapy, physical therapy, rehabilitation and medical systems** in both countries as the group learns about methods of OT, PT, and rehabilitation education, culture and history of Chile and Argentina through lectures and interactions with occupational therapists and other professionals.
- ✓ Understanding the factors that drive **health care and educational systems in OT** in other countries will help you develop partnerships and build relationships that support sustainable programs and services.

What's included?

- 3.5-4* accommodations throughout
- All transportation and activities outlined in the itinerary
- Group transfers to and from the international airports
- International air to Santiago and on return from Buenos Aires, including in country transportation
- Local English speaking guides
- Meals as mentioned and **most tips**

Not included:

- Personal expenses at the hotels
- Meals not specified
- Passport renewal or issuance
- Domestic flight to gateway city
- Departure taxes where applicable
- Tip to your national guide in each country



📍 Miami, Florida

DAY 1: Saturday, July 14

Depart for Santiago, Chile

Depart today and make your way to Chile (gateway city set out of Miami) with a short stop in Buenos Aires. The stunning beauty and friendly people alone are worth a visit!



📍 Santiago, Chile

DAY 2: Sunday, July 15

Arrival and hotel check in

Arrive early this morning in Buenos Aires where you will connect to your ongoing flight to Santiago, Chile. The group will be met and be transferred to the local hotel where **early check-in has been confirmed for your convenience.**

After some time to rest, meet with your national guide for an **orientation and welcome briefing.** All travelers will gather to receive further information on the program. Discuss the political and cultural diversity of Chile.

Lunch will be provided at the hotel.

After lunch, explore Santiago including a visit to the **Museo Chileno de Arte Precolombino** and the **La Chascona Museum** accompanied by a knowledgeable expert. The Pre-Columbian Art Museum is dedicated to the study and display of pre-Columbian artworks and artifacts from Central and South America. Among other collections, **La Chascona** houses an interesting art gallery with paintings by Chilean and foreign artists from all times. There is also an African carved wood collection and another collection of furniture and objects from designer Piero Fornasetti.

Your last stop of the day is to **Sky Costanera.** At a height of 300 meters, it has the most impressive 360° view of Santiago.

Enjoy a welcome dinner and folklore show at Los Adobes de Argomedo.

Overnight: Solace Santiago (or similar)
Included meals: Lunch & Dinner



📍 Santiago, Chile

DAY 3: Monday, July 16

Professional exchange

Please Note: Breakfast is included daily.

Today you will meet **local medical professionals** with discussions including an overview of the OT, PT, and rehabilitation systems in Chile. Meetings will be requested with **local hospitals or clinics** to meet with your professional colleagues in their work setting.

Participants in this journey will not only enhance their understanding and appreciation of the intersect between culture, creed, beliefs, language, geography, government, politics, economics and history Argentinian and Chilean people, but they will appreciate the rich diversity of individuals we serve from around the world.

Mission: Through the journey, participants will develop an appreciation of the diversity of Argentina and Chile, these countries' health care needs in rural vs. urban areas, its programs of service to persons with disabilities, and its special education and literacy programs.

Accompanying guests will explore Santiago's key shopping areas with a local guide. This tour will allow you to visit some of the city's best locations. Perhaps the most interesting and comprehensive shopping area is the excellent Pueblo de Los Dominicos handicrafts market. This charming site resembles a colonial village and it offers many high-quality products, ranging from hand knit sweaters to lapis lazuli to art, with many bargains to be found.

Lunch will be provided this afternoon.

Enjoy dinner at the *Como Agua Para Chocolate Restaurant*. This Bellavista restaurant is a lovely dining spot to enjoy local Chilean dishes.

Overnight: Solace Santiago (or similar)
Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

📍 Santiago, Chile

DAY 4: Tuesday, July 17

Cultural immersion & exploration

This morning, explore the city including a drive up to **San Cristóbal Hill**, to board the **funicular railway** to climb up to the top of the hill for a panoramic view of the city and the omnipresent Andes Cordillera.

Later you will head uptown to the **Pueblo de Los Dominicos Handicrafts Market**. In the nearly 200 stalls can be found all varieties of traditional goods, including leather work, wood craft, sculptures, paintings, copper cookware, fine jewellery, and also some traditional foods such as typical Chilean empanadas and Pastel de choclo.

Lunch will be provided this afternoon at a local restaurant.

This afternoon the group will explore the **Museum of Memory and Human Rights**. The museum catalogues Pinochet's 17-year rule from 1973-90, which resulted in the torture, murder and disappearance of thousands of Chileans. The museum aims to bring cultural awareness to the atrocities that impacted thousands of residents through persecutions, exoneration, imprisonment and torture during his rule.

Dinner is by individual arrangement this evening.

Overnight: Solace Santiago (or similar)
Included meals: Breakfast & Lunch





📍 Santiago, Chile

DAY 5: Wednesday, July 18

Explore the Chilean coast and Valparaíso
Fly to Buenos Aires

Explore two of the most important beachside cities on the central coast of Chile: **Valparaíso** and **Viña del Mar**. Be amazed by the colorful port city of Valparaíso. Famous for its stacked hills and winding stairs with incredible street art, this UNESCO World Heritage city takes you back in time yet has a modern feel. As you climb the winding stone stairs or head up in one of the famous funiculars, you'll enjoy incredible views of the bay and surrounding homes of different architectural styles. You will visit **Plaza de la Victoria**, the famous **Turri Clock** and the **Naval Academy**, and the **home of** Chile's Nobel Prize-winning poet, **Pablo Neruda**.

Lunch is included at a lovely beachfront restaurant this afternoon. Enjoy the Chilean cuisine and learn about dishes featuring fish.

Return via bus to Santiago and **fly to Buenos Aires** this evening.

Dinner is by individual arrangement this evening.

Overnight: Loi Suites Recoleta
Included meals: Breakfast & Lunch



📍 Buenos Aires, Argentina

DAY 6: Thursday, July 19

Professional Program

Meetings will be requested today with representatives from a **local hospital or medical center**, to learn what the system for care and rehabilitation are in rural vs. urban areas of Argentina. Also learn about how persons with disabilities are identified and served. We plan to also request a meeting with a **local school** to learn more about what services are available, how children with special needs are served in the schools, and what special education programs are in the schools.

Lunch will be provided at a local restaurant this afternoon.

***Accompanying guests** will enjoy a guide urban art & activism tour that explores the historic and industrial barrios of La Boca and Barracas. These neighborhoods are steeped in art and history, and home to some of the most huge and spectacular murals in the city as well as recent urban art festivals and artistic projects. You'll finish the tour with a greater understanding of how Buenos Aires' history has influenced public expression.*

Dinner will be at a local restaurant.

Overnight: Loi Suites Recoleta
Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

📍 Buenos Aires, Argentina

DAY 7: Friday, July 20

Cultural Immersion

Today explore the highlights of a special **Gaucha cowboy experience** including a full day tour to **Estancia Santa Susana**. An **Adobo** (BBQ) lunch will be provided during your visit to **Estancia Santa Susana**.

Learn all about **Gaucha skills** and enjoy demonstrations from your instructors followed by a **folk show**.

Return to Buenos Aires for dinner on your own.

Overnight: Loi Suites Recoleta



📍 Buenos Aires, Argentina

DAY 8: Saturday, July 21

Cultural immersion & exploration

The group will explore the highlights of magnificent Buenos Aires in a four-hour guided sightseeing excursion this afternoon (*morning free*). Your afternoon kicks off in one of the city's most significant spots: **Plaza de Mayo** square. This is where the city was founded in 1580 and where the most important governmental buildings are located. Continue to the **San Telmo neighborhood**, with its cobblestoned streets, where the original porteños (Buenos Aires residents) settled in the early days. Stop at picturesque **La Boca**, the colorful working-class port neighborhood, and walk along **Caminito Street**, where local artists display their artwork to the tune of tango music performed on the street.

Drive towards Palermo, passing through **Puerto Madero** and see this regenerated area where redbrick warehouses have been transformed into trendy restaurants and bars. Once in the northern area of the city, drive through **Palermo Chico** with its impressive townhouses, tree-lined boulevards and parks. Palermo Soho, meanwhile, fuses the flavor of a working-class neighborhood with contemporary twists such as ethnic restaurants, design stores and bars. Its bohemian atmosphere makes it popular with Argentines as well as foreign visitors. Continue to **Recoleta**, the most sophisticated district, to visit **Nuestra Señora del Pilar Church** and **Recoleta Cemetery** to glimpse stunning mausoleums, the final resting place for many of Argentina's key characters.

This evening dinner will include a professional **Tango Show** at the *La Ventana*. You will have the chance this evening to also learn about the local cuisine including preparation of Argentina's most famous condiment, salsa chimichurri from a chef.

Overnight: Loi Suites Recoleta

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

📍 Buenos Aires to Miami

Day 9: Sunday, July 22

Departure for Miami

Depart for the airport to check in for your morning flight home. Arrival will be the same day.

Included meals: Breakfast



📍 Santiago, Chile

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