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Music Education Journey to Buenos Aires & Santiago de Chile

Argentina & Chile

9 days / 7 nights

July 29-August 6, 2017

\$5,299 (Based on double occupancy)

\$899 Single Supplement

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

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Argentina & Chile Highlights

- ✓ 9 days & 7 nights
- ✓ Interact with **music experts** from a variety of locations, backgrounds, and musical influences throughout both countries as you learn about the arts, education, and cultural similarities and differences between our countries.

Community Connections

- ✓ Spend time with staff at **Fundación Origen** to learn about their fantastic non-profit aiding children in Chile.
- ✓ Talk to the people you pass 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.

Educational Interaction

- ✓ Meet with **music teachers** from a variety of settings in Buenos Aires and Santiago, including a special **music school for the underprivileged** outside of Buenos Aires where you will spend the day with the faculty and students.
- ✓ Explore the similarities and differences between **music education** (pre-K through collegiate) in both countries and the United States while establishing ongoing communication and collaboration.
- ✓ Focus on music education curriculum, access to band and choral classes in their schools and exchange knowledge with your counterparts. **Interact with educators and students** in various academic settings.

What's included?

- 4* accommodations throughout
- All transportation and activities outlined in the itinerary
- Group transfers to and from the international airport
- International air to Buenos Aires, onward to Santiago and on return from Santiago de Chile
- Local English speaking guides
- Meals as mentioned and **most tips** for your guides/drivers

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



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📍 U.S. Gateway City

DAY 1

Fly to Buenos Aires today

Depart today and make your way to Argentina (gateway city planned is Miami). The stunning beauty and friendly people alone are worth a visit!

Elegant, old-worldly, with a touch of Paris here and of London there, a dash of New York cosmopolitanism and Italian exuberance here, the city nevertheless has a lot of Latin America in it as well. And some things that are uniquely Argentine, such as its tango bars and overflowing kiosks. Here, everything is grand, on a scale fit for kings. Buenos Aires never fails to impress.



📍 Buenos Aires, Argentina

DAY 2

Arrival and hotel check in

Upon arrival at the Buenos Aires Ezeiza International Airport (EZE) the group will be met and transferred to your local hotel. While you await check-in time, brunch will be served at the hotel.

The Amérian Park Plaza Hotel is located in the heart of the city close to the Puerto Madero neighborhood. This lovely hotel has all the amenities of a business and leisure property to make your stay comfortable. The hotel has a spa, sauna, business center, gym and onsite restaurant.

After check-in and brunch, meet with your 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 Argentina.

Enjoy some free time today as well as a welcome dinner at the hotel.

Overnight: Amérian Park Plaza Hotel
Included meals: Brunch & Dinner



📍 Buenos Aires, Argentina

DAY 3

Professional exchange

Please Note: Breakfast is included daily in your program

Today you will meet with staff and students of the **Colegio Madre Teresa**. This public school was founded in 2003 and specializes in working with the most vulnerable children and teens, with an aim to help them escape a cycle of poverty. The school offers free and high-quality education for almost 700 students from the ages of 5-18. Their music program is unique in the country and called "music for all". Their child and youth orchestra started in 2005 and offers the possibility of learning different instruments. Music is used as a tool for the inclusion of families that have been denied access to art, a basic human right and essential motivation in life, as a result of poverty. The orchestra is formed by 50 children and teenagers. In addition, through this activity, they promote the continuity of studies and the education and social support of the children who take part of this project.

Travel to the school early this morning to meet with the **school faculty** for a short tour and overview of the school. Continue on to meet with the music faculty for a roundtable discussion and coffee. Next **spend time in the classroom with the children!** After some time with the music students, you will join them for lunch in the cafeteria.

This non-profit school was founded by Father Juan Pablo Jasminoy and supported by contributions from the community and state. A scholarship for one child will be provided to the school by Nanda Journeys.

Return to the city this afternoon where dinner is by individual arrangement tonight.

Overnight: Amérian Park Plaza Hotel
Included meals: Breakfast & Lunch





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📍 Buenos Aires, Argentina

DAY 4

Historic Buenos Aires

Start at the most important square of the country, the **Plaza de Mayo** (May Square). Here, where the country was founded in 1580, the most important governmental buildings are located, including the Casa Rosada (Pink House), the Cabildo (City Hall) and the Catedral Metropolitana (Metropolitan Cathedral).

Hop on the famous 'Subte' subway system, for a short ride, stopping to admire the pristine stations en route, such as 'Peru', which appears to be stuck in a 1930s time-warp. As an additional treat, a cup of coffee and a pastry will be served at the classic **Café Tortoni**, one of the true icons of the Argentine capital. No visit to Buenos Aires would be complete without a stop here, as the cafe has served as a major artistic and intellectual meeting point since 1858, hosting notable guests such as Jorge Luis Borges.

Lunch is by individual arrangement today.

This afternoon, visit **Palermo**, a district with different faces: a classic one in Palermo Chico and a modern one in Palermo Hollywood and Soho. Continue to Palermo Park where you find the Japanese Garden, Rose Garden, Race track and Polo grounds with many important sculptures and lakes. Continue to Palermo Soho. Finally, you will visit the Recoleta neighborhood which takes you back to the grand wealthy days of Argentina with many a mansion to see along the way. Continue to the famous Recoleta cemetery known worldwide due to its rich funeral architecture and sculptures that makes this place more of an open air museum than a resting place.

Enjoy a farewell dinner on your final night in Argentina including a **Tango show at La Ventana**.

Overnight: Amérián Park Plaza Hotel

Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner



📍 Santiago, Chile

DAY 5

Fly to Santiago de Chile

Check out of the hotel this morning and make your way to the airport for your short flight to Santiago de Chile. Upon arrival you will be met by your Chile guide.

First stop? Experience the city of Santiago, as the local people (Santiaguinos) do and a hop on the famous "metro" subway system. You will embark for a short ride to the Bellas Artes station to explore by foot this peaceful area of the city which has a lively atmosphere due to the vicinity of the Fine Arts Museum, built on neoclassical style and the pleasant "Forestal" riverside park.

Lunch will be provided at your hotel this afternoon.

Later today, explore the city including a drive up **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**.

Check in at the Plaza El Bosque San Sebastian Hotel. Located in the financial center of Santiago, the hotel is near a metro station, shopping center, and a variety of local restaurants. The hotel has a gym, sauna, business center and onsite restaurant.

Dinner is by individual arrangement this evening.

Overnight: Plaza El Bosque San Sebastian

Included meals: Breakfast & Lunch



📍 Santiago, Chile

DAY 6

Professional exchange

Spend the day meeting with staff and students from a **local school** to further your discussions with Chilean music education faculty.

Lunch will be provided at a local restaurant.

This afternoon a meeting has been requested with a **local university** to learn about the education of teachers in Chile.

The primary purpose for this journey is to exchange information about music and the other arts, education, and cultural similarities and differences.

- Investigate required curriculum in music classes in government and private schools.
- Explore traditional music of South America.
- Gain an understanding of teacher training requirements in universities.
- Exchange knowledge and discuss challenges in education with colleagues in schools and universities.

Dinner is on your own this evening.

Overnight: Plaza El Bosque San Sebastian
Included meals: Breakfast & Lunch



📍 Santiago, Chile

DAY 7

Community service & wine tour

This morning, stop to explore the **Perez Cruz Winery** for a private wine tasting and tour. They specialize in red wines that are produced and bottled on site and reflect the character and identity of the Maipo Alto Valley. Viña Pérez Cruz is certified in the areas of quality and environment and actively participates in projects that benefit the development of the local residents. Their winery was built of native woods with two barrel-shaped central naves, exterior arches that evoke the passing of wind through trees, and stone foundations that recall the structures the Incas left behind in the area. Its sustainable design incorporates a gravity-flow process and has a three million-liter capacity.

Head to the **Fundación Origen** to learn about their mission and education programs. Spend time with the staff, assisting where needed this afternoon. They are a nonprofit institution that seeks to improve the quality of education of local children, providing job training and promoting sustainable development from a holistic perspective. Enjoy organic local cuisine during a fresh lunch (based on what is fresh and in season that day).

Return to Santiago for some free time this afternoon with dinner on your own arrangement.

Overnight: Plaza El Bosque San Sebastian
Included meals: Breakfast & Lunch



📍 Santiago, Chile

DAY 8

Chilean coast and exploring Valparaíso

Today the group will venture out to the central coast to explore two of Chile's most important beachside cities: **Valparaíso** and **Viña del Mar**. Be amazed by the colorful port city of Valparaíso, now a mix of port university city. 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 German-style homes. The city tour will show you the important places such as Plaza de la Victoria, the famous Turri Clock and the Naval Academy. A highlight of this tour is visiting the home of Chile's Nobel Prize-winning poet, Pablo Nerud. A highlight of this tour is visiting the home of Chile's Nobel Prize-winning poet, Pablo Nerud.

Lunch is included at a lovely beachfront restaurant this afternoon.

Enjoy a farewell dinner this evening at *Como Agua para Chocolate Restaurant* (Like Water for Chocolate), a mainstay of the restaurant scene.

Overnight: Plaza El Bosque San Sebastian
Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner



📍 U.S. Gateway City

DAY 9

Return to the U.S.

Depart today for Miami (**arrival may be the following morning depending on final flight availability**).

Note: Gateway city, and potentially itinerary flow, is subject to change based on final air schedules released by air carrier(s).



📍 Buenos Aires, Argentina

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