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AMERICAN CONFERENCE *of* CANTORS

A Musical Jewish Heritage Journey to **ARGENTINA**

Led by the Cantors of the ACC
February 15 - 24, 2025



Join the ACC and participants from across North America as we discover the sights, scents, spirit and song of Jewish life in Argentina! Argentina's Jewish history dates to 1492, linked to the expulsion of Jews from Spain. Conversos or "secret Jews" settled in Argentina, making efforts to blend in with the general population. From the mid-19th century on, Jews continued to make Argentina their home due to the country's open-door immigration policy. Today, Jews are an active part of Argentine society, and many are prominent figures in the arts, film, music and journalism. This will be a journey to remember!

Physical Activity Scale



DAY 1

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2025
DEPARTURE

- We depart the United States on our overnight flights to **Buenos Aires**.

DAY 2

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2025
WELCOME TO ARGENTINA!

- Arrivals throughout the day in **Buenos Aires, Argentina**, the land of tango. This is the country's capital as well as its political, economic, and intellectual center. Transfers will be provided for all arrivals on this day from BUE airport (transfer times TBD based on flight list).
- We start at **Plaza de Mayo**, scene of countless political demonstrations throughout the years. We hear the story of the Madres. The 'Mothers of the Plaza de Mayo' led a peaceful resistance movement against military dictatorship and repression in Argentina in response to the forced disappearance and torture of political opponents. We also visit the **Metropolitan Cathedral** to appreciate its towering ceiling, striking stained glass, marble columns and paintings.
- We delight in a **welcome reception** catching up with old friends and making new acquaintances over provided refreshments.
- **ACC OPENING PROGRAM:** We join with the voices of the ACC and the local Jewish community for our **opening ceremony and concert sing-along**.
- The remainder of the evening is at leisure to explore Buenos Aires.

Overnight in Buenos Aires



DAY 3

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2025
HISTORY IN BUENOS AIRES

- Breakfast at our hotels.
- This morning, we set out for the **Once area**, a neighborhood where many of the city's Jewish institutions are located. Here, we will pass by the **Hebraica JCC, synagogues, Jewish theaters and schools**, as well as **rabbinical seminaries**. We will also drive through the **Mea Shearim of Bam**, where the Orthodox Jews live.
- We stop for a visit at the site where the **AMIA** was bombed in 1994. We visit the current AMIA community center for an update. The center offers different programs for education, employment, culture and arts. We see the **Yaakov Agam designed sculpture memorial**, dedicated to the 85 people who lost their lives.
- This afternoon, we have the chance to participate in a social action project coordinated with a local Progressive Jewish community
- We enjoy dinner on our own.

Overnight in Buenos Aires

DAY 4

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025
WELCOME TO IGUAZU FALLS

- Early breakfast and check out of our hotels.
- This morning, we transfer to the domestic airport to catch our flight to **Iguazu Falls**.
- Upon arrival in Iguazu, we explore the beauty of this wonder from the **Brazilian Side** of the falls! The falls consists of 275 different waterways that come together and fall 250 feet in a crescendo of astounding beauty. Iguazu Falls are wider than Victoria Falls, higher than Niagara Falls and more beautiful than both!
- We transfer to our hotel to check in and refresh. Enjoy our lovely hotel facilities and the natural beauty all around us.
- We enjoy **dinner** together and **experience local music**.

Overnight in Iguazu Falls

DAY 5

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2025
ARGENTINEAN IGUAZU

DAY 6

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2025
JOINING TOGETHER IN SONG

- Breakfast at our hotels.
- We continue our discovery of Iguazu by **viewing the falls from the Argentinean side**. We arrive by gas propelled train to tour the “**Upper Circuit**” route, including a visit to the famous **Devil’s Throat**, the most magnificent of the falls, where we view and photograph the thundering waters falling below.
- This afternoon, we see the “**Lower Circuit**”. The half-day tour to **Iguazu Falls National Park** is an exciting way to explore the hidden life of the Missionary Jungle.
- We depart in **four-wheel drive vehicles** towards **Yacarea Path** to the heart of the jungle until we reach **Macuco Port**. Here, we begin an unforgettable experience, sailing through the falls at high speed until we reach the point where the falls meet the riverbed.
- This evening, we enjoy **dinner** together at our hotel.

Overnight in Iguazu Falls

- Breakfast and check out of our hotels.
- This morning, we board our flight back to **Buenos Aires**. Upon landing, we stop for **lunch** at a local restaurant.
- This afternoon, we go to the **Arlene-Fern Jewish Community School** for an uplifting visit with students and teachers and gain a better appreciation for the school and its mission.
- We continue to the **Israeli Embassy Square & Memorial**, dedicated to the community members that perished in the terrorist attack.
- Next, we set out on a docent-led tour of the **Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes**, home to works of art by famed artists such as Goya, Rembrandt, Van Gogh, Rodin, Manet, Chagall and many more.
- We continue our tour at the **Jewish Museum**, where we learn about Argentine-Jewish culture and history. The museum is inside the **Libertad Synagogue**, founded in 1862 and the first synagogue in Argentina. It was declared a Historical National Monument in 2000.
- Tonight, we enjoy dinner on our own.

Overnight in Buenos Aires





DAY 7

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2025
THE TIGRE DELTA

- Breakfast at our hotels.
- We meet with **Javier Sinay**, a Buenos Aires-based journalist and the author of three books, including most recently *The Murders of Moisés Ville* in February 2022. We'll discuss his book and the amazing story of Moisés Ville itself.
- This morning we visit **Palermo**, a district with beautiful parks and artificial lakes. We enjoy some free time to visit the trendy neighborhoods of **Palermo Soho** and **Palermo Hollywood**, to shop in the designer boutiques and to enjoy lunch (on own) at a fashionable cafe or restaurant. This afternoon, we depart for the outskirts of the city. **Tigre** is a popular weekend getaway for many "porteños" and boasts many summer homes as well as yacht and rowing clubs. **The Tigre Delta** is one of the most attractive areas for visitors due to its rivers, streams and numerous green islands. We enjoy a **short cruise** along the channels of the **Parana-Delta** to see islands covered with lush vegetation.
- We return to our hotel for a chance to freshen up before **Shabbat services** and **dinner** with the local community this evening.
- **ACC PROGRAM:** As the sun begins to set, we join together for festive, fun and participatory **Kabbalat Shabbat** service with the local community, featuring the voices of the ACC.

Overnight In Buenos Aires

DAY 8

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2025
CULTURE & ART

- Breakfast at out our hotels.
- **ACC PROGRAM:** Morning **Shabbat services** led by the ACC cantors and joined by members of the local community.
- This afternoon, we begin with a visit to **La Recoleta**, one of the city's most glamorous neighborhoods. Along Alvear Avenue, we see countless upscale stores, restaurants, cafes and boutiques, as well as the **Recoleta Cultural Center**, the **National Museum of Fine Arts** and the **Palais de Glace**, which are all important parts of the city's culture.
- We will drive by many beautiful parks and see the **Floralis Generica** at United Nations Park, in addition to **Libertador** and **Figueroa Alcorta Avenues** on our way to **Recoleta Cemetery**. Founded in 1822, it is one of the most prominent cemeteries in the world. We stroll through to view the ornate mausoleums, sculptures and vaults made famous by local and international artists. Many heroes, presidents, well-known writers, scientists and artists are buried here, including **Eva Peron**.
- **ACC PROGRAM:** This evening, we join for **Havdallah and a tango lesson**, celebrating the Jewish klezmer influence.

Overnight in Buenos Aires

DAY 9

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025
PREPARE ARGENTINEAN
CULTURAL CUISINE

- Breakfast and check out of our hotels.
- We drive along “**9 de Julio**”, the widest avenue in the world, arriving at the **Teatro Colon**, one of the most stunning buildings and important landmarks in Buenos Aires. Occupying a whole block, the opera house was built in 1908 as the demand for opera increased. We visit the **Gold Hall** and other opulent areas to appreciate the imposing architecture and ornate decorations that create an elegant atmosphere. Cantors are sure to check the delightful acoustics!
- **CULTURAL OPTION (OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL COST):** We complete our day with a sampling of Argentina’s best cuisine and culture. Sip on a **celebratory cocktail** and start our **culinary experience** with appetizers and wine, then **create our own empanadas**. Throughout the evening, we learn Argentinian hand gestures, enjoy the “best steak in Argentina” and try different Malbec wines from boutique wineries in Mendoza. For dessert, we’ll **make our own alfajores**, Argentina’s traditional pastries. We’ll also learn about and **prepare “mate”**, the country’s national drink, integral to the culture.
- We enjoy our festive **farewell concert** with the voices of the American Conference of Cantors and local accompaniment followed by a **farewell dinner** as we our incredible experiences together.
- We transfer to the airport. (for those not joining our optional extensions)

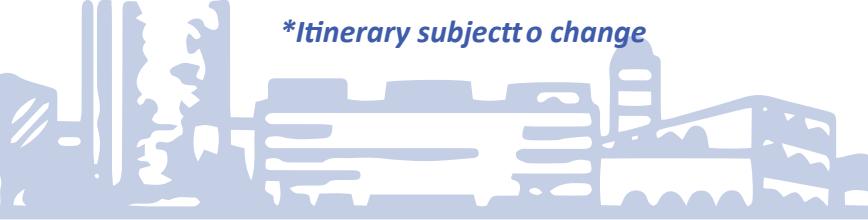
DAY 10

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2025
WELCOME HOME

- We land in the United States.

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**Itinerary subject to change*





About the American Conference of Cantors (ACC):

The ACC, through its support for and cultivation of excellence among cantors, strengthens Reform Jewish life in North America. ACC cantors are equipped to be attentive to the joys and challenges that members within a congregation face over the course of their lives, using both their unique calling to music and prayer and their shared responsibilities for offering spiritual leadership to congregations. ACC members also can help lead their congregations and by extension, the Reform Jewish movement in North America, to a bright future.

The ACC maintains rigorous standards for ordination/certification, offers deep support for the professional needs of cantors, advocates with passion for the evolving role of the cantorial vocation, and cultivates ever-increasing professional excellence among its members.

