



ARGENTINA WILDLIFE SAFARI

SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR THE CINCINNATI ZOO



14-DAY WILDLIFE SAFARI

Departs October 25, 2015

Escorted by Brian Jorg

**\$5750 per person, double occupancy
(plus international and domestic air)**



14-DAY ARGENTINA WILDLIFE EXPEDITION

TRIP TO BE OPERATED:	October 25 - November 7, 2015
NUMBER OF DAYS:	14
MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PASSENGERS:	18
DEPARTURE CITY:	Buenos Aires

**Costs, based on 10 full fare participants, all inclusive from the Buenos Aires airport:
\$5750 per person, double occupancy**

The single supplement charge is \$1025 if/when available.

WHAT IS INCLUDED:

Services of World Discovery Safaris

Arrival and departure transfers from and to the Buenos Aires International Airport on days 2 and 13

Services of English speaking, certified driver / guides.

Bottled water in the vehicles.

Private transfers and land transportation as mentioned in the itinerary.

Entrance fees to the parks and sites visited

Meals as indicated by B= Breakfast, L= Lunch, D=Dinner, and PL = Picnic Lunch

Overnight accommodations on days 2 and 12 at the Intersur Recoleta

3 nights accommodations at the Dazzler Tower Hotel in Puerto Madryn.

3 nights accommodations at Village Cataratas Hotel near Iguazu.

3 nights accommodations at Puerto Valle Lodge near the Esteros de Ibera

NOT INCLUDED:

International air to and from Buenos Aires, domestic air (Buenos Aires to Trelew, Trelew to Buenos Aires and Puerto Iguazu, and Posadas to Buenos Aires) and airport taxes, excess baggage charges, travel insurance, tips to your driver guides and items of a personal nature such as costs of reciprocity fees, visas and / or passports, medications, souvenirs, drinks that are not included as a part of the meals, laundry, faxes, e-mails, and telephone calls, excursions and services not included in the program itinerary.





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DAY 1 - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25 -DEPART U.S.

Due to the ease with which air can be purchased over the internet and the restrictions most airlines now impose on group contracts, international air from the U.S. has not been included in the cost of this safari.

DAY 2 - MONDAY, OCTOBER 26 - ARRIVE BUENOS AIRES

Following our arrival we meet by our English speaking guide and transfer by private vehicle to our accommodations at the 4-star **Intersur Recoleta**. In the afternoon we have the option of joining our guide for a four-hour city tour. In the evening we meet in the hotel dining room for a welcome dinner. L/D

DAY 3 - TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27 - BUENOS AIRES / TRELEW / PUNTA TOMBO PROVINCIAL RESERVE

Early this morning we transfer to the airport and board the morning flight to Trelew (flight not included) where our guide will be waiting to take us on a private full day excursion of the Punta Tombo Provincial Reserve. Each year some 350 thousand Magellanic Penguins migrate to this Patagonian peninsula to court breed and raise their young. From the airport we drive for about two and a-half hours along Patagonian roads before arriving at the reserve. In addition to penguins we may also be able to find Guanacos, Sea Lions, Patagonian Hares, Southern seagulls, Kelp Gulls, Flightless Steamer Duck, Royal and Black-necked Cormorants, Antarctic Pigeon and Giant Petrel. The reserve has a park keeper, toilet and cafeteria facilities. In the afternoon we visit the town of Gaimen which was founded in 1874 by Welsh settlers. Several hundred people here still speak the Welsh language. Our guide describes the events that took place during the settlement while pointing out historical points of interest. Later in the afternoon we drive north and check into the **Dazzler Tower Hotel** in Puerto Madryn. B/PL/D



DAY 4 - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28 - PENINSULA VALDES WHALE WATCHING

In the morning we travel, for about an hour, to the Peninsula Valdes Provincial Reserve.

Considered to be one of the most important wildlife areas in the world, the Valdes peninsula provides a protected habitat for Southern Right Whales, Southern Elephant Seals and Sea Lions. Following our arrival at Puerto Pirámides we depart on a whale watching boat trip to see southern Right Whales. Back on shore we explore the southern portion of the peninsula passing through Salinas Grande and Chica. Following lunch at the El Faro Resort in Punta Delgada we may walk down the cliffs and along the beach to see the Elephant Seals. In the afternoon we drive to Punta Cantor, on the eastern coastline of the peninsula, where



there are some interesting geological formations. Along the way we have a good chance of seeing Guanacos, Rheas, Fox, Patagonian Hare, Armadillos, Skunks and other wildlife. Later in the afternoon we return to our rooms at the **Dazzler Tower Hotel**. B/L/D

DAY 5 - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29 - EL PEDRAL SAFARI

Some 73km from Puerto Madryn, Pedral Lodge is one of the best locations for Argentine native wildlife. In addition to the marine birds and mammal, such as elephant seals, sea lions, penguins, whales and orcas, we should also be able to find terrestrial animals typical of the Patagonian steppe such as armadillos, guanacos, Patagonian hares, Pampas fox, capybara and rheas. Following our arrival at the Estancia El Pedral estate we stop at a sheep stockyard where our guide will walk us through the facilities while describing the work done at the Estancia at different times of the year. We then drive to the Pedral coast which is dominated by high cliffs that drop straight down to the beach, presenting a natural viewpoint from where, during the whale season (August to November), it is common to see Southern Right Whales. With a bit of luck, we may also see Orcas. We then walk down to Fossils Canyon, where there are a large number of Cenozoic age fossils. Once on the beach we will have another opportunity to visit an elephant seal colony and a colony of Magellanic Penguins that is increasing, in number, every year. Our picnic lunch will be in a beautiful area protected by cypress and other native trees. In the afternoon we return to our rooms at the **Dazzler Tower Hotel**. B/PL/D



Please note: The excursion to El Pedral is dependent on weather conditions and the location of the wildlife. Schedules are subject to change without prior notice. During afternoon trips, we first visit the penguin rockery and then head for the cliffs. The trek may take more than an hour, depending on the group and weather.

DAY 6 - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30 - TRELEW / BUENOS AIRES / IGUAZU

In the morning we transfer to the Puerto Madryn airport and board the 8:30 AM flight to Buenos Aires (flight not included). Our lunch today is on our own account while in the Buenos Aires Airport. After a few hours in the airport we board the 1:20 PM flight to Puerto Iguazu (flights not included and flight times are subject to change). Here we meet our local guide who transfers us to our accommodations in the **Village Cataratas Hotel**, a nice 4 star lodge in a rainforest setting near Iguazu. B/D



DAY 7 - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31 - IGUAZÚ NATIONAL PARK

Established in 1934, Iguazú National Park contains Iguazu Falls, one of the greatest natural wonders of Argentina, surrounded by a subtropical jungle. Across the Iguazu River is Iguazu National Park, its Brazilian counterpart. In 1984 both parks were declared World Heritage Sites by UNESCO. Iguazu consists of 275 separate waterfalls that stretch for nearly two miles along the Argentina and Brazil border. These spectacular cataracts plunge some 260 feet in a thunderous roar and send up a mist that maintains a luxurious subtropical rainforest ecosystem with over 2,000 species of vascular plants. Fauna recorded within the park include the endangered giant otter and jaguar. Cougar, margay, brocket deer, American tapir, collared peccary, white-lipped peccary, giant anteater, black howler monkey, capybara and crested caiman also occur here. Noteworthy birds include black eagle, solitary tinamou, harpy eagle, black-fronted piping guan, glaucous macaw, vinaceous-breasted & red-spectacled parrots and white-tailed trogon.

After an early breakfast we take the first train to the Devil's Throat. From this point we may walk both the upper and lower catwalks that span the islands below the Falls. Our lunch will be in a restaurant within the national park. In the afternoon we return to our accommodations at the **Village Cataratas Hotel**. B/L/D

DAY 8 - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 - FULL DAY TOUR TO THE BRAZILIAN FALLS

Today we cross the international border for a view of the Falls from the Brazilian side. In the afternoon we visit the Iguazu Bird Park which was created in 1994 and houses more than 900 birds of 150 different species along its 1500 meter path way. Many of the indigenous birds are not caged and we may be able to get some close up photos of toucans, parrots and macaws. In addition to birds the park also maintains several species of snakes, lizards, caimans and butterflies. Our lunch will again be in a restaurant within the national park. In the afternoon we return to our accommodations at the **Village Cataratas Hotel**. B/L/D

DAY 9 - MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2 - WANDA MINES / JESUIT RUINS OF SAN IGNACIO and IBERIAN WETLANDS

In the morning we drive through some of the most unique regions of Argentina en route to the Iberian Wetlands. Our first stop, some 50 km south of Iguazu, is the Wanda Mines, where semi-precious stones are extracted from the basalt and turned into beautiful jewelry. We also pass tea, maté and pine tree plantations, which are fundamental to the economy of the province. Farther south, we explore the UNESCO World Heritage Site ruins of a beautiful Jesuit mission which was founded in the early 1600s. Threatened by their political and economic power, the Spanish and Portuguese crowns expelled the sect from their kingdoms (as portrayed in the movie "The Mission"). In the 18th century, the mission had a population of around 3000 people. After the 1767 Suppression of the Society of Jesus the Jesuits left the mission and in subsequent years the ruins were nearly reclaimed by the jungle. The main square of the mission was originally bounded by the church a cemetery, a monastery and some houses. The magnificent church, which was 74 meters long and 24 meters wide, was designed by the Italian priest Juan Brasanelli and built using local red sandstone. As we walk through the ruins our guide points out many of the more interesting features of the site and describes the daily life of these pioneers. Back on the road we continue to the edge of the Iberá Wetlands, the second-largest wetland in the world, surpassed in size only by the Brazilian Pantanal, and often referred to as "the Serengeti of South America." In the afternoon we visit the Yacare Porá caiman farm which has been sanctioned by the Crocodile

Specialist Group (CSG), the World Conservation Union (IUCN) and the Committee for the Survival of Species (SSC). The farm raises Yacare and broad-snouted caimans, both of which are indigenous to the region. Although some are slaughtered for meat and hides, many are raised to a size they will have a good chance of survival in the wild and released. During our visit we will be introduced to the “ranching” techniques used to propagate these animals and ensure their conservation and preservation. Later in the afternoon we check into our rooms at the **Puerto Valle Lodge**. B/PL/D

DAYS 10 & 11 - TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 3 & 4 - ESTEROS DE IBERA

The Esteros de Ibera is a vast natural area of lagoons and marshes, a magical landscape that offers some of the best opportunities in the country for seeing an amazing diversity of wildlife. These wetlands constitute the largest area of protected territory in Argentina. In addition to an abundance of other wildlife the reserve provides a protected habitat, for the four species that have been declared "provincial natural monuments": the neotropical river otter, the maned wolf, the pampas deer, and the marsh deer. We should be able to find Yacare and broad-snouted caiman as well as capybara (the world's largest rodent) and many of the 350 species of birds which occur here. Morning and afternoon excursions by boat take us to the locations our naturalist guides feel we have the best chance of finding exceptional wildlife. B/L/D

DAY 12 - THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5 - POSADAS / BUENOS AIRES

In the morning we drive to the Posadas airport and board the afternoon flight to Buenos Aires (flight not included). Following our arrival we transfer to our rooms in the **Intersur Recoleta**. In the evening we join our guide for a farewell dinner and tango show at La Ventana tango hall in San Telmo. Argentina's traditional tango dancing is a mix of folkloric dance and song. Dinner and drinks are included. B/L/D

DAY 13 - FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6 - TEMAIKEN WILDLIFE PARK / DEPART FOR THE U.S.

In the morning we join our guide for a tour of the Temaikén wildlife park/zoo with lunch. This is the only AZA accredited zoo in Argentina; its name is a combination of the words *tem* (earth) and *aiken* (life) in the language of the native Tehuelche people. This wildlife park shelters animals the Temaikén Foundation has chosen to preserve, many of which are endangered species. The association fosters research and information regarding wildlife, paying special attention to the preservation of local species. The park is divided into four large areas: “Africa”, “Asia”, “Local” and “Aquarium”. The first shelters animals such as flamingoes, pelicans, lemurs, hippopotamus and zebras. In the Asian area, tigers, bats and squirrels co-exist. The region devoted to the Argentine fauna has two areas: the Mesopotamian, which includes caimans, tapirs, capybara and tortoises; and the Patagonian, which recreates various environments from the Andes Mountain Range to the Atlantic Coast. The aquarium is, without doubt, one of the main attractions. As you enter this area, you see a recreation of a rocky cliff in the Valdés Peninsula that cuts deep into the tide area, an environment affected by weather changes. This sector features a close contact with fish and the water. In the afternoon we return to our hotel before transferring to the international airport to check in for our flight to the U. S. B/PL

DAY 14 - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7 - ARRIVE U.S.

We arrive back in the U.S. with many fond memories of our wildlife safari in Argentina

B = Breakfast; L = Lunch; PL = Picnic Lunch; D = Dinner



SAFARI REGISTRATION & EMERGENCY MEDICAL INFORMATION

Safari name: CINCINNATI ZOO 14-DAY WILDLIFE EXPEDITION TO ARGENTINA Departure Date: October 25, 2015.

Enclosed is \$ _____ as deposit full payment final payment for a total of _____ persons on the Safari indicated above. A \$600 per person deposit is required to reserve space on this safari. Deposits may be charged to Master Card, Visa or American Express (see attached CC authorization form) but subsequent payments for this travel program must be made by check or money order. The total cost of this travel program, exclusive of domestic (within the U.S and Argentina) and international air to and from the Buenos Aires International Airport is \$5750 per person based on double occupancy.

Please note: the cost of this travel program is based on 10 full fare participants and may be increased for a smaller group. Although we make every effort to find suitable roommates for each participant, the single supplement will be charged for any single for which no suitable roommate is available. Please contact World Discovery Safaris if you would like help shopping for air and/ or travel insurance.

Accommodations Requested:

Double - based on two persons sharing a room Smoking Non-Smoking

Roommate preference, if known: _____

Single - based on one person occupying a room (adds \$1025 to the program cost)

NAMES (Please Print)-NAME SHOULD APPEAR AS ON YOUR PASSPORT (please attach a copy of the photo page of your passport)

1. _____ Age _____ Nickname _____

2. _____ Age _____ Nickname _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phones:

(Home) _____ (Office) _____

E-mail : _____

Signature: _____ Today's

Date: _____

NOTE: Your signature on this form indicates that you understand and accept the terms and conditions of this tour. Reservations cannot be accepted without a signature.

WHAT IS INCLUDED: Services of World Discovery Safaris and H&T, all accommodations and meals, all national park / reserve entrance fees, hotel taxes and charges, all land transportation, transfers and activities at each location as detailed in the itinerary, portorage, bottled drinking water in the vehicles during drives, informational booklets, luggage tags, passport wallets and other pre departure materials.



NOT INCLUDED: Domestic and international air, costs of airport taxes, reciprocity fees, passports & visas, excess baggage charges, immunizations, trip insurance and items of a personal nature, such as souvenirs, excursions and services other than those included in the safari itinerary, drinks that are not included with meals, tips to your driver guides, camp and hotel staff, laundry, faxes, e-mail, and telephone calls.

CANCELLATION: A cancellation fee of \$500 per person will apply once the deposit has been made. All cancellations must be submitted in writing to World Discovery Safaris and are effective only upon their receipt in our office. Cancellations received one hundred twenty (120) days or less prior to the departure date are subject to additional cancellation fees based on penalties passed on to us by the motor coach company, airline, rail company, hotel and/or other vendors. No refunds will be given for unused services during the tour, including, but not limited to scheduled activities, meals, accommodations and airport transfer.

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Please Read and Complete Other Side

TERMS AND CONDITIONS - World Discovery Safaris and the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden along with our representatives agree to work for you in the making of reservations and/or other arrangements on the following terms: We do not own, manage, control or operate any of the travel service providers with whom we make your travel arrangements. We serve as agents for certain travel service providers, including in-country operators and make your travel arrangements with these travel service providers in accordance with their terms and conditions. Should you have any questions concerning those, please contact either the travel service provider or your World Discovery Safaris service provider. All coupons, exchange orders, receipts, contracts and tickets issued by us or a travel service provider are subject to applicable tariffs as well as any terms or conditions imposed by the travel services provider. We are not responsible for events of *force majeure* such as disease, acts of war, terrorist attacks, unfavorable weather conditions, earthquakes, political instability or for inadequate visas or passports. Any and all controversies, claims or disputes of any nature arising before, on and after the date of this agreement and claims brought by or against the client, this travel agency, or a third party, shall be settled by a single arbitrator in Birmingham, Alabama in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association. You acknowledge that this agreement involves interstate commerce. Your sole knowledge and the expertise on which you may rely are in the making of travel arrangements. In the case of all travel arrangements the contract in use by the provider of such transportation or lodging, shall constitute the sole contract between the passenger and such travel supplier. World Discovery Safaris reserves the right to cancel or withdraw the trip prior to departure and to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the group if their actions impose upon or disturb the other members of the group. The right is also reserved to amend the itinerary should it be found necessary for the benefit of the members of the group or for other reasons. By accepting these travel arrangements you confirm that you have read this agreement and understand that it is the sum total of your agreement with you and supersedes all prior arrangements or understandings. This agreement cannot be changed except in writing and signed by Richard Mills, President, World Discovery Safaris.

SCHEDULES & FARES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

HEALTH RECOMMENDATIONS: To enjoy your travels to the fullest, you must be in good physical and mental health. Any physical disability requiring special attention or treatment must be reported in writing, to World Discovery Safaris when the reservation is made. World Discovery Safaris and the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden reserves the right to refuse or revoke travel to anyone who is, in their sole judgment, in such physical or mental condition as to be incapable of group travel or who may require care and attention beyond that which they can provide.

Passenger Name: _____

Person to contact in case of emergency: _____

Relationship (please identify as spouse, child, parent, neighbor, etc): _____

Address:
Street _____ City _____ State/Zip _____

Their Phone #: Home _____ Office: _____ E-Mail _____

List any disability or special health care needs that may affect your ability to fully participate in this travel program: _____

List any allergies, including food allergies: _____

List the names of any medications you are currently taking: _____

Health Insurance Company: _____ Policy # _____

I certify that I have read, understand and accept the terms of the "Cancellations" and "Terms; and Conditions" paragraphs included on this sheet, and,

I. I hereby release World Discovery Safaris, the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden and their staff and tour escorts from liability in case of accident or illness while I am participating in this trip and do further agree to absolve from all responsibility World Discovery Safaris and the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden d their staff from all loss, damage or expenses which I may incur by reason of any such accident or illness.

II. I shall be responsible for all uninsured medical expertness

III. I hereby authorize necessary hospitalization and/or treatment while I am participating in this trip.

IV. I will will not (circle one) cover myself for this travel program against unforeseen circumstances with the purchase of traveler insurance.

Please note: many health insurance plans do not provide coverage outside of the U.S.

V. I understand that weather and other conditions may necessitate changes in the activities and scheduled activities of this program

Date: _____ Your Signature: _____

WE RECOMMEND TRAVEL INSURANCE



Authorization for Credit Card Use

Credit Card Type _____ Number _____

Expiration Date _____ Issuing Bank _____

CC Holder Name: _____ Credit Card Security # _____

Address _____

Phone Number (home) _____ (office) _____

Passport Name of Passenger(s) _____

Authorized charge amount in USD \$ _____

I authorize World Discovery Safaris to charge the above amount to my credit card as a deposit for the Cincinnati Zoo's October / November 2015 Wildlife Safari to Argentina for the above named passengers.

Confirmation Signature _____ Date _____

Please attach legible photo copies of your credit card, driver's license and of the photo page from your passport.

Fax this filled out form and copies of the other documents to 205-972-8742

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