Traveling Argentina: Top 5 Places to See

Traveling Argentina: a land known for its extreme variations, ranging from humid jungles to deserts, but also a country that promises a journey comprising of some of the most rewarding cultural exchanges and rich historical lessons.

From the colorful La Boca to the trendy Palermo and Buenos Aires, Argentina is a place where you might be able to experience different influences from around the globe all at once. So where do you start? What do you put on that itinerary?

We've rounded up five of the top tourist attractions in Argentina, and will provide a helping hand to assist you in planning the most epic adventure ever.

Number One - Iguazu Falls

Located on the border of Argentina and Brazil, Iguazu Falls is a must see sight while you're in Argentina. (Some folks stick to the idea that views might be better from the Brazilian side, however). The falls are stunning, and we think you'll agree once you see the rapids rushing through cliffs just to create a magnificent mist that can be seen rising from the forested area below. The local flora and fauna in the Foz de Iguazu National Park (which is the site in which the falls are located), are also well worth seeing, and since the falls is a World Heritage Site and also one of the New 7 Wonders of Nature, you'd be mad to miss out on the opportunity of seeing it!

Number Two - Quebrada de Hamahuaca

Stretching some 155km into Rio Grande, the Quebrada is a spectacular mountain range which forms part of the 10,000-year-old Inca trails. History buffs will be in their element here. Use villages such as Tilcara as your base for exploring the area.

Number Three - Mendoza

Foodies and wine lovers alike can find their piece of paradise in Mendoza, a province in Argentina that supplies the country with the majority of its wines.

With the spectacular Andes in the backdrop, you'd have to be hard-hearted not to fall in love with the sheer natural beauty in these parts. While you're here, make sure you plan outings such as day trips to Aconcagua if you're keen to get a little more up close and personal with the Andes.

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Number Four - El Calafate & Los Glaciares National Park

Located in Santa Cruz province, the Los Glaciares National Park is a must-see sight in Argentina, and the gateway to exploring its natural beauty is El Calafate. The most famous attraction here has to be Perito Moreno, which can be seen by taking a day-trip via a local boat charter company. Feast your eyes on the majestic ice bergs that float around, or be captivated by the brilliant glaciers that lead the way to Perito Moreno. Back at El Calafate you'll enjoy the souvenir shops when you're not snuggling up in cozy wooden huts around town. Make sure you don't miss the Glaciarium, the glacier museum!

Number Five - Buenos Aires

Don't cry for me...well, let's not get too cliché here, but you all know what we're talking about! Buenos Aires is probably one of Argentina's most famed cities and with good reason too!

The Europe-y feel is almost tangible in the air, and if you're a history buff of sorts, things get even better once you pay a visit to the resting place of Evita Peron, located in Recoleta, the famous cemetery.

Visit some of the souvenir shops in the streets of La Boca, or learn to Tango up a storm. If you're into the trendy cafes and parks on the other hand, pay a visit to the Palermo quarter, or swing around the Bohemian-inspired San Telmo with its cobblestone streets.

Final Thoughts

We hope that the five places we've mentioned here have inspired you to create a travel itinerary worthy of a gold medal after having read this post. Although we have tried out best to include sight and attractions that cater to all tastes, Argentina is a massive country that as a trillion sights worthy of seeing. Wherever you go and whatever you do, never forget to indulge in the warm hospitality that can be found in the air of Argentina!

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