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7 Days - 6 Nights

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# THE GREENWAY

IBERA WETLANDS & IGUAZU WATERFALLS

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**Day 1 - Ibera Wetlands**

**Bus ticket from Buenos Aires to Mercedes**, Corrientes Province (684 km, estimate 7.45 hours). Meeting point with a Spanish speaking local driver.

Private transfer to Colonia Pellegrini, drop off at **Aguapé Lodge** located on the shores of Laguna Ibera, provided by the lodge.

> Colonia Pellegrini (120 km, estimate 2.30 hours), is one of the main portals to Iberá Wetlands.

**Accessibility:** Another way to reach Colonia Pellegrini is flying to Posadas Airport (PSS), Misiones Province. Private transfer from Posadas Airport to Laguna Iberá shore lodges (194 km -120 km of dirty road-, estimate 3.30 hours according to weather and the road status). There are more portals to the Iberá Wetlands, check for different programs and lodging with [leisure@alchemydmc.com](mailto:leisure@alchemydmc.com)

The Ibera wetlands are a protected area located about 800 kilometers from Buenos Aires, in the province of Corrientes. It contains over thirteen thousand square kilometers of ponds and lagoons, making this place the second most important freshwater reservoir in the world. This amazing ecosystem is home to over a 450 different species of animals, which accounts for one-third of the Argentinean biodiversity. The Ibera Wetlands is an outstanding destination if you are a nature lover in search of truly wildlife spectacle, a place that remains almost untouched by humanity.



3 overnights accommodations at **Aguapé Lodge** – Standard Room with full board, non-alcoholic drinks included.

Website: <http://www.aguapelodge.com/>



Aguapé is the pioneer inn in the region, since 1996. Designed with the typical architecture of an old correntina “estancia” in every detail. With the privilege of being located on the shores of the Iberá lagoon, it has an excellent panoramic view towards the estuaries and the lagoon. The Inn has 12 rooms, distributed between the Main House (8) and the Small House (4), both located within walking distance from each other and overlooking the lagoon.

From the park, a long dock leads us inland, where we are surprised by the relaxation of a floating marina.

The ideal place to contemplate some of those unforgettable sunsets in Corrientes or enjoy its starry skies, while we discover the fauna hidden between the banks.

Coffee break and welcome drink with “Chipa Correntino” (regional pastry)

Meals: D

## **Day 2 – Iberá Wetlands**

The scheduling of the excursions is carried out exclusively by the Coordinating Guide, according to the season of the year, weather conditions and schedules enabled in each area by the Rangers of the Iberá Provincial Park. The activities will be shared with other guests of the lodge.

### **In the morning, 1<sup>st</sup> Guided Outing in Motorboat for Wildlife Fauna Watching:**

- **Corriente Steam and Floating Islands “Embalsados” Area**  
Shared experience | Local English speaking guide | Duration: 2 hours approx.



Leaving from the pier of the Posada, we sail to the Corrientes Stream, where an unforgettable wildlife watching awaits us among the famous reservoirs of the Iberá lagoon.

The “Embalsados” are floating islands formed by aquatic roots and sediments. Its thickness can vary from few centimeters until reaching 2 meters, holding the 150 kg of the marsh deer that walks on them without any difficulty. These islands can be moved from place by the strong winds of the area, making change permanently the geography of the lagoon, which has originated many of its various legends. In many parts the propulsion is without motor and with the help of the pole, the boat is drifted between streams and aquatic vegetation. It is the area where the largest concentration of fauna in the lagoon is found: Capybaras, swamp deer, neo-tropical river otters, black and overo yacares, along with a wide variety of waterfowl (350 species). Sometimes it is possible to descend and walk on the floating islands, if the conditions are given and the Guide allows it.

- **Paso Claro Coast and Miriñay Stream**  
Shared experience | Local English speaking guide | Duration: 2 hours approx.





We sailed slowly along the southwest coast of the Ibera lagoon, called Paso Claro, which is characterized by its small forests, transparent waters and sandy coasts; until we reach the mouth of the Miriñay river. This is the most rugged and least visited area of the Ibera lagoon. We walk along its coasts with large grasslands and small bays, often without motor to be able to get closer to the fauna of the coast. In this sector of the lagoon you can see the largest specimens of marsh deers and caimans. Great variety of waterfowl, this is also the Yacaré nesting area. During the autumn-winter it is possible to find large specimens of the Boa Curiyú among the branches of the trees of the coast.

- **External Coast of the Corriente Steam & Lobo Cuá Bay**

Shared experience | Local English speaking guide | Duration: 2 hours approx.

This is a motorboat tour along the Lobo Cuá Bay for a quick observation of the local fauna from the water (nesting and breeding of yacares and southern screamers).

We continue sailing along the external coast of the lagoon where large sleeping and feeding areas for aquatic birds like cormorants can be seen. We will reach the northern border of the Iberá lagoon characterized by laurel woods and taller bushes. Groups of Marsh deer are usually seen at certain hours of the day peacefully grazing along the coast. This is also the feeding area for flocks of cormorants and herons.

Due to the highest vegetation it is a special place for the observation of many bird species like Aningas, Black-crowned night herons, Striated herons, White-neck herons, Great black hawks, Snail kites, Turkey vultures, Limpkins and common snipes among others.

On the way back we will enjoy a panoramic view of the Colonia Carlos Pellegrini peninsula as well as an unforgettable, this is the reason for our recommending to take this tour in the afternoon.

- **Guided canoeing tour (Beginners)**

Shared experience | Local English speaking guide | Duration: 2 hours approx.



We are at the pier of the Posada, where the Guide will distribute us in the Canadian canoes, according to our experience.

For an initial time, we will get acquainted with the canoes within the bay of the pier of the inn. The Guide will teach us the basic movements of the oars, while the members of each canoe practice their coordination and their movements. Once they are all enlisted, the canoes depart along the shore of the lagoon heading southwest, following your Guide.

You always sail near the banks, to be able to enjoy its flora and fauna.

It is one of the best options for unparalleled wildlife sightings and excellent photographic safaris; managing to enter places that are impossible for boats.

During the cold months, it is common to see up close the river wolves, very active swimming and diving in the water.

**BASIC TOUR:** The entire route, at the initial level, is following the coast of the lagoon in a southwestern direction until the group decides to return, according to their physical condition.

**INTERMEDIATE TOUR:** A longer journey is made along the banks in the same direction, until you reach an old pier on the lagoon, where it is possible to go down, rest and take a short walk on the estuaries, crossing parts of native forest.

### In the afternoon, Guided trekking in the forest and Visit to the Interpretation Center

Shared experience | Local English speaking guide | Duration: 3 hours approx.



We moved by boat from the pier of the Lodge, or by van, to the Interpretation Center of the Iberá Reserve. We visit the Interpretation Center of the Natural Reserve and with the Wildlife Guard we start to walk its trails: Monkey Trail and Cerrito Trail.

We are likely to see the howler monkeys in their habitat, many times we can enjoy the mothers and their young. The excursion could be complemented with a walk along the trails of the Cerrito to see the Gray brocket deer, the Geoffrey's cat and the Coast deer.

Return by boat or truck to the Inn.

Option to walk back to the Inn, where we can enjoy the scenery while crossing the Bailey bridge, and we will appreciate the friendly town of Colonia Carlos Pellegrini. The distance to cover is 3 km. to the Aguape Lodge.

### Overnight at **Aguape Lodge**

Meals: B, L, D

### Day 3: Ibera Wetlands

#### In the morning, 2<sup>nd</sup> Guided Outing in Motorboat for Wild Fauna Watching.

Guests can choose from activities described before.

#### In the afternoon, Guided Trekking through the Grassland & Sabana & Palmtrees Forest

Shared experience | Local English speaking guide | Duration: 3 hours approx.



The "Paso Claro" marshes are on the coast and are the nearest to the Colonia Carlos Pellegrini in firm land area, they belong to the palm groves and marshes of this sector of the lagoon that we have visited only from the coast. This is a private area, although it is inside the Natural Reserves, and our access will be through an Estancia.



We will set out from the lodge by 4wd vehicles in a 10 minutes' drive to the "Estancia Ibera" where our guides will be waiting for us to take us through an exciting and surprising landscape. In the first place we will walk on a grassland area called savannah, which is outstanding for a varied bird-watching. Some birds, as the white woodpecker, are only seen in the site.

We will then walk along the native forest with caranday palm trees until we get to the lagoon coast. This panorama is absolutely different from what we have seen before because it is possible to watch Marsh deer grazing in groups in the open as well as Capybara families and southern screamers on the marsh coasts.

Animals here are not as friendly as the ones we have seen before because they are not used to see people around.

(\*) We recommend taking a bottle of water, a hat and sunglasses, insect repellent (in summer), good trekking shoes, long pants and binoculars.

### Overnight at **Aguape Lodge**

Meals: B, L, D

### **Day 4: Ibera Wetlands – Iguazu Waterfalls**

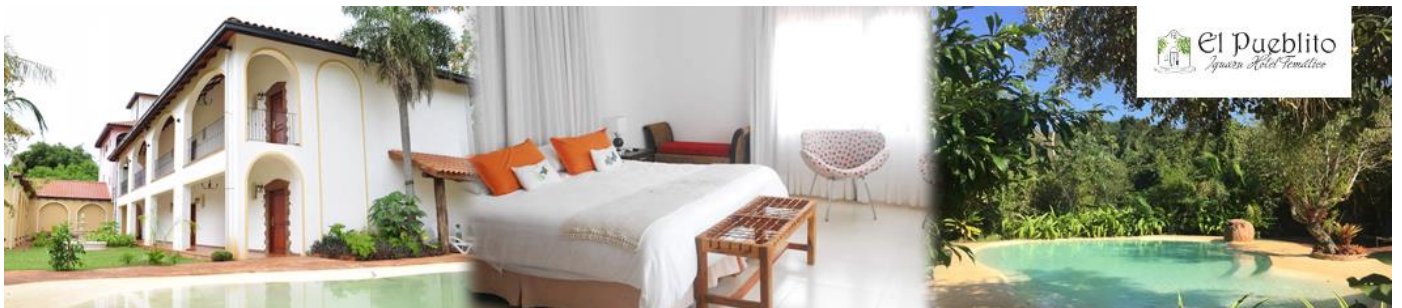
Private transfer from Ibera Wetlands to Puerto Iguazu, provided by Aguape Lodge with Spanish speaking driver.  
Arrival at Puerto Iguazu.

Iguazu Waterfalls are located near the triple border between Argentina, Paraguay, and Brazil. They are composed of 275 cascades and fed by the Iguazu river flow. The falls are split between Brazil and Argentina, being Argentina the country with over 80% of the extension of the waterfalls. One of the most important attractions in this place is "Garganta del Diablo" or "Devil's throat" which is the biggest fall of the complex (80 meters high). No matter if you decide to explore the waterfalls on the Argentinean side or if you want to contemplate them from Brazil, you may rest assured that the experience is a mesmerizing show.



3 overnights accommodations at **El Pueblito Hotel Iguazu** - Master Room with breakfast included

Website: <http://es.elpueblitoiguazu.com/>



El Pueblito Hotel Iguazu was born with the dream of its creator and her passion about nature. The hotel is situated in one of the last portions of "Paranaense" Forest and it is surrounded by nature beauty. Its design recreates the historical and cultural monuments of Puerto Iguazu: like the local school, National Park, customs and the police department. It is an eco-friendly hotel and uses solar panels and other techniques to reduce the environmental impact.

Check-in: 02:00 p.m. Check-out: 10:00 a.m.

Meals: B

## **Day 5: Iguazu Waterfalls**

### **Argentinian Side Waterfalls Full Day Tour**

Regular Premium Service (Shared) | Guided tour in Spanish and English | Vehicle: Up to 19 Seats Van | Duration: Full day (6 hours) | Eco Tax, National Parks tickets are included. Lunch is not included. | Departure from Hotels in Puerto Iguazu IGR



The **Iguazú National Park** is located in the northwest of the province of Misiones and preserves the ecosystem of the Paraná jungle, an ecological region that covers almost the entire provincial territory. Its natural treasure is the Iguazú Falls: 275 waterfalls that reach an altitude of almost 80 meters (260 feet). Declared one of the New Seven Wonders of Nature in the World and also, Natural Heritage of Humanity.

The Lower Circuit is made up of a trail approximately 1.3 km (0.6 miles) long that allows us to get closer to some of the smallest waterfalls on the Argentinian side. We will walk along the path, which is equipped with bathrooms and bars, and we will approach the Carlos Bozzetti waterfall, where you can take excellent photographs.

The Superior Circuit, accessible for wheelchairs, allows us to see the top of the majestic waterfalls on the Argentinian side and enjoy an impressive panoramic view of the area. The view stretches from the Argentinian Falls to San Martín Island and parts of the Brazilian Falls.

The **Devil's Throat** is the largest waterfall in the region and where the greatest amount of water flows through the Iguazú Falls. At an impressive altitude of 107 meters (350 feet), the Devil's Throat is a must-see feature of Iguazu Falls. Thanks to the newly built walkway, it is possible to get quite close.

Observations: \* The itineraries are liable to updates in order to provide a better service.

### **>Suggested Optional (Not included - In addition): Great Adventure**

Regular Service (Shared) | Guided tour in Spanish and English | Duration: 2 hours approx. | Argentinian Falls side Regular & Private Tour Supplement





The **Great Adventure** combines the essence of the Iguazú National Park: the jungle and the waterfalls in a single tour. Starting from its Operational Center or from the Visitors Center, we will enter the jungle through the narrow Yacaratiá Trail in units designed for this particular environment. This 5-km ride ends in the jungle base Puerto Macuco, from where we will descend 100 meters to reach the pier and board the boat with which we will go back 6 km through the Lower section of the Iguazú River canyon to the waterfall area, enjoying the mighty rivers rapid.

We will arrive at the base of the Three Musketeers Falls, with a great view of Brazilian and Argentine falls, with the Devil's Throat. Afterwards, we will reach the most exciting point of the navigation when facing the incomparable San Martín Fall, second in terms of size and the largest that a boat can approach.

To finish, we will disembark at the pier located in front of San Martín Island from where we can take the catwalks path, through the Lower Circuit.

Overnight at **El Pueblito Hotel Iguazu**

Meals: B

### **Day 6: Iguazu Waterfalls**

#### **Brazilian Side Waterfalls Half Day Tour**

Regular Premium Service (Shared) | Guided tour in Spanish and English | Vehicle: Up to 19 Seats Van | Duration: Half day (4 hours) | National Parks tickets are included. Lunch not included | Departure from Hotels in Puerto Iguazu IGR



The **Iguaçu National Park** was created in 1939 by the Decree N° 1035. 35. It preserves the largest remnant of the Atlantic forest (semi-deciduous seasonal) in southern Brazil.

The name of the Park refers to the Iguazú River, which in the Guaraní language means "big water". It has 185,262.5 thousand hectares and has enormous biodiversity.

Get a close-up view of the **Devil's Throat**, from the Brazilian side. We will observe how 14 cascades of 350 feet (107 meters) precipitate with such force that a cloud of fog 100 feet (30 meters) high remains suspended above. This area is famous for its rainbows and the opportunities to get a photo of them!

For a close-up of the falls, we will walk through the subtropical forest of the park to the base of Salto Floriano. Then we will take the elevator to the top of the falls to have the most wonderful views.

Observations: \* The itineraries are liable to updates in order to provide a better service.

**IMPORTANT:** Please note that some countries require VISA to enter to BRAZIL.

Please check the following link: <http://www.portalconsular.itamaraty.gov.br/vistos-para-viajar-ao-brasil#precisa>

Free afternoon at leisure.

Overnight at **El Pueblito Hotel Iguazu**

Meals: B

### **Day 7: Iguazu Waterfalls – Buenos Aires**

Meet with your guide and premium shared transfer from hotel in Puerto Iguazu to Puerto Iguazu (IGR) airport in order to take flight to Buenos Aires.

Meals: B

**\*\*End of services\*\***



## **PROGRAM RATES**

Rates are liable to availability and updates when booking.

Includes all above land services, except the ones specifically informed as optional ones or possible supplements.

Includes Visit Buenos Aires tax unless specified by client that he wants to pay it upon check out. Tax value depends on the category of the hotel and is determined per person and per night of accommodation.

- **Valid from September 2020 to March 2021:**

Net Rate per person in Double Occupancy from **U\$D 1,645.00**  
Single Supplement from **U\$D 620.00**

- **Valid from April 2021 to September 2021:**

Net Rate per person in Double Occupancy from **U\$D 1,690.00**  
Single Supplement from **U\$D 660.00**

+ International Bank Wire Fee – USD 30.00

Rates based on 2 guests minimum - Single supplement only for accommodation (Solo travelers to be quoted upon request).

**\*\*Not valid for Holidays or Festive Season\*\***

## **AIR FARES**

Current GDS flight, liable to updates and availability. Best available flight connection at the moment for the route **IGR/BUE**.

Please add to Land Program Rates for full budget.

### **Aerolineas Argentinas - Economy Class**

Net rate per person including tax from: **U\$D 175.00**

(Hand baggage allowance of 8 kilos and 1 piece of 15 kilos each in checked bags per person)

**Domestic flights** in Argentina do not have first class or business. Premium Economy class has preferential location on board with seats in lines 1 and 2, where you will find more comfort (more space between lines and with only 2 seats per line). All passengers traveling in Premium Economy class will have access to exclusive check-in counter. Priority boarding and disembarking.

**ALCHEMY DMC Argentina** will not be responsible for any modification or cancellation, acts or omissions, unforeseen event or force majeure of the airlines contracted to make the transfers by air according to article 1730 of the Civil and Commercial Argentinean Code. Likewise, any possible expenses caused by the above-mentioned reasons, such as lodging, food, transfer of passengers, modification in their itineraries and / or original programs, among others, are excluded from any claim to **ALCHEMY DMC Argentina**.

### **Exempt Taxes for foreigners only on Accommodation**

**21% VAT only on accommodation is exempt for foreigners- nonresidents in the country.**

In order to apply 21% VAT exemption on accommodation a scanned copy of each passenger's passport, proving their nationality, must be presented at least 10 days before the check-in date.

In case of no shows and reduction of group allotments, the penalties to be applied will be invoiced with 21% VAT.

> In case that any new local regulations and/or biosafety protocols around COVID 19 were to affect either the flow of activities or rates, we will be reporting it accordingly. We will review this proposal in the event that the mentioned measures imply any additional expenses which are not included at this time. Capacities of vehicles, restaurants, ballrooms and meeting rooms do not contemplate any social distancing.



## ALCHEMY DMC Argentina - Terms and Conditions

### Information about our rates

- Net rates.
- Rates are in US dollar, per person or per service, as specified.
- Rates liable to changes and availability.

### Program INCLUDES

- All mentioned activities with bilingual guide services (English/Spanish or Portuguese) or as above specifications.
- All taxes and reservations expenses.

### Program does NOT Include

- International and Domestic airfare.
- National Park tickets, museums or Natural reserves entrances in case not mentioned as included in itinerary.
- Airport arrival/departure taxes (if any).
- Meals and beverages not mentioned in itinerary.
- Gratuities, tips for guides, drivers, porters, waiters, etc.
- Expenses of personal nature (laundry, beverages, telephone calls, etc.).

### Passport and Visa Requirements

You should clarify visa requirements with the Embassies of the countries that you plan to visit as certain countries may require you to take out a visa. It is the passenger's responsibility to have all the proper and valid documentation to enter the countries involved in the trip. Prior to confirming your travel arrangements, you should check your Passport and establish that it will remain current for the entire period of your travel. Please be aware that the name on your airline ticket must be identical to that on your Passport.

### Entering Argentina

A passport with a validity of at least 6 months until its expiration date is required. Citizens of the USA, most European countries, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and most of the countries LATAM do not need a visa to enter. For more information check with your closest Argentine consulate or: <http://www.migraciones.gov.ar/accesible/indexdmn.php?visas>

### Entering Chile

A passport with a validity of at least 6 months until its expiration date is required. Citizens of the USA, most European countries, Australia, New Zealand and most of the countries LATAM do not need a visa to enter. For more information check with your closest Chilean consulate or: [Link](#)

### Entering Brazil

Brazil does not request Canada, USA, Australia and Mexican citizen to pay a reciprocity fee or VISA. For more information: <http://www.portalconsular.itamaraty.gov.br/vistos#precisa>

### Terms and condition for FIT:

- All reservations should be requested by email, and should be confirmed in writing as well. ALCHEMY DMC Argentina will send a written confirmation via email.

### Cancellation policies:

- 10% penalty of the booking for cancellations made after first payment.
- Less than 30 days prior to the beginning of services the penalty will be a 100% charge of the service no-show.
- \* IMPORTANT - Please only consider a reservation cancelled once you have received ALCHEMY DMC Argentina written confirmation.

### Full programs change fee policy individual travelers

- Changes made after full payment will have a change fee of USD 15.00 per booking or according to any special supplier restriction.

### Hotel Policies

- Included: Buffet Breakfast and taxes (VAT - 21%) unless otherwise specified.
- Pre-Night: Check in time is generally at 15:00 hrs. If check in should be guaranteed before this time, a pre night at full charge must be charged.
- Late Check out: Check out time is generally up to 12:00 hrs. depending on hotel, the extension of this time must be requested before the check in. The charge for late checkout will be of 100%.

### Tours, Transfers & Shows Policies

- Included: taxes (VAT - 21%)
- Services length will be according to itinerary, any guests delay or extension will be charged to guests or travel agency client.

**Force Majeure** In case of cancellations or reprogramming the trip due to natural disasters or major incidences our company will apply terms and conditions provided by our partners/suppliers.

### Vaccinations

Certain countries require that travelers be vaccinated against specific diseases. Check with your doctor and the Embassies of countries to which you are traveling to satisfy yourself as to whether your destination has any requirements in this respect.

### Checking Travel Arrangements

We have implemented maximum care in putting together the planning and requirements concerning your travel and accommodation. It is important that you check all of the documentation supplied to you in relation to your travel arrangements to ensure that it meets your requirements in it is entirely and there are no misunderstandings.

### Travel Insurance

We highly recommend obtaining a travel & trip cancellation insurance policy alongside with the final payment on your trip. The policy should provide coverage and costs associated with trip cancellation, trip interruption, trip delay, baggage & personal effects loss, baggage delay, medical expense, emergency evacuation & repatriation of remains, accidental death & dismemberment, among other items.

### Flights delays or cancelations

ALCHEMY DMC Argentina will not be responsible for any modification or cancellation, acts or omissions, unforeseen event or force majeure of the airlines contracted to make the transfers by air according to article 1730 of the Civil and Commercial Argentinean Code. Likewise, any possible expenses caused by the above-mentioned reasons, such as lodging, food, transfer of passengers, modification in their itineraries and / or original programs, among others, are excluded from any claim to ALCHEMY DMC Argentina.

### Prices Increases

Airfare and tour prices may change (almost invariably by being increased) without prior notice and even though your arrangements are confirmed. Such price increases are beyond our control.

### Payments Schedule

First payment will be confirmed upon booking.

### Payments

Full payment due 30 days before start of program.

If payment has not been made by the specified date, bookings may be cancelled.

Payment thru bank wire have a USD 30.00 bank fee and payments thru credit card a 4% surcharge. They are not included in the quotation.



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