

Buenos Aires, Argentina & Montevideo, Uruguay

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La Boca, Buenos Aires, Argentina

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SPRING 2009 BUSINESS TRIP TO SOUTH AMERICA

The School of Business & Leadership has created an exciting business trip to South America from March 6-16, 2009. Join other Dominican students and alumnae on this journey to Buenos Aires (Argentina) and Uruguay's Colonia de Sacramento and Montevideo.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Buenos Aires

Combining business with pleasure, we will explore the colorful, chaotic and enchanting capital city of Buenos Aires. Local porteños are passionate about their music, politics, food, wine and tango clubs. The largest city and port in Argentina, Buenos Aires, is a vital commercial center and home to major global companies. We will meet with high-level business, non-profit and governmental representatives; and, our field visits will include site tours and a behind-the-scenes look into one of the leading nations in the MERCOSUR region. Additionally, there will be many opportunities to enjoy the nation's greatest diversions-- soccer,

theater and tango, and walk the wide, tree-lined boulevards of the "Paris of Latin America."

Colonia del Sacramento

Traveling by ferry from Buenos Aires, we will visit Colonia, a well-preserved remnant of 17th C. Spanish colonial architecture that has been designated as a UNESCO World Heritage site. It was a smuggling town turned gambling center on a small peninsula jutting into the Rio de la Plata. Following our city tour and lunch, we will head east by bus to Montevideo.

Montevideo

The major international port and capital city of Uruguay, Montevideo is the business heart of the country. It has refurbished its historical center and it is home to smart seaside neighborhoods. This thriving and urbane city dominates the country's commerce and culture-- it accounts for 70% of industrial production and handles almost 90% of its trade. A city tour and a visit to the Zonamerica Business and Technology Park, are among

the excursions that we will take during our stay in the city. We will return to Buenos Aires by ferry for the remainder of the trip.

ITINERARY: March 6-16*

Day 1: Depart SFO airport

Day 2: Arrive Buenos Aires, City Tour and Welcome Reception

Day 3: Travel to Colonia by boat, City Tour & travel to Montevideo & City Tour

Day 4: Montevideo & Zonamerica

Day 5: Return to Buenos Aires by ferry

Days 6-8: Buenos Aires Company visits

Day 9: Free Day, optional events

Day 10: Free Day, evening flight to SFO (*arrival in SFO mid-day 3/16)

COST: ~ \$4,000*

Deposits \$500 by 11/15/08 (non-refundable); **\$2,500 by 12/1/08** and **final payment by 1/15/09**. (*Final costs determined at ticketing ~ 45 days before departure).

Checks and credit cards accepted. **For payment**, please **Contact:** Diane Cousens, 415.458.3711, for credit card and payments by check.

GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS

Items Included in the Trip:

1. Roundtrip airfare with a major carrier on scheduled flights and guaranteed dates
2. Airport taxes/fuel surcharges (currently \$451.00, but subject to change until ticketed - 45 days prior to departure)
3. Accommodation in 4-star tourist hotels with private facilities & amenities guaranteed throughout (single supplement available)
4. Breakfast at hotel daily
5. Comprehensive trip cancellation & emergency medical insurance
6. Arrangement of 8-10 business trips
7. Information kit including general trip information, Argentina & Uruguay information and travel tips
8. Welcome Packet upon arrival, including phone calling card, electrical adapter, wallet-sized emergency contact info card and map
9. The use of a group cell phone during our stay (local calls)
10. Hotel rooms for each night of the trip with standard check-in and check-out times. (A single supplement rate available)
11. Transportation via deluxe van, bus or ferry
12. Exclusive assistance of bilingual English speaking guides during the tours and site visits
13. All excursions, cultural activities and admissions as per itinerary including Buenos Aires Dinner, Tango Dinner and Show at Tango Club, Lunch at Zonamerica, Lunch in Colonia.
14. Gratuities on all group meals
15. Taxes and fees where applicable

Items Not Included:

1. Airport departure taxes in Argentina (\$US17 - cash)
2. Gratuities for guides and drivers (typically \$US 2/day/person)
3. Single room supplement (\$550)
4. Visas (if required). US citizens are not required to have visas for either country.
5. Extras at the hotel not included in the standard room rate (phone, laundry, minibar, etc.)

6. International calls made on group cell phones
7. Additional tourism activities not included in itinerary (see below)
8. Additional meals not included (most dinners and some lunches)
9. Any fees imposed by the airlines for checked baggage.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Valid passport (minimum of 6 months prior to expiration)
2. Cash/Credit Card for other activities and expenses

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES*

1. **Soccer Match** at one of Buenos Aires' most renowned stadiums -- Riverplate's La Bonbonera and Monumental. Subject to availability, soccer matches



prices can fluctuate from \$US 50-150, depending on the specific matches that are available during the dates of the trip.

2. **Day trip to Estancia Santa Susana** - (\$US105/person). Take a trip back in time to early 20th C. Argentina at the Santa Susana Ranch. Comprised of 3,000 acres, the ranch is mainly used for agriculture



and cattle breeding. Activities include touring the Ranch Museum, which is adorned with authentic early 1900s furnishings, enjoying a ride through the old pasture in a horse drawn carriage, and experiencing a typical Argentine barbeque accompanied by Argentina wine (lunch and wine included). A show of folk and tango music will accompany the meal.

***Note:** Upon arrival, plans and payment for optional activities will be finalized with our tour operators in Buenos Aires).

ACCOMMODATIONS

1. **Buenos Aires:** Hotel Bel Air. Located in the fashionable Recoleta District, this beautiful 77-room boutique hotel, is surrounded by cafes, shops, grand



homes and apartments built in the 1900s,

and tree-line avenues.

(www.hotelbelair.com.ar)

2. **Montevideo:** NH Columbia. Situated in the heart of the financial district on the Rambla, this



modern hotel has excellent views of the Rio de la Plata.

It is a short distance

from the harbor and various commercial and cultural centers in the city. (www.nh-hotel.com)



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