"Travel with Gina" . . .

is NOT a typical tour. You are a friend "Traveling with Me" the way I like to travel. We see the important sights & the real local culture - safely. Due to the ongoing impact of Coronavirus (COVID-19), protecting the safety and wellbeing of travelers, local guides, and suppliers remains my priority and I have adjusted my flexible cancellation and change policy to accommodate the changing times. These trips are good for people who are independent travelers wanting some free time when they travel with a "group of friends". Not every 5 minutes is planned. We have a lot of free time for individual interests. Many of the people who join this group trip become "lifelong friends" because you have so much in common. Not everyone in our life loves to travel so we need these "traveller friends". These trips are also for people who want longer, extended & cultural travel. Maybe you are retired already or preparing for retirement? Maybe you want a lifestyle & work-life like Gina's that allows you to travel as much as you want at any age? Welcome to "Travel with Gina"!

"Travel with Gina" & Intrepid Travel

Argentina & Brazil Adventure Dates: TBD, 2025 (10 days)



Land Price: \$2995 (Great Value: Intrepid Travel normally charges \$3325pp for this trip!) Int'l Air Starting at \$900 (single room supplement \$395; Intrepid normally charges \$560)

Travel from the bright lights of Buenos Aires to the action of Rio!

Start: Buenos Aires, Argentina **Finish:** Rio de Janeiro, Brazil



Trip Highlights

- Get an invigorating taste of South America's south on a trip that takes you from Buenos Aires, Argentina to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- Let the sounds of samba wash over you and get swept up in the infectious energy of the locals.
- Stroll white-sand beaches in Rio, rummage through antique fairs in Buenos Aires and sample delicious culinary specialties wherever you go.
- In between these two vibrant cities, become immersed in spectacular wilderness from the sprawling wetlands of Ibera to the astonishing Iguazu Falls, there's a trove of natural beauty waiting for you.



Group size: Min 8, Max 12

Why you'll love this trip

- Discover Buenos Aires, Argentina's sultry and sensual capital. Tour its best sights, then explore its many corners at your leisure, from the star-studded Recoleta cemetery to the tucked-away milongas (tango halls)
- Explore the lush landscapes of the Ibera Wetlands in search of anacondas, otters, howler monkeys and a vast array of colorful birds
- With included visits to Iguazu Falls from both the Argentinian and Brazilian sides, you'll get the most out of this jaw-dropping natural wonder
- Finish in Rio de Janeiro, where you're free to stroll the sands of Copacabana, soar across town on the Sugarloaf Cable Car or delve into the city's pulsing nightlife

Is this trip right for you?

• There are several orientation walks and city tours during this trip, so there will be quite a lot of walking. It's important to always bring plenty of water, wear comfortable walking shoes and ensure you use adequate sun protection. Wearing layers is a good way to tackle the heat.



Itinerary:

Day 1: Buenos Aires, Argentina

Bienvenido! Welcome to Buenos Aires. Buenos Aires is the ultimate cosmopolitan city, with Latin passion, European elegance and its own distinctive style. Your adventure begins with an important welcome meeting at 6pm. Your leader will leave a note at the hotel reception telling you where this important meeting will take place. If you arrive early, why not visit San Telmo and its weekend antiques market and artists' displays – it's a great chance to acquaint yourself with some portenos (local residents). Alternatively, visit Recoleta (the grand cemetery) or perhaps Casa Rosada (the Pink House).

Accommodation: Hotel (1 night) Optional Activities

- Buenos Aires Coastal train USD \$10
- Buenos Aires Tango show (prices from) USD \$60
- Buenos Aires Football game (subject to availability) ticket prices from USD \$80
- Buenos Aires Gourmet Buenos Aires Food Urban Adventure USD \$113 **Meals Included:** There are no meals included on this day, but there will be an optional group dinner for those interested.

Day 2: Buenos Aires

Enjoy some breakfast, then embark on an orientation walk through this fantastic city. You'll be introduced to some of Buenos Aires' major sights – the likes of the Colon Theatre, the Obelisc and Plaza de Mayo. Along the way, learn a little more about Argentina's independence from Spain.

Accommodation

• Hotel (1 night)

Included Activities

• Buenos Aires - Orientation walk

Optional Activities

Buenos Aires - Polo day - USD \$185

Meals Included

Breakfast

Day 3: Ituizangó

This mroning catch a short flight to Posadas, followed by a drive to Ituzaingo (approximately 1 hour). Ituizangó will serve as your base to explore the beautiful Ibera Wetlands region in the north of Argentina. Spanning more than 15,000 square kilometres, the Ibera wetlands are roughly the size of Belgium, which gives you an idea of how much there is to explore. The biodiversity in incredible, and the swamps, lakes and lagoons are home to such creatures as otters, alligators, deer, wolves and black howler monkeys, just to name a few. Keep a look out too for those oddly noble-looking

creatures, the capybaras. These cousins of guinea pigs are the largest rodents in the world.

Accommodation

• Hotel (1 night)

Meals Included

Breakfast

Day 4: Ibera Wetlands/Ituizangó

Take part on a full day (approximately 8-10 hour) walking tour and car safari with a guide, tasty lunch and plenty of snacks. You might see any number of obscure species – maybe caiman or swamp deer, perhaps even an armadillo, or a flock of rhea (which are like a South American equivalent of an emu). Anacondas, though particularly hard to spot at certain times of the year, are also known to inhabit these wetlands. Keep an eye to the sky, as you're bound to catch a glimpse of some of the 350 bird species here, from the sharp-tailed tyrant to the gorgeous and garish yellow robin.

Accommodation

• Hotel (1 night)

Included Activities

Ibera Wetlands - Day tour

Meals Included

- Breakfast
- Lunch

Day 5: Foz do Iguazu

Enjoy some breakfast and prepare for a long travel day. From Ituizangó take a comfortable local bus to Puerto Iguazu (approximately 5 hours). As soon as you arrive at Puerto Iguazu bus station, you will take a minivan across the border into Brazil and continue to your hotel in Foz do Iguazu (approximately one hour, depending on traffic at the Argentina–Brazil border).

Accommodation

• Hotel (1 night)

Meals Included

Breakfast

Day 6: Foz do Iguacu

Here at Iguazu, you'll visit the mighty waterfalls from both the Brazilian and Argentinian sides. At over 2 kilometres long, Iguazu Falls are actually a series of cataracts. There are over 270 falls in all, and with some reaching up to 80 metres in height, they are wider than Victoria Falls and higher than Niagara. Enjoy the magnificent panoramas on the Brazilian side of Iguazu Falls. Seeing the falls from this side has its perks, such as a view of San Martin Island which you don't quite get from the Argentinean side. You might like to take a helicopter ride over the falls while you're here. This optional excursion gives you spectacular views of the falls and the lush green parklands that surround it.

Accommodation

• Hotel (1 night)

Included Activities

Iguazu Falls - Entrance & tour of the Brazilian side of the falls

Optional Activities

- Iguazu Falls Helicopter ride (USD \$130)
- Iguazu Falls Bird park BRL60 (USD \$11)

Meals Included

Breakfast

Day 7: Iguazu Falls

Today we go to the Argentinean side of the Falls where it's possible to follow a series of boardwalks to get up close to the thundering waters – so close you can almost touch them. Later, visit a Guarani community for the rare opportunity to meet some of the region's few remaining indigenous people.

Accommodation

• Hotel (1 night)

Included Activities

- · Iguazu Falls Entrance & tour of the Argentinian side of the falls
- Iguazu Falls Guarani community visit

Optional Activities

Iguazu Falls - Boat Trip - ARS1200 (USD \$14)

Meals Included

Breakfast

Day 8: Rio de Janeiro

Travel by plane to Rio de Janeiro, the festive heart of Brazil. Settle into your hotel and then set out on an orientation walk with your leader. Rio is a fascinating and diverse city best known for its contrasting images of favelas (shanty towns) and the glitz and glamour of Carnaval. With free time, you can choose from many optional activities. Perhaps head to a football game, take a cable car ride between Praia Vermelha and the Sugarloaf Mountain for incredible views over town. For further options, chat to your leader.

Accommodation

Hotel Santa Clara (1 night)

Optional Activities

- Rio de Janeiro Carnival rehearsal (June to Carnival only) BRL90 (USD \$17)
- Rio de Janeiro Football game (tickets from USD \$50)
- Rio de Janeiro Sugarloaf Mountain BRL110 (USD \$20)

Meals Included

Breakfast

Day 9: Rio de Janeiro

This morning you'll be picked up at your hotel first thing in the morning and head straight to Christ the Redeemer to beat the crowds. Soak up the early morning air and take some photos of this iconic statue before heading to a traditional local Farmer's Market. Your local leader will show you some of the best foods to try as well as providing plenty of interesting facts about the market traditions. Today you'll have a free afternoon, so may wish to return to the hotel with your leader to relax. Otherwise, a visit to Sugarloaf is a great way to spend the rest of the day.

Accommodation

• Hotel (1 night)

Included Activities

 Rio de Janeiro - Corcovado, Christ the Redeemer & Farmer's Market Urban Adventure

Meals Included

Breakfast

Day 10: Rio de Janeiro

There are no activities planned for the final day and you are able to depart the accommodation at any time to fly home. Or enjoy these TRIP EXTENSIONS below. **Meals Included**

Breakfast

Trip Inclusions:

Meals: 9 breakfasts, 1 lunch Transport: Plane, local bus, Private vehicle Accommodation: Hotel (9 nights) Included activities:

- Buenos Aires Orientation walk
- Ibera Wetlands (Day tour)
- Iguazu Falls Entrance & tour of the Brazilian side of the falls
- Iguazu Falls Entrance & tour of the Argentinian side of the falls
- Iguazu Falls Guarani community visit
- Rio de Janeiro Corcovado, Christ the Redeemer & Farmer's Market Urban Adventure

TRIP EXTENSIONS:

1. Consider joining Gina on her 11-day tour

"Peru & the Famous Inka Ruins of Machu Picchu" Dates: TBD, 2023 (Land \$1895 plus international air starting at \$900). For more information, go to www.GinaHenry.com/.

2. If you join the Peru tour, here are some optional activities to enjoy in-between tours in Rio: Or if you have a late evening flight Sept 26, these activities are possible on the last day of the Argentina & Brazil tour, Monday, Sept 26.

- Rio de Janeiro Total Rio Tour Combo 2: Old Town, Sugarloaf & Urca Urban Adventure (USD \$149). Google for Urban Adventures for more info.
- Ilha Grande Day trip BRL390 (USD \$72)

ILHA GRANDE OPTIONAL ACTIVITY (Google for Urban Adventures for more info). Our tour ends on Monday, Sept 26. This activity will only run on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. If your flight leaves early in the day and you want to do this tour, we can book additional accommodation to allow for this activity. Departure time for this activity is between 6am and 7:30am and returns to Rio at approximately 8:30pm.

3. If you join the Peru tour Oct 1, here are some optional activities to in Cusco, **Peru:** See the Peru trip brochure for many optional Cusco activities at www.GinaHenry.com/.

HOW TO EARN A FREE AIR TICKET FOR THIS TRIP?

You will need approximately 62,000-94,000 points to fly FREE one way to Buenos Aires, Argentina and return one way from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil to the USA coach class. Please note reward point levels and credit card promotions change frequently. Please confirm with the web sites below. Gina recommends applying for one or more of these reward credit cards to earn a FREE ROUNDTRIP airline ticket for this trip:

1. When booking through "Chase Ultimate Rewards": Apply for "The Chase Sapphire Preferred credit card" offers a 60,000 sign-up bonus when you spend \$4000 in the first 3 months of getting the card. Annual fee \$95, even the first year. Put all your monthly bills on this card to earn the additional points. This credit card is available to you if you do not have any Sapphire cards and have not received a new cardmember bonus for any Sapphire card in the past 48 months. For more information, go to www.Chase.com/. Total 60,000 + 4000 (spend) = 64,000 points.

2. When booking through **United Airlines:** Apply for "**The United Airlines Explorer credit card**" which offers a 50,000 sign-up bonus when you spend \$3,000 in the first 3 months. No annual fee the first year (\$95 year two). This credit card bonus is available to you if you do not have this card and have not received a new Cardmember bonus for this card in the past 24 months. Put all your monthly bills on this card to earn the additional points. Total 50,000 + 3,000 (spend) = 53,000 points.

<u>Next</u>: apply for "**The United Gateway credit card**" (10,000 sign-up bonus with a \$1,000 spend in the first 3 months of getting the card = 11,000 more points. No annual fee. Total 11,000 points + 53,000 (above points) = $\underline{64,000}$ points.

<u>Next</u>: If you have a business, apply for a "**Chase United Business Mileage Plus credit card**" (75,000 sign-up bonus with a \$5,000 spend in the first 3 months of getting the card = 80,000 points. Annual fee \$99. Plus 75,000 more miles after \$20,000 total on purchases in the first 6 months your account is open. Plus earn 2 miles per \$1 spent on United purchases, dining (including eligible delivery services), gas, office supply stores, and on local transit and commuting. Plus first checked bag free for you and one companion traveling on the same reservations, earn a \$100 United travel credit after qualifying flight purchases, and 1 mile per \$1 spent on all other purchases. Also, 5,000 anniversary bonus miles when you have the UnitedSM Business Card and a personal United credit card^{*}. Total at least 64,000 (above points) + 75,000 + $$5000 (spend) = 144,000 \text{ points}}$ and with the extra spend + 75,000 + 15,000 (spend) = 234,000 points. For more information, go to www.United.com or www.Chase.com/.

3. When booking through American Airlines: Apply for "The American Airlines Advantage Platinum Select World Elite Mastercard" offers a 50,000 sign-up bonus when you spend \$2,500 in the first 3 months of getting the card. No annual fee first year (Year two \$99). Total 50,000 + 2,500 (spend) = 52,500 points.

<u>Next</u>: apply for a "**Citi AAdvantage MileUp credit card**" (10,000 sign-up bonus with a \$500 spend in the first 3 months of getting the card). No annual fee ever. Put all your monthly bills on these cards to earn the additional points. Total at least 10,000 + 500 (spend) = 10,500 points + 52,500 (above points) = $\underline{63,000}$ points.

<u>Next</u>: If you have a business, apply for a "**Citi Advantage Business credit card**" (65,000 signup bonus with a \$4,000 spend in the first 4 months of getting the card) = 65,000 + 4,000 (spend) = 69,000 points. Annual fee \$99. Total 63,000 point (above) + 69,000 points = <u>132,000 points</u>. For more information, go to www.aa.com or www.Citi.com/.

Your \$400pp TRIP DEPOSIT payable to Gina Henry

holds your spot and is 100% refundable up to 90 days of trip departure & 100% transferable up to 60 days of trip departure.

Due to COVID-19, see Gina's new flexible "Cancellation & Change Policy" on the trip summary @www.GinaHenry.com/.

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