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CHILE & ARGENTINA

FIELD HOCKEY TOUR

Santiago & Buenos Aires

11 Day / 8 Night Program

SUGGESTED PROGRAM

PLEASE NOTE: Actual sequence and timing of activities will revolve around your game & practice schedule, which will be finalized in the weeks prior to your team's arrival in South America. All times are approximate and may vary according to flight schedules.

ALL FIELD HOCKEY ACTIVITIES ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN RED.

Day 1 **USA – FLIGHTS**

Fly overnight to Santiago via major international scheduled airline. Likely change of plane enroute.

Day 2 **SANTIAGO**

Morning Arrive at Santiago's Arturo Benitez' International Airport.

Greeting by your highly-qualified **Tour Manager**. The Tour Managers we use are selected for their high-energy and commitment to customer satisfaction. For the next week, your Tour Manager will be coordinating and managing all of your scheduled activities and will be available to you on a 24-hour basis should you need special assistance.

Santiago, the capital of Chile, is a large, modern city with some 5 million inhabitants. Founded in 1541, at the southern end of the Spanish colonial empire on the Pacific Ocean, the city grew in importance after what is modern-day Chile declared independence from Spain in 1810.

Check into your Three-Star Hotel.

Afternoon **City Sightseeing Tour**



Your tour giving you an overview of Santiago starts at the **Club Hípico** racing track in the traditional **West Side** residential part of town, featuring the French Art Nouveau / Beaux Arts style of architecture popular in the early 20th century. Proceed to the **Cousino Palace**, an older mansion that has been refurbished for use as a government VIP residence.

Reaching **Alameda Avenue** in the heart of Santiago, pass by **La Moneda** Presidential Palace and numerous statues of independence heroes, into the business and government center of the city. Stop at the **Pre-Columbian Art Museum**, one of the most complete collections of ceramics, ancient textiles, and other relics of the local indigenous culture.

Arrive at the **Plaza de Armas** main square where the **Metropolitan Cathedral** and **National Museum** are located before proceeding to the **San Francisco Church** and the **National Library**, eventually arriving at the **Santa Lucia Hill** where Santiago was founded in 1541.

Crossing the **Mapocho River**, ascend the **San Cristóbal Hill** on the north side of the city for a beautiful panoramic view of the capital below with the Andes in the background. Descending the hill, drive back along the Mapocho River, nearing the foothills of the Andes, and enter the modern, prosperous neighborhoods of **Vitacura**, **Las Condes**, and **Santa María de Manquehue**, with nice homes, manicured gardens, and modern shopping malls. The shopping district of **Providencia**, with many boutiques, restaurants and cafés, is the final area we visit prior to arriving at your hotel.

Afternoon **PRACTICE SESSION** at an astroturf field to warm up for the next few days.

Evening **Welcome Dinner** at your Hotel or nearby restaurant (included in tour program)

Day 3 **SANTIAGO**

Morning Breakfast at Hotel

Morning & Afternoon Free Day to explore the different attractions Santiago has to offer on your own. **Suggestions:**

Museum of Memory & Human Rights - Visit one of the city's most popular attractions to learn about Chile's recent history and have an insight on the suffering of the Pinochet years, the military dictator from the 70's and 80's.

Pre-Columbian Art Museum - Housed in the colonial-era customs house, this museum has a very rich collection of pre-Columbian artefacts from Central American and the Andean region.

National Museum of Natural History - This institution, which opened in 1830, houses exhibits on zoology, botany, anthropology, and archaeology.

Colonial Art Museum of the San Francisco Church - This church is the oldest structure standing in Santiago, dating back to 1572, and holds the remains of the "Conquistadors". The convent next door has an interesting collection of colonial-era religious art.

Evening **MATCH # 1 vs. CHILEAN HOCKEY TEAM**



Aftermatch Party hosted by the opposing team with food and refreshments served.

Day 4

VIÑA DEL MAR & VALPARAÍSO

Morning

Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning &
Afternoon

Viña del Mar & Valparaíso – Full-Day Tour



Board your private motorcoach for a day trip to visit these two charming Chilean coastal communities, located about 75 miles from Santiago. Crossing the coastal range of mountains through various tunnels and traversing the **Curacavi farming valley**, you travel down a hill where you get a wonderful view of both Viña del Mar and Valparaíso, simultaneously.

Entering **Viña del Mar**, Chile's main beach resort with 300,000 inhabitants, pass the **Quinta Vergara** museum, the **Plaza Vergara** (main square), and cross the **Marga Marga Canal**, where you will make a short stop at the **Fonck Museum**, featuring artefacts from Easter Island.

Continue to the fishing village of **Con-Con** with its beautiful sandy beaches and rocky coast. Return to Viña del Mar for lunch. (included in tour program)

After lunch, proceed to **Valparaíso**, a major port where many cruise ships call. The city is divided into two main sections, the coastal settlement and the hillside neighborhoods further from the sea with charming brightly-colored homes perched on the hills. These are accessed by funiculars (hillside elevators) that have a quaint appearance. Passing the **National Congress**, we go up the **Bellavista Hill** to see "**La Sebastiana**", home to the late Pablo Neruda, Nobel Prize-winning (1971) poet. Continue on through to **Plaza Sotomayor**, the **National Navy Building**, and the **Monument to the Heroes of the Iquique Pacific War**.

Ascend the **Concepción Hill** and stroll along the **Atkinson and Gervosani Walks** for a beautiful view of the city and the port. Pass by the **Baburizza Palace**, eventually making your way down to the "**El Amendral**" Quarter, where you bid farewell to Valparaíso before returning to Santiago.

Evening

MATCH # 2 vs. CHILEAN HOCKEY TEAM



Aftermatch Party hosted by the opposing team with food and refreshments served.

Day 5

SANTIAGO – BUENOS AIRES

Morning

Breakfast at Hotel.

Check out of hotel and transfer to the airport for your flight to Argentina.

Arrive at Buenos Aires' Ezeiza International Airport.

Check in to your Hotel.

Afternoon

City Sightseeing Tour



Three-hour city sightseeing tour on your comfortable motorcoach giving you an overview of Buenos Aires' culture and history as seen through its neighborhoods and historical landmarks.

Included highlights are the **Casa Rosada** (presidential palace), **Palace of Congress**, the world-class **Teatro Colón** opera house, **Avenida Nueve de Julio**, a ten-lane wide avenue with an esplanade in between, and the **Obelisk** (reminiscent of the Washington Monument).

Continue on to the delightful neighborhoods of **La Boca**, **San Telmo**, birthplace of the Tango, **Palermo**, with wide boulevards, leafy parks, and extravagant monuments, and **Recoleta**, highlighted by the cemetery featuring opulent mausoleums where "Evita" Perón is buried. After completing your tour you will understand why Buenos Aires is often compared with Paris and Madrid.

Evening

Dinner on your own.

Day 6

BUENOS AIRES

Morning

Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning

HOCKEY CLINIC



Training with a Top-Level Argentine Coach.

Afternoon

Free time **suggestion:** Those with an interest in art and culture should visit:



Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes (Museum of Fine Arts) - Buenos Aires' fine arts museum features works of international renown, including several sculptures by Rodin.

Museo Nacional de Arte Decorativo – This former mansion of Buenos Aires' early 20th century elite is a wonderful place to visit featuring its own café for a relaxing break.

Museo de Arte Latinoamericano de Buenos Aires (MALBA) – This museum is Buenos Aires' most acclaimed and popular museum with its modern architecture and extensive collection of mostly modern Latin American Art.

Evening

Dinner on your own.

Day 7

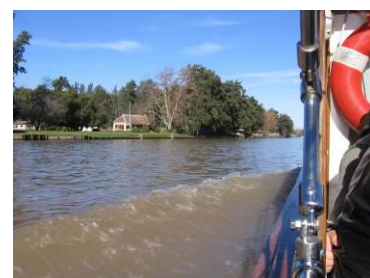
BUENOS AIRES

Morning

Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning &
Afternoon

Tigre River Delta – Full-Day Tour



Depart to the **Tigre River Delta**, about 20 miles north of Buenos Aires, on your private motorcoach.

Arrive in Tigre and board your comfortable boat for a leisurely 45-minute cruise through the islands of this unusual natural river delta. Tigre was once the summer retreat of Buenos Aires' elite with several landmark structures from that elegant era still surviving.

Lunch included at a restaurant.

Evening

MATCH # 3 vs. ARGENTINE HOCKEY TEAM



Aftermatch Party hosted by the opposing team with food and refreshments served.

Day 8

BUENOS AIRES

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning HOCKEY CLINIC # 2

Continue training with the same high-level coach to develop and work on your hockey skills / techniques.

Morning & Afternoon **Suggestion:** Great day for shopping !



On weekends venture to the **Recoleta Flea Market** for lots of bargains on hand-made leather and other goods at one of the hundreds of stalls staffed by the artisans themselves. On other days, visit the **Galerias Pacífico** shopping center and food court. This is a beautifully-restored early 20th-century landmark that used to be the headquarters offices of the Pacific Railways, but that was recently converted into shops and cafés. Be sure and try some of the delicious cake that is a blend of chocolate and dulce de leche (caramel-type dessert) !

Afternoon **"Primera A" Women's Club Game – Watch some of the world's top hockey !!!** (subject to availability)

Evening Dinner at a restaurant near your hotel (included in tour program).

Day 9

BUENOS AIRES

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning & Afternoon **"Pampas" Ranch Day – Full-Day Tour**



Depart in your private motorcoach for an exciting visit to an authentic Argentine "estancia" (cattle ranch). Enjoy a 20 minutes horse-back riding upon arrival. You can also ride on horse-driven carts. The highlight of your visit is a traditional Argentine "asado" (barbecue) featuring delicious cuts of world-famous Argentine beef grilled over an open pit, followed by a folklore dancing and singing show.

Evening

MATCH # 4 vs. ARGENTINE HOCKEY TEAM



Aftermatch Party hosted by the opposing team with food and refreshments served.

Day 10

BUENOS AIRES – FLIGHTS

Morning

Breakfast at Hotel.

Check out of Hotel.

Free time to explore Buenos Aires for last-minute shopping or sightseeing.

Afternoon

Enjoy your **Farewell Lunch** at a fine restaurant. Toast the conclusion of a great trip ! This lunch is included in your tour program.

Transfer by your private motorcoach to Ezeiza International Airport for your return flight home.

Evening

Relax and sleep during your overnight flight. Dinner and breakfast served aloft.

Day 11

USA

Morning

Arrive back in the USA this morning.

Your Chilean & Argentine Field Hockey & Cultural Adventure comes to a close with great memories to cherish for a lifetime !

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

Travel Services:

- Economy-class Air Transportation USA / Santiago / Buenos Aires / USA.
- Three nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Santiago, including daily breakfast.
- Five nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Buenos Aires, including daily breakfast.
- Airport / Hotel / Airport transfers by private motorcoach.
- Welcome Dinner & Farewell Lunch at restaurants serving traditional local dishes.
- City Sightseeing Tour with Bilingual Guide in Santiago.
- Viña del Mar and Valparaíso Full-Day Tour
- City Sightseeing Tour with Bilingual Guide in Buenos Aires
- Tigre River Delta Full-Day Tour
- "Pampas" Ranch Day Full-Day Tour
- **Tour Manager** available for scheduled activities and 24/7 access in case of emergency.
- 24/7 Emergency Support from **Victory Sports Tours**' Operations office.

Field Hockey Program:

- **Four Games** with clubs / universities at your level.
- **Two Clinics** with **High-Level Argentine Coaches**.

- **One Warm-Up Practice Session to start your tour.**
- **Aftermatch Parties with Argentine Teams/Coaches including food and drink.**
- **Bottle of Water provided to each player, each game / practice.**
- **Uniform Laundry Service provided between games.**
- **Primera A Women's Club Game (subject to availability)**
- **Round-trip Transfers to above Field Hockey activities by private motorcoach.**

Summary of Included Meals:

- 8 Breakfasts
- 3 Lunches (at ranch, Tigre excursion & farewell lunch)
- 2 Dinners
- 4 Post-Match Receptions, including food appropriate to the time of day of the game. Quantities vary depending on the club from "snack" portions to full meals.

Tour Price:

- For the most up-to-date pricing information on this tour, please visit our website:

<http://www.victorysportstours.com>

Click on your sport and scroll down to the tour named "**Argentina & Chile #1**"

- Price is based on a minimum of 20 paying travelers.
- Prices are subject to availability of airfares at time of booking.
- One **FREE COACH'S TRIP** is included based on 20 paying travelers (21st is free).
- Coach would share twin room with paying traveler and pay only taxes/fees.

Notes:

- The itinerary text outlines both included services and suggested free time activities. For a definitive indication of what is included in the tour price, please refer exclusively to the "TOUR INCLUSIONS" section above.
- No booking has been made yet. Tour dates are subject to availability.
- Tour price is based on current U.S. dollar / foreign currency exchange rate. Price may vary if the exchange rate were to change significantly prior to receiving your tour deposit.
- Air taxes/fees are determined by the various governments/airlines involved and are those currently in effect. By government regulation, actual air taxes/fees collected will be those in effect at ticketing, approx. 45 days before departure.
- Airlines may add a fuel surcharge if the price of fuel increases significantly.
- Final fuel surcharge is determined approx. 30 days prior to departure.
- Full Terms & Conditions to be provided upon acceptance of this proposal.