
GEEO ITINERARY

Argentina and Brazil 7/17/2026

Day 1: Buenos Aires Arrive in Buenos Aires at any time. Meet your group for a welcome meeting around 6:00 or 7:00 p.m.

Arrive at any time. There are no planned activities until the Welcome Meeting in the evening. The main airport is Buenos Aires's **Ezeiza International Airport (EZE)**, but **Jorge Newbery Airfield (AEP)** is also used by some South American airlines.

Consider arriving 1-2 days early to explore the city, adjust to the time zone, and buffer against flight delays. We can book extra hotel nights for you.

Buenos Aires - Known as the Paris of the Americas, Buenos Aires is one of South America's greatest cities and is full of life. It is a European-style metropolis home to one-third of the country's 45 million people. The historic Plaza de Mayo anchors the city center with colonial landmarks including the Cabildo (where independence was planned), Casa Rosada (Government Palace), and Metropolitan Cathedral (burial site of independence hero San Martín).

Must-See Neighborhoods - San Telmo: Weekend antiques market and street performers; La Boca: Colorful immigrant quarter with vibrant painted buildings; Recoleta: Upscale cafés, museums, and famous cemetery.

Hotel Check-in and Welcome Meeting

Hotel check-in is normally between 2-3 p.m. Check with reception for the exact time and location of the group welcome meeting, typically between 6-7 p.m. Please make every effort to attend this meeting. If you're running late, send a message in the group WhatsApp or call the emergency number on your trip voucher so that your tour leader can let you know where and when to meet the group.

After the meeting, you might choose to have dinner at a nearby restaurant with your traveling companions and your tour leader to get to know one another further.

Joining Instructions

The airport is located 22 miles outside the city (about 40 minutes by taxi). A taxi to the city center costs approximately \$45 USD and can be arranged from the official taxi counters located inside the airport.

If you have paid in advance for an arrival transfer, a G Adventures representative will be at the airport to meet you. If for any reason you are not met at the airport, please call our local support line. If you are unable to make contact for whatever reason, please make your way to the joining point hotel via taxi.

Day 2: Buenos Aires/Foz do Iguaçu Fly to the city of Foz do Iguaçu and visit the amazing Iguazú Falls.

After a morning flight from Buenos Aires, we'll head to Brazil to experience the magnificent Iguazú Falls, which sit at the crossroads of Brazil, Paraguay, and Argentina. But first, visit the G Adventures-supported Jasy Pora site just outside Puerto Iguazú. Formed by local Guaraní families, the community welcomes travelers as they share their unique culture and traditions.

From there, it's on to the main attraction. Iguazú Falls spans nearly 3 kilometers and features hundreds of cascades thundering over dramatic basalt cliffs. Today we'll explore the Brazilian side, where panoramic walkways offer sweeping views of one of the world's most impressive waterfall systems. Trails and catwalks are well maintained, making the visit accessible and enjoyable for most travelers.

Approximate travel time: 1.5 hrs by plane; 1.5-2 hrs by private vehicle.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 3: Foz do Iguaçu Explore the Argentine side of the Falls and its trails. Opt for a boat tour. Return to the Brazilian side for a night in town.

Spend the whole day on the Argentina side of Iguazú Falls, exploring the paths over the Falls or experiencing the UNESCO World Heritage site from a boat tour. Explore trails that will bring you directly over the falls of the Devil's Throat—the highest and deepest of the falls.

Other trails allow access to the stretch of falls across the forest on the Argentine side. If you're feeling very adventurous, you can book an inflatable boat to the base of the thundering falls.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 4: Foz do Iguaçu/Paraty Fly to São Paulo and continue to Paraty. Opt to visit the cachaça distilleries or take a boat ride.

We'll fly to São Paulo in the morning before continuing by van to Paraty, a UNESCO-listed colonial gem on Brazil's southeastern coast known for its whitewashed buildings, colorful doors, and beautifully preserved architecture. Framed by jungle-covered mountains and the calm waters of the bay, it has long drawn travelers looking for a slower pace and striking coastal scenery.

Once a major port during Brazil's gold rush, Paraty later became famous for producing cachaça. Today, the historic center is closed to vehicles, and at high tide the Portuguese cobblestone streets partially flood with seawater, adding to the area's distinctive atmosphere.

With free time this afternoon, you may choose to visit a local distillery or head out by boat into the bay. Exploring the nearby islands and beaches is one of the best ways to experience the region's laid-back coastal setting.

Approximate travel time: 1.5 hrs. by plane (Iguazu to São Paulo); 5-6 hrs. by shared van (São Paulo to Paraty).

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 5: Paraty Enjoy a free day to explore Paraty. Opt to take a Caipirinha boat trip, go kayaking, or go horseback riding.

Enjoy a free day to explore Paraty. Optional activities include a Caipirinha boat trip, kayaking, and horseback riding. See our list of more possible optional activities toward the bottom of this page.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 6: Paraty/Ilha Grande Continue up the coast and take a ferry to Ilha Grande. Opt to hike to remote beaches. Enjoy free time to relax and explore the island.

In the morning, we'll kick things off with a scenic coastal drive to Angra dos Reis, where we board the ferry to Ilha Grande, home to some of Brazil's most spectacular beaches. With no regular cars and limited development, the island feels refreshingly removed from the mainland.

Effective May 5, 2026, Brazil has implemented a Sustainable Tourism Tax. You must pay 55 BRL (approximately \$11 USD) when traveling through Angra dos Reis to Ilha Grande. Payment can be made

online in advance on the Viva Angra website or on-site via QR code at the Port of Angra dos Reis before boarding the ferry. Your Tour Leader will help with this process, but the fee must be paid directly by travelers before embarkation.

Ilha Grande is what most people picture when they think of a tropical escape: forested mountains, clear turquoise water, and hiking trails that lead to quiet stretches of white sand. Once frequented by pirates and later home to a notorious prison, the island is now protected as part of Brazil's Atlantic rainforest.

Enjoy free time to relax on the beach, snorkel in calm bays, hike jungle trails, or unwind with fresh seafood and a caipirinha in the evening.

Approximate travel time: 2 hrs by shared van (Paraty to Angra dos Reis); 1.5 hrs by ferry (Angra dos Reis to Ilha Grande).

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 7: Ilha Grande Enjoy a free day in Ilha Grande. Optional activities include hiking Pico Do Papagalo or Lopez Mendez, snorkeling, or just relaxing.

Today, we'll enjoy a free day on Ilha Grande. If you're feel up for some exercise, consider hiking Pico Do Papagalo or Lopez Mendez for spectacular views. Alternatively, if you're after more of that beautiful sea, head out snorkeling, or relax on some of Brazil's most beautiful, sun-kissed beaches.

There's plenty to see and do on Ilha Grande; see our list of some possible optional activities toward the bottom of this page.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 8: Ilha Grande/Rio de Janeiro Travel by ferry and van to Rio de Janeiro. Explore the city on an optional city tour.

After returning from Ilha Grande, we'll travel north along one of Brazil's most dramatic coastal routes. As we round the cliffs near Vidigal, the first sweeping views of Rio de Janeiro come into focus, a city famed for its striking setting between mountains and sea.

Often called the "cidade maravilhosa," Rio pairs iconic beaches like Copacabana and Ipanema with the deep blue Atlantic, Guanabara Bay, and the granite peaks of Sugarloaf Mountain and Corcovado. The towering Christ the Redeemer statue overlooks it all, reinforcing Rio's reputation as one of the world's most visually spectacular urban landscapes.

Today, Rio is a vibrant metropolis known for its beach culture, samba rhythms, and unmistakable Carioca energy. Spend your day soaking up the iconic coastal scenery.

Approximate travel time: 1.5 hrs by ferry (Ilha Grande to Angra dos Reis); 3.5 hrs by shared van (Angra dos Reis to Rio de Janeiro).

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 9: Rio de Janeiro Depart Rio de Janeiro at any time.

There are no planned activities today, so you may depart Rio de Janeiro at any time. The nearest airport is Rio's **Galeão International Airport (GIG)**. If you wish to extend your stay in Rio de Janeiro, consider booking post-tour accommodation with us.

Please note that check-out time from the hotel is usually mid-morning, but luggage storage services are

available at the reception desk.

Meals included: Breakfast

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Accommodations List

The hotels listed below reflect the properties *expected to be used* for this program. Final accommodations are subject to change based on group size, availability, or seasonality. **The confirmed start and end hotels are listed on your trip voucher:**

Day 1 Buenos Aires (Jul 17): Carsson Hotel

Day 2 Iguazu Falls (Jul 18): Hotel Del Rey

Day 3 Iguazu Falls (Jul 19): Hotel Del Rey

Day 4 Paraty (Jul 20): Pousada Laguna Blue

Day 5 Paraty (Jul 21): Pousada Laguna Blue

Day 6 Ilha Grande (Jul 22): Pousada Mata Nativa

Day 7 Ilha Grande (Jul 23): Pousada Mata Nativa

Day 8 Rio de Janeiro (Jul 24): Royalty Rio Hotel

***Itinerary Disclaimer:** *While it is our intention to adhere to the routes described on our website, there is a certain amount of flexibility built into the itinerary and on occasion it may be necessary, or desirable, to make alterations. The itinerary is brief, as we never know exactly where our journey will take us. Due to our style of travel and the regions we visit, travel can be unpredictable. The information on our website is a general guide to the tour and region, and any mention of specific destinations or wildlife is by no means a guarantee that they will be visited or encountered. Additionally, any travel times listed are approximations only and subject to vary due to local circumstances.*