



**Saint Mary's College High School  
Enrichment Week Trip  
Argentina's Buenos Aires & Ibera Wetlands - Capybaras & Community  
March 5–13, 2027**

**TRIP PROPOSAL**

**Tour Price:**

\$4,900 to \$5,300 depending on size of group

Explore the history, food and culture of Buenos Aires, a city of immigrants from around the world. Continue to Argentina's Ibera National Park, one of the western hemisphere's great environmental conservation success stories. Learn how the region was transformed by sustainable eco-tourism and explore the trails and waterways of the wetlands. As the first international student group to spend time with the Corrientes community, engage with students and community members to learn about the history of the park and the culture of the region.

**Friday,  
March 5**

**HOME ➔ BUENOS AIRES**

Depart from San Francisco to Buenos Aires, Argentina, traveling overnight.

**(Meals aloft)**

**Saturday,  
March 6**

**BUENOS AIRES**

Upon arrival this morning, transfer to your hotel. This afternoon explore Recoleta, the elegant neighborhood resembling Paris where families stroll and *portenos* people-watch. Also visit the Recoleta Cemetery, where students can discover the elaborate mausoleums and monuments of many of Argentina's most prominent political, cultural, and historical figures. The cemetery provides a fascinating way to explore Argentina's history through the people buried there, while also serving as an extraordinary example of funerary architecture and urban heritage.

Enjoy a typical steak dinner at a local restaurant.

**(B,L,D)**

**Sunday,  
March 7**

**BUENOS AIRES**

Start the day at the Plaza de Mayo, the heart of the city where Eva Peron addressed her adoring crowds from the balcony of the Casa Rosada, and Pope Francis worked as Archbishop of Buenos Aires at the Cathedral on the other side of the plaza.

Continue to Plaza Dorrego for the Sunday San Telmo Fair known for its delicious food, street performances and antiques. The neighborhood visit will

also provide an introduction to the origins of Buenos Aires and the transformation of the city from its colonial beginnings into a major port and cosmopolitan capital. Particular attention will be given to the role of Buenos Aires as a gateway for immigration and to how the arrival of Europeans and other communities transformed the social and cultural identity of Argentina.

Explore the colorful La Boca neighborhood, settled by Italian immigrants and known as the birthplace of tango. Stroll along *Caminito*, the famous open-air street museum lined with brightly painted houses, local artists, galleries, and colorful murals. Learn about La Boca's history and the European immigrants who settled here in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, shaping the neighborhood's unique cultural identity. The visit also includes the area around La Bombonera (we will not enter the stadium, but we will observe it from the outside), the legendary stadium of Boca Juniors and a symbol of Argentina's deep passion for football.

After dinner, board an ultra-modern double-decker sleeper bus with seats that convert into beds for the overnight ride to Corrientes province in northeastern Argentina.

**(B,L,D)**

**Monday,  
March 8**

#### **BUENOS AIRES / COLONIA CARLOS PELLEGRINI**

Arrive in the small town of Colonia Carlos Pellegrini. Over 20 years ago the residents of Colonia Carlos Pellegrini, with the support of Bay Area philanthropists Kris and Doug Tompkins, began the transition from hunting to eco-tourism to improve the community's economic and environmental sustainability. Ibera National Park was created five years ago and the community is a major steward of this new national park.

After settling in at a local eco-lodge, enjoy an afternoon looking for wildlife on one of the local trails of Ibera National Park. The wetlands are known for armadillo, capybara, cayman, fox, ostrich and a wide diversity of birdlife.

**(B,L,D)**

**Tuesday – Thursday,  
March 9 - 11**

#### **COLONIA CARLOS PELLEGRINI**

Get to know the community of Colonia Carlos Pellegrini and learn about the region's environmental sustainability initiatives through activities such as:

- Meeting with biologists from the non-profit Rewilding Argentina to learn about their work to re-introduce species such as otters and jaguars back to the Ibera wetlands
- Hiking the local trails of Ibera National Park
- Kayaking and boating through the wetlands
- Visiting the local school and meeting with students to practice English and Spanish, play games and sports, and discuss the role of national parks in the United States and Argentina

- Enjoying cultural immersion opportunities with local community members to learn about the food and music of Corrientes province
- Meeting community members of all ages to learn how their lives have changed as they transformed the Ibera wetlands into a protected national park. Experience daily life and share yerba mate tea together.

**(3B, 3L, 3D)**

**Friday,  
March 12**

**DEPART COLONIA CARLOS PELLEGRINI / BUENOS AIRES ➔**

Spend the day continuing with activities with the community of Colonia Carlos Pellegrini. Depart this evening on an ultra-modern double-decker sleeper bus with seats that convert into beds for the overnight ride to Buenos Aires.

**(B,L,D)**

**Saturday,  
March 13**

**BUENOS AIRES ➔**

Arrive Buenos Aires late this morning. Spend the day in the vibrant neighborhood of Palermo. Begin with a walking graffiti tour and learn about Buenos Aires' contemporary artistic expression, with large-scale murals, independent artists, political messages, urban art, and creative interventions transforming the city's walls.

Continue to the Museo Evita dedicated to the life and legacy of Eva Perón. Through photographs, personal belongings, documents, clothing, and historical material, students will learn about Eva Perón's extraordinary life and her role in Argentine political and social history. The museum offers an opportunity to explore themes including women's political participation, social welfare, workers' rights, political movements, and the complex legacy of one of Argentina's most influential historical figures.

Celebrate your trip with lunch at a traditional pizzeria. Pizza is deeply rooted in the city's immigrant heritage, particularly the influence of Italian immigration, making this a natural continuation of the group's exploration of Argentina's multicultural identity.

Transfer to Ezeiza Airport late this afternoon and catch your evening flight to the United States.

**(B,L, Meals Aloft)**

**Sunday,  
March 14**

**➔ ARRIVE HOME**

Arrive SFO early this afternoon.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **Staff inclusions:**

- All land services and flight costs for two Saint Mary's chaperones and Forum of the Americas Tour Manager Jason Graham.

### **Program Length, Capacity:**

10 days roundtrip from the U.S.

Minimum capacity: 16 passengers; Maximum capacity: 27 students

### **Fees Include:**

Accommodations, meals, activities and transportation as specified in the itinerary • Tips to guides, drivers and all local staff • Entrance fees • Bottled water on motorcoaches • Local guide in Buenos Aires and Colonia Carlos Pellegrini • Medical evacuation insurance • Cellphone international plan for tour staff

### **Fees Do Not Include:**

Passport/visa expenses • Medical expenses and immunizations • Travel and trip cancellation insurance • Airline baggage charges • Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals • Laundry • Telephone and internet charges • Other items of a personal nature