

Travellers Worldwide is a leading International Provider of Volunteering Programmes, Work Experience Internships and Cultural Courses Abroad

# **ARGENTINA**



### POLO SPORTS EXPERIENCE NEAR BUENOS AIRES

Learn how to play Polo and work with polo horses. Lessons are held in an elite and exclusive Club located on a picturesque ranch 60 kilometres outside Buenos Aires. The club has horses for all riding levels and qualified trainers. Whether you've never ridden a horse, or only have basic knowledge, or if you're a professional, this will be an experience you'll never forget!

## WHAT DO YOU GET?

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#### **SELF-DEVELOPMENT:**

- New skills, more confidence, a greater understanding of a different culture, invaluable personal and professional development.
- An entry on your CV or résumé that will put you head and shoulders above most others in the job market.

#### SAFETY AND SECURITY

- Your safety is our top priority. We risk-assess all destination countries, projects, accommodation and more to
  ensure that they are stable and safe.
- We have experienced local staff with 24/7 back-up and support who are there to assist you and look asfter you, starting with an in-depth induction on your arrival.

#### AN ADVENTURE!

 An exciting, never-to-be-forgotten adventure into Argentinean life and culture, and nd best of all ... an unforgettable experience!

**SUMMARY** 

Prices: From £995, excluding flights. See our Full Price List Online

**Duration:** From 1 week to 4 weeks, subject to visa requirements **Start Dates:** All year round, you choose your start and finish dates.

Requirements: Minimum age 17, no qualifications required. Open to all nationalities.

#### What's Included:

- ► Arranging your Programme,
- ▶ Payment Protection insurance
- ► Food (excluding lunch)
- ► Meeting you at Buenos Aires Airport
- ► Transport to and from your project
- ▶24-hr emergency support.

- ► Full pre-departure support and assistance,
- ► Accommodation
- ► Course fees and some materials
- ► Transfer to your accommodation
- ► Local in-country team support and backup
- ► Certificate of Completion

What Not Included: Flights, Insurance, Cost of Visas (if a visa is required), Return transfer to airport.

On our Programmes you can volunteer whether you're taking a gap year, on a career break, retired, or on a holiday with a purpose. No matter what your age or experience, you'll find something for you with Travellers Worldwide!

### PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Lessons are held at a Polo Centre in Pilar, an amazing centre 60km away, about a 45 minute to 1 hour drive from downtown Buenos Aires. Pilar is known as the World's Polo Capital due to the large number of polo fields that surround Pilar City (as many as 300). There is also an onsite swimming pool.

#### The Polo Programme

On arrival at Buenos Aires airport you will be transferred to a hostel in downtown Buenos Aires where you will spend your first night to rest after your journey. The following day you will be picked up from the hostel and transferred to the Polo centre where you will stay for the duration of your project.

#### Work Content.

You'll have Polo lessons in the mornings, five times a week, and 2 Chukka's (matches) in the afternoons, six times a week. You'll be taught everyday by professional Polo players and you'll have theoretical and practical lessons. The horses are specially selected and properly kept, assuring enjoyable chukkas!

After breakfast you will spend time with the horses preparing them for the day ahead. You will get involved with mucking them out, cleaning the horses, brushing them and exercising them. At midday you can watch a Polo match which will last around 2 hours and then have lunch at the centre.

In the afternoons it is time for your lessons. You'll be taught everyday by professional Polo players and you'll have theoretical and practical lessons. You will normally learn:

- Tthe rules of Polo,
- how to use the stick.
- general principles, including how to ride your horse.

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During your R&R time, you'll be able to cool off and enjoy time in the swimming pool on the ranch. And generally you can just relax around the site, which is beautiful.

Lessons are held every day (although Saturday and Sunday are optional for you) and you'll have plenty of opportunities to share matches with professional players).

Occasionally the staff will go into the centre of Buenos Aires and you can go along too to enjoy some sightseeing.

A typical day would consist of:

8.00 am: 8am Breakfast9.00 am: Stable duties

12.00 pm: Watching a Polo match or taking lunch/siesta

4.00 pm: Lessons and matches

• 8.00 pm: Dinner

### **ACCOMMODATION**

The polo club located only an hour's drive from downtown Buenos Aires, in the county of Pilar, known as the World's Polo Capital due to the large number of polo fields that surround Pilar City (as many as 300).

On the day you arrive, you'll be met by our Travellers Argentina Manager or a member of her staff and tkane into Buenos Aires. Your first night's accommodation will be at a hostel in downtime Buenos Aires where you can relax and recover from your flight. This is the same accommodation where many of our volunteers who are doing other projects in Buenos Aires stay during their programme.

After breakfast the following day, you'll be picked up by a staff member from the Polo Centre and transferred to their ranch, where you'll stay for the duration of your project.

The accommodation at the Centre has a large lounge area and kitchen where you can prepare snacks and there is a bathroom downstairs. The accommodation is on two floors and the top floor is the sleeping area where there are 3 single beds plus wardrobes in which to keep your belongings. Accommodation is shared and not gender-specific.

#### FOOD:

Food is included on this project. Accommodation is full board and you will be provided with breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Food is local cuisine, giving you the opportunity to sample genuine Argentinian meals.

#### **Location - Pilar:**

Pilar is a city in the province of Buenos Aires, Argentina, and has a population of more than 226,000 inhabitants. It is about 60 Kilometres north of Buenos Aires (see map, right) and offers a number of social and cultural activities for both adults and children. Along with the beauty of its plazas, parks and horseback rides along the ranches.



## WHY TRAVELLERS WORLDWIDE?

"I have been very impressed with Travellers' staff who are always interested in how I am getting on and willing to help if I need it."

**Jess Corbett** 

 Over 20 years' experience of sending thousands of participants overseas, plus the largest variety of flexible projects that are value for money!

- Accredited projects helps appeal to future employers
- Excellent support!
- Your own dedicated Project Co-ordinator to answer all questions before, during and after your trip of a lifetime!
- Detailed information on your project and country and suggestions, safety guide, tips and checklists, via our EXTRANET, available from anywhere, 24/7.
- 24/7 emergency helpline for you and your family
- · Free pick up from the nearest airport.

### **HOW YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE:**

By joining a Travellers Program you enable us to keep donating money to worthwhile projects around the world; from clothing and feeding school children, building playgrounds or funding vital conservation research - your participation makes these donations possible.

Donations to Bridge The Gap Foundation. This Foundation was set up by us to donate directly to particularly worthwhile and necessary projects for children and animals around the world, and partners with other NGO's to raise match-funding for worthy projects.

The price of this project is a reflection of the following costs:

- ✓ Accommodation
- √ Food (excluding lunch)
- ✓ Meeting you at the airport
- ✓ Transport to and from your project
- ✓ Local in-country team support and backup
- √ 24hr emergency helpline
- ✓ Full pre-departure support

- ✓ UK administration
- Marketing (brochures, website design and maintenance, attending careers fairs, advertising, website listings and presentations)
- ✓ Project Research/Site Inspection
- ✓ Staff Training/Equipment
- Donations to worthwhile projects

# **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Got any questions? Please email us: info@travellersworldwide.com

Once you have applied for a placement, we'll contact you and send you our Welcome Pack. You'll also receive Log-on details and password for our Volunteer Extranet where you'll have access to all the documentation and information which we've put together to facilitate preparations for your adventure!

Your Project Co-ordinator for your country will liaise with you throughout the arrangements process, as well as while you're on your placement and on your return home.

The documents you'll have access to also include a Country Factfile, Safety Guide and any manuals that may assist you on your particular programme (for example, Teaching Guide, Sports Manuals, Enrichment Suggestions for Animal Care, etc.).



We do all we can to make your stay one that you'll never forget.

As with all our destinations, the culture and heritage is different to what you're used to ... which, although one of the most exciting aspects of travelling, should be borne in mind. Self-reliance and independence are highly appreciated in all our destinations and will help you to make the most of this wonderful opportunity!

This is a truly awesome, elegant and beautiful country.

### THINGS TO DO IN ARGENTINA

The romance of Argentina takes one's breath away. From the northern deserts to the southern Andean Cordillera, from Iguazú Falls to the magnificent desolation of Patagonia, Argentina's geography is varied and stunning. Argentina is geared up to thrill - from nights **tango**-ing in the chic quarter of Buenos Aires to **gaucho riding** in the grasslands of the Pampas.

#### **Cosmopolitan Buenos Aires:**

Buenos Aires is one of the most exciting cities in Latin America. Tango was born here, restaurants serve all manner of world cuisines, bars play the latest music, cafés spill on to the streets and nightclubs allow dancing throughout the night.

This fabulous city is renowned for its sophistication and has a surprisingly European feel about it.

BA is reminiscent of Paris and its tree-lined avenues and frequent plazas have a beguiling, faded elegance.

Downtown, the Plaza de Mayo is the traditional focus of activity.

Nearby **Avenida 9 de Julio** is popularly known as the world's widest thoroughfare and, with its nine lanes of traffic, is truly a pedestrian's nightmare!

Avenida Santa Fe is the most fashionable shopping area.

There are 4 clear seasons.....hot in summer, 35°C average and cold in the winter around 4 – 6°.



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We're happy to help you plan your exciting adventure!

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