

## Ibera marshes, San Ignacio Mini Jesuit Mission ruins & Iguazu falls

## **ITINERARY**

Day 1 – Posadas / Ibera marshes / Puerto Valle estancia

Arrival in Posadas. Meet and greet by the driver and guide who take us to Iberá marshes. Arrival at this true Nature Sanctuary which is one of the biggest moist soils in the world and the second largest in South America. It has a surface of 1300000 hectares with a large amount of fauna, for example, 350 varieties of birds. Among all the species we have Corrientes natural monuments: river little wolf, aguará-guazú, Pampa deer and swamp stag, black alligator and golden alligator and, besides, the two caiman species our country has. Accommodation at Puerto Valle Hotel, surrounded by a unique geography in northern Corrientes Province, offering exclusive access to the rich biodiversity of the Iberá Natural Reserve. The estancia is located in Argentina Northeast, in an area called Mesopotamia, 350 km away from Iguazú Falls. It has a privileged location as it is the only property which is just 55 km away from the nearest airport (Posadas). 3-night stay at the hotel, with full hoard

**Days 02- 03 - Puerto Valle estancia** The activities offered by the estancia are:

*Trekkings:* The Monkey Trail excursion is an invitation to enter the lavish vegetation in search of the traces of howler monkeys. These monkeys live at the top of the trees, while the lower strata are populated by birds, capybaras and other mammals. These secluded areas of the Paranaense Forest are vital for the preservation of biodiversity.

**Horseback riding:** Horseback riding is part of the history and tradition of the place—visitors will enjoy a historical and unforgettable ride, with the chance to get lost in the colorful sunsets of Corrientes while traversing pine and eucalyptus woods.

**Navigating the Parana river:** It is possible to navigate the Paraná River on an engine boat, and tour the waterways that reach into the Paranaense forest. The forest is home to more than fifty tree species per hectare, resulting in an ecosystem that is ideal for watching birds and howler monkeys.

**Kayaking:** A voyage of the quiet river waters on the comfortable 'sit-on-top' kayaks is a silent adventure for sports and nature lovers. Kayaking is great to discover waterways and sections of the forest that remain otherwise hidden.

<u>Discovering the marshes:</u> The estate on which the Estancia stands reaches inside the Reserve, up to the wetlands border, serving as exceptional gateway to an amazing protected natural environment.

Day 04 – Puerto Valle estancia / San Ignacio Mini Jesuit Mission ruins

Iguazu After breakfast we will depart to San Ignacio Jesuit Mission ruins, located at 110 km. We will visit this important archaeological vestige that will allow us to understand Jesuit work developed from 1609. Due to its preservation it helps visitors to have a good idea of how magnificently architecture and urbanism were reached by this civilization. Free time for lunch. We will continue for 266 km. more to arrive at our hotel in Iguazú. Accommodation at Amerian Portal del Iguazu Hotel.

Day 05 – Iguazu Breakfast. In the morning, we will depart from the hotel and after a short trip we will arrive at Iguazu National Park which was created in 1934 and has a surface of 555000 hectares. The name means "Big Waters" in Guraní, alluding to the huge flow that falls over this precipice. We will arrive at the Visitors Center and walk to the Nature 's Interpretation Center.

From this place start three circuits:

**- Upper circuit:** The 1200 meters of catwalks are detached from the jungle's surface so as to protect the fauna by preventing disruption of their natural trails. From this circuit we will have an upper view of the falls, enjoying their magnificence with a panoramic view.

**-Lower circuit:** 1700 meters of catwalks, also detached from the jungle's surface, enjoying a view from below and around the falls. This circuit provides us a unique experience of feeling part of the natural

surroundings, watching and sensing their magnitude from close.

- Devil's Gorge: There is a Green Train that departs from the Visitors center and goes to Cataratas Station in about 8 minutes. The option here is a short walk through the "Green Trail" that leads to the beginning of the path towards the Upper and Lower trails.

The train continues to the following station called "Garganta", from where we can walk along a 1200-meter catwalk over the islands to reach the most spectacular sight from the most important balcony: the "Devil's Throat"

Once we have finished the circuits, we will return to the Visitors Center where the vehicle will be waiting for us to return to the hotel.

Day 06 - Iguazu Breakfast. In the morning, we will visit the Brazilian side of the falls. After arriving to the Visitors center, we will get on a panoramic bus that begins the tour of the park; then we descend to start walking the paths. From the first balcony we will have a panoramic view of the Argentinean falls. Then after 950 meters with stunning views over the Iguazu river we will get to the falls on the Brazilian side. The walkway entering the river next to the Floriano fall gives us a refreshing reception and a gorgeous panoramic view of the lower Iguazu river and the Devil's gorge canyon. The elevator and the stairs lead to the shopping and restaurant area upstairs. We will return to the portal on the panoramic buses.

In the afternoon, transfer out to Puerto Iguazu airport. End of services.

Price per person based on DBL occupancy w/ bilingual guide (Spa/Eng):

- USD 1981 per person

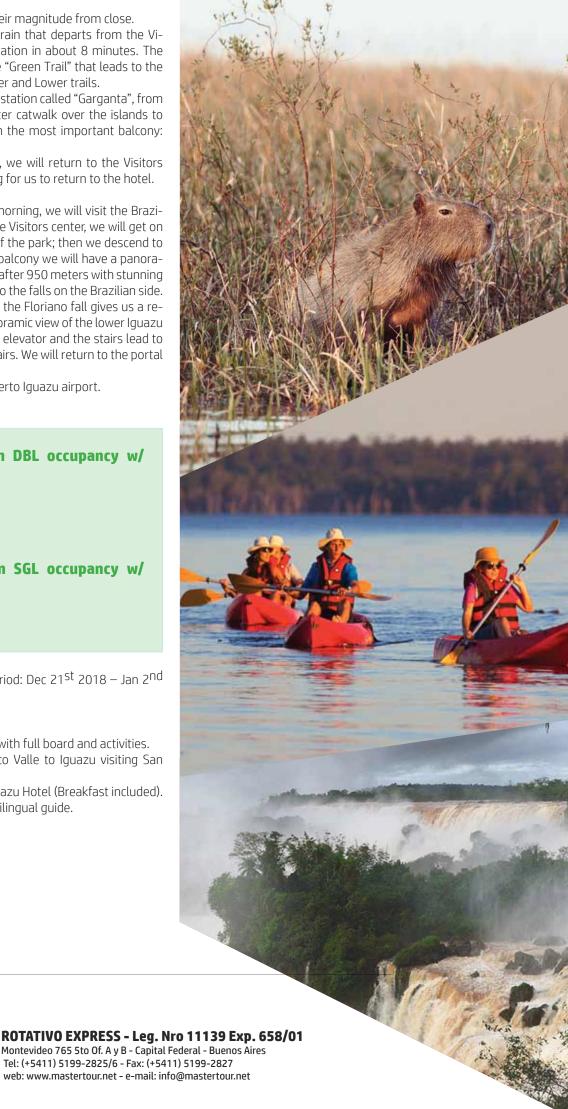
Price per person based on SGL occupancy w/ bilingual guide (Spa/Eng):

- USD 2976 per person

Validity: Prices not valid for the period: Dec 21st 2018 – Jan 2nd 2019

## **General conditions:**

- 3-night stay at Estancia Puerto Valle with full board and activities.
- Private transfer from Estancia Puerto Valle to Iguazu visiting San Ignacio Mini Jesuit ruins.
- 2-night stay at Amerian Portal del Iguazu Hotel (Breakfast included).
- SIB services provided in Iguazu with bilingual guide.
- Flights not included.





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