

Cornell University

Argentina's
Ibera Wetlands
AND
Iguazu Falls



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FEATURING Robert A. Raguso, Professor
DEPARTMENT OF NEUROBIOLOGY AND BEHAVIOR

DEAR CAU TRAVELERS,

Growing up in the commuter suburbs of Bruce Springsteen's New Jersey, I often daydreamed about the kaleidoscopic biodiversity and awe-inspiring landscapes of tropical America. As a boy, I was motivated by the allure of discovery, the desire to experience different foods, languages, customs... in short, to travel. My family reinforced these impulses, as they too, upon emerging from gritty immigrant origins, found ways to "see the world". Thus, I studied Spanish (rather than my ancestral Italian), trained as a field biologist and, like my heroes Bates, Wallace, von Humboldt and Darwin, jumped at the first chance to experience tropical splendor, in Veracruz, Mexico. At age 20, I saw my first Morpho butterfly—an electric blue flash of iridescent glory—ate my first mole poblano and climbed the immense pyramids of Teotihuacan.

Throughout graduate school in Michigan, I lived with Argentine and Peruvian students, spoke Spanish at home, conducted butterfly surveys in Ecuador and moonlighted as a budget eco-tour-guide to the Peruvian Amazon, the Galapagos Islands and Ecuador's "Avenue of the Volcanoes". As a young professor, I led National Geographic expeditions with Argentine and Chilean colleagues, training students bilingually and building capacity in my field, "Chemical Ecology" (toxins, fragrances, pheromones and how they evolve!). In 2007, these interests and experiences inspired me to move to Cornell, one of the global centers of origin for my field.

I am honored to share my passion for tropical America with you on this adventure. People are sometimes disappointed by the Amazon rainforest because it can be difficult to spot wildlife among the dense riot of vegetation. Not so in the open wetlands of Iberá National Park, where we will view some of South America's most spectacular animals! Likewise, not only are the Iguazu Falls an unforgettable natural spectacle, but they are also home to myriad species of colorful birds and butterflies, perhaps the best place I know to see toucans. This trip is thrilling to me because we will enter the tropics from the south instead of the north, as we travel from Buenos Aires through Argentina's own "Mesopotamia" (Entre Rios), Corrientes and into Misiones, our final destination. We'll muse about the mighty rivers that drain this part of the continent, created the habitats and landscapes compelling our visit, and set the borders of the River Plate republics. I look forward to exploring this wild, wet landscape with you!



Robert A. Raguso
Professor of Neurobiology & Behavior
Cornell University



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ON THE COVER: Iguazú Falls

Highlights

- Stay in comfort at the Estancia Rincon del Socorro, the best eco-lodge in the Ibera Wetlands, famous for its delicious Argentine cuisine and organic garden and orchards.
- Begin your journey exploring the colorful neighborhoods of cosmopolitan Buenos Aires.
- Learn about the Ibera wetlands' eco-system from Rewilding Argentina's resident scientists and guides that live at Estancia Rincon del Socorro. Explore the wetlands by foot, bicycle, horseback and boat—the birds and wildlife continually roam the estancia's property.
- Experience the grandeur of Iguazu Falls with plenty of time to walk the trails that traverse the falls or enjoy the waterfalls view from your hotel room.



Ibera National Park

OPTIONAL PRE-TRIP EXTENSION TO BUENOS AIRES March 30 - April 2, 2027

Start your journey early with an exploration of Argentina's cosmopolitan capital city, Buenos Aires. Visit the Teatro Colón, colorful neighborhoods not included in the main program and spend an afternoon enjoying Argentina's delicious culinary traditions.

PROGRAM RATES per person
\$2,290 double occupancy
\$2,690 single occupancy supplement



Interior dome in the Teatro Colón

STUDY LEADER

Robert A. Raguso

Professor,
Neurobiology & Behavior

Robert Raguso has spent most of his life tracking moths, sniffing flowers and chasing sunsets. His childhood fascination for natural history kindled a lifelong desire to travel, an enduring love for Latin America and a fulfilling career as a scientist and educator. His educational path began with undergraduate studies of butterflies (Yale), a PhD on the evolution of floral scent (Michigan), postdoctoral research on insect olfaction (Arizona) and 8 years as a junior faculty member (South Carolina), before moving to Cornell in 2007. Raguso's expertise is in Chemical Ecology, the study of how fragrances, toxins and pheromones mediate complex biological phenomena, which he promotes globally in workshops and symposia. He speaks Spanish fluently, enjoys music, cooking and photography, travels widely in South America, and has tour guiding experience on the Peruvian Amazon, Andean Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands.





Saturday, April 3

BUENOS AIRES

Begin the day with a welcome orientation and lecture. Explore Buenos Aires, including the historic Plaza de Mayo, the vibrant streets of San Telmo, and the colorful neighborhood of La Boca, famous for its street art and tango culture. Pause to enjoy a traditional Argentine coffee or pastry at one of the city's famed cafés.

SOFITEL RECOLETA HOTEL (B,L)

Sunday, April 4

IBERA WETLANDS

Fly to Corrientes and transfer to Estancia Rincón del Socorro. Stay in comfort at this premier eco-lodge, widely regarded as the best in the Iberá Wetlands, known for its delicious Argentine cuisine and organic gardens and orchards. Begin your stay with a guided tour of the estancia's gardens and wildlife viewing areas, located just steps from your rooms. Take some time to explore the property on your own, spotting native birds and other wildlife in the surrounding wetlands. *ESTANCIA RINCÓN DEL SOCORRO (B,L,D)*

Monday–Wednesday, April 5–7

IBERA WETLANDS

Begin the first of three full days exploring the wetlands on foot, horseback, bicycle, by boat, and in 4x4 vehicles. Meet with members of Rewilding Argentina to learn about the creation of Iberá National Park, its conservation initiatives, and the ways the park preserves the ecology while supporting local communities. Take in sunsets over the marshes, where spectacular colors are reflected across the water, and gain further insight into this remarkable ecosystem alongside resident scientists and guides. Watch for abundant birdlife and wildlife roaming freely across the estancia's property, and enjoy locally sourced specialties throughout your stay.

ESTANCIA RINCÓN DEL SOCORRO
(3B,3L,3D)

La Boca
neighborhood

Itinerary

Thursday, April 1–Friday, April 2

BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

Depart on an overnight flight to Buenos Aires. Arrive in the morning and transfer to your hotel in the upscale Recoleta neighborhood. This afternoon, enjoy a walking excursion through this cosmopolitan capital city, often called "the Paris of South America." Visit Recoleta Cemetery, frequently described as an open-air museum, renowned for its ornate mausoleums, intricate sculptures, and winding, labyrinthine alleys. The cemetery is the final resting place of many of Argentina's most prominent figures, including Eva Perón. Stroll through nearby Recoleta's elegant streets, lined with cafés, boutiques, and art galleries. This evening, enjoy a welcome reception and dinner accompanied by a tango demonstration, showcasing Argentina's iconic dance and rich cultural heritage.

SOFITEL RECOLETA HOTEL (R,D)

B = Breakfast, **L** = Lunch, **R** = Reception, **D** = Dinner
INCLUDED IN THE TRIP COST





Ibera National Park

South American coati
by the Iguazu Falls



Tango Dancers
in Buenos Aires

Thursday, April 8

POSADAS

Depart by motorcoach for the city of Posadas, overlooking the Paraná River, where broad river views and a lively waterfront reflect the character of northeastern Argentina. En route, visit a yerba mate plantation to learn about the cultivation, health benefits, and cultural significance of this traditional tea, long woven into daily life across the region.

HOTEL BATISTA (B,L,D)

Friday, April 9

IGUAZÚ NATIONAL PARK

Travel by motorcoach to Iguazú National Park. En route, visit the ruins of the Jesuit monastery in San Ignacio and learn about the historical events that inspired the movie *The Mission*. Enjoy breathtaking views of the Iguazú Falls from your hotel room and take in the lush subtropical surroundings. Stroll along the hotel's trails to spot exotic birds and butterflies before dinner.

GRAN MELIÁ IGUAZÚ HOTEL (B,L,D)

Saturday, April 10

IGUAZÚ NATIONAL PARK

Marvel at the Devil's Throat Falls in the morning and explore the Upper Circuit trails, offering panoramic views of this UNESCO World Heritage Site. In the afternoon, experience a thrilling boat ride to the base of the falls. Celebrate your journey with a farewell dinner this evening, sharing highlights and memories from the trip.

GRAN MELIÁ IGUAZÚ HOTEL (B,D)

Sunday, April 11

IGUAZÚ NATIONAL PARK

Explore the Lower Circuit trails this morning, taking in the waterfalls and rainforest. Transfer to Puerto Iguazú for your flight to Buenos Aires, then connect to your overnight flights home. Reflect on the diverse landscapes and wildlife you've encountered during your journey. (B,L)

Monday, April 12

RETURN TO U.S.

Arrive in the U.S. and connect to flights home.



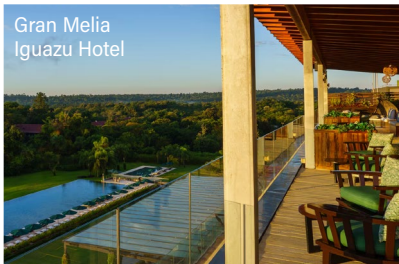
Sofitel Hotel
Recoleta



Estancia
Rincon del Socorro



Gran Melia
Iguazu Hotel



ACCOMMODATIONS

SOFITEL HOTEL RECOLETA 2 Nights A sophisticated hotel in the heart of Buenos Aires' Recoleta district, blending French-inspired décor with modern comforts. Enjoy spacious rooms, an elegant restaurant, and easy access to cultural landmarks.

ESTANCIA RINCON DEL SOCORRO 4 Nights A luxury eco-lodge offering intimate accommodations in the heart of the Ibera Wetlands. With rustic-chic rooms overlooking lagoons and grasslands, it combines sustainable practices with exceptional comfort and gourmet Argentine cuisine.

HOTEL BATISTA 1 Night A contemporary hotel in Posadas offering modern rooms and comfortable amenities in a welcoming urban setting. Its relaxed atmosphere and thoughtful services provide a comfortable stay before continuing into the region's natural landscapes.

GRAN MELIA IGUAZU HOTEL 2 Nights Nestled within Iguazú National Park, this luxury hotel offers rooms with sweeping views of the falls. Elegant design meets rainforest immersion, with multiple dining options, an infinity pool, and easy access to the park's trails and waterfalls.

PROGRAM RATES Double Occupancy per person

Standard room at Rincon del Socorro	\$9,590
Superior room at Rincon del Socorro	\$9,990
Premium room in cottage at Rincon del Socorro	\$10,490
Luxury room in cottage at Rincon del Socorro	\$10,990

Single Occupancy Supplements	Standard room	\$2,100
	Superior room	\$2,500

On-tour flights (approximate*) \$450

*On-tour air will be purchased on your behalf and billed with the final payment.



Ibera Wetlands

GENERAL INFORMATION

FEES INCLUDE

Nine hotel nights ■ Meals and excursions as specified in the itinerary, including nine breakfasts, eight lunches, eight dinners ■ Comprehensive program of briefings, lectures and presentations ■ Shared airport transfers on group arrival date ■ Baggage handling ■ Gratuities to porters, waitstaff, guides and drivers ■ Entrance fees ■ Welcome wine reception ■ House wine, beer, and soft drinks with welcome and farewell dinners ■ Bottled water on motorcoaches ■ Professional tour manager throughout the program

FEES DO NOT INCLUDE

U.S. domestic and international airfare ■ Two on-tour flights: Buenos Aires/Corrientes and Puerto Iguazu /Buenos Aires—estimated cost is approximately \$450 per person ■ Passport/visa expenses ■ Medical expenses and immunizations ■ Private airport transfers or airport transfers outside of group arrival date ■ Travel and trip cancellation insurance ■ Excursions that deviate from the scheduled tour options ■ Airline baggage charges ■ Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals; liquor or soft drinks except as noted ■ Laundry or dry cleaning ■ Telephone, Internet and email charges ■ Room service ■ Other items of a personal nature

AIR ARRANGEMENTS

U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program rates. Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc., can help with airline arrangements for this trip and can be reached at (877) 376-1754 or by e-mail at tourflights@vwti.com. You are also welcome to book your air transportation through your local travel agent, an online travel site, or the airline of your choice. Further information about making flight arrangements will be sent to confirmed participants.

WHAT TO EXPECT

The program ranges from moderately active to very active, depending on chosen activities. Travel is by jet aircraft, and private motorcoaches or vans. The itinerary offers an in-depth look at Argentina's culture, and natural history. Daily guided excursions include half-day and full-day options such as walking, biking, boating and horseback riding. Walks typically range from one to three miles over uneven terrain, with longer distances optional. Participation is optional, except when traveling to the next destination. Some buildings may lack elevators, and steps without handrails may be encountered.

There will be three long drives in northeastern Argentina, each about four and a half hours on paved and unpaved roads.

Any physical condition requiring special attention, diet, or treatment must be reported in advance. All reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate special needs, but medical services are generally not at U.S. standards. Given the remote locations, flexibility is essential as we navigate schedules, food, weather, wind, and dust.



Participants must be in good physical condition and able to keep up with the group.

GROUP SIZE

This program is exclusive to Cornell University and is limited to 22 participants.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Insurance for trip cancellation and interruption, medical problems, baggage loss and delays, etc., is highly recommended. Cancellation policies that apply are included in this brochure. Information about travel insurance will be sent to confirmed participants.

A NOTE ABOUT RATES

Program rates are based upon current fuel prices, taxes, tariffs, and a minimum number of participants. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed prices, they are subject to change. If there are significant changes, details and costs will be advised prior to departure.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS

An initial deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to reserve space on this program. You may reserve online at https://account.criteriontravel.com/Booking/RefStart/CAU/270401_ARG_CAU/tour or by completing the reservation form included in this brochure. Submit your form by email to res@critteriontravel.com, by mail to Criterion Travel, 4250 SW Hall Blvd., Beaverton, OR 97005, or by fax to (650) 560-6400. Final payment is due by January 4, 2027. For reservations made after this date, full payment is required at the time of booking. Final payment may be made by check, bank transfer, or credit card (a 2% processing fee applies to credit card payments).

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS

Upon payment of the \$1,000 per person deposit, all reservations are subject to the cancellation provisions set forth below and by which the passenger agrees to be bound. Cancellations shall not be in effect until they are received in writing and confirmed by Criterion Travel. Deposits are refundable (less a \$250 per person admin fee) if written notice of cancellation is received within 30 days of booking; after that, deposits are 100% nonrefundable.

For cancellations after final payment deadline: All payments are 100% nonrefundable, regardless of booking date. Trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended.

NOTE: Neither Cornell University nor Criterion Travel, the tour operator, accepts liability for any airline cancellation penalties incurred with the purchase of non-refundable tickets.

TRAVEL SAFETY POLICY

While Cornell is pleased to facilitate travel opportunities for its alumni and friends with tour operators that specialize in high-quality educational travel, please be aware that Cornell does not conduct, manage, or operate these travel experiences, or act as an agent for travelers interested in tours. Tour operators and travelers are responsible for making their own safety decisions concerning this travel, and, as a facilitator between travelers and the tour operators with whom travelers make arrangements for completing travel, Cornell's role and liability are strictly limited. Specific tour operator and national health and safety protocols will apply to each trip, and travelers should review all protocols and trip terms and conditions, including terms and conditions regarding cancellations, refunds, health and safety, and insurance prior to making a reservation. Cornell is not responsible for changes to trips or travel arrangements or for losses, expenses, damages, or injuries resulting from travel.

ITINERARY CHANGES

The itinerary presented for this tour is subject to modification and change by Cornell University and Criterion Travel. Every reasonable effort will be made to operate the program as planned; however, should unforeseen world events and conditions require the itinerary to be altered, Cornell University and the tour operator reserve the right to do so for the safety and best interest of the group. Any extra expenses incurred in this situation are the responsibility of the participant.

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Enclosed is my check for \$_____ (\$1,000 per person, **payable to Criterion Travel**) for _____ place(s) on *Argentina's Ibera Wetlands and Iguazu Falls*.

We understand that final payment is due January 4, 2027. After January 4, 2027 full payment is due at registration.

NAME #1 (as on passport) _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

NAME #2 (as on passport) _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY / STATE / ZIP _____

MOBILE PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

SINGLE TRAVELERS (choose one)

- I prefer single accommodations
- I plan to share accommodations with:

I understand that if a roommate cannot be found by the final payment deadline of January 4, 2027 I will pay the single rate.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Bed Preference: (not guaranteed)

- One bed Two beds

I/We have read the General Information section of the brochure and agree to the Terms and Conditions stated therein.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

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